

# Abbie News



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## COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2009

MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
3300 Dennis Drive  
Pleasanton, CA

THIS MONTH'S THEME: Halloween – Come dressed in the Holiday Theme, your Abbie 4H t-shirt or your 4-H uniform and get a second ticket for the raffle drawing.

### Orientation

New member orientation is this month so if you have any friends who are interested in joining 4-H the new member meeting is at 6 in the multi-purpose room at Mohr. Also, to our returning members, the year is just getting started so there aren't many events. However, you can still get ready by joining the Parade Project or the Skit Project or getting some credit for community service and presentations--it's never too early to get some star requirements finished! Make sure you have registered online with your password. All returning members should have gotten them by email from Diana Hock.

-Alicia Brown

### Birthday Corner

10/12 Cheyenne Harper  
10/7 Kelly Renton  
10/1 Jocelyn Carter (Josie)  
10/22 Carys Williams  
10/1 Maria Boyle  
10/28 Hannah Toutouchi  
10/21 Brennon Morris  
10/18 Dylan Miller

### Future Club Meetings:

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm

Nov. 4 \*Dec. 9 Jan. 13  
Feb. 10 \*Mar. 3 Apr. 14  
\*May 12 \*Jun 2

\*Indicates meeting begins at 6:30 pm.

## **Minutes for Abbie CCM Meeting held 9/16/09, Mohr Elementary School**

Meeting was called to order by Joey Bennett at 7:02 pm

Pledge and 4H pledge were lead by Crystal and Erika Jacobsen

2008/2009 officers gave out record book awards (Joey Bennett, Michael Onojafe and Austin Piombo)

Installation of 2009/2010 Officers by All Star, Joey Bennett.

This year's officers: Alicia Brown, Rachel Jacobsen, Jenna Bennett, Audrey Hock, Cheyenne Harper, Katie Ricart, Miriam Flock, Nicole Klueker, Kamryn Brown, Sasha Greenlee, Stephanie Duret, Scott Jacques, Kyle Lindsley, Amanda Horne, Michael Onojafe, Sam Onojafe, Allison Ricart, Megan Mueller

### **Reports:**

- President, Alicia Brown announced that sign ins will begin at 6:45 so that our meetings will be able to start on time. She also directed everyone to look at all the stars around the room that showed how well Abbie members did over the summer
- Corresponding Secretary: Cheyenne Harper read some thank you notes given to Abbie 4H projects for awards
- There was no treasurer's report or secretary minutes at this meeting.

### **Old News**

- County book judging – Jan Bennett and Karen Harper did a report on how well Abbie did at county book judging. 15 Abbie books entered. Almost all Abbie members that participated won County winner. They encouraged more people to go.
- Megan Mueller reported on the 4H display we have at the Pleasanton Library.
- 4H Camp – Joey Bennett, Scott Jacques did a report on summer camp then Audrey Hock and Jenna Bennett joined them to lead a camp song
- Sheep Carcass contest dinner – Rachel Jacobsen reported on the dinner and that Cash Kuhn was recognized

**Recreation:** Kamryn Brown and Sasha lead a game called "Have you ever"

### **New Business:**

- Registration – Diana Hock explained on-line registration. Everyone will receive passwords on email. Members need to fill out medical form, and bring fees to our October meeting. Cost is \$30/member, \$25/each additional member in a family, \$16/non project leaders, project leaders are free. Returning members must register by December, New members must register by April 1<sup>st</sup>..
- New Member orientation will be held here at Mohr school before October meeting
- New Projects offered: art, book club, bee keeping, environmental education, and geneology

### **Announcements;**

- Camp Academy first meeting – Sept 23
- Beef Carcass Dinner (9/17), Swine Carcass Dinner (9/24)
- Achievement Night will be at Canyon Middle School October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Skate Night (10/26)
- SET Career Day at Chabot(11/14)
- Favorite Foods Day in January or February

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm

Next CCM will be October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, New member orientation begins at 6:00 at Mohr School

Minutes submitted by Jenna Bennett, Abbie 4H recording secretary

## Families Responsible for this Coming Meeting's Refreshments

- Crannell
- Brozosky
- VanDussen
- Valcarcel
- Williams
- Ford
- Orozco
- Piombo
- Rawson
- Wacek
- Vasseghi

Please bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies, brownies, etc to share with the group.

