

ABBIE NEWS



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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 8, 2008
7:00 pm

MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton, CA

Volunteer Leaders NEEDED!

Your Abbie 4H Club needs parents to step up and help lead activities. And the only way you can do that is to come to the orientation meeting put on by the Alameda County 4H staff on either October 14 or November 3, at 7pm at the Farm Bureau Building in Livermore. If you are thinking about leading a project or assisting with one, or chairing an event, WE ARE THRILLED! You just need to be certified by the county to work with the members in the club. You will also need to get fingerprinted (info and forms available at the orientation meetings.)

THIS MONTH'S THEME: Halloween

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

4H RECORDBOOK HELP

Record Book Information



Achievement Night

Achievement Night will be Friday October 10 at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley. If you have received any star awards, pins or county wide awards, you should plan to attend to receive your awards or arrange for someone to pick them up for you. If this is your first year in 4H you are still welcome to attend, support your fellow 4Hers, and partake in cake and punch! This does count as a county wide 4H event attended for your record books. Remember to wear your whites or club tee shirt.

- Nicole Klunker

Letters will be sent to all award recipients. Call Carol Crossett about special recognition to club members at this event. All club members are encouraged to participate!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Position to Chair Food Donations is OPEN

Abbie 4-H is in need of a member to chair the food donations committee. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to the monthly meeting. We have been donating food to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. They help supply food banks for Alameda County. This will be our final collection of the year. You can donate

pet food too. Just make sure and check the expiration dates on all donations.

Refreshments:

Each month we will list names of several families to bring refreshments to the community club meeting. If you will not be attending that meeting, please contact the Hospitality Committee to let them know, so that they can call on someone else to bring the goodies.

Please bring two dozen of your favorite cookies, brownies, or any other goodies:

The following families are to bring the refreshments this month:

- Zierau
- Thomas
- Fernainy
- Amaral
- Nicolas
- Murali
- Jacques
- Matheny

October Birthday Corner:

- 10/1** Maria Boyle
- 10/1** Josie Carter
- 10/12** Cheyenne Harper
- 10/13** Christina Nemanich
- 10/18** Dylan Miller
- 10/22** Carys Williams

WALKING WITH THE DINOSAURS

was the theme for 4H camp this year as we had a full camp of almost 200 participants including 158 4H members from throughout the county. 4H camp is held in the beautiful Las Positas forest just NE of St Helena. The campers spend a week sleeping under the stars, doing crafts, attending workshops, learning new songs, and meeting new 4H friends from throughout Alameda County. 4H camp is also the culminating event for many of our teen leaders that are part of the Camp Academy project. These teens work hard all year learning leadership skills, conflict management techniques, and team building strategies to put together an unforgettable time for our younger members.



State Equine Field Day

State Equine Field Day will be November 22 at Cal Poly Pomona. It is an extremely fun event and an educational opportunity and I highly encourage you to attend if you can convince your parents to drive that far! This is not an event that you need to bring your horse to, instead you will be able to watch live demonstrations given by professionals. I'll be going, and I hope to see you there!

- Nicole Klueker, Horse Jr. Leader



Horse Project Meeting

The first horse project meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 19 at noon. We'll be meeting at Round Table Pizza in downtown Pleasanton. Horse project members should call or email me

if you haven't received an email from me about this meeting.

- Nicole Klueker, Horse Junior leader

Entomology Group

Entomology is the study of bugs. This is a new group. We have lots of plans like going to Mt. Diablo to see tarantulas and going to the Oakland Zoo to see the insect house. We would like you to join us. If you want to join us, call Jan Bennett 449-0114.

- Jessica Bennett

Swine Group Community Service

Each year the swine group has decorated a Christmas Tree for the Eden Villa Retirement home. Last year we did a piggy theme for the tree. We would like to do that again this year. If you would like to help us out, we are looking for Christmas decorations that would work with our pink, piggy theme. Please bring them to the community club meeting in October or November. If you have any questions you can call Jenna Bennett 449-0114. Thank you.

- Jenna Bennett

FREE LIVESTOCK SEMINARS

Two free (you must pre-register) livestock seminars are planned for this month. These are open to anyone interested, and offer teaching and demonstrations on showing and fitting (preparing the animal for show). The Bennett family has been to a few of these seminars in the past, and says

they're pretty good. Yes, they're sponsored by a feed company, but their experience has been that they don't hard sell and they do focus on the topics. So you may want to consider checking one or both out!

