

Logan County Family & Community Wellness Agent




*By Dustin Hammond*

**Piggy Banks and National Conference**

Those two might not seem like they would go together, but they do very well. From the earliest ages, 4-H members learn about responsibility and dedication. Not only for and to themselves, but to our community, country, and our world. On a personal level, learning to manage money responsibly is a life skill that, in my humble opinion, far too few people acquire before they face financial problems.

April is Youth Financial Literacy Month. To celebrate, NDSU Extension, local banks, and credit unions are partnering with our schools in Logan and McIntosh Counties to teach first-grade students the importance of saving. Our goal is for students to learn positive money habits at an early age. As part of the lesson, we are providing each student with a piggy bank

together young people, volunteer leaders, county and state Extension staff, Land-grant University faculty and administrators, as well as State and Federal government officials from across the United States and its territories. The delegates were divided into groups and tasked with answering a challenge question. After several days of preparation, they presented their findings to the responsible government agency. My goal was to guide them in answering the questions, not to answer them myself. Here were the questions: How do we bridge the gap between attracting youth to consider emerging agricultural careers and the needs of rural communities? How can local leaders, educators, and industry professionals prepare young people for high-tech and essential roles that ensure rural areas not only sustain their



ND 4-H Delegates and Senator Kevin Cramer L to R: **Natalie Bina, Torfinn Kjelland, Senator Cramer, Erika Littlefield, and Marisa Hoffarth.**

to keep. Students must decorate their banks for a Piggy Bank Pageant contest. How does the Piggy Bank Pageant work? The piggy banks will be displayed at local banks and credit unions. As part of the school lesson, each student will set a savings goal, which will be displayed alongside their entry. Bank patrons “vote” for the piggy bank they like best by placing a penny in its slot. All students will keep their “votes” at the close of the contest on Wednesday, May 6. The first-place winner receives \$15, the second-place winner receives \$10, and the third-place winner receives \$5. A special thank you to area banks for sponsoring both the piggy banks and the prizes for the top winners at their branches. In addition, with my absence at the Spring Conference and the National 4-H Conference, area teachers took on a much larger role and responsibility for this year’s program. Thank you for all you do for your students.

The National Conference was an amazing experience for the North Dakota delegation sent to Washington, DC, by the North Dakota 4-H Foundation. This fully funded trip focuses on developing the next generation of leaders while remaining future-focused. The conference brings

populations but also thrive economically? Can artificial intelligence play a role in supporting this evolution? What pathways could create a prosperous future for rural America and the next generation of agricultural professionals? Not the easiest questions for many adults, let alone high school students.

I was deeply impressed by their responses, as were the officials from the USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement. In addition to their presentations, the delegates met with our Senators and Representatives to discuss what the future holds for them in North Dakota. If your sons or daughters are in 4-H, this is definitely a goal to aspire to as juniors or seniors. Feel free to contact me with any questions about this and other programs at 701-754-2504 or at [dustin.hammond@ndsu.edu](mailto:dustin.hammond@ndsu.edu).

**UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA  
**In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Fettig, Deceased  
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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 Dated April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
 Connie Schumacher  
 PO Box 2  
 Napoleon, ND 58561  
 First publication on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026  
 (4-15, 22 & 29)

Logan County Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent




*By Josh Becker*

**Spring Safety Reminders:**

Despite what Mother Nature thinks, we will eventually get into the routine of another planting and season. With all of the preparations being made for springs work, hopefully equipment maintenance and evaluation are a big part of that process. Are your trucks and trailers in good operating condition? Are the reflectors clean and present? Do all the lights work? (Be honest...) Farm equipment roadway crashes most often occur with tractors, planters, combines and other large machinery, but farm trucks and trailers, given their size, weight and speed, are also at risk.

Loads of seed, fertilizer, equipment and haybales are subject to vibration, swaying, centrifugal force, inertia, wind and other forces during transit. If those loads aren't properly secured, they may topple onto the roadway or slide forward into the cab.

“Farmers do get relief from some commercial vehicle regulations, but the regulations that cover load securement aren't among them,” says North Dakota Highway Patrol Trooper Joshua Anderson, truck safety expert. Those regulations are set by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. North Dakota state load restriction information can be found on the North Dakota Department of Transportation website: <https://www.dot.nd.gov/driver/commercial/north-dakota-load-restrictions>.

Bulk materials such as manure, seed, and fertilizer that are not confined in containers should ideally be covered to prevent them from falling onto the roadway. For other cargo, such as seed bags and hay bales, load

securement regulations are based on weight and length. It's easy to think that a load is secured 'good enough' for a short haul or convenience, but if you need to make a quick maneuver to avoid a road hazard or if you need to make a sudden stop, that's when having that load properly secured is essential. Don't forget to make sure your straps and chains are in good condition. Straps that are frayed, punctured, partially cut or extremely weathered will have a dramatically reduced load limit and could be flagged as a violation by law enforcement.

Be sure to check local load restrictions in your traveling area. These seasonal weight restrictions protect roads from damage when they are most susceptible in the spring. Many of us live on gravel roads and have to use them to get to highways. This can be a problem at certain time of the year as they are not enforced the same way as state highways, for example. On rural gravel roads, it sometimes just comes down to using your best judgement. The last few weeks of warm and cold temps, coupled with the big dumps of snow have been pretty hard on the gravel roads. I understand that certain things can't be always be mitigated and works need to be done no matter the conditions, but other vehicles use the gravel roads too, and the deep ruts that heavy trucks and machinery make can turn into safety hazards very quickly for smaller vehicles.

Safe travels and much success this growing season!  
*(Information adapted from a news release authored by NDSU Farm Safety Specialist, Angie Johnson)*

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