

Logan County

April-May-June 2026 Quarterly Narrative

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Highlighted Events & Meetings



Dustin Hammond
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Family & Community Wellness



Josh Becker
Extension Agent
Ag. and Natural Resources



Rebeca Hulme
Administrative Assistant

Logan County 4-H Achievement Days

This year's Achievement Days took place at the American Legion in Napoleon. Judging took place on Wednesday, June 24th, while the Open House and Awards Program occurred the following day. We had **228 total exhibits** this year, with **48 exhibitors** (19 Cloverbuds, 29 regular members). We also had **several new judges** join our roster, and we're very thankful for the community support surrounding this event. Our open house brought in **\$197 in free will donations**, which along with business donations (\$3,129), will go toward covering the **\$1,546 premium payout** and event expenses.

Project Categories: Project Expo, Agronomy, Animal Science, Baking and Cooking, Child Development and Child Care, Communication and Expressive Arts, Digital Technology, Environmental Stewardship, Food Preservation, Food Science and Nutrition, Horticulture, Industrial Technology, Outdoor Education/Recreation, Poultry Science/Eggs, Sewing and Textiles, Shooting Sports, Visual Arts, and Cloverbud



Emery W. shares her diamond art project with a judge.



Cloverbud Quinn G. smiles with her wooden gnome after judging.



Bennett G. explains his Lego robotics alligator to a judge.



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. Our annual Tri-County Archery Contest will take place this fall/winter to accommodate busy schedules and allow participants the opportunity to qualify for State.

4-H Club Activity Summary

Logan County's 4-H'ers have been busy this year: creating bouquets for the residents of Wentz Living Center, learning how to assemble first aid kits with our local EMS, exploring fiber at Nome School House, and touring a local bison operation.



Napoleon Dynamite 4-H Club prior to delivering their bouquets to residents at the care center.



Little 4-H Club on the Prairie members after Achievement Day judging.

4-H Achievement Days Orientation and Help Night

Our office organized two new events to help new and returning families prepare for fair season: an *All 4-H Ice Cream Making & Info Day* event and a *FairEntry Help Night*. During the Info Day, 4-H members and families gathered to review project guidelines. NDSU Extension staff offered 3 activity stations for members to explore: homemade ice cream making, lemon battery electricity, and spring seed planting.



Seed planting with ANR Agent Josh Becker



Lemon battery electricity with FCW Agent Dustin Hammond



Homemade ice cream making with Admin Assistant Rebeca Hulme

School Extension Talk

Josh developed a “Basics and History of Extension” program for high school students in Napoleon and Gackle schools. The presentation was given to Mr. Brian Schneider’s (Napoleon) junior class and Mr. Patrick Donegan’s (Gackle) sophomore class. Topics covered included: History of Extension / Overview of Extension mission / Duties of a County Agent / Duties of an Extension Specialist / Noxious Weed Id Quiz / Career opportunities in Extension.



*ANR Agent Josh
Becker at podium*

ND Stockmen’s Association Spring Roundup event

Josh was one of the speakers at the North Dakota Stockmen’s Association District 3 Spring Roundup event held at the Napoleon American Legion in June. NDSA staff allowed Josh to briefly speak on area livestock concerns, Extension programs, and office services that assist area cattle ranchers.

NDSU Extension Spring Conference Presentation - Dustin & Josh

Dustin & Josh both had an opportunity to present at this year’s NDSU Extension Spring Conference in Fargo. Presentations were part of the conference breakout sessions and directed at Extension colleagues for training and content enrichment.

Dustin’s 4-H STEM team presented, “Catch me if you can--Carbon Edition,” a 4-H STEM program initiative designed to teach students about the basics of carbon capture using every day items to help kids visualize the process.

Josh presented in two separate sessions:

Extension Small Farms team: “Small Farm program opportunities and action planning.” This breakout session presented Agents with Extension programming focused on small/hobby farms and farmers market considerations.

Extension Disaster Education team: “Droughts, Blizzards, & Floods.” This breakout session presented Agents with Extension resources and educational programs specific to potential natural disasters in North Dakota.



Agent Josh Becker presenting



Agents presenting at Conference



Agent Dustin Hammond presenting

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 weekly column
- Youth football officiating volunteer
- Extension Civic Engagement Team member
- Extension Natural Resource Team member
- Extension Small Farms 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 Report - Rebeca Hulme

The spotlight this quarter was on our 4-H youth! From the *All 4-H Ice Cream Making & Info Day* to the *FairEntry Help Night* to *Achievement Days* itself, I have been knee-deep in event logistics, happily curating experiences to help our youth find their "sparks." This year, our office tried a few new things, and we received overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents, judges, and volunteers! Outside of the 4-H world, I had the opportunity to co-present a short session, titled "Tips and Tricks to Market Your County Programs," with fellow Admin Assistant Torie Piehl (LaMoure) at our Spring Support Staff Conference. Otherwise, it has been business as usual with our hallway receiving a major publication refresh, our Weed Board approving 9 Spring Cost Share applications, and our Livestock and Grain Association selecting Levi Hastings as their 2026 senior scholarship recipient. Our office also installed some new raised garden beds in front of the Courthouse, where we have a variety of pollinator-friendly perennials and where we were able to transplant some of our NDSU trial variety windowsill seedlings to a more permanent setting. With heavy hearts, our community said our final goodbyes to Roger Martin, who some of you may remember as Logan County's Extension Agent from 1960 to 1992.

Upcoming Events

- Tri-County Fair: July 9-12, 2026 (Wishek)
- Tri County Plot Tour demonstration: July 29 (Wishek)
- Stop the Bleed: August 12 (Napoleon Public School)
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers: September 28 - November 2 (*online*)

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