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## GOOD LUCK TO THE 2020-2021 FFA OFFICERS:

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## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:

### ANNUAL FRUIT SALE

FRESH FLORIDA CITRUS FRUITS: OCTOBER 9TH-NOVEMBER 9TH. FRESH FLORIDA CITRUS FRUIT SUCH AS ORANGES, GRAPEFRUITS, APPLES AND PEARS. THE SALE IS TOTALLY ONLINE!! ~ USE THE LINK BELOW TO ORDER YOUR FRUIT JUST LIKE IN PAST YEARS. THE FRUIT WILL BE DELIVERED RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR. THE COST PER BOX FOR DELIVERY IS \$6.95



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## **CON YEAGER SPICE FUNDRAISER**

**THIS YEAR THE FFA IS SELLING CON YEAGER SPICES. CON YEAGER IS A WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMPANY THAT PRODUCES A WIDE VARIETY OF SPICES, SEASONINGS, AND KITS FOR BOLOGNA AND JERKY. THE SALE WILL RUN TO NOVEMBER 9TH. DELIVERY IS SCHEDULED HOPEFULLY BEFORE THANKSGIVING BREAK. RIGHT IN TIME FOR DEER SEASON!!!!!!**

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## **CLASS PROJECTS:**

### **KOI FISH AQUAPONICS POND:**

**THE KOI FISH AQUAPONICS POND DEVELOPED SEVERAL LEAKS IN THE ONE GROW BED SINCE LAST YEAR. ONE OF THE FIRST PROJECTS IN PLANT SYSTEMS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS WAS TO CLEAN OUT ALL THE OLD PLANT MATERIAL, PULL OUT ALL THE GRAVEL AND SOIL AND THE OLD POND LINER. ONCE THAT WAS COMPLETED A NEW LINER WAS INSTALLED, PLUMBING RE CONNECTED. PLUS ADDING BACK IN ALL THE GRAVEL AND PRESSURIZING THE SYSTEM WITH WATER AGAIN. THE SYSTEM WILL RUN FORS IN A FEW DAYS TO CLEAN THE GRAVEL AND FLUSH THE SYSTEM. ONCE THE WATER CLEARS UP WE WILL BE READY FOR A NEW BATCH OF FISH.**



## **WELDING CLASS**

**STUDENTS ARE BUSY CUTTING METAL TO COMPLETE THEIR PROJECT LIST. THE STUDENTS HAVE OVER A DOZEN DIFFERENT PROJECTS TO COMPLETE GETTING HARDER AS THEY WORK THROUGH THE LIST. THE BEGINNING ONES ARE SIMPLE SHAPES SUCH AS SQUARE, TRIANGLE, AND CIRCLE AND THEN MORE DIFFICULT SHAPES SUCH AS STAR, HEART, AND CUTTING LARGER THICKER MORE COMPLICATED METAL TYPES. THE PROJECTS AT THE END OF THE LIST ARE DIFFICULT AND INCLUDE WRITING THEIR NAME IN CURSIVE WITH THE TORCH, CUTTING DOUBLE DIGIT LETTERS OUT OF THE METAL AND CUTTING A NUT OF A BOLT WITHOUT DAMAGING THE THREADS ON THE BOLT.**



## **VIRTUAL PA FARM SHOW**

**THIS YEAR THE 2021 PA FARM SHOW WILL BE DONE VIRTUALLY. THIS WAS A HUGE DISAPPOINTMENT TO ALL THE MONITEAU FFA, BUT IT DOES OPEN UP SOME NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MEMBERS AND TEAMS. TRADITIONALLY, MONTIEAU HAS ALWAYS TAKEN THREE DEMONSTRATION TEAMS TO COMPETE. THERE ARE OTHER FFA EVENTS, HOWEVER WE LIVE TOO FAR AWAY TO PARTICIPATE. EVENTS SUCH AS THE WINDOW DISPLAY AND THE LANDSCAPE DISPLAY ARE LARGE EXHIBITS THAT REQUIRE SET UP BEFORE THE FARM SHOW AND TEAR DOWN AFTER. THE LANDSCAPE DISPLAY IS 10 FOOT BY 15 FOOT, SO THIS IS ALWAYS AN ISSUE FOR US TO COMPETE IN. THIS YEAR HOWEVER, IT IS A VIRTUAL CONTEST, SO WE CAN BUILD THE EXHIBIT HERE IN SCHOOL AND SEND IN A VIDEO. THE 8TH PERIOD SPECIAL PROJECT CLASS IS DOING A LANDSCAPE DISPLAY, FFA MEMBERS IN 5TH AND 7TH PERIODS ARE DOING DEMONSTRATIONS, AND A FEW MEMBERS FROM 1AR PERIOD ARE DOING A WINDOW DISPLAY.**

**EVEN THOUGH WE DO NOT GET TO TRAVEL TO HARRISBURG THIS YEAR, WE ARE STILL GOING TO COMPETE AGAINST OTHER FFA MEMBERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE.**



**DID YOU KNOW??**

**AG FACTS:**

- 1. THE WORLD'S LARGEST PUMPKIN PIE WEIGHED 3,699 POUNDS.**
- 2. PUMPKINS ARE FRUITS NOT VEGETABLES.**
- 3. PUMPKINS ARE 90% WATER**
- 4. PUMPKIN FLOWERS AND SEEDS ARE EDIBLE.**
- 5. THE LARGEST PUMPKIN EVER GROWN WAS 2,624 POUNDS, BY A BELGIAN HORTICULTURIST.**
- 6. GIANT PUMPKINS CAN GROW 5 POUNDS PER DAY**



**THESE ARE ONLY A FEW REASONS WHY AGRICULTURE IS IMPORTANT TO OUR SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, COUNTY, STATE, AND NATION.**

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## IN THE CLASSROOM:



- **ANIMAL SYSTEMS; STUDENTS HAVE JUST FINISHED THE UNIT ON ANIMAL SYSTEMS, INCLUDING SKELETAL, MUSCULAR, NERVOUS, RESPIRATORY, ENDOCRINE, AND CIRCULATORY SYSTEMS.**
- **SPECIAL PROJECTS; STUDENTS ARE PLANNING AND LAYING OUT THEIR CLASSROOM PROJECT FOR PA FARM SHOW (VIRTUAL) A LANDSCAPE DESIGN PROJECT. IT IS A 10 X 15 LANDSCAPE EXHIBIT BASED ON A WATER FEATURE OR AQUASCAPE.**
- **PLANTS SYSTEMS; STUDENTS ARE WORKING ON THE AQUAPONICS SYSTEM WITH A NEW LINER AND A LARGER PLANT AREA.**
- **INTRO TO AG; STUDENTS ARE CREATING PROJECTS WITH WOODBURNERS, STRING ART, OR DREMEL DESIGNS.**
- **WELDING; STUDENTS ARE LEARNING HOW TO SAFELY OPERATE AN OXYGEN/ACETYLENE TORCH AND HOW TO CUT METAL TO THE PROPER SHAPE AND SIZE.**
- **AG BUSINESS; STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ABOUT COSTS, DEPRECIATION, AND INTEREST.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**OCTOBER -**

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**JANUARY**

—— **VIRTUAL FALL ROUNDUP**

—— **FRESH FLORIDA CITRUS FRUIT SALES ONLINE**

—— **CON YEAGER SPICE FUNDRAISER**

—— **PA FARM SHOW VIRTUAL CONTEST.**

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