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Abbie 4-H, Pleasanton CA

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 4, 2012
Meeting starts:
7PM Sign-in opens: 6:45PM
MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
Multi-purpose Room
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton, CA



Super 4-H to the Rescue!

This month's meeting will be held on April 4th starting at 7PM. The theme this time is going to be **Superhero Day!** Come in your favorite superhero (or villain) costume so you can get your extra raffle ticket!

Sign-in starts at 6:45 and closes at 7:00, reopening again at the end of the meeting for those who came in late.

Refreshments this month will be served by the **Rabbit Project.**

BIRTHDAY CORNER!

April

Nate Fluker	Lola Bennett	Ysabel Gonzalez
Chloe Gipson	Austin Munro	Jenna Moulton
Lexi Ford	Jonathan Komari	Samantha Buscheck
Whitney Carter	Nicole Kluncker	Kevin Greenlee



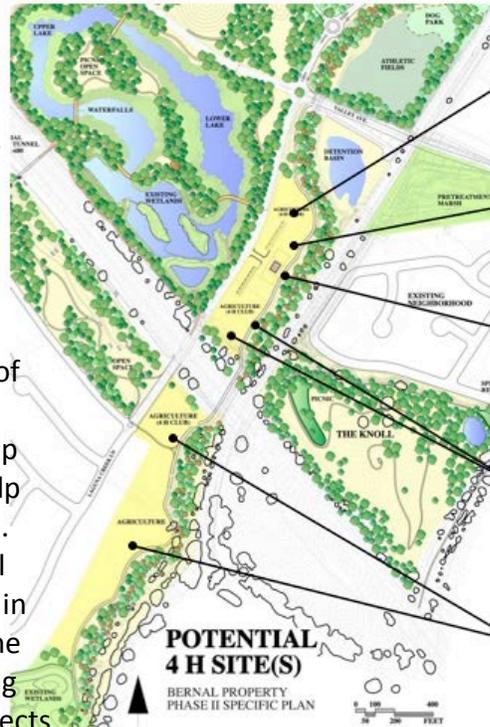
4-H Farm Takes Off!

On March 14, Abbie gave a presentation to the Pleasanton Youth Commission in hopes of obtaining a grant to put towards the 4-H Farm. The Commission was greatly impressed with the project, and has recommended that Abbie not only be awarded the grant applied for, but also additional funds to be provided by the City.

The 4-H Farm will be located on the south side of Pleasanton on land provided by the City. When completed, the 4-H Farm will provide space not only for livestock, but will include a kitchen for cooking projects, a garden area for growing projects, and meeting space for use by any of our project groups.

The grant money is a big step forward, but we need your help to make this dream come true. Even with the grant, Abbie will need to raise additional funds in order to move forward with the first phase of the farm planning process. In the past a few projects

and individuals have donated to the 4-H Farm. We would now like to challenge all Abbie Projects to and/or members to contribute towards the farm so that we can combine these funds with our grant funds and get started! Any donation, large or small will help us towards our goal.



Potential Land Uses

Outdoor Activity Area

- Dedicated space for outdoor projects (archery, RC aircraft, photography)



Picnic Area

- BBQ pits
- Seating
- Covered/uncovered spaces



Meeting Facility

- Modular interior
- Kitchen area
- Combined public/private use



Livestock Barn

- Living area for multiple species (swine, beef, goat, sheep)
- Animal exercise/washing areas (outdoor)



Crops & Gardens

- Combined 4-H and community crop/garden space
- Potential partnerships with local food banks and restaurants

