

The Clover Patch

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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, March 13th, 2013
Theme: St. Patrick's Day
Meeting starts: 7:00 PM
Sign-in opens: 6:45PM
MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
Multi-purpose Room
3300 Dennis Drive



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If you would like to submit an article, please send them to Kamryn Brown at kweirbrown@comcast.net or farcherbrown@comcast.net by the first Wednesday of each month.



This Wednesday, March 13th, Abbie 4H, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, will be presenting to the Pleasanton Youth Commission for a grant to start the Pleasanton community farm project. If you would like to attend, please let Kamryn Brown know at kweribrown@comcast.net and plan on wearing your whites. If you attend, you will be able to get excused from the CCM and you can put it in your record book. Hope to see you there!

New Food Record! By: Alex Roberts

On January 25th, the members of Beginning 4-H held a food drive. We walked around the neighborhood, stopping at houses to ask if they had extra food to give to the Valley Bible Church Food Pantry in Pleasanton. Amazingly, we collected 62 items of food, breaking last year's record of 37 items.



Spaghetti Feed

By: Austin Munro

On Saturday May 4th Abbie will be having their 2nd annual spaghetti feed fundraising dinner. This year we are adding some fun carnival games. 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. The beginning 4H group has offered to make centerpieces for our tables. 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!



Mini Member Community Service Project

By: Anika Nicolas



The mini members will be collecting new or gently used stuffed animals at the March community meeting. The animals need to be from beanie baby size to 14 inches. No dolls or plastic animals. The animals will be donated to Good News Bears. Good News Bears distributes stuffed animals to hurt, traumatized, or abused children and adults. Since 1996 they have given away 110,000 stuffed animals!



Valley View Science Fair

By: Austin Nicolas

The Valley View science fair will be March 27th from 6:30 to 8. We need Abbie members to bring their small animals to show the kids. The kids always enjoy petting the animals and learning about them and about 4H. If you can make it please let me know. I will have a sign-up sheet at the March CCM.

Donlon Science Fair

By: Josie

The Donlon Science Fair was March 5th. The science fair is a great chance to chat with other kids and families about your bird and meet some new friends. It was in the Donlon MPR from 6:30-8:30. You can earn community service points for your record book and it was a blast.

Abbie's Horse Project Off To a Gallop

By: Josie Carter

The horse project is off to a great start! In February we found parts of the horse on Elvis.

He wasn't thrilled with it but he was a good sport. We learned where the forelock is and many other parts. We are now preparing for The Horse Field Day on March 10th 10:30-3:30 at Highland Riding School. Anyone can come and learn more about these magnificent creatures. There will be a bake sale to raise money for the Fair. So come hungry! If you have any questions contact me at snecarter@yahoo.com. Giddy up!



A Day In The Barn

By: Kate Ricart

When my friend Toni and I were walking to class, we got on the topic of 4H, and I mentioned to her that I had shown all kinds of livestock, and even bred my own cattle for a few years. Toni is a pre-veterinary major with little experience in larger animals, and immediately started talking about how all of the cows at the school farm were ready to give birth this month and all of the students had to sign up for time slots in order to keep a watch on the cows in case any needed help while in labor. Since she was on her own while watching them for six hours on a Saturday and felt better having someone with her, she asked the teacher/vet who ran the farm if she could bring me out with her. I explained to him that I had done this kind of thing before (even helped pull a few calves) and he was more than happy for me to tag along.

Our shift started at 1pm and ended at 7pm. Two hours before we got out, one of the mamas had given birth to twins, and we were eager to see if we would get lucky with any more. The school farm has 43 Charolais cows and 20 new heifers that were bred this season, and about a third had already given birth. We went out and played with the babies a bit (we were careful not to upset the moms) and looked around to see who was showing signs. I explained to Toni the things to look for when it comes to who is getting ready to start going into labor: such as loner cows separating from the herd, cows that were getting up and laying down consistently, and ones who appeared to be having contractions, along with other physical signs.

Since Moscow seems to always be about 30 degrees (thankfully we missed the snow that came down the following day) we stayed in the barn in the vet's office, and went out to check on everyone every twenty minutes. We had a few false alarms and unfortunately we got no babies. However, even though we had no luck and almost froze, it was really nice being back in a barn and messing with cattle and it was pretty cool being the teacher and showing my friend all of the signs and how cattle birthing goes. Sometimes I forget about how much I've learned through 4H and it's nice to be reminded of such things. I have found myself missing being around a barn and playing and showing animals a lot and I'm very excited and thankful that I get to show one last year.

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4-H Calendar

By: Coleen Theroux



If anyone would like a meeting, community service event, or any other 4-H related event to go on the Abbie calendar, please send an email with the date, time, place, or any other information to abbiecalendar@gmail.com.

Thanks!



Horse Field Day

DATE: Sunday, March 10th 2013

TIME: 11am - 3pm **daylight savings begins**

LOCATION: 5900 Highland Rd., Pleasanton 94588

Contact: Sarah Vernlund 925-437-1051

highlandtraining@msn.com



Event Activities:

10:30 Registration

11:00 Welcome

11:05 Trail Class Demonstration – Nancy Jannisse

11:20 Stick Horse Trail Class Demonstration

11:30 Showmanship Clinic Overview – Laurelye Casipit

12:00 Showmanship Clinic Begins – Horses provided by

Highland Stable

Stick Horse Trail Class Begins – Make your own horse and ride the trail course!

