

ABBIE NEWS



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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2009

7:00 pm

MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3300 Dennis Drive

Pleasanton, CA

Winter Carnival: Big Success

For the past three years, since Hurricane Katrina, our club has done a community service fundraiser to help others in need. This year we chose to help out the Pleasanton Food Bank since so many people are having a hard time putting food on the table. ABBIE 4H CLUB IS AWESOME! You guys came through again.

We made about **\$150** for the food bank and collected almost **120 pounds of food**. WOW! Thank you to all the officers for helping me with the booths, and non officers that stepped up to help. Also thank you to the cooking projects for providing treats for sale. I'm sure much of the profit came from the baked goods. By putting our resources together, and having a little fun, we can do a lot of good.

There are still a lot of people that can use our help with canned goods. SO the canning project is still collecting canned goods each meeting.

PLEASE BRING NON PERISHABLE FOOD, BABY ITEMS..WHATEVER YOU CAN SPARE TO HELP THE PLEASANTON FOOD BANK.

- Joey Bennett

REMINDER!

Easter goody baskets are needed! Please bring one or two to the Community Club Meeting!

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THIS MONTH'S THEME: Abbie 4H Goes Green

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
February 11	March 11	April 8	May 13	June 3



March Gardening Tips

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

- Plant lettuce, radishes, carrots, peas, beets, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, onions, asparagus, and strawberries.
- Plant pansies and hardy annuals.
- Can plant trees and shrubs now.
- Feed and water evergreens.
- Prune grape vines.

Have fun with your planting!

- Cheyenne Harper

ALL STAR APPLICATIONS

For youth interested in County leadership opportunities, each county offers the rank of "All Star", which the members can apply for in the Spring of the year prior to serving. The Alameda County All Star(s) have a lot of freedom and support to "make the best better". They have a mentor (usually of their own choice, at least in the past) who is on the County Leader Council, and they usually give a report at the council meetings, last Tuesday of the month. They often assist/organize county functions such as Skate Night, Skit Night, Achievement Night, and have opportunity to create other events if they wish. We used to have an International Night, where each club hosted a booth from a different country, complete with food, etc. Some All-Stars have produced a county newsletter. Some

have focused on community service. They are often asked to install officers for the clubs in the fall. There is no limit to the number of All Stars who can be accepted and serve! Plus, once an All Star, always an All Star! You don't need to re-apply each year, but you are always free to "retire" if your schedule doesn't permit serving in subsequent years.

Here is information from the County Office:

All Star is a working award -- recognition and service

Must hold gold star as of June 2009 and be a high school sophomore (at least 15 years old) for service in Fall 2009.

Application process includes:

- Completion of written application with 6 short essay questions.
- Letters of recommendation
- Submission of record book (Completed thru March 2009).
- Written 4H Story (essay) regarding 4H involvement
- Prepared speech about 4H -- suggested topics are in the application.

Applications or additional information are available from Carol Crossett.

Contact: E-mail: cvcrossett@aol.com

Office: 510/639-1370 or

Home: 510/881-1124

Applications are due to the 4H Resource Center by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Model Horse Project Kick-off

And there's room for you! This is a really fun project. You learn all about horses, without getting cold and wet! (or even hot and dusty!) Did you know you

can even take your model(s) to shows and win prizes? You can even enter in the Fair! The first meeting is going to be Sunday, March 15. Location and time to be decided once we know when folks can get there.

For more info, please contact: Jane or Ann Morehouse,
annjane2@earthlink.net or
510-351-1174

Rifle Fun Shoot Opportunity

If you are new to shooting, or have never fired a gun before and would like to try it out, here's a great opportunity! The range where your very own Alameda County 4H Rifle Team holds their meetings is hosting a FUN SHOOT on Sunday, March 22, at 11:00 am. Our team will be assisting, and it will be hosted by the NRA Member's Council of Alameda County. Here is the info from the Council: We hold our Fun Shoots specifically to introduce non- or novice shooters to shooting, so everything is tailored for people that don't know anything about guns. We have a brief half-hour safety class where we introduce people to firearms and show them how to handle them safely. We also explain the range rules. We then take them to the firing line where they work one-on-one with our members, moving from position to position trying different guns, both handguns and long guns, in different calibers. Fun Shoot participants pay \$10.00 instead of the normal \$12.00 range fee, so when you check in be sure to mention that you're with the NRA MC Fun Shoot. Note that this is the ONLY cost to guests! WE provide the guns and ammunition for their use!

If interested, please contact: Jane Onojafe, 925-462-3573 or
eonojafe@comcast.net

March Operation Dignity Donations

It's Easter time again! **Every year ABBIE 4H does a big donation drive for Easter Baskets that we take to the shelter for the homeless children living at Operation Dignity in downtown Oakland.** This is a wonderful organization whose goal is "a help up, not a hand out". They have been helping veterans and other homeless and their children since 1993. PLEASE consider bringing a full Easter goody basket or two to the Community Club Meeting this month. All ages are needed. If you would prefer us to buy them, you can make a monetary donation as well. (Tip: Wal-Mart always has lots of "ready-made" baskets for very reasonable prices). And finally, we need a family or two to volunteer to chair this community service activity! You would collect the baskets at the meeting, purchase additional if there are dollar donations, and deliver them to the Oakland shelter before Easter. For more information, please call: Sam Onojafe, community service officer, 925-462-3573 or lacrosselover@comcast.net

Swine Project Scouting Report

The Swine members have been busy this past month and will be getting busier. The first big event was Swine Field Day. Abbie was well represented on this rare sunny day. There were 8 stations set up and the members were broken up into groups. I did a mini lesson on swine showmanship. The members also learned about selection, pork cuts, pig parts, nutrition, ear

notching, digestion, and other livestock. We ended the field day with a lunch from the Livermore FFA, and a raffle. Our own Michael Onojafe and Joey Bennett each one a gift certificate in the raffle.