### Attention Returning Members and Leaders

If you have not received your recognition awards for last year, please see Jan Bennett at the October CCM. I will be bringing leader and member awards to the meeting. This includes year hat pins and stripes.

-Jan Bennett

### Exciting, New Sectional Event

The North Central Section is excited to announce its First Annual Family & Consumer Sciences Field Day! Set for **Saturday, October 24, 2009 at UC Davis**. This day-long event features educational workshops for 4-H members 9 and older with sessions running concurrently all day. Members will have the opportunity to participate in up to six fun, educational sessions including:

 <b>Food &amp; Nutrition</b>	 <b>Clothing</b>	 <b>Personal Consumerism</b>
<p>What's for Dinner</p> <p>Martha Meets Miss Manners</p> <p>Play With Your Food</p> <p>Smoothie "Throwdown"</p> <p>Got Jerky?</p>	<p>Strut Like Tyra</p> <p>Creative Costuming</p> <p>Beadazzeling</p> <p>Project Runway Fashion Frosting</p> <p>Sewing 101</p> <p>Upcycling</p>	<p>What Not to Wear BOGO</p> <p>Fashion Cat</p> <p>Chairman of the Board</p>

**Pre-registration is required.** Cost is \$10 for the first member from your family and \$5 for each additional member. Members don't have to be enrolled in any particular project to participate! Be part of something NEW and EXCITING ... you may find your next 4-H calling! Register on-line through the link at the State 4H Web Site ([www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)) Statewide 4H Calendar, NC Consumer Science Field Day or follow this link: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6vGaYLvC8JeJen\\_2f3hbuWXQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6vGaYLvC8JeJen_2f3hbuWXQ_3d_3d) OR use the attached paper registration form.

By Jane Onojafe

## **Beginning 4-H**

This year we will be having a beginning 4-H project for first or second year members 9 and above. We will be learning about fair, record bookkeeping, presentations, and all the different activities to do in 4-H. We will also be doing a few field trips, such as a field day, and will make something to enter in the fair. We are requesting a donation of seven dollars for supplies that we will be using for crafts and other activities. Our first meeting will be Friday, October 16 at 4:00 PM at 3243 Harvey Ct. in Pleasanton. If you are interested, or would like to learn more about this project, please contact Sasha Greenlee at [sashagreenlee@prodigy.net](mailto:sashagreenlee@prodigy.net) or Miriam Flock at [nissanack@comcast.net](mailto:nissanack@comcast.net)

By Miriam Flock and Sasha Greenlee

## **ABBIE "Thanks For Giving" Drive**

Hey, everybody! Our November Community Club Meeting will also be our 2nd Annual Thanksgiving "Thanks For Giving!" donation drive...SO START NOW! Time to go through you closets and cupboards and start collecting gently used coats and blankets for the Pleasanton Food Pantry's winter needs, non-perishable food for the pantry, old towels for Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, new children's gifts for the 4H Kids to Kids Christmas party for needy kids in the county (unwrapped please). We will also be making candy "poppers" at the meeting as a community service activity to take to the children living at Shepherd's Gate, so we would love donations of bagged, wrapped candy to use. Finally, start saving paper towel

rolls for the poppers, too! questions: please call Jane Onojafe, 925-462-3573 or [jonojafe@comcast.net](mailto:jonojafe@comcast.net)

By Jane Onojafe

## **Thanks for Giving**

Start saving your old blankets and non-perishable foods! During the November CCM, Abbie 4-H will be having Thanks for Giving. This meeting will provide many community service opportunities at once. You can bring gently used clothing, coats, and blankets to be donated to a shelter. Any blankets and/or towels that are useable for animals will be donated to an animal shelter. Canned food and any other non-perishable foods will be donated to a food bank. Also, we are going to start collecting presents for the Kids to Kids Party. Any book, stuffed animal, toy, or other present is great to bring for this. This year we are also going to add a new community service; donating to World Vision. This charity provides farm animals to families in need. We will have a game or two at the meeting where you have to buy tickets, and all proceeds from that will go towards World Vision. At the December meeting, we will have the amount of all the money we raised, and with that we will have a vote for which animal(s) we would like to send to a family in a third-world country. If you would like to know more about World Vision, you can visit their website at <http://www.worldvision.org>.

