

The Clover Patch

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Abbie 4-H, Pleasanton CA

**COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING - Thanks for Giving
WEDNESDAY, November 14, 2012**
Theme: Fall Colors (reds, yellows, oranges, browns)
Meeting starts: 7PM
Sign-in opens: 6:45PM
**MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
Multi-purpose Room
3300 Dennis Drive**



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If you would like to submit an article, please send them to Kamryn Brown at kweirbrown@comcast.net or farcherbrown@comcast.net by the first Wednesday of each month.

Registration

By Cheyenne Harper

Have you registered yet? All returning members need to be fully registered by November 15th. To register, go to our website www.abbie4h.org and click on the registration tab. The online registration link is there. You also need to print and fill out the medical form. The medical form and the \$53 dues need to go to Karen Harper at 700 Happy Valley Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. I will then confirm you and then you may attend meetings. If you haven't registered, the leaders will not know you want to be in their project. If you have any questions, please call or email me. 925-846-5456 cacheymom@comcast.net



Theme: fall colors

Refreshments: mini members and poultry project members, please bring along one or two dozen treats with you to the meeting. We all look forward to the treats!

Program: Thanks for Giving (See Tim's article on page 2 for all the items we want to collect at this meeting.)



Mini Members and the Poultry project are bringing refreshments to this month's meeting!



First Cavy Meeting

By Chloe Gipson

On 10-28-12 we had our our first Cavy project meeting at Val Vista park in Pleasanton. We had a lot of new members there and I hope they a good time along with the other members. At the beginning of the meeting we played games to get to know each other, we went around the circle and said our name and how many cavies we had. Then we broke up in pairs and did ice breakers, learning several facts about each other and then telling everyone else. After that we had a Halloween dress-up contest. Some of the cavies were dressed up as: a zombie, little red riding hood, a pirate, a chia pet, a sheep, and a witch. All cavies received a participation prize of a carrot. Some of the people dressed up too. Our next meeting is December 2, when we will learn about taking care of your cavy.



Thanks For Giving

By Tim Jannisse

This month as part of our program, will be doing a community service project called Thanks for Giving. There are many community service opportunities that you can do to fulfill you're record book requirements through Thanks for Giving. We will be making Christmas poppers for Shepard's Gate and if you have any extra Halloween Candy or wrapping paper it would be great if you could donate either of these supplies. We also need gently used coat donations, and used towels/or blankets (for animals) or unopened pet food. We will also need any new or gently used stuffed animals because we will be donating them for children in need. Also, every year the swine group decorates a Christmas tree at Eden Villa senior living center and are in need of ornaments. Also, we are donating to Kids Against Hunger, so any spare change you can bring will be greatly appreciated!! Many families are in need this holiday season, and anything you can donate to help would be great!



Rabbit Group at Alviso Adobe

By: Jessica Bennet

On October 13, the rabbit project went to the Alviso Adobe farm in Pleasanton and gave a hands on presentation about rabbits and the 4H rabbit project. Alviso Adobe is a cute farm that used to be a working dairy. They have a classroom like area where we did demonstrations on different breeds of rabbits, body types and rabbit showmanship. Most of the people that came to see the presentation were really young kids. One boy was so cute, he magically made a carrot appear to feed our rabbits. I think the kids really liked the rabbits, and we had a lot of fun sharing our animals with them.

Pleasanton Museum

By Miriam Flock and Kamryn Brown

The Pleasanton Museum in Downtown Pleasanton has a kids area with a rotating display. Jennifer Amiel, the director of education, is doing a farm animal theme this season. Since Abbie is based in Pleasanton, she thought it would be a great idea to tie in 4-H with her display. She has asked us to send in pictures of 4-H members with their animals and/or projects, 4-H brochures, and fliers and posters that represent our club and 4-H as a whole. If you are interested, please email the photos with the member's first name, the project name, and animal's breed to Jennifer Amiel at education@museumonmain.org. All pictures must be sent by November 16th. Feel free to send in more than one picture!



Valley Community Church

Valley Community Church is working on making a drive-by Nativity scene for the holidays. They have asked Abbie to help out by letting them use animals such as cows, goats, donkeys, and sheep. This event will be taking place on December 7th-8th from 6-8 PM. The church is located at 4455 Del Valle Parkway in Pleasanton. If you are interested in helping with the Nativity scene, please contact Diana Hock by Monday, November 5th. This would be a great opportunity to help out the community while getting in the holiday spirit!



National 4-H Experiment

By Austin Nicolas

On October 16th I attended a county wide science event at Canyon Middle School. There we built and program an autonomous robot that is supposed to clean a simulated beach spill. It was made of a toothbrush head, a battery, a motor and wires to connect both of them. The challenge we faced after we built it was to keep the robot on the "beach" to clean up the spill. The spill was made up of cinnamon, powdered sugar, brown rice, and white rice. It was really a lot of fun and we even go to see a real robot that was part of the robot wars competition.



Kids Against Hunger

By Cheyenne Harper

This is a nonprofit organization that packages and ships nutritional meals to malnourished children in underdeveloped countries as well as feeding hungry children in the United States. Every 25 cents buys a meal for a hungry child. I have been collecting spare change and will be donating the money to Kids Against Hunger. So how can you help? This month is Thanks for Giving. I will bring my Kids Against Hunger box to the meeting and you can bring your spare change. 25 cents doesn't seem like a lot, but it can really go a long way. Please help me and bring in some spare change.



Holiday Parade

By Anika Nicolas

Once again Abbie will be walking in the Pleasanton Holiday parade this year. So save the date and start working on your costumes, decorated wagons, or Abbie signs.

