

Abbie 4-H, Pleasanton CA

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 8th, 2013
Theme: Crazy hair/hats
Meeting starts: 7:00 PM
Sign-in opens: 6:45PM
MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
Multi-purpose Room
3300 Dennis Drive



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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.



Abbie 4H Rabbit Field Trip

By: Krystal Jacobsen

On Sunday April 14, 2013 the Abbie 4-H rabbit group took a fieldtrip to Carlson's Rabbitry in San Jose. There we learned all about 3 breeds of rabbits, Thriantias, Havanas, and English lops. They also taught us a lot about taking care of a rabbit. I've learned to never pick up a Havana by the tuff of fur under the ears because of their fur Luster and many other things about rabbits. They also had some rabbits for sale. I bought a junior Chocolate Havana Doe. Dera & Trina taught me how to see if a rabbit has good quality or not. Also, my sister Erika bought an English Lop & Nieves bought a Thrianta. We also learned more about what the semi-arch breed is supposed to look like and how to measure their ears. An English Lops ears have to be a minimum of 21 inches across from tip to tip! After we learned a lot about rabbits, she let us in her house for carrot cupcakes, red velvet cupcakes, cream sugar cookies & lemonsade. She even gave me a bracelet that said "can you muster the luster? Havana can" and a button that said, "Havana. Can you muster the luster?" We also learned how to pronounce Thrianta properly. TREE-HAUNT-TA.

All in all, this fieldtrip was very fun and I hope to visit the Carlson's rabbitry again.



Lessons of 4H

By: Allison Ricart

-The following is part of an essay written for an agricultural scholarship- after I'd written it I realized I wanted to share it with the club!

In keeping with the theme of my last year of 4H, I hope not to look at what raising livestock will give me in the future, but rather reflect on what it has given me already. As I enter the world of adulthood and experience the conflicting emotions of living alone and away from home for the first time I find myself drawing on the confidence and knowledge raising beef has given me.

Although I've chosen not to pursue a career in agriculture, there is not a day that goes by I am not extremely grateful for devoting so much of my life to the field. And, while knowing how to feed out a steer and hitch up a trailer may not exactly lend itself to a career in neurology, the lesson in confidence and the belief in myself and my abilities has and will continue to serve me well in every aspect of my life. Growing up with 4H you're taught to handle problems and find solutions on your own- to *not* rely on your parents to fix things for you, but to accept the advice and support of others and allow it to instill in yourself trust in your own abilities. This was of immeasurable value to me in countless situations during my first year of college. Where others floundered or shied away back into their comfort zones I was able to push forward into uncharted territories and open myself to new adventures and experiences with the full faith that there is nothing on this Earth I can't handle with a strong will and a determination to succeed, a confidence I gained not in a classroom but in the show ring with every win and loss that required I continue on with my head held high (or at least, my steer's head held high).

Academically I find uses for my agricultural knowledge in my second major- environmental sciences. While I have a passion for the environment (indeed, one of my reasons for committing to Wash U was because they compost!) I am perturbed by the way agriculture is slighted by students who have never worked on a ranch a day in their life, much less made one the source of their livelihood! Having the knowledge of the beef industry that I do, and the respect for it that comes from literally putting my blood, sweat, and tears into its success has encouraged me to seek my niche in the teaching of others about the ways and reasons behind the methods of the ag industry. It's a unique and often disliked position, but armed with the knowledge, experience, and pride in what I chose to devote myself to, it's a position I am honored to defend.

Though my time to raise cattle with 4H is tragically coming close to an end, it will never be far from my thoughts or heart. I hope one day to be the same source of confidence and ambition in oneself as my leaders and family were to me.



Community Service

By: Madee Hickman

My name is Madee Hickman and my sister Abbi held a bowling fundraiser for the Tracy Animal Shelter on March 23rd. It was called Pins for Pets. She is 9 years old and it was her idea. She is in the Cavy Group. She sold out the whole event! Abbi raised over \$4,000 in supplies and \$2800 in cash. My sister organized the whole event and I'm very proud of her. She has 4 cavies and I have 1 rabbit. She made sure to collect toys and food for all types of animals. Way to go Abbi Hickman!



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

Market Goat Field Day

By: Cheyenne Harper

On Sunday, April 28 there was Alameda County Market Goat Field Day held at the FFA Farm. A vet was there at the beginning to talk with us about health issues of market goats, but then she had to leave to take care of some animals. We broke up into two groups to go to different sessions. One of the sessions was about Showmanship. Kelsie Bowles of Livermore FFA showed people how to show a market goat. The other session was about grooming and clipping a goat for showing. I led that group. I brought two of my goats. After showing people how to clip, I had them come up one at a time to actually clip my goat. This was very helpful for those that are new to the project. After everyone went to both sessions, we went back into the school room and Kathy Bottarini talked about general market goat information and about nutrition. Then we had lunch with door prizes following. It was a great learning opportunity.



Rabbit Project

By: Madee Hickman

My name is Madee Hickman and this is my 3rd year in the Rabbit project. This is my 2nd year with Abbie Rabbits. Our project leader is Melba and she rocks! We have so much fun in our meetings but we learn a lot! Last meeting, we played a card game to help us learn about different breeds of rabbits. I look forward to our meetings because I know I will have lots of fun.

