

Logan County

January-March 2025 Quarterly Narrative

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Production Ag Meeting/Commodity Elections—January 2025 Winter Production Ag meeting /Commodity Elections held at the White Maid Restaurant. Kyle Zimmerman was elected as the ND Corn Council Rep for Logan County. He will serve a 3 Year term. The ND Oilseed Council (Canola) election had no nominations for the position; it remains vacant for Logan County. Eight area residents attended the meeting. Presenters included: Dr Rob Proulx—Emerging Ag Technology; Dr Ana Carcedo—Soybean Production misconceptions; and Josh Becker—Logan County Irrigation Project.

Pesticide Applicator Certification: Annual Pesticide Applicator Certification training held March 4th at White Maid restaurant. 26 area applicators attended the training from three counties. Of the 26 who attended, three attendees completed the initial testing process to become certified pesticide applicators.

State Spelling Bee

One part of being an Agent is serving the greater communities in the state of North Dakota. Dustin Hammond served as both proofreader and appeals coordinator at the State Spelling Bee held in Bismarck on March 17th. Although the winner was not from Logan or McIntosh County, it was a privilege to see over 100 of the county finalists from across the state compete for the chance to advance to the finals in Washington, DC.





4-H Activities:

Archery: Archery practices continue at the Community Center. Over 20 youth regularly attend the practices and are improving every session.

Club information: The 2 new 4-H Clubs continue with monthly meeting. The Little 4-H Club on the Prairie (~25 members) meets monthly on Sunday afternoons. The Napoleon Dynamites (~20 members) meets monthly as well. Club projects have included woodworking, sewing, wood finishing, baking, painting, etc.

Livestock Judging: The 4-H Livestock judging team competed in 4 contests this season. Napoleon, Kindred, Lisbon, Watford City (State Contest). We started the year with 17 kids with over half being first year judges. Practices were held twice a week for 3 months at Napoleon High School. Mr. Brian Schneider was a great help to our team by allowing us shared resources and the ability to practice with older more experienced judges on the FFA Livestock Judging team. The young 4-H team gained tremendous benefit and knowledge from this partnership. The Junior team won 1st place at the Napoleon FFA CDE, 3rd place at Kindred, 2nd place at Lisbon, 7th place overall at the state 4-H Contest. The young team made tremendous progress over the 3 month season and has significant potential in future years.

Napoleon FFA Alumni Career Development Event Feb 2025

Logan County Extension/4-H partnered with Napoleon FFA Alumni to provide volunteers and judges for various contest events including: Livestock Judging, Ag Sales, Agronomy. Nearly 100 volunteers were needed for this years event that supported nearly 400 FFA and 4-H youth participants in their chosen contests. We take great pride in our long standing and community beneficial partnership with such far reaching impactful events.

Napoleon FFA Alumni Contest: 1st Place Team



State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest:
7th Place Team

On The Move: Gackle and Napoleon

Fifth Grade students at Gackle and Napoleon Public Schools learned about the importance of exercise, vitamins, minerals, water and their effects on your bones and teeth as part of the “On the Move to Stronger Bodies” programming. Each week’s 50 minute lesson has a different topic. One interesting lesson is on energy drinks and how much sugar is in each serving. Many times, a can may contain 2 or more servings, but most people drink it as one serving. Most of the students were also surprised at the amount of sugar in most “fruit drinks.” The importance of reading labels emphasized this and other important facts. Our goal is for them to have better health through more knowledge.

Living Ag Classroom



On January 11th, Dustin Hammond and Josh Becker participated in the annual Living Ag Classroom at the KFYR Farm Show. Eleven classes from area schools learned about the role of bees, different types of beans, and other topics. NDSU Extension focused on ATV/UTV safety this year. Visitors learned about the importance of helmets and other safety equipment, what is the right size of ATV for kids, and how to do a pre-ride inspection to ensure safety while riding and a good riding experience to help youth enjoy powersports responsibly.

Annie's Project

On March 6th, Josh Becker and Dustin Hammond assisted fellow Extension Agents Brianna Kiser and Julianne Racine present the Farm Stress and Farm Safety programming portion of Annie's Project. Annie's Project's mission is to empower women in agriculture to be successful through education, networks and resources.



Josh Becker

(Meetings, Professional Development and Other Activities)

- Napoleon Ambulance Board Secretary
- Logan Co Soil Conservation District representative
- Logan Co Weed Board representative
- Napoleon Homestead information column
- Youth football officiating volunteer
- Extension Civic Engagement Team member
- Extension Natural Resource Team member
- Logan Co Irrigation District formation committee

Dustin Hammond

(Meetings, Professional Development and Other Activities)

- Tri-County Tourism Alliance Meetings
- Napoleon Volunteer Fireman
- Napoleon Ambulance Board VP
- Logan County Historical Society (Sec/Treas)
- Napoleon Wildlife Club member
- Napoleon Business Association Meetings
- Logan County Emergency Planning Meetings
- *At the Table* posts in Logan and McIntosh County Schools
- Weekly Column in *The Napoleon Homestead, Tri-County News (Gackle), Ashley Tribune, and Wishek Star*
- Former President of the NDACO County Superintendents Association
- Annie's Project Facilitator
- Aging Mastery Program Pilot Committee

Sun Safety

During pesticide testing in Napoleon on March 4th, Dustin led a discussion about sun safety and how we can minimize our risks for skin cancer. Skin Cancer is the leading form of cancer in the US and is preventable. Due to our intense work schedules in the summer months, North Dakotans have a higher skin cancer rate than Floridians. To better aid area ranchers and farmers in visualizing how the sun damages our skin, a Dermascan machine was set up for use after the program. It is not a medical device, and we do not give medical advice, but a Dermascan does show the dark spots that are invisible to the naked eye on our face from overexposure to the sun. If there are spots that may be larger or irregular, the user should seek proper medical advice from a doctor.

Upcoming Events

Farm Safety Camp (Fargo)—May 27-30 Josh—Extension instructor

Logan County Achievement Days—June 25-26 Napoleon, ND

Tri-County Fair—July 10-13

Extension and REC Conference – October 28-30, 2025

