

ABBIE NEWS



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Newsletter

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2008

7:00 PM

MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3300 Dennis Drive

Pleasanton, CA

Alameda County Fair competitive exhibit information and entry forms are available online at

www.alamedacountyfair.com/2008fair/contests/

Please check the website and get your entries in on time. This year's theme is "*Out of the Gate in 2008, 150 Years of Horse Racing.*"

Large animal project members should talk to their project leaders about upcoming mandatory ethic meetings.

THIS MONTH'S THEME: The theme for the month is: **Spring Fever**

Come dressed in a Spring or Pastel Color. Your receive points toward your "Super Member" award and pin if you come dressed either in your Abbie 4H t-shirt, 4H uniform or in the "theme" for the month.

Community Club Meetings for 2007-2008

September 12	October 10	November 14	December 12	January 9
February 13	March 12	April 9	May 14	June 11

Refreshments

Each month we will list names of several families to bring refreshments to the community club meeting. If you will not be attending that meeting, please contact the Hospitality Committee to let them know, so that they can call on someone else to bring the goodies.

We will be having our Ice Cream Social this month, therefore, no refreshments need to be provided.

Alameda County Camp

The 2008 Camp Staff Team are so excited about sharing this year's camp with you.

Camp registration is available online at <http://www.alamedacounty4h.org/camp08.htm>. Camp will be July 27 – Aug 2. The fun theme this year is “Dinosaurs.” For more information please go to the website!



Camp Staff have planned interactive and fun educational program activities. Camp emphasis is placed on nature, recreation and outdoor education in a camp setting. 4-H camp is located at Las Posadas. Everyone from Abbie who has attended in the past has loved the experience!

Election Time AGAIN!

That's right it is almost Election time again. It is time for all you members to start thinking about how you would like to help improve our club and be heard. All officer positions will be voted on at the May Community Club Meeting. Applications will be available at the April Club Meeting. Feel free to talk with one of the current officers about officer duties. Please email Diana Hock, Jan Bennett and Jane Onojafe to let them know if you are interested in running to be an officer.

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Jan Bennett: jb6clan@yahoo.com

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Small Animal Field Day

Small Animal Field Day is this Saturday, April 12th from 10:00-2:00 at the Ag Building at the Fairgrounds. Small animal projects throughout Alameda County will be there to share their animals and educational displays. There are several contests including animal dress-up, posters, and pictures. This is a really fun and educational event open to anyone whether you're in a small animal project or not. If you've ever thought about joining a small animal project, this would be a great time to learn more. Each booth also gives raffle tickets away if you participate in their booth activity. You can use these raffle tickets to win fun prizes. The Beginning 4-H project will be meeting at 10:00 at the Abbie Poultry booth for a meeting and tour around. Everyone is welcome to join in!

Operation S.A.M.

At our April and May Community Club meetings, we will be collecting items for Operation S.A.M. This non-profit organization sends care packages to our troops deployed all around the world. Please help this cause by bringing your donation of any of the following items to our April and May meeting. If you are interested in helping pack the care packages, please email Alicia at redonionator@comcast.net and I can give you more information. Operation S.A.M. has packing dates scheduled for Saturdays, April 12 and May 3.

Our troops can always use:

- Disposable cameras, Cotton socks, Bandanas, Wash cloths
- Bug repellent, Tylenol, muscle & anti-fungal cream, allergy tablets, nasal spray
- Small (**travel size**) toothpaste and mouth wash, shampoo, conditioner
- Baggies (qt. & gal. zip lock)
- Sun block, Visine, Tums,
- Small envelopes, pens, AA & AAA batteries
- CD's, DVD's, hand held computer games
- Chap stick, small (**travel size**) hand sanitizer, lotion and foot powder
- Travel size games, small word puzzle books
- Crystal Light, Coffee, Creamer and Sweetener (Individual packets only, please)
- Undershirts, green or black, sizes M - XL
- **Letters** (please do not seal) The most requested item from our troops.
- Snacks - nuts, beef or turkey jerky, trail mix, mints, hard candy,
- Protein and power bars
- International phone cards

There are a few items: NOT ALLOWED:

- Alcohol
- Pork products
- Religious texts and symbols.

