

The Barnyard Backtalk

The Orange Acres Back Breakers monthly newsletter

April/ May 2009 Edition

Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday that doesn't celebrate the independence of Mexico, but celebrates the defeat of the French in 1862. This is so important to Mexicans, and even Americans, because it retained Mexico's independence, and the war debt that was created blocked Napoleon from funding the Confederates in the Civil War. Who knew?

Anyway, Cinco de Mayo is a very fun holiday and should be celebrated by Americans. Hope you have a good one!



OABB Members Attend American Red Cross Babysitting Training

A couple weeks ago we went to Palm Springs to attend class for two days through American Red Cross to be trained as a certified babysitter. At the American Red Cross we were trained to handle a baby, do CPR if necessary, handle a choking infant or toddler, how to handle injuries, and how to handle allergies.

We were kept busy, and learned a lot. Shannon, Kirstie, Ashley, and Tara would like to thank the instructors for a terrific weekend. Shannon and Kirstie are now certified in Babysitting, CPR, and First Aid.

Submitted by:
Shannon Sahli
Kirstie Mostero

The Rattlesnake Trail Clean-Up

The Horse and Pony project members spent Saturday, April 4th cleaning up Rattlesnake trail. We met at the Sully Miller Arena, from there we followed Mary Rose to the trail. At first there wasn't much trash, but as we walked farther into the trail the trash accumulated. In the middle of the trail there was a "gold mine of trash". We found everything from cigarette butts to a 5 gallon water bottle. Afterwards, we went out for pizza. That pizza was the best pizza I ever had.

Submitted by:
Ethan Aguirre

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At the April cooking meeting our group made turkey-bacon puff pastry pockets, and vegetable maki rolls. The maki rolls were made the same way as you make sushi. We were also able to try a new spice called wasabi which is Japanese horseradish. The food was delicious and we got to take some home for our families to eat.

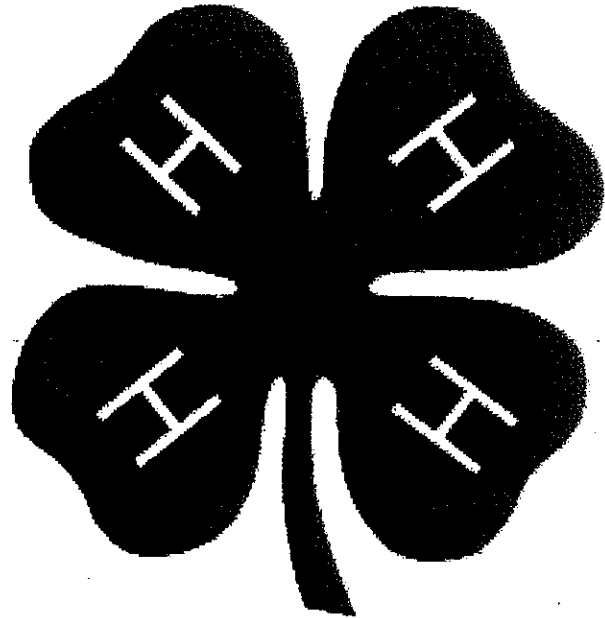
Submitted by:
Cathy Cody



Cake Decorating Update

The cake decorating meeting was fun! We made an Easter cake using grass and basket weave frosting techniques. We had to practice at first but then we got the hang of it. The cakes turned out beautifully!

Submitted by:
Charlotte Bocian



If you have articles, please submit them to nickidee37@aol.com the week before the general meeting in order to get them into the Barnyard Backtalk.

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Fill-In-The-Blank

Mexico was the home to highly developed _____, including the Mayas and the Toltecs (later called the _____), since at least the 10th _____. In the early _____, Spanish _____ came to Mexico, brutally toppling the local rulers, claiming the land for Spain, _____ many Indians, and looting what they could of Mexico's _____. For over _____ years, Mexico, then called _____, was a part of Spain's _____. On _____ 16, 1810, the priest Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla started a revolt against Spanish rule. He and his untrained Indian followers fought against the Spanish, but his _____ was unsuccessful and Father Hidalgo was executed. After this setback, Father Jose Maria Morelos led the revolutionaries, but he also failed and was _____. These two men are still symbols of Mexican _____ and patriotism. After the Mexican-born Spanish and the Catholic Church joined the revolution, Spain was finally _____ in 1821. Mexican Independence Day is celebrated on September 16 of each year, the _____ of the start of Father Hidalgo's revolt.

Options:

September	Aztecs
revolt	liberty
Century	Empire
treasures	anniversary
Civilizations	enslaving
300	defeated
Executed	New Spain
1500s	conquistadors

We cooked Italian!

The International Foods meeting was fun! Valerie, Kayla, and Charlotte made pesto sauce and marinara sauce. We made crepes from scratch and filling. Sauces were put on pasta and bread. Everyone learned a lot and we got to eat after we cooked. It was like dinner! We also made speedy lemonade with sugar and lemons. It was really fun to make everything and to eat it all is the best part!

Submitted by:
Charlotte Bocian



Presentation Day

Presentation day was really fun. We all won silver medals. I did: How to Solder (Robotics Project), Brianna did: How to Serve a Colonial Tea (American Girl Project), and Ethan did: How to Feed A horse(Horse and Pony Project). We all did a great job. I want to do this again next year.

Submitted by:

Allyson Ashford

Cooking Update

Name: _____

Date: _____



Cinco de Mayo Word Search

Find the Cinco de Mayo words.

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Piñata	La Batalla de Puebla	Napoleon III	Benito Juárez
Cinco de Mayo	Mexico	Fiesta	Amigo
Mariachi	Maximilian	General Zaragoza	