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Extension Board Report

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November was a month of conferences and the beginning of the Holiday Season. I attended the NetForce Entrepreneurship Best Practices Summit in Grand Island. I was in charge of registration and spent most of my time at the conference as the tech troubleshooter. I ran the powerpoint presentations for the main sessions and ran the computer while the governor did his Zoom presentation. Then I attended Extension Fall Conference and the NCEA conference where I was the host for the wellness/self-defense session and was leader of the food committee.

December was a continuation of the holidays, and I took quite a few days off for the holidays. I did attend several broadband meetings. I believe one of these meetings is going to fall off my schedule. One of the main attendees is retiring this month, and it seems that the other attendees are moving away from many of their broadband responsibilities as the Nebraska Broadband Office gets started up. I also spent quite a bit of time doing professional development including trainings from NCRCRD, PEARS, New Employee Recruitment, and several annual reporting sessions.

Throughout both months I continued to work on the Social Determinants of Health grant. Not only have I learned a lot about Social Determinants of Health, but also about the history of Extension and the health area. It has been a debate over time whether or not Extension should work in different areas of health. As far as I can see, no one has taken the time to do what we propose, to combine the Community Capitals of community development with Social Determinants of Health. I believe our work will make it very clear that Extension has a role to play in areas of health. I have also learned a lot about doing grants through the University. Grants are difficult...grants through the university are more difficult.