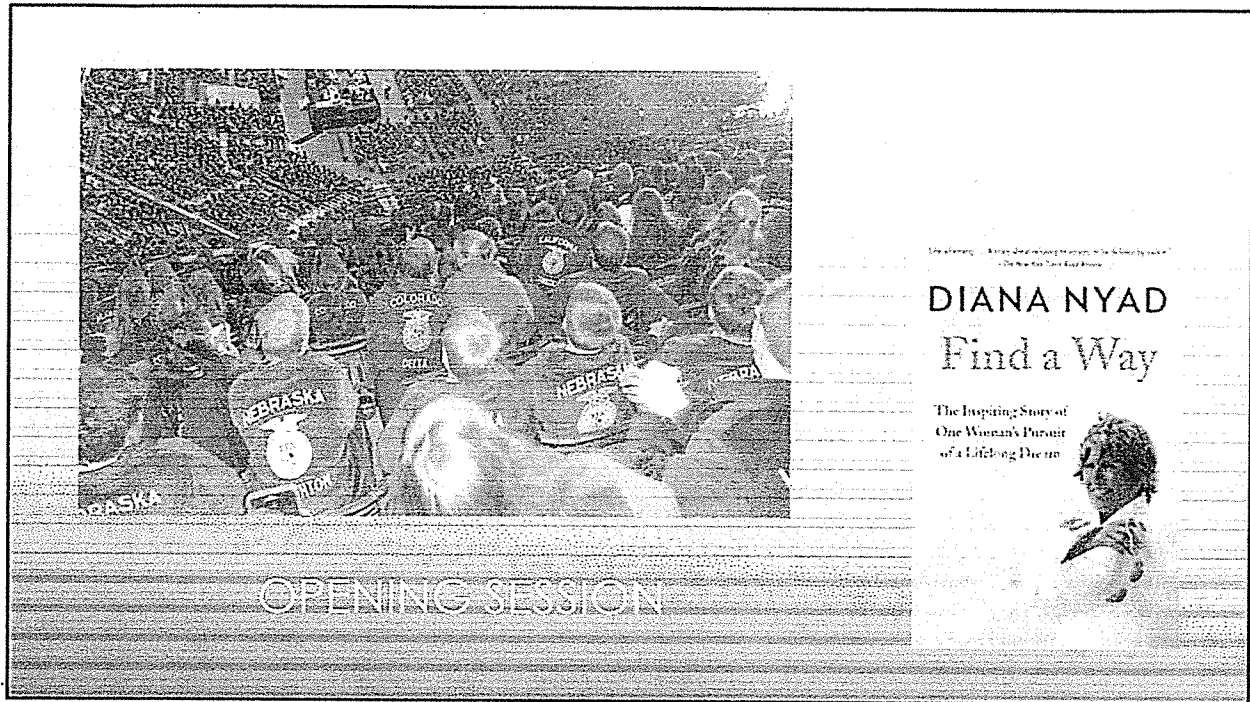
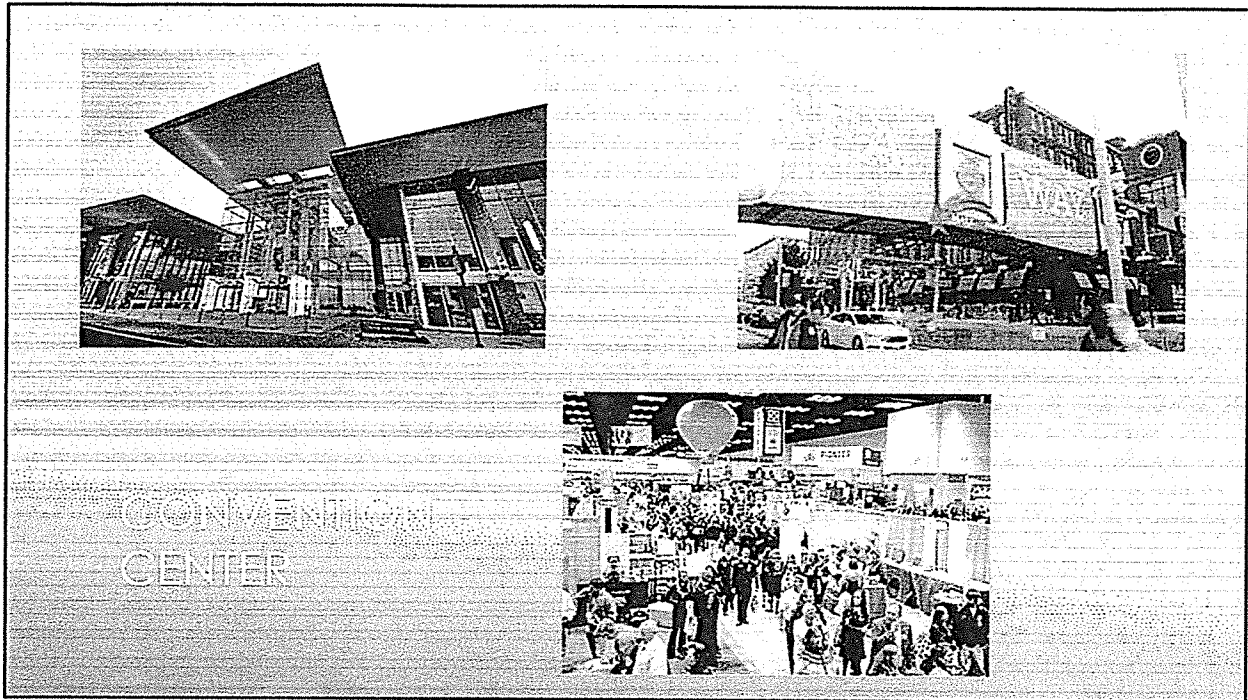


