

February 2016

# The Clover Patch



Abbie 4-H  
Issue #6



## Community Club Meeting

Wednesday, February 10th

Meeting Starts: 7 PM

Sign-In Opens at 6:45

Mohr Elementary School

Multi-Purpose Room

3300 Dennis Drive

Pleasanton, CA

The theme for this month's meeting is Valentine's Day! Wear pink and red attire for an extra ticket at the upcoming CCM.

Happy Birthday to all of  
you celebrating in February,  
and Happy Valentine's  
Day to all!



## ALL STAR APPLICATIONS

Would you like to be of service to a broader 4-H audience? Do you have leadership skills which you would like to share with other 4-H members? Perhaps you should consider becoming an Alameda County 4-H All Star!

In order to become an Alameda County 4-H All Star, the requirements are:

- Need to hold the 4-H rank of Gold or Platinum Star or receiving in June (Talk to me now or ask your Community Club Leader to write a letter explaining your status.)
- Currently in at least your 4<sup>th</sup> year in 4-H
- Currently 15 years old by December 31, 2015
- Must attend State 4-H Leadership Conference in the year of selection with other team members
- Applicant and legal guardian must agree to expectations
- Be prepared to serve on the team for 18 months (May of current year through October of the following calendar year).
- Complete application, submit record book, complete interview and speech.

If you have any questions, please email Michele Munro at [munro82@aol.com](mailto:munro82@aol.com)

## SPAGHETTI FEED

On Saturday May 21, 2016 Abbie will be having their 4th 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](mailto:munro821@aol.com). Mark the date, you do not



## What Is The Alameda County 4-H Film Fest?

This is an opportunity to 4-H members to practice and celebrate their skills in filmmaking, while also honoring their work in the essence and style of the real Academy Awards! Filmmakers will be given a period between October thru April 2016 to complete a 10-min film. All work will be submitted to a judging panel to be evaluated and winners determined in their nominated categories.

Then on with the show! All submitted films will be screened at the ACFF, and our 4-H filmmakers and actors will receive their awards and honors in the unique glamour of Hollywood.

4-Hers! Don't miss out on this grand event to see yourself on the silver screen! See you at

## FAVORITE FOODS DAY

Favorite Foods Day will be Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>.  
4-H Age Divisions (based on age as December 31st)

Primary (5-8 years old)  
Junior (9-11 years old)  
Intermediate (12-14 years old)  
Senior (15-18 years old)

Open to ALL 4-H Members (Do NOT need to be in a Cooking/Foods Project to exhibit or attend)

- Each contestant will do his/her own preparation, exhibiting and cleanup. Primary members may ask for help if it is needed.
- The Entry should be basically prepared at home, but last minute preparations may be done at the show.

### **Judged Contests (1 per class per exhibitor)**

- **Prepared Food** (Appetizer, Main Dish or Dessert). The prepared food item must be made entirely by the 4-H exhibitor. The recipe should not be prepared exclusively from commercial mixes. Recipe card is to be provided and be sure to review the prepared food guidelines.

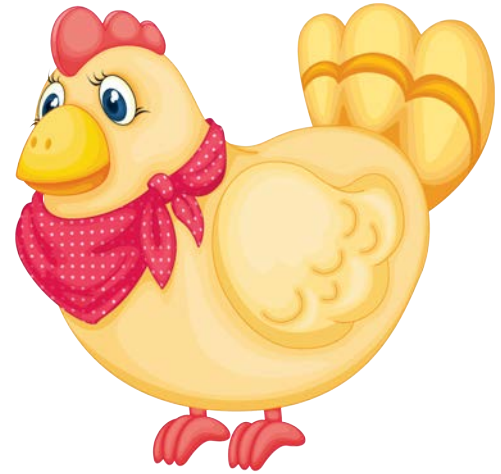
- **Table Setting** Review Table setting guidelines

- **Nutrition Related Posters**

\* **Food Safety:** Exhibitors are responsible for keeping prepared food at a safe temperature using a cooler or other insulated container. If you plan to use a crock pot or hot plate, please state this on your registration form to make arrangements for electricity.

## Poultry Rotary Grant by Andre Wright

I gave a speech in November to the Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation about poultry, what we do, and what we need to be successful. We ended up receiving a \$500 grant for our poultry project. This grant will help the poultry project buy much needed supplies. Pleasanton North Rotary has invited all Abbie 4H projects to send in an application and give a speech for a grant!



## California 4-H Camping Conference in Lake Tahoe

California 4-H Camping Conference is happening April 1-3, 2016. This year it's being held at the 4-H Camp in Stateline, NV – right in Lake Tahoe. It's a beautiful area! The conference also provides a ton of resources for both youth and adults who are involved in 4-H camp. There will be sessions on staff training, SET and nature activities, safety planning, and team building games. The cost is \$150 for early registration (before Feb 15<sup>th</sup>) or \$175 for regular registration (before Mar 15<sup>th</sup>) and covers lodging, meals and registration. You can learn more at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Camps/Resources\\_for\\_Staff\\_and\\_Volunteers/CampingConference\\_128/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Camps/Resources_for_Staff_and_Volunteers/CampingConference_128/).

