

Abbie News



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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2010

MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton, CA

THIS MONTH'S THEME: Bugs!

MEETING STARTS AT 6:30!

Future Club Meetings:

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm

*May 12 *Jun 2

*Indicates meeting begins at 6:30 pm.

THE ABBIE 4-H PROJECT EXPO

Project Expo will be held at the Community Club Meeting Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:00 (set-up starts at 6). Project Expo is open to all projects who want to share their skills and knowledge with the club. If your project is participating, make sure everything is prepared, including a judging contest and posters or props if you need them. Project leaders, please send the answer key for your judging contest to Jan Bennett. During Project Expo, make sure to fill in as many judging contests as you can! We will have a contest of four different age group categories to see who can get the most answers right. This is a great opportunity to come and test your own knowledge of other projects, as well as show off your own!

-Alicia Brown

Birthday Corner

Reagan Rogers, 5/31	Miriam Flock, 5/1	Ian Provan, 5/4	Hayden Gribbel, 5/19
Jimmy Bennet, 5/25	Brooke Bishop, 5/7	Hannah Wrenn, 5/23	Lily Gribbel, 5/18
Sophia Wrenn, 5/23	Cash Kuhn, 5/8	Jesse McMillin, 5/12	Bethan Prentice, 5/20
Rachel Rogers, 5/31	Kristina Dunworth, 5/28	Katherine Sharkey, 5/28	Evelyn Reed, 5/13
Jack Sanderson, 5/24	Scott Jacques, 5/16	Annabella Garcia, 5/16	

Important Note!!!

Anyone willing to, can write a Newsletter article. I strongly suggest that you do. You don't need to be an officer and you will get record book credit for it. Just let me know if you are interested in writing one.

Samuel Onojafe (lacrosselover@comcast.net) or Michael Onojafe (monojafe@comcast.net)

REFRESHMENTS: Will be provided by the horse project. Will be selling hot dogs, chips, etc. please bring any extra cash!!

Abbie 4H'ers visit Eden Villa

On Saturday April 24th a group of children from Pleasanton' Abbie 4H visited Eden Villa. The children brought an assortment of animals including 6 guinea pigs, 2 chickens, a baby chick and a dog for the visit. The residents had a chance to pet and hold the animals, and have all their questions about the animals and 4H answered.

Some of the questions asked were "do the guinea pigs squeal? Do they bite?" The answers are "sometimes" and "yes," respectively.

Anika Nicolas, Austin Nicolas

Fair contest deadlines

If you want to enter anything in the fair (poster, food, art, etc.) The deadline for entering in person is 5:00 PM on Monday, May 24th, 2010. You have until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1st if you submit your entries online under the "contests and competitions" page on the Annual Fair website.

- Sam Onojafe

Alameda County Fair Horse Show

Can you believe the Fair starts in just a couple of weeks? Sunday, May 16th to be exact. The Alameda County Fair Horse Show starts off the Fair. It will be at Robertson Park in Livermore at the

Rodeo Grounds. It starts at 8:00 a.m. Abbie has between 5 – 10 members participating. We will be showing our horses and ponies in showmanship, halter, trail, equitation, pleasure, jumping, and gymkhana. Come out and support Abbie 4H horse members. And you thought the Fair started in June

By: Cheyenne Harper

Entomology Report

At our last meeting, we went to the creek to go bug hunting. We caught some interesting bugs. We learned about the mouth parts of bugs. Different bugs have different mouth parts to help them eat different foods. We then played a game to test what we learned. The bugs we caught are in the freezer right now. We are going to display them in a case to show at the fair.

by Jessica Bennett

Small Animal Field Day

On May 2, Small Animal Field Day took place in the Ag building at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Abbie had 3 booths, featuring poultry, covies, and rabbits. Members of these projects brought posters, demonstrations, or their animals to educate the public on these small critters. Many projects, including all of ours, had games that people could play to win tickets or small prizes. Some of Abbie's games included chicken bowling and a cavy race with educational questions. At the end of the day, the raffle prizes were drawn, and many Abbie kids won gifts! Overall it was a fun day, and, if you didn't come this year, make sure to head on over to Small Animal Field Day next time and get Record Book credit!

-Kamryn Brown

Pig Shots and Ear Tags

Fair is around the corner, which means it's time for pig shots and ear tags! On April 17, the swine project gave Ivermectin shots and fair ear tags to all the pigs. Many of the members gave their own pigs the shots and tags for the first time. This was also the time to get the first official weights of the pigs, and see how the pigs were doing. In addition, pictures were taken with the members and their pigs to show ownership for the fair. So that Saturday in April was very productive, not only getting the pigs shots but also letting swine members get hands on experience with large animals.

-Kamryn Brown

Blanket Night

Abbie members were wrapped up and cozy on April 1 while making fleece blankets for Project Night Night. We had a very small turnout, but those of us that were there enjoyed the movie "Stardust" while munching on popcorn. Overall we made 6 lap sized blankets for kids. For those of you who didn't come, you can still make the blankets and bring them to the CCMs or drop them off at the Brown's house (4258 Churchill Drive in Pleasanton). Remember, it can count as Community Service in your Record Book!

