



4-H Forecast

St. Mary's County
2024 - A Year in Review

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Happy New Year!

I truly can not believe that another FABULOUS 4-H year has started. 2024 was full of learning about our 4-H projects, learning about ourselves and strengthening our bonds with each other! In St. Mary's County, we have 188 4-H members in 10 4-H clubs and Independent Learning. We are very thankful for our 19 new and 70 seasoned UME certified volunteers! Our volunteers donated a total of 5,675 hours of their time to 4-H! Without our volunteers, we would not have the AMAZING 4-H program that we do! Once again, we had a successful Day Camp at the Fairgrounds and Overnight Camp at the Western MD 4-H Environmental Center. We had 33 youth compete in State 4-H events and 1 youth competed in a National 4-H event! Through school enrichment programs, we were also able to reach 1,584 youth and teach them about agriculture, gardening and eating healthy. We would like to thank all of our 4-H families, leaders, volunteers and partners for helping make St. Mary's County 4-H, ROCK!!! We can not wait to see what 2025 has in store for us!

Thank you,

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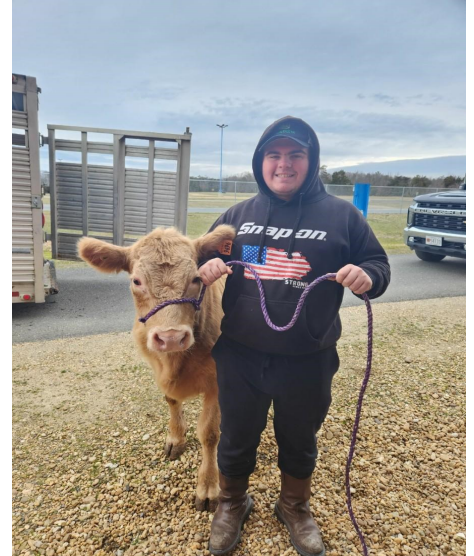
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Beef Weigh In

Our 4-H'ers started their Beef Steer projects by weighing in their animals on January 6, 2024. We weighed in a total of 10 steers.



Community Service Project



Wild Things 4-H Club members made the holidays a little happier for local families in need through its Christmas Food Basket Community Service Project. The club put together Christmas Dinner baskets that were distributed through local churches to families. The baskets included a turkey and side dishes to complete the dinner.



MD 4-H Beef Cattle State Record Award

Congratulations to Sydney Wise for receiving the MD 4-H Beef Cattle State Record Award. Congrats to all the 4-Hers who received awards.



MD 4-H Livestock Skillathon

The kids did such an AMAZING job on March 2, 2024 at the MD 4-H Livestock Skillathon!! We had 7 place in the top 20 of their age group!

Juniors:

- Levi Vallandingham - 1st place
- Peyton Hutmaker - 15th place
- Kinsley Farrell - 17th place
- Morgan Raley - 20th place

Intermediates:

- Delia Vallandingham - 1st place
- Hailey Hutmaker - 20th place

Seniors:

- Trent Vallandingham - 2nd place





Piglet Workshop

The Wild Things 4-H Club had fun learning about farrowing, ear notching, shots for new born piglets, and giving shots at the Piglet Workshop. The kids ear notched using card board cut outs and gave shots to oranges.





Putting their Public Speaking Skills to the Test

Congrats to the following 4-H'ers for using their public speaking skills to win the title of 2024 St. Mary's County Farm Bureau Ambassadors!

Little Ambassadors: Kyle Van Ryswick
Susannah Wathen

Junior Ambassadors: Delia Vallandingham
Trent Vallandingham

Ambassador: Sam Wathen



Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl

Way to go Nathan, Logan, and Morgan Raley! They represented St. Mary's County in the Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl competition held on March 9th. The junior scramble team that Morgan was a part of went undefeated. Morgan also placed as 4th overall junior. The intermediate scramble team that Logan was a part of placed 3rd. The senior scramble team that Nathan was a part of also placed 3rd. Congratulations to all!





Community Service Project

Chaptico Chargers 4-H Club had fun on March 17th supporting the Ice Cream/ Bingo social event at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.



Officer's Training



On January 13th, the new officers from our 10 clubs received leadership training to help them in their new positions.



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Community Service

Wild Things 4-H Club members put together and donated Easter Baskets for foster children in our area.



National Agriculture Day



On March 19th, 4-H'ers, Sam Wathen, Susannah Wathen, Delia Vallandingham & 4-H Alumni, Sarah Beale, represented St. Mary's County 4-H & Farm Bureau at the County Commissioner's Meeting. They recognized National Agriculture Day with a Proclamation!



Public Speaking Contest

On March 22nd, we held our County Public Speaking Contest! Those who participated were Delia Vallandingham, Emily Gale, Hailey Hutmaker, Briscoe-Solomon Anderson, Nathan Raley, Morgan Raley, Kyle Van Ryswick, Weylin Anderson, Dolly-Mae Anderson, Leroy Kershaw, Logan Raley, Trent Vallandingham, Levi Vallandingham, Lucy Long & Ryan Cory. Everyone did a great job! Thank you to our judges Commissioner Eric Colvin, Amy Lorenzini, Sabrina Dobbins, Terry Gibbons and Rose & Joe Guyther!





Achievement Banquet Awards

Record Book Awards:

Backyard Critters:

Lashia Jordan - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Breeding Goat, Market Goat, Spirit Award & Outstanding 4-Her Nominee

Zoe Rollins – Green Ribbon – Project: Crafts and Visual Presentations

Chaptico Chargers:

Ryan Cory - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Sheep and Shooting Sports, Spirit Award & Outstanding 4-Her Nominee

Kinsley Farrell - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Beef and Breeding Beef

Alex Goddard - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Swine and Farm & Garden, Spirit Award Nominee

Johnny Hewitt - Red Ribbon – Projects: Poultry and Rabbits

Hailey Hutmaker -Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Goats, Market Sheep, and Crafts, Spirit Award & Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Peyton Hutmaker -Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Goats, Market Swine and Crafts

Madison Jordan -Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Goats, Breeding Goats, Fine Arts, Food Preservation, Project pin in Fine Arts

Mason Jordan -Blue Ribbon – Project: Goats

Collin Lacey -Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Poultry, Fishing, Shooting Sports, Market Sheep, Project pins in Shooting Sports & Fishing

Declan Lacey -Red Ribbon – Projects: Shooting Sports, Swine

Breanna Thompson - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Goats and Breeding Goats

Chesapeake Crabs 4-H Club:

Shaylyn Bjerke - Blue Ribbon Projects: Veterinarian Science and Environmental Science, Project pins for Vet Science & Environmental Science, Spirit Award & Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Paige Hicks, Blue Ribbon Project: Dairy Goats and Bee Keeping, Project pin in Beekeeping

Nora Hicks, Blue Ribbon Project: Photography, Project pin in Photography

Alexander Waters, Blue Ribbon, Project: Theatre, Project pin in Theatre

Wren Waters, Project: Food and Nutrition

Bethany Weathersbee, Blue Ribbon, Project: Crafts

Rebecca Weathersbee - Red Ribbon, Project: Crafts and Photography



Achievement Banquet Awards Con't.