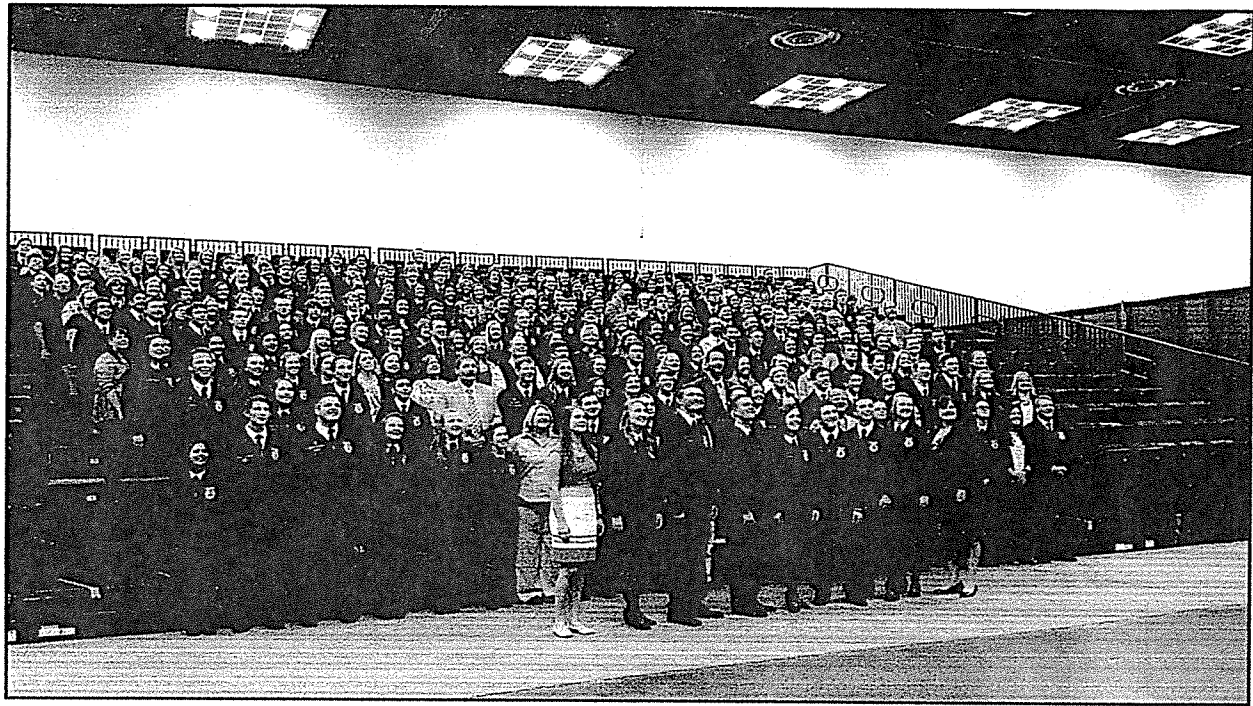
The theme for this years convention was Transform.....purpose to action



