

CHS students excel at State FFA Convention



Molly Hansen was the state winner in the Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award program.

Twenty-five members of the Carrington FFA Chapter attended the 96th North Dakota State FFA Convention, June 2-5, on the NDSU campus in Fargo. Members competed in a variety of career development events, attended workshops and networked with other members from across the state.

Joe Lindberg, 2024-2025 North Dakota State FFA Reporter, completed his term as a state officer.

The State Champion Farm Business Management Team consisted of Sam Simons, Isabel Wendel, Molly Hansen, Bailey Ness and Charles Jorgenson. Individually, Isabel Wendel placed first, Molly Hansen was third and Bailey Ness was sixth, Charles Jorgenson was 13th and Sam Simons as 16th. The team will have the opportunity to

compete at the National FFA Convention this October.

Sierra Friedt, Mercedes Lura, Kelsi Neuman and Maara Kutz placed second in the Food Science Career Development Event and received a gold team award.

Sierra Friedt was the fourth place individual and Mercedes Lura was the seventh place individual. Maara Kutz received a gold award and Kelsi Neuman received a silver award.

The Floriculture team earned a bronze team award. Nela McKibben and Joie Helseth received silver awards, Jaedyn Lura a bronze award and Molly Fiebiger also participated in the Floriculture event.

Brekka Kuss participated in the Dairy Handlers event. She earned a gold award.

Gabe Richter, Sam Simons, Emery Patzer and Jacob Hin-



The Carrington FFA Chapter traveled to Fargo for the 2025 State Convention. Back row (L-R): **Mercedes Lura, Gabe Richter, Jacob Hinrichs, Charles Jorgenson, Sam Simons, Nela McKibben, Jaedyn Lura** and **Emery Patzer**. Middle: **Garrett VanRay, Kenleigh Hinrichs, Bailey Ness, Molly Hansen, Cally Hansen, Maara Kutz, Kelsi Neuman, Leighton Ness, Cyrena Kuss** and **Addyson Gussiaas**. Front: **Brekka Kuss, Sierra Friedt, Joie Helseth, Isabel Wendel, Abby Lee, Molly Fiebiger** and **Renae Raines**. Courtesy photo.

richs participated in the Environmental and Natural Resources contest. Gabe Richter earned a gold award, Sam Simons and Emery Patzer received silver awards and Jacob Hinrichs received a bronze award.

The Agricultural Communications team consisted of Abby Lee, Kenleigh Hinrichs, Cally Hansen and Joie Helseth. The team finished with a third place gold award. Individually, Abby Lee received a gold and was third place in the Social Media Plan category. Cally Hansen received a gold and was third place in the Feature Story category. Kenleigh Hinrichs received a silver in Magazine Layout and Joie Helseth received a silver in the Broadcast category.

In the Meat Technology and Evaluation event, Molly Hansen earned gold awards. Isabel Wendel, Cally Hansen and Cyrena Kuss received silver awards. The team placed sixth and received a silver award.

The Milk Quality and Products team consisting of Sierra Friedt, Mercedes Lura, Kenleigh Hinrichs, Jaedyn Lura and Leighton Ness placed sixth and received a gold team award. Individually, Sierra Friedt received a gold award. Mercedes Lura and Kenleigh Hinrichs received silver awards. Jaedyn Lura and Leighton Ness received bronze awards.

Emery Patzer received a silver award in the Basic Agriculture Mechanics Career Development Event. Charles Jorgenson placed seventh, earning a gold award, in the Intermediate Agriculture Mechanics contest. Jacob Hinrichs received a silver award in the Advanced Ag-



Farm Management Team: **Isabel Wendel, Molly Hansen, Sam Simons, Bailey Ness** and **Charles Jorgenson**. Courtesy photo.

riculture Mechanics event.

The Nursery Landscape team consisted of Molly Hansen, Abby Lee, Kelsi Neuman and Bailey Ness. Individually, Molly Hansen placed second and earned a gold award. Abby Lee and Bailey Ness received gold awards. Kelsi Neuman received a silver award. The team placed third and received a gold award.

In the Small Animal Care event, Renae Raines and Molly Fiebiger received silver awards.

