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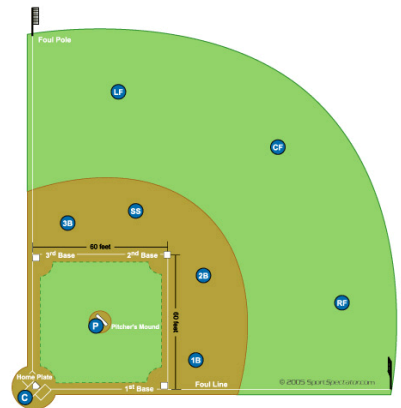
Orange Section Softball Tournament



What a great turnout this year for the Orange Section Softball Tournament. Each year all of the agriculture programs within the Orange Section get together at La Habra High School to compete against each other playing softball. The event was held this year on February 21st in celebration of National FFA Week. The schools in attendance were: La Habra, Sonora, Sunny Hills, Buena Park, Westminster, and Covina. It was a double elimination tournament, so each school had two opportu-

nities to stay in it. The competition was tough and each school tried their hardest to win the giant trophy that would display their school's name on it. While all of the games were taking place, Mr. Chuck Gentry manned the BBQ. He was in charge of making sure everyone got fed and hydrated. He barbecued hot dogs and made punch and had water on hand for all of the players. Good job Chuck!!! Sonora came out on top as the victors again this year, but the fun didn't really begin until the teachers

played the winning Sonora team. They played about one and a half innings until some of the teachers got tired. Overall, it was a very exciting day and we are looking forward to it again next year.



Special points of interest:

- Orange Section Softball Tournament
- Spring Animal Meeting
- Orange Section Speech Contest
- FJUHS Greenhand Conference
- Spotlight on CA. Agriculture

Spring Animal Parent Meeting

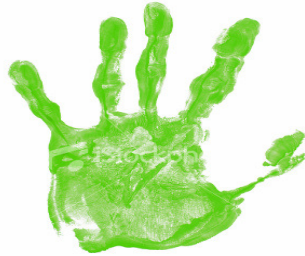
On February 3rd we held our annual spring animal parent meeting here at the farm. It is a mandatory meeting for all students interested in raising a spring animal. At least one parent/

guardian is also required to attend in order to inform all parties involved what the responsibilities of the students are. Items discussed were potential costs involved, fair and practice

schedules, and farm rules and policies. It was a very successful meeting and we would like to take the time to thank everyone who participated.

FJUHSD Green-hand Conference

Every year the agriculture programs in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District put on a conference for freshman Ag. students called the Green-hand Conference. This year Cal Poly Pomona was gracious enough to host the event. It took place on February 5th. Each agriculture department brought approximately 30 freshman to the event. Each school took a bus to Agriscapes at Cal Poly



Pomona where the orientation took place. Each student got a T-shirt and a folder with the day's agenda. After the orientation the students were broken up into groups based upon the color of their shirts. Each group went to a different workshop. The workshops were put on by current and former FFA members. Cal Poly Pomona was nice enough to give each

group of students a bus tour around the campus and a tour of their new greenhouse facilities.

The students were fed a boxed lunch from Subway which was very popular. At the end of the day, each school chose a name from a box for a student from their school to win a FFA jacket. All of the students that were asked said that it was very positive experience and they were fired up to get more involved in their chapters.

Orange Section Speech Contest

One of the CDEs (Career Development Events) that is offered for students to participate in is a speech contest. Every year the Orange Section holds a speech contest at Fullerton High School. This is a chance for students to perfect their public speaking skills or to just become more comfortable with speaking in front of people. Here at La Habra we require all of our officer team members to enter this contest.

There are three different speaking contests that they can choose from. One is a job interview where they have to fill out a job application properly, create a resume and cover letter, and also go through an interviewing process. Another is the prepared speaking where the student turns in a topic ahead of time, researches the subject and then delivers a speech on the topic and answers questions. There is also extemporaneous speaking

where the student is given a topic and they have a few minutes to prepare what they will say and then deliver the speech. Last, but not least, the freshman participate in reciting the FFA Creed. All of our students did well and we are very proud of them.

National FFA Week: It's Finally Here!!!

FFA Week is nationally recognized by every FFA chapter in the U.S. This year at La Habra we really got into the spirit. Our chapter president, Courtney Williams, wrote some very interesting facts to have



shared on the morning an-

nouncements at school. One of the goals of FFA Week is to spread the mission of the FFA which is to promote the development of premiere leadership, personal growth

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and career success through agriculture education. The other reason we celebrate FFA Week is to help educate the public about agriculture as an industry and its importance to us and our country.

This year Mr. Johnson's wife and a few of the officers got together and made chocolate dipped pretzels with FFA colored sprinkles and we stuffed every staff mailbox with them. It also had a note attached to it with regards to our pride for

... serving our students in agriculture education here at La Habra for 51 years. As a program we work hard to promote agriculture and instill in our students its importance and we think that this years celebration was a great success.



Spotlight on California Agriculture!!!

We have decided that each month we will include a "Spotlight on California Agriculture" article to help inform the public about what is happening across our state. This month's article comes straight out of The Capital Press and it discusses the feelings of farmers about the new state

budget. Please read and enjoy!!!

While Republicans condemn California's new budget, Democrats defend it and most pundits call it a necessary evil, those in agriculture express relief for having largely escaped any new fees and budget cuts aimed at their industries.

Proposals during the record-long process of budget haggling had included new fees on veterinary services, livestock pharmaceuticals, fuel and equipment repairs, among other things. With those ideas having faded from budget negotiations, agriculture has emerged largely unscathed, ...continued below

Spotlight on Ca. Agriculture Continued...

, industry reps say. "We're very pleased," said Tom Talbot, president of the California Cattlemen's Association. "We have to feel as an industry that we survived very well." Talbot, attending an industry meeting on the Central Coast when the budget was passed last week, said the preservation

of payments to local governments under the Williamson Act brought some of the highest praise from his industry.

From its general fund, the state pays subvention funds to local jurisdictions to compensate for tax revenue lost when landowners decide to keep land in pro-

duction rather than sell. The Williamson Act rewards landowners with tax breaks for preserving farmland.

"Everybody here in San Luis Obispo County breathed a sigh of relief," Talbot said. "This is a big Williamson Act county."

- Wes Sander, Capital Press



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The purpose and mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The FFA first started in 1928 with a small program in Virginia. It has since grown to encompass every state in the U.S, California having over 66,000 student members. All members must be enrolled in an agriculture class.

La Habra FFA was founded in 1958. We have just recently celebrated our 50th anniversary. We currently have over 360 students enrolled in agriculture classes here on our campus. We look forward to watching our program grow and our students achieve success.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our program please contact Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gentry or Mrs. Rojas.



Recipe of the Month

This month's recipe is for those of us who like all kinds of steaks. This is a steak recipe to eat over rice. It is called Barbequed Round Steak. If you try it, let us know how it turned out!!!

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds beef round steak, 1 inch thick, cut into strips
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup tomato juice
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar

- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons cold water

Hot cooked rice

In a large skillet, brown beef in oil over medium-high heat; drain. In a

bowl, combine the tomato juice, ketchup, water, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar and seasonings; pour over the beef. bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1-1/2 to 2 hours or until the meat is tender.

Combine cornstarch and cold water until smooth; stir into meat mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Serve over rice if desired.