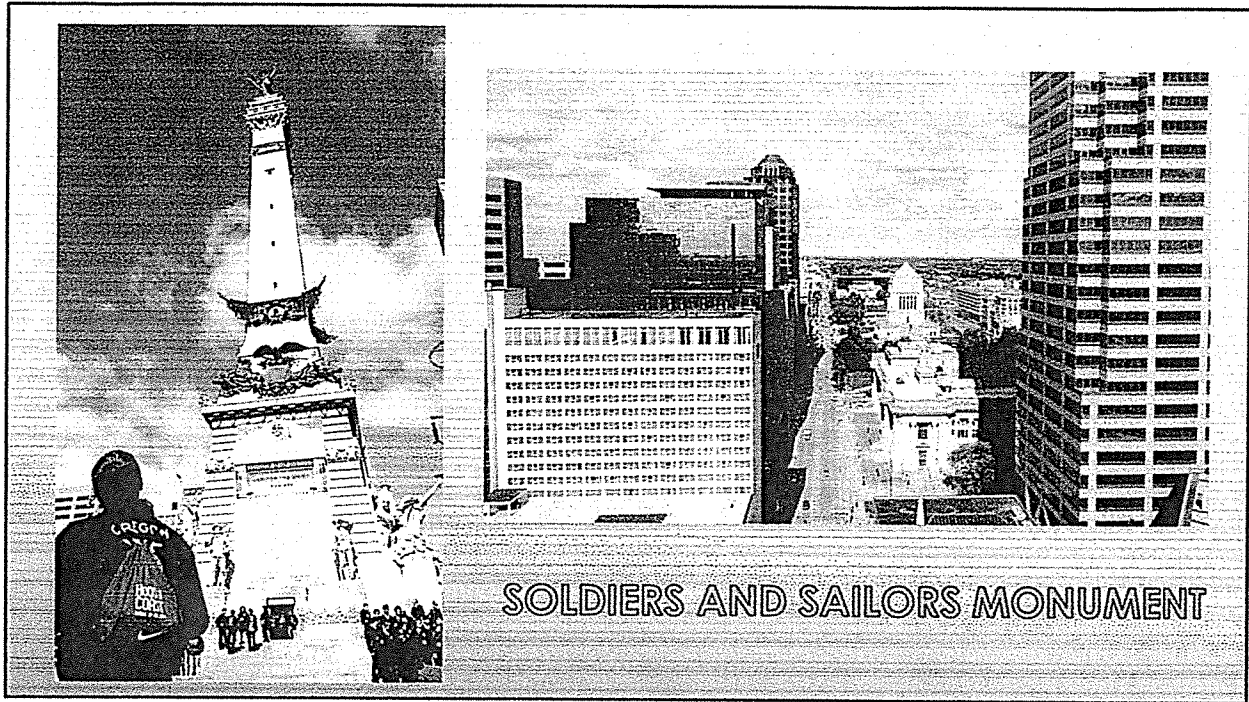
We started our convention experience by attending the opening general session. As you can see by the picture and the never ending sea of blue jackets we were not alone as we had over 55 thousands of our closest friends there with us. Our Key note speaker was Diana Nyad who at the age of 64 was the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without a shark cage. She swam over 110 miles without stopping which took her 53 hours. She was very inspiring and told us to never give up on our dreams.



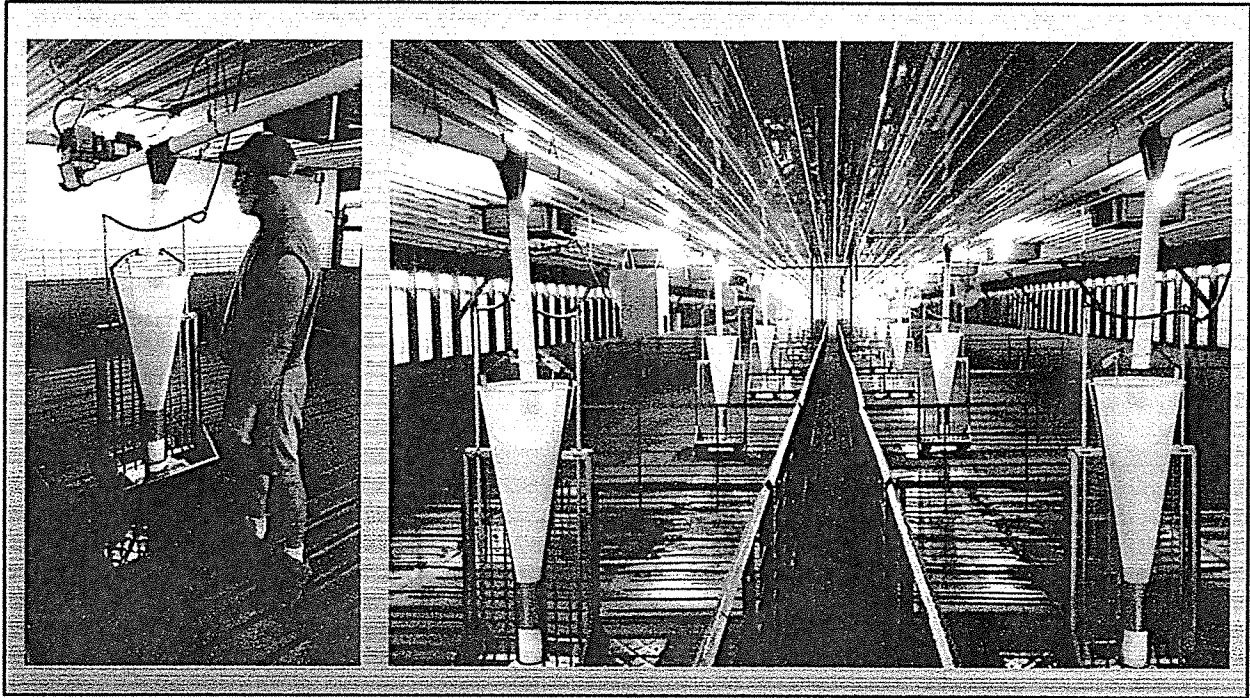
We spent many hours on the convention floor, visiting all of the exhibits and learning new things. We attended workshops too. One helped us find out what our strengths are and what career might use those strengths.



