

THE CLOVERPATCH

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**Community Club Meeting
Wednesday, 11th**

**Meeting Starts:
7PM; Sign-In Opens: 6:45
Mohr Elementary School
Multi-Purpose Room
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton CA**

REMEMBER: The theme for the upcoming CCM is St. Patrick's Day! Dress in your best four-leaf clover attire for a chance to earn an extra ticket!

**Happy Birthday to all
of you celebrating in March!**

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HISTORIAN REPORT BY ANDRE WRIGHT

Please keep sending pictures, abbiehistorian@gmail.com. As we start to get our fair animals please take project pictures and send them in if you would like to be in the book.

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. The earlier I have them, the better. Thank 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.



SMALL ANIMALS TO GOOD HOMES

We need to "re-home" our rabbit and guinea pigs. Can you please put this in the newsletter?

1 Himalayan rabbit and 2 guinea pigs with cages looking for a new home. Guinea pigs need to stay together. Free to a good loving home. Please email Sunee at madabbagator@aol.com or call [209-914-4291](tel:209-914-4291)

BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The next Beginning Photography Group meeting will take place on Saturday, March 21st at 10:30am. The group will be meeting in Pleasanton to take nature photos; the location will be emailed to the members closer to the meeting date. Please contact Mrs. Item with any questions, roniitem@aol.com.

PROJECT EXPO BY ELISE LESTER & JOSIE CARTER

Project Expo 2015 will be held at 6:30 pm on May 13, before the CCM. 4Hers are encouraged to bring their non-4H friends that night. Project leaders, please come 15 minutes early (6:15) to set up your display. Many project leaders have made awesome tri-fold posters showcasing the projects! These will suffice as a display, but it would be fun to also have some type of activity, hand-out, quiz, raffle, etc. Either the adult project leader or junior leader should be available to run the activity and answer any questions. There will be refreshments with proceeds benefitting the Abbie 4H farm project.

Thanks, everyone!
Elise and Josie

LIVESTOCK ETHICS MEETINGS REQUIREMENT **BY JESSICA BENNETT**

In order to show livestock at the fair, all exhibitors must participate in a Quality Assurance and Ethics Course prior to the fair. If you are new to showing livestock, or were 14 years old on January 1, 2015, you are required to attend one of these classes with a parent. The purpose of the class is to teach members and their parents about how ethically care for your livestock project to assure that we only sell quality animals at the Junior Livestock Auction. They go over feeding principles, health and medications protocols, and show ethics. It is a one-hour class, and they start on time. You will need to make reservations, and can do so by calling the fairgrounds at 426-7612. If you can't make one of the following dates, you can call the fairgrounds to find out if there are additional classes in a nearby county. They will not let you show at our fair without a certificate of completion from one of these classes. The dates scheduled are below. All classes are held at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Thursday, April 9, 2015
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Sunday, April 26, 2015
Monday, April 27, 2015
Thursday, May 7, 2015

EASTER BASKETS FOR OPERATION DIGNITY

BY JESSICA BENNETT

Operation Dignity is an organization based in Oakland that helps the families of homeless vets. They help vets with emergency and transitional housing and services to help them get back on their feet. Abbie 4H has been helping this organization provide a happy Easter for these children for several years. Here's how you can help:

Bring to the March Community Club meeting items to help make Easter Baskets such as:

- New Stuffed Animals
- Small games or toys such as rubix cubes, decks of cards, slinkies, balls, color crayons and books etc.
- Bags of Easter candy or chocolate Easter Bunnies
- Useful items for homeless children such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, hand sanitizers, hairbrushes etc.
- Large bows, ribbon or cellophane for wrapping baskets
- OR Donate money to help buy empty baskets and/or Easter grass. (PLEASE DO NOT DONATE BASKETS OR GRASS, THESE WILL BE PURCHASED AS NEEDED TO MAKE BASKETS, we will take, however, large pre-stuffed baskets such as those sold at Costco)

The children range in age up to young teen-agers, so we will need a range of age appropriate items. If you read this article and would like to be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a prize at the next CCM, send the codeword to abbinewsletter@gmail.com. The codeword is: *Shamrock*

ABBIE 4-H RABBIT PROJECT BY PRASHANSA

My name is Prashansa. I am in the Abbie Rabbit project for 3 years I love the project, taking care of my bunny and practicing showmanship. Please visit us all at Alviso Adobe next month am excited about SAFD coming up soon. Please come and enjoy the events!

