

## Fessenden-Bowdon FFA wins state Agronomy Judging Event

Jones high individual with perfect score —

Thirteen members of the Fessenden-Bowdon FFA Chapter recently traveled to the ND State Fair Center in Minot to participate in the Winter CDE Championships for Agronomy, Livestock and Ag Sales Career Development Events on March 21. The teams were coached by Advisor Lane Moellenkamp and Student Teacher Samuel Poland.

Five members of the Fessenden-Bowdon FFA Chapter recently participated in the State FFA Agronomy Career Development Event. The five members performed very well as the top three individuals were all from Fessenden-Bowdon. Senior Regan Jones finished as the high individual in the event and also had a perfect score of 1100, believed to be the first since the event changed from crops judging to agronomy. Joshua Crowder finished with his best performance scoring a 1083 and placing second while Delaney Erfle completed the sweep with her best score of 1070 and third place overall. Addy Neumiller earned a gold and finished 15th while Gavin Mason also earned gold finishing in 19th. Having the top three

members boded well for the chapter in the team competition as they finished first and earned the right to represent North Dakota at the National FFA Agronomy Event in October in Indianapolis, Indiana. The team score of 3333 was enough for the chapter members to claim the top spot over the other 58 competing chapters. There were a total of 214 individual judges in the agronomy event. The state Agronomy event has students identify crop and weed seeds and plants in North Dakota as well as Insects, Agronomic Disorders, Machinery and Equipment. Grain grading, soil survey interpretation and seed selection. The team problem consists of calculating planting rate, fertilizer calculations and interpreting the North Dakota Weed Control Guide.

Fessenden-Bowdon was also represented in the state livestock judging event. This year the team had a mix of experience with Donavin and Ryan and they were joined by first year judges Hanna and Chloe. The team finished in 29th place out of 59 competing schools. 7th grader Hanna Widicker led the team at state with

a bronze award finishing 102nd out of 203 participants. Other members competing and all earning bronze awards were Donavin Bartz, Ryan Snively and Chloe Bartz. In the livestock evaluation CDE, each participant judges two sets of beef and swine as well as a class of ewe lambs and market goats. Members must present a set of oral reasons on beef, sheep and swine as well as interpret a keep/cull class and take a beef knowledge exam.

The Agriculture Sales team was led again this year by senior Nicole Neumiller earned a gold award and finished 7th overall out of 210 participants. Garin Opdahl also earned a gold award while Logan Grover was silver and Kendra Hoff earned bronze. The Agriculture Sales event has members preparing a product summary sheet on an ag product and presenting a sales presentation to judges for evaluation. The members must also take a sales knowledge exam and the agriculture sales team must use information about a Horticulture product to research and present a sales marketing approach to potential retail or wholesale dealers.



Agronomy Team: right to left: Gavin Mason, Regan Jones, Addy Neumiller, Delaney Erfle, Joshua Crowder.



Livestock Judging team: right to left: Chloe Bartz, Donavin Bartz, Ryan Snively, Hanna Widicker.



Ag Sales team: right to left: Garin Opdahl, Kendra Hoff, Nicole Neumiller, Logan Grove.

## DAKOTA DATEBOOK Prairie dog velcro

April 1 marks the day that genetic researcher-turned entrepreneur Cy Ludovicianus started his ranch west of Betruzen in Duper County. There he does not raise the usual cattle or horses – or even bison or emu. Instead he is raising prairie dogs. But these are bioengineered prairie dogs whose fur has been genetically modified

to emulate the hooks and loops of – Velcro!

According to Dr. Cy, as he's called, he has engineered the males to have the Velcro hook fur and the females to have the loop type. One problem, so far, has been that the animals become fastened to each other. The scientist says it's quite a sight to see them running

around in tandem, but the fact that they can't get through their burrow entrances while, as he calls it "hooked up" has caused an increase in predation that is troublesome. Nonetheless, he hopes for a bright future for this newest North Dakota industry.

