

Logan County

July-August-September 2026 Quarterly Narrative

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Highlighted Events & Meetings

Farm Safety Day: Napoleon Public School (Sep 30th)

The NDSU Extension offices in Logan and McIntosh Counties collaborated on a farm and home safety day held at the Napoleon Public School. **104 5th- & 6th-grade students from Napoleon, Gackle, Ashley, and Wishek schools** attended the all-day event. Students heard from **2 guest speakers** before rotating through **7 different stations** on safety-related topics. Bryan Batsch, Logan County resident and current County Commissioner, shared his story of being involved in an incident involving a grain auger where he was severely injured. Kayla Long, Napoleon, represented the Jaxson Boomsma family and shared the story of how her cousin Jaxson tragically lost his life in a farm accident in South Dakota.

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Speaker Batsch with
clothes from the accident



Speaker Long with
her family's book



All participants left with a kit to
practice safety at home



Group photo of the Farm Safety Day participants

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Farm Safety Day *(continued)*

The goal of this program was to **equip students with knowledge, awareness, and hands-on learning experiences** on a variety of farm and home hazards while also offering practical solutions to everyday problems that could prevent a dangerous situation or even save a life. Almost **40 volunteers** contributed to making this event possible, including teacher chaperones, station teachers, Napoleon School staff (teachers, custodians, kitchen staff), bus drivers, and the Napoleon FFA Officer team.



KEM Electric Cooperative leading the Electrical Safety station

Safety Stations

911 Calls: Logan County Sheriff
Chemical Safety: NDSU Extension
Sun Safety: NDSU Extension
First Aid: Napoleon Ambulance
Fire Safety: Napoleon Fire
Grain Bin Safety: Napoleon Fire
Electrical Safety: KEM Electric



FCW Agent Dustin Hammond leading the Sun Safety station

Stop the Bleed: Napoleon Public School Teacher Training

NDSU Extension and the NDSU School of Nursing partnered to offer Stop the Bleed training for Napoleon Public School staff during back-to-school in-service training for the 2026-27 school year. This program teaches participants how to recognize and respond to life-threatening bleeding emergencies. Through hands-on training, participants learn essential skills such as applying direct pressure, packing wounds, and correctly using a tourniquet to help save lives before emergency responders arrive. Over 30 school teachers and staff were trained by this program. Napoleon Ambulance EMS Manager, Kristen Moos, co-led the program.



Teachers practice packing a wound with gauze



Teachers practice applying a tourniquet



Carrie Nelson with NDSU School of Nursing presents to room of teachers



Napoleon Ambulance and NDSU School of Nursing demonstrate proper tourniquet techniques



4-H Activities

Logan County 4-H has 59 registered participants - 40 members and 19 CloverBuds - divided into 2 clubs and 2 extracurricular activities (Archery and Livestock Judging).

Archery: Archery practices will resume in the fall. Our annual Tri-County Archery Contest will take place this fall/winter to allow participants the opportunity to qualify for State.

4-H Club Activity Summary

The 4-H enrollment period is now open until January 2027. To date, we have nearly 60 new and returning members signed up to participate in the 2026-2027 4-H season. We plan to continue with our two official clubs, and club leaders have already started preparing for the new season. Our small-but-mighty 4-H clubs and volunteers continue to amaze us with their creative, educational approach to meetings.

Tri County Fair and State Fair Activities

In addition to our local Achievement Days held in late June, 4-H members have the option to submit projects to the Tri-County Fair (Wishek) or the ND State Fair (Minot). With an even split, 11 members submitted a total of 68 projects to the Tri-County Fair, and 11 members submitted 47 projects to the ND State Fair. The Logan County 4-H Council distributed over **\$2,000** in premiums to 48 4-H members over the summer for their project entries.



Hudson B. and Harper B. standing in front of their Project Expo displays in Minot



Napoleon Dynamite 4-H Club members show off handmade ornaments for the Capitol Christmas Tree in D.C. this year



Joseph G.'s ND State Fair Grand Champion project: an automatic hook setter



Caleb M.'s ND State Fair Grand Champion project: "Hard Working Hands" photo

Capitol Christmas Tree Ornament Making

In August, nine members of the Napoleon Dynamite 4-H Club met to decorate ornaments for the U.S. Capitol Christmas Trees in Washington D.C. Over 10,000 ornaments reflecting the theme, "Over the Rivers and Through the Woods," will adorn both the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree and various smaller trees within the federal buildings. Nineteen of those ornaments will be coming from our local 4-H'ers this year!

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Spring wheat varieties

Tri-County Research Plot Tour

The annual Tri-County Research Plot Tour event was held in July at the research plot west of Wishek, ND. Approximately 25 area producers attended the event to hear Extension Specialists and Agents discuss crop varieties, weed management, cover crops, and NDSU Extension testing services in McIntosh, Logan, and Emmons Counties.



