

Logan County

January-March 2026 Quarterly Narrative

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Highlighted Events & Meetings



Dustin Hammond
Extension Agent
Family & Community Wellness



Josh Becker
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Rebeca Hulme
Administrative Assistant

Annual pesticide recertification

23 people attended the Logan County Pesticide Recertification class held at the Napoleon Country Club. 5 attendees were there to receive their initial pesticide certification. Educational topics included: Dept of Ag status updates, sprayer calibration, men's health issues (Dustin), weed i.d. and resistance concerns, and spray drone technology. Several attendees commented that this was one of the best pesticide trainings they had ever attended.



Extension Advisory Council--inaugural meeting

15 Logan County residents attended the inaugural Logan County Extension Advisory Council meeting. Advisory Councils can be an important resource for a local Extension Office by providing general guidance, program ideas, community educational needs, and Extension advocacy. NDSU Extension requires all county offices to have a diverse group of county stakeholders to provide organized citizen input. This meeting provided valuable insight and direction for the year ahead. Our office was very pleased with the meeting outcomes and responses from our county stakeholders. Another meeting is scheduled for December 2026.





4-H Activities

Logan County 4-H Clubs have 55 registered members divided into two clubs and two extracurricular activities (Archery & Livestock Judging)

Archery: Archery practices are ongoing. Over 20 youth regularly attend the practices and show improvement every session. This winter, we had members compete in both in-person and hybrid matches. A local competition will take place over the Tri-County Fair in Wishek.



Logan County 4-H Livestock Judging Season (January-March 2026)

Season Highlights:

- **9 Livestock Judgers (Jr. Division)**
- **4 judging contests**
 - Napoleon, Kindred, Lisbon, Watford City (State 4-H Contest)
- **Over 18 practice sessions (Jan-March)**



Napoleon FFA Alumni



Kindred FFA Alumni



Lisbon Contest



State 4-H Contest (Watford City)

Napoleon FFA Alumni Judging Contest

The 16th Annual Napoleon FFA Alumni Career Development Event was held on January 31, 2026. The contest draws several hundred FFA and 4-H students from across North Dakota to compete in three separate contests: Ag Sales, Agronomy, and Livestock Judging. Our office is tasked with coordinating the animals, volunteers, and contest officials for the Livestock Judging contest. Nearly 20 volunteers, many of whom are current NDSU students, served as contest officials and helpers. The long-running contest remains a successful collaboration between our Extension Office, the Napoleon FFA program, and local community organizations.



Winter Ag meeting / commodity election

5 area farmers attended the winter production ag meeting and county commodity election for the ND Wheat Commission representative. Bill Becker was elected as the Logan County representative. Educational topics included: farm management strategies, farm subsidy updates, ND wheat production updates, and local Extension updates.

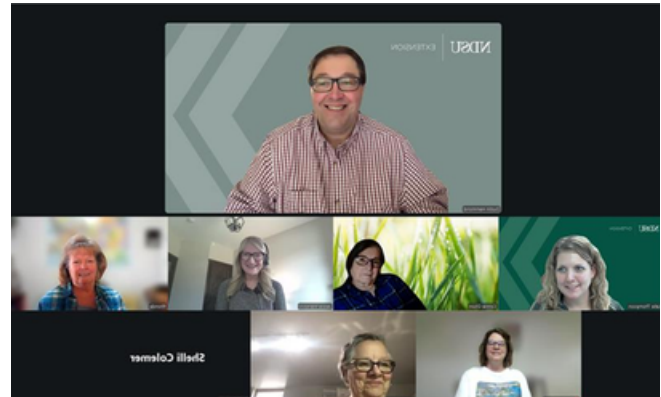


Beef Quality Assurance Training

A beef quality assurance (BQA) training was held at Napoleon Livestock on Feb. 23rd. Three area cattle producers and area Extension personnel attended the event. The training was led by NDSU Extension Specialists--Lisa Pedersen & Dr. Rachel Gibbs. The training included topics on: animal health, safe handling, transportation considerations, vaccination procedures and strategies, and animal stress considerations. Two attendees became BQA certified for their own operations.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers PTC (6-week online course)

Dustin recently taught, with two other professionals, a six-week course called Powerful Tools for Caregivers. Caregivers are often tasked with the difficult and stressful role of caring for family members at home. These caregivers carry a high load of stress and struggle with their mental health. PTC focuses specifically on caregivers, helping them reduce stress and prioritize their health. Due to limited resources and the distance between participants across the state, the PTC course was offered virtually and proved successful. Each participant left the course with improved communication skills, stress-relieving techniques, and better methods for communicating with the person receiving care and other family members.



KFYR Ag Days (Bismarck) Feb. 10



NDSU Extension Agents serve our local communities and our state as a whole. Farm safety is a concern of communities and parents. One piece of equipment used in both rural and urban settings is the side-by-side (SxS). Throughout Ag Days, Dustin and many other Agents from across the state provided training to area youth on safety equipment, pre-riding equipment checks, and other topics to ensure that they have a fun and safe riding experience. One of the biggest surprises for the students was the need for equipment the right size for the riders.

Josh Becker

(Meetings, Professional Development and Other Activities)

- Napoleon Ambulance Board Secretary
- Logan County Soil Conservation District
 - Extension representative
- Logan Co Weed Board representative
- Napoleon Homestead information column
- Youth football officiating volunteer
- Extension Civic Engagement Team member
- Extension Natural Resource Team member
- NDSU Extension--EDEN South Central
 - Extension Disaster Education Network
- Logan County Emergency Planning Committee
- Logan County 4-H Livestock Judging Coach

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
- 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

Administrative Assistant Activities

Another quarter has flown by! This winter provided us with so many wonderful opportunities to be out in the community and collaborate with our local businesses/organizations. Among the fast-and-furious slew of (new and annual) events, our office had the opportunity to partner with Napoleon Ambulance in March to train 11 participants in a local Stop the Bleed event, offering basic hands-on skills to help save lives. Then, in coordination with our 4-H Council, we also hosted a meat raffle fundraiser, raising over \$1,800 for future 4-H programming and club activities! Behind the scenes, I've been staying busy getting the word out (newspaper ads, posters, social media, email, casual conversations), maintaining our website, coordinating event logistics, preparing for the upcoming fair season, and stepping into my secretarial roles with both Logan County Livestock & Grain and the Weed Board. In January, I was fortunate to be able to attend the Project Learning Tree & Project WILD facilitator training in Bismarck, returning with several resources about nature-based education – a topic very 'near and dear' to my heart – to share with educators in our community. As we move into spring, our office has been testing our green thumbs with windowsill seed starting, and we look forward to watching the shoots mature as the snow melts away.

Upcoming Events

- Support Staff Conference: April 21-23, 2026 (Fargo)
- Black Hills Recreational Leadership Laboratory (Dustin)
- Logan County 4-H Achievement Days: June 24-26, 2026 (American Legion)
- Tri-County Fair: July 9-12, 2026
- Tri County Plot Tour demonstration: July 29 (Wishek)

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