Crazy Critters 4-H Club:

Kendall Bell - Blue Ribbon, Project: Horse and Pony and Crafts

Adriana Costello - Blue Ribbon, Project: Horse and Pony

Madison Crawford - Blue Ribbon, Project: Horse and Pony, Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Ava Eagan - Blue Ribbon, Project: Horse and Pony, Project pin in Horses

Malayna Ellis - Blue Ribbon, Project: Horse and Pony

Chevi Kamperin - Blue Ribbon, Project: Horse and Pony, Spirit Award Nominee

Jessica Matlock - Red Ribbon, Project: Horse and Pony, Spirit Award Nominee

Carley Roberson - Blue Ribbon, Project: Horse and Pony, Project pin in Horses

Jenna Stallard - Red Ribbon, Project: Horse and Pony

Charlotte Waters - Blue Ribbon, Project: Horse and Pony

Rope'N Wranglers 4-H Club:

Kasey Gatton - Blue Ribbon, Projects: Market Beef, Breeding Goats, Market Goat and Market Swine, Project pins in Beef, Goats and Swine, Spirit Award and Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Charles Langley - Red Ribbon, Project: Market Swine

Mary Muir - Red Ribbon, Project: Rabbits

Audrey Trossbach - Blue Ribbon, Projects: Market Goats and Market Swine

Hayden Trossbach - Blue Ribbon, Project: Market Swine

South County Patriots 4-H Club:

Savannah Pierce, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Crafts, Hobbies, Archery and Food & Nutrition, Project pins in Crafts, Hobbies and Gardening, Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Garrett Shaw, Blue Ribbon – Project: Dairy Goat, Market Goat, Meat Goat Breeding, Sheep and Aquaculture, Project pin in Aquaculture

Emma Smith, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Crafts, Hobbies, Visual Arts, and Archery, Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Waylon Starling - Blue Ribbon, Projects: Crafts, Archery and Air Rifle, Spirit Award Nominee

Cali Stonesifer - Blue Ribbon, Projects: Crafts, Archery and Air Rifle

Josephine Stewart - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Hobbies, Visual Arts, and Archery, Project pins in Hobbies, Visual Arts & Shooting Sports

Bruce Wilson - Blue Ribbon – Project: Crafts, Project pin in Crafts, Spirit Award Nominee





Achievement Banquet Awards Con't.

Kayla Wilson - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Expressive Arts and Food & Nutrition, Project pin in Expressive Arts, Spirit Award Nominee

Stirrup Trouble 4-H Club:

Paityn Dykstra - Red Ribbon – Project: Horse and Pony

Ryli Dykstra - Blue Ribbon – Project: Horse and Pony

Haley Grah - Blue Ribbon - Project: Horse and Pony

Lillian Hayden - Blue Ribbon - Project: Horse and Pony

Tudor Hall 4-H Club:

James Arcadipane, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Rabbits, Garden and Welding, Project pin in Welding

Madison Arcadipane, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Rabbit, Garden, Horse and Photography, Project pin in Rabbits

Joe Beale, Red Ribbon, Project: Air Rifle

Lane Burroughs, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Goat and Market Swine

Maci Burroughs, Red Ribbon – Projects: Market Goats and Market Swine

Braden DeGarmo, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Woodworking, Broiler Chicken, Broiler Turkeys, Shooting Sports, Forestry and Small Engines, Project pins in Poultry, Woodworking, Forestry & Small Engines

Olivia Faunce, Red Ribbon – Project: Rabbits

Emily Gale, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Dairy Goats and Market Goats

Joseph Thomas Gale, 4th, View Ribbon – Projects: Dairy Goats and Market Goat

Jessica Graves, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Swine, Breeding Swine, Market Goats, and Photography, Project pin in Photography

Emmalee Hancock, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Swine and Market Goats, Project pins in Goats & Swine

Evan Hancock, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Swine and Market Goats

Ernest Kershaw, Blue Ribbon – Project: Cloverbud

Leroy Kershaw, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy Goats, Market Goats, Hobbies, Crafts, Visual Arts, Food & Nutrition, Entomology, Environment Science, and Aerospace, Project pins in Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy Goats, Food, Entomology, Environmental Science & Aerospace, Spirit Award Nominee

Christopher Moore, Red Ribbon – Projects: Photography, Small Pet and Archery, Project pin in Small Pet

Jason Moore, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Small Pet, Archery and Photography, Project pin in Small Pet



Achievement Banquet Awards Con't.

Trenton Ridgell, Red Ribbon – Projects: Market Sheep, Market Chickens, Fishing, Dog, Hobbies, Project Pins in Dogs & Fishing

Andrew Russell, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Poultry, Swine, Air Rifle, Spirit Award Nominee

Kyle Russell, Blue Ribbon – Project: Market Swine, Spirit Award Nominee

Maggie Russell, Blue Ribbon - Projects: Market swine

Karlee Schroth, Blue Ribbon – Project: Market Goat, Market Sheep

Delia Vallandingham, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Goat, Breeding Goat, Market Sheep, Market Swine, Hobby, Fine Arts, Crafts, Garden, Leadership, Archery, Air Rifle, Project pins in Leadership & Vet Science, Outstanding 4-Her Nominee

Levi Vallandingham, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Goat, Market Sheep, Market Swine, Project pins in Dairy Goats & Market Sheep

Trent Vallandingham, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Beef, Market Goat, Market Sheep, Market Swine, Project pins in Market Sheep, Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Derek Van Ryswick, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Swine, Breeding Swine, Dairy Beef, Project pin in Dairy Cow

Kyle Van Ryswick, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Rabbits, Market Swine, Breeding Swine, Dairy Beef, Project pin in Dairy Cow

Matthew Van Ryswick, Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Swine, Hobbies, Field & Garden, Bee Keeping, Project pin in Beekeeping

Sam Wathen, White Ribbon – Projects: Market Poultry, Market Turkey, Rabbits, Breeding Goat, Market Goat

Susannah Wathen, Red Ribbon – Projects: Poultry, Rabbits, Horses, Embroidery Breeding Goat, Food and Nutrition, Spirit Award Nominee

Chloe Williams, Red Ribbon – Projects: Market Goat, Breeding Goat, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, Market Swine

Kyle Williams, Red Ribbon – Project: Market Goat, Market Swine, Market Sheep, Crafts, Spirit Award Nominee

Mia Young, Blue – Projects: Market Beef, Market Goat, Breeding Goats, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, and Market Swine

Kyle Williams - Red Ribbon – Project: Market Goat, Market Swine, Market Sheep, Crafts, Spirit Award Nominee

Mia Young - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Beef, Market Goat, Breeding Goats, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, and Market Swine



Achievement Banquet Awards Con't.

Wild Things 4-H Club:

Drake Adkins - Blue Ribbon – Project: Market Swine

Tyler Adkins - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Swine,

Briscoe-Solomon Anderson - Blue Ribbon – Project: Breeding Sheep, Market Swine, Food & Nutrition,
Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Dolly Mae Anderson - Blue Ribbon - Projects: Market Swine, Breeding Sheep, Visual Arts, Food & Nutrition,
Sewing, Project pins in Food & Sewing, Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Pheobe-Tate Anderson - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Swine, Breeding Sheep, Spirit Award Nominee

Samuel-Franklin Anderson - Blue Ribbon – Project: Market Swine

Weylin "W" Anderson - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Swine, Bicycle, Project pin in Bicycle

Brooke Buckler - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Market Goats

Jace Buckler - Red Ribbon – Project: Market Swine, Market Chickens and Market Turkeys, Project pin in Poultry

MacKenzie Buckler - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Goat, Market Swine, Spirit Award Nominee

Kamber Hammett - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Horse and Pony, Craft, Woodworking, Spirit Award Nominee

Payton Helmick - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Market Goat, Breeding Goat, Market Sheep, Market Swine, and Crafts

Kenley Mast - Red Ribbon – Projects: Market Beef, Market Goat, Breeding Swine, Market Swine

Wyatt Mast - Red Ribbon – Projects: Market Beef, Market Swine, Breeding Swine

Logan Raley - Red Ribbon – Project: Dairy Goats and Market Sheep

Morgan Raley - Red Ribbon – Projects: Horses, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, Market Swine, Spirit Award &
Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Nathan Raley - Green Ribbon – Projects: Horses, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Outstanding 4-H'er Nominee