PRIMARIES AT SECTIONAL GIRL DAY BY PRASHANSA

Hello, my name is Prashansa, this year Alameda County is holding special events for primaries at sectional girl day I will be doing interpretive reading at the event. Please come and participate and we can all have fun.

GARDENING PROJECT BY ALEX ROBERTS

Gardening project was, as usual, a success. We learned how to prune roses so they'll bloom well in the spring, and we also did some work raking leaves and other stuff out of the garden. I am collecting rose hips for tea or jam. I look forward to seeing you at the next gardening meeting on March 16th from 4 to 5 PM.



PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING BY CHLOE GIPSON

On February 21st I went to my first photography meeting. We met outside the Pleasanton library and practiced taking different kind of pictures. We learned different tricks on how to take action shots, sequence photography, and we learned the panning technique. I learned a lot more about my camera, and all the different settings. I suggest that if you even have the slightest interest in photography, joining this project because it's a lot of fun, and you learn a lot from it.

FEBRUARY PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING BY JESSIE RHOADS

On February 21st, I went to the February Photography Meeting at the Pleasanton Library. At this meeting, we learned what sequence and action are, and how to take photos of them. First we took pictures of action, so one person ran back and forth across the lawn, or jumped off of a bench, and we had to take pictures of it. Then we learned what panning is. Panning is where you follow a moving object with your camera so that the object is focused, but the background is not. Then we practiced using panning by taking photos of the cars that were passing by. Afterwards, we took turns telling a story and having a person act it out while we took pictures of them to practice taking pictures of sequence. It was really fun and I can't wait until the next meeting!



EQUINE FIELD DAY BY ANDRE WRIGHT

My family and I went to Equine Field Day @ Fresno State University. It was a long drive and a very long day. We received a schedule when we signed in and we got to choose from four different clinics each hour. We attended Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Trail Riding, and English Showmanship. I volunteered to participate in the Horse Bowl and I

even knew some of the questions. I hope the things I learned will help me this year when I do the 4-H horse show.

CAMP ACADEMY MEETING BY LAUREN SATARIANO

Yesterday eve, I went to the monthly Camp Academy Project Meeting. We had a guest speaker come who spoke about taking risks in business and challenging ideas. Her name is Kelly Bowers. She told us about the advantages of taking some risks in business and how that helps form new ideas quicker and moves a company along faster. We also spoke about the importance of teamwork and of having a team that is very diverse. Ms. Bowers said that if your team if made up of members with similar talents, you won't gain as quickly as if you have a team made up of very diverse members who have many different talents. The ideas that come from a diverse team far exceed the ideas that would come from a team where everyone is too similar. Ms. Bowers said that, "Teamwork divides tasks and multiplies success" and "Nobody is as good as everybody". I learned a lot from our guest speaker during the Camp Academy Project Meeting. I am glad they found Ms. Bowers to come talk to us teens and to get us to think of new ideas.

LEARNING CROCHET BY SARAH ROBERTS

Hi. I have been Crocheting for five years, two of which were not in the Crochet project. We have been learning new stiches in the Crochet class. Right now I am making a little stuffed animal ladybug, to enter in the Alameda County Fair when it is time. Next I am thinking about make a headband. This is a great skill to have. You can make things for your friends, and maybe one day you might be a grandma and then you can make shirts, gloves, hats, etc., for your grandkids. If you would like to join, contact Mrs. Nack. Thank you.



AMADOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COOKBOOK SALE BY CHEYENNE HARPER

Hello 4Hers,

Amador Valley High School is selling cookbooks to raise money for its catering classes and child growth/development classes. The books have recipes from high school teachers, including my teacher, Mrs. Harvey whose children were also involved in 4H. The cookbooks are \$10 each. These books would be great Mother's Day gifts or buyer's gifts. If you are interested please see me at the community club meeting and/or email me at noreoranch@comcast.net .

Thank you,
Cheyenne Harper



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Upcoming Events-

- Sheep Field Day - March 15th
- Horse Field Day - March 15th
- Gardening Project, Monday, March 16th, 4-5 PM
- Poultry and Swine Meeting - March 18th
- Sheep and Goat Tagging - April 12
- Alviso Adobe 4-h Day - April 19th
- Small Animal Field Day - April 26
- Film Fest - May 16th
- Dog Field Day - May 23rd
- State Field Day - May 30th
- Alameda County Fair - June 17 to July 5th

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 preserve food, and much more.

Check out these websites for further 4-H help!

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

