

Lettuce Talk: Yuma Catholic FFA Newsletter March 2018



Pictured: Alexa Bernal, Kaitlyn Greene, Alexis Douglas, Ed Morales, Caden Dunn, Adam Dym, Abby Norred, Jackson Howe, Sterling Lutes, Addison Lutes, Nadia Aceves, Rorrie Vaughn, Liz Castanon, Karolina Marquez, and Theodora Baker can't seem to get serious for a picture at Spring Conference.

Over the past couple of months, The Yuma Catholic FFA Chapter has gone to numerous events including CDE's, community service events, and the county fair. So far, we have attended the Harvest Dinner to support our community as well as the Salvation Army Dinner. For our Spring CDE's many of our teams placed at District, those teams include Job Interview, Veterinary Technician, Aquaculture, Meats Evaluation, as well as Agronomy. Next off was state, state was a big challenge but of course we managed to pull through, our very own Ed Morales placed for highest score in Aquaculture. We were very proud of him and the hard work he had shown.



Pictured: Addison Lutes repping his YC FFA jacket at Spring Conference CDE's

Pictured: Jordan Grasis, Nadia Aceves, Karolina Marquez, and Liz Castanon taking a break in the grass at Spring State CDE's

So Far So Good

As the end of the year grows closer, so does a new round of CDE's arise as well as the Yuma County Fair. We had many participants compete at fair, many of those ranging from large-stock and small-stock, as well as several other non-living projects. Over spring break, we saw many of those succeed in fair. They dedicated themselves and proved to be a tough competition against other chapters to earn what they deserved. Our own Isabel Herrera placing reserve grand champion for her pigeon in the breed competition, and Kaitlyn McBride winning reserve grand champion for her box quilt. Many others recieved purple and blue ribbons in both market and showmanship- a major success for all.

Now we focus on many exciting upcoming events, including but not limited to Summer CDE's. Hopefully this next conference we will have more of our teams place and to show our competition who is boss.



Pictured: Jonah Sierra, Quinn Rodney (Little Rascals 4-H) , JT Rodney (Little Rascals 4-H), Madison Cooper (Yuma Moos 4-H), Kaitlyn Lawseth, Abby Norred, Isabell Herrera, Kaitlyn McBride, Adam Dym, and Ruth Mork sporting their showmanship ribbons at Poultry Prefair.

Spring District and State CDEs

Spring District was another amazing learning experience for students competing in Job Interview, Aquaculture, Vet-Tech, Meats Evaluation, and Agronomy. With Vet-Tech placing 2nd at district and Aquaculture in 3rd., one can tell our teams work hard and do amazing.

Spring Conference, the state competition, proved to be a rigorous competition filled with many larger schools, but our chapter pulled through with Ed Morales placing top individual test score for Agronomy.

Harvest Dinner

The Harvest Dinner, held at the Quartermaster Depot, was a success as many of our members volunteered to serve at the event. It was an amazing time and great to see the agriculture community come together with future farmers to enjoy a beautiful dinner filled with farm-fresh vegetables straight from Yuma. A few of our students (Abby Norred and Isabel Herrera) even entered their very own artwork to be auctioned later in the night. Overall, the dinner was a fantastic opportunity for chapter members to practice serving the community.



Salvation Army Dinner

The Salvation Army dinner was yet another community service opportunity offered to members. Members were expected to set up, clean up, and serve food- and had a blast while doing it.

Overall, the dinner had a terrific turnout and many expressed their gratitude towards members for serving.

Thank You Mr. Cooley!

The Cooley dinner was a success, we greeted our sponsors, we even had the mayor join us! Overall the dinner was an amazing turnout, The FFA chapter served as a gratitude for our sponsors. We thank and appreciate everything they have done for us, most importantly, the opportunities they have gave us.



Yuma County Fair

Yuma County Fair is one of the most vigorous competitions for any member that shows livestock. Though it is a week filled with stress, it is truly a labor of love- any member will tell you that. For our first year, we had an amazing turn out for all the exhibitors and gave some members a glimpse of what the livestock industry has to offer.



Upcoming events

In the months of April and May, we have many events coming up:

- April 12th - Pat Cooley will be sponsoring a dinner that FFA members are serving.
- April 11-13th - Applications for next year's chapter officers should be going out
- April 10-12th - Summer CDE Testing

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- April 27th - Yuma district CDE day held in conjunction with state poultry judging and dairy evaluation
 - 1st and 2nd week of May - Interviews for next year's chapter officers will be held
 - May 17th - FFA Banquet

At the Banquet we will plan to celebrate the end of the year and to install the new chapter officers. The Banquet will not only be celebration for the end of the year but as well as a celebration of our first year as a FFA Chapter.

Conclusion

As the end of the year approaches, we hope that our chapter stays strong and pray that when the next school year approaches, more people are willing to join and become Greenhands. We look forward to growing as a chapter and getting more students involved in the chapter.