Sydney Wise - Blue Ribbon – Projects: Breeding Beef, Market Beef, Market Goat and Leadership, Project pins in
Leadership & Beef



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2023 Fair High Points 4-H Building Divisions:

Poultry - **Johnny Hewitt**
Rabbit - **Madison Arcadipane**
Field and Garden Crops - **Alex Goddard**
Hobbies - **Josephine Stewart**
Crafts - **Savannah Pierce**
Plants & Flowers - **Kyle Van Ryswick**
Textiles - **Dolly-Mae Anderson**
Food Preparation - **Leroy Kershaw**
Food Preservation - **Savannah Pierce**
Photography - **Josephine Stewart**
Creative Drawing and Painting - **Josephine Stewart**
Creative Writing - **Leroy Kershaw**
Animal and Veterinarian Science - **Hailey Hutmaker**
Environmental Science - **Leroy Kershaw**
Science and Technology - **Braden DeGarmo**
Educational Exhibits - **Leroy Kershaw**

VISUAL PRESENTATIONS 2023:

Individual Presentations

Junior Champion - **Leroy Kershaw**
Intermediate Champion - **Delia Vallandingham**

Team Demonstration

Junior Champions - **Leroy Kershaw and Ernest Kershaw**

Animal Demonstrations

Junior Champion - **Leroy Kershaw**
Intermediate Champion **Ryan Cory**

Illustrated Talk

Junior Champion - **James Arcadipane**
Intermediate Champion - **Savannah Pierce**
Senior Champion - **Trent Vallandingham**

OUTSTANDING 4-H BUILDING EXHIBITOR AWARD:

Josephine Stewart

LIVESTOCK JUDGING:

Junior Champion – **Briscoe-Solomon Anderson**
Intermediate Champion – **Dolly-Mae Anderson**
Senior Champion – **Weylin Anderson**

HORTICULTURE JUDGING:

Junior Champion – **Braden DeGarmo**
Intermediate Champion – **Savannah Pierce**
Senior Champion – **Kasey Gatton**

PHOTO CHALLENGE CHAMPION:

Intermediate Champion - **Emma Smith**

HORSE SHOW:

Western Novice Champion - **Malayna Ellis**
Western Youth Champion - **Madison Crawford**

COLONIAL FARM CREDIT SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS:

Beef – **Brooke Buckler**
Dairy Beef – **Derek Van Ryswick**
Slick Sheep – **Hailey Hutmaker**
Wool Sheep – **Isabella Ortega**
Swine – **Kenley Mast**
Dairy Goat – **Thomas Gale**
Meat Goat – **Brooke Buckler**
Horse – **Marlee Groht**



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OUTSTANDING LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR AWARDS:

CATTLE	JUNIOR – Kinsley Farrell
	INTERMEDIATE – Kyle Van Ryswick
	SENIOR – Sydney Wise
GOATS	JUNIOR – Levi Vallandingham
	INTERMEDIATE – Garrett Shaw
	SENIOR – Kasey Gatton
SHEEP	JUNIOR- Hailey Hutmaker
	INTERMEDIATE – Nathan Raley
	SENIOR – Trent Vallandingham
SWINE	JUNIOR – Peyton Hutmaker
	INTERMEDIATE – Delia Vallandingham
	SENIOR – Wyatt Mast
POULTRY	JUNIOR – Braden DeGarmo
	INTERMEDIATE – Susannah Wathen
	SENIOR – Sam Wathen
RABBIT	JUNIOR – Leroy Kershaw
	INTERMEDIATE – Madison Arcadipane
	SENIOR – Mary Muir
HORSE	JUNIOR - Morgan Raley
	INTERMEDIATE - Nathan Raley
	SENIOR - Rylie Dykstra

St. Mary's County Archery Competition:

Junior - Shane Janschek
Intermediate - Emma Smith
Senior - Caylee Rodocker

St. Mary's County Air Rifle Competition:

Junior - Levi Vallandingham
Intermediate - Waylon Starling
Senior - Trent Vallandingham

2023 4-H Spirit Award:

Junior - Hailey Hutmaker
Intermediate - Ryan Cory
Senior - Shay Bjerke

2023 Outstanding 4-H Members:

Delia Vallandingham
Trent Vallandingham

2023 Outstanding 4-H Club:

Tudor Hall 4-H Club

Diamond Clover Awards:

Level 1- AMETHYST

James Arcadipane
Madison Arcadipane
Samuel-Franklin
Anderson
Adriana Costello
Ava Eagan
Laynie Ellis
Kinsley Farrell
Peyton Hutmaker
Leroy Kershaw
Collin Lacey
Declan Lacey
Morgan Raley
Logan Raley
Garrett Shaw
Waylon Starling

Cali Stonesifer

Audrey Trossbach
Sam Wathen
Bruce Wilson

Level 2- AQUAMARINE

Briscoe Solomon
Anderson
Dolly-Mae Anderson
Ryan Cory
Kamber Hammett
Hailey Hutmaker
Nathan Raley
Levi Vallandingham
Sam Wathen
Susannah Wathen

Level 3- RUBY

Tyler Adkins
Shaylyn Bjerke
Jessica Graves
Sam Wathen

Level 4- SAPPHIRE

Kyle Van Ryswick

Level 5- EMERALD

Savannah Pierce
Emma Smith
Josephine Stewart
Delia Vallandingham






4-H Teen Chopped Competition

On March 27, 2024 we had our 4-H Teen Chopped Competition. We had 3 teams that were each given a different basket of ingredients to prepare. They had an hour to cook the food, 10 minutes to plate it and then presented it to the judges.

The 1st place team was "Strawberry No Jam" (Emily Gale, Madison Jordan & Trent Vallandingham). Their ingredients were lamb chops, rice, ranch, green beans, and rolls.

The 2nd place team was the "Yellow Jackets" (Sam Wathen & Mia Young). The ingredients in their basket were ground beef, gnocchi, carrots, graham crackers & rolls.

The 3rd place team was "May  Raw" (Ryan Cory, Delia Vallandingham and Kyle Williams). Their ingredients were chicken, mashed potato flakes, strawberry jam, asparagus and rolls. Everyone had a lot of fun, learned a lot of life skills and tried something new.

A big THANK YOU goes to Hole in the Woods Farm & Meats - Johnny & Janet Butterfield, for donating the meat for the contest, to Amy Williams for planning and organizing the event and to our Judges - Sue Herbert, Jeanne Williams, Andrea Morris, Chloe Williams & Oliver Williams!!





Turkey Shoot

On April 8th, The Mechanicsville Moose 495 sponsored a turkey shoot for the 4-H shooting stars. Mark Wascavage started the event by providing tips for hunter safety. Moose 495 donated \$1800.00 to the club to support their program!





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Petting Zoo at Southern States

The Tudor Hall 4-H Club shared their projects at the Kid's Paint and Plant Spring Event at Southern States on April 29, 2024.



Maryland 4-H Public Speaking Contest



Congrats to all the St. Mary's County 4-H'ers who participated in the MD 4-H Public Speaking Contest!!! We are very proud of you!
April 29, 2024.

Extemporaneous:

Emily Gale - 1st Place & Senior Champion
Ryan Cory - 3rd Place Intermediate
Levi Vallandingham - 3rd Place Junior

Demonstrations:

Morgan Raley - 2nd Place & Reserve Champion Junior

Visual Presentations:

Hailey Hutmaker - 3rd Place Intermediate
Leroy Kershaw - Junior

Prepared Speech:

Kyle VanRyswick - Intermediate

Radio Spots:

Nathan Raley - Senior





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SOMD 4-H Regional Broiler Show and Poultry Day

Congratulations to all of the St. Mary's County 4-H members who participated in the SOMD 4-H regional broiler show and poultry day on May 11, 2024. We greatly appreciate all of the work that went into this event by the organizers!





