**Narrative Report – April/May 2016**

Upcoming Events:

**June**

1 Clover Kids Adventure Day

2 Mulch Community Garden (weather permitting)

9 Favorite Foods Workshop, 10:00-Noon Extension Office

14 Ziggadee Day, 9:00-Noon, Ag Hall

21 Pollinator Workshop

22 Presentation Contest & Foods Contest

**July**

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

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

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

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

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

**16-21 Fillmore County Fair**

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School Enrichment

 I finished up my school enrichment for the year with the embryology chapters. We had success in all three classrooms with a total of 22 chicks hatched. The Fillmore Central animal science class had a few embryos that they dyed that hatched as well. They learned that embryos are dyed sometime to track migration patterns. The Exeter-Milligan 6th and 2nd graders found it hard to say goodbye to the chicks that they worked with since they were just an egg. Over all this was a great learning opportunity for all the classes and for myself as well.

Professional Development

 Along with Brandy I was able to attend the NRC/SREC spring conference that was held in Norfolk. Here we were able to network and learn about some new changes that is happening in Extension. We had question and answer panels that helped us learn how our peers are doing different things throughout the state.

 I was able to attend recruitment training in Lincoln to better my skills on getting youth ready for college. At the training we talked about financial aid, honors classes, and toured city campus. We also talked about the early entry program that UNL is now proving for 8th graders. This programs admits 8th graders into a college properness class where they will get an advisor already to help them early on in the process at getting ready for life after high school.

4-H Contests

 The Fillmore County 4-H Speech and PSA Contest was held on April 18th at the Extension Office. Fillmore County had 11 youth participate in the public speaking contest, and had participant from clover kids all the way up to senior public speaking. They all did a wonderful job! We also had one individual participate at the district level and received a red.

Ag Safety Day

 In late May I got the opportunity to help and attend my very first Ag Safety Day. We had 108 youth participate. I was in charge of the Healthy Lifestyles portion of this day. We learned the different My Plate food groups and the youth participated in a food relay were they had to identify different foods and place them in the correct food group.