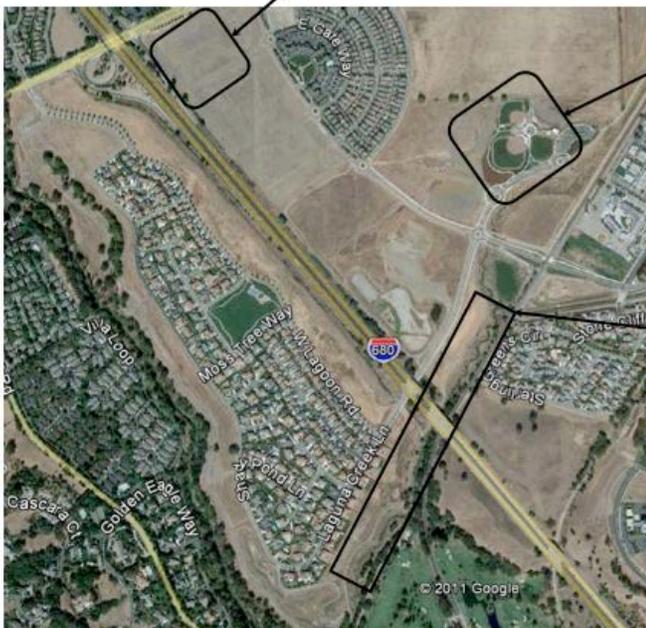


New Safeway Development

New Baseball Fields

Area for Discussion

- Approximately 20 acres (total site)
- Approved land uses per Bernal Property Phase II Specific Plan: agriculture club (NE section only), agriculture, community vegetable garden, open space, passive recreation facilities, public utilities, and trails



Map of proposed site for our farm

Rabbit Wanting Permanent Home

This cute little rabbit found its way to our house somehow. According to a neighbor, for about two weeks he lived under her house, coming out to eat the food of her dog & chickens – poor little guy. He was smart to move on. My son found him in our backyard getting to know one of our rabbits through



Roger the Bunny

the fence of our “bunny run.” How lucky for him to find a family of bunny-lovers with rabbit food on-hand! We posted flyers around the neighborhood hoping to find his owners, but after a couple of weeks we’ve received no calls. We’ve named him Roger. He’s very loving and very curious. We’ve had him as a house rabbit, as he’s a very agile youngster who can hop our 3’ rabbit fence out back. Roger desperately wants a friend, but our cat and other two rabbits are sadly not interested (the later, a long time older rabbit couple.) So, for that

reason we think he deserves his own family that will give him all the attention he deserves. If interested in adopting a new pet, please call Rhonda at 925-963-0967.

SAFD a Huge Success!

by Erika Jacobsen

Small Animal Field Day was Sunday April 1st at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in the Agricultural Building from 9am-3pm. There were many things to do! I took a rabbit breed ID test, medalist rabbit test, and I did my presentation on Body Types of Rabbits. There was a snack bar. All the different 4-H Clubs had many booths set up for their small animal projects like rabbits, cavies (guinea pigs), dogs, chickens (poultry), and a booth for donations that went to animal shelters.

There was a raffle with many prizes donated by each project and some businesses. You could not buy raffle tickets. You won them by playing games at each booth. I won a \$25 dollar gift certificate for Alamo Hay and Grain. There was also lots of judging going on for dress-up, presentations, and booths. My 2 older sisters, Jessica & Rachel that are in College now Judged Poultry Dress up. I think the public really enjoyed the animals and had fun. I saw many Abbie 4-H kids but, next year I hope to see even more. Even if you don’t own or show small animals you can come.



*4-H is a community
of young people
across America
who are learning
leadership,
citizenship,
and life skills*



Cavy Dress-Up at SAFD



Jessica and Rachel as judges!



Not Just a Dog and Pony Show by Krystal Jacobsen

Alameda County 4-H Horse Field Day was on March 11th in Pleasanton at Highland Stable. This was a very fun experience. This Field Day counts in your record book. You can learn a lot about horses. Food and coffee were on sale. A Horse Judge from Contra Costa County named Lauralye Casapit taught us a lot about horse showmanship and the horses were provided by Highland Stables. She gave us pointers on showmanship and told us about horse materials we should have. They held a raffle and had a mini-bronze horse test by Abbie Horse Leaders Jane & Velinda. Kelsey Aguirre showed us how to unload / load a horse in a trailer and gave us a flyer. Joellen Oslund gave a presentation on the bones in a horses' leg. I thought it was very fascinating. Lucy Villegas let kids get a chance to finger paint a live horse. Also, they had a presentation about English / Western tack and saddles. They had a Polo Wrap Demo and a practice. I thought it was a great event and I highly encourage more Abbie kids to come next year. If you read this article, please send the title to Miriam <miriamflock@comcast.net> to receive a prize!



