

FFA Update

Tomales FFA

Summer Edition

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Sonoma County Fair

By: Rio Pagliaro

This year's theme for the Sonoma County Fair was Peace, Love and Fair! The 2014 Sonoma County Fair was great for Tomales FFA! The fair started out with the Market Lamb and Market Goat Shows. Hailee Hankins, Marissa Mehr, Mike Edwards and Rio Pagliaro participated in the sheep show. Rio Pagliaro won the Reserve Champion FFA Market Lamb and Mike Edwards took 3rd overall in the FFA Market Lamb show. Katie Arndt was the only goat exhibitor, but she won Reserve Champion FFA Market Goat. Everyone did an outstanding job in their showmanship classes!

In the Dairy Show,

Manny Brazil won Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer and took a Champion in the Holstein Cow Class. During the Breeding Sheep Show Rio Pagliaro won Supreme Ram and Supreme Young Flock in the Southdown show. Cody Strode had many champions with his chickens. Manny Brazil and Lane Norman both exhibited their Angus Steers in the Market Steer Show. Lane Norman won Reserve Champion with one of his Angus Steers and also took first in the Born and Breed Class. Rounding out the fair was Danny Moretti with his market hogs. Danny took a first and second in class and took 3rd place in Senior



Katie Arndt with her Reserve Champion Goat!

Showmanship.

In FFA Round Robin, Rio Pagliaro ended up being 3rd overall. As a chapter they are proud of all the hard work that the members put into getting ready for this years Sonoma County Fair. Hopefully more members will get involved in showing at the fair this upcoming year.

Upcoming September Events:

COLC @ Analy High School	19th-20th
Greenhand Conference @ Petaluma	23rd
Teacher Lunch	26th
Coffee Sales End	30th

Special points of interest:

- Sonoma County Fair
- WLC
- Sonoma Marin Fair
- Officer Retreat
- PI Jackpot
- Marin Fair
- Facts and Funnies
- Recipe Of The Month

Washington Leadership Conference

By: Hailee Hankins

This past summer, Ryan Giammona and Hailee Hankins had the opportunity to attend a FFA leadership conference in Washington DC. There was a total of 324 FFA members from across the nation. At this conference, they were put into a "Community Group", where they made their LTS (Living

to Serve) Plan. The goal of this plan was to bring it back to their chapter and make their vision a reality within the community. They also had the chance to talk with their US Representative, Mr. Jared Huffman, where they talked about current Ag problems. On the last day they were there, they had free time

in the city, where they spent time with a group of California kids they met and they had a chance to go to the Smithsonian Museum. Hailee Hankins said, "This is one conference I will never forget; WLC is the best!"

Sonoma-Marin Fair

By: Ryan Giammona

Manny Brazil showing off his heifer



Seven members from the Tomales FFA Chapter entered animals at the Sonoma-Marin Fair in Petaluma this past summer. The seven members included Hailee Hankins showing sheep, Cody Strode, Sara Tanner and Summer Cassel showing chickens, Lane Norman showing beef cattle and Manny Brazil & Ryan Giammona showing dairy cattle. The chapter won 2nd place for the Clean Stall award in beef, dairy and sheep! Everyone had a very fun time and looks forward to showing next year.



Cody Strode showing his hen.

Summer Officer Retreat

By: Rio Pagliaro

On August 14-18, the officer team consisting of: Hailee Hankins, Madi Soreng, Julissa Bravo, Ryan Giammona, Rio Pagliaro, Nomar Isais and Cleo Hadid along with Mr. & Mrs. Costanzo, took a trip to Lakeport for four days where they bonded and took their officer pictures. They participated in leadership activities and cooked some great food.

“Believe in the Blue, Trust in the Gold!”

They roasted marshmallows, talked about their officer duties and got some great tans. Taking their officer pictures was definitely something to remember with Ryan Giammona having to make sure everyone’s tallywhackers were in and Mrs. Costanzo trying to find good lighting. On the last night the ritual pranks began and the shaving cream came out. The Summer Officer Retreat was a lot of fun and something they will never forget. They left Lakeport like a big happy officer family!



From the back: Ryan, Nomar, Julissa, Madi, Cleo, Hailee and Rio posing for a picture

P.I Oregon Jackpot

By: Rio Pagliaro

This past summer Rio Pagliaro took a trip to Prineville, Oregon to attend the Pacific International Jackpot show. She showed sheep, goats, and participated in the livestock judging contest. In the goat show, she won Supreme Champion Market Goat and Reserve Champion Breeding Doe. In the market sheep show, she won Supreme Champion and in the breeding show she won Champion



Top 7 in the livestock judging contest!

Southdown Ewe. She also won Supreme Goat Showman and Reserve Supreme Sheep Showman. She had a great show day all together. The livestock judging contest was such a great opportunity and she surprisingly placed third overall with only a few hours of practice time. Pacific International was very fun and she can’t wait to go back next year!

Marin County Fair

By: Rio Pagliaro

A total of seven members attended the 3rd Annual Marin County Fair Market Hog Show in early July. Rio Pagliaro received Supreme Champion Market Hog and Ricardo Gonzales won Reserve Champion FFA Market Hog. Nomar Isais had a first in class and the chapter all together did a great job. Rio also won first place in showmanship and Willy Lepori got second place.

Following the hog show was the sale where the average price was around six dollars a pound. Everyone really

enjoyed the fair and they hope to do as well in it next year. The chapter hopes to get more members to attend and show a pig at this one-day fair opportunity. The Marin County Fair Market Hog show was started three years ago and is only open to Marin County 4-H members and Tomales FFA members. 4-H and FFA members can show and sell two animals at the Sonoma County Fair, as well as, one hog at the Marin County Fair. Hopefully next year members will be able to sell two hogs at the Marin County Fair.



Tomales FFA exhibitors driving their hogs

Ag Facts & Funnies

By: Rio Pagliaro

What is a sheep's favorite game?

Baaaa-dmitton

What's the Musical part of a chicken?

The Drumstick

Where do cows go for fun?

The MOOVies

Knock Knock..

Who's there?

Lettuce

Lettuce who?

Lettuce in, we're freezing outside.

What do you call a cow with no legs?

Ground beef

What crop did the farmer plant?

Beets me!

Fun, Fun, Fun!

Recipe of the Month: Cattle Drive Cornbread

Ingredients:

- 4 cups cornmeal
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1 to 2 finely chopped jalapeno peppers
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons salt
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1 (16 ounce) can creamed corn

Directions:

Bring a pot of water to a boil.

Mix cornmeal and vegetable oil well in a large bowl. Add just enough of the boiling water to form a dough that could be made into a ball. Add remaining ingredients except for the creamed corn. Mix to blend, then add creamed corn.

Coat the bottom of a cast iron skillet with

vegetable oil. Heat over medium heat. Remove one cup of the cornbread mixture from the bowl, and add it to the skillet. Flatten out the cornbread, and cook as you would a pancake.

Read more at <http://www.recipegoldmine.com/cowboy/cattle-drive-cornbread.html#taMk2FyqkKVd7TBm.99>