

The FFA Update

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Local Project Competition — Haylee Furlong

Tomales FFA members have been working hard this past month. With local project competition at the end of March, Tomales FFA members had the opportunity to participate in competing to show off their S.A.E projects. Danny McDonald, Travis Franceschi, Preston Costanzo and Jeanette Furlong presented their projects in front of judges Clarette McDonald and Rodger Horick, as well as, advisor Bill Costanzo. Jeanette Furlong's family ranch was the judges' first presentation during the early morning of March 30. She presented her market lamb S.A.E project and described the fundamentals of raising a flock of sheep. Preston Costanzo followed Jeanette's presentation. He talked about his supervised agricultural experience on bee-keeping. Preston makes honey from the combs that he collects from his bee project. Then the judges headed out to Danny McDonald's family dairy where he presented his project; a dairy heifer and cow he's raising for the Petaluma Fair. Travis Franceschi was the final stop for the judges. His S.A.E project presentation was on his market lambs that he is raising to sell at Santa Rosa Fair. After a tough grading process, the judges decided on our 2017 local project comp winners. Each participant will be moving forward to Section Project Comp where he/she will be competing against the whole Sonoma FFA Section. For the Tomales FFA Chapter, Danny McDonald placed fourth, Travis Franceschi was third, Jeanette Furlong second and freshman Preston Costanzo received first place! We are extremely proud of each contestant and we are excited for their section competition on April 28th.

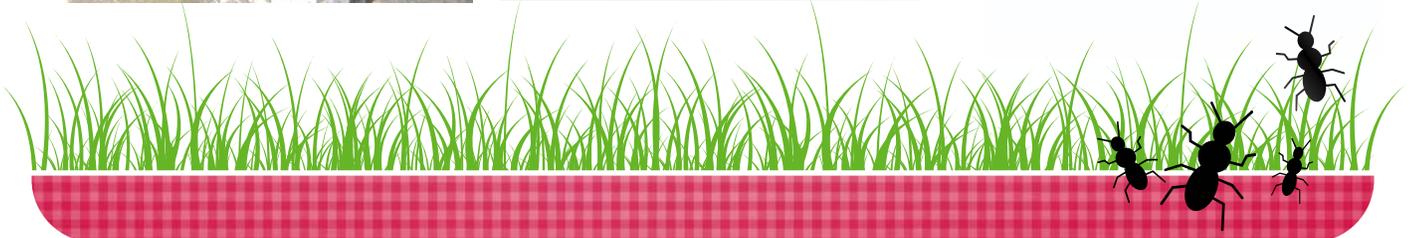


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Important Dates

5/15	Tomales FFA Chapter Banquet Ticket Sales
5/23	Project Comp Dinner
6/03	Tomales FFA Chapter Banquet



Recipe of the Month: Bread Pudding Apple Pie — Kiara Bush

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup applesauce
- 1/2 cup vanilla fat-free yogurt
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 cups bread cubes
- 2 apples - peeled, cored and chopped
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked 9 inch pie crust

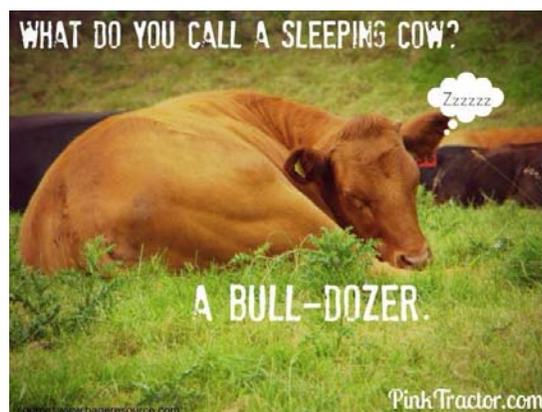
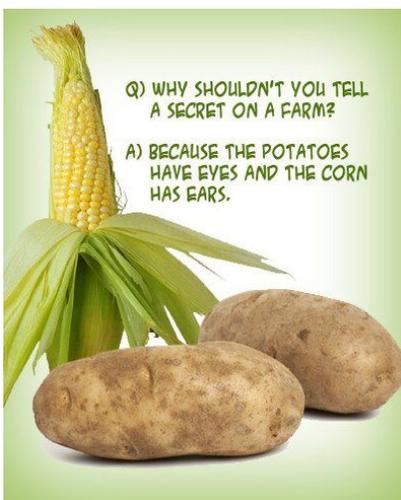
Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a medium mixing bowl stir together eggs, applesauce, yogurt, white sugar, 1/2 cup brown sugar, oats, and cinnamon. Stir in bread and apples. Pour into pie crust.
3. In another bowl stir 1/4 cup brown sugar and flour. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle on top of pie filling.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour or until top is golden and fruit is tender.

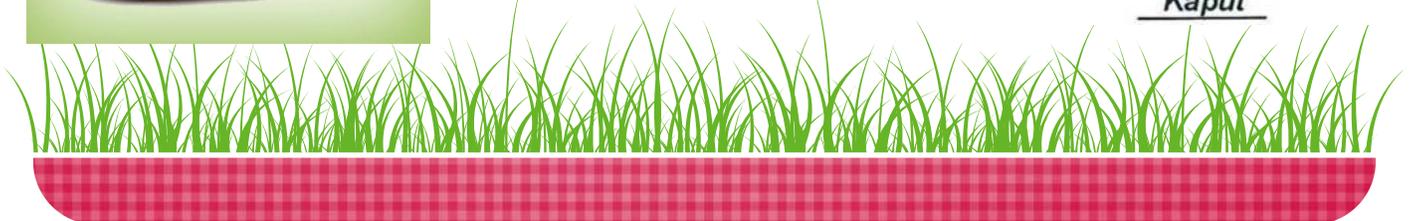
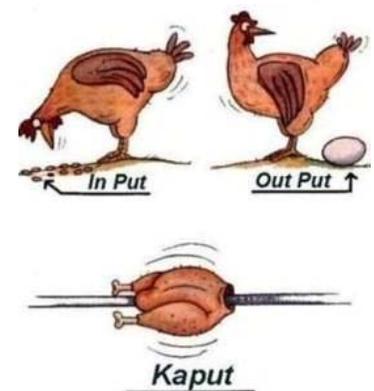