## Goat Vision: Are they color-blind? By Aaliyah Wright

I was wondering during a Dairy Goat meeting if goats are color blind. So I did a little research and found out the goats are dichromats and they are partially color blind. Goats and sheep can see purples, blues, and greens really well, but they can't tell the difference between red and green.



## The Crayon Initiative by Anika Nicolas

The Crayon Initiative is an organization that collects unwanted crayons, melts them together, and then creates them into shapes kids at hospitals can use. I will be collecting old and new crayons, broken or whole. I will be collecting the crayons at each meeting and towards the end of the year, I will organize a get together where we will separate the crayons into different colors and take of all the wrappings. Please bring your crayons to the next CCM and help kids in need.



## Teen Arts & Crafts Project by Carly Koch

These past couple months in the Teen Arts and Crafts Project have been very fun! We have been working really hard to make great projects to enter into the fair. In our most recent meeting we continued working on paper mache animals and learned how to braid pirates rope. In the past we've also made very cute projects such as holiday decorations and mason jar money banks. All of the projects are very useful and even more fun to make. There's no better way to spend a Sunday morning than with a great group of people making amazing crafts.



## Goat Day at UC Davis by Amy Asmussen

On Saturday, January 23rd, I attended the UC Davis Goat Day. There, I learned very valuable information about designing a healthy herd and maintaining biosecurity. After we checked in, there were many booths that had information about goat care, cheesemaking, DHIR testing, the UC Davis Animal Science Program, and UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Program. The official event began around 9:00, at which point we took our seats and listened as many guests spoke about Davis research, CDFA, and Scrapie updates.

Next, Dr. Bret McNabb talked us through Kidding and Obstetrics, a informational presentation about raising kids and assisting in complicated births, as well as proper care of the dam before and after birth.

Erika McKenzie-Chapter, manager of Pennyroyal farm, talked about the proper way to manage your dairy goat herd and herd health efficiently. I especially enjoyed this presentation. It encouraged me to consider dairy goats as a potential career path for me.

Dr. Joan Rowe, an ADGA judge, talked through Zoonotic diseases and how we can keep ourselves and our animals safe by maintaining biosecurity. I also attended an afternoon session that went into detail about Neonatal Kid Care and Kid raising. We covered topics such as: The importance of colostrum, tattooing, bottle feeding newborns, and common kid illnesses.

This information was extremely helpful, as my own goats will kid next year. Overall, the day was a wonderful experience. I recognized many 4-Hers from our own Alameda County fair, and I obtained valuable information. This knowledge will stay with me as I continue my experience as a 4-H member and dairy goat owner. I hope more members will recognize the importance of attending these events.

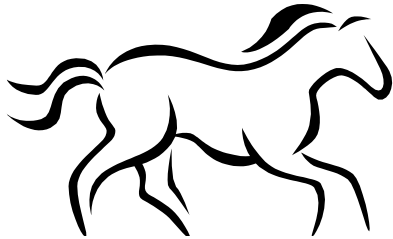


## Cat Project by Noelle Woodward

I went to the first monthly cat meeting, and I had a lot of fun! We played some fun games before learning about cats. We then learned about how to show a cat. We learned about different ways to carry your cat during showmanship and the different parts of the cat you have to check. There are actually cat shows that you can show your cats in! I brought my cat and let him run around on a leash during the meeting. The cat group is very small, and if you are interested we are looking forward to more members.



Alameda County 4-H Horse Field Day  
Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 11-3  
Brown Ranch  
7101 Camino Tassajara, Pleasanton



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**Horse Field Day** will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 11-3, at the Brown Ranch, 7101 Camino Tassajara, Pleasanton. Sessions will be held demonstrating Showmanship (hands on), Horsemanship and Equitation (demo of patterns and how to read), Trail courses (how/why and rules of refusal), and Horse Skills test with medal awards.

Lunch will be offered at a nominal cost as a fund raiser with all profits benefiting the 4-H/FFA horse show hi-point awards.



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**Please RSVP by March 1 to [cm1862@att.com](mailto:cm1862@att.com)  
This is necessary for planning lunch items.**

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## 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 experiment, go to camp, go on trips, learn how to care for an animal, how to preserve food, and much more.*



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

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



## *Upcoming Events ~*

Poultry Project Meeting ~ February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Swine Project Meeting ~ February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Favorite Foods Day ~ February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Skit Night ~ March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Horse Field Day - March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Film Fest ~ May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sectional Field Day ~ March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Small Animal Field Day - April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Fashion Review - April 30<sup>th</sup>