

Sonora FFA's New Officer Team!

Sonora High Schools FFA welcomes it's new officers to the team. These new officers bring new exciting personalities, talents, and humor to the program. All their jobs are challenging but each took the responsibility of running our program. Our fabulous president Kayla Welch has been in 4-H and FFA and has a great personality as she runs the meetings and is a great leader. Miss Breean Fry, our Vice President, has a great talent of telling stories and making everyone smile around her. Rose Nordine, our secretary, who takes notes accurately and has wonderful handsome guy on the team is always working hard is Amaral, our funny and crazy will make you laugh. Our tori, who is currently in and the scrapbook, is caring her. She is taking pictures smile when she comes by. is Nicole Edmunds who is Meetings ok with working hard and being her bubbly self. All of these wonderful and amazing officers are all seniors this year. Well, except one amazing Secretary Rose Nordine. She is looking forward, with a positive attitude, to being on the officer team next year with the help of anybody who would like to join. Being an officer is not an easy job with memorizing all the parts, attending meetings and planning during the summer, but there are also fun parts. We plan the activities during the year, decorate the classrooms, and get to know more people as the year's progress.



-Lindsey Hatori

Orange Section

This up coming year I, Nicole Edmunds have been chosen to be the Section representative for the Orange Section Officer Team. Our goals are to meet as a team and plan events for the FFA students to join, giving them the opportunity to meet new FFA members within the Orange Section.

Tuesday September 15th the Orange Section Officer Team had a meeting at Buena Park High School to go over the 1st Activity which will be held at Fullerton High School on September 21st. We plan to have fun activities like, Lava games, relay race, no fear, and sponge game. These games are to teach the students how to better their team working skills. Another thing we discussed was our Orange Section FFA constitution, a document of

governing principals that our organization follows.

Also in October at Orange High School the Orange Section will be hosting our annual OSLC (Orange Section Leadership Conference). This is when our section meets together to grow and experience new opportunity that can be brought back to the chapter level. So set the dates for October 21st don't miss it!



- Nicole Edmunds

**"Learning to do, Doing to learn,
Earning to live, Living to Serve"**

- FFA motto

Kylie Haiber Goes to Norco Fair

Friday September 4, 2009 our own Kylie Haiber began on her forty minute journey to the Norco fair. She was thrilled as ever to show her dairy heifer. Once she arrived she was eager to begin showing but the competition did not start until Saturday. We are proud to announce that come Saturday night Kylie left the fair with Grand

Champion Heifer and sixth



place in Masters Showman-

ship. Kylie says she was nervous yet excited to gain such a great experience. She feels it was a momentous opportunity to help her grow and become a better showman. Kylie also enjoyed this experience because Mr. Pacia was a judge, and that made the event unique.

- Breean Fry

Agriculture Communication Field Trips

Looking at her phone Brandi saw it was 8:10. "Alright," she said to the others, "they will be here in 5, let's start walking up." Lindsey Hatori and Suzie Desatoff had been helping Brandi plan this day of elementary school farm tours for months now and were eager for it to all come together. They had put together a group of farm tour leaders to take each group, or class, on the tour. In class, running off copies of coloring books to give out to all the kids and arranging all the dates with all the schools was tedious. But in the end it was all worth it. In the morning before the schools came, we had to set up tables and chairs for the activity station that we had planned for that day. Katie Desatoff brought her baby goat Aden, to come on the tours and she even let the children hold him and walk him.

The first day was a success, even with all the run-

ning around. By the next scheduled tours, everyone was feeling confident, organized, and beyond excited. They knew what to explain to the kids, what they were and weren't interested, and about how long to stay at each station.



Each station (i.e. Lambs, goats, steers, etc...) got about 10 minutes each and one day the children got to eat lettuce from the garden. Michael Halverson and Michael Cornejo gave piggy back rides to all their kids who wanted one. When the tour concluded, the tour guides gathered up all the animal puppets and coloring books for their class and walked them to the school bus.

This year, Brandi and Suzie plan on expanding the tours so they will be available for any school around the area who is interested. By adding more schools and providing better organized tours, they will be having this as their project, called Ag communications. We all want to get more people involved so they will each have the opportunity to lead a group. The tours are a good way to introduce "real" agriculture and provide an up close and personal experience for all children of all ages. It's also an excuse to have a little more fun learning. The elementary students aren't the only ones learning though, the Sonora kids are learning what it's like to hold a younger kids attention and how to organize such a big event. All in all, the girls hope to continue these free farm tours in the years to come and have many more schools attend.