"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Ag Facts & Funnies — Naty Feliciano



Chicken Lifestyle



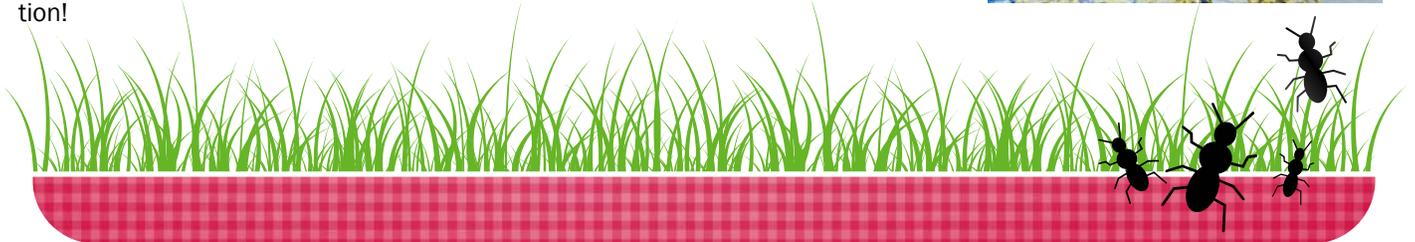
Fish Fest — Natalya Feliciano

On April 8th and 9th, a number of Tomales FFA members spent their weekend volunteering at the Bodega Bay annual Fish Fest. These FFA members helped pick up trash, park cars, talked about marine life found in Bodega Bay, face-painted and made crafts for young children. The coordinators of Fish Fest were very pleased with the hard work and respect Tomales FFA high school students had. Tomales FFA had a great time volunteering and were asked to help at the Bodega Bay Fish Fest again next year. We are looking forward to returning to dedicate another weekend at the annual Fish Fest and are always happy to help!



State Convention — Haylee Furlong

This year fourteen Tomales FFA members attended the California State Convention held in Fresno on April 22nd through the 25th. At State convention, over 7,500 FFA members throughout the state of California attended 6 sessions over a four-day time period. Preston Costanzo and Haylee Furlong served as delegates for the Tomales FFA chapter in the North Coast Region. They voted on the newly elected California State Officer team as well as six important amendments for the California FFA association; they also attended committee meetings for their certain assigned committee. While at these meetings, the rest of the Tomales FFA members attended Fresno State Field Day, where they went to multiple workshops and learned many hands-on skills like re-shoeing horses and how to give vaccines to equine. Jeanette Furlong placed fourth in the state for the extemporaneous speaking contest as well as received a gavel for her hard work and dedication for being a committee chair on a difficult topic of S.A.E's. Jeanette made another appearance on the big stage and was recognized for being one of the top three in the state for her sheep entrepreneurship S.A.E. On Tuesday April 25th at the final session of the 89th annual California state convention, Genevieve Regli became state secretary representing the North Coast Region for the first time in ten years! This was California FFA's last year hosting state convention in Fresno; with growing membership, next year will be hosted in Anaheim, where there is a bigger convention center. Congratulations to all the accomplishments made at the 2017 California State Convention!





Top: Lianne Nunes & Amanda Moretti in 2011 at the National FFA Convention.



Lianne Nunes with her American FFA Degree Plaque in 2011

Alumna of the Month – Nadia Soto

Our alumna for this month is Lianne Nunes. Lianne attended Tomales High from 2005-2009. She became an FFA member freshman year. She was a member of the Point Reyes-Olema 4-H Club and wanted to join FFA to explore agriculture education and the leadership opportunities that the organization had to offer so that ultimately, she would be able to give back to the community. Lianne was a chapter officer for 3 years. Lianne attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA and majored in Dairy Science and minored in Agribusiness. She graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dairy Science. Lianne currently works as an Organic Agriculture Certification Specialist & Inspector for Organic Certifiers Inc. Her area of focus is mainly on Livestock and Commodity Growing Operations.

1. How do you see FFA benefiting the lives of young students?

I believe that FFA is a program that encourages students to strive for excellence and to believe in yourself and your work. It teaches students a lot about leadership, provides opportunities for personal growth and promotes citizenship to make them ready for the next step of their lives, whether that be college, a technical school or directly into the workforce.

2. How will or has FFA impacted your life?

FFA taught me a lot about professional skills, for example how to grow as a leader, how to be an effective public speaker and how perseverance is key to success in anything that you do. Also, FFA made a positive impact in my decision to continue my career path in the agriculture industry through the many hours spent on my Supervised Agriculture Experience projects. The exposure from FFA also introduced me to the many job opportunities available within the agriculture sector.

3. What is your favorite memory or experience in FFA?

My favorite memory would have to be all of the road trips that I went on with my officer team or with other members. We always managed to make every trip in the car and on location enjoyable whether it was an hour drive to Napa or a five hour drive to Eureka. My favorite FFA experience was when I received my American FFA Degree at the FFA National Convention in Indiana in 2011. While I walked across the stage to receive the prestigious award it was at that moment that I realized all of my hard work paid off - it was unforgettable and I was proud to be a part of such an inspiring and powerful organization.

