

ABBIE NEWS



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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 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!

- * Still collecting Easter Baskets and things for Easter Baskets.
- * Megan and Stephanie (Historians) would like to make a DVD to play of this year's events could you make announcement for all pics to be emailed to Megan Mueller KKandM@comcast.net. We can make prints and also do a DVD if we get enough photos.



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
February 11	March 11	April 8	May 13	June 3

April Gardening Tips

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

- Plant strawberries, raspberries, grapes and asparagus.
- Plant fruit and shade trees, and ornamental shrubs.
- Seed cool season lawns
- Plant dahlia, canna, gladiolas, and lily bulbs.
- Plant potatoes.
- Keep weeding your gardens.

Good luck and have fun,
- Cheyenne Harper

SAFD Judges Wanted

We are looking for volunteer parents and/or older 4-H members to judge

contests at Small Animal Field Day. This event will be held Saturday, May 2 from 10 to 2 pm. Contests include Dress-Up, Photos, and Posters. If interested, please contact Shayne Rivers at 510-303-9038 or shaynangel@sbcglobal.net.

State Leadership Conference For Teens

The Alameda County Leaders' Council pays half of the registration fee for the State Leadership Conference for teens occurring on April 6. If a member needs financial aid for the remaining fee they would contact the 4-H State Office. The application packet and financial aid information will be available Monday, April 6, 2009 at

<http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/>

Registration is done online. Members need to register as soon as possible because some workshops/tracks fill up quickly.

Katie Fraser was the only Alameda County delegate last year. A lot of counties send 5 to 30 people. Katie is going to attend this year's conference and would like other Alameda teens to attend.

San Joaquin Tractor and Vegetable Day

San Joaquin County 4-H will host a hands-on field day about farm and lawn tractors and vegetable production. The event will introduce 4-H members to the 4-H Petroleum Power, Lawn Tractor and Plant Science projects. Members will learn basic tractor safety; how to maneuver a tractor; identify common parts of tractors; and, understanding of how a tractor operates. 4-H members will see demonstrations on vegetable planting; best management practices for maximum production and yields; and, learn accepted methods of exhibiting produce/plants for competition.

Location: Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Center 2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton, CA 95206.

When: Saturday April 18, 2009

Registration starts at 8:30am.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served by the Linden-Peters 4-H Club for a nominal fee. Free seeds and/or plants will be given.

Swine Project Scouting Report-February

The Swine members have been busy during February 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

Swine Scouting Report - March

This past month has seemed rather calm compared to February because the pigs are all here, but the field day and fundraiser is over. But it feels like the calm before the storm because we are all gearing up for our end of the year skill-a-thon and training our pigs for fair.

We have had a few odd medical issues this year including a pig that throws up and one that is afraid to walk on a previously hurt leg...Through lots of patience and TLC, these pigs are picking up, and we are all hopeful. We have several members however that have learned more about pig medicine than they ever wanted to. Keep your fingers crossed that antibiotic shots will be the thing of the past for these members and that these pigs will gain weight and become thrifty. April brings ear tagging, worming shots, and weigh-ins.

- Jimmy Bennett

Rifle Fun Shoot

On March 23rd, an event called Fun Shoot was held at an indoor/outdoor rifle range in San Leandro. This is where the Rifle Project holds its regular meetings, but this was an event for anyone interested. It was a fund raiser for the Jr. Optimists club and many members of the Abbie Rifle Project helped out and participated. They had food for sale, and many types of guns for people to try out, including: rifles, pistols and revolvers. A lot of people showed up and everyone seemed to have a good time. I hope more people will join the Rifle Project next year, or at least come to the Fun Shoot.

- Jonathan Komari

COMMUNITY SERVICE at AMADOR THEATER

Are you a junior or senior, and you need community service hours?

Are you a parent, and just want to get away?

Here is an easy and interesting volunteer opportunity: The Amador Theater is hosting an open meeting for new volunteers interested in ushering for the performances. The orientation will be this Tuesday, April 7, at 7pm in the Amador Theater lobby. RSVP or questions: Jane Onojafe, 260-0070 or ejonojafe@comcast.net

Science Odyssey

Science Odyssey was held March 12 at Junction Middle School in Livermore. Abbie had a display that included chickens, rabbits, goats, a guinea pig and a plant. Thank you to the Wrens, McMillans, Bennets, Flocks and the Harpers for bringing their animals and posters. I brought two of my goat kids and a plant to represent the gardening project. A special thanks to Miriam for exhibiting my guinea pig and to Ysabella for handling my rabbit. All the animals were a big hit with the kids of all ages and overall we all had a very good time talking to the kids as well the adults about our animals, our projects and Abbie 4H! I hope even more of our members can participate with posters and critters next year!