The parade will be on Saturday December 1st. Abbie will meet in the Amador High School parking lot at 4:30, and the parade will begin at 5. We will have a sign up sheet at the November community meeting.

4-H Whites

By Chloe Gipson

Hello everybody, I just wanted to let you know that I will be at the back of the room after the community meeting at Mohr elementary school where our 4-H meetings are. I'll be giving out some 4-H recycled whites to people who need them. I will also be very happy to take any whites you do not need. Please wash them before you bring them in. Thank you.



Good News Bears

By Jenna Bennet

Good News Bear's is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide teddy bears to hurt, traumatized, or abused children as well as adults. Since they started in 1996, they have given over 110,000 stuffed animals to help those that need a little something to get through a tough time.

Abbie 4H will be collecting stuffed animals to help out this organization. At our November Community Club meeting, you can donate a new or barely used stuffed animal to pass on to someone who needs a hug.



Thank You!

Several of the poultry project members have been lucky enough to receive donations of chicken food from the Valley Humane Society. We would love to thank Mr. Flotten for this donation!



Earn Community Service Points by donating Used Magazines.

By Josie Carter (Magazine Committee Chair)

Hi 4-her's-

I am Josie and I am the Recycled Magazine committee chair. At each Community Club Meeting we will be collecting your read magazines and donating them to the Pleasanton Public Library. You can earn Community Service Points for your record book and feel good about recycling your unwanted magazines. Please cut off address labels from magazines, don't just scratch them out. Then bring them to the CCM and we will do the rest. Put your name on the bag and I will be giving prizes to those who donate! Thank you for your help.

Josie Carter

Thanksgiving Food Drive

By Jessica Bennett

Each year the Livermore Fire Department helps with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner by sponsoring a canned food drive. Abbie 4H is going to help out too. At our November Club meeting, please bring non perishable food. They also accept health and beauty products, pet food and diapers. Each year, the Tri Valley Haven Food Pantry with the help of the Fire Department makes bags of groceries to send home with the families that are need of help. You can help too. We will have a table set up at the next club meeting for your donations. Thank you.



October CCM Minutes

Taken by Miriam Flock

Oct. 10th 2012
CCM

Start Time: 7:01PM

Flag Salute: Sarah and Alex Roberts

4H Pledge: Eleanor McCarthy

Officer:

- Treasurer – Nico Pellowski Motioned: Alex Roberts Seconded: Sarah Roberts
- Secretary – Miriam Flock Motioned: Sarah Roberts Seconded: Sabrina Heinitz
- Sales Treasurer – Austin Munro: new sweatshirts, shirts, and hats place orders now
- Telephone Committee – Alex Roberts, Austin Nicolas: recruiting members
- Hospitality Drawing – Kaidon Toombs picked ticket, winner= Faith Osborn

Old Business:

- Livestock Awards Dinner –Faith Osborn: Faith's steer did well, along with many other Abbie members
- National 4H Week – Krystal Jacobsen: was 1st week in Oct., did presentation at school
- Rabbit Group at Eden Villa – Erika and Krystal Jacobsen: took rabbits to Eden Villa and shared rabbits with seniors
- Shoot Like a Girl – Amy Asmussen and Miriam Flock: participated in archery tournament to raise money for Breast Cancer, raised \$660, Amy placed 3rd with 50 points, Miriam 5th with 15 points

Program

- Rules Skit
- Halloween Costume Contest: Scariest: Ghoul, Cutest: Dragon (Helen), Best Movie Character: Snow White, Alice in Wonderland (Sabrina), Best Recycled Costume: Xbox, Favorite: Grandma

New Business

- Skate Night – Erika and Krystal Jacobsen: will be costume contest, \$5 to skate
- Children to Children Xmas party – Tim Jannisse; need donations of presents, wrapping paper, and cookies, need chair for actual party
- Pleasanton Winter Parade and Food Booth – Tim Jannisse: need a chair person for walking and/or float
- Potluck Chairperson – Tim Jannisse: need 6 people to chair Thanks-For-Giving
- Financial Fitness Expo – Mrs. Munro: city of Pleasanton putting on fitness expo, our club to run snack bar, need help, at Pleasanton Senior Center
- Carnival Leaders – Sasha Greenlee: looking for chairperson(s) for Winter Carnival
- Environmental Clean Up Community Service – Miriam Flock: SF bay clean up on Sunday
- Achievement Night – Ysabela Gonzalez: this Friday, Canyon Middle School, come cheer on fellow 4-H members
- Rabbit Presentation at Alviso Adobe – Megan Muller: this Saturday 10-11AM, come watch and support rabbit group

Announcements:

- Skate Night – Oct. 22nd
- Swine – Oct. 17th
- Cavy – Oct 28th (Halloween Dress-up!)
- Rabbit – Oct 30th
- Sheep – Oct. 23rd
- Leadership – Oct. 15th (meeting before, then go to watch city council electoral debates)
- Sign up for refreshments
- New members please come talk to Miriam or Sasha after meeting

Birthdays

Adjourn Motioned: Alex Roberts Seconded: Trevor Wright

End time: 7:32 PM



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Check out these websites
for further 4-H help!

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

<http://alamedacounty4h.org/>

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

County Event Calendar

Month:

Event	Date	Location
<u>Alameda County Leaders' Council</u>	11/27/12	
<u>Camp Academy Meeting</u>	1/23/13	
<u>CAL Conference</u>	1/25/13	
<u>Swine Field Day</u>	2/9/13	

Upcoming Project Meetings

Dates –

Sheep Project	11/13
Poultry Project	11/14
Rabbit Project	11/15
Record Book Project	11/25
Beginning 4H Project	11/30
Mini Member Project	12/1
Holiday Parade	12/1
Cavy Project	12/2

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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