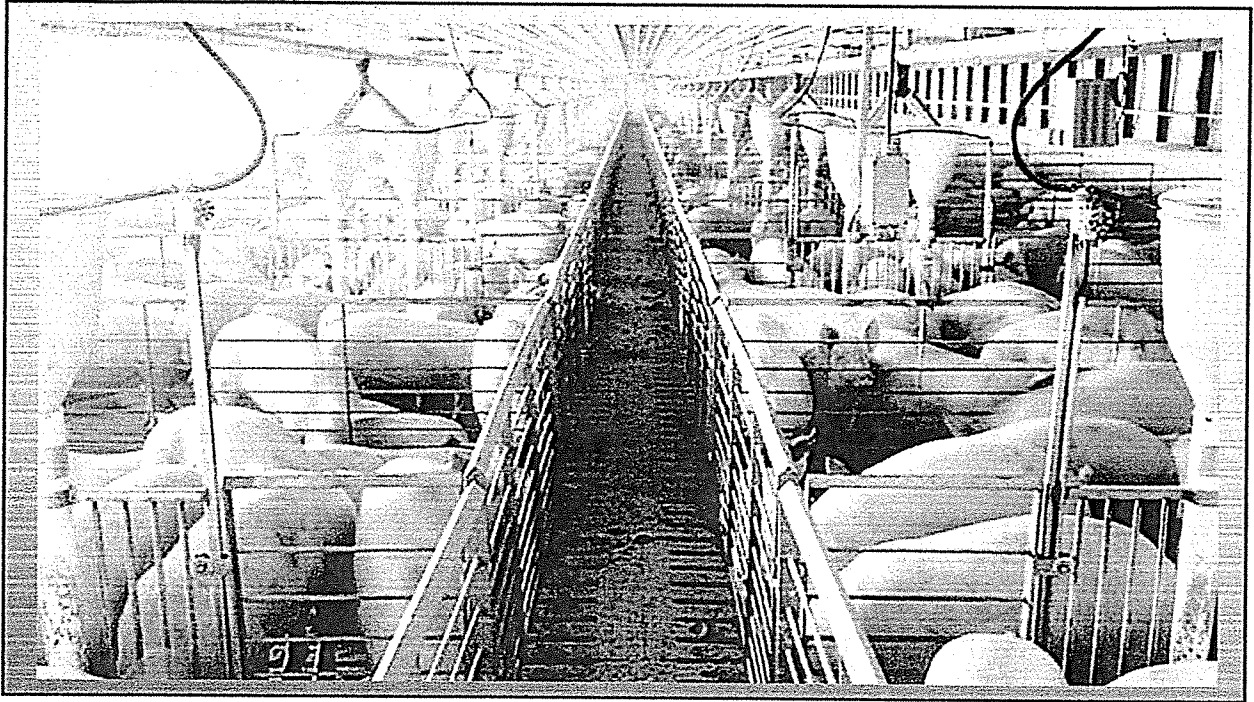
Here is a picture of the Oregon Contingent. About 7 rows up....middle right side....you can see us!



Downtown near the convention center was the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. Some of us took the stairs to the top.....all 330 of them. The view was great from up there.



We spent sometime outside of the city center too. We were lucky to run into a nice farmer who gave us a tour of his pig farm. There were not any pigs there when we visited but we were sure impressed with how well they cleaned out the pens.

