

ABBIE NEWS



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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 11th, 2011
6:30 PM - NOTE TIME CHANGE

MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton, CA

THIS MONTH'S THEME: "Twins" This month pick a buddy and dress up as twins! This month's meeting will start at 6:30 with project expo. Come and check out what all of the different projects have to offer.

You 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.

Project Expo

This month's CCM begins at 6:30 PM with Project Expo! Leaders, please let me know if your project will be a part of Project Expo. If so, a table will be assigned to your project for your project members to display posters, have a judging contest, or whatever other ideas you may have.

This Project Expo will allow other members to see what each project is about, and it is an opportunity for members of non-animal projects to exhibit their work.

Please be a part of Project Expo! Bring a friend and show them what 4-H is all about.

Thank you, Emma Theroux

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Food Sales during Project Expo!

The State Exchange Project will have food for sale during Project Expo! We will have main menu items such as pizza and baked potatoes in addition to soda, chips, and other sides. Cost will be \$1.00/side and \$2.00/dinner item. We will also have a great meal deal of dinner item, drink, chips, and another choice for \$4.50!

Come Hungry!

Community Club Meetings for 2011

**June 1 – 7:00 PM
Aquatic Park, Black Avenue, Pleasanton
Year End Potluck**

Emerald Star Program

The county Incentives and Recognitions (I&R) committee have just unveiled a new (actually newly revised old program) project of leadership development. It is the Emerald Star Program. The Emerald Star Program is a County Achievement program to recognize individual goal setting, implementation and accomplishment beyond the club level. This is NOT part of the record book star ranking.

This awards program is open to any 4-H member in the 8th grade or above that has a minimum of 1 year in Junior/Teen Leadership experience and has earned at least a silver star rank.

The process includes completing an application that details out the members project idea, interviewing with the I&R committee to review the project, presenting their project idea to Leaders' council, implementing the project, and a self evaluation form.

Awards will be awarded at County Awards Night. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact Jan Bennett at jb6clan@yahoo.com. Or check the county 4H website for information and application documents.

*The Fairlands Science fair is on May 19th from 6-8. We need people to bring small animals(bunnies, chickens, cavies, Ect.) to it. If you are interested in participating please sign up at the CCM on May 11th or e-mail Jessie at Tamara@pleasantonnotary.net. **If you are participating in this event come at 5:45 for set up.**- Jessie Rhoads, Anika Nicholas and Austin Nicholas*

Jessie Rhoads

Livestock News:

Fair is just around the corner, so here are a few dates to put on your calendar:

Fair entries: Paper entry forms are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, May 16th. These can be hand delivered or must be postmarked by this time.

On line entries are due before Wednesday, May 25th. I believe it is a little less expensive to enter online.

Log on to the Fair's website:

<http://www.alamedacountyfair.com/2011fair/contests/index.php?row=0>

There will be another informative exhibitor meeting on Monday, May 16th at 7pm. This is a voluntary meeting. Please RSVP to Larry at 426-7611

Pre Fair Youth Exhibitor Meeting is Wednesday, June 15th at 7pm.

Fair Dates: June 22 – July 10.

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Alameda County Fair Horse Show

The 2011 Alameda County Fair Horse Show will be held on Sunday May 15 th. It will be held at Basso Arena starting at 8:00 AM. The address is 6030 Dagnino Rd in Livermore, Ca. There are a variety of classes in different disciplines. You do not need to be in the horse project to come out and support the 4H members showing, so please consider joining us. Please wear shoes or boots. Flip Flops or sandals are not safe around the horses!

Animal Welfare at Public Shows

By Jenna Bennett

Fair time is always a lot of fun, but while we are having fun, everyone should be aware that you are on display. In this day of instant technology, anything we do in public could end up on Youtube in an instant. So be prepared and be a good role model to the public. We have all been at the fair next to our animal pens and had fair goers ask us questions about our animals or taken pictures of our pigs, sheep or steer. Animal Welfare groups do the same thing and are just looking for evidence to back up their agendas..so be prepared:

1. Do your homework, understand your project, and answer questions thoughtfully and honestly. If a question stumps you or you are afraid of leaving the wrong impression, tell the person that you can check with your leader.
2. Prepare your animal: practice at home, will mean less struggle at the fair. We know that white pigs show slight marks very easily, and that these marks disappear quickly, but how does that look to a fair goer?
3. Keep your cool: Fair time is stressful, but you must always remember whatever you do in public is on display.
4. Parents help members keep their cool, and they might mean back off...allow the member to deal with the situation, or ask the leader to intervene if the member needs help.

Fair time should be a fun time, but it can also be a great opportunity to educate the public about our terrific 4H program, and how well we care for our project animals.

Birthday Corner

Miriam Flock

Jesse McMillin

Scott Jacques

Hannah Wrenn

Sophia Wrenn

Timothy Jannisse

Henry Wang

Regan Rogers

Small Animal Field Day

Small Animal Field Day was a great success this year. It was held at the Fairgrounds on April 17, and was attended by Poultry, Cavy, Rabbit and Pet projects from across Alameda County. Abbie 4-H was represented by three projects and won a \$50 Super

Cake Booth – Friday, July 1 10 am – 10 pm and Friday, July 8 10 am – 4 pm

Abbie 4h will work the cake booth 2 days this year at the fair; we will work all day on Friday, July 1 from 10:00 am – 10:00 pm and again on Friday, July 8 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. We will have sign ups at the May and June meeting for 2 hour shifts; if you will not be attending one of these two meetings please email me at audreyhock@gmail.com. At each shift we will need approximately 5 4Hers and 3 adults, which means, we need a minimum of 45 members and 27 adults to run the booth for the two days. This is a great fundraiser for our club; we usually make well over \$200 at this event and we have a lot of fun decorating cakes, cutting cakes and selling cakes, cookies and drinks. Please consider signing up for this great day!

-Audrey Hock, Cake Booth Chairperson

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Small Animal Field Day	May	Fairgrounds
Dog Play Day	May	Dunsmuir House - 10:00am
Sectional Leader Council	May 21	TBD
Camp Academy	May	Farm Bureau --7:00-8:30pm
Leader Council Meeting	May 31	TBD
Alameda County Fair Entry Forms Due	May	Online
State 4H Field Day	May 28	UC Davis

June 2011

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	Alameda County Fair Grounds

July 2010

4-H Stories Due (From Record Books)	July	State 4-H Office/ ca4h.org
State Leadership Conference	July	UCD
4H CAMP	July 31- Aug	

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RESOURCES

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Hi Abbie 4Hers,

PLEASE continue to bring in magazines to the community meetings. I will collect them at each meeting and take them to the library for resale or they donate them to the jail and shelters.

Thank you,
Tim Jannisse

Telephone Committee

The Telephone committee is looking for members. Duties are simple, call approximately 7 members once a month to remind them of the general meeting. This is a very important job, and you will receive credit for your record book. There will be a sign up sheet at the September meeting.-Thanks, Anika Nicolas



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If anyone needs whites or has extra they want to get rid of, you can see me at the Community Club meeting.
Austin Munro

YOU "CAN" DO IT!

Hi this is Harrison and Josie from the recycling committee. We are happy to announce we have already started collecting plastic bottles and cans! Now we need your help. The Holidays are a great time to collect those extra cans and plastic bottles we use to entertain. Help raise money for Abbie 4-H. At our December meeting, we will be handing out collection bags and flyers for you to give to family and neighbors to help our recycling drive. We will start collecting from members in Jan-May. So start collecting now! Going green is sooooo 4-H!!!

Thank you,
Harrison and Josie Carter

