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If you would like to submit an article, please send them to Kamryn Brown at kweirbrown@comcast.net or farcherbrown@comcast.net by the first Wednesday of each month.



COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 10th, 2013
Theme: Pajamas
Meeting starts: 7:00 PM
Sign-in opens: 6:45PM
MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
Multi-purpose Room
3300 Dennis Drive

Ethics Training Dates

If you're in a livestock project and are either a 1st year member or are under 14 years old by January 1st, you have to attend an Ethics Meeting in order to show your livestock at the fair. If you are 18 or older, a parent doesn't need to attend the meeting with you. In addition, livestock project leaders must go to an Ethics Meeting every 3 years. Keep in mind that all livestock leaders and first year members will be getting their picture taken at these meetings due to the 100th year anniversary of the fair last year. Please RSVP to Larry Ledger at 925-426-7611 or email him at ledger@alamedacountyfair.com. You can also contact Phyllis Castello at 209-835-4084 or email her at olletsachp@aol.com. The meeting dates are listed below. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to your livestock project leaders!

MEETING DATES

4/16- Building O (Gems and Minerals Building)
at 7 PM

4/25- Building O (Gems and Minerals Building)
at 7 PM

5/6- Building O (Gems and Minerals Building)
at 7 PM



Good News Bears

By: Aurora Nicolas

The mini members collected stuffed animals at the March CCM. We collected 32 animals. We dropped them off in Livermore. That was very hard because I wanted to keep the pig and the Tiggers.



Spaghetti Feed

By: Austin Munro

May 4th is only 3 weeks away, get your tickets now. Tickets will be on sale at the April CCM. If you are planning to come can you please go the following link and reserve your tickets,

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dENsRIVXVS1pRVVvcXBqVHZuV1ZPZHc6MQ>. The link will also be sent out in an email from Abbie 4H.

Project leaders please let me know if your project will be donating a basket and what the theme is so I can start making the signs. We have gotten some good donations so far. Callippe Golf has donated 2 rounds of golf with cart rental, Massage Envy has donated a 1 hour massage, Richert Lumber has donated a dremmel, and several other businesses have donated. The Officers will be putting together an ice cream sundae basket, and there will be a candy “tree” in our raffle. If there are any families that would like to donated a \$20-\$25 gift card to a local restaurant , please email Michele Munro at munro821@aol.com. We would like to include a “dinner out” prize. Please sign up to reserve your tickets now so we will know how many people are coming.



Market Goat Meeting

By: Cheyenne Harper

On March 12th, we had a market goat meeting at the Ricart's house. Kate Ricart used kitchen appliances and food to demonstrate how a ruminant's stomach works. There are four chambers to the ruminant stomach: rumen, reticulum, omasum, abomasum. First she cut up some food with a knife to represent an animal chewing. To show how the rumen works, she put the food in a blender and blended it on low speed with some water added (saliva). The food that is small enough will travel into the Reticulum. Kate then blended the food on a higher speed. Enzymes and microorganisms mix with the food and it is fermented. To show us how the omasum absorbs moisture, Kate poured the mixture from the blender into a colander. The abomasum, or true stomach, absorbs the protein from the mixture. This process was very educational and really gave us a chance to learn how the ruminant stomach works.



4H Camp Sign Ups

2013 4-H Camp registration is now open for ALL.....
Please sign up A.S.A.P. Sign-ups are based on first come, first served basis.
Camp dates are August 4th thru August 9th
Cost is \$240

http://www.lasposadas4hcamp.com/alameda_camp2013.html



Bringing a Little Sunshine

By: Jessica Bennet

I have been in the rabbit project since my first year in 4H 8 years ago, and one of my favorite things to do is sharing this project with other people. We've had opportunities to share at science fairs, community events and state conventions. But by far the most rewarding visits have been to Senior Centers. This past month we made our second trip to Eden Villa this year. The seniors are so patient with us and SO happy to see us and our animals. When I share my rabbits, I receive so much in return. The seniors share stories of their lives, usually starting with stories about their own pets or their children. But I have also learned about early life in Pleasanton and have even gotten a lesson in the Russian language from a retired scientist. One time, one of the ladies at the center was so happy to visit with my rabbit, that I didn't think I would get my bunny back from her!



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4-H Calendar

By: Coleen Theroux

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If anyone would like a meeting, community service event, or any other 4-H related event to go on the Abbie calendar, please send an email with the date, time, place, or any other information to abbiecalendar@gmail.com.

Thanks!



4Hers Reach Out

By: Jenna Bennet

On March 23, 2013, a group of 4Hers from different clubs in our county presented at the California Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools Conference. This group is a state-wide community of parents and teachers that work like a co-op for pre-kindergarten education. Therefore, the group of people that attended this conference included teachers, day-care givers, and parents and many of their children. Our presentation was about what 4H is and how it could benefit their group. We talked about our clubs and projects and 4H camp. Our focus was on what we knew, 4H in Alameda county, but the people at the conference came from all over California. They had a lot of questions we couldn't answer, so we turned to our leaders for help with these questions. It was interesting to learn about 4H in areas like Los Angeles and San Francisco. When we had finished the formal presentation, the preschoolers at the conference were brought in from the day care center to visit the rabbits we brought for part of our presentation. I think the rabbits made the biggest impression.



April Carnival

By: Harrison Carter

Horse Project Bake Sale

By: Josie Carter

Hi Abbie Members!
This week at the CCM meeting in addition to having the Carnival before the meeting The Horse Project will be having a bake sale after to raise money for fair. So save a bit of cash for goodies after the meeting in place of our regular snacks. We really appreciate it! Giddy up!