Additional Activities:

- Local Vet Presentation - When should I call the vet?
- Farrier Demonstration – Care of hooves; How and why.
- Paint a Live Horse! Fun way to learn the Parts in Color!

3:00 Finish

Refreshments & Bake Sale - All proceeds will benefit the 2013 4-H Horse Show.

4-H Horse Project Leaders please RSVP to Sarah with number of youth attending.

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PARKING IS LIMITED – PLEASE PLAN
CARPOOL



4Hers-

Please write newsletter articles for the April newsletter! Articles can be about anything, whether it be community service, project reports, or announcements. If you have any questions or want to write an article, please email Kamryn Brown at farcherbrown@comcast.net or kweirbrown@comcast.net. Articles will be due on April 4th. Thanks!



4-H Whites

By Chloe Gipson

Hello everybody, I just wanted to let you know that I will be at the back of the room after the community meeting at Mohr elementary school where our 4-H meetings are. I'll be giving out some 4-H recycled whites to people who need them. I will also be very happy to take any whites you do not need. Please wash them before you bring them in. Thank you.

Earn Community Service Points by donating Used Magazines.

By Josie Carter (Magazine Committee Chair)

Hi 4Her's-

I am Josie and I am the Recycled Magazine committee chair. At each Community Club Meeting we will be collecting your read magazines and donating them to the Pleasanton Public Library. You can earn Community Service Points for your record book and feel good about recycling your unwanted magazines. Please cut off address labels from magazines, don't just scratch them out. Then bring them to the CCM and we will do the rest. Put your name on the bag and I will be giving prizes to those who donate! Thank you for your help.

Josie Carter

Magazine Committee Chair



February CCM Minutes

Taken by Miriam Flock

Feb. 13th, 2013
Feb. CCM
Start Time: 7:03PM

Flag Salute: Kenna Asmussen
4-H Pledge Allison Lourenco

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer – Nico Pellowski; motioned Alex Roberts; seconded Sarah Roberts
- Secretary – Miriam Flock; motioned Jessica Bennett; seconded Sydeny Fluker
- Magazine Raffle – Josie Carter; Gracie won
- Hospitality – Hannah Wren won

Old Business:

- Officer Training – Trevor Wright, Anika Nicolas; learned about the responsibilities of all the officer positions
- Swine Field Day – Parker Brown, Jenna Bennett; 2 presentation stations, 2 demonstration stations including showmanship, nutrition, how to set up pens, and judging
- Poultry at Alviso Adobe – Kenna and Amy Asmussen; presented to public about breeds, nutrition of chickens, etc.
- Cavy at Alviso Adobe – Chloe Gipson, Josie Carter; presented to public about breeds, basic care, showing, and 4-H
- Presentation Day – Alex and Sarah Roberts; both earned gold's and will go on to sectionals, watched all the other presentations and learned a lot. many Abbie member did very well
- Crochet – Sarah and Alex Roberts; Sarah has been crocheting for 3 years, Alex just started. are working on making washclothe
- Rotary Pasta Feed – Sasha Greenlee, Tim Jannisse; raised about \$100 to go to scholarship fund
- CAL Conference – Austin Munro, Harrison Carter; learned leadership skills, 5 different workshops
- Beginning 4-H Scavenger hunt – Anna Vanderbilt; Beginning 4-H went on scavenger hunt for non-perishables, collected 64 items

Program:

- Presentations – Alex Roberts on Carnivorous Plants and Sarah Roberts on Iris's
- Placemats for seniors

New Business:

- Carnival – Austin Munro and Harrison Carter; coming up in April, committee meeting right after CCM
- Small Animal Field Day – Miriam Flock; date set for April 20th, committee meeting on Feb. 19th, will have several work days, counts as community service
- Donlon Science Fair – Josie Carter; booth at Science Fun Fair, bring family friendly animals!
- Operation Dignity – Nick and Julia Item; please bring items to next meeting
- Abbie Spaghetti Feed – Michelle Munro; May 4th, at Veteran's Hall downtown, raffle baskets, games, foods, come support!
- Good News Bears – Anika Nicolas and the mini members; collecting stuffed animals for hurt, traumatized, or abused kids and adults
- Spring Stampede – Mrs. Wright; booth to promote 4-H, bring animals, last weekend in April
- Farm Update – Karen Brown; submitted another grant through the city

Announcements:

- SAFD Committee Meeting – Feb. 19th
- Cavy meeting – Feb. 24th
- Swine Meeting – Feb. 20th
- Beginning 4-H meeting – Feb. 22nd
- Skit Night – March 22nd
- Gardening Field Day March 9th
- Horse Field Day – March 10th
- SAFD – April 20th

Birthdays

Adjourn; motioned – Sophia Wrenn; seconded – Hannah Wrenn
End Time: 7:55PM

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Check out these websites
for further 4-H help!

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

<http://alamedacounty4h.org/>

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

County Event Calendar

Month:

Event	Date	Location
<u>Alameda County Leaders' Council</u>	3/26/13	Farm Bureau
<u>Camp Academy Meeting</u>	3/27/13	Farm Bureau
<u>Sectional Presentation Day</u>	3/30/13	UC Davis
<u>Skit Night</u>	3/22/13	Canyon Middle

Upcoming Project Meetings

Dates –

Beginning 4H Project 3/22
Record Book Project 3/24

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.

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