



Tift County Agriculture Education

AUGUST 2014

Pork Chop
Plate Tickets
are on sale
soon!

Thursday,
October 30th
5:00-7:00

Pick up plates
in front OR
back of Tift
County High
School

\$8.00 per
plate

Menu

Smoked Pork
Chop

Baked Potato

Butter & Sour
Cream

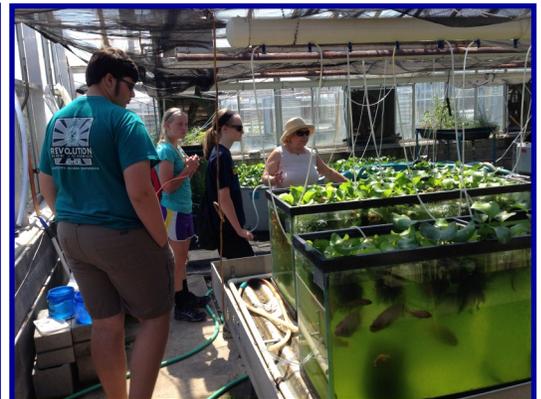
Green beans

Bread

Dessert

**To purchase
tickets, con-
tact any FFA
member or
advisor.**

Tift Co. FFA Participates in Gold Emblem Exchange



During the summer, Tift County FFA participated in the Gold Emblem Exchange program with the Denmark, Wisconsin FFA Chapter. During the exchange, Tift Co. hosted two Denmark FFA members for one week and then sent two Tift Co. FFA members to Wisconsin for a week. The Denmark FFA members spent the week touring various Georgia agriculture industries and businesses with Tift County Agriculture teachers and FFA members. TCHS FFA members Abby Mayne and David Cheek then travelled to Wisconsin for a week where they visited various agriculture industries in Wisconsin.

Mark Your Calendars!

Tift County FFA members and Agriculture Education teachers are gearing up for an exciting school year. To get involved or find out more about the events below, contact your local agriculture education teacher!

September

- 16: Tift Co. FFA COLT
- 18: Area Land Judging CDE
- 19: Homecoming Parade
- 23: Area V CDEs
- 25: Water Wars Social

October

- 2-11: Georgia National Fair
- 7: Middle School Day at the Fair
- 14-16: Sunbelt Ag Expo
- 16 Q-Fest and YF Expo Event
- 24-27: Tift County Fall Livestock Show
- 25: State Land Judging
- 28: Tift County Hog Sale
- 30: Pork Chop Plate Sale
- 29 –Nov. 1: National FFA Convention

November

- 4-8: Albany Fair
- 14: Children’s Farm Day
- 18: Area V CDEs

December

- 6: State CDEs—ABAC
- 9: Area V CDEs
- 13: State Rabbit Show

January

- 15-16: GVATA Conference
- 23-24: Discovery Conference
- 26: Subarea CDEs
- 30-31: Young Farmer Convention

February

- 7: State CDEs—Fort Valley State
- 10: Area V CDEs
- 11: Poultry Judging
- 18-22: Georgia National Livestock Show
- 22-28: National FFA Week

- 24: FFA Day at the Capital
- 25: Area V CDEs

March

- 1-2: Tift County Quality Steer & Heifer Show
- 3: Steer Sale
- 3: Area V CDEs
- 6-7: Greenhand and Success Conference
- 13: FFA Blue and Gold Gala
- 21: State CDEs—Athens

April

- 5: Area V CDEs
- 16: Pork Chop Plate Sale
- 23-25: State FFA Convention

May

- 8: Tift County FFA Banquet
- 12: Area V FFA Banquet
- 25-29: FFA Summer Camp

Ag Teachers Host Showmanship Clinic



Tift Co. Ag Teachers recently hosted a goat showmanship clinic for Tift Co. Goat Exhibitors. Advisors, Heath Cross, Brittaney Schwing and Lynne Cook gave exhibitors tips and techniques to help them improve their showmanship skills. Some of the topics covered included feeding, grooming, exhibitor appearance, show etiquette, correct procedures for setting up the goat and ways to develop general showmanship skills.

