**Narrative Report – January and February 2016**

Upcoming Events:

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**A New Start**

As I have started this new adventure in my life I have been met by nothing but kindness from everyone I have come in contact with. From Brandy and Holly in the office, colleagues that have helped me get my feet off the ground, and the great communities in Fillmore County. This being my first job out of college and adding the multiple facets of extension I was faced once again with huge learning curve standing in my way to excellence. Thinking about my days in 4-H makes me come to realize how much my home county extension staff did that was unseen but vital to keep 4-H and extension alive. This makes me appreciate what they did and has given me a substantial standard to live up to. I am very thankful to have been hired to serve Fillmore County as the 4-H Extension Assistant and I will strive to serve this community to the very best of my abilities.

**4-H Kick-Off**

 This was another successful evening at the 4-H Kick-Off. This was my first big event in Fillmore County and I had a great time planning this event. The youth had the opportunity to get moving and interact with the inflatable games. They also got to make balloon green houses, banners, ice cream in a jar, and get their face painted. I appreciate all of the volunteers that helped make this event such a great success.

**School Enrichment**

 I have had the honor and doing some of my first school enrichment programs in the 4th and Kindergarten classes at Fillmore Central. We learned about bacteria and germs and even grew our own bacteria that we found in the 4th grade classroom.

**Conferences**

 I had the opportunity to attend a conference on Positive Youth Development in Lincoln on East Campus. Here I had the opportunity to learn how to make a positive impact on the youth in our communities. There was a focus on getting students ready for life after school wither it be joining the workforce or going to college. As well as honestly listening to the youths opinions and treating youth like an equal part of a group. Also I got a chance to network with many educators and assistants from across Nebraska.