The annual Abbie 4-H carnival is upon us and Harrison and I are chairing the event. This year we have some new games including Minute To Win It, bowling, Santa Darts and many more. This year will be a lot of fun and we are planning to donate all the money to the Tri-Valley animal shelter. We hope to see you all at the great carnival we are planning! (Tickets are 50 cents each, so don't forget to bring your money!)



4Hers-

Please write newsletter articles for the May newsletter! Articles can be about anything, whether it be community service, project reports, or announcements. If you have any questions or want to write an article, please email Kamryn Brown at farcherbrown@comcast.net or kweirbrown@comcast.net. Articles will be due on May 3rd. Thanks!

4H State Leadership Conference

The State Leadership Conference is having a one minute video contest! All you have to do is make a short video that is about a minute long portraying why you want to go or what you like about the State Leadership Conference. The first place winner receives \$200, and the second, third, and fourth place winners will get a free conference t-shirt. To submit your video, email it to ca4hslc@gmail.com. For more information, visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>.

4-H Whites

By Chloe Gipson

Hello everybody, I just wanted to let you know that I will be at the back of the room after the community meeting at Mohr elementary school where our 4-H meetings are. I'll be giving out some 4-H recycled whites to people who need them. I will also be very happy to take any whites you do not need. Please wash them before you bring them in. Thank you.



Earn Community Service Points by donating Used Magazines.

By Josie Carter (Magazine Committee Chair)

Hi 4-her's-

I am Josie and I am the Recycled Magazine committee chair. At each Community Club Meeting we will be collecting your read magazines and donating them to the Pleasanton Public Library. You can earn Community Service Points for your record book and feel good about recycling your unwanted magazines. Please cut off address labels from magazines, don't just scratch them out. Then bring them to the CCM and we will do the rest. Put your name on the bag and I will be giving prizes to those who donate! Thank you for your help.

Josie Carter

Magazine Committee Chair



March CCM Minutes

Taken by Miriam Flock

March 13th, 2013
March CCM
Start time: 7:05 PM

Flag Salute: Grace Reed
4H Pledge: Aurora Nicolas

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer – Nico Pellowski; motioned Megan Matthews, seconded Josie Carter
- Secretary – Miriam Flock; motioned Jessica Bennett, seconded Kayla Ayad
- Sales Treasurer – Austin Munro, please pick up sweat shirts
- Hospitality Drawing; Grace Reed picked, Rebeka Rogers won

Old Business:

- Pig Auctions – Jenna Bennett; time to buy pigs!
- NJSA – Ross Illingworth; went to swine show, won 9th in both of his classes, there was a skillathon, also “barnyard Olympics”, auction
- Gardening Field Day – Anika and Austin Nicolas; presentations like “How to Make a Compost Bin”, entered corn, crafts, face painting
- Horse Field Day – Sarah Roberts; got to practice showmanship, learned quarter system, practiced trail classes with stick horses, vet and farrier presentation
- Camp Work Weekend – Nate McMillen and Hanna Wren; cleaned up camp grounds, newts in the pool
- Science Odyssey – Sydney Fluker, Kaidon Toombs; swine group sold food

Program:

- Hula Hoop game, get hula hoop to end of line

New Business:

- Carnival – Austin Munro, Harrison Carter; starts at 6:30 next CCM
- Small Animal Field Day – Miriam Flock; April 28th at Barn in Livermore, still need some more help!
- Skit Night – Jessica Bennett; next Friday at Canyon Middle School, come support!
- Livestock Ethics Meetings – Jan Bennett; anyone showing livestock at the fair is required to go to ethics meetings, parents have to go too
- Spaghetti Feed – Mrs. Munro and Austin Munro; on May 4th, will have raffles, cool games, come support and bring family and friends, asking that each project donate a raffle basket, all proceeds go to scholarship funds
- Camp Presentation – Camp Staffers; you meet lots of new people and make new friends, hiking, lots of fun people, dances, swimming and archery and lots of sports, food
- Sectional Presentation Day – Alex Roberts; March 30th, all who won gold at County can participate, Alex and Sarah are going to Sectionals
- Officer Information – Diana Hock; officer applications need to be in by May 1st

Announcements:

- Swine Meeting – March 20th
- Beginning 4-H Meeting – March 22nd
- Skit Night – March 22nd
- Record Book Meeting – March 24th
- Sectional Presentation Day – March 30th
- County Fashion Review – April 27th
- All Stars 4-H Song Book – If you come across songs, email abbie4h@yahoo.com

Birthdays

Adjourn: motioned Hanna Wren, seconded Sara Woodall
End Time: 7:41PM

Abbie 4-H

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Check out these websites
for further 4-H help!

<http://www.abbie4h.org/>

<http://alamedacounty4h.org/>

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

County Event Calendar

Month: April/May

Event	Date	Location
Fashion Revue/ Field Day	4/27/13	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Small Animal Field Day	4/28/13	The Barn
Market Goat Field Day	4/28/13	
County Dog Fun Day	5/18/13	Dunsmuir House
State Field Day	5/25/13	UC Davis

Upcoming Project Meetings

Dates –

Rabbit Project	4/8
Poultry Project	4/17
Sheep Project	4/24
Rabbit Project	4/22
Cavy Project	4/14

About Our Organization...

Abbie 4-H is part of a nationwide network of 4-H Clubs, which promote the learning of leadership, citizenship, and life skills. It is a place to make friends and share interests, as well as to build confidence and learn responsibility.

Though the various activities offered, 4-H members have opportunities to learn new things and to have experiences that they may not have had otherwise. Among the list of possibilities are the opportunity to experiment, go to camp, go on trips, learn how to care for an animal, and how to preserve food, and much more.

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