**Narrative Report - July 2016**

Upcoming Events:

**August**

**5** State Fair Ticket Order due to Ext. Office

**8** Aksarben Entries Due

**10** State Fair Livestock & Contest Entries **Due 5 PM**

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

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

**September**

**5**  Office Closed – Labor Day

**6** Pick up State Fair Static Exhibit, Ext Off.

**13-15** Husker Harvest Days

**17-18** Aksarben 4-H Horse Show – Lincoln

**22-25** Aksarben 4-H Stock Show – Omaha

**October**

1. Diamond Clover Award Applications Due

1 4-H Career Portfolios Due

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Clothing Day

 This year at clothing day numbers were down but the quality of the projects were amazing. I loved seeing all the creativity of the 4-H youth. Later that evening the public fashion show and talent show was held at the Rialto II Theater. We saw some amazingly talent youth preform and show off their hard work.

Fillmore County Fair

 This year was my first Fillmore County Fair. I learned a lot of new faces, a lot about how the Fillmore County Fair is ran, and a lot about the difference that is made in the youth’s lives for being a part of 4-H. We experience a few late nights and some early mornings. During the fair I was thankful for a lot of different things. I was thankful for the volunteers who helped me keep everything in check with check in and judging of the static items. I was thankful for the Extension staff for all their hard work, lack of sleep, and ability to think of their feet. I was most thankful for the parents and the 4-H youth for being willing to help and willing to learn. Without the youth and the parents of the youth the 4-H program would be nonexistent. The look on the youth’s face when their project goes to state fair, their animals got a purple ribbon, and even those who got reds makes what I do worth it. You are most likely thinking why the look at a kids face when they get a red ribbon would be a reason to keep doing my job? To me that red ribbon mean more than just the quality of something. It means the chance to learn from something and improving next time. That is what 4-H is about learning through projects, working as a family, and meeting the new people that enjoy the same interest that you have.