Union Bank

By: Cheyenne Harper

On April 16, Union Bank held their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Jenna and Jessica Bennett, Kamryn and Parker Brown, Chloe Gipson, and I represented Abbie 4H. They served hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Part of the Foothill High School Band was there performing. After the ribbon cutting ceremony, the bank honored the band with a check and Abbie 4H with a check for \$2500. It was a great experience.



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!



ELECTIONS



Vice President

By: Cheyenne Harper and Kamryn Brown

Hi my name is Cheyenne Harper and I am running for the position of co- Vice President with Kamryn Brown for the 2013 - 2014 4H year. I have been in Abbie 4H for 9 years. I have been an officer 3 times and have been the Teen Leader for Dairy Goats for 5 years and for Gardening for 4 years. I have also been a Tribe Leader at 4H camp 2 times and a Counselor in Training 2 times. As your Vice President, I want to make sure everyone has a wonderful 4H experience. Thank you.

Hey my name is Kamryn Brown and this year I am running for co- vice president with Cheyenne! This is my 12th year in 4H, and I have had a lot of experience in holding various different officer positions, as well as being a dedicated member of Abbie. I have a lot of leadership experience due to my past as junior leader for the poultry project, and I would love for the chance to give back to this club! Thanks!

Hospitality

By: Jessie Rhoads and Chloe Gipson

I, Jessie Rhoads, age 11, and Chloe Gipson, also age 11, would like to lead the position of hospitality for next year. We were your hospitality officers in the 2012-2013 year with a friend and really enjoyed it! This year we plan to make sign in to meetings faster and more organized and are planning on finding out which groups will bring the refreshments at the beginning of the year. We think we should hold this position for next year because we are responsible and experienced. Please vote for us, it will help the sign-in for meetings much faster and more organized. Thank You!



4Hers-

Please write newsletter articles for the March 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 June 8th. 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



April CCM Minutes

Taken by Miriam Flock

April 10th
April CCM
Start time: 7:12PM
Flag Salute: Allison Lourenco
4-H Pledge: Kenna Asmussen

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer – Nico; motioned –Alex, seconded – Josie Carter
- Secretary – Miriam; motioned – Sydney Fluker, seconded - Gracie
- Sales treasurer – Austin; 2 meetings left to get things for fair!
- Hospitality Drawing

Old Business:

- Skit Night – Jessica Bennett, Joseph Zimmerman, Nate McMillin, Jesse McMillin, Trevor Wright – won 3rd place, “4-H gone wild”
- Presentation at State Convention – Jessica Bennett; 4-H marketing, talked about projects, camp
- Swine ear tagging –Lexi; ear tagging last Saturday for fair, weighed pigs
- April 6th swine show – Ross and Sasha; showed pigs, did well, got a lot of experience and studied their techniques!
- Presentation to City Youth Board – Tim Jannisse and Sasha Greenlee; they presented to Pleasanton youth council to ask for a grant for 4-H farm, received the grant \$27,000
- Operation Dignity – Nick Item; 57 baskets, made people happy ☺
- Valley View Science Fair – Austin Nicolas; fun talking to kids and answering their questions
- Sectional Presentation Day – Sarah and Alex Roberts; at UC Davis, both gave presentations, Alex got Gold and Sarah got Blue, Alex going on to state, he also acted Courier
- Made \$95 with the carnival to donate to Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

Program:

- Skit demo

New Business:

- SAFD – Krystal and Erika Jacobsen, Miriam Flock; small animal field day is 10am-2pm, on pacific in Livermore by village pet shop, to register(web address-contests and registration) Open to the public, bring all your family and friends, round robin bowl is new this year(combination of all species)
- Spaghetti Feed – Harrison Carter and Austin Munro; on May 4th, only 200 people, tickets are \$10, need volunteers to help set-up, food servers, run games, clean-up, sell raffle tickets, lots of cool raffle prizes!
- Camp sign-ups – Ms. Harper; go to website to sign up, waiting list already, sign up soon!
- Project Report Forms – Mrs. Bennett; if you want to exhibit at the fair, not just animals! MUST have project report form completed and approved by project leader
- Pre-sell fair tickets – Mrs. Munro; will be pre-selling fair tickets, slightly cheaper, we get \$1 back for each ticket we sell, money will go to scholarship fund

Announcements:

- Fair entries now open
- Ethics Meetings – April 16th, 25th, May 6th
- Sheep and Goat tagging – May 5th
- SAFD – April 28th
- Market Goat Field Day – April 28th
- County Fashion Field Day – April 27th
- Swine meeting – April 17th
- Cavy meeting – April 14th
- Horse meeting – April 14th
- Poultry meeting – April 17th
- All rabbit members, please go to back of room to talk with Mrs. Jacobsen

Birthdays

Refreshments

Adjourn; motioned – Sarah Roberts, seconded – Faith Osborne

End Time: 7:58PM

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: May/June/July

Event	Date	Location
County Dog Fun Day	5/18/13	Dunsmuir House
State Field Day	5/25/13	UC Davis
Alameda County Fair	6/19-7/7	Fairgrounds
State Leadership Conference	6/25- 6/28	UC Davis
Alameda County 4H Camp	8/4-8/9	Los Posadas 4H

Upcoming Project Meetings

Dates –

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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