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If you would like to submit an article, please send them to Jessie Rhoads and Chloe Gipson at abbinewsletter@gmail.com by the last Friday of each month.



Abbie 4-H, Pleasanton CA

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2014
Theme: Valentine's Colors (Red, Pink, White)
Meeting starts:
7PM Sign-in opens: 6:45PM
MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
Multi-purpose Room
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton, CA



February Snack Families

Aaliyah Wright
Kaitlyn Crannell
Michele Reed
Ryan Shipps
Lauren Satariano

BIRTHDAY CORNER!

This month we will celebrate the February birthdays. If your birthday falls in February, please go up to the front of the meeting when it is time to sing "Happy Birthday."



Spaghetti Feed By Michelle Munro

On Saturday April 26th Abbie will be having their 3rd annual Spaghetti Feed fundraising dinner. The Spaghetti feed will be held at the Veteran's Building in downtown Pleasanton. Doors will open at 6PM and dinner will be served at 6:30. At 8PM we will start the raffle of wonderful baskets donated by the projects. We will also be having our Heads and Tails game for restaurant gift cards. If anyone would like to donate a gift card to a local restaurant for the grand prize, please email Michele Munro or give to her at the CCM. Tickets will be available for \$10 at the monthly CCM or by emailing Michele Munro at munro821@aol.com. Mark the date, you do not want to miss the fun.



Record Book Project By Deirdre Gipson

Hi Everyone.

Are you super organized and detailed oriented?

Do you LOVE doing your record book every year?

If you answered NO to either of those questions, then this project is for you! (If you answered yes, you are welcome too).

The time at the meetings will be spent working on your record book, recording the 4H activities that you have participated in since the beginning of the year. Bring a laptop if you have it, if not then we will start you out on paper forms. Call or email me for more information: [925-461-1214](tel:925-461-1214) or mdn_gipson@yahoo.com. Next August you will be so happy you did this!

Eden Villa Visit By Anika Nicolas and Sydney Fluker

On February 15th we have scheduled a small animal visit to Eden Villa. Abbie members are encouraged to wear their whites and bring a small animal. The residents will enjoy talking with the kids and seeing the animals. Please let us know if you can come. This counts as community service in your record book. Eden Villa is at 4115 Mohr Ave. Pleasanton
February 15th 1:20 to 2:30

Hello 4-Hers... "Title-Less" By The Fluffy Bunny

The questions for this month are "What was the theme for the November CCM?" and "What is your favorite project?"

Please email the answers to abbinewsletter@gmail.com along with your name to be entered in a drawing at the meeting on Wednesday.

A Fluffy Bunny



Baking Meeting By Jessie Rhoads

On February 3rd, I went to a baking meeting where we made red velvet cupcakes. We learned how to use a piping bag to frost them, and then decorated them with sprinkles. I gave a presentation on how to make Choc. Chip Banana Bread. It was really fun, and I am looking forward to our March meeting.

Chinese New Year By Aaliyah Wright

On February 1st the Abbie Mini Members went to the Pleasanton Library to make paper dragons in celebration of the Chinese New Year. We had a fun time making our dragons and learning some new words in Chinese. Gong Hev Fat Chov!



Sheep Field Day By Jessica Bennett

February 2 was a cold and windy morning, but that didn't stop the 4Hers that wanted to learn about their sheep project from gathering in a large barn at the Foscilina Ranch. The Livestock Auction boosters supplied donuts and hot chocolate, which helped warm us up a little bit.

Once everyone was gathered, guest speaker Nick Warntjes started his lesson. Nick is a representative from Associated Feed, so feed and nutrition are his specialties, and that's where the lesson started. He went over the 6 basic nutrients and how they work for our lambs. We learned the importance of hay in a lambs diet. He went over choosing a lamb at the proper weight and the rate of gain of an average market lamb. He then went on to talk to us about selection of market lambs and showmanship.

Despite the cold, we all had a good time meeting with friends and learning about our market lamb projects.

Cupcake Walk By Andre Wright II

Abbie 4-H did a cupcake walk at the Pleasanton Rotary Club Pasta Feed on Sunday January 26th. 4-H members were asked to make cupcakes and donate them for the event. We received 9 dozen cupcakes of all different sizes and flavors. My family made Mint Chocolate cupcakes and they tasted just like Mint Chocolate Chip ice cream. People at the Pasta Feed did the cupcake walk and won the cupcakes as their prize.



Mini-Members Meeting By Prashansa Ravi

This is my second year in Abbie Mini 4H. This month we made Snow Globes! We used glass jars with tight lids. We painted the lids in different colors. Then we glued a figurine on the side which faces the jar, and let it dry . We poured glue into the jars, put sparkles and some sea shells , things that float. After this we put water and closed the lids.

You then shake it and the snow globe is ready!

If you want to do these fun things, come and join Abbie Mini 4H is you are 5 years and older. It is real fun

Food Bank By Elise Lester

On January 25, 2014, 8 Abbie 4hers and three parents helped out at the Alameda County Food Bank. There were ninety volunteers helping out with us. The food bank warehouse was huge and the food boxes were really tall. I was really impressed how fast we were able to package all that food. I was also really surprised about how fun it was. Together in about 2.5 hours, we sorted and packaged 13,200 pound of cabbage, 900 pounds of apples, 750 pounds of carrots, and packaged enough non-perishable foods to feed 84 hungry families. It was a really fun experience and it made me feel good to have helped out so many families. Thank you to all the 4hers who came!



Stockton Poultry Show By Aurora and Anika Nicolas

On January 25th we went to the Stockton Poultry Show. Lulu and I worked hard. We won 3rd place in showmanship, and I got a medal and 3 ribbons. We won the raffle prize, which was a chicken beauty kit. I had fun. ~Aurora

At the Stockton Poultry Show I participated in showmanship, the avian bowl, a poultry quiz and a poultry-judging contest. My favorite contest was the avian bowl. Our team "Abbie" consisted of Austin, Grace, and myself. We won the first round, and ended up tied for second place. Our team answered a lot of questions correctly, and we had lots of fun. ~Anika

Supplies Needed For Valentines Placemats By Sarah Roberts

Hi, my name is Sarah Roberts. My brother, Alex, and I are chairing the Valentine's Placemat committee this year. We are wondering if you have craft supplies like stickers, glue, scissors, markers, and pencils. If you do, please bring them to the February CCM. (The craft will be made at the February CCM.) You may also email lisa@drwob.com, and we can pick up the supplies. The placemats will be given to one of the senior facilities in Pleasanton. Thank you!

County Presentation Day By Alex Roberts

Hello, my name is Alex Roberts. County Presentation Day, on Feb. 8th at Forest Park Elementary School in Fremont, is a chance for 4-H members big and small to give presentations that count in your record book to help you earn stars. You can go even if you are not presenting, and it counts as attendance for a 4-H event in your record book. If you are in the Presentation Project, at the end of the year, you can enter your record book APR for Presentation to County for a chance to win money and a pin. Thank you.

Abbie 4-H

2013-14 Club

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Upcoming Events

Dates –

February 15, Eden Villa Visit, 1:30 PM

February 19, Poultry Meeting, 6:00 PM

February 19, Swine Meeting, 7:00 PM

February 22, Favorite Foods Day

March 7, Skit Night, 7:00 PM

March 11, Rabbit Meeting, 7:00 PM



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.

Check out these
websites for further 4-H
help!

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

<http://alamedacounty4h.org/>

<http://www.ca4h.org/>