

The Clover Patch

Abbie 4-h Newsletter
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**Community Club Meeting
Wednesday, May 13th**

PROJECT EXPO BEFORE MEETING

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

Reminder: The theme for the upcoming CCM is Summer Lovin'. Wear sunglasses and Hawaiiin shirts to earn an extra ticket.

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



2015 PROJECT EXPO by Elise Lester and Josie Carter

This year's Project Expo will be immediately before the May CCM on Wednesday May 13th at 6:30 p.m. 4Hers are encouraged to bring their non-4H friends that night. Many project leaders have made awesome tri-fold posters showcasing the projects! Project leaders, please remember to come early (6:15 pm) to set up your display. The Baking Project will offer baked goods and bottled water all priced for \$1, with all proceeds going to the Farm project. See you at Project Expo!

Historian Report by Andre Wright

The end of the year is coming fast. Please submit your pictures for your projects to be in the scrapbook. abbiehistorian@gmail.com
Thank you, Andre

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!

Sales Treasurer Report by Krystal Jacobsen

Hi, guys! It's Krystal, your Sales Treasurer, and I have NEW Abbie 4-H t-shirts(\$15) and sweatshirts(\$28). Those who have pre-ordered either t-shirts or sweatshirts please pick them up as you will get first priority. If, again, I do not have an item or a size that you need, just tell me and I'll order it for you. I'm there before and after the community club meetings. I take cash and checks made out to Abbie 4-H. 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.



Free Rabbit Hutches by Lori Wright

I have two large, outdoor rabbit hutches that I am willing to give to a 4-H family. Please view photos and contact me if interested. Thanks so much!

Lori Wright,
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Sheep Shearing

The Abbie 4-H Sheep Project Group will be at Alviso Adobe Sunday May 17th from 11am to 1pm shearing lambs and practicing Sheep Showmanship for the upcoming Alameda County Fair. The 4-H Project Members need to Slick Shear and practice showing their market lambs for their Fair show dates Sunday June 28th and Thursday July 2nd. The Market Lambs will then be for sale Sunday July 5th @ approximately 2pm at the Alameda County Fair's Junior Livestock Auction. A great opportunity to purchase some Local California Lamb for your home freezer. 4-H Members will be available to answer questions about the upcoming event. Abbie 4-H is one of 15 4-H clubs in Alameda County. 4-H is open to members 5 to 19 years of age. The 4-H year runs from September to June. 4-H just celebrated their 102th year anniversary this year! Meadowlark Dairyman Jannes Takens was the Dairy Cattle Leader for Abbie 4-H in the 1960's and a lot of the Dairy Cattle that Abbie 4-H exhibited at the Alameda County Fair were born here on the Alviso Adobe property.

Poultry At Alviso Adobe 4-h Day by Aaliyah Wright

Poultry project had a table at Alviso Adobe's 4H Day. We talked to a lot of people about having chickens and about joining our club. Our table seemed to be very popular. Sophia and I brought some chickens and a couple of chicks. Everyone liked the chicks.



Poultry Group @ Small Animal Field Day By Andre Wright

Small Animal Field Day was Sunday April 26th. Abbie's Poultry group had a food booth and a game booth. At our food booth we sold breakfast, snacks, drinks, and lunch. We were very busy most of the day and earned some money to help our poultry group by new materials for next year. At our game booth we asked participants avian bowl questions and gave them candy for right answers. Thank you for those that came and helped us at both of the booths. We hope you had fun!

Small Animal Field Day Fun From Beginning 4-H by Noelle, Ava and Grace

We all went to small animal field day which is held at the barn in Livermore. Everyone brought their small animals like cavies, rabbits, chickens and dog. Each project has a booth with activities and animals and you can earn raffle tickets to win prizes. The biggest prize was a very nice blue bike. My favorite exhibit was the dog booth. We tried to match breed in the right categories. I brought my rabbit and worked at the rabbit booth. It is a fun event and we will go again. You should to.



Easter Baskets for a Worthy Cause By Jessica Bennett

Easter means spring time, baby animals and Easter baskets filled with candy to most children, but for children who don't have a home, Easter is a reminder of what they don't have. The organization, Operation Dignity, works with families of veterans to help them get work, and eventually be able to support themselves. For the past several years, our 4H club has helped them out, in a small way, to make this season a happier place for the children of the veterans by making Easter Baskets for them. Each year we have collected baskets, grass, candy, toys, stuffed animals and hygiene supplies like toothbrushes to fill baskets for these children. Each year the number of children have increased, and this year we made 39 baskets. We have received help from a few other clubs in Alameda County to the total of 62 baskets for children throughout Alameda County.



We spent a lot of time trying to personalize the baskets for different age children



When we were done, we had 39 Easter Baskets ready to give to children who would otherwise not get one.

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Announcements -

- Fair June 17 - July 5 - Rock the Red White and Blue
- Dog Field Day - May 23
- Poultry then Swine meeting - April 20
- Film Fest - May 16
- State Field Day - May 30
- Sheep Shearing/Showmanship @Alviso Adobe May 17
- Rabbit meeting - May 14
- Sheep meeting - May 19th

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/>

