

# ABBIE NEWS



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## **Newsletter**

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**COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, February 11, 2009**  
**6:30 pm**

**MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**3300 Dennis Drive**  
**Pleasanton, CA**

**CARNIVAL TIME: 6:30 pm in MPR at Mohr School**

This coming meeting will be the Abbie carnival. The Abbie carnival was started three years ago as a way to help hurricane Katrina's victims, this year we will be giving all proceeds to the Pleasanton Food Pantry. The carnival has many fun activities to enjoy including a bean bag toss, bowling, and a duck pond game. There will also be a concession stand where sweets will be sold. Each game will be one ticket to play, and the concession stand will also except tickets. Each ticket will be sold for 25 cents or you could get 5 tickets for a dollar.

The canning project is also collecting canned goods for the food pantry. This month's theme is soup, but we will gladly accept whatever you want to contribute. Your Abbie officers realize it is a difficult economic time for everyone, but we are very grateful for what we have, including the people in this club, and we hope you all can help others that are struggling. Thank you.

**REMINDER!**

Remember to bring canned food donations to the February community club meeting!



## **THIS MONTH'S THEME:**

You receive points toward your "Super Member" award and pin if you come dressed either in your Abbie 4-H t-shirt, 4-H uniform or in the "**theme**" for the month.

### **Community Club Meetings for 2008-2009**

September 10	October 8	November 12	December 10	January 14
<b>February 11</b>	March 11	April 8	May 13	June 3

## Community Service Awards

One of the yearly awards you can earn is the Abbie 4H Club Community Service Pin and Award. **You earn it by completing a minimum of 7 community service activities offered through 4H during the current 4H year.** At least 4 activities must be actual events you participate in. You can count up to three donations. However the donations count only once per beneficiary (meaning, if you bring magazine donations to 3 meetings, it's GREAT, but it counts as one "activity" towards this award). You will be recognized with a pin and certificate. Keep track!

The other service award is the President's Volunteer Service Award. In his 2002 State of the Union address, President George W. Bush issued a challenge to all Americans to make time to help their neighbors, communities, and Nation through service. In 2003 he created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to find ways to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our Nation. They in turn created the President's Volunteer Service Award as a way to thank and honor Americans who by their example inspire others to engage in volunteer service. This award is calculated based on hours, not per event. Abbie proud to be a certifying organization for this award, but you can count ALL community service hours, not just 4H related. This award is also an annual award. Recipients receive an official pin, certificate, and note of congratulations from the President of the United States.

Kids under 14 can print out a "Record of Service" log to keep track of their hours. Young adults (age 15-25), and adults ages 26+ can create an online Record of Service if they wish (not required). Both options are available at: [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov) . Under age 14 awards begin at 50 hours, age 15 and above at 100 hours.

## 4-H Skit Night

I will be helping out with the 4-H skit this year. The skit is tentatively set for March 13th, 2009 at Canyon Middle School. The theme this year is: "4H Goes Green"...

Please put your thinking caps on and let's come up with some ideas!

Please send me an email and let me know if you'd like to participate in the skit...my email is

[Karensanangel@yahoo.com](mailto:Karensanangel@yahoo.com). I will also bring a sign-up sheet to the next community club meeting on February 11th.

Lets go Green!!

- Karen Haggerty

## February Gardening Tips

Here are a few tips on what to do in your garden for February.

- During mild weather, plant peas, onions and lettuce outside.
- Apply manure to fruit and berry beds.
- Prune apple, pear, cherry and other fruit trees.
- Prune shade trees.
- Aerate lawns.
- Apply fertilizer to cool season lawns. Use a pre-emergent

herbicide for crabgrass and  
broadleaf weed control.

Good luck with your gardens!

- Cheyenne Harper

### **SMALL ANIMAL FIELD DAY NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Small animal field day is scheduled for April, but without volunteers, it can't happen. The previous chairperson has retired, so a committee from the county has broken up the responsibilities for volunteers to take on. If you would like to be a part of this worthwhile experience, please attend a planning meeting on FEBRUARY 23RD AT 7:00 AT THE FARM BUREAU in Livermore. They need people to help with food, booth judging, raffle, picture contest, member registration, and a myriad of other jobs. Teen Leaders are welcome. If interested, please contact Carol Crossett at [cvcrossett@aol.com](mailto:cvcrossett@aol.com). Even if time is tight for you and you want to help just a little, please contact Carol so this awesome event won't be lost to us.

