

**Final Farewell
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I'm sure that many of you have heard that I am moving to Logan to continue my education and dream of becoming a veterinarian. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here in Juab County. I have loved getting to know each of you through my work. I may have only been here a year-and-a-half, but you have all made a major impact on me during that time. My time here has been wonderful, it has been fun to watch everyone jump in and become involved in everything in the community. This county has some wonderful traditions that I am so grateful to have been a part of many of these, from the Ute Stampede to the Derby. Everyone has strong ties to one another and an appreciation for their roots. I love that there is a strong desire to keep agriculture going strong. It brings me joy to see a community that focuses on supporting the agricultural lifestyle because you realize how important it is for your everyday life. You show this as you support the youth in their 4-H and FFA projects or help the younger generation become involved in agriculture.

I have enjoyed watching the youth in the county grow and learn through their 4-H projects. We strive to teach youth valuable life skills through fun 4-H projects. These are skills that they will use to help them be successful later in their life through college, careers, and personal experiences. Showing livestock has always been a passion of mine. I grew up showing in 4-H and FFA, these programs did so much to define me and develop me into the person that I am today. It has been wonderful to see the livestock show grow over this past year. Parents are always willing to lend a hand to help others and invite new families into the stock show. I can promise you that all of the long days, money, and effort that you put in to help your kids with these projects will pay off. Your kids will grow and learn from their experiences, they will become more responsible and confident. Get them involved and let them follow their passions, it will pay off!

Extension provides wonderful and necessary programs for the community. I am so grateful for the support that you have shown for each of our programs! Remember, if there is a program, class, or workshop that you would like to see started in the community, then don't be afraid to approach Extension with your idea! We love to find ways to fulfill the needs of this county. We also love to have volunteers who are willing to lend a hand. If there is something that you are good at and you would enjoy sharing that skill with others, let us know and we can help you put a class together. Our programs run off of volunteers who are willing to give a little bit of their time to share their passion with others.

I know that you will all be inviting to the new agriculture Extension agent, as you have been to me. I have felt welcomed into this community as an "outsider" and have loved being here. It is very difficult for me to leave. I would not have been able to if the opportunity to

pursue my lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian did not come available. What I am going to miss the most is the people, each of you that I have gotten to work with. You have all been so wonderful, welcoming, and supportive. I will miss seeing you around town and in the office. With my final farewell, I just want to say thank you for all of these experiences!