

# ABBIE NEWS



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**COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, November 14, 2007  
6:45 PM**

**MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
3300 Dennis Drive  
Pleasanton, CA**

## **Potluck and Club Meeting**

**At the November Community Club Meeting we will be having our annual potluck dinner, which will start at **6:45pm**. This is a great time to get to know new (and old) members, their parents, officers, junior and teen leaders, and project leaders and advisors. We should be done with dinner around 7:15pm or so, and then move into the business part of our meeting.**

**THIS MONTH'S THEME:** The theme for the month is Veteran's Day: Either Red, White & Blue, Fatigues or your Abbie uniform or T-shirt.

Your receive points toward your "Super Member" award and pin if you come dressed either in your Abbie 4H t-shirt, 4H uniform or in the "theme" for the month.

## **Community Club Meetings for 2007-2008**

|              |            |             |             |           |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| September 12 | October 10 | November 14 | December 12 | January 9 |
| February 13  | March 12   | April 9     | May 14      | June 11   |

## **Potluck**

### **What your family is to bring:**

**A – N                    Main Dish**  
**O – S                    Side Dish**  
**T – Z                    Dessert**

Drinks, plates, napkins, utensils, etc. will be provided by the club.

their parents. Please bring a toy to donate to the November meeting, and sign up to help at that time.

## **Urgent Need - Annual Toy Drive!**

Begin your holiday season by giving a gift to a child in need!

It's time to bring toys for the annual Children to Children Christmas Party, which provides gifts, crafts, and fun to children who otherwise might have a bleak holiday. This year, we need to collect all the toys at the November meeting, so we really need your support. Please bring new toys to the November community club meeting. Christmas wrapping paper would also be helpful. If you have any questions, please contact Nate or Stacy McMillin at 484-8489. If you can't bring them to the meeting or send them with a friend, please drop gifts off on our porch any time in November at 5440 Ridgevale Road (off Crestline) in Pleasanton.

Many thanks!

## **Skate Night**

Skate night was Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. It was a lot of fun. There was a Costume Contest and one of Abbie's very own won for Best Cartoon Character. Jessica Bennett was Strawberry Shortcake and she was very cute. There were prizes for other categories as well, such as Best TV Character, Scariest, Best Family, Best Recycled, Judges Favorite and Other. Most of the Counties community clubs were represented. Thank you to the county who supplemented part of the fee to skate. -Wesley Hock

## **Correction Notice For Star Awards**

We inadvertently left Off Karen Rudisill from the Star Award list from the October Newsletter. Karen earned her gold star.

## **Swine Group Looking for Christmas Pigs**

by Jenna Bennett

In early December the swine group will be decorating a Christmas Tree for a retirement home in Pleasanton. We are hoping to do a piggy theme. If you have any Piggy Christmas Tree ornaments or decorations, or would like to make some to help us, please bring them to the next Community Club Meeting. If you have any questions, please email me, Jenna Bennett at [jb6clan@yahoo.com](mailto:jb6clan@yahoo.com)

## **Annual Children to Children Christmas Party!**

This is a wonderful opportunity to work with other 4 H clubs to bring joy to many children in need.

Abbie members will have many ways to help with this worthy cause. Please find something to do that works for you, and sign up at the November community club meeting. Possibilities are baking cookies for the party, wrapping gifts, or helping at the party itself. At the party, you can help at craft tables or help children choose and wrap presents for

## **Dairy Groups doing Community Service**

by Jenna Bennett

On Sunday, October 14, the some members of the Abbie Dairy Cattle project and the Dairy Goat project along with a few poultry project members brought their animals to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton to help teach the youth about animals. The church's youth group is participating in Project Heifer to help citizens in a third world country purchase animals to help them live a better life. They asked us to bring some animals and teach them about their possible purchase. We brought a 9 month old dairy heifer, a yearling dairy goat and 4 chickens. The kids at the church seemed happy to see the animals and the animals were happy for the extra attention. The church is near a park, so we brought our animals for a stroll in the park too. A few park goers had a little surprise to see a cow and a goat going for a stroll in the park. We all had a good time.

## **Gardening Group Does Good**

by Joey Bennett

Sunday, November 4, the gardening group helped out Hearst Elementary School clean up their garden. The garden was over grown with weeds and grass, hard in some spots and soft in others. The science teacher at Hearst hopes to make a garden that could become an outdoor classroom. She got a grant for a huge compost bin, some planters and some trees, but there is a long way to go. The gardening group helped clean up part of the garden to help her get a start. We hope to go back and help again soon. If you have an hour to spare, come join us as many hands make light work.

## **Food Donations**

Every month we will be collecting donations of canned and nonperishable food to give to a local food pantry. Please bring a can of food or nonperishable kind of food to the community club meeting. If every member brings one thing, we will be able to make a great donation. Make sure and check the expiration dates on your donations.

