

The Clover Patch

***“We make a living by what we get.
But we make a life of what we give.”***

- Winston Churchill



Issue # 1

Upcoming Community Club Meeting

Wednesday, September 9th

New member project showcase starts at 6:30. Don't forget to invite others interested in 4-H for the first meeting of the year!

Welcoming all Abbie members, new and old!

Meeting Starts 7PM
Sign-In Opens at 6:45

Mohr Elementary School

Multi-Purpose Room

3300 Dennis Drive

Pleasanton, CA

The upcoming CCM's theme is "4-H green". Don't forget to wear any 4-H attire for a chance to earn extra tickets in the hospitality drawing. Also, a reminder that all club officers are asked to provide the refreshments for the first meeting of every year.



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

Do you love the newsletter? Do you want to make it *amazing*?

Send in your articles to abbinewsletter@gmail.com! Your articles help *make the best better*. Write about your 4-H experiences and send them in for communication points in your record book. Don't forget to visit Instagram and Twitter for more info. At [abbie4h@instagram](https://www.instagram.com/abbie4h) or [Abbie_4h@twitter](https://twitter.com/Abbie_4h). If you would like something posted on social media, contact the address listed above. Let's make this year a great one!

- Amy Asmussen , Newsletter Editor

REGISTRATION

You can now register to be in 4H. Please visit the website www.Abbie4h.org and click on the registration tab. It has the directions on how to register. Please remember that you need to register for at least one project. You need to register online, print and sign the Medical Release form, and make a check payable to Abbie 4H. The fees and the forms go to Karen Harper 700 Happy Valley Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. After Karen receives all items, she will confirm your registration and you will receive an email from county saying you are confirmed. Remember – 3 things must be completed in order for you to be registered.

Returning Leaders – you need to register online, print and sign the Medical Release and get the form to Karen Harper

NEW Leaders - Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Alameda County 4-H Program. The 4-H Program would not be what it is without the time and dedication our volunteers give. All adult volunteers must complete the certification process before working with youth. You must attend one of the following and then do the items above for the returning leaders.

BEGINNING 4-H FOR VOLUNTEERS / NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

Space is limited for each orientation session and pre-registration is required in order to ensure space and materials for all that attend.

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Light snacks & water will be provided, bringing a bag lunch is encouraged.

Locations:

UCCE/Contra Costa 4-H Office - 75 Santa Barbara Rd, 2nd Floor, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Canyon Middle School – 19600 Cull Canyon Road, Castro Valley

More information and register at: <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=15855>

Saturday, September 12 (Canyon Middle School)

Sunday, September 13 (UCCE - Contra Costa 4-H Office, Pleasant Hill)

Saturday, October 3 (UCCE - Contra Costa 4-H Office, Pleasant Hill)

Saturday, October 10 (Castro Valley / Dublin Location)

Sunday, October 25 (UCCE - Contra Costa 4-H Office, Pleasant Hill)

Saturday, November 14 Last Training for the 2015/2016 Program Year (Canyon Middle School)

I look forward to you joining the 4-H program as a 4-H Volunteer.

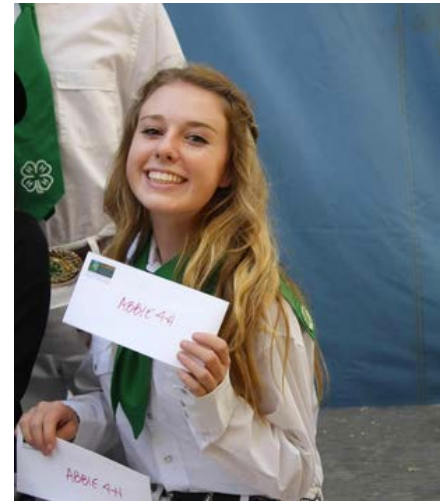
You will get your project rosters after Karen has received your Medical Release form, and the above are completed. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Harper at 925-846-5456 or cacheymom@comcast.net

Welcome From Your President by Jessica Bennett

Hello Abbie 4-Hers and families,

My name is Jessica Bennett and I am your incoming 2015-2016 Abbie 4-H president. I wanted to welcome new members to our 4-H family and welcome back returning members. I am excited to make this year one of the best yet!