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STEM Workshop

St. Mary's County 4-Hers visited Carruth and Son Concrete on July 27th for a fun filled STEM experience. Mr. Carruth and his son educated our 4-Hers on the science, technology and math being used to make concrete. They got to see how concrete is made without using technology too! As an added bonus, the Carruth's arranged for Earnshaw Brothers and Superior Structures to demonstrate and educate the kids on making burial vaults, sewer system structures and highway structures built to specific engineering designs to withstand required and expected weight loads. The kids even got to take turns finishing concrete blocks. We cannot thank the Carruth's enough for taking the time out of their busy day to give us a tour and provide such a great educational opportunity. Thank you to Wild Things 4-H Club for organizing this Workshop!





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Overnight Camp—Western Maryland

We had a BLAST at 4-H Overnight Camp from July 28th to August 2nd! The Blue Crabs won the Teamwork Ore for winning 5 out of 9 of the Team Challenges this year! The Orioles and Terrapins tied for second place. Cabin #1 won the Spirit Stick for having the cleanest/neatest cabin and the most camp spirit in their Cabin for the whole week!





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Day Camp

The St. Mary's County 4-H Adventure Days were held from July 1-3, 2024. The youth had fun doing crafts, archery, marksmanship, team building, STEM activities, cooking, herb planting and building on their leadership skills. Thank you to the following 4-H Volunteers who helped to make our Adventure Days possible: Wes Cory, Tammy Faunce, Julie Raley, Liz Ward, Missy Russell, Jamie Fleming & Robert Lee Trossbach. Also, THANK YOU to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department for coming and cooling the kids down during camp!



Horse Showmanship Workshop

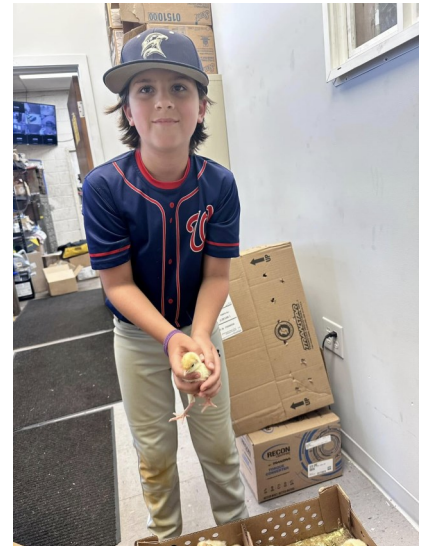
On August 10th, The Stirrup Trouble 4-H Club hosted a workshop to teach 4-H members how to prepare their horse and tack for showing.



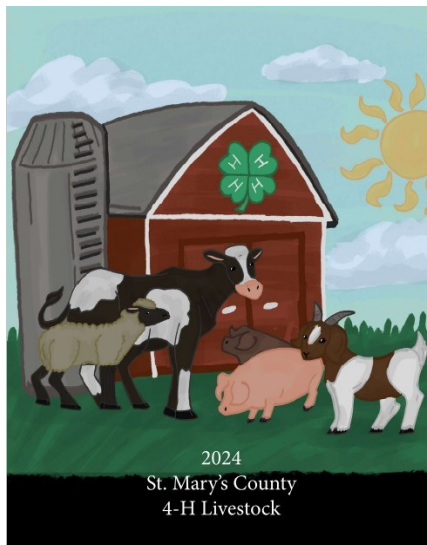


Broiler Poultry Project

The St. Mary's County 4-H Broiler Poultry project began on August 1st.



St. Mary's County 4-H Livestock Book Contest



Congratulations to Madison Jordan from the Chaptico Chargers for having the winning cover design for the St. Mary's County 4-H Livestock Book. Madison received an award of \$50.00 for the design from the Wild Things 4-H Club.

Maryland State Fair Booth



Congratulations to the Wild Things 4-H Club for winning Champion Booth at the Maryland State Fair!!



Service Project

The Wild Things 4-H Club undertook a Service Project of re-doing the announcer's stand in the Livestock Show Ring at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds.

A huge THANK YOU to Brookline Metal Roofing, LLC for donating the metal for the project and for Wayne's Signs for helping with the effort.





Winning Designs and Donations

Congratulations to Delia Vallandingham for having her drawing chosen as the winner to go on the front cover of the St. Mary's County Fair catalog and the Fair T-shirt! She was also given the opportunity to paint her design on a sign to advertise the Fair.



Congratulations to Josephine Stewart for her design winning 2nd place and having her design printed on the Fair's daily program that is handed out to Fair visitors!



Thank you to the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau for the generous donation to our 4-H program!



Maryland 4-H Archery Competition

The MD 4-H Archery Competition was held on September 28th. St. Mary's County 4-H

Compound Bow FITA targets - Junior
3rd place - Shane Janschek

Compound Bow 3D targets - Junior
2nd place - Shane Janschek

Compound Bow Overall - Junior
3rd place - Shane Janschek

Compound Bow FITA targets - Intermediate
3rd place - Declan Lacey

10th place - Emma Smith
18th place - Collin Lacey

Compound Bow 3D targets - Intermediate
1st place - Declan Lacey
10th place - Emma Smith
17th place - Collin Lacey

Compound Bow Overall - Intermediate
2nd place - Declan Lacey
10th place - Emma Smith
18th place - Collin Lacey

Maryland State 4-H Shotgun Competition

Congratulations to Ryan Cory & Declan Lacey on an AMAZING job at the MD State 4-H Shotgun Match!

Declan placed 2nd Overall Intermediate and was 1st place for Sporting Clays, 4th place for Trap & 6th place for Skeet.

Ryan placed 7th Overall Intermediate and was 2nd place for Skeet, 6th place for Trap & 11th place for Sporting Clays.





REPORTER'S NEWS
Shooting Stars 4-H Club Report
May 8, 2024
Submitted By: Logan Raley

Meeting was held May 8th

Before the meeting, we planted flowers in front of the Fair Office. During the meeting we talked about old business. We reviewed past events that club members had participated in or upcoming events to get our members excited to attend. Some ideas we came up with were helping with the container garden at the fairgrounds. We also talked about some really cool field trips we might do. We then continued to talk about many more things. After the meeting adjourned, Mr. Cory taught/reminded us of air rifle safety and Barbara Dobbins taught/reminded us of archery safety. We then were able to use the archery and air rifle equipment in a supervised setting. We have two upcoming archery and air rifle days coming up on May 16th and May 19th.



REPORTER'S NEWS
Wild Things 4-H Club Report
May 15, 2024
Submitted By: Logan Raley

We met on 5/15/2024.

Before the meeting we painted old detergent/milk jugs and made them into recycled bird feeders. The meeting then commenced. We went over the minutes and treasures report both were accepted. We discussed the possibility of changes to the fair classes. The club would really would like to see bred and owned classes be added to the fair. We discussed possible judging practices with all species of animals. We then discussed upgrading the livestock book, to one closer to the livestock auction book Charles county puts out. We would need to sell ads to be able to produce this book. Payton Helmick did a demonstration on market sheep/goats.