By Nicole Kluncker

## **Dairy Goats**

Dairy Goats are a year round project. People have already started breeding their dairy goats. The dairy goats will have their babies in 5 months. Baby goats are called kids. Mother goats are called does. Father goats are called bucks. Most does will have two kids. Twins are most common, then triplets, then singles and quadruplets. I can't wait for my goats to have their kids.

By Cheyenne Harper

## **First Horse Project Meeting**

Hi I hope everyone had a great summer! The time has come to start the horse project up again. Our first meeting will be on October 11th at Round Table Pizza in downtown Pleasanton. We'll start the meeting at 1:00 and try to end by 2:00. If you are planning on attending the State Equine Field Day, maybe we can send our registration in together and save some money. If we have ten participants, and register early, the cost is reduced to \$15.00 each. We need to know and collect the registration fee by the meeting date.

By Nicole Klunker

## **Book Donations for Community Service**

Starting in October we will have a monthly book donation at the coming community club meetings. Please bring any gently used books to the sign in table. All of the books will be donated to a school library program. Also, the donation of books will count as community service in record books, so for all of you that are looking to earn a star this can be a great opportunity. I will have more information on which library program soon, and I hope to see everyone donating.

By Amanda Horne

## **State Equine Field Day**

State equine field day will be held at UC Davis this year on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Davis is within easy driving distance especially if you were to carpool with friends. The field day will have a special presentation "TRAINING YOU AND YOUR HORSE THROUGH KNOWLEDGE" by Charles Wilhelm. Learn more about Charles at his web site at <http://www.CharlesWilhelm.com>

"The California Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team" will also give a performance. Learn more about them at <http://www.californiacowgirls.com/welcome.htm>

There will be other demonstrations/presentations as well. I strongly encourage any of you that are interested in equines to attend. You do not need a horse to attend or benefit from this field day. Please wear closed toed shoes, no sandals as there may be incidences where you could possibly be in close quarters with a horse. Pre-registration is due by October 16<sup>th</sup>, or you may pay at the event. More information can be obtained at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/#2>

Nicole Klunker

## October Gardening Tips

Here are some gardening tips for October.

- Do not prune fruit trees, bush fruits, or fruiting vines this month.
- Plant hardy annuals and perennials all month like pansy, English daisy, dianthus, foxglove, Shasta daisy, purple coneflower, and larkspur.
- Water newly planted plants
- Plant onions, winter cabbage, and collard plants for early spring harvest.
- Keep evergreen lawns well watered in dry times to encourage heavy growth before the cold weather starts.

Hope you enjoy your October garden.

By Cheyenne Harper

## Alden Lane

On Oct. 17 and 18, Abbie 4-H members will be sharing their small animals with the public at Alden Lane Nursery's Fall Festival. All kinds of small animals are welcome, from rabbits, guinea pigs, poultry, people-friendly dogs, or any other animal that is good around other people. This is a great experience for 4-Hers of all ages. There will be three 2 hour shifts each day; 10AM-12PM, 12PM-2PM, and 2PM-4PM. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, then please contact Miriam Flock at [<nissanack@comcast.net>](mailto:nissanack@comcast.net) or Nicole Kluenker at [<vlvasut@yahoo.com>](mailto:vlvasut@yahoo.com).

By Nicole Kluenker

## Canned Food Drive Continues

Last year we collected over 100 pounds of non-perishable food for the Pleasanton Food Pantry. The canning/preserved foods project would like to continue this worthwhile food drive and double our efforts from last year. Please help us achieve this goal by bringing non-perishable items to our next Community Club meeting. It's an easy thing to do and it helps so many!  
Thank you.

