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Alameda County Fairgrounds Announces Launch of New Community Youth Barn

"Barn Raising" Press Event
Alameda County Fairgrounds
Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7AM

Pleasanton, Calif. – Alameda County Fairgrounds officials, along with County Board Supervisor Scott Haggerty, will hold a ceremonial "barn raising" event on Thursday, May 24 to announce a new community Youth Barn currently under construction on Fairgrounds property.

When completed, the 8,000 square foot Marissa Hunt Youth Barn will be open to all local youth interested in raising animals for the Junior Livestock Show held at the annual Fair.

"In a largely urban setting such as ours, FFA, 4H members and other kids interested in raising livestock don't always have a place to do it," said Supervisor Haggerty. "The Youth Barn will give them that opportunity and we are proud and excited to be able to offer this great resource to our community."

The barn will house approximately 80 animals at capacity and will be operated by Fairgrounds staff and parent volunteers of youth participating in the program. In addition to animal pens, the building will feature a classroom & meeting space, restrooms, animal wash rack, outdoor paddock and livestock scale.

"This project is in perfect alignment with our mission of preserving the agricultural heritage of our county," said Frank Imhof, Fair Association Board President.

The building is being named after ten-year-old Marissa Hunt, an Abbie 4H (Pleasanton) member who died in a car accident in 2004.

The press event will occur at the construction site at 7AM, when the first concrete will be poured. Attendees should enter Gate 12 off Valley Avenue and follow the signs to the reserved parking area.
