

THE CLOVER PATCH



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Community Club Meeting
Wednesday, April 8th

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

Happy Birthday to all of
you celebrating in April!

Happy Easter!

REMINDER: The theme for the upcoming CCM is "Spring Fever". Wear your most flowery and colorful attire for a chance to win an extra ticket!

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* Please note: All members who sent an article will be automatically entered in a drawing for a chance to win a prize at the upcoming CCM. Thank you!

Sales Treasurer Report by Krystal Jacobsen

Hi, it's Krystal your Sales Treasurer. I just got in a new order of green & white hats (\$14) and girl's scarves (\$15). If you want a t-shirt (\$12) or sweatshirt (\$22) in a size that I do not have, make sure to tell me so that I can order it for you. Any other supplies that I do not have and you want, please inform me of that as well. We take cash and checks made payable to Abbie 4-H. I will be at the community club meetings, before and after, to sell 4-H supplies to you. Thank you!

-Krystal (sales treasurer)

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! If you write an article, it counts in your record book and helps your fellow 4-H members receive the information they need to succeed in 4-H. Please send in your articles to abbinewsletter@gmail.com. The earlier I have them, the better. Thank you!

Small Animal Field Day by Andre Wright

Small Animal Field Day is on Sunday April 26th from 9am-4pm at The Barn in Livermore. Abbie Poultry Project is heading up the food booth and needs volunteers to work! If you are interested please let us know mjwaow@gmail.com. Thank you!

Large Animals at Fair by Kamryn Brown

Fair is just 11 weeks away, and with it fast approaching it's time to contact your new and old buyers! This year, the Junior Livestock Auction is on July 5th. Remember to send any potential buyers a letter explaining the process you went through to raise your animal and any special feed or medication you had to give your animal. Also, when it gets closer to fair time and you continue to keep in touch with your buyer, make sure to give them free tickets to the fair so they can come to the auction without having to pay for entry. In addition, start looking for gifts to give your buyer for after they purchase your animal at auction. A gift could include anything from cookbooks, kitchen utensils, or anything that relates to your animal and could be useful to the buyer after the meat is delivered. Don't forget to also write thank you cards to anyone and everyone who helped you raise your animal this year and be successful (yes, that includes parents!). Keep up the good work!

Community Farm Part of Pleasanton's 2-Year Plan by Kamryn Brown

On March 10th, Abbie 4Hers attended the City Council's planning meeting for their 2 year budget. We had a fantastic turnout, with around 30 members and supporters there representing 4H. Speakers including Bob Brown, Michelle Munroe, Kamryn Brown, Cheyenne Harper, and Sarah Roberts went in front of the City Council and discussed why it was necessary for the Community Farm to be on their budget for the next 2 years. At the end of the meeting- which also included speakers for tennis courts, the library, and Sunflower Hill- the council members voted on which projects they thought should be on their budget. With as many supporters as 4H had present at the meeting, it was no surprise that the Community Farm passed with favorable votes from all 5 council members! At the following City Council meeting, the council members officially voted on the proposed plan so the Community Farm project is officially on the Pleasanton City Council 2 Year Project Plan! Thanks to everyone who showed their support!

Teen Job Fair by Lauren Satariano

I went to the Pleasanton Teen Job Fair on Saturday, March 7th. It was held at the Pleasanton Senior Center and featured local employers looking for Full-time or part-time help. A few companies such as the Alameda County Fair were there looking for teens who would volunteer summer hours to work at the Fair. If Abbie Club members volunteer this summer at the Fair, the Fair will pay our club hourly wages. Last year our Club put the money earned into our Scholarship Fund.

I stopped by the Chipotle table and the Zachary's Pizza table to take information about summer jobs. They are both hiring and looking for teens to apply. I have learned a lot being in 4-H such as how to dress to be ready to interview. This helped me as I was talking to the people from Chipotle and Zachary's.

The most interesting thing about the Job Fair was all the presentations going on, for example, "Choosing the Right College", "How to prepare and Interview", "Mock Interviews", "Hands on Banking", and others. I went to the Presentation on "Making the Most of your College Visits". It was very interesting and I saw lots of kids I knew from school.

Diary Goat Birth by Amy Asmussen

On March 21st Cheyenne's goat, Breezy, gave birth to 2 does (girls). I was lucky enough to witness the birth of the 2nd little goat kid. The experience was one I'll never forget, and a great learning experience that I will use when it is time for me to prepare my goats for the birth of their own kids. I made note of the supplies needed, the time it took between each birth, and the signs of labor Breezy showed frequently throughout the process. Thank you, Cheyenne, for allowing the members of the diary goat project to witness such an amazing experience. (Also, a BIG thank you to Breezy, you did a great job).



