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Save the Date

Sonora's Annual End of the year Banquet is just around the corner!

May 21st

La Habra Valley Community Fair and Car Show

This year, the Sonora High School Agriculture Department will be hosting a new community fair on June 12, 2009. This community fair will give the schools in our district an opportunity to show their animals and have them judged. This will showcase the La Habra Hill toppers 4-H club, La Habra High School and Sonora High School to sell their animals at the livestock auction instead of selling at the Orange County Fair. I encourage everyone to attend the La Habra Valley Community Fair to support the agriculture programs in our district. We are hoping for a great turn out, that will expand and improve over

the years to come. The second event at the community fair will be our 6th annual car show, which will be held on Saturday June 14th.



The Sonora-La Habra FFA chapter is very proud of our annual car show. Trophies will be given to the winner of each category. There will also be a pig raffle, so make sure that

you buy your pig raffle tickets. For a more entertaining activity, there will be a dunk tank where you will be given the chance to dunk members of our FFA chapter to help us raise money for our organization. Lastly, but definitely not least, Mr. Hunt will be cooking his famous tri tip sandwiches so you can't miss out! Sonora High School encourages everyone to attend the La Habra Valley Community Fair to support our kids, so don't forget your sun screen!

State Conference

State Conference is the most anticipated event of the year! It is a four day event where we travel north to Fresno, where it is held every year. It's a combination of Leadership activities, sessions, workshops, and breakfast and dinner with Mr. Pacia. It was always a pleasure that I had the opportunity to attend State Conference. Mr. Pacia attended because he was so well

known, that he could get us connections and "back stage" tours. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this year because of

members to Fresno. The four days consisted of awesome leadership building sessions, tours of Fresno State itself, and amazing presentations made by the current state officers. Then, finally, there will be the welcoming of the new state officer



the Home Building Competition. We have a new group of individuals attending this year. Our new teacher, Mrs. Quintana, is going to be the lead advisor who will be taking our

team.

Student of the Month: Nathan Kuester



Meet Nathan Kuester. He is our chapter President and a senior in Mr. Hunt's Ag. Economics class. Nathan presented a seminar at the FJUHS Greenhand Conference this month. He worked along side Cory Lee to inform the Freshman about the California commodities; to emphasize the #1 commodity, milk. The students made "ice cream in a bag" as part of the workshop. He has been an asset to our Agriculture program over the last four years. Nathan has been accepted to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as a Crop Science major. He is also a finalist for a State FFA Scholarship for which

he must undergo an interview process on April 19th. He is raising two steers this year. His Charolais cross is a donation steer. He is working with a non-profit organization to provide top quality, hormone free beef for the L.A. Mission. His goal is to deliver approximately 900 lbs. of beef to donate cut and wrapped, ready for the freezer. If you would like to learn more or donate to the worthy cause, please contact him through the Agriculture office 562-266-2138.

-Mr. Hunt

Beef Project

This year Sonora High School has a total of eighteen steers at the school farm. Mr. Hunt, our steer advisor, has taken the initiative this year to put his foot down and encourage us to work harder with our steers. Steer showmanship practice is held on Tuesdays from three P.M. to five P.M. This will give them the hard working practice that they need to prepare to show at the fair. The students are pushing their steers to gain enough weight so they will be able to sell them at the La Habra

Valley Community Fair. You can find the owners working with their steers everyday washing them to keep them clean and looking nice. Mr. Hunt prides himself on our clean farm so this year we have a schedule for morning and night where one person is responsible for cleaning the alley ways to keep the farm looking clean. Along with the alley way schedule, every week there is a drain schedule where each person in a pen and their pen partner are scheduled to pull the drain. All the students enjoy their projects and

hopefully we all do well at fair this year.