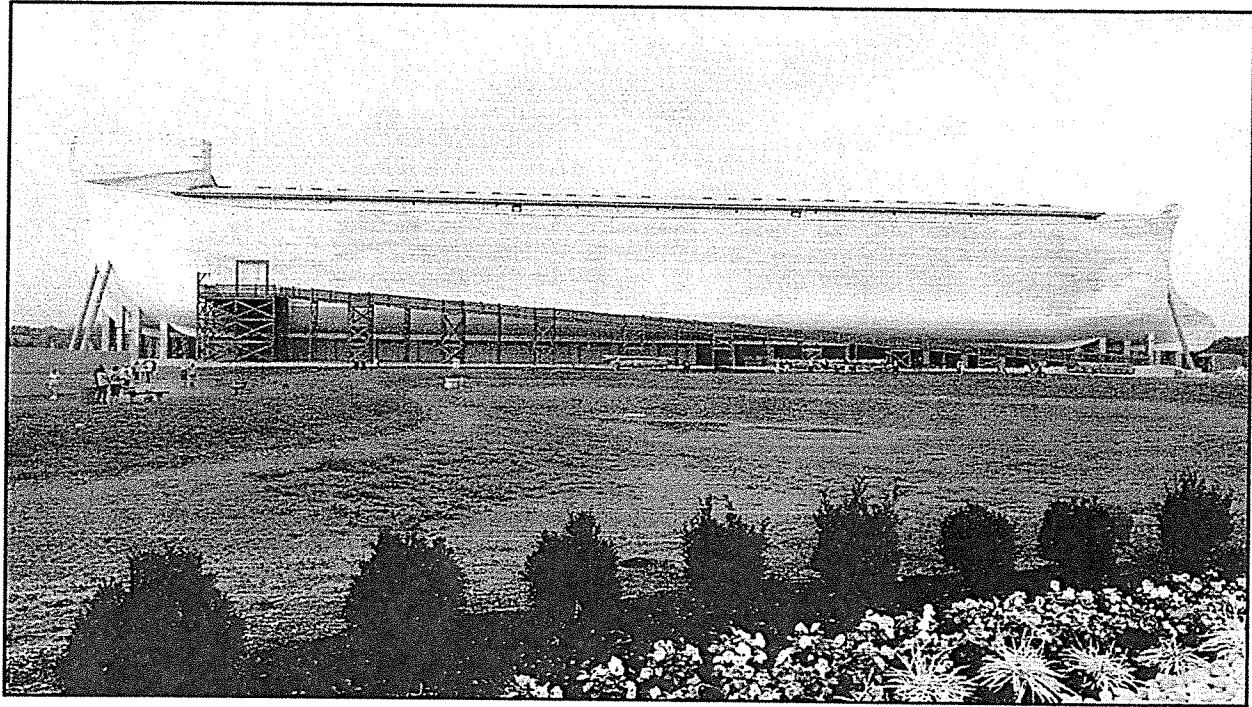


It would have looked like this had it been full.....and I am sure we would have had to plug our noses!

