

ABBIE NEWS



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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, December 12, 2007
7:00 PM

MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton, CA

Club Meeting

At the December Community Club Meeting we NEED: Empty paper-towel rolls! Bags of wrapped candy! Bring to the Community Club Meeting (this Wednesday) For one of our activities, we will all be making candy-filled Holiday Poppers for all the kids who have to be in the Shepherd's Gate Shelter over the holidays. (If you participate, we will count it towards your Community Service Award pin this year!) AND you will make Christmas a little cheerier for some great little kids.

THIS MONTH'S THEME: The theme for the month is: "Winter Wonderland."

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

Refreshments: Each month we will list the 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.

The following families are requested to bring two dozen of your favorite cookies, brownies or any other goodies.

**Larson, Li, Lin, Madnick, Maggy, Matheny
McEntee, McMillan, Miller, Morgan,
Morris, and Mueller**

Hot Chocolate will be provided.

Got Gifts? We Got Ideas!

The holidays are here and Abbie has two great gift ideas for you! First, we have special Italian charm bracelets with five Abbie 4-H charm links on each bracelet! We can add as many blank charms with the 4-H charms to make the bracelet fit any wrist size. Show your 4-H spirit by purchasing one of these great gifts for a friend or family member for just \$5.00!

Our second special deal just for the month of December is \$3.00 off each sweatshirt we have in stock. That means that the gray, hooded, embroidered sweatshirts are just \$18.00 and the black silk-screened sweatshirts are just \$15.00! This offer is only good for the month of December and only on sweatshirts we have in stock.

Stop by and see the sales treasurer at the CCM or email me, Kamryn, at farcherbrown@comcast.net.

Kamryn Brown

Uniform Supplies

Need new supplies for your 4-H uniform? I just got new stock of green and white hats (\$10 each), ties for boys (\$8.50 each), scarves for girls (11.00 each), and record book covers (\$2.50 each). It's never too early to get your uniform ready. See the sales treasurer at the CCM.

Other Items for Sale

Boxes (frozen) of chocolate chip cookies: \$6. per box (this is what they were purchased for at Costco).

Also for sale is Hot cider! Chilled cider! Sound like the Holidays? We have lots of left-over bottles from the Holiday Booth, and they are yours for the super-sale price of \$1 each (regular price was \$3.49)! Look for the sales table at the Community Club Meeting this Wednesday.

Recycled Whites

There have been about 10 pairs of white pants added to the "recycled whites" bin over the last couple of meetings, so if you are looking for whites check the bin at the next community club meeting!

If you have whites you no longer need, please bring them in as we have families looking for whites, and they are harder to find this time of year.

Thanks,
Nicole Klunker
Recycled Whites Chairperson

Hometown Holiday Booth

Our Club ran an EXTREMELY popular snack booth at the annual Pleasanton Hometown Holidays Celebration, on Saturday, Dec 1, from 4-8 pm, all organized by the fabulous Kayla Mueller and her daughter Megan. We were set up in the Domus/Deans Cafe parking lot right next to the sidewalk. It was a first for us, and we found out that hot cocoa and hot cider are big hits when it you're trying to stay warm watching a parade! We also sold bags of popcorn and pretzels, bottled water, and chocolate chip cookies. Many thanks to the Morris' for the use of their pop-up tent, Domus for power, the Wine Steward for water access, and most importantly all the terrific 4H-ers and parents who worked the booth and made it happen (this counts towards your Community Service Award...don't forget to write it down!). The city was so pleased that we were willing to do this, and we were glad to do some fundraising for our club.