### **February Birthday Corner:**

Feb. 10	Taylor Miller
Feb. 10	Johnny Scholz
Feb. 11	Kamryn Brown
Feb. 14	Nathaniel Komari
Feb. 29	Nate McMillin

# SAVE THE DATE: SWINE FIELD DAY

**WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009**

**WHERE: SUNOL GLENN SCHOOL  
11601 Main Street  
Sunol, CA 94586**

**TIME: Sign ups begin: 8:45 am – 9:00 am**

**Prizes will be award to the highest scoring participate  
In the following groups:**

- 1-2 Year Swine Member
- 3-4 Year Swine Member
- 5+ Years Swine Member



*(Award ceremony will be done during lunch and you must be present to win)*

## Activities will include:

Live Animal Judging  
Identification of different  
breeds

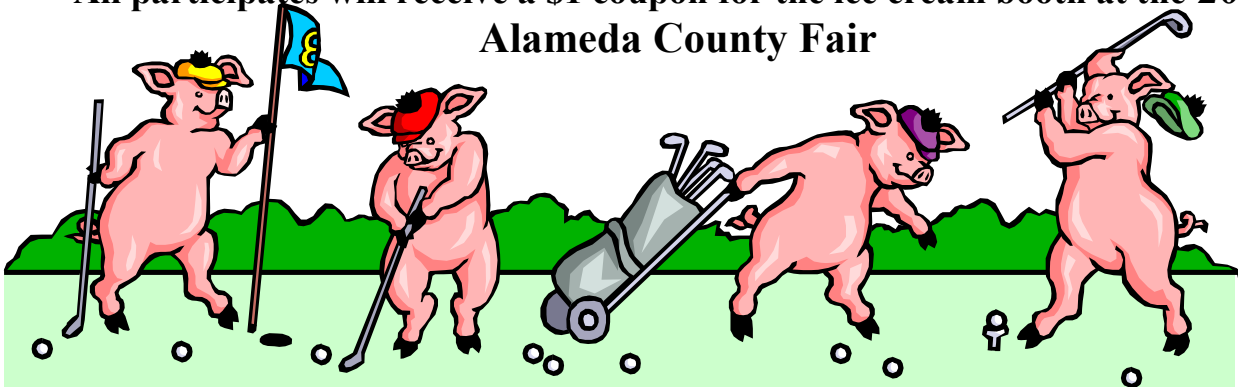
The digestive system  
Beach Ball Showmanship  
Jeopardy Game  
And much much more....

Lunch will be prepared  
by: **Livermore FFA**

And will be served from:  
12:00pm to 1:00pm



All participates will receive a \$1 coupon for the ice cream booth at the 2009  
Alameda County Fair



## CALENDAR

Month	Date	Time	Meeting	Location
<b>Feb</b>	25-28		Western Leaders Forum	Denver, CO
	TBA	TBA	North Central Leader Council Mtg	TBA
	TBA	7:00 pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau
	24	7:00-8:30 pm	Leader Council Meeting	
	25	7:00-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	
<b>March</b>	10	7:00pm	Volunteer Leader Orientation	Farm Bureau
	13	6:30 arrival 7:00 Start	Skit Night	Canyon Middle School
	17	7:00pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau
	25	7:00-8:30pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
	28		Sectional Presentation Day	UC Davis
	31	TBD	Leader Council Meeting	TBD
<b>April</b>	1		All Star applications due	to Carol Crossett
	TBD	TBD	Market Lamb Ear Tagging	TBD
	21	7:00pm	Junior Leadership Meeting (last)	Farm Bureau
	25		State Leader Council Meeting	Southern California
	28	7:30	Leader Council Meeting	Jockey Clubhouse
	TBD	7:00-8:30pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
	TBD	TBD	Cat Field Day	TBD

### RESOURCES

**Club:**

[www.abbie4h.org](http://www.abbie4h.org)

**County:**

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