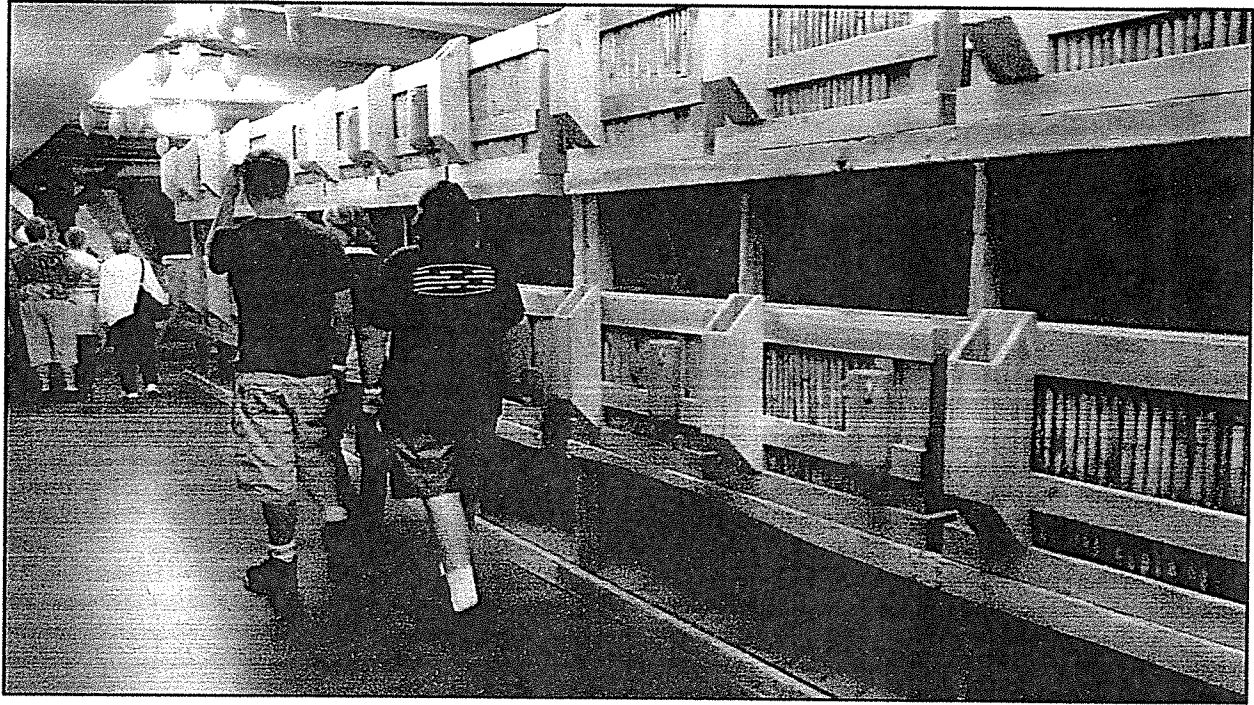


We also had the opportunity to tour KN Plotech. They manufacturer plastic blow-molded components. We were asked not to take pictures inside the building but we can tell you that they make parts for automobiles and are working right now on parts for Tesla.