Holiday Parade

The Holiday Parade took place on Saturday, December 1st to celebrate the holiday season! We had kids dressed up as either elves or Christmas trees while Cheyenne led her goat and Aubrey brought her pony and cart. On the Christmas tree costumes were posters that had the names of Abbie projects such as cooking, archery, rocketry, swine, steer, rabbits, and cavies. The theme this year was Remembering Days Gone By...1930s, which happened to be the decade when 4-H admitted projects that weren't related to agriculture. I would like to thank everyone for participating and marching with us! A big thanks to Mr. McMillan, who made the poster that said "Abbie 4-H, 1930s: Evolution into Project Diversity"; Cheyenne, Mrs. Harper, Aubrey, and Mrs. Pache, for bringing your animals; and the McEntees and the Hocks, for the costumes. Abbie did a great job, but we couldn't have done it without all of you guys!
-Alicia Brown

State Equine Field Day

The State Equine Field Day was held in King City on November 10, 2007. Miriam Flock and I were fortunate enough to attend this event. We learned about showmanship, jumping, reining, polo, equine massage, gymkhana, minis on the move and getting started with training. There were also clinics on hippology, horse bowl, horse judging and demonstrations. These are considered educational events and in 2008 the state wide competition for these events will be on April 5 and 6 in Fresno, Ca instead of in conjunction with the State Horse Show in the summer of 2008. I think it would be great to have Alameda County participate in these contests. We can have more than one team, so if your interested in learning more about horses, but didn't join the horse project because you don't have a horse, there are still great events in which you can participate.

-Nicole Klunker
Horse Project Junior leader



Birthday Corner

12/2	Rachel Jacobsen
12/2	Jessica Bennett
12/7	Diana Lin
12/12	Austin Piombo
12/14	Parker Brown
12/15	Barric Morris
12/16	Hannah Zarubin
12/17	Olivia Wilcox
12/22	Russel Flock
12/25	Jerry Li
12/30	Nick Zevanove
12/31	Minerva Lin

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.

County Announcements

Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be Saturday, February 2nd at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley. Applications are available for on-line registration at www.alamedacounty4h.org. Categories available include: Demonstrations and Illustrated talks, Scientific Demonstrations and illustrated talks, Educational Displays, Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speech, Interpretative reading, Share the Fun, Cultural Arts, Audio-visual presentations, and Problem solving presentations. The full Presentation Manual can be downloaded from www.ca4h.org under 4H Resources.

Skit Night

The theme for skit night is "History of 4H - part 2". The event will be in March. Start putting together your committee's now and writing those scripts. Remember that the length of each Club's Skit should be no shorter than 5 minutes and no longer than 15 minutes. This includes the time to set-up and take down for the skit.

Swine Groups Decorates Christmas Tree

by Jenna Bennett

On Wednesday, November 28, members of the Abbie Swine group brought some Christmas cheer to the Eden Villa Retirement Center. We decorated a Christmas Tree for one of their living rooms. Some of the members assembled and decorated pig ornaments. We decorated the tree with silver tinsel, silver glass ornaments, pink and other colored pigs, pink snow flakes and candy canes. Lorraine from Eden Villa called and said the seniors at the center loved the piggy theme and were pleased with the tree. It was a fun project and it made other people happy.



CALENDAR

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

Month	Date	Time	Meeting	Location	
Jan	TBD	7-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau	
	TBD	7:00 pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau	
	18-21	TBD	Snow Camp – Registration in November	TBD	
	25-27		CAL Conference – Reg forms were due mid November	Walker Creek Ranch	
	29	7:30	Leader Council Meeting	Farm Bureau	
Feb	2	TBD	Presentation Day	Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley	
	16	TBD	Northern Central Leader Council Meeting	TBD	
	TBD	7:00 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	Fair Grounds – Jockey Club	
	March	6-9	TBD	Western Leaders Forum	Boise, Idaho
		TBD	TBD	Skit Night	Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley
TBD		TBD	State 4-H Equine Field Day	CSU Fresno – Animal Science Pavillion	
TBD		7:00 pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau	
TBD		TBD	Sectional Presentation Day	UC Davis	
TBD		TBD	Leader Council Meeting	TBD	
TBD		7-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau	

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