Camp Academy Update by Jonathan Komari

On Wednesday, March 28th we had a meeting at the Farm Bureau in Livermore. At the meeting, we watched a video of the last 2 years of camp, and talked about what we can do to get the kids active more. We also were talking about making the Sports Day at camp a lot bigger, with more games to play. The next meeting will be about shirt colors.

Get SET for Your Future! by Miriam Flock

SET Career day is coming up fast, so make sure to mark it on your calendars! This can be a fun filled AND educational event all in one! (when does that ever happen?) It will be held on April 21 from 10AM-2PM at Creekside Church & Community Center, 951 MacArthur Blvd., San Leandro.

For those of you who are wondering what SET Career day is, it's an opportunity to explore many different careers through cool demonstrations, hands-on activities, talks from professionals, and much more! They have every there from Forensics to Catering, and Veterinarians to Pilots! You can drop in anytime and visit all the booths and watch demonstrations, and if there's a professional speakers there from a career that interests you, you can sit in on their talk and get some Q&A with them. There will also be a chance for you to participate in a mock interview, which can be very good practice for interviews later in life!

This will be a fun and interesting day for all ages, so make sure you swing by!



Blue Star Moms by Austin Munro

Blue Star Moms is an organization of moms with children in the military. It was originally started as a support group to help families get through the long times without the member who was over seas serving our country. It has grown into a bigger group of moms with children in the military and now they work together to send care packages to their children and to other military members who might not have family to send them care packages. We will be collecting some items over the next 4 months at our Community Club meetings. Please take the time to look over what we are collecting for that month's meeting and see if you can bring something in. Everything we will be donating should be single serving or individual sizes. If you have any questions please email Michele or Austin Munro at munro821@aol.com

March 14th- Just add water

Hot drinks- hot chocolate, spiced cider, tea, instant coffee, powdered drinks mixes (Propel, Crystal Light, etc) Instant hot cereals, cup of noodles , top ramen

April 4th- Personal trial size items like: baby wipes, hand sanitizer ,lip balm, chap stick, dental floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste, eye drops, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, disposable razors, batteries (AA preferably)