By Joey Bennett

## Skate night

Skate night is an annual county wide event. Skate night this year will be on Monday the 26th of October at Golden Skate in San Ramon. It does not matter if you are a beginner or advanced, every one is welcome to attend. As a 4H member, parent or volunteer you get the fantastic discounted rate of four dollars per skater – and that includes the rental of standard skates! (In-line skates are extra, or you may bring your own.) Part of the fun is the costume contest that happens at 7:45, so if you would like to participate in that get your Halloween costumes ready. We also play other games and just skate around with friends. So come out and join us for a great night of fun and exercise! Additional information may be found at [www.alamedacounty4h.org](http://www.alamedacounty4h.org)

Nicole Kluenker

## Archery Project

**Abbie would love an Archery Project...Do we have any parents out there that are interested in becoming certified? If so, let's talk and get you registered for this certification:**

### **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery**

A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline will be held in **Modesto, CA** on Saturday, **November 7, 8 AM - 4 PM** and Sunday, **November 8, 8 AM - 2 PM**.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery

volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. The course will be held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Harvest Hall Room E, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto. The cost will be \$25 and includes lunch, snacks, and class materials. For more...  
...information, contact Dan Burner 209-874-2732 (evenings) [ordan\\_burner@yahoo.com](mailto:ordan_burner@yahoo.com). Fees are due by **October 23, 2009** and can be submitted to Dan Burner, P.O. Box 829, Waterford, CA 95386.

By Diana Hock

### **Community Service Chair Persons Needed!**

We still have community service activities open for people to chair, so if you are interested in any of the open spots below, or have an idea for a new community service, please contact Miriam Flock at [<nissanack@comcast.net>](mailto:nissanack@comcast.net) or Nicole Klueker at [<vlvasut@yahoo.com>](mailto:vlvasut@yahoo.com). Those people that have already volunteered are noted below.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Name</b>
Magazine donation at CCMs	
Science Fun Fair	
Abbie Winter Carnival	
Valentine Place Mats for Senior Center	
Abbie Winter Carnival Refreshments	
Project Expo	
Project Night Night	
Cookie donation for Senior Center	
Non-perishable food donation at CCMs	Tim and Nancy Jannisse and Austin Piombo
Operation Dignity Easter Baskets	Meena Murali
Operation SAM care pack supplies	Samuel Onojafe
Books donation at CCMs	Amanda Horne
Christmas Caroling	Niyati Rodricks
Kids to Kids Party	Nate McMillin
Kids to Kids Party gift wrapping	Nate McMillin
Kids to Kids Party cookie donation	Tim Jannisse
Tree decorating at Eden Villa (Swing Project)	Cheyenne Harper
Holiday Light Tour Reception	Michael Onojafe
Animal Demo at Alden Lane	Miriam Flock and Nicole Klueker
Parade Float	McMillin
Holiday Parade Food Booth	Megan Mueller
LARPD booth selling glow-necklaces	Audrey Hock
Lunches of Love	Megan Mueller

By Nicole Klueker

## **Calendar**

(All are welcome; meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.)

### **October 2009**

California 4-H WHEP Training	Oct	Walker Creek Ranch,
National 4-H Week	Oct 4-10	Everywhere
Community Club Leader - Meeting	Oct	Farm Bureau 7:00pm
Achievement Night	Oct	Canyon Middle School
4-H Shooting Sports Workshop	Oct	Corona, CA
Leader Orientation	Oct	Farm Bureau 7:00pm
Citizenship Meeting	Oct	Farm Bureau -- 7:00pm
Camp Academy	Oct	Farm Bureau --7:00-8:30pm
State Leader Council Meeting	Oct	Northern California
Garnden Field Day	Oct	San Leandro Community Center
<a href="#">Skate Night</a>	Oct	<b>Golden Skate San Ramon-6:30-9:00 pm</b>
Leader Council Meeting	Oct	TBD

### **November 2009**

Completed Enrollment Forms due from Clubs w/ check	Nov 1	Resource Center
Leader Orientation	Nov 3	Farm Bureau 7:00pm
State Leader Forum at Asilomar	Nov 7-9	Asilomar
North Central Leader Council Meeting	Nov	Yolo County
4-H Fur N' Feathers show	Nov 15	Ventura County 4-H
C.A.L Conference Applicaitons Due	Nov 16	to: Carol Crossett 4-H Office
Jr Leadership Meeting	Nov 18	Farm Bureau -- 7:00pm
Camp Academy	Nov 24	Farm Bureau --7:00-8:30pm
Leader Council Meeting	Nov 25	Jocky Club - Fairgrounds

## **RESOURCES**

### **Club:**

[www.abbie4h.org](http://www.abbie4h.org)

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