- Nicole Klunker
Co-Chair

C.A.M.P.

C.A.M.P. stands for **C**reating **A** **M**emorable **P**rogram. That's what we went up to Las Posadas Camp on April 4th to do...to learn how to make summer camp memorable for our campers. C.A.M.P. is a training program put on by the 6 county board that runs the Las Posadas camp grounds. There were representatives from 5 of the 6 counties in attendance: Alameda, Contra Costa,

Sacramento, Napa, and Marin. Even though the 6 county board sponsors this program, most of the sessions were led by older staff members.

I was a part of our county's session on gathering activities. We did a session on teaching kids to interview and introduce other members.

Other sessions included group activities such as games, planning events such as carnivals, songs and recreation and camper management. We also had sessions put on by members from the local college on local plants and animals. We saw a variety of local wildlife including rattlesnakes, and learned how to avoid them.

My favorite part was meeting members from other counties and learning how they run their camps. This gave me a greater appreciation for our county's camp program.

- Joey Bennett

Community Service - Fantastic Plastic Classic

The Fantastic Plastic Classic model horse show was held Saturday April 4th at Centennial Hall in Hayward. The horse group used this opportunity to sell donuts, coffee, fudge and brownies to the exhibitors and attendees. All proceeds from the sale of those items will be donated to the Thoroughbred Friends organization.

Thoroughbred Friends takes in unwanted horses which may have gone to slaughter, works with them, and then does a great job of finding them great new homes! We were pleased to have made \$78.00 to donate. Thank you to both of our moms for helping us make the brownies and fudge that we sold.

- Miriam Flock and Nicole Klunker

Committee Co – Chairs

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

April Birthday Corner:

April 1	Sarah Potter
April 5	Nicole Klunker
April 5	Allison Ricart
April 5	Kate Ricart
April 18	Austin Munro
April 20	Caroline Recupero
April 21	Jonathan Komari
April 24	Alex Miller
April 25	Morgan Wacek
April 26	Lexi Ford
April 28	Wesley Hock

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

4H CAMP REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.LPC.ORG

CALENDAR

Month	Date	Time	Meeting	Location
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
	18	TBA	Cat Field Day	Dunsmuir Carriage House
May	2	TBA	Small Animal Field Day	Fairgrounds
	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
	16		Sectional 4H Meeting	County Office in Alameda
	TBA	TBA	State 4H Field Day	UC Davis
	TBA	7:30pm	Leader Council Meeting	Farm Bureau
June	TBA	7:00 pm & 8:30 pm	Cake Booth Orientation	Young California Building
	TBA	7:00-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau

July 1-July 19 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR "Come out and Play"

The 4-H State Leadership Conference engages youth in reaching their fullest leadership potential.



California 4-H State Leadership Conference August 6 – 9, 2009 UC Merced

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The

Conference provides advanced leadership training for high school 4-H members. The Conference is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The Conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas.



Youth delegates gain exposure to the campus by living in the residence halls, eating in the dining commons, and participating in educational sessions, many of which are taught by UC faculty and staff.

The conference is planned by a team of high school 4-H members and adult advisors. Working in strong youth-adult partnership, the team designs the educational, recreational and logistical components of the conference.

Date: August 6 – 9, 2009

Location: UC Merced

Age: High school aged 4-H member, 4-H Volunteer Leaders

Price: Around \$380 per participant. Financial Aid available

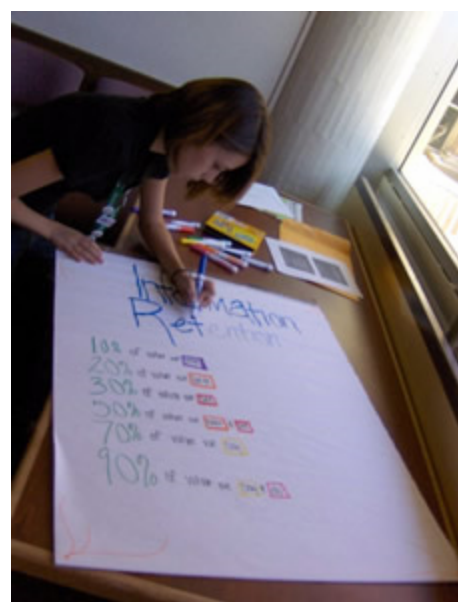
Registration: Forms available in April 2009. Due June 2009.

Conference Size: Approximately 550 participants

For more information, please contact:

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<http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/>

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