

ABBIE NEWS



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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2008
6:30 pm

MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton, CA

Theme: "Celebrating the Holidays!"
December Potluck
(Note: 6:30 start)

This week at the Community Club meeting, Abbie 4-H is hosting the December Potluck! Please remember to bring your assigned dish to the meeting this Wednesday! Assignments below:

Last names A– F: Desserts

Last names G – M: Sides or salads

Last names N – Z: Main Dish

REMINDER!

There will be a sale on Abbie 4-H shirts and sweatshirts at the December meeting! Black Tees are going for \$6, crewneck sweatshirts for \$9 and crew hooded sweatshirts for \$11.50!



THIS MONTH'S THEME:

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	November 12	December 10	January 14
February 11	March 11	April 8	May 13	June 3

Rabbit Field Day

The 2009 State Rabbit Field Day competition will be held in Rohnert Park, and is sponsored by the Sonoma County 4-H Rabbit Raisers. The date of the event is Saturday, January 10. The event is open to all 4-H rabbit project members. Please visit the State 4H site for more info: www.ca4h.org

Community Service Awards

One of the yearly awards you can earn is the Abbie 4H Club Community Service Pin and Award. **You earn it by completing a minimum of 7 community service activities offered through 4H during the current 4H year.** At least 4 activities must be actual events you participate in. You can count up to three donations. However the donations count only once per beneficiary (meaning, if you bring magazine donations to 3 meetings, it's GREAT, but it counts as one "activity" towards this award). You will be recognized with a pin and certificate. Keep track!

The other service award is the President's Volunteer Service Award. In his 2002 State of the Union address, President George W. Bush issued a challenge to all Americans to make time to help their neighbors, communities, and Nation through service. In 2003 he created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to find ways to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our Nation. They in turn created the President's Volunteer Service Award as a way to thank and honor Americans who by their example inspire others to

engage in volunteer service. This award is calculated based on hours, not per event. Abbie proud to be a certifying organization for this award, but you can count ALL community service hours, not just 4H related. This award is also an annual award. Recipients receive an official pin, certificate, and note of congratulations from the President of the United States.

Kids under 14 can print out a "Record of Service" log to keep track of their hours. Young adults (age 15-25), and adults ages 26+ can create an online Record of Service if they wish (not required). Both options are available at: www.presidentialserviceawards.gov . Under age 14 awards begin at 50 hours, age 15 and above at 100 hours.

The Run Down on the Holiday Parade

We all met at around 5:00 at Amador Valley to get ready for the Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Parade. This year we carried 15 large helium balloons and rang bells as we walked down Main Street for the "Sights and Sounds of the Season." I was lucky enough to be the 4-H clover and I had a great time dancing around the street in the costume. All in all, everyone had a great time and enjoyed the spirit of the season. Watch the parade on the local cable channel if you missed it in person.

- Kamryn Brown

Volunteers Needed to Serve @ Senior Center

It's that time again! The holidays are here! Want to get in the spirit? Thursday, December 18: Come in your whites and host the senior citizens in the reception room at the Pleasanton Senior

Center while they wait for the bus tours of Christmas Lights. 5:30 to 6:30, serving hot cocoa and cider, holiday goodies. Also needed: holiday cookies and other goodies to serve. They are expecting 3 times as many folks this year, so we'll need extra treats for everyone. They look forward to us coming to chat with the seniors every year! Contact Michael: 462-3573 or 260-0362

Coats and Blankets

All the wonderful coats, jackets, sweaters and blankets you brought to the last club meeting were sorted and delivered by Michael and Sam Onojafe on November 19 to the Food Pantry which is now open on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm at Valley Bible Church in Pleasanton. This new pantry was opened recently in response to the local PTA's requests for food baskets increasing by over 300 per cent. Jay Scott, the director of the program, was there to meet us and help with the unloading of the 61 coats and jackets and 24 blankets. He was really excited about our club's efforts, and said every item will go quickly to a needy person or family in our area. GREAT JOB, EVERYONE!

Half Price Sale on Abbie Black T-Shirts and Sweatshirts!

The officers voted to have a half-price sale on our current stock of black Abbie T-shirts and Abbie sweatshirts. The sale only applies to stock on hand. This means that black T-shirts cost \$6 and black crew-neck sweatshirts cost \$9 and the gray hooded sweatshirts cost \$11.50

for the month of December. If you'd like to buy some and can't make the CCM, contact Kamryn at 484-8470. Happy shopping and keep warm!

- Kamryn Brown

Presentations

Anyone can give it a try! Saturday, January 31 is when 4Hers from around our county get together to give short presentations for each other and for volunteer leaders and parents. It's a great way to practice learning how to give a talk in front of a friendly group. Several groups are given in different parts of the hall at the same time, so it's never in front of a large audience. Plus, you get feedback on how great you did, and how you might be able to improve. Plus, plus, if you happen to get a blue ribbon, you can take your talk to the next level and present it at the State Field Day! For helpful information, go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/spd/>

The different types of presentation categories are:

- Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks
- Scientific Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks
- Educational Display
- Prepared Speech
- Impromptu Speech
- Interpretive Reading
- Share the Fun (Group Skit)
- Cultural Arts
- Audio-visual Presentations
- Problem Solving Presentations

And most important: Don't forget we are looking for presentations at EVERY Abbie Club Meeting and project meeting! Just let us know if you're interested! For club presentations contact Alicia Brown: 484-8470 or

redonionator@comcast.net. For Presentation Day help contact Jane Onojafe: 462-3573 or ejonojafe@comcast.net

Yummy Candy Making

The kitchen was toasty warm as the candy making project met for our second meeting to make some favorite chocolate treats. Chocolate covered honeycombs and peanut butter balls

were the treats for the morning. We all felt that there was nothing better than the smell of chocolate to wake you up in the morning as we met at 9:30 in the morning to begin! As we waited for the candies to harden, we continued making more holiday poppers that were started at the CCM as our project's community service activity. In all, the candy making project added almost 40 more poppers to the collection. So far, this project has been quite tasty!
 - Kamryn Brown

CALENDAR

Month	Date	Time	Meeting	Location
Dec		7:00 pm	Leader Orientation	Farm Bureau
Jan	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
	23-25		CAL Conference	Walker Creek Ranch
	TBA	TBA	Western Leaders Forum	Denver, Colorado
	16-19		Snow Camp	See Tom Fraiser
Feb	25-28		Western Leaders Forum	Denver, CO
	TBA	TBA	North Central Leader Council Mtg	TBA
	TBA	7:00 pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau
	24	7:00-8:30 pm	Leader Council Meeting	
	25	7:00-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	

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| Dec. 2 | Rachel Jacobsen |
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| Dec. 12 | Haley Haggerty |
| Dec. 12 | Austin Piombo |
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| Dec. 22 | Russell Flock |
| Dec. 25 | Sean Haggerty |
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