**Narrative Report - June 2016**

Upcoming Events:

**July**

1 4-H Bucket Calf Records Books Due

11 Livestock Superintendent Meeting,7 pm – Ext. Office

8 4-H Clothing Day, 9:00 a.m. – Ag Hall

8 4-H Fashion & Talent Show, 7p.m. – Rialto ll

13 Dog Skill-a-Thon, 6:00 p.m.- Ag Hall

13 4-H Dog Show (6:45 following Dog Skill-a-Thon)- Ag Hall

15 Fairground & Ag Hall Clean-up Day, 9 a.m.

15 Food Stand Training, Noon, meet by Food Stand

**16-21 Fillmore County Fair**

10-14 State 4-H Horse Show- Grand Island

**August**

10 Aksarben Entries Due

10 State Fair Livestock & Contest Entries Due

**22-23** State Fair Static Exhibits Due at Ext. Office

**Aug 26-Sept 5 Nebraska State Fair – Grand Island**

**Sept 12-15** Aksarben 4-H Horse Show – Lancaster Event Center

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Clover-Kid Day

 June is workshop month, and all of us here at the Extension office had a lot of fun working with the youth during the workshops. We started the month with the Clover Kid Workshop. During this workshop the youth learned about birds. We talked about different birds commonly seen, the colors they are attracted to and the type of feed they like. Then we made recycled bird feeders out of pop bottles and spoons, they got to paint the spoons different colors to attract the birds. We also talked about the farm animals commonly seen in this area. We made poster describing what each animal would need in order to survive, we used magazine pictures to illustrate this. To cap the morning off we made an awesome healthy snack that everyone loved! We all got sticky hands while learning to use measuring cups, and learning to read a recipe.

Favorite Foods Workshop

 Next workshop we held I had great assistance from Melissa Nordboe the UNL Extension intern in Fillmore County this summer. The youth learned the basics of how a meal is prepared. Melissa demonstrated how to write and menu and recipe. We also talked about how different table setting look for different occasions. Also a florist came in and helped them make a center piece flower arrangement.

Ziggadee Day

 This year Ziggadee Day was focused around Wildlife Conservation. We took a short trip to the Geneva Boys Pond and took in all the nature that was around us. When we really started to look around we noticed that there was a lot wrong with the picture we saw. We found fishing hooks laying on the ground. Fishing line everywhere, and trash littering the ground. We talked about what might happen if wildlife or even people got caught in the trash or stepped on a hook. Then the kids took off to take pictures and video of what they thought was important for the community to see. The youth started to pick up trash and made that pond area look great! When we were done we headed back to the Ag Hall building where the youth made posters and iMovies of what they saw, advocating to keep the boys pond clean.

Pollinator Workshop

 The Pollinator workshop was awesome! Master Gardener in Fillmore County Ted and Melissa, spent the morning with the youth. They learned about different pollinating insects. Also they talked about what a great home for the pollinating insects would like to live in. The youth also made their very own pollinator homes with the guidance of Master Gardener Ted.

4-H Foods Contest

 This year at the 4-H Foods Contest they numbers were few but we had some awesome table settings and food. All the 4-H work very hard on tying a theme together, and including the signature ingredient squash.

Livestock Quiz Bowl

 I was able to help with the state wide 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Lincoln this year. This contest is one of my favorite, not only due to my Animal Science degree but I was very passionate about this contest when I was a 4-Her not so many years ago.

Summer Reading Program

 This year we had the privilege of presenting at the Fairmont and Geneva Public Library Summer Reading Program. Melissa (summer intern), Alexis (summer aid), and myself broke up the work load and each did a session are the two libraries. This year the curriculum was focused around health and fitness.