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Abbie 4-H, Pleasanton CA

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 12, 2012
Meeting starts:
7PM Sign-in opens: 6:45PM
MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
Multi-purpose Room
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton, CA



Welcome Abbie 4-Hers!

Welcome back for another great year Abbie members! My name is Parker Brown and I am your 2012-2013 President. I am extremely excited to help make this year amazing and fun for everyone. The first Community Club Meeting will be this Wednesday, September 12 at 7 PM. The theme for this month's meeting is the Olympics. Dress like an Olympic athlete or wear the colors of a competing country. Prior to the Community Club Meeting, we will be having a new member orientation meeting at 6:30. Both meetings will be held in the Mohr Elementary School multi-purpose room. I hope to see everyone at the first meeting, and let's have a great year this year!

-Parker Brown, Abbie 4-H President

BIRTHDAY CORNER!

This month we will celebrate all the summer birthdays as well as the September birthdays. If your birthday falls in July, August, or September, please go up to the front of the meeting when it is time to sing "Happy Birthday."



The Avian Bowl by Jessie Rhoads



On June 27th I was in the fair's Avian Bowl with Anika Nicholas and Amy Asmussen. We made up the junior team.

The Avian Bowl is a competition where you have to answer lots of questions about poultry. Some of the questions were really hard but most of them were pretty easy. We ended up in 2nd place. It was a lot of fun and I hope more people do it next year.

County Record Book Recognition by Mrs. Bennett

"To make the Best, Better"

Congratulations to all who entered their record book in the County Record Book competition. Abbie had 16 members exhibit with the winners listed below. Exhibitors will receive their award at County Achievement Night on October 12, 2012 at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley.

Amy Asmussen won a beginning 4H certificate.

Jessica Bennet was a Jr. Rabbits co-county winner.

Ben Carter was a Jr. Beef certificate winner.

Harrison Carter is a Jr. Cavy medalist.

Josie Carter is a Jr. Horse medalist.

Kaitlyn Crannell is Sr. Swine certificate winner.

Miriam Flock is a Sr. Cavy county winner.

Chloe Gibson is a Jr. Cavy county winner.

Cheyenne Harper is a Sr. Dairy Goats county winner.

Krystal Jacobson won a certificate for Jr. Rabbits.

Erika Jacobson won Jr. Sheep medalist.

Tim Jannisse is a Sr. Sheep medalist.

Nicole Klueker is a Sr. Nigerian Dwarfs county winner.

Jonathon Komari is an outdoor/adventure camp medalist.

Austin Monro won a certificate.

Anika Nicolas won Jr. Poultry medalist.

Grace Shaw-Smathers is a Jr. Dairy Goats county winner.

Noelle Item, Austin Nicolas, and Alex Roberts all won Primary awards.

Congratulations to everyone who won!



... to my club, my community, my country, and the world.

Lots of Thank Yous and Welcomes by Parker Brown

This summer has been busy for Abbie and we owe many thanks to some very special leaders. After many years of outstanding service to Abbie, most recently as one of our community club leaders, Mrs. Onojafe is handing over her club leading duties to Mrs. Munro. Luckily, Mrs.

Onojafe will still be with Abbie as a project leader though! Make sure to give Mrs. Onojafe a great big thank you for her years as one of our club leaders.

Make sure to also welcome Mrs. Munro as a new club leader! Mrs. Munro has been with Abbie for many years too and her a

great big thank you for running the first Abbie 4H Club spaghetti feed fund raiser. We sure are lucky to have Mrs. Munro join our fantastic team of club leaders!

It's going to be a great year!



Abbie's Rabbit Group in Bowl by Jessica Bennett

This year at the fair we had two rabbit bowl teams, one Junior team and one Senior team. The rabbit bowl is held on one of the first days that the rabbits are at the fair each year. Rabbit bowl is like a quiz show. Each club can enter a team of 3 kids.

You face another club's team and a leader will ask you a question. We have buzzers to buzz in and the first team that buzzes in gets to try and answer. They ask questions all about raising rabbits, diseases, fair rules and lots of questions about all

the breeds. This year our Senior team the best it has ever done by coming in third place. It's a lot of fun to participate and I think the people watching learned a lot too.



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Fenton's Community Outreach by Kamryn Brown

On Sunday, July 22, a small group of Abbie 4Hers spent 4 hours outside the famous Fenton's Ice Creamery in Oakland. As part of National Ice Cream Month, Fenton's asked the 4H clubs in Alameda County to set up in their parking lot on Saturdays and Sundays in July. This allowed the clubs to promote the 4H organization and share some of our projects. Fenton's also donated 20% of the proceeds from the sale of their

S'mores ice cream sundae to the Alameda County 4H.

