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REPORTER'S NEWS Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report January 19, 2024 Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The January meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H club was held on Friday January 19th, 2024 at Tolerance Hall at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by our President, Sam Wathen. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by Trent Vallandingham. The 4-H pledge was said by Kyle VanRyswick. Roll was called and members answered the question, "What is your favorite season?". The treasurer's report was read and accepted. An illustrated talk was given by Leroy Kershaw on his "Baby Bunnies".

Under old business we talked about steer weigh in. Then we talked about Officers Training. All of our new officers attended including; Sam Wathen, Delia Vallandingham, Madison Arcadipane, James Arcadipane, Kyle Williams, Leroy Kershaw and Chloe Williams. Next, Kyle and Chloe Williams told the club about the livestock knowledge series hosted by the County 4-H Office that many of our club members have been attending.

Under new business, we sent around a paper for volunteers to track how many hours they have spent volunteering with 4-H. We heard from our leaders about an upcoming public speaking workshop and future livestock knowledge workshop sessions. Our club discussed our yearly plan and we had many volunteers to host different activities for our members. Mrs. Williams spoke about upcoming 4-H teen events. Next meeting, we will have a valentine exchange. Leroy and Ernest Kershaw brought snacks and drinks to share this meeting. Snacks and drinks for the next meeting will be brought by Kyle Russell.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm. Our meeting activities were rabbit jumping, rabbit skillathon practice, and taking down the Tolerance Hall Christmas tree. Leroy and Ernest Kershaw, Sam and Susannah Wathen and Mackenzie and Michael Caywood each brought their rabbits to practice rabbit jumping. We also brought winter weather items such as hats and gloves to donate to the needy.

Our next meeting will be held on February 16th at 6:30pm at Tolerance Hall at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds.



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Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report—Livestock Knowledge Session
February 8, 2024
Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

A Livestock Knowledge Workshop hosted by the County 4-H Office was held Thursday, February 8th in the Soil Conservation Conference Room at the 4-H Office. The meeting started at 6pm. Attendees were: Trent, Delia and Levi Vallandingham, Morgan, Logan and Nathan Raley, Leroy and Ernest Kershaw, Trenton Ridgell, Kinsley Farrell, Hailey and Peyton Hutmaker, Shay Bjerke, Makenzie and Michael Caywood, Bella and Guils Ortega and Ryan Cory. Makenzie Caywood did an illustrated talk on Blue Tongue Disease. We watched a video on swine ear notching. Then we did an activity of identifying different pig ear notches. We then practiced going through skillathon stations such as: equipment identification, feed identification, breed identification, and parts of livestock. We broke out into groups and played livestock jeopardy.

The next Livestock Knowledge Workshop will be held on February 15th from 6pm-8pm in the Soil Conservation Conference Room.



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REPORTER'S NEWS Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report February 16, 2024 Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The February meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H Club was held on February 16th, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm. Trent Vallandingham led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Jessica Graves led us in the 4-H pledge. Madison Arcadipane read the Secretaries report which was accepted as read. James Arcadipane read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as read. Demonstrations were given by Lilly Barrowclough on her Leopard Gecko and Delia Vallandingham on How to make a Forged Rose.

Under old business, we discussed the upcoming public speaking contest. Delia Vallandingham told the club about the different kinds of speeches you can give. Next, we talked about the Livestock Knowledge Series being held at the 4-H office.

Under new business, we discussed the annual 4-H achievement banquet that will be held on March 16th. The 4-H office is looking for volunteers to help with a few different jobs at the banquet.

Susan reminded us to make sure everyone is enrolled in 4-H online for 2024. Next, we asked all members to come to the back hall so that we could discuss our Friend of 4-H selection and gift ideas. The state livestock skillathon contest will be held on March 2nd. Delia Vallandingham and Kyle Williams told our members about the contest. Susan and Cathy told us what was discussed at the last leaders' meeting. We sent around a sheet for all parents to report their volunteer hours.

We will not be having a March club meeting due to the banquet being on the 3rd Saturday. Thank you to Kyle Russell who brought snacks and drinks to share. After the meeting we had a Valentine exchange where all members brought their own valentine boxes and everyone brought valentines for each other. It was a lot of fun! Lilly Barrowclough taught us all how to draw a valentine brachiosaurus drawing. Then we painted them with watercolor paints.



