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REPORTER'S NEWS
South County Patriots 4-H Club Report
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The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on January 26, 2025 at 2pm in Ridge, MD. Savannah Pierce, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Roll call was answered by 8 members and answered the question, "What are your main goals for 4-H this year?". Kayla Wilson, President, arrived after the roll call was completed. Cali Stonesifer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Emma Smith led the 4-H Pledge.

Bruce Wilson read his Treasurer's report, explaining to the club what their current balance is and what the outstanding expenses are for January and funds set aside for camps.

Heather Pierce reminded the club that record books are due to the 4-H office by February 3, 2025. Anyone who does not submit a record book cannot enter exhibits in the fair the following year in 4-H. Everyone who is turning in a record book had it with them and will complete their final review and signatures with Heather Pierce after the meeting. All club members were asked to sign up by the end of January if possible, but no later than the day before the February meeting. Anyone who has not enrolled should not attend the next meeting. Heather said that she can help anyone having trouble getting enrolled or deciding what projects to sign up for and explained how projects are linked to certain awards.

All club members were given copies of the 2024 plans and reviewed them to make sure there were no issues that have come up since the last business meeting. A few of the meeting dates were adjusted and a new copy will be given to everyone and submitted to the 4-H office. The Firehouse is reserved for February and Heather will work with them for the remaining dates.

The 4-H banquet will be held on March 15th at the Ridge Firehouse. Emma and Savannah volunteered to help at the registration table, Kayla for the 50/50 raffle, and Garrett as a greeter. Savannah Pierce made a motion for the club to vote whether to pay for the parents for the banquet with club funds. Emma Smith seconded the motion. The club voted unanimously to pay for the parents and the motion carried.

Discussions were held on the Friend of 4-H nomination, but the club was unable to come to a decision.

The club decided last year that a fundraiser would be held again this year to raise funds that would go towards 4-H camps for any club members who wanted to go. Heather Pierce explained that it has been difficult to find a date early in the year that works for both the quarter auction group and the fairgrounds. She selected March 9, 2025, as that was the only date that married up for the February/March timeframe.

The next meeting will be on February 23rd at 2pm at the Ridge Firehouse.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:35 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried. After the meeting, snacks were served and club members and parents stayed to work with Heather on the signatures for their record books, 2025 Diamond Clover plans, and to go through the Outstanding 4-H'er of the Year form to see how many points each club member would have.