Mini-member Program at Sectional Presentation Day by Helen Roberts

I went to the mini-member program at Sectional Presentation Day on March 28th at U.C. Davis. I gave a talk on foods that were bad for dogs, and then I made a card for a community service project. I took a mini-member judging contest, and I made a drawing to show what I like about 4-H. I also got third place for primaries in the horticultural judging contest.



Sectional Presentation Day! by Alex Roberts

Sectional Presentation Day was held on the 28th of March at U.C. Davis. People gave presentations, read from books, showed things in Share the Fun, and took the Horticultural judging contest. This year mini members were allowed to participate in their own part of Sectional. I volunteered to help run the mini members program. All in all, it was a wonderful day. All the people who received Gold at Sectional will move on to the State competition in May.



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.

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Upcoming Events-

- Fair June 17 – July 5 – Rock the Red White and Blue
- Small Animal Field Day – April 26 The Barn 10 - 3
- Dog Field Day – May 23
- Beginning 4H – April 10; Archery – April 11
- Sheep and Goat Tagging – April 12
- Poultry then Swine meeting – April 15
- Alviso Adobe – April 19 11 am – 1 pm
- Film Fest – May 16
- State Field Day – May 30
- Market Goat and Sheep Clinic – May 3
- Rabbit Meeting – April 16
- Sheep Meeting – April 28
- Sheep Shearing/Showmanship @Alviso Adobe May 17
- Horse Show Entries Due – April 24
- Ethics Quality Assurance Trainings April 9, 14, 27, 26
- Gardening Meeting - April 20th, Monday 4-5:00 PM
- Chess Meeting - May 4th, Monday 4-5:00 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. 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://www.ca4h.org/>



Individual Volunteer Enrollment Form
 Contact: Jamie Osborn, Volunteer Coordinator
 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566
 Ph: 925-426-7610 | Fax: 925-426-5137
 email: josborn@alamedacountyfair.com

**1 Volunteering at the Fair is as EASY as
 Fill Out Your Contact Information-(PRINT ONLY)**



Volunteer Name: _____ Volunteering with a Group? Group Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____
 Phone:Home/Cell: _____ Email: _____
 Contact in emergency: _____ Phone: _____

If under 18, a parent/guardian must fill out below:

_____ (name of volunteer), _____ (age of volunteer), is capable, competent and conscientious. I grant permission for my son/daughter to serve as a volunteer for the Alameda County Fair. In the event of a medical emergency while he/she is volunteering, I authorize whatever emergency medical treatment is deemed essential by a responsible medical attendant. Emergency contact number: _____

 Signature of Parent/Guardian Relationship/Nature of Authority Date

Volunteer T-shirts:

Men's sizes - circle size XS SM MD LG XL 2XL 3XL 4XL
 Women's sizes- (more fitted/run small) - circle size XS SM MD LG XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

2 Preference in area(s) of Volunteering:

Circle area(s) of interest and every effort will be made to accommodate your preference. The typical shift is 4- 6 hours in length: AM shifts start between 10 am-12pm and finish between 4:30 and 6:00 pm. PM shifts start between 3:00 to 6:00pm and finish between 9:30 and 11pm. Please plan on arriving to the volunteer area **15 to 30 minutes before** your shift begins.

AREA OF INTEREST

Amateur Gardens*	Fine Arts	Hobby
Day Clean Up	Food/Fiber	Science/Outdoor Adventure
Festival Square	Guest Services	Small Animals*

*Some departments have early shifts 7am-12pm before fair is open to the public

OVER 18 AREAS (Must be over 18 to volunteer in these areas)

Concerts	Professional Gardens	Shuttle Driver (Must have valid drivers license)
Racing Grandstand Seating,	Racing Win/Place/Show	

ATTENTION: All areas may include the following may be indoor/outdoor,: standing, sitting,/ walking for long periods of time, bending, climbing up &down stairs, safe driving, cleaning, dusting, assisting public as needed in heat, sun & acclimate weather.

3 Availability: 2015 Schedule - June 17th through- July 5th - Closed Monday's

Please **check each day** and **circle the time** that you are available to volunteering.
(Your schedule will be confirmed at the beginning of June)

June 17 __ AM PM	June 21 __ AM PM	June 26 __ AM PM	July 1 __ AM PM
June 18 __ AM PM	June 23 __ AM PM	June 27 __ AM PM	July 2 __ AM PM
June 19 __ AM PM	June 24 __ AM PM	June 28 __ AM PM	July 3 __ AM PM
June 20 __ AM PM	June 25 __ AM PM	June 30 __ AM PM	July 4 __ AM PM
			July 5 __ AM PM

As a volunteer, I recognize my image may be used by the fairgrounds to promote the Volunteer program and fair in general

INTERNAL USE: _____ Date Received _____ Screened _____ Schedule

