

The Clover Patch



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Community Club Meetings
Wednesday December 10th
Potluck starts at 6:30
Meeting starts at 7:00

Mohr Elementary School
Multi-Purpose Room
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton, CA



REMINDER: The theme for the upcoming CCM is "Winter Wonderland." Wear holiday-related clothing to win an extra ticket!

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Remember, the upcoming CCM is a Potluck!
It starts at 6:30.
Members with last names that start with the
letters A to L should bring a main dish; M to
Z should bring a side dish.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ALL OF YOU
CELEBRATING IN
DECEMBER!**

Magazine Report by Prashansa Ravi

Hi 4-hers,

My name is Prashansa and I am the magazine officer for this year. This is my second year as magazine officer. I have been collecting your read magazines and donating them to the Pleasanton 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. Then bring them to the club meetings and I will do the rest. Thank you for your donation.

Prashansa Ravi,
Magazine officer.

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!

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.



Kids-2-Kids Holiday Party by Jessica Shipps

December offers a very fun community service event. Abbie club donated 18 children's gifts and \$20 cash for the event, which will be used to help out at the annual Kids-2-Kids Holiday Party. It will be held on Saturday, December 13th at Livermore High School (600 Maple St, Livermore).

Spend 2 hours assisting underprivileged children create fun holiday crafts. Each participant is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies for the snack table. We could use help for the following shifts: 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm, and 3pm-5pm (cleanup crew). Earn service hours for your record book, and make some children smile this holiday season. I hope you have time in your schedule to participate. If you have any questions you can contact me at patty_shipps@yahoo.com.

Grand National Rodeo - Livestock Show By Jessica Bennett

Each year in October, the Cow Palace is host to the Grand National Rodeo, and the Junior and Senior Livestock Shows that go with it. This year the Junior livestock shows were held from October 16-19th. Alameda County had quite a few 4H and FFA members showing. From Abbie 4H, Breanne Maggy, our beef leader, and Braden and Ross Illingworth participated with their animals. We didn't have any sheep showers there, but our sheep leader, Melba Jacobsen, worked at the show.

I went on Saturday to watch the showmanship classes because I want to get better at showmanship. I watched Ross and Braden show their pigs, and Ross won 7th place in a very tough market swine showmanship class. I then spent a lot of time watching the sheep show. The sheep showmen are very competitive. They all looked like they have been showing all their life. One thing I did notice is that everyone had a little different style. This didn't seem to matter too much to the judge, although he did point out his preferences. What I learned was that no matter your style, you need to know your lamb's qualities and how to show those off to their best advantage. It takes a lot of preparation to become a good showman.

Thanksgiving Food Drive by Sarah Roberts

Hi, my name is Sarah Roberts, and I am the leader for canned goods. First I'd like to say thanks to the people that kindly gave cans of food for the homeless and the poor. They had a great Thanksgiving, and they appreciated our kindness.

The food drive that I organized was a complete success. The first day we went door to door giving the people the fliers for the food drive. Some people were not at home, so we just put it in the mailbox. We went to twenty-six homes. (The whole time it was raining) :)



The second day we went to pick up the food. A lot of people gave us food, and others gave us money to buy food for the poor. In all, we collected 96 cans and 60 dollars. :) The food was given to Open Heart Kitchen.

Again, thank you for helping. Happy holidays

East Bay Adventures goes to Black Diamond Mines by Jessica Shipps

On Sunday November 9th I lead our first East Bay Adventure. We met at the portal to the Hazel Atlas mine and met a very nice tour guide named Tree. After a slide presentation of the history of the Black Diamond mines area, we went deep into the mine and saw different fossils, rock formations, and tunnels.

I was surprised to hear that there are 200 miles of mines in the area, and over 8 football fields long of tunnels that we got to walk through. I learned so much about our local history, and had a better time than I even expected with this outing. I can't wait for our next adventure. To join this project please register for it on the 4honline.com registration website, and also contact Patty Shipps at patty_shipps@yahoo.com.



Christmas Wrapping for Children's Christmas Party by Jessica Bennett

Each year the County 4H groups help sponsor a Christmas Party for underprivileged kids that serves more than 800 people. It takes a lot of work to prepare for a party this large and a lot of gifts for all ages. The group in charge prepares for the party all year. The week before the party is wrapping day. This year wrapping day was held on December 6th.

I delivered gifts collected from a local school. The school had a toy and penny drive to support the party and came up with over 150 gifts. These along with ones collect by our 4H club and all other donations are sorted into bins on wrapping day. They have separate bins for boys and girls for every age group from infants through teenagers. This group collects adult gifts also, but these gifts are not wrapped. There were about 12 people at the school, but wrapping hadn't started when I got there. The group was sorting gifts, putting batteries in things that needed it, and getting the room ready for wrappers. They told me they expected more helpers from local 4H groups and schools a little later. With all the gifts in the room, it was going to take a lot more helpers to get everything wrapped. It was heart warming to know that so many people work so hard to help out our community.



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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 experiment, 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/>



Happy Holidays!