

4-H

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Development Extension Agent. “It’s not just about learning new skills but it’s about growing as individuals and making the best better!”

The Project Expo featured interactive displays in areas including agriculture, science and the arts. In the communications arts contest participants demonstrated their public speaking and present abilities.

The clothing revue gave youth the opportunity to model both sewn and purchased outfits building confi-

dence and poise.

Judges praised participants for the depth of thought, attention to detail and craftsmanship evident in every entry.

“Each year I am amazed by the quality of projects,” said Gripentrog. “Judges are continually impressed by the high level of quality in the projects and it’s truly inspiring to see them grow throughout the years.”

Winners from each category will go on to represent Richland County in upcoming competitions and will be recognized at future 4-H events.

The first place win-

ners from Project EXPO, Clothing Revue and Communication Arts contest in the preteen category are: Olivia Hetland (Believers Club, Wyndmere), Project EXPO, Mariah Mumm (Helping Hands Club, Wahpeton), Project EXPO and Aurora LaTraille (Helping Hands Club, Wahpeton), Buy and Show (Clothing Revue Contest).

The first place winners from Project EXPO, Clothing Revue and Communication Arts contest in the teen category are: Colton Dockter (Lucky Leaf Club, Colfax), Project EXPO and Gina Qua-

mme (Helping Hands Club, Wahpeton), Buy and Show (Clothing Revue Contest).

The first place winners from Project EXPO, Clothing Revue and Communication Arts contest in the junior category are: Olivia Hetland (Believers Club, Wyndmere), Communication Arts (Interpretative Reading), Mariah Mumm (Helping Hands Club, Wahpeton), Illustrated Talk (Communication Arts) and Jolene Kern (Believers Club, Wyndmere), Demonstration (Communication Arts).

The first place winners from Project EXPO, Clothing Revue

and Communication Arts contest in the senior category are: Ava Krier and Jaxon Krier (Believers Club, Wyndmere), Illustrated Talk (Communication Arts), Marisa Mumm and Gina Quamme (Helping Hands Club, Wahpeton), Commercial (Communication Arts), Cody Dotzenrod (Believers Club, Wyndmere), Prepared Speech (Communication Arts) and Gina Quamme (Helping Hands Club, Wahpeton), Communication Arts (Interpretative Reading).

“4-H is truly a family and community oriented program,” Gripen-

trog added. “Youth are supported not only by their parents but also by grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings who lend their time and skills to encourage and help them.”

The annual event affirms Richland County 4-H’s commitment to helping youth develop leadership, communication and practical skills through hands-on learning, mentorship and strong community engagement.

Gripentrog expressed, “4-H is a great example of how families and communities come together to help young people grow and succeed.”

SONG

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For now, she’s simply grateful for the opportunity to share her heart through music.

“If one person feels seen, loved, or drawn closer to God through this song, then that’s everything I could’ve hoped for,” she said



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Though this is her first official release, Ally has long been drawn to music.

SKILLSUSA

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Automotive Refinishing Technology: Isabella Roll (Gold) and Gavin Walton (Silver).

Marine Service Technology: Jordan Reese (Gold).

Building Construction: Levi Biewer (Gold), Carter Olson (Silver) and Jacob Hughes (Bronze).

Plumbing: Wyatt Hammer (Gold), Brady Mack (Silver), and Gregory Dimmer (Bronze).

Welding Sculpture: Katie Brennan (Gold) and Mya Rieber (Silver).

TeamWorks Team A: Alex Blonigen (Gold), Davian Day (Gold), Jace Baird (Gold) and Luke Eberle (Gold).

CNC 2-Axis Turning Programmer: Carl Ekre (Gold).

CNC 3-Axis Turning Programmer: Tyler Wills (Gold) and Jacob Berndt (Silver).

CNC Programmer: Avery McFarland (Gold).

Power Equipment Technology: Bradyn Blake (Gold).

Cabinetmaking: Elisha Lawrence (Gold) and Matthew Larsen (Silver).

Welding: Benjamin Klemen (Gold), Jacob Littlefield (Silver) and Logan Maddock (Bronze).

Collision Repair Technology: Aaron Meier (Gold), Michael Gartner (Silver) and Carson Dewald (Bronze).

Welding Fabrication Team A: Savanna Lebrun (Gold), Jezarae Smykowski (Gold) and Lane Papka (Gold).

SkillsUSA is the number one workforce development organization for students. They empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members.

Throughout the year, SkillsUSA students sharpen their skills through competitions on the local, regional and state levels, competitions created and judged by industry.

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### School Board Minutes

Hankinson Public School District 8  
School Board Meeting  
Monday, March 17, 2025  
**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Medenwaldt at 7:06 p.m.

**Members Present:** Aaron Medenwaldt, Jason Semerad, Nick Foertsch, Melissa Schmidt  
**Members Absent:** Jodi Severson  
**Others Present:** Chad Benson, Sarah Pohl, Renae O'Meara, DeeAnn Bilben, Connie Theede  
**Agenda:** Motion by Foertsch, second by Schmidt to approve the agenda. Motion carried.  
**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Foertsch, second by Schmidt to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes of February 10, 2025 Board meeting; Vocational; SEEC; Bus reports; Activity and Hot Lunch reports; Invoices. Roll call: All yes.  
**Balance Sheet and Revenue Report:** Motion by Schmidt, second by Semerad to approve the balance sheet and revenue reports as presented. Roll call: All yes.  
**Elementary and Secondary Principal's report:** Renae O'Meara presented the Elementary Principal's Report. Sarah Pohl presented the Secondary Principal's Report.  
**Resignation:** Motion by Foertsch, second by Schmidt to approve the resignation of Kelsey Nelson effective upon the fulfillment of her 2024-2025 contract. Roll call: All yes.  
**Active Panels:** Motion by Foertsch, second by Semerad to approve the purchase of 22 new active panels. Roll call: All yes.  
**3-year Asbestos Reinspection:** Motion by Semerad, second by Schmidt to accept the quote from Tio Environmental for asbestos reinspection. Roll call: All yes.  
**West Gym:** Discussion.  
**Superintendent Formal Evaluation:** President Medenwaldt reported a satisfactory evaluation for Superintendent Benson. Motion by Foertsch, second by Semerad to approve the satisfactory formal evaluation of Superintendent Benson as presented. Roll call: All yes.  
**Executive Session:** Motion by Foertsch, second by Schmidt to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy. Roll call: All yes. The Board began the executive session at 8:05 p.m. pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1 (9). Medenwaldt, Foertsch, Semerad, Schmidt, Chad Benson and DeeAnn Bilben were in attendance. The executive session was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. No action was taken.  
**Adjournment:** President Medenwaldt adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Date: April 30, 2025  
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**School Board Minutes**  
Hankinson Public School District 8  
School Board Special Meeting  
Monday, March 24, 2025  
**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Medenwaldt at 7:20 a.m.

**Members Present:** Aaron Medenwaldt, Nick Foertsch, Jason Semerad, Melissa Schmidt  
**Members Absent:** Jodi Severson  
**Others Present:** Chad Benson, DeeAnn Bilben  
**Agenda:** Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Foertsch to approve the agenda. All yes.  
**Resignation:** Motion by Foertsch, second by Semerad to approve the resignation of Zach Nelson effective March 21, 2025. Roll call: All yes.  
**Adjournment:** President Medenwaldt adjourned the meeting at 7:23 a.m.

Aaron Medenwaldt, President  
DeeAnn Bilben, Business Manager  
Date: April 30, 2025  
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