-Kamryn Brown

Your 4H Uniform

During the Fair we have to wear our 4H uniform a lot of times, especially if you are showing large animals. You need to wear it on showmanship day, on market day, at the awards ceremony, and at the auction. I recommend having more than one set of whites for your uniform. If you are showing more than one species of animals, I would have at least 3 sets of whites. It seems like the Fair is so far off, but it is less than 60 days away. Now is the time to try on last year's whites to see if they still fit you. If they don't, Abbie has a recycled whites bin that you can get your whites from. Christesen's in Pleasanton and Baughman's in Livermore carry whites. If someone finds a more economical place for buying whites, please let the whole group know. If your whites fit from last year, you are very lucky.

BY: Cheyenne Harper

Camp Planning

The Camp Academy group has been busy planning 4H camp for this summer. The theme is *Nursery Rhymes*. Our camp directors were introduced at our last meeting. They are Abbie's own Joey Bennett, along with Dustin Goff, Leslie Tsuda and Shelby Wright. At our April meeting, we broke up into tribes so we could meet the other staff we will be working with. We have already started planning some fun events.

There is room open for more campers at camp. The dates for camp are August 8 - August 13. The cost is \$225. If you want more information, there is a link for camp at the county website.

www.alamedacounty4h.org

by Jenna Bennett

Attention Livestock Project Members

In order to show a livestock animal at the fair, you have to complete a certified ethics course put on by the fair. Each new member and parent must attend, and you need to attend a refresher course once you turn 14. So if you have never been to an ethics course OR if you were 14 as of January 1st of this year...Please call the fairground to sign up for a course. There are 2 more dates available: May 11 and May 27. If you are not current for this course, you will not be allowed to show at the fair.

Other Fair Items

In order to be eligible to show a 4H project at the fair, you must have completed your 4H project as of the first day of fair. For proof of project completion, you or your leader must be able to produce a completed and signed project form for your project. Please ask your leaders about this requirement if you have any questions. Once fair is over, you may add to your project form prior to turning in your book in August.

4H record book forms are available on line at the Abbie website. www.abbie4h.org.

- Jan Bennet

Canned food drive success

Thank you to ALL of you who donated to the canned food drive that we organized!! 123 pounds of food was collected! The food will be donated to our local food bank.

Thank You again,- Tim Jannisse and Austin Piombo

Calendar

(All are welcome; meetings are open to anyone interested in attendin

May 2010

Small Animal Field Day	May 2	Fairgrounds
Dog Play Day	May 15	Dunsmuir House - 10:00am
Sectional Leader Council	May	Alameda County
Camp Academy	May 26	Farm Bureau --7:00-8:30pm
Leader Council Meeting	TBD	TBD
Alameda County Fair Entry Forms Due	May	Online
State 4H Field Day	May 29	UC Davis

June 2010

State Leadership Conference Registration Due	June	On-line: ca4h.org
Cake Booth Orientation		TBD
Camp Academy	June	Farm Bureau - 7:00-8:30
Alameda County Fair	June 23- July 11	Alameda County Fair Grounds

RESOURCES

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www.abbie4h.org

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Minutes for Abbie Club Meeting 4/14/10

Meeting called to order by Alicia Brown at 7:05 pm at Mohr School

- ❑ Flag Salute - Erica Jacobsen
- ❑ 4H Pledge - Harrison Carter
- ❑ Theme: Spring

Reports

- ❑ Secretary's report - Jessica Bennett motioned to approve, Brooke Bishop 2nd - minutes approved
- ❑ Treasurer report - March balance \$22,203.26; April balance \$21,915.91
- ❑ Sale's treasurer- new items have been ordered
- ❑ Hospitality- Amanda Horne - Jessica Bennett won raffle
- ❑ Canned Food Drive Raffle - Jonathan Komari won raffle

Old Business

- ❑ Science Odyssey - Sam Onojafe and Scott Jacques talked about the food sale the swine group did and Alicia Brown told us about the small animal room. Lots of kids present on March 18th at Junction School
- ❑ Project Night Night April 1 - Mirriam Flock and Nicole Klunker told how they made blankets. Members can still make blankets - use 1 ½ yard of material
- ❑ Bernal Property Farm - Karen Brown talked about the 5 acres set aside for a 4H farm. They have met with a city planner. Now the committee needs to meet with an architect. She has a guidance book if anyone would like to look at it.

Program -

Junior Livestock Auction Presentation by some livestock kids including Brook Bishop from Abbie. Also Drew and Haley Imhoff from Sunol.

We also played a game put on by our recreation leaders with helpers Miriam, Parker and Barric

New Business

- ❑ Project Expo - Allison Ricart told us that at the May meeting all projects should bring a display and a judging class
- ❑ Officer Elections - Diana Hock said we need to get forms in by May 1st if we want to run for an officer. Also that we should have a little talk ready to tell the club about us.
- ❑ Science Fair - Sasha Greenlee and Kamryn Brown talked about the science fair at Fairlands on May 20. They are looking for 4hers to bring small animals and other projects.

Announcements - Alicia read off these announcements

- ❑ Small Animal Field Day 5/2
- ❑ Next Officer meeting 4/25
- ❑ Next CCM 5/12

We sang Happy Birthday to the April Birthday members

Megan Mueller moved to adjourn meeting, Joseph Zimmerman second it

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm

- minutes are respectfully submitted by
Jenna Bennett recording secretary