Our next meeting will be June 11th



2024 FAIR CHAMPIONS

BEEF

Showmanship

Grand Champion – **Brooke Buckler**
Reserve Grand Champion – **Kinsley Farrell**
Junior Champion – **Kinsley Farrell**
Junior Reserve Champion – **Morgan Raley**
Intermediate Champion – **Kyle Williams**
Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Lane Burroughs**
Senior Champion – **Brooke Buckler**
Senior Reserve Champion – **Wyatt Mast**

Market Steers

Market Steer Grand Champion – **Kinsley Farrell**
Market Steer Reserve Grand Champion – **Brooke Buckler**
Angus Steer Champion – **Kinsley Farrell**
Angus Steer Reserve Champion – **Kinsley Farrell**
Shorthorn Steer Champion – **Mia Young**
Shorthorn Plus Steer Champion – **Brooke Buckler**
Shorthorn Plus Steer Reserve Champion – **Nathan Raley**
Crossbred Steer Champion – **Wyatt Mast**
Crossbred Steer Reserve Champion – **Brooke Buckler**

Bred & Owned Market Steers

Bred & Owned Champion - **Nathan Raley**

Commercial/Breeding Heifers

Best of Show Heifer – **Kinsley Farrell**
Angus Heifer Champion – **Kinsley Farrell**
Chianina Heifer Champion – **Brooke Buckler**
Shorthorn Plus Heifer Champion – **Morgan Raley**
Crossbred Heifer Champion – **Lane Burroughs**
Crossbred Heifer Reserve Champion – **Brooke Buckler**

SWINE

Showmanship

Grand Champion – **Wyatt Mast**
Reserve Grand Champion – **Kenley Mast**
Junior Champion – **Kenley Mast**
Junior Reserve Champion – **Lane Mast**
Intermediate Champion – **Jace Buckler**
Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Mackenzie Buckler**
Senior Champion – **Wyatt Mast**
Senior Reserve Champion – **Brooke Buckler**

Market Hogs: Grand Champion – **Wyatt Mast**

Reserve Grand Champion – **Kenley Mast**

Pair of Market Hogs: Grand Champion – **Peyton Hutmaker**

Reserve Grand Champion – **Declan Lacey**

Bred & Owned Market Hogs: Champion – **Kenley Mast**

Reserve Champion – **Wyatt Mast**

Breeding Swine: Best of Show Boar – **Kyle Van Ryswick**

Best of Show Sow – **Kenley Mast**

Spot Sow Champion – **Wyatt Mast**

GOAT

Showmanship - Meat Goats

Grand Champion – **Wyatt Mast**
Reserve Grand Champion – **Madison Jordan**
Junior Champion – **Kenley Mast**
Junior Reserve Champion – **Chloe Williams**
Intermediate Champion – **Payton Helmick**
Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Haley Hutmaker**
Senior Champion – **Wyatt Mast**
Senior Reserve Champion – **Madison Jordan**

Showmanship - Dairy Goats

Grand Champion – **Emily Gale**
Reserve Grand Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**
Junior Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**
Junior Reserve Champion – **Levi Vallandingham**
Intermediate Champion – **Garrett Shaw**
Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Logan Raley**
Senior Champion – **Emily Gale**

Market Goats

Grand Champion – **Wyatt Mast**
Reserve Grand Champion – **Kenley Mast**

Pair of Market Goats

Grand Champion – **Lashia Jordan**
Reserve Grand Champion – **Sydney Wise**

Bred & Owned Market Goats

Champion – **Sydney Wise**
Reserve Campion - **Maci Burroughs**

Meat Breeding Goats

Best of Show Meat Goat – **Sydney Wise**
Boer 100% Champion – **Sydney Wise**
Boer 75% Champion – **Sydney Wise**
Boer 75% Reserve Champion – **Madison Jordan**
Boer Cross Female Champion – **Kyle Van Ryswick**
Boer Cross Female Reserve Champion – **Lashia Jordan**
Myotonic Female Champion – **Susannah Wathen**
Myotonic Female Reserve Champ. – **Samuel Wathen**

Dairy Breeding Goats

Best of Show Dairy Goat – **Joseph Gale**
Alpine Grand Champion – **Garrett Shaw**
Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion – **Emily Gale**
Nubian Grand Champion – **Logan Raley**
Oberhasli Grand Champion

– **Joseph Gale**

Saanen Grand Champion Female

– **Leroy Kershaw**

Recorded Grade Grand Champion

- **Leroy Kershaw**



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SHEEP

Showmanship

Slick Shorn Reserve Grand Champion – **Morgan Raley**
 Wool Grand Champion – **Isabella Ortega**
 Wool Reserve Grand Champion – **Dolly-Mae Anderson**
 Junior Slick Shorn Champion – **Morgan Raley**
 Junior Slick Shorn Reserve Champion – **Chloe Williams**
 Junior Wool Champion – **Isabella Ortega**
 Junior Wool Reserve Champ. – **Briscoe-Solomon Anderson**
 Intermediate Slick Shorn Champion – **Payton Helmick**
 Inter. Slick Shorn Reserve Champ. – **Hailey Hutmaker**
 Intermediate Wool Champion – **Dolly-Mae Anderson**
 Senior Slick Shorn Reserve Champion – **Mia Young**
Pair of Market Lambs: Reserve Champ. – **Hailey Hutmaker**

Bred & Owned Market Sheep

Champion – **Declan Lacey**

Reserve Champion – **Collin Lacey**

Commercial/Breeding Sheep

Best of Show Ewe – **Chloe Williams**

Best of Show Ram – **Collin Lacey**

Dorset Ewe Champion – **Brooklyn Lacey**

Cotswold Ewe Champion – **Isabella Ortega**

Hog Island Ram Champion – **Dolly-Mae Anderson**

Hog Island Ewe Champion – **Dolly-Mae Anderson**

Oxford Ewe Champion – **Briscoe-Solomon Anderson**

Oxford Ewe Reserve Champion – **Dolly-Mae Anderson**

Teeswater Ewe Champion – **Levi Vallandingham**

Crossbred Ram Champion – **Collin Lacey**

Crossbred Ram Reserve Champion – **Nathan Raley**

Commercial Crossbred Ewe Champion – **Chloe Williams**

Commercial Cross Ewe Reserve Champ. – **Chloe Williams**

POULTRY

Junior Champion – **Briscoe-Solomon Anderson**

Junior Reserve Champion – **Gunnar Anderson**

Jr. Pen of 3 Market Reserve Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**

EGGS

Junior Champion – **Brooklyn Lacey**

Senior Champion – **Jessica Graves**

Senior Reserve Champion – **Alexander Goddard**

RABBITS

Junior Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**

Junior Reserve Champion – **John Hewitt**

Intermediate Champion – **Kyle Van Ryswick**

Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Garrett Shaw**

Senior Champion – **Mary Muir**

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Junior Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**

Junior Reserve Champion – **John Hewitt**

Senior Champion – **Mary Muir**

FIELD CROPS

HAY - Senior Champion – **Alex Goddard**

GRAIN - Junior Champion – **Hayden Trossbach**

Senior Champion – **Matthew Van Ryswick**

GARDEN CROPS—Junior Champion – **John Trossbach**

Junior Reserve Champion – **Audrey Trossbach**

Intermediate Champion – **Josephine Stewart**

Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Josephine Dyson**

Senior Champion – **Alex Goddard**

Senior Reserve Champion – **Alex Goddard**

HERBS - DRY Intermediate Champion – **Savannah Pierce**

Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Savannah Pierce**

HERBS - FRESH

Junior Champion – **Cali Stonesifer**

Intermediate Champion – **Savannah Pierce**

Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Josephine Stewart**

FRUIT & NUT

Junior Champion – **Audrey Trossbach**

Junior Reserve Champion – **John Trossbach**

HOBBIES

Junior Champion – **Braden DeGarmo**

Junior Reserve Champion – **Olivia Faunce**

Intermediate Champion – **Savannah Pierce**

Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Delia Vallandingham**

Senior Champion – **Kyle Russell**

Senior Reserve Champion – **Jessica Graves**

CRAFTS

Junior Champion – **Kinsley Farrell**

Junior Reserve Champion – **Kinsley Farrell**

Intermediate Champion – **Declan Lacey**

Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Delia Vallandingham**

Senior Champion – **Kyle Russell**

Senior Reserve Champion – **Shaylyn Bjerke**

PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Junior Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**

