

# ABBIE NEWS



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### Newsletter

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**COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, November 12, 2008**  
**7:00 pm**

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

## “Thanks” and “Giving”

As the theme for November is both “Thanks” and “Giving,” Abbie has decided to set up collection stations for donations including:

Blanket and Coat

Canned Food

Animal Blanket and Towel Drive

Animal Food

Toys for Kids to Kids Christmas Party

Magazines

Candy and Paper Towel/Toilet Paper Rolls to make candy poppers

So, come prepared to donate whatever you can at the upcoming meeting to help give back to the community!

## REMINDER!

Please bring all their unwanted Halloween Candy and Paper Towel/Toilet Paper rolls to the November Meeting!



## **THIS MONTH'S THEME: Thanksgiving**

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

### Community Club Meetings for 2008-2009

September 10	October 8	<b>November 12</b>	December 10	January 14
February 11	March 11	April 8	May 13	June 3

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Candy Making Project**

Abbie: The candy making project is a delicious and exciting project where different types of candies are made, experimented with, and tasted. From making caramel apples and lollipops, to field trips to the chocolate and Jelly Belly factories, this is a fun interactive project that displays a variety of delicacies. On Halloween, there was a meeting where we made chocolate toffee Matzos. Matzos are sheets of Jewish crackers, the toffee is made up of brown sugar and butter, and the chocolate at the top is melted then frozen to make a thin, crispy layer. The toffee and chocolate mixture is the perfect combination with the plain Matzos so that if you eat one, you will not be able to stop.

- Minerva and Diana Lin

### **COOKIE PROJECT**

At the cookie project meeting on November 2, we made Snickerdoodles and no bake peanut butter cookies. Snickerdoodles are traditional cinnamon flavored cookies that are soft and chewy on the inside, with a crunchy sugary coating on the outside. The peanut butter cookies are made by cooking (and boiling) the peanut butter mixture, adding oatmeal, and then cooling to harden without needing to be baked. This project is very beneficial because you can learn to bake several different kinds of cookies as well as taste them.

- Minerva Lin

### **State Equine Field Day**



State Equine Field Day  
will be November 22 at

Cal Poly Pomona. It is an extremely fun event and an educational opportunity and I highly encourage you to attend if you can convince your parents to drive that far! This is not an event that you need to bring your horse to, instead you will be able to watch live demonstrations given by professionals. I'll be going, and I hope to see you there!

- Nicole Klunker, Horse Jr.  
Leader

### **November Birthday Corner:**

**11/17** Richelle Brozosky  
**11/15** Ethan Rodricks  
**11/17** Rekha Murali  
**11/7** Samuel Onojafe  
**11/11** Alicia Brown  
**11/14** Zane Kuhn  
**11/29** Gergana Gospodinona

### **Refreshments:**

Each month we will list names of several families to bring refreshments to the community club meeting. If you will not be attending that meeting, please contact the Hospitality Committee to let them know, so that they can call on someone else to bring the goodies.

Please bring two dozen of your favorite cookies, brownies, or any other goodies:

**The following families are to bring the refreshments this month:**

- Bishop
- Ford
- Garcia
- Horne
- Carter
- Potter
- Rogers
- Haggerty
- Yetso
- Decker
- Zimmerman
- Boyle

## Garden Field Day Results

On Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 2008, members of the gardening project attended the first ever Garden Field Day. The field day had many things to do including flower arrangement and judging. Congratulations to the following on their successes at the field day:

Nicole Klunker: Blue ribbons in cut flowers

Ysabela Gonzaley: Two blue ribbons in veggie dress up

Jessica Bennett: Blue ribbons on her poster and a cut flower, and a gold ribbon in flower judging and a cut flower, and a Judges Favorite on her poster

Jenna Bennett: Gold ribbon on her poster

Joseph Bennett: Gold ribbon on his poster

Cheyenne Harper: Blue ribbons for a cut flower and her poster, and gold ribbons for another cut flower and flower judging

## Canning Project does Canned Food Drive

This year the canning project has decided to take on this community service. We thought it would be fun to have a theme each month. This month's theme is **Holiday Dinners**. So please bring NON perishable items to help out the Alameda County Food Bank. Ideas include: canned gravy, boxed stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned green beans (or other vegetables), canned cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, pumpkin bread mixes, or use your imagination. Of course the food bank will accept *any* donated item. Also, if you are interested in joining this fun group, or next meeting will be Sunday, November 16 at 11 am. You

can email [jb6clan@yahoo.com](mailto:jb6clan@yahoo.com) for more details. We plan on making gift kits for holiday kits.

