

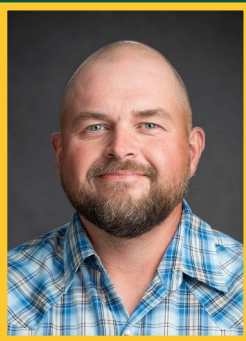
Logan County

October-December 2025 Quarterly Narrative

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Ag and Natural Resources: Issues and Education

Logan County Weed Board Fall Cost Share Program: 19 Logan County landowners submitted cost share applications for their control efforts of noxious weeds to the Logan County Weed Board. ~\$17,000 was paid back to those landowners to cover herbicide related expenses.

Logan County Livestock & Grain Assoc.: Logan County Livestock & Grain Assoc. board met in December to review yearly activities and discuss the current state of our county seed increase program. Currently, only 1 Logan County farmer participates in the program. The board will offer one \$500 scholarship opportunities to 2026 Logan County High School graduates.

Logan County NDAWN Station: Logan County finally received its very own NDAWN weather station this fall. The weather station is located about 1 mile south of the Hwy 34/Hwy 30 intersection. While there are other weather stations that can provide useful weather data on the borders of the county, this station is the 1 and only within our borders. It is supplied with a camera, snow depth stake, and other weather monitoring devices that are updated every few minutes. Local producers have expressed great appreciation for this project.



4-H Activities:

Club information: We, once again, have three chartered 4-H clubs this year.

Little 4-H Club on the Prairie / The Napoleon Dynamites / Archery

Current enrollment for all clubs: over 50 members (Enrollment still open)

Upcoming winter 4-H Activities: **Archery, Livestock Judging, Advanced Skills Group**

New 4-H Year Club Photos

Our two main 4-H clubs started their meeting season with some great activities and officer elections. Several new families have joined us this year. Big plans ahead for both clubs this year thanks to some really great parent volunteers.

String Art project (Napoleon Dynamites club)



North Dakota Extension Disaster Education Network—ND-EDEN

ANR Agent—Josh Becker was selected as the NDSU Extension Central District (south) representative for ND EDEN. The goal of the program is to develop resources to help NDSU Extension and our stakeholders better respond and recover from a disaster in their community, farm, ranch, and home. This 3-year term will focus on developing educational materials and facilitating data collection during disaster related events. As a regional representative, Josh will communicate with area agents to better understand their disaster response plans and resources with the hope of providing a better coordinated response in the event of a disaster declaration.

NDSU Student Observation Day—Mackenzie Hendrickson

NDSU Sophomore, Mackenzie Hendrickson, of Linton spent a day with our office learning about the ins and outs of NDSU Extension and the job of an Extension Agent. Mackenzie is pursuing an Agricultural Education degree at NDSU and is exploring several career options. She came with some great questions and a curious attitude. In the afternoon, we toured a section of Logan County and demonstrated some of the tasks done by an ANR Agent. Mackenzie stated she has a passion for education and is strongly considering a career in Extension due to its variety and opportunities.

Kids. Compost, Crops, & Consumption (KC3) Program

Fall 2025—Napoleon School 3rd & 4th Grade classes: The KC3 program is designed to teach 3rd & 4th grade students about the food cycle through 5– 6 weekly lessons. The program begins with livestock as the foundation of the food cycle and ends ultimately with a lesson on consumption. Other topics covered in the program include: Composting/manure, Basic Soil Health principles, Crops & other food plants. A post survey done with the kids indicated there was a significant interest in **compost**. (Who knew!?) Both classroom teachers were great to work with and indicated they would like to continue the program in years to come. A total of 36 kids took part in the program.



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 weekly educational column
- Youth football officiating volunteer
- Extension Civic Engagement Team member
- Extension Natural Resource Team member
- Logan Co Irrigation District formation committee
- Logan County Emergency Planning Committee
- NDSU Extension Central District ND EDEN rep.

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
- 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

Admin Assistant—Rebeca Hulme

What a whirlwind! From representing Logan County at the ND State Fair annual meeting in Minot to getting our local 4-H clubs off the ground and running, this quarter has been filled to the brim with activity. This year, we started fresh with new 4-H brochures, updated website language, brand new club leader kits filled with resources/forms, and a new Logan County member packet. The 4-H'ers have been active in the community this quarter – volunteering at the Soil Conservation District's 125th Banquet, proudly walking the Homecoming Parade, handing out candy at Trunk-or-Treat, caroling at local residences, and displaying favorite projects all week long during National 4-H Week. I've been blessed to sit in on a number of community meetings (Weed Board, NBA, Livestock & Grain, Soil Conservation) to learn more about what is happening locally, as well as proctor a couple of new commercial pesticide applicator tests in our office. So grateful for the supportive, friendly, and encouraging work environment that Josh and Dustin help facilitate!

Upcoming Events

Jan. 31—Napoleon FFA Alumni CDE (Livestock Judging, Agronomy, Ag Sales)

Feb. 10 —Winter Ag Meeting & Commodity Elections (ND Wheat Comm/ND Soybean Council)

Feb. 23 —Beef Quality Assurance Training—Napoleon Livestock

March 3— Private applicator recertification—Napoleon