Junior Reserve Champion – **Cali Stonesifer**

Intermediate Champion – **Collin Lacey**

Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Kyle Van Ryswick**

Senior Champion – **Paige Hicks**

Senior Reserve Champion – **Kyle Russell**

TEXTILES

Junior Champion – **Olivia Faunce**

Junior Reserve Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**

Intermediate Champion

– **Dolly-Mae Anderson**

Intermediate Reserve Champion

– **Susannah Wathen**

Senior Champion

– **Alexander Goddard**



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FOOD PREPARATION

Junior Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **Rowan Rivera**
 Intermediate Champion – **Hailey Hutmaker**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Emma Smith**
 Senior Champion – **Mia Williams**
 Senior Reserve Champion – **Madison Jordan**

FOOD PRESERVATION

Junior Champion – **Peyton Hutmaker**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **Ella Hancock**
 Intermediate Champion – **Savannah Pierce**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Susannah Wathen**
 Senior Champion – **Jessica Graves**

PHOTOGRAPHY

Junior Champion – **Braden DeGarmo**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**
 Intermediate Champion – **Savannah Pierce**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Josephine Stewart**
 Senior Champion – **Jessica Graves**
 Senior Reserve Champion – **Adriana Costello**

CREATIVE DRAWING AND PAINTING

Junior Champion – **Darwin Myers**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**
 Intermediate Champion – **Josephine Stewart**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Delia Vallandingham**
 Senior Champion – **Madison Jordan**
 Senior Reserve Champion – **Adriana Costello**

CREATIVE WRITING

Junior Reserve Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**
 Intermediate Champion – **Josephine Stewart**

ANIMAL/VET SCIENCE

Junior Champion – **Peyton Hutmaker**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **Braden DeGarmo**
 Intermediate Champion – **Hailey Hutmaker**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Hailey Hutmaker**
 Senior Champion – **Shaylyn Bjerke**
 Senior Reserve Champion – **Shaylyn Bjerke**

NATURAL RESOURCES

Junior Champion – **Levi Vallandingham**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **Callie Guy**
 Intermediate Champion – **Savannah Pierce**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Hailey Hutmaker**

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Junior Champion – **Braden DeGarmo**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **Braden DeGarmo**
 Intermediate Champion – **Kamber Hammett**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Kamber Hammett**
 Senior Champion – **Trent Vallandingham**

HONEY/BEESWAX

Senior Champion – **Matthew Van Ryswick**
 Senior Reserve Champion – **Matthew Van Ryswick**

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Junior Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **James Arcadipane**

POULTRY

Junior Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**

RABBITS

Junior Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **Olivia Faunce**
 Intermediate Champion – **Madison Arcadipane**

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Intermediate Champion – **Emma Smith**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Josephine Stewart**

DIVISION 17 - CLUB PROMOTION, CLUB BOOTH

CLUB BOOTH

Champion – **Crazy Critters**
 Reserve Champion – **Tudor Hall**

CLUB BANNER

Champion – **Stirrup Trouble**
 Reserve Champion – **Wild Things**

CLUB SCRAPBOOK

Champion – **Chaptico Chargers**
 Reserve Champion – **Crazy Critters**

GROUP CLUB PROJECTS

Champion – **Wild Things**

CLUB FLOATS

Champion – **Crazy Critters**
 Reserve Champion – **Tudor Hall**

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Clover Champion – **Pierce Helmick**
 Junior Champion – **Audrey Trossbach**
 Intermediate Champion – **Hailey Hutmaker**

Senior Champion – **Sam Wathen**

HORTICULTURE JUDGING

Clover Champion – **Zayne DeGarmo**
 Junior Champion – **Braden DeGarmo**
 Intermediate Champion – **Lillth Carroll**
 Senior Champion – **Lashia Jordan**



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VISUAL PRESENTATIONS

Individual Demonstrations

Junior Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **Ella Hancock**
 Intermediate Champion – **Susannah Wathen**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Madison Arcadipane**

Team Demonstrations

Team Champions – **Morgan Raley, Logan Raley & Nathan Raley**

Animal Demonstrations

Junior Champion – **Leroy Kershaw**
 Junior Champion - **Morgan Raley**
 Intermediate Champion – **Hailey Hutmaker**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Ryan Cory**
 Senior Champion – **Samuel Wathen**

Illustrated Talk

Clover Champion – **Ernest Kershaw**
 Junior Champion – **Peyton Hutmaker**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **James Arcadipane**
 Intermediate Champion – **Savannah Pierce**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Madison Arcadipane**

PHOTO CHALLENGE

Junior Champion – **Braden DeGarmo**
 Junior Reserve Champion – **Evan Hancock**
 Intermediate Champion – **Emma Smith**
 Intermediate Reserve Champion – **Lillith Carroll**

4-H HORSE SHOW: WESTERN NOVICE

Champion – **Lucy Long**
 Reserve Champion – **Malayna Ellis**

WESTERN YOUTH

Champion – **Lillian Hayden**
 Reserve Champion – **Paityn Dykstra**

SHOWMANSHIP

Reserve Champion - **Paityn Dykstra**

ENGLISH NOVICE

Champion - **Savanna Stadnicki**

ENGLISH YOUTH

Reserve Champion - **Ryli Dykstra**

NOVICE TRAIL

Reserve Champion – **Karlee Schroth**

2024 Grand Champion Market Animals



Grand Champion Steer
 - **Kinsley Farrell**

Grand Champion Lamb
 - **Bella Verdigione**

Grand Champion Goat
 - **Wyatt Mast**

Grand Champion Hog
 - **Wyatt Mast**

Thank you to Jeff @ Blue Moon Photo Studios for taking this picture for us!



REPORTER'S NEWS

South County Patriots 4-H Club Report

October 20, 2024

Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on October 20, 2024 in Ridge, MD. The meeting was called to order by Emma Smith, Vice President, at 3:20 pm. The meeting opened with the pledges. Emma Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Josephine Stewart led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by 7 members. The roll call question of the day was "What is your favorite Halloween candy?"

Waylon Starling read the Treasurer Report to provide the club info on the balance in the bank account, how much is still set aside for camp funds from the last fundraiser, and how much is available for expenditure.

Old business:

- The State Archery contest was held and Emma Smith placed 10th in Intermediate.
- The fair went well and the club's earned a good amount of money from the cake auction. Heather said she was happy with the club's participation in the special contests this year. At the leader's meeting it was asked that the clubs are more mindful of monitoring the building when it's their turn since some items were touched and a few were even taken.

New business:

- The dates for overnight camp are out, day camp is still TBD.
- There is a STEAM festival at the fairgrounds on Oct 26th. Both leaders will be out of town so we won't have a table but members may want to attend.
- The 4-H open house will be November 4th at the fairgrounds. Both leaders will be there if anyone is available to come by and sit at the table.
- The Volunteer and Teen forum is November 23rd and 24th in Ocean City. Lisa and Emma Smith will be going.
- The county's quarter auction will be Dec 8th at the fairgrounds. Many members plan to go.
- December meeting- the club had a discussion for what they wanted to do for the December meeting/club Christmas party. It was decided that December 6th was the best date and that the club wants to do an escape room and have pizza at Slice House. Heather will work on setting this up. Everyone who wants to play a gift exchange game should bring one gift valued at \$15.
- 2025 Plans and Officers- at the December meeting we will vote for 2025 Officers so everyone should start thinking about what job they might want to do next year. We will also discuss 2025 plans.
- Record Books will be due to the 4-H office in January, all members should be continually working those so that it is not a last minute emergency

After the business meeting was adjourned, the club enjoyed a potluck dinner and desserts and then gathered to listen to the following demonstrations and then rotated through stations to complete the crafts that went with them to take home.