- Jenna Bennett

## DONATIONS NEEDED!

**Calling all Santas! Muster up some holiday spirit and donate a gift or two for a child in need. This is your opportunity to bring joy to the world. Abbie collects toys every year for the Children to Children Christmas party in Livermore. It is important that you bring your new unwrapped donations to the November Club meeting, because the toys need to be delivered before we meet again in December. Please call Nate McMillin with any questions at 925-484-8489.**

## CHILDREN TO CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY: WE NEED YOU!

Lots of fun is in store for you when you volunteer for the Children to Children Christmas Party. With help from different 4H groups, this party is held at Livermore High School every year to serve needy children in our immediate community. Children receive a gift, get to choose something to give their parents, eat yummy treats, and make holiday crafts. There are several ways you can help. You can start by donating toys. Another way you can help is by volunteering to wrap gifts before the party. Finally, you can help by volunteering to work at the party itself. This is a wonderful community service opportunity. It is very fun and rewarding. Sign up at the November CCM. If you have any

questions, please call Nate McMillin at 925-484-8489.



### Companion Animal Blanket and Food Drive

At the next  
Community Club  
Meeting we will

be collecting old blankets and towels as well as pet food for the S.P.C.A. and/or local animal shelters. We all know that we need warm coats and blankets as the weather gets colder, and many animals need warmth as well. This is a great opportunity to donate those things that are cluttering up your linen closet, and the animals would greatly appreciate it! Pet Food would also be a great donation, and much appreciated by the many extra families facing economic hardship in the current economy and depending on food banks for help! Questions? Email me at [vlvasut@yahoo.com](mailto:vlvasut@yahoo.com)

Nicole Klunker  
S.P.C.A. Community Service  
Chairperson



### Horse Project Meeting

The next horse project meeting will be held on November 16 th at 3:00 pm. We will be meeting at the

Alameda County Library in Dublin. The address is 200 Civic Plaza Dublin, CA 94568. The library is located at the Dublin Civic Center off Dublin Blvd. We will be focusing on winterizing your horse.

Nicole Klunker  
Project Jr. Leader

### Gardening Field Day

The first ever gardening field day was October 25 at the San Leandro Community Center. You could exhibit posters, plants, flower arrangements, photographs, decorated vegetables, and cut flowers. I displayed a poster about parts of the plants and my cut flowers: a snapdragon, and a dahlia. Judges took awhile to judge and write comments about all the exhibits. The 4Hers judged about 10 different classes of flowers, produce, and plants. There was a community service project there. We made bird feeders with pinecones, peanut butter, and seeds. The bird feeders are going to go to Sulpher Springs in Hayward. My favorite part of the day was making paper. I put seeds in my paper and I can plant it and grow flowers.

### Primary Member Field Day Interest Survey

If interested, please see end of document to express your thoughts on a Primary Member Field Day.

### CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!

Abbie 4H is having a blanket and coat/jacket drive. Please bring any gently used jackets and blankets to our next abbie meeting. This time of year is very hard for some people. Economy being bad, it is hard just to have enough money to buy food. We can help by supplying some much needed warmer wear. If you have any questions, email me, Jimmy Bennett at [jb6clan@yahoo.com](mailto:jb6clan@yahoo.com).

## CALENDAR

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

Month	Date	Time	Meeting	Location
<b>Nov</b>	1		Completed Enrollment Forms due from Clubs w/ check	Resource Center
	TBA		Leader Orientation	TBA
	7-9		State Leader Forum at Asilomar	Asilomar
	TBA		North Central Leader Council Meeting	Yolo County
	15		4-H Fur N' Feathers show	Ventura County 4-H
	16		C.A.L Conference Applications Due	Carol Crossett 4-H Office
	18	7:00 pm	Jr Leadership Meeting	Farm Bureau
	19	7:00 pm	Leader Orientation	Farm Bureau
	TBA	7:00-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
	25		Leader Council Meeting	TBA
<b>Dec</b>		7:00 pm	Leader Orientation	Farm Bureau
<b>Jan</b>	20	7:00 pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau
	28	7:00-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
	27	7:30 pm	Leader Council Meeting	Farm Bureau
			<a href="#">CAL Conference</a>	Walker Creek Ranch
	TBA	TBA	Western Leaders Forum	Denver, Colorado
			Snow Camp	See Tom Fraiser

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### Club:

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