Jeff Horne

## **Magazine Committee**

We are from the magazine committee. Every month at the club meeting, we'll collect magazines. Please put your magazine donation in the box at the back of the room, with the address label cut off. These magazines will be brought to the library to supply the jail, senior center, and other places.



## **Birthday Corner**

### **November Birthdays**

**Alicia Brown**

**Richelle Brozosky**

**Rekha Murali**

**Sam Onojafe**

**Thomas Provan,**

**Ethan Rodricks**

## **4-H FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES**

From The State 4-H Office and California 4-H Foundation

Since the devastating fires last week in Southern California, many of you have been contacting the State 4-H Office and California 4-H Foundation to ask how you can best help 4-H families in the areas that were affected.

As many of you know, the systems and policies for accepting and transferring gifts within UC were designed to help further advance the educational and outreach activities of our organization. However, the financial support people are wishing to give is focused on helping 4-H families in these counties get back on their feet. Knowing this, we asked staff how we can best direct people to provide support to families impacted in their county. Here are their responses:

### **Orange County -**

Some 4-H families in Orange County sustained property damage in last week's wild fires; however, staff and volunteers are requesting funds be sent to surrounding counties where greater losses were sustained and the need is much greater

### **San Diego County -**

San Diego County 4-H has set up a special fund with their Volunteer Leaders Council to receive funds to benefit 4-H families affected by the fires. Please make checks payable to: **San Diego County 4-H Leaders' Council**. Indicate on your check or letter the funds are for the "Fire Recovery Fund" and send them to:  
San Diego County 4-H Leaders' Council  
c/o Hogan Tong  
5555 Overland Ave, Suite 4101  
San Diego , CA 92123

**Los Angeles County** - 4-H has set up a special fund with their Volunteer Leaders Council to receive funds to benefit 4-H families affected by the fires.

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Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Council  
c/o Mary Lash  
9497 E. Foster Road  
Downey , CA 90242

### **San Bernardino County –**

Staff requested people send their donations to the local chapter of Red Cross in their county.

Be sure to indicate you wish the funds to be used in San Bernardino County to help the people affected by the recent wild fires. Once that is done, the Inland Empire Red Cross will put those resources into the allocated fund.

The web link for donations in San Bernardino requires the donor to set up a free account. The web link for the Inland Empire Red Cross is <http://arc-inlandempire.axxiomportal.com/>

Otherwise, you can mail donations to:

Inland Empire Chapter  
202 West Rialto Avenue  
P.O. Box 183  
San Bernardino , California 92408

Thank you for your outpouring of kindness and generosity to help the 4-H families from these areas put their lives back together again.

## CALENDAR

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

| Month        | Date  | Time      | Meeting                                     | Location                              |
|--------------|-------|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Nov</b>   | 16    |           | C.A.L. Conference Applications Due          | To Carol Crossett 4H Office           |
|              | 16-18 |           | State Leader Forum                          | Asilomar                              |
|              | TBD   | 7:00 pm   | Citizenship Meeting                         | Farm Bureau                           |
|              | TBD   | 7-8:30 pm | Camp Academy                                | Farm Bureau                           |
|              | 19    | 7:00 pm   | Leader Orientation                          | Farm Bureau                           |
|              | 27    | 7:30      | Leader Council Meeting                      | Fair Grounds – Jockey Club            |
| <b>Dec</b>   | TBD   | 7:00 pm   | Leader Orientation                          | Farm Bureau                           |
| <b>Jan</b>   | TBD   | 7-8:30 pm | Camp Academy                                | Farm Bureau                           |
|              | TBD   | 7:00 pm   | Citizenship Meeting                         | Farm Bureau                           |
|              | 18-21 |           | Snow Camp – Registration in November        |                                       |
|              | 25-27 |           | CAL Conference – Reg forms due mid November |                                       |
|              | 29    | 7:30      | Leader Council Meeting                      | Farm Bureau                           |
| <b>Feb</b>   | 2     | TBD       | Presentation Day                            | Canyon Middle School in Castro valley |
|              | 16    | TBD       | Northern Central Leader Council Meeting     | TBD                                   |
|              | TBD   | 7-8:30 pm | Camp Academy                                | Farm Bureau                           |
|              | TBD   | 7 pm      | Citizenship Meeting                         | Farm Bureau                           |
|              | TBD   | TBD       | Small Animal Field Day                      | Fair Grounds                          |
|              | 26    | 7:30 pm   | Leader Council Meeting                      | Farm Bureau                           |
| <b>March</b> | 6-9   |           | Western Leaders Forum                       | Boise Idaho                           |

For more very important dates please visit the Abbie website or the Alameda County website.

### RESOURCES

**Club:**

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

**County:**

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