Please remember that anyone is welcome to sit in at our club meetings so feel free to invite your friends. Our goal this year is to make Abbie 4H as active and strong as we can by giving back to our community around us and learning something on the way there. I also encourage you to try out new projects that you've never tried before. When I was a young 4-Her, I tried as many projects as I could including cooking, canning, swine, sheep, and I was also in an entomology group where we got to study bugs at the meetings. Entomology is making a comeback to Abbie, so check it out! Feel free to come up to any of the officers if you have questions or contact me for information. Let's make this an amazing year by *Making the Best Better!*



New Beginning Chess Project

By Alex Roberts, Junior Leader

Have you ever wanted to play chess? This is the project for you. In each class we will spend the first part teaching the basics, and the second part either playing the game or practicing with the pieces depending on the skill of the player. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesdays of every month, starting in September, excepting November and December, when we will take a break for the holidays. The time will be from 4 to 5 PM.

Requirements: Ages: 9 and up. Limit of 10 people. Bring a chess set if you have one, but you don't need one to participate.

Gardening Project by Sarah Roberts, Teen Leader

Hi, my name is Sarah Roberts. Do you like to Garden? Well, in the Gardening project we will teach you all the stuff needed to take care of plants. We will be working in the garden and talking about plants. The project is limited to 8 people. At least half the class will be dedicated to hands-on work in the yard/garden, so bring clothes and shoes appropriate for getting dirty and working with pruning shears if you have permission. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of October, November, February, March, April, and May. The meeting time is from 6 to 7 PM. If you have any questions, email my mom at lisa@drwob.com. Thank you.

Working The Cake Booth by Brock Uhl

It was fun working the cake booth at the fair this year. I helped prepare cakes by frosting them and putting them in boxes. I also helped cut cakes and put them on paper plates. I refilled the lemonade and the creamer. I also worked the cash register. I worked with some of my friends, which made it even more fun. It was really fun selling cakes and lemonade. I plan on working the cake booth again next year.



4h Camp is a Life Long Memory by Brent Hanna

At 4h camp, I have made new friends and memories, which I will never forget. This year's camp theme was Mythical Creatures. All campers and staffers are divided into 10 tribes. I was a staffer on the Hydra tribe. I ate many meals with my tribe and grew close to them throughout camp. I began to consider them my second family.

At 4h camp you will compete against other tribes in order to gain points in events such as water carnival, crazy track meet, and campfire. At camp, you will also take part in workshops such as archery, outdoor cooking, and history walk. All of these workshops teach you things about camp and the outdoors that you might not have known. During camp you will also have very fun night activities such as scary night hike, movie night, stargazing, and dances. You will meet new people during these events, and many of them could turn into long lasting friends.

As the week comes to a close, an event called Friendship Ceremony will occur. This is a very sad event as you will say goodbye to the friends and family that you have made during camp. Although at that point, you will begin the countdown until the next year of camp and the day you get to come back and do it all again.

Upcoming Events ~

Creek to Bay Clean Up Day – September 19th
Livestock Awards Dinner @ Pleasanton Fairgrounds – September 20th
Associated Feed Show Camp @ Turlock Fairgrounds – October 3rd
Next Abbie Club Meeting; Leaders please bring information about
your project to share before the meeting – October 14th

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 experiment, 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/>



Support the Alameda County Animal Shelter

Please bring in a donation to the September
Community Club Meeting The Shelter is looking for
the following:

Old towels

Old blankets

Wet kitten food

Cat food

Cat litter

Cat toys

Dry Dog food

Dog toys

Leashes and Collars