Alicia Brown

Abbie Project Expo 2007

It's that time of year again, where our projects get to show off what they have been doing all year! The May Community Club meeting will once again host our Abbie Project Expo. This is a fun meeting filled with judging contests, educational information, and food! Please talk with your project leaders and find out what your project will do for the Abbie Project Expo. We would like all of our projects to participate. Officers will be contacting each of you to find out what your plans are. Remember, this is a great way to get Fair projects completed. Get those posters and Fair entries done now for our Project Expo and you're ready to go for Fair! We are looking forward to seeing all those wonderful projects!

Science Fun Fair Success

The Science Fun Fair was Wednesday, March 19th at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. We had 3 large tables to set up for our animals and displays. Twelve of our Abbie members came to work the booth and brought their animals to show. We had guinea pigs, chickens, a gecko, a rat, rabbits, a cat, and even an interactive gardening display board for kids to play with. Our first and second shifts were a huge success because we had lots of animals and visitors. By the last shift, we didn't have as many animals and those of us still there were getting tired and not as many visitors were still there. Overall the Science Fun Fair was a fun and educational activity. It's fun to watch kids and adults touch an animal that they've never seen before. We answered lots of questions and even gave out lots of information about our club.

Parker Brown

Recycled Whites

We are getting closer to Fair time so you may want to start getting your uniform ready. If you are looking for whites, check the recycled whites bin at the next community club meeting!

If you have whites you no longer need, please bring them in as we have families looking for whites, and they are harder to find this time of year.

Nicole Klunker

Easter Basket Donations

Just before Easter, we collected Easter Baskets filled with toys and candies for the kids of homeless veterans. I took them out to Alameda to the old military base where families are allowed to live at Dignity Commons. The same day that I was delivering the baskets, another family with 3 kids was moving in. In all, there are 19 kids that live there (between the ages of 5 and 17) and all 19 received an Easter Basket from our donations!

Thank you for your contributions. The kids send their thanks!

Kamryn Brown

Magazine Committee

Every month at the club meeting, Abbie collects magazines. Please put your magazine donation at the back of the room. Make sure to cut off your address label as these magazines will be given to the library and get distributed to the jail, senior center, and other places.

Uniform Supplies

Need new supplies for your 4-H uniform? I am completely stocked with all your uniform needs, including: green and white hats (\$10 each), ties for boys (\$8.50 each), scarves for girls (11.00 each), and record book covers (\$2.50 each). It's never too early to get your uniform ready. See Kamryn Brown, the sales treasurer at the CCM.

Food Donations

Every month we collect donations of canned and nonperishable food to give to a local food pantry. Please bring a can of nonperishable food to the community club meeting. If every member brings one thing, we will be able to make a great donation. Make sure and check the expiration dates on your donations.

Birthday Corner

Happy Birthday to all our April Birthdays!

4/1	Sarah Potter
4/1	Allison Ricart
4/1	Kate Ricart
4/1	Bradley Flynn
4/5	Caylee Heller
4/5	Nicole Klunker
4/6	Jeffrey Horne
4/6	Emma Sage
4/15	Patricia Robinson
4/21	Jonathan Komari
4/23	Whitney Carter
4/25	Morgan Wacek
4/26	Lexi Ford
4/28	Wesley Hock

CALENDAR 2008

(All are welcome; meetings are open to anyone interested in attending)

Month	Date	Time	Meeting	Location
April	TBD	TBD	North Central Section Citizenship Day	Stockton County Extension Office
	12	10:00-2:00	Small Animal Field Day	Ag Building, Alameda County Fairgrounds
	15	7:00 PM	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau
	23	7:00-8:30	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
	TBD	TBD	Market Ear Lamb Tagging	TBD
	26		State Leader Council Meeting	Southern California
	TBD	10:00 AM	Cat Field Day	Dunsmuir House
	29	7:00 PM	Leader Council Meeting	Farm Bureau
May	12 mail 16 online	postmark 5:00 PM	Alameda County Fair Forms Due	

RESOURCES

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