

Moniteau FFA



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PA FARM SHOW

Moniteau Places 3rd, 7th, & 14th in the State



On January 8th, 2019 the Moniteau FFA competed in the PA Farm Show demonstration team contest in Harrisburg, PA. The contest had 31 teams from across the state in one division, no matter what size the school. The contest is a 15-20 minute demonstration style speech utilizing an agriculture topic. The team has four members on stage and one alternate. This year Moniteau had three teams compete. The highest placing team from Moniteau FFA was the team of juniors: Ryley Grossman, Nick Martino, Josh Karner, and alternate, senior Tyler Hoffman.

Their demonstration was titled “Trapping Fur Bearers in Pennsylvania”. They demonstrated multiple trap types, terminology, uses, and how to make three different trapping sets with different traps and situations. The seventh place team consisted of seniors: Lee DeMatteis, and Chance Nagy, sophomores: Chaz McGuire, and Trent Kelly, and alternate, senior, Cody Wise. Their team demonstrated a year on a mink ranch. They demonstrated management, nutrition, health, and processing mink at the farm level to be marketed to buyers in the fur market. The fourteenth place team demonstrated how to build fly traps for livestock on pastures. This team was made up of senior Amelia Brown, junior Hailey Friskorn, sophomores: Autumn Scheerbaum and Cole Pflugh, and alternate senior Matt Dodgson. They built two large fly traps on stage that livestock producers and farmers can utilize to help control flies on their animals. The two teams that placed first and second were large schools that would fall into class 5 of the PIAA classification system. The students hard work paid off with their outstanding achievements.

Submitted by: Chance Nagy and Lee DeMatteis



Farm Show Tours!

Auto Museum

The first stop on our trip to Harrisburg was the AACA Museum. The museum is filled with all different restored models of cars, buses, and motorcycles from the 1890s to the 1980s. Students walked around and viewed the vehicles. Some students even took a break to sit down at the mock diner and put a dime in the jukebox to listen to a few songs from eras ago.

Civil War Museum

The next stop was the Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA. We started by listening to a lecture by one of the long-time tour guides. Following the lecture a few students tried on outfits and uniforms from the Civil War era. We then began our tour of the museum. All the scenes and models were realistic.

Hershey Chocolate World

The last stop of the first day was at Chocolate World. We received a tour on a rollercoaster that showed us what primary farm there milk comes from to create the chocolate and how the different types of chocolate are made. Following the tour students were able to walk around and get any type of candy they would like. Some students even stopped for a milkshake or snack at the food courts.



Tuesday/Wednesday

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Turkey Hill

On Tuesday we stopped at Turkey Hill in Conestoga, PA. At Turkey Hill we tasted samples of drinks and ice cream or sherbet. We were also allowed to create and name our own ice cream, but unfortunately it did not get produced. Along with Wilmington High School, we went to the taste lab to create our own ice cream flavors. The guide gave us all a pint of ice cream and then went over step-by-step on how to create different flavors. As we added flavors and other ingredients we had the ability to taste our creation and see what changed from one step to the next.

Railroad Museum

The next stop was at the Railroad Museum in Lancaster County. At this tour we learned about “John Bull;” the first train to be put together and operate on tracks. The museum included a large variety of trains, from steam engines up through giant diesel engines. One very interesting piece was the first snowplow car in PA that was created in Ridgway, PA. The museum had many mannequins in the trains that were very life-like. Bordering the trains and cars were realistic train station buildings such as a ticket office, a store, baggage claim, and a large interactive model train area. This room had a large amount of model trains and memorabilia that offered the opportunity to operate and experiment with.

Antietam Battlefield

The last stop was in Sharpsburg, MD at Antietam Battlefield. We had our own personal tour guide, as Mr. Fox was once a tour guide there. We stopped at a cemetery down the road first and he gave us a brief history of the tombstones, as most were labeled unknown. Next, was the battlefield where Mr. Fox showed important locations of the battle. Locations such as the cornfield, bloody lane, troop movement, and other information. Unfortunately the bridge was closed for maintenance and we did not get to see the final stage of the battle.



Submitted by: Chance Nagy



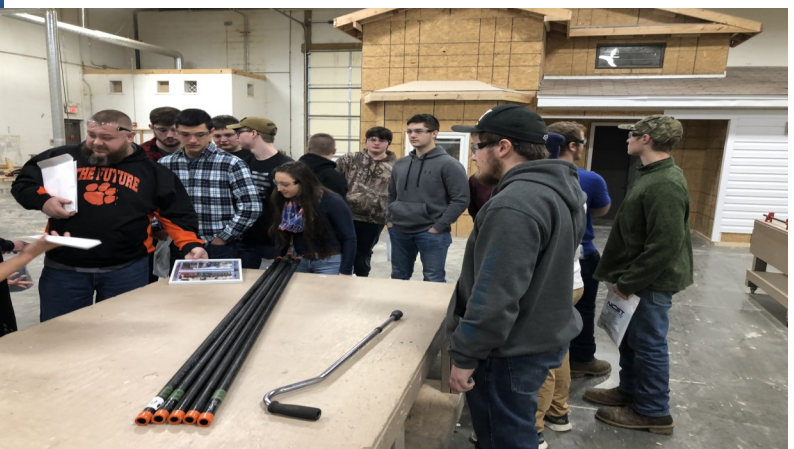
On February 2-3 the Moniteau Agriculture program (Lee DeMatteis, Josh Karner, Zach Kline, David Schulties, and Ryley Grossman) traveled to Harrisburg to take part in the Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success conference, also known as ACES. The ACES conference focuses on building leadership and social skills. ACES is conducted over three weekends in February. Students attend one weekend, and our weekend had over 350 FFA members from close to 40 schools. In the three weekends over 1400 students from nearly 125 schools from across the state will attend. We traveled to ACES along with the Wilmington Area FFA on one of their buses. The FFA students spend the day moving through workshops while working with state FFA officers to learn careers, how agriculture affects the world, leadership, team building, social media struggles, and interview skills. There is also intermingling activities throughout the day and a student dance after the dinner. On Sunday morning, after breakfast, a program was presented about Meals-on-Wheels for Dauphin county. As a group, we created placemats for the program to use. Meals-on-Wheels are going to use the placemats. The students wrote facts about the FFA, wrote where we were from, drew pictures, an FFA logo sticker, and what we learned on the placemat. Over the three weekends over 1500 placemats will be created. All of our students that attend say they not only had fun, but they learned something new. This could be learning about a career, first impression or just having the ability to meet other students with similar interests from across the state.



New Castle School of Trades



On December 19th, 15 members of the FFA, along with Mr. Vogan, traveled to New Castle to tour the New Castle School of Trades. The school offers post-secondary education for students interested in entering a career of trades. The school offers education in HVAC, Electrical, Diesel Mechanic, Carpentry, Welding, Heavy Equipment, CDL Training, plus many more options. Students got exposure to all the programs and have the opportunity to make personal visits to get a deeper insight on individual programs.



Submitted by: Cody Wise

Upcoming Events and activities

March
March
April
May
May
August

Spring Strawberry Sale
SLLC conference, Harrisburg, PA
Spring Roundup
Envirothon
FFA banquet in Cafe
Set up for Butler Farm Show



FFA Strawberry Sale

See an FFA member for details