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REPORTER'S NEWS Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report April 19, 2024 Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The April meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H Club was held on Friday, April 19th, 2024 at Briar Branch Alpaca Farm. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Sam Wathen. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by Trent Vallandingham. The 4-H Pledge was said by Jessica Graves. Roll was called and members answered the question, "What is your favorite livestock?". Madison Arcadipane read the Secretaries report which was accepted as read. James Arcadipane read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as read.

Under old business, we discussed the Maryland state livestock skillathon competition. Trent, Delia, Levi and Colby Vallandingham told us how they did at the skillathon. Bella Ortega, Chloe and Kyle Williams also attended the state skillathon competition from our club. Next, we discussed the 2024 St. Mary's County 4-H achievement banquet. Then we discussed the St. Mary's County public speaking contest that was held on March 22, 2024. Trent, Delia and Levi Vallandingham, Leroy Kershaw, Emily Gale and Kyle VanRyswick all competed in the contest. We also discussed the Spring Workshop that our club hosted on March 28th. Our last discussion in old business was the plant and bake sale we held at Russell Brothers Farm and Meats in Morganza. Thank you, Russell Brothers!

Under new business, we discussed a Mother's Day activity that will be held at Southern States on April 27th where we can bring animals to share with the public. On May 1st there will be a regional Broiler show and poultry day at the fairgrounds. We learned about the market goat, lamb and hog weigh in that will be held on May 22nd and 23rd. Snacks were brought by Kyle and Chloe Williams and drinks were brought by Jessica Graves.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. Thank you to Mrs. Dana Russell who taught us all about alpacas and their fiber at our meeting! Our community service activity for this month was non-perishable food collection and Eggs for an Eggs-cellent cause led by Leroy and Ernest Kershaw. Our poultry members donated their extra eggs and others provided non-perishable food to benefit St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen.



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REPORTER'S NEWS Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report June 28, 2024 Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The June meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H club was held on June 28, 2024 virtually on zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by Kyle Russell and the 4-H Pledge was said by James Arcadipane. The roll call question was, "Have you gone swimming this summer?". The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted by Delia Vallandingham and Ernest Kershaw. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted by Leroy Kershaw and Elizabeth Butterfield. A demonstration was given by Elizabeth Butterfield on her Netherland Dwarf rabbit.

Under old business, we discussed Spring show that was held on May 31st-June 2nd. We discussed and voted on a theme for our booth and float. We learned that the auction at this years fair is going to start at 5pm and goats will be sold by the head.

Under new business, we discussed hosting a county event and shared ideas of events we thought would be fun for all. We discussed changes to the picture backdrop for the fair. Breeding forms are due by July 1st. Next, we talked about the livestock auction booklet and due dates for ads, thank you and pictures to be included. Lastly, we went over what was discussed at the leaders meeting and discussed watching the 4-H building at the fair.

Our next meeting will be held on July 26th at the fairgrounds. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.



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REPORTER'S NEWS Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report July 26, 2024 Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The July meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H Club was held on July 26, 2024 in the pavilion at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Susannah Wathen and the 4-H pledge was led by Matthew Van Ryswick. The roll call question was "What is your favorite thing you have done so far this summer?" Minutes of the last meeting were accepted by Matthew Van Ryswick and seconded by Delia Vallandingham. The treasurer's report was read and accepted by Matthew Van Ryswick and seconded by Jessica Graves.

The following demonstrations were given by members: Braden DeGarmo on chicken processing, Jessica Graves on market goats, market hogs, swine pox and photography. Susannah Wathen on her goat obstacle course.

Under old business we discussed future county 4-H events we would like to plan. We discussed the picture backdrop for the St. Mary's County Fair.

Under new business we voted on hosting a county 4-H trunk or treat again this year. We went over our clubs responsibilities during our time to watch the 4-H building at the fair. We made sure everyone in the club had received the 4-H fair book via email and understood where to find the open fair book to enter their entries. Congratulations to Delia Vallandingham for winning the fair book cover contest! Next, we collected volunteer hours. Then, we discussed ordering club shirts. Everyone wanted to buy a new club shirt. We voted on our favorite design, discussed pricing and collected sizes.

After our meeting, we made candy salad with candy that each member brought with them to the meeting. Each member lined up and stated their name and the candy they had brought then dumped it into a big bowl. Delia mixed it all up and helped to get each member a bag of candy salad to take home. Everyone really enjoyed this!

Our next meeting will be on August 16th at 6:30pm at Tolerance Hall at the Fairgrounds. Thank you to the Faunce's and the Kershaw's for bringing snacks and drinks to celebrate the birthdays of Olivia, Leroy and Elizabeth. We sang happy birthday to them and our meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.



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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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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!