- Waylon Starling and Cali Stonesifer both completed demonstrations on Archery. Club members learned the basics of archery scoring, how to use a bow, the different types of bows, the parts of a bow, and basic bow maintenance that should be completed.

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October 20, 2024
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

- Cali Stonesifer completed a demonstration on Air Rifle. Club members learned the parts of an Air Rifle and the basic rules to follow.
- Emma Smith provided an art demonstration on the Types of Paints and Their Uses. Club members learned about Acrylic, Watercolor, Tempera, and Oil paints and used acrylics to paint a mini pumpkin in the design of their choice.
- Bruce Wilson completed a craft demonstration on how to use bleach on black fabric to make a fall design. Club members learned how to dip leaves into a bowl of bleach and then place on their t-shirt or hoodie in the design they want and then cover with parchment paper and iron to heat set the design.
- Waylon Starling completed a craft demonstration on paracord bracelets. Club members learned how to cut the paracord, use a lighter to fuse, use the machine that Waylon brought to hold their materials still while braiding their designs and attach their clasps.





Maryland 4-H Pet Costume Contest

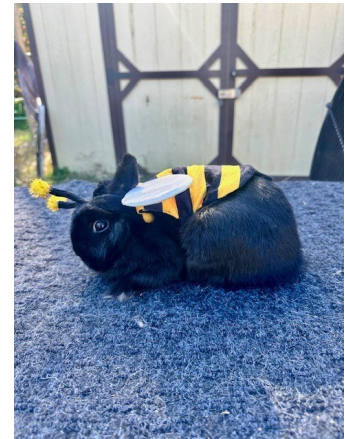
Tudor Hall 4-H Club hosted a virtual pet costume contest! Below are St. Mary's Counties entries.



Cali dressed her duck, Petrie, as a beach babe.



Leroy dressed his rabbit, Otter, as a hot dog.



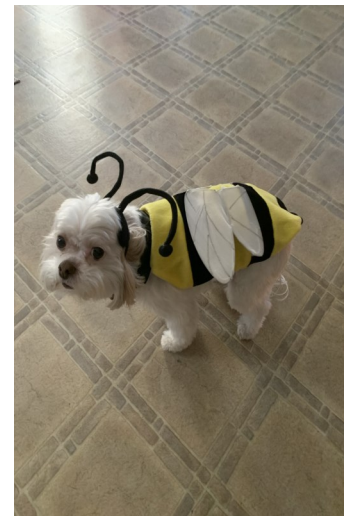
Ernest dressed his rabbit, Fuzzy, as a bumble bee.



Emma dressed her cat, Sugar, as tweety bird.



Olivia dressed her cat, Wybie, as a wizard.



Mason dressed his dog, Harvest as a bee.

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Madison dressed her bearded dragon, Stitch, as a pumpkin.



Emma dressed her cat, Cinnamon, as tweety bird.



Prancer as Lilo with her Stitch, Ava.



"Marshal" Susannah is pictured with Lilee, the pony, who is dressed as a "Candy corn Thief"



Karlee dressed her dog, Skippie, as a chicken.

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Kyle dressed his dog, Barlee, up as a cowgirl.



LJ's horse, Shrek, is dressed in a pony 4 sale costume with a beat up rider. His sign reads: Great with kids & bomb-proof.



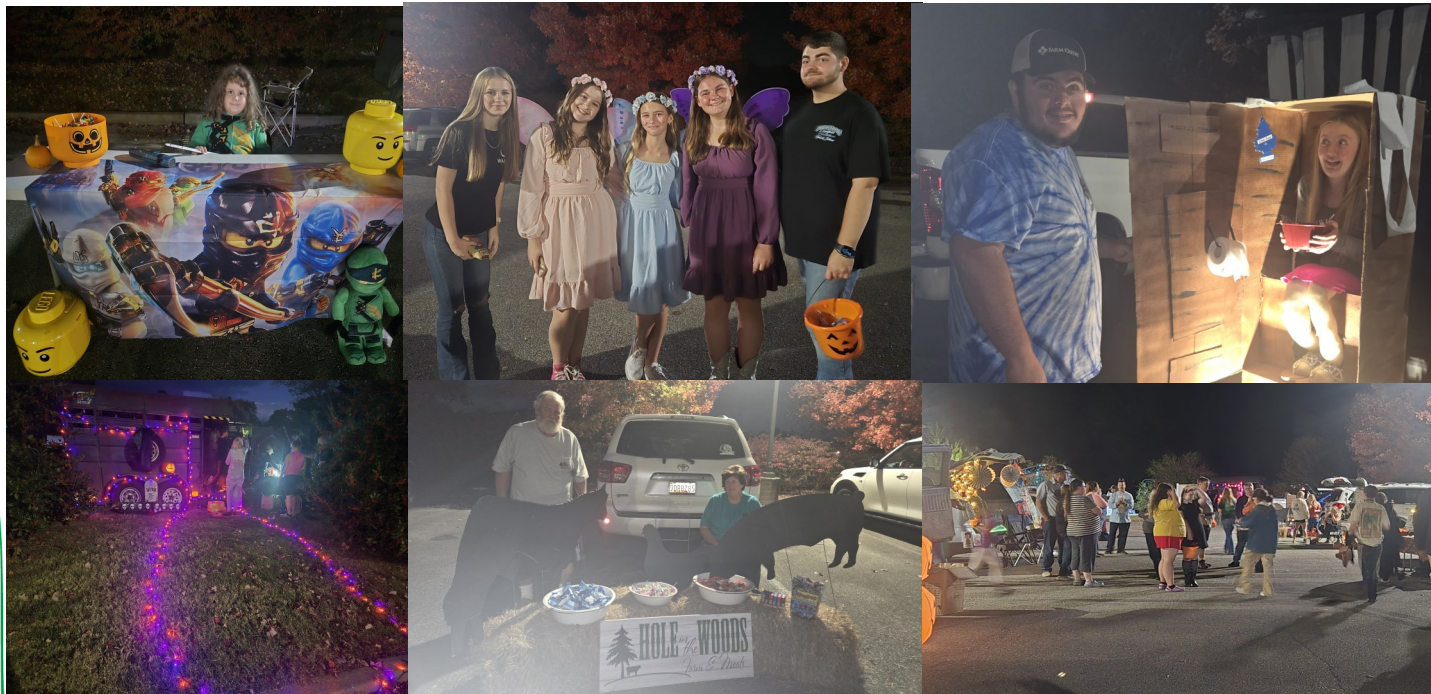
Karlee with her horse, Lena, that is dressed as an angel.



