

# THE CLOVER PATCH



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Community Club Meeting  
Wednesday, January 14

Meeting Starts:

7PM; Sign-In Opens: 6:45

Mohr Elementary School

Multi-Purpose Room

3300 Dennis Drive

Pleasanton, CA

**REMINDER:** The theme for the upcoming CCM is Pajama Party. Wear your comfy PJs to earn an extra ticket!

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**Happy Birthday to all of  
you celebrating in  
January, and a Happy New  
Year to all!**



## Historian Report by Andre Wright

I have been working on our club historian scrapbook and still need pictures from some of the projects. Please submit any project pictures you may have from the 2014-2015 year that you would like to be included in the book. The book will be in the back of the room to look at before and after the CCM. Pictures can be submitted in person at the meetings or emailed to [abbiehistorian@gmail.com](mailto:abbiehistorian@gmail.com)

## Call for Articles by Amy Asmussen

Hello Abbie 4-Hers, my name is Amy Asmussen and I am your newsletter editor. Don't forget to send in your articles for the upcoming issues! Please send in your articles to [abbinewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:abbinewsletter@gmail.com). The earlier I have them, the better. Thank you!

## Sales Treasurer Report by Krystal Jacobsen

Hi, my name is Krystal and I am your sales treasurer. I have a lot of 4-H items that you are going to need for the year. I have record book covers (\$4), white and green hats (\$14), boys' ties (\$12) and girls scarves (\$15), 4-H T-shirts (\$12), and 4-H sweatshirts (\$22). I will be available before and after the Community Club meetings to sell these items. I accept cash and checks payable to Abbie 4-H. If you need a different 4-H item, then please let me know so I can see if I can order it for you.

## Cash 4 Cows by Cheyenne Harper

Abbie 4H is giving back to the world! We are raising money, which will purchase animals, crops, supplies, and educations for children in underdeveloped countries. Please bring spare change to the community club meetings if you would like to help Abbie give back. Look for the piggy bank at community club meetings and some project meetings.



## Photography Group by Julia Item

The first Photography Group meeting will take place on Saturday, January 17th at 10:30am. The Adult Project Leader is Mrs. Item and the Teen Leader is Julia Item. We will meet outside the Pleasanton Library. We will discuss the topic "Perspective" and discover different perspectives of our surroundings and how to capture that image. Please bring a digital camera with a full battery charge. The meeting will last one hour. We will meet on various dates each month through May and end in June with a project to enter at fair. Other topics will include sequence, action, portrait and landscape. Please go to the registration page and sign up for the photography project so we know who is coming. Please email Mrs. Item with any questions, [roniitem@aol.com](mailto:roniitem@aol.com).

## Community Service Opportunity By Jessica Bennett

As you have probably noticed - It's COLD outside. So we would like our Abbie members to help our community members stay warm.

**We are having a Coat and Blanket Drive.**

Coats: A local church is collecting coats for their ONE WARM COAT DRIVE. The coats need to be clean and gently used.

Blankets/Towels: We will also collect blankets and towels for a local animal shelter. This time of year is SO cold, and these animals not only need a new home, but also while they are waiting they old blankets and towels provide much needed warmth.

So make this month a little warmer for a pet or someone in need. Please bring your donation to the January meeting. If you read this article and want to earn a prize at the next CCM, email the code word and your name to [abbinewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:abbinewsletter@gmail.com). The code word is: Warm Hugs



## SERVICE PROJECT in Sunol for Alameda Master Gardener by Jessica Shipp

On Saturday, April 18, the Alameda Master Gardener's will be holding an educational / plant sale event. It will be located in Sunol at the Sunol Water Temple. I am hoping that 4-H members may be able to help that day with various activities - possibly traffic control or helping clients to their cars with plants or perhaps other activities. This will be a joint event with the farmers at that site. If you are interested in helping, please sign up at <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14591>

## Present your Presentations by Alex Roberts

Once a year, 4-Hers flock to County Presentation Day. 4-Hers give presentations to judges. They are awarded a score. If the score is high enough, they will move on to Sectional Presentation day. This monumental Occasion, (well it's not that monumental), will be held Saturday, February 7, at Forest Park Elementary School (34400 Maybird Circle, Fremont, CA.) Check in begins at 8:30 AM, and presentations begin at 9 AM. If you plan to give a presentation, you must register online by January 30th. The website is [http://ucanr.edu/sites/alamedacounty4h/Events/Presentation\\_Day](http://ucanr.edu/sites/alamedacounty4h/Events/Presentation_Day). Please come!