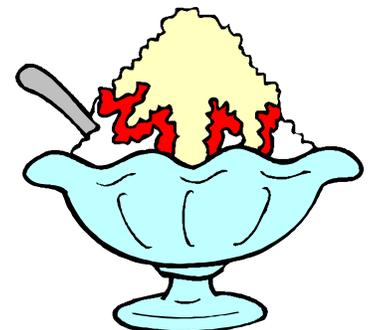
Kelly and Trevor Wright, Jessica Rhoads, Anika Nicolas, and Parker and Kamryn Brown brought coloring pages, had a craft which allowed kids to see a seed as it sprouted, and brought hens and a guinea pig for visitors to pet.

It was a warm day but thanks to the Rhoads, we had shade and Fenton's gave us lots of water. We all managed

to find time to buy ice cream too!

It was a nice surprise when the Jacobson Family stopped by after their family event to support 4H and buy ice cream!

It was really fun to educate the public about 4H. We found out that many people really don't know much about chickens and we are grateful to Fenton's for giving us this opportunity.



State Fair by Miriam Flock

This past July, Alameda County was represented at the Cal Expo State Fair in Sacramento in the Cavy Bowl Competition. The team was made up of three Abbie members; Jillie Eicher, Chloe Gipson, and Miriam Flock, and one Del Arroyo Member; Ashley Ruzicka. The team did very well and placed 2nd out of 6 teams in the Senior division, losing

to the top team by only 1 point. All of the members had a great time and learned so much from the experience. Ashley and Miriam also competed in the cavy show, where Miriam placed 5th and Ashley

1st in Cavy showmanship. State fair can be a great place to really step up your game in all areas of 4-H, and is a great new experience for yourself, your family, and friends.



Janice Decker wins Duke DePaoli Award by Kamryn

The Alameda County Fair Board of Directors presented Mrs. Janice Decker with the special Duke DePaoli Award at the Junior Livestock Auction on Sunday, July 8th. Mrs. Decker received this award because of her commitment and her many years of service to youth involved in raising livestock. Much like Duke DePaoli, Mrs. Decker has lots of

respect in the agriculture community. She strongly supports the livestock and helps young people with their projects but never expects the attention so we are especially happy that she was recognized by the fair board. Congratulations Mrs. Decker and many thanks for all you do for Abbie!



4H Camp by Jenna Bennett

Each summer at the beginning of August, 100+ Alameda County 4Hers get on a bus and head up to a week of camping in a beautiful forest campsite just outside Angwin, California. For some 4Hers, 4H camp is the reason they stay in 4H. It is THAT much fun!

Planning for camp starts months before. Teen 4Hers in the Camp Academy project learn leadership skills, how to apply for a staff position, conflict management strategies, and teamwork at monthly meetings throughout the year. As the end of the 4H year gets closer, they start

really planning for camp and the campers they will be in charge of. This year the camp theme was Dr. Seuss. The tribes were different book titles, with the directors and chaperones in the Cat in the Hat tribe. My tribe was Horton Hears a Who.

Each camper and staff member is put into a tribe which becomes their family for the week. These tribes compete against each other in events, work together to put on a campfire and occasionally have family meals together during tribe meals. All of this helps the tribe members bond. We have whole camp activities too such as meal time fun, talent night and night hikes. Camp goes get

a chance to do arts and crafts, make homemade ice cream, learn how to do archery, and sing songs. This year during one of our workshops, each tribe recorded a camp song and one of our leaders made a CD recording for each camper to take home of all the recordings. It is truly a special memento of a great week.

If you have never been to camp, you don't know what you have been missing. Ask *any* member who has ever gone; they will tell you it's the *best* 4H has to offer, and you should NOT miss out.

Crazy Track Meet



Twins Day, we were WHOS

Spaghetti Feed by Austin Munro

Our Directors

On Friday June 15th we had our 1st annual Spaghetti feed. It was in downtown Pleasanton at the Veteran's Hall. We arrived at 4pm to get everything set up. There were several things we had to setup, like the raffle tables, the centerpieces made by the Beg 4H group, and the kitchen. We had wonderful baskets that were donated by

some of our project groups and some outside vendors like Jim's Country Restaurant, Ashton Auto, Dion's Salon, Sports Clip, and others. We also got some donations from Ann Taddei, Craig Smith's mother n law, which we gave out by having participants buying a balloon, popping it and finding the prize inside. There were about 85 people in attendance and at the end of the

night we made \$990 to go towards the Farm Fund. Thank you to all that helped out to make this a profitable and fun



event.

Fair Time is Fun Time!

Fair Tickets by Austin Munro

Fair time is Fun time. That is what we were saying to try to get people to buy their advance fair tickets from us. This year we made sure to get the tickets early on. We sold tickets at several

events, Livermore Art Festival and 1st Wed in June, along with asking our members to pass the word. We got \$1 for every admission ticket we sold, \$2.20 for every wristband, and \$3 for every Family Fun Pak.

This year we raised \$502 to put into our scholarship fund.



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for further 4-H help!

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

<http://alamedacounty4h.org/>

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

County Event Calendar

Month: September

Event	Date	Location
Carcass Dinner	9/18/12	Ivy Glenn
Achievement Night	10/12/12	Canyon Middle School
Registration	ONGOING	

Upcoming Project Meetings

Dates -

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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