

FFA Update

FFA Sweetheart Dance

By: Summer Cassel



On February 7, the Tomales FFA members celebrated Valentine's day with their first-of-many Sweetheart Dances. The Sweetheart Dance is an FFA tradition that dates back to the 1940's before girls were admitted in the FFA. This year, five girls applied to be their chapters Sweetheart. To compete, the girls first had to fill out a six question application, find a charming escort, take an FFA knowledge test, go

through an interview, and then be voted on by the chapter. Over 50 Tomales FFA members were in attendance as the Sweetheart and the Princesses were announced at the dance on Friday February 7th. The FFA Sweetheart was senior Julie Bibee, with first runner-up junior Summer Cassel and the second runner-up was junior Julissa Bravo.



FFA Sweetheart Julie Bibee and Runners Up Summer Cassel and Julissa Bravo



FFA members cooling down after dancing



FFA members at the dance

Sonoma Section Speaking Contests

By: Keziah Kirkpatrick

On Friday, February 21st, five Tomales FFA Members competed in the Sonoma Section Public Speaking Contests held at Elsie Allen High School. For several weeks freshman Lane Norman, Rio Pagliaro and Keziah Kirkpatrick practiced the FFA Creed at lunch with Mr. Costanzo and coach Holly Soreng. All three did a great job at the contest with Keziah and Rio placing third and fourth. They will both be moving on to the North Coast Regional Contest in Covelo on March 21st.

The two other members that attending the Speaking Contests were Summer Cassel and Jack Strozzi. Summer competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest this year. FFA members in this contest must pick a speech topic from a list and are given 45 minutes to prepared it before delivering the speech to the judges. Summer didn't end up placing, but did a great job.

Sectional Officer Jack Strozzi competed in the Job Interview Contest for the second year. Students involved in this contest gain skills that they can

use to gain entry into the workforce after high school. Students must submit a resume and cover letter for a fictitious agricultural related job before the contest. When they arrive at the contest they must fill out an application and then participate in an interview. Jack did not place, but he had a great time and learn some more skills that he can use after high school. Good luck to Rio and Keziah at the regional contest!

National FFA Week

By: Madison Soreng

On February 14th, to kick off National FFA Week, the Tomales FFA held their 8th Annual Rally. It contained numerous fun activities that involved the entire student body as well as the class advisors.

Julissa Bravo, 2013-2014 Tomales FFA Treasurer, when asked on her opinion of the rally, which she helped coordinate, said, "I am extremely proud of the way that the rally turned out this year. Everyone got involved and, like always, this rally proved to be the best one that the school has."

National FFA Week began on February 17th and continued through the 21st. Tomales FFA held a lot of fun activities and dress up days, school-wide through out the week. Each class was involved in a little competition of who dressed up and won the contests at lunch. The winning class would get a pizza party.

Since Monday the 27th was a holiday, the officer team decided to have the first event be on Friday the 14th. It was a nice way to start the 2014 National FFA Week with a fun rally and the dress up day was Redneck Twin Day.

Tuesday, the dress up day was Backwards Day. The school dressed up in backwards clothing and participated in a Pie Eating Contest at lunch break. David Guerrero, a senior, won this round.

Wednesday's dress up day was Camouflage Day. Many students flaunted their hues of greens and browns, happy to have an excuse to wear their old duck hunting outfits and foliage. The contest at lunch was Hillbilly Golf. Bishop Hennigh, a sophomore, won for his class.

Thursday was Plaid Day. This was very well received, especially by Advisor Mr. Costanzo, who like many other Ag. Teachers, has nothing but plaid shirts in his wardrobe. The lunchtime competition was a Watermelon Eating Contest. Jose Rojas, a freshmen, won.

On Friday February 21 the last day of FFA Week, people dressed up for FFA Pride Day. They sported old FFA conference T-shirts, the occasional uniform jacket and bags. The competition at lunch was "Suck It Up" (moving M&M's from one cup to another, using only a straw). Julie Bibee won this contest for the seniors.

National FFA Week 2014 was an entertaining time and experience for all those involved. The Seniors won the contest this year and will be having a pizza party in the near future for all their hard work and dedication to the FFA chapter.



Marco Lopez after the Pie Eating Contest



Ty Evenich, Joel Gutierrez, Ryan Giammona (Ghillie Suit) and Hailee Hankins



Nomar Isais, Sarah Ovard and Ty Evenich



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Ag Facts & Funnies

By Marissa Mehr

- Popcorn pops because water is stored in a small circle of soft starch in each kernel. As the kernel is heated, the water heats, the droplet of moisture turns to steam and the steam builds up pressure until the kernel finally explodes to many times its original volume.
- There are about 7,000 cherries on an average tart cherry tree (the number varies depending on the age of the tree, weather and growing conditions). It takes about 250 cherries to make a cherry pie, so each tree could produce enough cherries for 28 pies!
- Almost all lettuce is packed right in the field.
- Lettuce is a member of the sunflower family.
- The egg shell may have as many as 17,000 tiny pores over its surface. Through them, the egg can absorb flavors and odors. Storing them in their cartons helps keep them fresh!

What is it called when it rains turkeys?
-Foul Weather!

Who stole the soap?
-the robber ducky!

Why did the boy stand behind the horse?
(He thought he might get a kick out of it!)

Summer's Recipe Of the Month: Banana-crumb muffins

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| 1 1/2 cups of flour | 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease muffin cups |
| 1 tsp baking soda | 2. In a large bowl mix baking soda, powder, salt and flour. In another bowl mix bananas, sugar, egg and melted butter. Stir this into the flour mixture until moistened. Spoon batter into muffin tins. |
| 1 tsp baking powder | 3. In a small bowl, mix together brown sugar, 2 table-spoons flour and some cinnamon. Cut in 1 tablespoon of butter until the mixture resembles cornmeal. Sprinkle over muffins. |
| 1/2 tsp salt | 4. Bake in oven for 18-20 minutes. |
| 3 bananas mashed | |
| 3/4 white sugar | |
| 1 egg lightly beaten | |
| 1/3 cup butter melted | |
| 1/3 cup packed brown sugar | |
| 2 tablespoons cinnamon | |
| 1 tablespoon butter | |