Associated Feed Jr. Livestock Camp

Stanislaus County Fair

October 11th & 12th

<http://associatedfeed.com/images/E0074301/Stanislausflier.pdf>

Lamb, Swine, Goat, Beef, Dairy Cattle
(the date depends on your specie)

Purina Mills Show Feed Symposium

Merced County Fair

October 25th

<http://www.betteranimalsshowseries.com>

Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Pigs, Poultry,
Rabbits

SWINE DINNER AWARDS

A couple of Thursdays ago, all the swine exhibitors in the county got together for their annual Swine Carcass Dinner at the Palm Pavilion on the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Lovely table décor and terrific food set the tone for the event, celebrating a good fair this year. ABBIE 4H Swine Project had some terrific honors this year, with Joey Bennett winning the Carcass Contest and placing 3rd in the Super Hog contest. Also representing Abbie in the top 10 were: Michael Onojafe, with 9th in Carcass Contest and 6th in Super Hog, and Parker Brown, with 10th in both Super Hog and Carcass Contest. Not bad, out of 200 hogs!!!! The Carcass Contest recognizes the hog that best met the industry ideal, and looks at specific criteria for 4 things: size of loin eye, depth of back

fat, pounds of lean meat produced, and overall percent of lean meat. The Super Hog Awards combine the carcass score with the exhibitor's "live" placing in the judged market show at the fair in July.

STATE MASTER SHOWMAN AWARD to ABBIE MEMBER

In a stunning performance at the California State Fair this past month, graduating Abbie Swine member Jimmy Bennett won the title of California Master Showman. Jimmy had won Swine Showmanship at the Alameda County Fair in July, and then went on to win Master Showmanship locally, which involves the showmanship winners of each specie (Beef, Lamb, Swine, Horse, Goat) competing against each other again showing ALL species. Out of the 5 competitors, a champion is chosen, and can then go on to compete in Sacramento at the State Fair competition. A similar elimination happens at the State Fair, but obviously on a higher level. And here's the cool part: This is the FIRST TIME, that a competitor representing Alameda County has won this prestigious honor. Way to go, Jimmy!

Wanted: Phone Committee Members

Are you looking for a committee to serve on that would help your club? Do you like to stay in touch with what's going on? We have the job for you!! We are looking for phone committee members. The job is simple and satisfying. Each member has a list of families to contact each month. Your chairperson will send you a script you may use or you can come up with your own script using the information you are given. This is a very

important job as it helps keep other members informed about upcoming community club meetings.

If interested, please call or email Jenna Bennett.

449-0114 or jb6clan@yahoo.com

Community Service

What is it? Something you do to help your community and put a smile on someone's face! We do it because we are ABLE TO, and it FEELS GREAT. How? Each month there are sign-up sheets at the CCM and articles in the newsletter for the service activities for that month. If it fits in your schedule and you can do it, you can sign up. We will also need members to chair and an adult to advise for each different activity. Community service doesn't only help others, it helps you: you need to do service activities to earn your star and record book awards, and you can also earn a pin for your uniform. To get your community service pin you need to do at least SEVEN 4-H service activities, and up to 3 of them can be donations, such as the gifts for the Christmas Kids Party, and supplies for Operation SAM packages. See you at the CCM!

- Sam Onojafe

OCTOBER Community Service

Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore has asked ABBIE 4H to bring small animals to share with the public for a special event they are having on Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26, from 11-4pm. They will provide tables and signs. We will have sign-up sheets for shifts at the CCM. Come bring your

people-friendly critters for a fun time at Alden Lane!

TOY DONATIONS NEEDED!

The annual Children to Children Christmas party is coming. This is a wonderful event that helps many disadvantaged children have a merry holiday season. There will be many opportunities to help out, but it starts with toy donations. We need to start collecting **now**. Please help out by bringing a new, unopened toy to this month's community club meeting. Please call 925-484-8489 with any questions about the event.

- Nate McMillin

CALENDAR

(All are welcome; meetings are open to anyone interested in attending)

Month	Date	Time	Meeting	Location
Oct	3-5		California 4-H WHEP Training	Walker Creek Ranch
	10		Achievement Night	Canyon Middle School
	5-11		National 4-H Week	Everywhere
	11		4-H Shooting Sports Workshop	Corona, CA
	21	7:00 pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau
	TBA	7:00-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
	25		State Leader Council Meeting	Northern California
	27	6:30-9:00 pm	Skate Night	Golden Skate San Ramon
	30		Leader Council Meeting	TBD
	Nov	1		Completed Enrollment Forms due from Clubs w/ check
TBA			Leader Orientation	TBA
7-9			State Leader Forum at Asilomar	Asilomar
TBA			North Central Leader Council Meeting	Yolo County
15			4-H Fur N' Feathers show	Ventura County 4-H
16			C.A.L Conference Applicaitons Due	Carol Crossett 4-H Office
18		7:00 pm	Jr Leadership Meeting	Farm Bureau
19		7:00 pm	Leader Orientation	Farm Bureau
TBA		7:00-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
25			Leader Council Meeting	TBA
Dec		7:00 pm	Leader Orientation	Farm Bureau

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