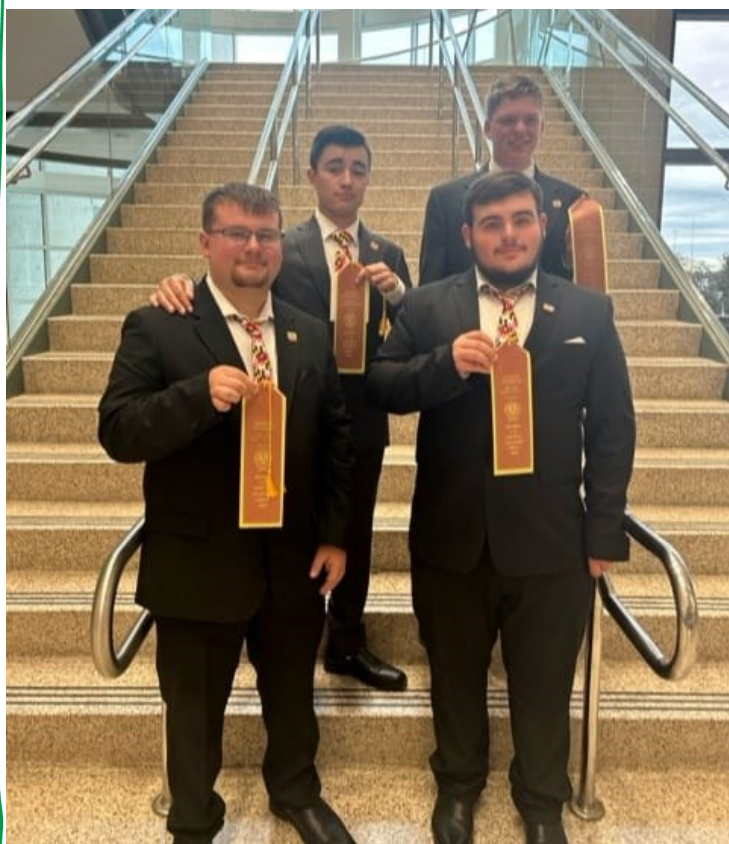
Josephine's dog, Skipper, is dressed up as a Beanie Baby.



Tudor Hall 4-H Club hosts Trunk or Treat



Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team



Congrats to the Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team for placing 8th as a Team in Quality Assurance and 13th place Team Overall at the National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY!! The team consisted of Trent Vallandingham (St. Mary's Co.), Robbie Abell (Charles Co.), Liam Grogan (Frederick Co.) and Blaine Boyden (Charles Co.). A BIG THANK YOU to their coaches Jeanne Williams & Lauren Mohler!!





REPORTER'S NEWS
Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report
November 15, 2024
Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The November meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H club was held on November 15, 2024 at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kyle R. and the 4-H Pledge was led by Trent V. Roll was called and everyone answered the question, "What is your favorite holiday?". The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Demonstrations for this meeting were:

Isabella: Trimming Hooves, Delia: 10 breeds of goats, swine digestive system, James: How a shotgun works, respiratory system of chickens, Braden: turkey processing, wiring a drop-light, small engine filters, my woodworking project, Madison: cardiovascular system of chickens, companion plants, Emily G.: public speaking, dairy goats, showing market goats, Leroy: washing broiler chickens, my photography, my insect collection and palmer amaranth.

Under old business we discussed the fair and heard from many members who had a lot of fun. Our club won Reserve Champion on our booth and scrapbook and second place on our parade float. We discussed the cake auction and thanked our two bakers, Lillith C. and Kyle R. Congratulations to Sam W. for best in show senior photography and Leroy K. for honorable mention junior art in the MD Equine visual arts contest. Club members; Leroy and Ernest K. and Susannah W. helped with Farm to School at Leonardtown Elementary and Dynard Elementary. On September 24th Susannah W., Leroy and Ernest K. attended the county commissioner meeting where the farm to school program was recognized with a proclamation. On October 8th, Delia V., Levi V., Colby V., Susannah W., Leroy K. and Ernest K attended the county commissioner meeting where National 4-H week was recognized with a proclamation. Thank you to those who brought animals to assist Southern States with their fall kids day. We then discussed our bake sale and animal showcase we had at Tractor Supply in Charlotte Hall. Thank you to all who made baked goods, brought animals to share with the public and helped run our stand. The St. Mary's County 4-H Trunk or Treat was held on November 1st at the 4-H office. There was a costume contest, lots of creative trunks and games as well. Everyone really liked it and liked the new location as well. Members of our club assisted with the St. Mary's County 4-H Open house held on November 4th.

Our club hosted the MD 4-H Pet Costume Contest where people from counties all over Maryland entered photos of their pets dressed in costumes to compete for the grand prize. Magnolia from Charles County and her hedgehog Georgina won the contest!

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Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report

November 15, 2024

Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

Under new business, we discussed upcoming events. A quarter auction to benefit the St. Mary's County 4-H program will be held on Sunday, December 8th at the SMC Fairgrounds. The doors will open at noon with the auction starting at 1PM. Our club needs to donate two dozen wrapped baked goods for concessions and a themed gift basket for the silent auction. Next, we discussed our upcoming officer election. Each of our officers told everyone about their job duties. Next, we accepted nominations for officers. We will be voting on our 2025 officers at our December meeting. Next, we voted to exchange names for secret santa again this year. The spending limit is \$15-\$25. We decided that the club would buy pizza and chicken for the Christmas party again this year and every family will bring sides, desserts and drinks. We will be collecting nonperishable food for our food drive at our Christmas party. The holiday workshop will be held on December 7th. We changed the time of the holiday workshop to the evening so members could assist with the Southern States Christmas Open House with their animals. Olivia F. plans to bring her rabbits and Leroy and Ernest K. will bring animals as well. On December 14th, Tractor Supply in Charlotte Hall invited us to have a bake sale, hot cocoa stand and bring our animals to share with the public. Anyone able to bring wrapped baked goods or hot cocoa supplies for this event would be great. Congratulations and Good luck to Trent V. on his trip to compete in the National Livestock Skillathon contest in Kentucky!

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party which will be held on December 13th at 6pm in Tolerance Hall at the fairgrounds. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm. Thank you to Delia and Trent V. for leading us in camp songs!



Community Service

Over the last month, Crazy Critter's 4-H Club has been working on a Community Service project of collecting canned & boxed food. On November 23rd, they sorted the items that they had collected and donated it to St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen. Thank you for helping those in need, in our community!





"Let's Bake" Workshop

"Learn By Doing"---that's exactly what the Wild Things 4-H Club members did on December 1st. They held a "Let's Bake" workshop in which their club members learned to bake Maple Cinnamon Rolls. The club made 132 pans of delicious maple cinnamon rolls. A huge thank you to Leonardtown Baptist Church for allowing them to use their commercial kitchen. A huge thank you to the Anderson Family for teaching them to make and bake cinnamon rolls.





Thanksgiving Time = Turkey Time!



This year we had 8 youth raise 65 turkeys for Thanksgiving Dinner!

MD 4-H Equine Visual Arts Contest

Congratulations to our St. Mary's County 4-H'ers who competed in the MD 4-H Equine Visual Arts Contest!



Junior Fine Art
Honorable Mention:
Leroy Kershaw



Junior Fine Art
Best in Show:
Lucy Long



Senior Photography
Best in Show:
Samuel Wathen



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*****Don't forget to check with your 4-H Club Leader so you know when your Record Book is due to them. All 4-H youth, ages 8 to 18, who exhibited in the 2024 St. Mary's County Fair are required to complete and submit a Record Book with those project records, in order to be able to exhibit at the 2025 St. Mary's County Fair. If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H office at susanv@umd.edu.**



Calling One & All!

Have you filled out the 2024 St. Mary's County 4-H Fair Survey out yet??? We want to hear from youth, parents, volunteers, etc. Here's the link: [2024 Fair Survey](#).

Upcoming Events:

1/15/25 - Completed 2024 Diamond Clover Reports are due to the 4-H Office

1/18/25 - Officer's Training @ 10 am in Tolerance Hall - Fairgrounds

1/22/25 - UME Town Hall 5:30-7:30 pm - Ag. Services Conf. Room

2/3/25 - Leader's Meeting @6pm - Ag. Services Conference Room

2/16/25 - MD 4-H State Achievement Program - MD State Fairgrounds

3/15/25 - 2025 Diamond Clover Plans are due to the 4-H Office

3/15/25 - County Achievement Banquet - Ridge Firehouse

5/21 & 5/22/25 - Market Hog, Goat & Sheep Weigh-In @ Fairgrounds

7/6 to 7/11/25 - SMC 4-H Overnight Camp in Western MD