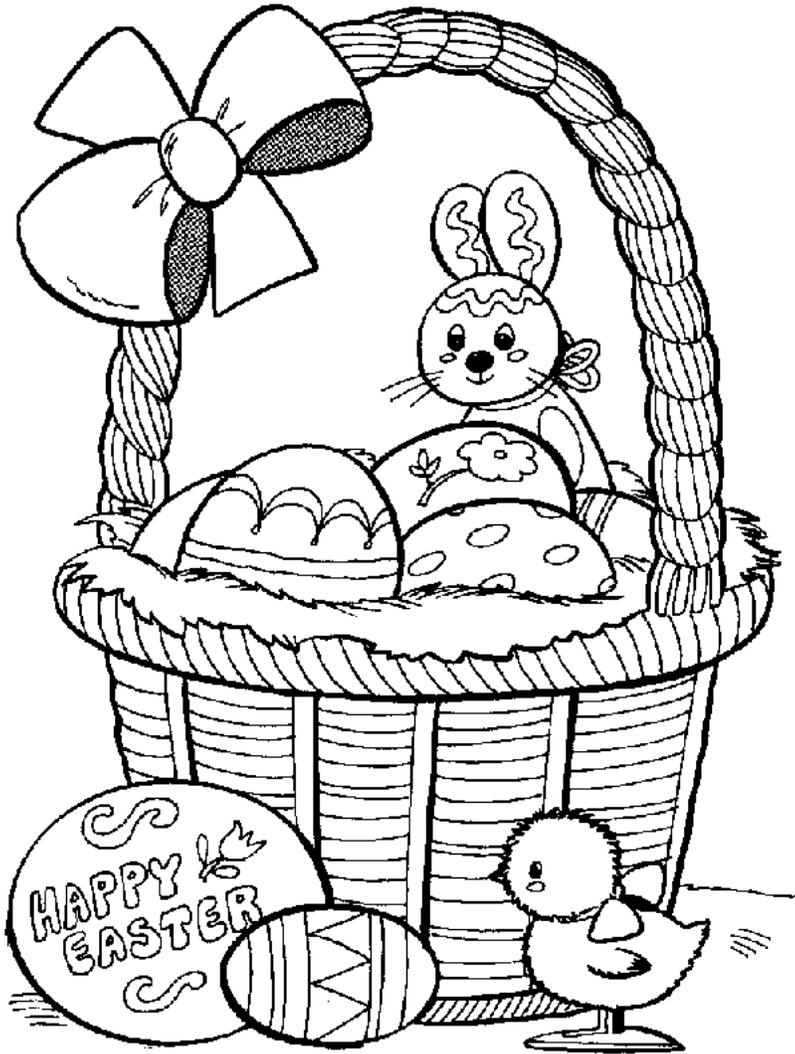
May 9th - Snacks- individually wrapped- crackers, nuts, trail mix, candy(no chocolate), corn nuts, granola bars (no nutria grain please) pop tarts, fruit snacks, beef jerky, nuts, protein bars, power bars/cliff bars, Jif to go containers, fruit rolls ups.

June 13th- Clothing – white or black COTTON long athletic socks, dark colored knit hats, white COTTON crew neck t-shirts (Med or large)

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Spring Coloring



Superhero Jokes

Q: What is a superhero's favorite part of the joke?

A: The "punch" line!

Q: Where's Spiderman's home page?

A: On the world wide web.

Q: What superhero uses public transportation?

A: Bus Lightyear!

Q: What position did Bruce Wayne play on his little-league team?

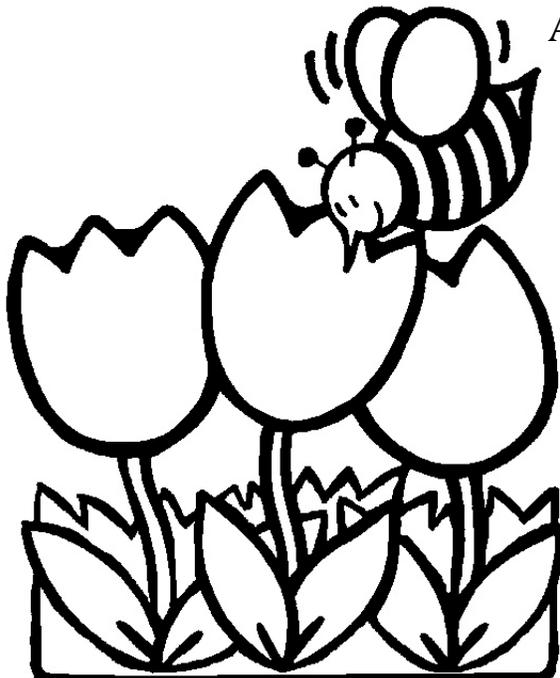
A: He was the bat-boy.

Q: What do you get if you cross the man of steel with a hot vegetable broth?

A: Souperman

Q: What is a superhero's favorite drink?

A: Fruit punch



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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
SET Career Day	April 21st	San Leandro

Upcoming Project Meetings

Aerospace – Sun., April 15th 2PM

Rabbit – Tues., April 17th 7PM

Swine – Wed., April 18th 7PM

Beginning 4-H – Fri., April 20th 4PM

Cavy – Sun., April 22nd

Sheep – Tues. April 24th 7PM

Camp Academy – Wed., April 25th 7PM

Baking – Thurs., April 27th 6:30PM

Swine – Wed., May 2nd 7PM

Aerospace – Sun., May 6th Field Trip

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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