Tift Co. FFA Hosts Canning Class



The Tift County FFA recently hosted a canning class taught by local entrepreneur Lauri Jo Bennett of Lauri Jo's Southern Style Canning. The class was held at the Tift County Canning Plant on May 23rd. The class focused on basic canning concepts and procedures as well as how to utilize the facilities of the local canning plant. Sixteen participants completed a hands-on canning experience from start to finish by processing potatoes and tomatoes in the can and peas for the freezer. Each participant took home their finished canned products. All proceeds from the class will benefit the Tift County FFA. Lauren Grimes with Tift County Farm Bureau provided refreshments for the class and brought greetings to the participants. Also in attendance for the class was Beth Meeks, Southern Marketing Coordinator for the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

Ag Department Welcomes New Member!

The Tift County Agriculture Education Department welcomes Heath Cross who recently joined Beth Golden at Eighth Street Middle School as agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. Cross has volunteered with ESMS FFA activities and CDEs in the past and has an broad agriculture and FFA background. He is great addition to the local ag department and is excited about the opportunity to work with students within the Agriculture Education program in Tift County.



Young Farmer Events and Programs

Contact Carl Nichols at cnichols@tiftschools.com if you are interested in joining the Tift County Young Farmer Chapter or participating in any upcoming events.

August 28—Young Farmer Meeting 6:30 TCHS Agriscience Building

October 14-16—Sunbelt Ag Expo

October 15—Expo Young Farmer Event

October 15—Expo Young Farmer Q-Fest

November 3—South Region Young Farmer Caucus Turner County Civic Center



FFA Members Attend Floral Design Workshop



ESMS, NE and TCHS FFA members attended a Floral Design Workshop on August 9th and 10th at the Georgia FFA Center in Covington. NE Advisor Brittaney Schwing accompanied the students to the workshop to help them gain skills to prepare for the upcoming Area V Floral Design CDE.

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The Georgia FFA Foundation is now registered with Amazon Smile. If you purchase anything on Amazon, please choose the Georgia FFA Foundation to receive a portion of the proceeds.

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Tift County FFA Alumni...Join Today!!

Are you a parent or supporter of an FFA member?

The FFA Alumni is for anyone who loves and supports FFA!

As a member, you will take an active part in supporting the FFA chapters in Tift County. You don't have to be a former FFA member to join the FFA Alumni. Membership is open to anyone...parents, school officials, community leaders, and business leaders as well as past FFA members. Anyone who would like to support the Tift County FFA is encouraged to join!



FFA Alumni Coke Fundraiser

24 Count Case of 20 oz bottles for \$20 per case (that's .83¢ per bottle!)

Choose from Coke Classic, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Cherry Coke, Mello Yello, Mr. Pibb, Fanta Orange, Dasani Water

See an alumni member or advisor to place your order!

Please make checks payable to Tift Co. FFA Alumni



How can you become an FFA Alumni Member?

\$20 annual dues \$35 couple dues \$175 Lifetime membership



For more information, contact

Kim Bradford,

Membership Coordinator

229-386-8558 or 848-0107 wkim60@yahoo.com





**Tift County FFA
Advisors**

TCHS:

Jimmy Cargle

Lynne Cook

Carl Nichols, Young Farmer Advisor

Northeast:

Brittany Schwing

Eighth Street Middle

Beth Golden

Heath Cross

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



ESMS FFA Meetings

August 13

September 3

October 1

November 5

December 3

January 7

February 4

March 4

April 1

May 6

Northeast FFA Meetings

August 20th

September 24th

October 22nd

November 19th

December 17th

January 28th

February 25th

March 25th

April 29th

May 20th

TCHS FFA Meetings

See Ms. Cook or Mr. Cargle
for more information!

Can tabs for RMH

FFA members will be collecting aluminum can tabs throughout the year for the Ronald McDonald House in Macon. We will deliver them to the RMH during our trip to State Convention. If you have can tabs to donate, drop them off in your ag classroom!



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HOUSE CHARITIES**