The month of February was busy making or improving pens. By this month's meeting most of our members will already have their pigs. Several members went to Ottenwalter auction in Colusa to see what it was like to be on the buying side of an auction. Some of our members were surprised to see how high some of these pigs sold for, but we were able to purchase a few market pigs for fair prices. Many more swine members purchased pigs from Golden State Genetics. We were able to see a commercial pig farm and these pigs sold for a set price rather than auction style.

Just a few more members are looking forward to purchasing pigs. So far, I think Abbie has a good looking group of pigs.

- Jimmy Bennett

Science Fun Fair

The Science Fun Fair is coming up Tuesday, March 17, and we still need people to sign up. It goes from 6-9 PM at the Fairgrounds. You can make posters and displays or even bring an animal to show what 4-H is all about. We will answer any questions people have about the club and also get the chance to look at other booths. All-in-all, it's a fun experience and looks good on your recordbook! Please sign-up by contacting us at (925) 484 8470 or redonionator@comcast.net. Thanks!
-Alicia and Kamryn Brown

Community Service Opportunity

Hey, if you need some more community service for your record book, here's a great opportunity!

Science Odyssey is March 12 at Junction Middle School in Livermore. Abbie has a display and members will be answering questions from the public about their projects. Small animals such as guinea pigs, chickens, and rabbits are welcome and encouraged. Also any posters on your projects or project examples would be appreciated. This is a great event to attend and your help would be greatly appreciated. This event can be counted as community service for your record books.

The event starts at six and ends at eight-thirty. Some members have already signed up. Sophia is bringing chickens. Audrey and Wesly and Scott have agreed to be there between 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm. Sam will be there from 7:15 - 8:30.

Please consider joining us in representing Abbie 4H. For further information please contact either Miriam Flock at 925 484-1942 or Nicole Klunker at 510 432-7017.

- Nicole and Miriam
Event Co-chairs

GRAND NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of scholarships are offered every year at the Grand National Junior Stock Show. These scholarships are available to deserving high school seniors and first year college students who are **exhibiting animals at the 2009 Grand National Junior Stock**

Show and plan to attend or continue attending college in the fall of 2009. Scholarship applications are available on our website at www.grandnationalrodeo.com or by contacting Vanessa Adams, Stock Show Manager at (415) 404-4142 or vadams@cowpalace.com. Previous Grand National Scholarships winners are not eligible to apply. **Payment of Scholarship will be released when proof of enrollment is submitted.** **APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 20, 2009 INTERVIEWS:** After review of applications, qualified applicants may be interviewed. All exhibitors who have applied for scholarships should check in at the Livestock Office upon arrival to the show to learn of their interview status. **SCHOLARSHIPS THE PETER UCCELLI FOUNDATION... \$2500**

Offers the following scholarship to the most qualified FFA or 4-H exhibitor at the 2009 Junior Grand National: \$2,500 Scholarship to be used at any 4 year accredited agricultural college/university in the United States.

THE GRAND NATIONAL FOUNDATION... \$6500

The Grand National Foundation offers the following scholarships: 5- \$1,000 Scholarships 1- \$1,5000 Scholarship All scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a written application, essay question, and the results of their placing at the Junior Grand National Stock Show. These scholarships are to be used at either a 2-year community college or a 4-year accredited agricultural college/university in the United States.

T-Shirts

At the next community club meeting, order your white Abbie T-shirts for

\$12. If you will be writing a check, please make it out to Abbie 4-H. We will be tie-dying sometime after they come in. If you have any other questions, contact me at farcherbrown@comcast.net. Don't miss your chance to get a new T-shirts
- Kamryn Brown

March Birthday Corner:

March 1	Noah Thomas
March 3	Sasha Greenlee
March 5	Dylan DeVries
March 8	Amanda Horne
March 8	Mira Greenlee
March 11	Krystal Jacobsen
March 23	Sasha Zarubin

Refreshments:

Please bring two dozen of your favorite cookies, brownies, or any other goodies:

The following families are to bring the refreshments this month:

- Bennett
- Miller
- Wilcox
- Maggy
- Li
- Heller
- Brennan
- Ricart
- Smith
- VanDussen
- Rizzo
- Rodricks
- Robinson

Also...

We received a thank you letter from Margaret Miller from Del Arroyo 4H for participating in this year's party. She also stated that next years' party will be Dec. 12,2009 and that she would accept monetary donations throughout the year for this event.

Small Animal Field Day needs volunteers May 2 @ Fairgrounds, call Donna Busch 510-538-8941

Valley Vista Club is re-activating in Livermore with Club Leader Brian Cook

CALENDAR

Month	Date	Time	Meeting	Location
March	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	TBA	Sectional Presentation Day	UC Davis
	31	TBA	Leader Council Meeting	TBA
April	1		All Star applications due	to Carol Crossett
	TBD	TBA	Market Lamb Ear Tagging	TBA
	21	7:00pm	Junior Leadership Meeting (last)	Farm Bureau
	25		State Leader Council Meeting	Southern California
	28	7:30	Leader Council Meeting	Jockey Clubhouse
	TBA	7:00-8:30pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
	TBA	TBA	Cat Field Day	TBA
May	16	TBA	Sectional Leader Council	Alameda County
	19	7:00pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau
			Alameda County Fair Entry Forms Due	Online
	TBA	7:00pm	Adult Volunteer Leader Orientation	Farm Bureau
	TBA	7:00-8:30pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
	16	10:00am	Dog Play Day	Dunsmuir House
	TBA	TBA	State 4H Field Day	UC Davis
	TBA	7:30pm	Leader Council Meeting	Farm Bureau

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