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FFA students Caitlyn McDinnis, Karlie Layton, Samantha Layton and Richard Zedreck from Moniteau High School of West Sunbury, Butler County, demonstrate stuffing a raccoon on Monday, Jan. 10.

Butler County FFA Members 'Stuff' Crowd at Farm Show

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Moniteau High School FFA students from West Sunbury, Butler County, gave a taxidermy demonstration on the Family Living Stage the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The team included Karlie Bly, Caitlyn McDinnis, Samantha Layton and Richard Zedreck.

The team used three raccoon hides for the demonstration showing the tools used to skin the hide and strip the flesh, and explained how the hides are dried and then mounted.

McDinnis joined FFA three years ago, saying the experience helped her become more open to new activities like learning about taxidermy, something she "never thought I'd do," and has provided her the chance to meet many new people.

The group wanted to choose a unique topic so their FFA advisers and animal science teacher, Bryan Dean, suggested taxidermy. Starting at the beginning of the school year,

the students began researching the project using the internet and books, and practiced their skills on hides brought in by teachers and other students who hunt.

The presentations were judged on the educational subject matter, accuracy of information, materials used, FFA apparel of the presenters, public speaking skills and visualization of the presentation.

The judges for the competition were first-year judge Ron Frederick; Dave Howell, professor of Emeritus at the University of New Hampshire and a third-year judge; and Phil Crown, a first-year judge but 15-year advisers for the competition.

The Moniteau students were pleased with their presentations. "It went a lot better than our practice sessions," said Bly. The group is already planning ideas for next year's competition including composting or making turkey calls.

Farm Show Posts Ag Ed Results

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Results from several agriculture education contests at the 2011 Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg were announced this week. The winners are as follows.

Horticulture

House Plants/Design
Pointsettias: Brandt Fetrow
Hanging Basket: Dakota Gerholt
Patio Planter: Leidy Kriebel
Mixed Herb Container: Robyn Owen
Mixed Herb Garden: Joe Balboni
Dish Garden, Foliage Only: Dan Miller
Dish Garden, Foliage Plants Only: Barbara Kreiser

Dish Garden, 9-12 inches: Austin Long
Dish Garden, Cacti and Succulents, Max Size 8 inches: Samantha Miller
Dish Garden, Cacti and Succulents, Max Size 12: Robyn Owen
Terrarium Tropical Foliage Plants, Less than 6 gallons: Dakota Gerholt
Terrarium Tropical Foliage Plants, 5 gallon aquarium: Joe Balboni
Living Wreath: Robyn Owen
Miniature Landscape Design: Samantha Miller

Floral Design

One Sided - Easter Theme: Katrina Hammon
Silk Foliage Arrangement: Crystal Anderson
All Around Arrangement: Helene Perry
Wreath: Natalie Zollo

Wedding Cake Top, Using Fresh Flowers: Anna Petit
Wall Hanging, Mixed Foliage: Crystal Anderson

Pedestal, Fresh Flowers: Nelly Garcia
Pa. Products Gift Basket: Sara Cassel
Bud Vase: Katrina Hammon
Silk Flowers, Flower Girl Head Piece: Crystal Anderson
Fresh Flower Pin-On Corsage with Matching Boutonniere: Kassandra Walters
Fresh Bridal Bouquet: Pairee Bunrout
Table Centerpiece: Sarah Angstadt
Hospital, Get Well: Crystal Anderson
Christmas Centerpiece: Julia Paravati
Banquet Arrangement: Pairee Bunrout
Home Sympathy: Katrina Hammon
Fresh Vase Arrangement: Crystal Anderson

Best Mixed Foliage Design
Leidy Kriebel
Best Foliage and/or Flowering Entry
Brandt Fetrow
Best Fresh Design
Julia Paravati
Best Permanent Design
Helene Perry
Most Creative Floral Entry Overall
Pairee Bunrout

Agriculture

Education Exhibits

Agriculture Education Exhibits: 1. Big Spring High School 2. Upper Dauphin High School 3. Greenwood High School 4. Elizabethtown High School 5. Cedar Crest High School

Agriscience Fair

Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Service
Individual, Grades 7-9: Nikki Row
Individual, Grades 10-12: Katie Osborne
Teams of Two, Grades 7-9: Lauren Wilson and Lauren Fried
Teams of Two, Grades 10-12: Felicia Morbelli and Jennifer Reed
Botany
Individual, Grades 7-9: Grant Carlton
Individual, Grades 10-12: Natalie Keller
Teams of Two, Grades 7-9: Garrett Byers and Tyler Fegley
Teams of Two, Grades 10-12: Stephanie Keller and Laura Burkhart

Engineering
Individual, Grades 7-9: Trevor Engle
Teams of Two, Grades 10-12: Cody Cauffman and Jeremiah Elssor
Environmental Sciences
Individual, Grades 7-9: Emily Fisher
Teams of Two, Grades 7-9: Casey Orris and Jordan Tharp
Teams of Two, Grades 10-12: Josh Cannin and Toni Strait

Zoology

Individual, Grades 7-9: Maddie Daschbach
Individual, Grades 10-12: Sadie Green
Teams of Two, Grades 7-9: Abigail Shughart, Jessica Karns
Teams of Two, Grades 10-12: Zeb Sauber and Ben Harakel

Best of Show
Katie Osborne

Landscape Exhibits

Landscape Exhibits: 1. Big Spring High School 2. Milton Hershey School 3. Gettysburg High School 4. Franklin County CTC 5. Cumberland Valley High School
Best Design
Gettysburg High School
Best Plant Materials Selection
Franklin County CTC
Best Non-Living Material Selection
Big Spring High School
Best Landscape Blueprint
Milton Hershey School



Lawrence County FFA's square dancing team waits before entering the Square Dance Contest Monday, Jan. 10. From left are, back row, Derek Boak, Philip Richards, Devin Miller and Dalton Valenti; front row, Sarah Wilson, Kaitlyn Lantz, Shyanna Adams and Brandy Smail.



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Brian Irlbacher, Randy Brown, Ryan Odrechowski and Josh Bombara from Moniteau High School of West Sunbury, Butler County, demonstrated artificial insemination for a FFA competition on Monday Jan. 10.

Hitting the Ground Running

FROM THE OFFICERS STATION

Happy New Year from the Pennsylvania FFA. The start of a new year is symbolic of a fresh start. For the state officer team, we have picked up right where we left off in 2010 — extremely busy.

The season of chapter visits has given way to the time for conferences, Mid-Winter Convention and the Pennsylvania Farm Show. We are busy planning for ACES (Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success) and the State Legislative Leadership Conference (SLLC).

ACES is scheduled again for two weekends in February. The first is



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Feb. 12-13 and the second is Feb. 19-20. The SLLC conference is March 13-15 and registration deadline is Feb. 11.

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