The Dairy Cattle Evaluation team received a silver team award. Individually, Addyson Gussiaas earned a silver award. Cyrena Kuss, Garrett VanRay and Nela McKibben received bronze awards.

Isabel Wendel, Sierra Friedt, Mercedes Lura, Gabe Richter and Brekka

Kuss received their State FFA Degree during ceremonies on Wednesday of the Convention.

Molly Hansen was recognized as the State Winner in the Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award program. She raises cattle and sheep as a part of her Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.

Joie Helseth participated

in the North Dakota State FFA Chorus.

Renae Raines, Leighton Ness and Garrett VanRay participated in the Courtesy Corp by assisting with sessions and contests throughout the week.

Isabel Wendel, Sierra Friedt, Mercedes Lura and Molly Hansen served as Official Chapter Delegates.

AGRICULTURE

Pingree Transload LLC to host open house June 17

Peterson Farms Seed invites area farmers, community members and media representatives to attend an open house at Pingree Transload LLC on Tuesday, June 17, from 2-5 p.m., to tour the newly completed grain handling and transportation facility located one mile north of Pingree along the Red River Valley & Western Railroad.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the Pingree Transload and Peterson Farms Seed teams, learn about the facility's capabilities and enjoy refreshments. Remarks from Carl Peterson, president of Peterson Farms Seed, will begin at 3 p.m., highlighting the purpose and future

vision of the facility.

"This facility represents a major step forward for specialty crop production in our region," said Carl Peterson, president of Peterson Farms Seed. "It's an exciting opportunity to connect farmers with high-value markets while strengthening the local ag economy."

Pingree Transload is designed to support North Dakota growers with cost-effective access to rail shipping for identity-preserved and specialty grain crops. The open house will offer guests a first-hand look at the facility's cutting-edge equipment, high capacity storage and truck-to-rail logistics infrastructure.



Dewald earns ribbon for outstanding 4-H exhibit

Charli Dewald, a Cloverbud member of Foster County's DSS 4-H Club, modeled this beautiful blue and white dress in the "Buy and Show" division at this year's Clothing Revue, held June 5 in New Rockford. While Cloverbuds are not eligible for Grand Champion honors, Charli earned a participation ribbon in recognition of her outstanding exhibit. Courtesy photo.

SCHOOL BOARD

Carrington School District Regular School Board Meeting
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025
Place: High School Library 7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.
- II. REGULAR ITEMS
 - A. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
 - B. Approve Minutes
 - May 13th, May 27th and June 4th, 2025
 - C. Approve Financial Reports
 1. Activities Fund
 2. Revolving Fund
 3. Lunch Fund
 4. General Fund
 5. Fund Balance Reports
 - D. Presentation of Bills and Check Register
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Delegations
 - B. Administrative Reports
 1. Mrs. Helseth
 2. Mr. Weber
 3. Mrs. Helm
 - C. Committee Reports
 1. Update from Finance Committee Report
 2. Update from Facility Committee Report
- IV. ACTION ITEMS
 1. Motion to approve an open enrollment application for a student from Kensal School District to attend Carrington School District.
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 3. Motion to Approve high school handbook/cell phone verbiage.
 4. Motion to Approve and Issue Administrator Contracts, Dean of Students Contract and Technology Directors Contract for the 2025-2026 school year.
 5. Motion to Rescind Technology Purchase Motion from June 4th, 2025 meeting. Technology Discussion. Motion.
- V. CANVASSING OF ELECTION

Declaration of Chairperson to dissolve current board meeting and reconvene as canvassing board.

 1. Review attached Official Returns of Judges and Clerks of School Board Election

Election of one Rural Member - One Three Year Term

Motion to approve unofficial results

 2. Present and open any new absentee ballots that came in and can be accepted and add them to the current poll book and to the totals on the abstract of votes.

Motion to approve official totals of the June 3, 2025 school board election.

Motion by _____, second by _____ to declare _____ as duly elected Rural School Board Representative for a term of three years.

Declaration of Chairperson to adjourn canvassing board and reconvene as Carrington School Board.
- VI. THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library
- VII. ADJOURNMENT