

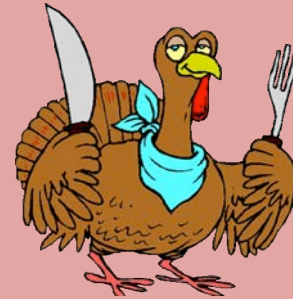
The Clover Patch



Abbie 4-h Newsletter

November 2014

Issue #3



Community Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

Meeting Starts:

7PM; Sign-In opens 6:45

Mohr Elementary School

Multi-Purpose Room

3300 Dennis Drive

Pleasanton, CA

Reminder: The theme
for this month's CCM is
thanksgiving!

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Happy Birthday to all
celebrating in November!



The Presidential Volunteer Service Award

Abbie 4-H has signed up to be a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award. This program recognizes members for performing community service.

Members track their hours for the year (which will follow the 4-H year of September–August). Depending on the member's age and number of community service hours performed, he or she can earn a bronze, silver, or gold award. The official President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin (for your hat!) will be accompanied by a personalized certificate of achievement and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States.

New levels of service have just been introduced (Yearly and Lifetime):

	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime
Kids (5-10)	26 - 49 hours	50 - 74 hours	75 + hours	4,000 hours or more of volunteer service (over a lifetime)
Teens (11-15)	50 - 74 hours	75 - 99 hours	100 + hours	4,000 hours or more of volunteer service (over a lifetime)
Young Adults (16-25)	100 - 174 hours	175 - 249 hours	250 + hours	4,000 hours or more of volunteer service (over a lifetime)
Adults (26 and older)	100 - 249 hours	250 - 499 hours	500 + hours	4,000 hours or more of volunteer service (over a lifetime)

To track your hours, go to <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/> and create an account. Go to the *Volunteers* page on the *Get Involved* tab. Select the *Register* button. Complete the Registration form to set up an account. After your account is created you select the *My Profile* button to add your *Your Record of Service Key*, which for Abbie 4-H is: **NFM-26105**. This will connect your account to the Abbie account so you may earn your award through Abbie. To enter hours, select the *My Service* button, then select the *Add Activity* button. Enter information about the community service activity and select the *Save* button. There is still time to log last year's hours (September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014) and receive your award. All hours logged for last year by December 15, 2014 will receive awards in January 2015. The current year and future year awards will be awarded at Achievement Night.

If you have questions please contact the Abbie Presidential Volunteer Service Award Administrator: Deirdre Gipson at mdn_gipson@yahoo.com

Historian by Andre Wright

Our Abbie Record Scrap Book is coming along well. I am asking for project meeting and event pictures to put in the book. Please email digital pictures to abbiehistorian@gmail.com or bring printed photos to the community club meeting. Thank you, Andre Wright

Call for Articles by Amy Asmussen

Hello Abbie 4-Hers, my name is Amy Asmussen and I am your newsletter editor. Don't forget to send in your articles for the upcoming issues! If you have any articles you want me to put in the Newsletter, please send them to me at abbinewsletter@gmail.com. The earlier I have the articles, the better. Thank you!

The Record Book Nook Section 3 - 4H Events Attended by Elise Lester

Hello 4hers! Welcome back to the Record Book Nook! This month I will be discussing Section 3 in your PDR, 4H Events Attended. In this section you would include, Club potlucks and dinners such as,

- The Abbie Holiday Potluck
- Abbie Spaghetti Feed
- Abbie Carnival
- Abbie June Potluck

You could also include field days such as,

- Horse field day
- Sectional Presentation day
- Swine field day
- Garden field day
- Small Animal field day
- County Fashion review
- Sheep field day
- Dog Field fun day
- Favorite Foods day
- State presentation day
- 4H state Horse field day (UC Davis)

There are also many other events that are coming up or already happened that you could include in your record book if you attended them.

- Carcass Dinner
- Achievement Night
- New Member Orientation
- Skate Night
- Pumpkin Patch

Sometimes, you can get credit in two areas of your record book. For example: Giving a presentation at Presentation Day would go in PDR Section #6, and just attending Presentation Day would go in Section #3.. These are all things you could include in section 3 of your PDR. There are also many other events that you could include in this section. Next month I will be discussing Section 4 in your PDR, Leadership Development.