## East Bay Adventure 4-H Project Group visits The Oakland Museum of California by Lauren Satariano

On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, our East Bay Adventures Project Group toured The Oakland Museum of California. On the day we went we were able to get in and tour the museum for free. There were many areas of the museum, like natural history, California history, and the modern art gallery. We did a scavenger hunt where we went around the museum finding items based on the clues given. Along the way we were learning the history of California! Our Project Leader, Mrs. Shipp, made our trip very fun and informative. I thought that the art gallery was the most interesting because the paintings were very creative. I loved going to the Oakland museum of California, and I can't wait to go again.



## Safeway Food Drive by Elise and Timmy Lester

On November 22, Abbie 4H participated in the Safeway food drive. Thank you to all who participated. 4Hers encouraged customers to purchase \$10 bags of food that would be donated to the hungry. This was a month long food drive. 58% of the total food collected was collected on November 22 by Abbie 4H members and other 4Hers at other Safeway's in the Alameda County. A total of 25,000 meals were collected on that day alone. So, a huge thank you to all the Abbie members who collected food that day.

## Thanks for Giving by Alex Roberts

Hi, I'm Alex Roberts and I helped at the Safeway Food Drive on November 21st. I want to thank those who helped get people to donate to the Alameda County Food Bank by volunteering at Safeway to help collect food. Our district, which includes Alameda and Contra Costa County, earned the top spot with 2,457 bags donated. I don't know how many came from our store, but I do know that the Food Bank reported that 58% of the food donated during the month long food drive is collected on the kick-off day, because of the volunteers who encourage shoppers to get involved. We made a difference that day.



## Mini Members by Aaliyah Wright

On Sunday December 21st, Abbie Mini Members went on a "Yule Log Hunt". We met at Sycamore Grove Park picnic area and from there we searched the area for a special decorated Yule Log. When it was found we burned it in a big bonfire and made our own Yule logs to take home. We tried cutting a log with an old saw and best of all we had cookies and cider.



## Dairy Goat by Andre Wright

I was able to help Cheyenne clean up and dry some of her new baby goats. She had two does have babies and both of them had triplets. It was very cold when they were born, so we took towels and dried them off to help warm them up. They are all very cute.



## Swine Project Opportunity by Andre Wright

On December 30th two Illingworth gilts went into labor. A group of swine project members had the opportunity to go and help deliver pigs. One of the gilts needed a C-section, so we got to see the vet perform a C-section. It was a great experience for the swine project members to have. Jessica Bennet even got to assist the vet.



## December Meeting Minutes

December 10th, 2014 Community Club

Theme: Winter holidays

Potluck began at 6:32

Meeting began at 6:59

Flag Salute: Alex R and 4H Salute: Sarah R

Officer's Reports:

- Treasurer - Sarah W
- Healthy Living - Jackson W
- Project Liaison - Elise L and Josie C
- Sales Treasurer - Krystal J

New Business

- Photography Project

Program - Song and rec leaders read winter stories

Old Business

- Holiday Parade - Andre W
- Kids to Kids - 4hers
- Holiday Food Booth - Brock U
- Safeway Food Drive - Elise and Timmy
- Scavenger Food Hunt - Sarah Roberts
- Sweet Tomatoes Fundraiser - Jackson W
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:42

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# Upcoming Events Dates-

Sheep Meeting - Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Rabbit Meeting - January 29<sup>th</sup>

Presentation Day - February 7<sup>th</sup>

## *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. Through 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 experiments, go to camp, go on trips, learn how to care for an animal, how to perserve food, and much more.

**Check out these websites for  
further 4-H help!**

<http://www.abbie4h.org/>  
<http://alamedacounty4h.org/>  
<http://wwwca4h.org/>