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## Public Notice

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for the "Runway & Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation", IE project #J21-00-045, in Carrington, North Dakota. Bids will be received by the Carrington Municipal Airport Authority, at the Carrington City Hall, located at 103 Central Ave N., Carrington, ND, until 2:00 P.M. (CT) on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022, and then at said office all bids properly submitted will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids can be mailed to 103 10th Ave N, PO Box 501, Carrington, ND 58421.

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at [www.interstateeng.com](http://www.interstateeng.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for a fee of \$30.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Bid Documents" tab and by entering Quest Project Number 8136356 on the "Search Projects" page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com). Paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Interstate Engineering located at 1903 12th Avenue SW, Jamestown, ND, for a fee of \$165.00 per set. The bidding and contract documents may also be examined at the same location. Any technical questions may be directed to Ben Aaseth PE at (701) 269-3962.

The project will consist of the following approximate quantities: 37,500 SY Cold Milling, 40,000 LF Crack Repair, 6,000 tons of Hot Bituminous Pavement, and additional work.

Each bid will be submitted on the basis of a cash payment for work. It will be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the above-mentioned Airport Authority, 103 Central Ave N, Carrington, North Dakota 58421, and shall be designated that the bid is for "Runway & Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation." The bid shall be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in a separate envelope in the amount of five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid, executed by the Bidder as Principal and by a Surety Company authorized to do business in North Dakota. If the Principal's bid is accepted by the OWNER and the contract awarded, the principal, within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award, will be required to execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of the principal's bid and any requirements and conditions of the OWNER.

executed by a principal. The Bid Bond must identify the name and title of the individuals who executed the Bid Bond. Signatures by other than a president, vice president, or CEO, must be accompanied by sufficient evidence (duly executed meeting minutes, resolution, power of attorney, etc) to indicate that the signatory has the authority to bind the company or organization.

A Contractor's Bond, as required by Section 48 01.2-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, shall be included with the executed Contract Documents. The Bid Security shall be as required in Section 48 01.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code.

All bidders must be licensed for the highest amount of their bids, as provided by Section 43 07 07 of the North Dakota Century Code and a copy of the license or certificate of renewal thereof issued shall be enclosed in the required bid bond envelope.

No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and Licenses, and any deficient bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately.

The Carrington Municipal Airport Authority retains the right to reject any or all of the bids submitted and to waive any informality in any bid and to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days and to hold the three low bids and bid securities for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of bid opening.

The successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable Federal Labor Laws, including minimum wage rate decisions of the United States Department of Labor, which are contained in the advertised specifications.

Bidders and sub-bidders are required to comply with Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (1518, 36 F.R. 7340) promulgated by the United States Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the contract work hours and safety standards act, (82 Stat. 96) not requiring any laborer or mechanic to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to their health and safety.

The Owner, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq) and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued

pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration of an award.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees who may be awarded a contract of \$50,000 or more and subcontractors having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a subcontract of \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the advertised specifications. (41 CFR 60-1.40).

Contractor will be required to submit a certification of non-segregated facilities from all subcontractors for subcontracts exceeding \$10,000.00.

Contractors are subject to the Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246, as amended), provisions of which are contained in the advertised specifications.

Contractors are subject to the provisions of 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The bidder shall submit Disadvantaged Business Enterprise information to the Owner. Contract award is contingent upon compliance with the DBE requirements. The goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation is 3.00%, Race Conscious, of the contract cost.

The work on the improvements is to commence upon a date to be specified by the Airport Authority, notice of which will be given to the successful bidder ten (10) days in advance of start of construction. The Contractor will be required to complete the project within Sixty (60) calendar days, with the temporary striping to be completed by October 1st, 2022. The project will be suspended once the temporary pavement markings and runway is opened up for air traffic. Calendar days will continue to be counted when the contractor returns for the permanent pavement markings.

By order of the Carrington Municipal Airport Authority  
Carrington, North Dakota  
Jay Bauer, Chairman  
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