-Nathan Kuester



Softball

One of the most exciting events we have had this year, is the Orange Section Softball game. This game is an event that allows our chapter to be able to play softball against the other chapters, and compete in a fun way. The softball game was on February 21 and held at La Habra High School. It started at one P.M. and our softball players were there until four P.M. The softball game gives the chapters, in the Orange Section, the opportunity to interact with each other and the opportunity to meet

"The section softball game gives the chapters in the orange section the opportunity to interact with each other and to meet new people."

new people. Although this is a competition, we are able to make it fun for each other and not have it be such a serious game. All of the chapters play against each other and the two teams with the most victories will enter into the championship round. The students always have a positive hard working attitude and are determined to do their best and have fun doing it. The winning team will receive the trophy from the previous winner. The first year that the soft-

ball game was held, Sunny Hills High School was the winner of it all. The two years following, Sonora High School was the winning team. This year, our team made it to the championship round against La Habra High School and won the trophy again! Our chapter will keep the trophy until the next softball game and hopefully be able to take it home for the fourth year in a row! This is a section event so anyone who attends from Sonora High School will receive two FFA credits. So make sure that you don't miss out on the game next year!

-Daniel Cavazos

Public Speaking/ Job Interview

Over the past couple of weeks the Juniors and Seniors in the agriculture program worked on preparing for a mock job interview. They utilized the laptops to create their resume, letter of introduction and job questions. After completing their drafts they turned them into be revised. It was very time consuming because the students had to learn how to quickly fix their mistakes, so they could create a presentable portfolio. On Tuesday



the 17th students arrived dressed in FFA uniform ready to begin the job interview experience. They had to fill out an application and go before judges who scored them on how well they looked, talked and presented themselves. Seven students made it on to the next contest which took place at Fullerton High school the 19th. They unfortunately barely missed going on to the competition. There were two other students myself and Michael

Halverson who competed in the speech contest. Michael did extemporaneous speech where he had 30 minutes to prepare a speech with five references to use during the time given. He placed third in this category. I did prepared speech public speaking, where I wrote a speech regarding the effects of proposition two. I had to memorize it before the contest at Fullerton and had to be able to answer unknown questions by the judges. I placed first in this category. I will be moving on to Cal Poly Pomona competition March 25 to compete for region.

-Felice Silva

Greenhand Conference

The Greenhand Conference was held at Cal Poly, Pomona's Agriscapes. This leadership conference is an opportunity for all Greenhands in the FFA program, who have been selected by their teachers. Each school had thirty students represent their FFA program as first year students. Greenhands are first year members of the FFA program. This conference introduces fellow Greenhands from around the district to learn more about the FFA program. During the conference we also attended various sessions: California Agri-



culture, FFA leadership (starting the fire), Tour of the Greenhouses and orchids. I also had the chance to experience learning "hands on." We learned about the importance of Agriculture in California. As participants of the conference, we were also able to take a tour of the college's campus. Attending this conference has provided me with a well-rounded experience of what the FFA program has to offer for its Greenhands.

-Katya Martinez

Ice Skating

Every year our chapter participates in the event of ice skating, which was held at Anaheim Ice. This year we occupied the skating rink on January 28th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. We are pleased to have this event because it brings the chapter together in a way everyone can find enjoyable. Even if you don't like to ice skate, it's a fun way to watch your teachers try something new, for instance ice skating. Mr. Pacia and Mrs. Quintana took on the ice, and we were surprised to see how good

of a skater Mr. Pacia is! On the other hand, Mrs. Quintana was riding the wall the whole night and some say they saw her fall. Mr. Hunt, being the wise man that he is, did not even try to get on the ice. We had a great turn out this



year; many students participated and enjoyed every minute. This event has to be one of the most exciting activities we have held this year.

-Brean Fry

April 2009

15- Early Release
 17-21- State Leadership Conference
 25-26- Home Building Contest @ Youth Expo








May 2009

6- Early Release
 11- Orange Section Planning Mtg.
 15- American Degree Apps are due
 20- Early Release
 21- Sonora Banquet
 25- No School
 30- Orange Section Cattle Show

April 2009

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May 2009

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Annual Southern Region State Degree Banquet!

ATTENTION ALL RAIDERS AND PARENTS !!!!