ANR Agent Josh Becker and NDSU Extension Broadleaf Agronomy Specialist Dr. Ana Carcedo



ANR Agents Nancy Deis (Emmons) and Josh Becker (Logan)



Agronomy Research Specialist Ezra Aberle, Carrington Research Center

Logan County Farmers Union Meeting

ANR Agent Josh Becker was one of the guest speakers at the Logan County Farmers Union annual meeting held on September 25th at the Napoleon Country Club. Josh spoke about the services offered by NDSU Extension and drought reporting procedures.

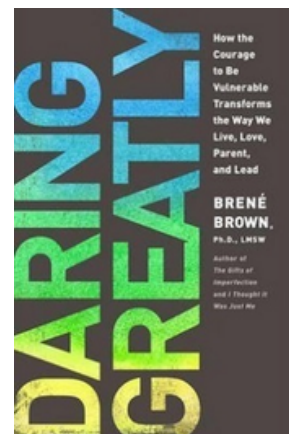


ANR Agent Josh Becker at Farmers Union meeting

FCW Highlighted Events & Meetings

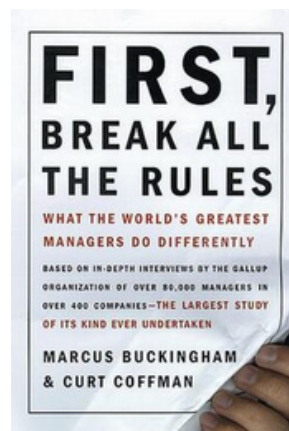
PD: Book talks: First Break all the Rules, Daring Greatly

As part of the continuing professional development program through the NDEAFCS (North Dakota Extension Agents of Family and Consumer Sciences), Dustin is again co-leading book talk groups with other Agents from across the state. The first book, Daring Greatly, encourages leaders to focus on developing a different culture within our organizations. Many of us strive to do more and more, but feel vulnerable when we put ourselves out there. We need to shift our mindsets to accept this vulnerability and realize we are doing great things, and that there will never be enough. Sadly, burnout and a lack of positive feelings in our programming are real concerns within Extension.



Daring Greatly by Brené Brown

The current book is First Break All the Rules. Published over 25 years ago, the book remains important today. The basic premise is that to grow and challenge our lives and careers, we can't be afraid of change and need to be willing to break the rules and try new ways of doing things. As a leading research university, NDSU makes perfect sense to embrace change, welcome new ideas, and still keep our traditions alive as we move into the future.



First Break All The Rules by Marcus Buckingham & Curt Coffman

Black Hills Recreational Leaders Laboratory

At the Black Hills Recreational Leaders Laboratory, Dustin co-led a STEM lesson on gas sequestration in abandoned or low-yield oil wells. NDSU developed the lesson, 'Catch Me if You Can,' which is now part of nationwide STEM programming. Participants learned about the importance of porosity as a key factor in storing the gas, along with other key criteria for site selection. The lesson's magic uses the natural opposition of oil to water. Colored water represents the remaining oil in the well; colored vegetable oil represents introducing captured carbon into the well. As the colored oil enters the model, it displaces the water and exits the cup through a straw. This hands-on learning experience shows how carbon sequestration lets us store carbon while extracting additional crude oil. A win/win situation.



FCW Agent Dustin Hammond facilitating the 'Catch Me if you Can' activity

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), McIntosh County Star & Tribune
- Former President of the NDACO County Superintendents Association
- Aging Mastery Program Pilot Committee

Administrative Assistant Report - Rebeca Hulme

I celebrated my 1-year anniversary in July! Reflecting on this past quarter (and the year in general), it's amazing to see just how much has happened in our small office. Our social media presence grew by 38% from 243 followers to 335 followers, which means - despite being a small county - we've been able to extend our reach to even more people. In the past year, 73% of the people who engaged in our content were still non-followers, and we're just so grateful for every share, like, and comment that helps us connect with our larger community. A big focus from NDSU this quarter has been accessibility, so I've been attending as many webinars/trainings as possible to try to keep our digital and printed materials accessible to all. With all of the events coming out of the office, I haven't had much time to set down my event planning hat. From 4-H fair season to the Plot Tour to Stop the Bleed to Farm Safety Day to the End-of-Year Banquet, I've been managing logistics behind the scenes - marketing, coordinating with local businesses, and doing everything in my power to ensure a positive experience for all participants. This quarter, I was able to use some of my Project Learning Tree training to organize the *Capitol Christmas Tree Ornament Making Day* locally and then teach youth about trees - alongside facilitator Hank LaBore - at McDowell Dam's Teddy Roosevelt Family Day. I also had the opportunity to volunteer as a static judge at the Tri-County Fair. There are so many little details that go into making these big events successful, and I'm thankful to work alongside a team that collaborates together well.

Upcoming Events

- October 20-22: NDSU Extension Fall Conference, Watford City
- November 5: District 28 Legislative Update, Edgeley National Guard Armory
- November 15: Weed Board Fall Cost Share Program deadline
- November 20-21: NDSU Harvest Bowl, Fargo
- January 2027: Extension Master Gardener Program

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