**June/July 2017** **Narrative Report**

***Upcoming Events:***

**July**

1 4-H Bucket Calf Records Books due to Ext. Office

5 Livestock Supt. Meeting, 7 pm – Ext. Off.

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

***Meet in Show Arena for Food Stand Training***

**9 - 15 Fillmore County Fair**

16-20 State 4-H Horse Show – Grand Island

24 Clay/ Fillmore 4-H Dog Show, Clay Co.

**August**

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

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Rachel Olson

4-H Extension Assistant, Fillmore County

**4-H Youth Development**

**Summer Workshops**

June and July are all about positive youth development with summer workshops, summer reading program, and county fair, I have been able to spend some great time with the youth of Fillmore County.

Starting off we our clover kid workshop on May 31st we had \_\_ youth from the ages 5-8 participate and learn about where their food comes from. I used a lesson plan called “There is a Cow on my Pizza”, we discussed where each of the products that go into making pizza come from. Youth painted pizzas with real veggie stamps and we read a book. Then, what was called the best part of the day, each participate made their own personal pizzas. While the pizzas were cooking we played a game that drove home where their food comes from. Late they got to eat their own pizza creations.

On June 2nd \_\_ youth gathered at the Extension Office for the photography workshop. Patrick Murphy took on this workshop with hopes that he could instill the love of photography into the other youth of the county, and to increase the number of photography exhibits at the county fair. He taught them a few pointers in taking “fair quality” picture.

June 16th we held a food science workshop with \_\_ youth in attendance. We made bread in a bag from start to finish and the youth learned about the reactions caused by yeast in the correct environments. We developed experiments and watched what happened when yeast is mixed with sugar and warn water. We caped off the morning with making butter and discussed why it heavy cream separates when shook vigorously.

**Summer Reading Program**

Again this year Geneva Public Library and Fairmont Public Library participated in the summer reading program with lessons developed by Nebraska Extension. This year’s theme was “Build a Better World”. Youth learned about engineering, and the scientific process. The highlights were: Developing a helmet for a mashed potato and sand brain held in a pasta shell skull. Then the youth tested their design and saw their results. Youth also developed laparoscopic surgery tools and practiced using them by trying to gather items suspended in Jell-O.

**PASE**

I was able to take a group of wonderful young ladies to PASE-Premier Animal Science Events where they livestock judged again 200 other youth from across the state. They learned a lot for their first big livestock judging contest. They even had to give oral reasons for the first time and did very well.

**County Fair**

2017 Fillmore County Fair is in the book and I believe it was another great opportunity for positive youth development and for the youth to display their talents. Youth sent many projects to state fair to show case their abilities in Grand Island.

**Professional Development**

**Odegeo…..Leadership for Fillmore County**

For the past several months I have been taking a class for leadership in Fillmore County that is put on by the FCDC. In this class we learned about the businesses, school systems, government, and health care in Fillmore County as well as a trip to the state capital. This class has really allowed me to learn more about the county in that I serve as well as meet new people who are now familiar faces in the community. In June I graduated from this class.