-Suzie Desatoff and Brandi Woodfill




September Schedule of Events

- September 1– First Day of School!
- September 1– Norco Fair
- September 7– No School
- September 19– L.A. Fair Judging








October Schedule of Events

- October 1– Splash into FFA
- October 10– Work Day 9-11
- October 19– Orange Section BIG Contest
- October 20– Fall Festival
- October 22– Ag. Back to School Night @6:00 pm
- October 30– No School!
- October 31– Happy Halloween

September 2009

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October 2009

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Sonora FFA Officer Retreat—Newport Beach

This past July the Sonora- La Habra FFA Chapters new officer team had the pleasure of taking a four day trip to a beach house in Newport Beach. Mr. Pacia and Ms. Oogjen were our wonderful chaperons. Along with bonding and getting to know each other better, we also took the time to plan out the year. We all put our thinking caps on and sat down to plan. Rose Nordine, our chapter secretary, wrote down the new events we planned onto our classroom calendar. After hours of planning and scheduling we were finished with

the calendar portion of our retreat. After a few hours passed

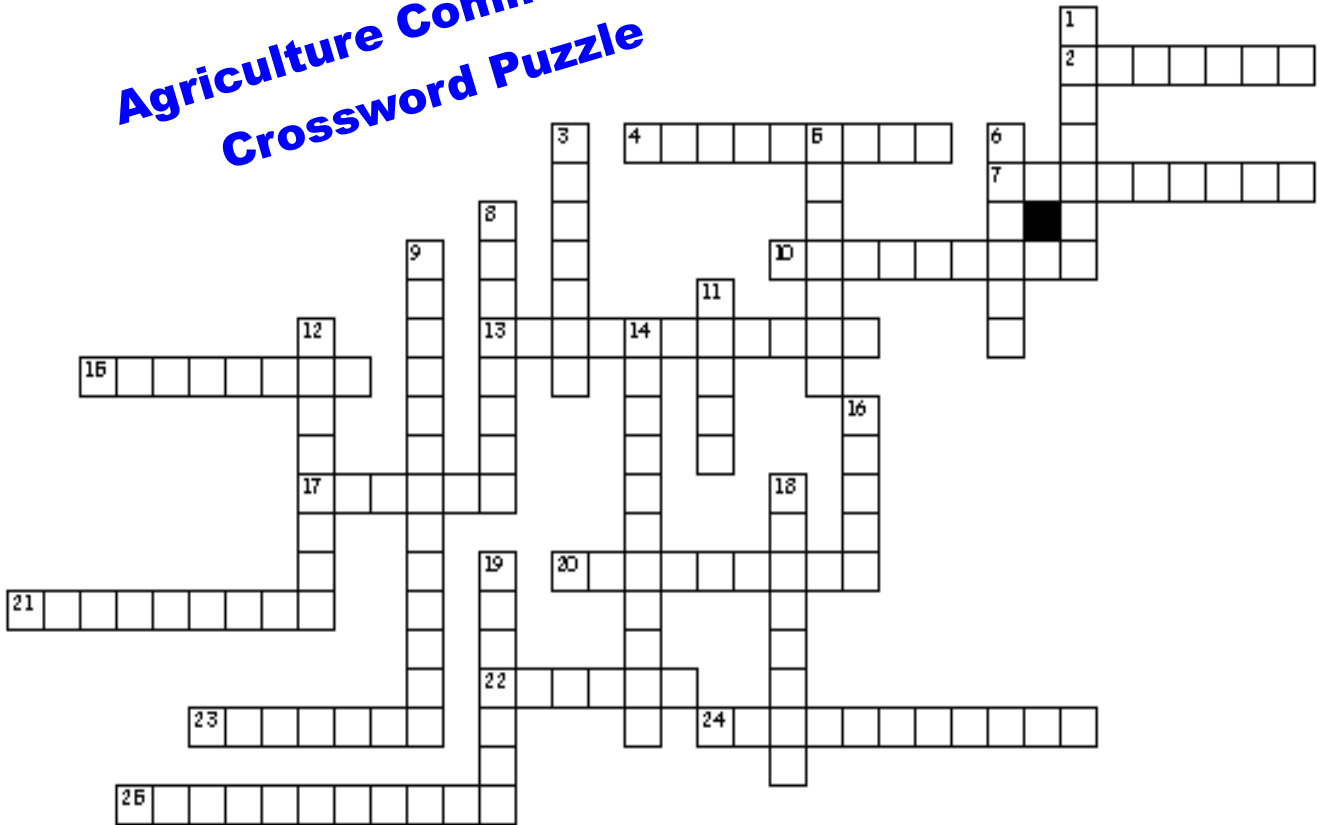


by for a break some of the return-

ing officers led a leadership workshop to train the new officers on the team. Mr. Pacia planned a few activities to break the ice and allow the officers to bond. At the end of each day Mr. Pacia would cook us a delicious meal for dinner. Each day our team grew closer and closer. I am proud to say that I am the president with an outstanding, hardworking team. All in all I believe we had an excellent officer retreat and have a great year ahead of us.