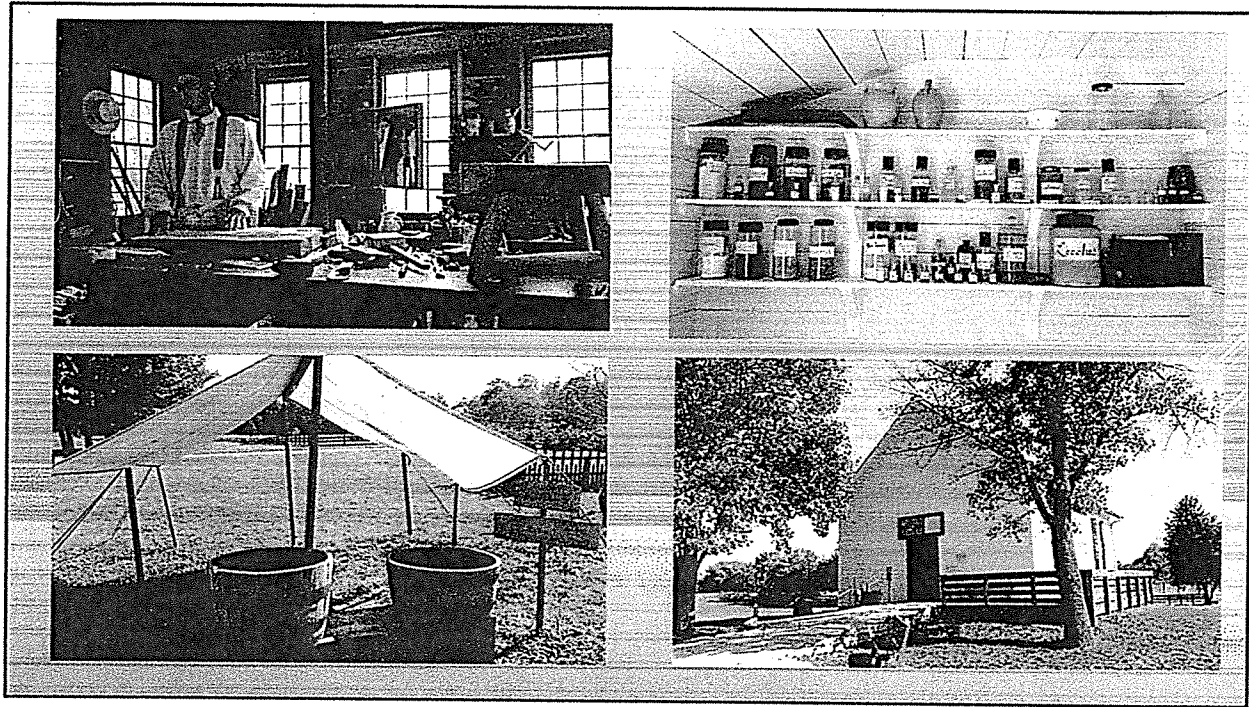




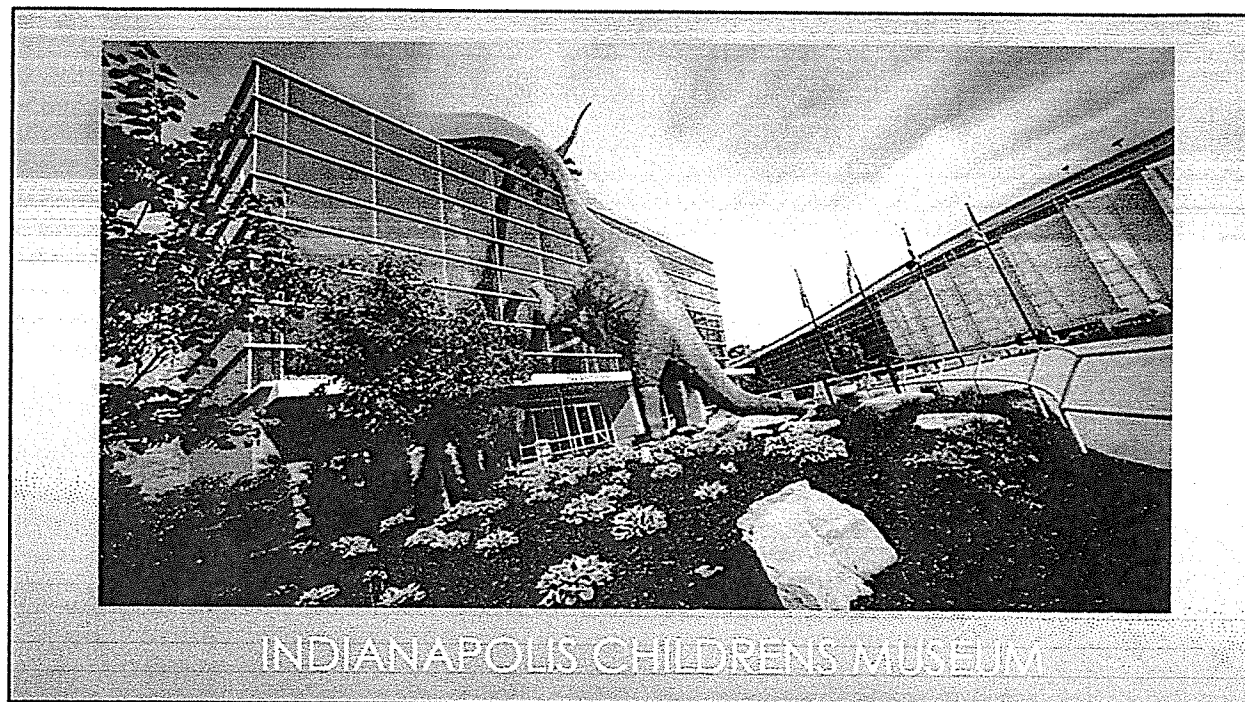
Another trip we took was to the nearby State of Kentucky. In Williamstown we visited the Ark Encounter. This is a replica of Noah's Ark. It is 500 feet long and 50 feet high.



Inside the Ark were cages for animals and storage for food and water. All built to scale, all hand made. It was very impressive!