On March 21, 2009 Sonora High School is proud to present the State Farmer Banquet. Sonora high school students have been busy working and perfecting their record books for months and after all their hard work 15 students are about to receive state farmer certificates. These students are Kayla Welch, Janet Arroyo, Alyson Condon, Julian Cordova, Nicole Edmunds, Martin Garcia, Cody Hale, Nathan Kuester, Cory Lee, Cameron Luitwieler, Daniel Ochoa, Crystal Stewart, and Brianna Whitely. These students are being honored for having met the requirements of at least one thousand dollars and have at least five hundred hours of work throughout all of their projects. Every Sonora student who tried for their State Farmer certificate met the requirements and will be receiving there degree along with other students from our FFA section. These students have worked hard and deserve support from our students, faculty, and parents. The State Farmer Banquet will be held on Saturday March 21, 2009 at 1pm at Sonora High School. Admission is \$12 per person and all are welcomed to attend. The Sonora High School Officer Team invites you to help show support for these students, who are all involved in Sonora FFA. Congrats to all who received their degrees, and GO RAIDERS!!!

- Nicole Edmunds

Chapter Banquet

We are excited to get ready for this years chapter banquet. Every year the officer team puts together this banquet for the Ag. students. It will be held here at Sonora High School in the upper commons. We will serve tri-tip, beans, salad and rolls. At the banquet, awards will be given to students who have demonstrated above average skills and dedication with their projects. We will be also recognizing those who have helped our program grow. The banquet is also the time at which we will announce next year's officer team. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

-Brean Fry

Leadership Crossword Puzzle

R T S S P C R C G R O W T H N	ACTION	ATTRIBUTES	BUILDING
T E L U R O B O X E L B O N O	CHARACTER	COMMUNICATING	COMPASSIONATE
I C S J E M Q M S P U N K O I	COURAGE	DEDICATION	ENCOURAGEMENT
L N Y P R M T P A R M L X I T	FUN	GROWTH	GUIDANCE
E E N C O U R A G E M E N T A	HONORABLE	INSTRUCTION	INTELLIGENCE
L G O H G N U S B S K A S C G	LEADERSHIP	MANAGEMENT	NAVIGATION
B I I A A I S S K E G D E U I	NOBLE	OFFICER	PREROGATIVE
A L T R T C T I F N N E T R V	REPRESENT	RESPONSIBILITY	SPUNK
R L A A I A W O B T I R U T A	STRONG	TRUSTWORTHY	WILL
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Chapter Updates

This year we are thinking about getting FFA windbreaker jackets. Every year we get O.C Fair shirts and wear them throughout the fair to represent our school. However in the morning it gets rather chilly and everyone wears a sweater covering their fair shirts. We propose, in addition to the fair shirts, that we order jackets. The jackets will say FFA and the emblem on the front along with your name or office on the opposite side (optional) and on the back it will say Sonora FFA. We realize that with this economic crisis a FFA jacket is not a high priority so its not mandatory to order one. For those of you that are interested in purchasing a jacket please contact Brean Fry at breeniefrys@yahoo.com

-Brean Fry

Tell Us What You Think?!

This is designed to help the FFA Chapter better the news letter. Students please answer the questions and parents please comment on the article. Thank you for all of your help and support to our FFA Chapter.

Who is the FFA Chapter President?

- George Washington
- Nathan Kuester
- Kristen Steves

What is going on in Agriculture in May

- Beef projects
- Sonora Banquet
- State Conference

When is the Sonora La Habra Annual Banquet?

- March 21
- March 12
- May 21

What activity did we participate in and win for the fourth time?

- Ice Skating
- Softball game
- Job Interview

Parent Comments:

Student's Name

Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

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To : Student and Parents

Ag Facts- Top 10 Commodities

1. Dairy
2. Grapes
3. Nursery Products
4. Lettuce
5. Cattle and Calves
6. Hay
7. Flowers and Foliage
8. Strawberries
9. Tomatoes
10. Almonds