- Kayla Welch

Agriculture Commodities Crossword Puzzle



Word Bank—All of these words are not used in the Crossword Puzzle.

Artichokes – Asparagus – Broccoli – Cabbage – Carrots – Celery – Garlic – Lettuce – Cantaloupe – Honeydew – Onions – Bell Peppers – Spinach – Tomatoes – Almond – Apricots – Avocados – Strawberries – Dates – Figs – Grapes – Kiwi – Lemons – Nectarines – Olives – Peaches – Pistachios – Plums – Walnuts – Honey – Milk & Cream

When is Fall Festival?

- October 12
- October 15
- October 31

How many Sonora FFA officers are on the team?

- 6
- 7
- 8

Who went to Norco Fair?

- Tyler Hunt
- Kylie Haiber
- Kelsey Ameral

Who says, "its okay to think?"

- Ms. O
- Mr. Thomas Jefferson
- Mr. Hunt

General Response Form Title

Please fill out the response form below to help the Sonora FFA better the news letter. Thank you!

Comments:

Students Name _____

Students Teacher and Class Period _____

Parent Signature _____

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To: Parent

From: Sonora FFA

California Agriculture Facts— Ag Crops

Across

2. a nutlike kernel of the fruit of either of two trees, *Prunus dulcis* (**sweet almond**) or *P. dulcis amara* (**bitter almond**), which grow in warm temperate regions.
4. the downy, yellow, sometimes rosy fruit, somewhat resembling a small peach, of the tree *Prunus armeniaca*.
7. Also called **alligator pear**, a large, usually pear-shaped fruit having green to blackish skin, a single large seed, and soft, light-green pulp, borne by the tropical American tree *Persea americana* and its variety *P. adrymifolia*, often eaten raw, esp. in salads.
10. A widely cultivated South American plant (*Lycopersicon esculentum*) having edible, fleshy, usually red fruit.
13. a variety or mutation of peach having a smooth, downless skin.
15. a cultivated plant, *Lactuca sativa*, occurring in many varieties and having succulent leaves used for salads.
17. a sweet, viscid fluid produced by bees from nectar collected from flowers, and stored in nests or hives as food.
20. a form of a cultivated cruciferous plant, *Brassica oleracea botrytis*, whose leafy stalks and clusters of usually green buds are eaten as a vegetable.
21. the sweet material that exudes from the leaves of certain plants in hot weather.
22. drupaceous fruit of any of several trees belonging to the genus *Prunus*, of the rose family, having an oblong stone.
23. the yellowish, acid fruit of a subtropical citrus tree, *Citrus limo*
24. the nut of a Eurasian tree, *Pistacia vera*, of the cashew family, containing an edible, greenish kernel.
25. a variety of melon, *Cucumis melo cantalupensis*, of the gourd family, having a hard scaly or warty rind, grown in Europe, Asia, and the United States.

Down

1. the nutritious, orange to yellow root of this plant, eaten raw or cooked.
3. a hardy plant, *Allium sativum*, of the amaryllis family whose strongly, pungent bulb is used in cookery and medicine.
5. a plant, *Allium cepa*, of the amaryllis family, having an edible, succulent, pungent bulb.
6. the oblong, fleshy fruit of the date palm, a staple food in northern Africa, Arabia, etc., and an important export.
8. a plant, *Spinacia oleracea*, cultivated for its edible, crinkly or flat leaves.
9. the fruit of any stemless plant belonging to the genus *Fragaria*, of the rose family, consisting of an enlarged fleshy.
11. any tree or shrub belonging to the genus *Ficus*, of the mulberry family, a small tree, native to southwestern Asia, bearing a turbinate or pear-shaped fruit that is eaten fresh, preserved, or dried.
12. the subacid, juicy, drupaceous fruit of a tree, *Prunus persica*, of the rose family.
14. a tall, thistlelike composite plant, *Cynara scolymus*, scalelike bracts/receptacle of the immature flower head are eaten as a vegetable.
16. called Chinese gooseberry. the egg-sized, edible berry of the Chinese gooseberry, having fuzzy brownish skin and slightly tart green flesh.
18. the edible nut of trees of the genus *Juglans*, of the North Temperate Zone.
19. the edible, pulpy, smooth-skinned berry or fruit that grows in clusters on vines of the genus *Vitis*, and from which wine is made.