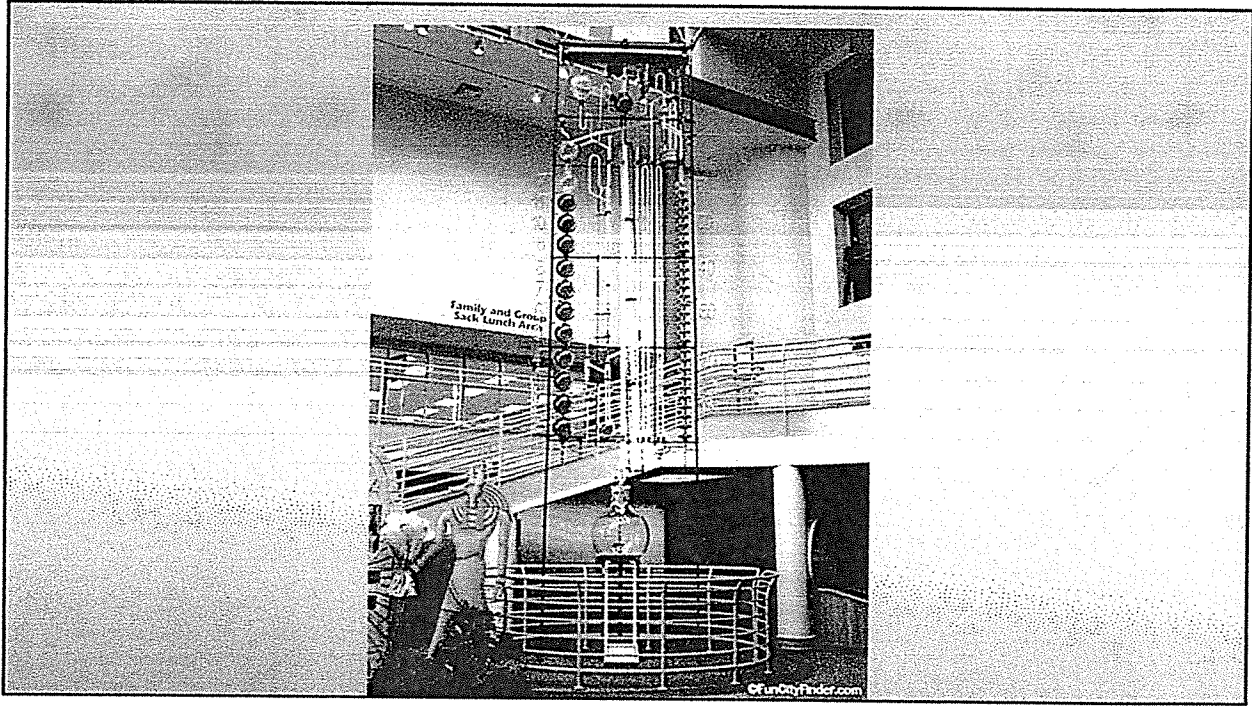


**Conner Prairie** is an interactive history park, it recreates part of life in Indiana during the civil war. All staff members talked to you like you were from that time period and when told we were from Oregon ....had not even heard of the place. Of course Oregon was not a state then....so we just ended up telling them we were from the west and they just started calling us gold diggers. It was a fun way to learn about how Indiana was involved in the civil war.

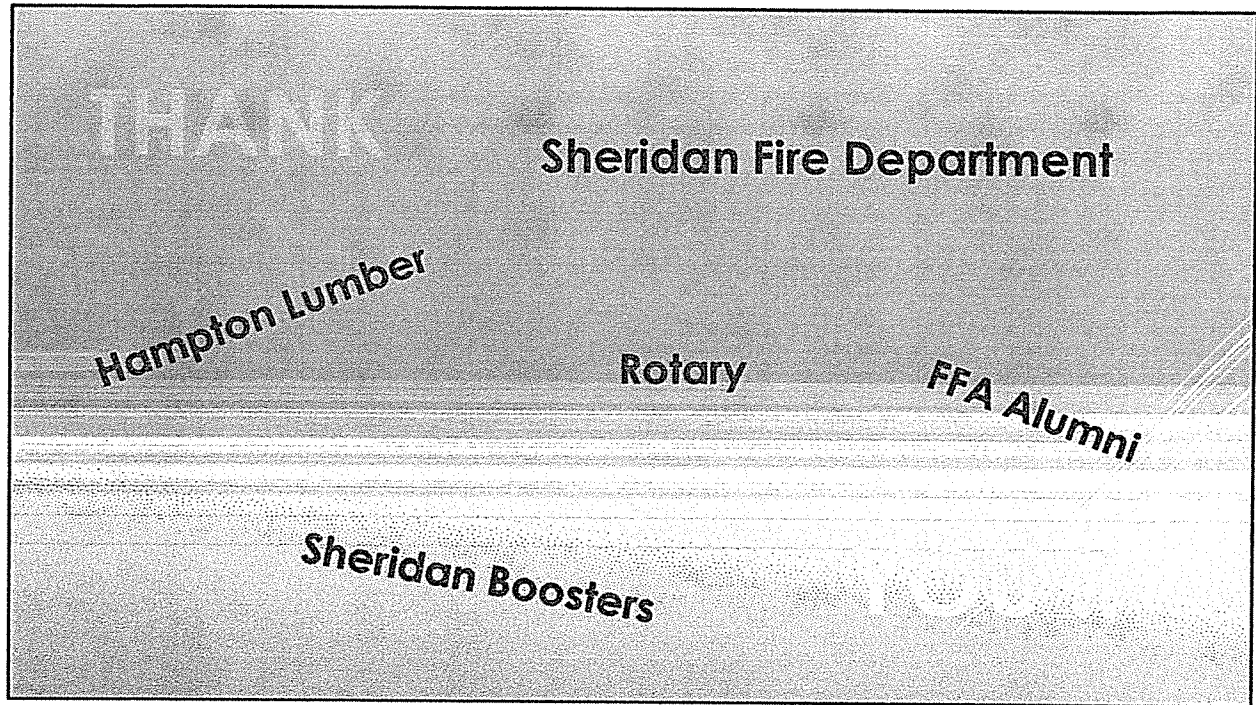


INDIANAPOLIS CHILDRENS MUSEUM

And right before we headed out to the airport we stopped by the childrens museum in Indianapolis. The **Children's Museum of Indianapolis** is the world's largest children's museum **5 FLOORS OF HANDS ON EXHIBITS**



*works*  
My favorite was this clock that is ~~run~~ with water.....not sure how they change the time when it's time to fall back.....



From there we headed home.....We wanted to give a special thank you to all who helped us by supporting our fundraisers, pickle sales, plant sale, rootbeer float sale and a special thanks to those who donated to us...Sheridan Fire Department, Hampton Lumber, Sheridan Boosters, Rotary, and FFA Alumni. We could not have gone on this great trip without you