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Local FFAers active at Minnesota State Fair

Receive honors in Landscape Design

The Forest Lake FFA's competitive landscape display took Reserve Grand Champion honors at the 2018 Minnesota State Fair. Students planned and installed the display with this year's theme "Pollinator Garden." The exhibit is located outside the CHS Miracle of Birth Center and the FFA Leadership Center through Labor Day.

"We hope that fairgoers will stop by the display to see just one of the diverse learning opportunities available to students as



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Members of the Forest Lake FFA Chapter pose with their completed entry before the start of the Minnesota State Fair.

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part of the Forest Lake Agriculture Department course offerings," said agriculture teacher and FFA advisor Veronica Ward. "Students enjoy putting their skills and creative minds to the test in this competitive activity."

The project is an extension of classroom instruction as students create a display that is evaluated on artistic design principles, identification of plant material with growth and care information, and quality of construction. Plants, materials and expertise were provided by Twin Lakes Landscapes of Columbus, Pro Care Companies of Forest Lake

and Abrahamson Nursery of Scandia.

The local chapter is also represented at the CHS Miracle of Birth Center as junior Jenna Skaphol is serving as a barnyard attendant. Skarphol will work the second half of the fair and will assist with animal care, facility maintenance, and share the story of animal agriculture. The CHS Miracle of Birth Center is the most popular free exhibit at the Minnesota State Fair and is a cooperative effort between the Minnesota FFA, Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association and the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine.

The Forest Lake Agricultural

Education Department offers courses and internship opportunities in the agriculture, food and natural resources career pathway. Students are also members of the Forest Lake FFA. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. For more information about the Forest Lake Agricultural Education Department and the FFA chapter contact an agricultural education instructor at (651) 982-8495 or visit our website at www.Forest-LakeFFA.org.
