

JULY-SEPT 2023

Nuckolls/Thayer 4-H Instructor Narrative

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Wow! What a first month and a half it has been in Nuckolls and Thayer Counties. Looking back, my first day was on our last Southern Plains Extension Board meeting. Since that time, I have experienced both counties fairs, meeting many people, and on-boarding! My first week included various on-boarding activities and Nuckolls County pre-fair judging. I had the opportunity to judge the Favorite Foods Contest which was a highlight! July 23rd-31st was spent at the Nuckolls County Fair. I was able to help with check ins, horse show, ice cream contest, and the beef show.

Entering the first week of August, we debriefed Nuckolls County Fair and began Pre-Fair activities in Thayer County. That week included helping out wherever I could in the ice cream contest, dog and companion animal show, and fine arts/public fashion review.

August 7th-13th was full blown Thayer County Fair, which was awesome! I helped out wherever I could including announcing the rabbit and poultry shows.

Jumping in right on fair was an amazing experience, I was able to meet lots of people and see how everything is run. I am so grateful to Jean, Amy, Rachel, Tammy, and Makinna for having everything organized and showing me the ropes!

The rest of August included more on-boarding activities, including heading to Lincoln on the 16th for New Faculty Orientation. I also rode along with Amy and Jean to drop off and pick up state fair exhibits. Amy, Rachel, and I also met to discuss programming and the fair book.

So far September has been off to a busy start. I attended a Thayer County Commissioner meeting to introduce myself and had New Employee Training for Extension via Zoom on the 6th and 7th. Today (Monday the 11th), I attended AgVenture Day and taught by-products with Amy.

I'm looking forward to more on-boarding, attending Focus Team meetings, Water Jamboree, and meeting with Nuckolls County Commissioners in the coming weeks.

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I can't believe that September and October have come and gone. These last few months have been very educational! I have enjoyed getting to meet more and more people within the NE Extension system as well as in our counties.

September:

- 12th- 4-H New Worker virtual on-boarding session 1
- 13th- Nuckolls County 4-H Council Meeting
- 18th- Introduction to Nuckolls County Commissioners
- 19th- 4-H New Worker virtual on-boarding session 2
- 20th and 21st- Taught on bird migration at Water Jamboree at Liberty Cove
- 25th- Thayer County 4-H Council Meeting
- 26th- Leadership Focus Team Meeting in Lincoln
- 29th- Entrepreneurship Focus Team Meeting in Grand Island

October:

- 3rd and 4th- 4-H New Worker Training in Lincoln
- 5th- Zone 10 Gathering in Wilbur
- 13th- Observed Rachel teaching Pumpkin Life Cycles at Deshler Elementary
- 18th- Attended and helped with a Connecting the Dots event in Aurora
- 19th- Took the Elevating Your Evaluation Conversation training virtually
- 20th- Nuckolls County 4-H Council Meeting
- 23rd- Held a booth at Thayer County's Career Day for Sophomores from Thayer Central, Deshler, and Bruning-Davenport
- 24th- Completed YQCA Instructor Training
- 25th- Spoke at Thayer County's Coffee Talk held at SCC in Hebron about my position with NE Extension
- Observed Rachel teaching Leadership Summit in Deshler
- 27th- Met my Coaching 101 Mentor- Kimberly Cook in Grand Island
- 31st- Zone 10 Connection where Nuckolls and Thayer County 4-H was a spotlight

November:

- 2nd- Met with my NE Extension Mentor- Rhonda Herrick
- Thayer County Fairboard Meeting

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As 2023 came to an end, we finished the year off strong with annual reporting and school enrichment. I was lucky enough to do some professional development within the Entrepreneurship team and will be taking on some leadership roles in the coming year to be more involved. I also finished my second to last semester within my master's program as I will graduate in May 2024. I look forward to the new year and all the exciting opportunities coming up!

November:

7th- Connect the Dots at CCC

Nuckolls County 4-H Council

8th- 4th and Inventure Day planning meeting in Nuckolls County

9th- Lead Educator Zoom Series

14th-15th- Nebraska Extension Fall Conference in Kearney

15th-16th- NCEA Conference in Kearney

17th- Inventure Day at Nuckolls County Fairgrounds

20th- Attended the Nuckolls County Commissioner Meeting

Impact at a Glance workday in Thayer County

28th- Meeting with Jodi Fierstein at Superior Elementary

29th- First Leadership Summit session at Bruning-Davenport

December:

1st- Meeting with Jill Linguard for Instructor update

4th- Mentor meeting with Rhonda Herrick

Thayer County 4-H Council

7th- 4-H Share Day

Thayer County Fairboard meeting

12th and 13th - UpStarts and Youth Arise Training in Grand Island

14th- Kenesaw High School CTE mock interviews

15th- Extension New Employee Cohort meeting

18th- CWF Informational Meeting

20th- Last Leadership Summit Session with BD 8th graders

26th and 27th- Sewing Workshop in Thayer County

January:

4th- Extension Board Annual Training

