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M-O FFA Members Compete at National Convention and Greenhand Quiz CDE

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ORLANDO, Okla— Four members of the Mulhall-Orlando FFA chapter got to experience the National FFA Convention for the first time. President Sydney Johnson, Treasurer Karlie Thomason, Reporter Paige Day, and chapter member Baylee Brown hit the road with Advisor Jerry Brooks and Principal Joline Oldenburg for an unforgettable trip to Indianapolis, Indiana.

The road trip proved to be a lot of fun for the group with stops in St. Louis to tour the famous Arch, as well as Busch Stadium, home to the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. Another highlight of the trip was attending a Garth Brooks concert, which was just for FFA members attending the convention.

Upon arriving at National Convention, the M-O chapter members were impressed with the number of other FFA members from across the U.S. It was a great experience being able to interact with those fellow FFA members throughout the convention. The group also toured a popcorn factory, as well as a candle factory where they got to make their own candles to take home.

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The most exciting part of the trip was being present as 2018 M-O graduate and former Chapter Vice President JaLeigh Oldenburg was named the National Proficiency Award Winner in Sheep Production. Being able to see someone from your chapter on that big stage is pretty cool, but seeing that person win on a national level was unforgettable. Additionally, 2017 M-O graduate and former Chapter President Jenna Stewart was awarded her American FFA Degree, which is a great honor, as well.

The road trip also proved beneficial for freshman Baylee Brown. Baylee had won the regional Greenhand Quiz event and advanced to state, along with the second place finisher and fellow chapter member KayLea Taylor. The road trip provided hours of opportunity to practice for the upcoming state contest. At the state contest, Baylee made her chapter proud with a 2nd place finish.

Overall, the trip to the 91st National FFA Convention was a lot of fun for this group, and they look forward to an opportunity to attend again in the future with more members of the chapter.

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