Extension Board Update

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The past two months have by far been the busiest months I have had in Extension. At the beginning of every year in Extension it is time for our Activity Insight Reports. These are the reports that each Educator and Assistants and Associated do each year to cover everything that we did throughout the year and we report to our previous year’s goals. These reports also seem to have the requirements for them change year to year as well. This year the goal section changed from previous years.

After I got finished with my annual reports it was all I could do to catch up on emails, requests, and meetings. I spent time in lots of meetings including Double Up Food Bucks, eCoach grant, Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference planning, RPN Otoe County interviews, First Impressions Discussion with Kansas Extension, and NCEA Board meetings. In January, I also made plans for projects in the coming months. I have scheduled Red Carpet Service training in Hastings in March, I worked with a group from Western, NE to assist in starting a museum. I’ve been working on an ECAP project in Gibbon. I was selected to be a speaker on video training for Kansas State Extension’s Rural Grocery Store Specialist certification program. I recorded 3 different 5-10 minute segments for them, which was a fee for service project.

February was much of the same. I continued to make visits to Gibbon every other week for ECAP. I have one more meeting there in March. I attended an ECHO Project meeting, RPN Leadership team meetings, RPN whole team meetings, Otoe County Interviews, did a segment on Pure Nebraska, attended the NERFSI Conference, CEC planning meetings, worked with the Exeter grocery store, asked commissioners for interns, attended a NIFA housing zoom meeting, attended a Western, NE museum meeting, scheduled a facilitation fee for service program in Hastings, RPN Team Lead meeting, introduction to Brady Rhodes with United Way who works with childcare/poverty, attended and presented at Amplify.

I also was able to work with Becky Vogt, another UNL colleague, who put the First Impressions Online program questionnaire into Qualtrics. In February, I did the questionnaire for the York First Impressions Online program. That program will be the first public presentation of the finished First Impressions Online program. My colleague Maria Cantu-Hines will be presenting in York on 3/3/2023. I recorded training and provided material to all of my RPN colleagues so that they can implement RPN training throughout the state. There are 3 more potential First Impressions Online programs in the works as well.

In March I have Red Carpet Service training to co-lead in Hastings. We’re going to do two sessions over two days. I also will work at Inventure Day in Clay Center. In April I will be attending the PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) Conference in Washington D.C. This will last from April 15th to April 20th, so I will be out of the office all week. As part of that tour I’ll visit our representatives on Capital Hill with the other Nebraska Extension colleagues. The next week I have an RPN retreat in North Platte on Monday and Tuesday.