NBC Bay Area / Safeway “Help Us End Hunger” Food Drive By Elise Lester and Timmy Lester

Hello 4Hers! Come help NBC and Safeway collect food for the Alameda County Food Bank at the Bernal Safeway on November 22. 4Hers will hand out fliers and encourage customers to participate in the food drive. Last year, 150,000 meals worth of food was collected by volunteers in Alameda County! We still need volunteers from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This is a great Community service opportunity! To sign up you can contact Elizabeth Lester at e_lester@me.com or eliseluvscupcakes@aol.com. The spots are filling up quickly, so sign up! Remember to wear your 4H whites or at least a 4H shirt at this event. See flyer below, thank you!



Kids-2-Kids Holiday Party by Jessica Shipp

The Annual Kids-2-Kids Holiday Party at Livermore High School is coming up! Make sure you are signed up for this fun event so that you can have fun assisting underprivileged children create fun holiday crafts. I have participated in this event for over six years and I have had so much fun every time. It is both entertaining and rewarding. Attend this month's CCM for more information.

Christmas Tree Lot by Andre Wright

Abbie 4H has an opportunity to spread the word about our club and show off our animals and projects. We have a couple of days and times for the Christmas Tree Lot at the Alameda Co. Fairgrounds and need people to sign up for this great opportunity. Dates: November 29 and 30 from 12-4, December 14 and 20 also from 12-4 are available. Please find time in your busy schedule to come out and represent Abbie!

Bring Canned Food to the November CCM by Sarah Roberts

Hello, fellow 4-Hers! November is a time for being thankful, and there are many people who would be thankful to have good food to eat this time of year. Please bring canned goods or other non-perishable items (pasta, boxed food that doesn't have to be refrigerated, etc.) to the November CCM. In addition to practicing community service that you can put into your record book, you can feel good about helping others. All items received will be donated to Open Heart Kitchen. If everyone coming to the meeting brought at least one item, we would have a lot to give!

Cash 4 Cows by Cheyenne Harper

Abbie 4H is giving back to the world! We are raising money which will purchase animals, crops, supplies, and educations for children in underdeveloped countries. Please bring spare change to the community club meetings if you would like to help Abbie give back. Look for the piggy bank at community club meetings and some project meetings.

ATTENTION: If you read this article, email the codeword "Cornucopia" to abbinewsletter@gmail.com for a chance to have your name entered in a drawing to win a prize at the next CCM. What are you waiting for? Email the code!



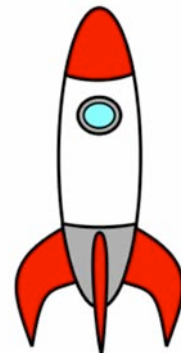
Mini Member Tortoise Rescue by Aaliyah Wright

The mini members visited a tortoise rescue on October 27th, in Campbell. We brought food for the tortoises and we even got to ride and feed them. For many of the mini members it was their first time being able to ride a tortoise.



Rockets to the Rescue! by Alex Roberts

Launching in 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF! Hello, everybody, I'm Alex Roberts, and I went to Rockets to the Rescue at Canyon Middle School for 4-H National Science Experiment Night on October 7th. We built "rockets" to take raisins to the islands that had starving inhabitants. Everybody tried hard, but nobody ever got their rocket directly to the island. We started out with a simple paper tube. I saw some really wacky designs. One girl's rocket involved a rocket that split in two when it flew. I almost hit the island once, but was a little off. I hope more people go next year.



4-H Achievement Night by Jessica Shipps and Lauren Satariano

On Friday evening, October 3rd, we went to the County 4-H Achievement Night at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley. Many 4-H members from all over the County came and anxiously awaited being called up for an award. The event was hosted by two All-Stars that also earned their emerald awards. Our club gave special awards to Jan Bennett and Diane Hock. Many people received star achievements, and Jessica Bennett even got her Platinum! We were given the award of Co-County Winners for Camp Academy Leadership. Abbie 4-H had the most members receiving awards for the year. Good job by our club. We were really involved this year, and we are both so glad we joined the Abbie 4-H club.



Alden Lane Fall Festival by Jessie Rhoads

Hi, my name is Jessie Rhoads and on Sunday October 19th, I went to the Alden Lane Fall Festival with three of my chickens. Chloe Gipson went with me. She brought her two guinea pigs. At Alden Lane we talked to people about 4H and let them pet our animals. We also answered their questions about 4H. It was really fun! I have gone every year for the past six years, and it is still something I look forward to. I really hope more people go next year!

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Upcoming Events Dates -

Poultry Meeting - November 19

Swine Meeting - November 19

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 experiments, 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/>





4-H Food Drive

Community Service

Friday, November 21st, 4 PM

Bring boxes and bags and walk door to door after school to gather food for families to share this Thanksgiving.

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