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**REPORTER'S NEWS**  
**South County Patriots 4-H Club Report**  
**January 22, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on January 22, 2023 at 2 pm at the Ridge Firehouse. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson at 2:04 pm. Roll call was answered by 7 members. There were three new club members in attendance. Savannah Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kayla Wilson led the 4-H Pledge. The 4-H Pledge was recited twice with an explanation of the hand movements for the benefit of the new members.

Heather Pierce provided an explanation of Robert's Rules and how they are used in club meetings. A hand out was provided for club members to read if they would like more details. Emma Smith provided the Treasurer Report for the month of December.

For Old Business we discussed that record books are due to the 4-H office by January 31 and they must be submitted by a 4-H Leader. Anyone who does not submit a record book cannot enter exhibits in the fair the following year in 4-H. All but one person who is turning in a record book had it with them.

For New Business we discussed multiple topics. All club members should 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 Pierce gave all club members copies of the 2023 plans and reviewed them with members and parents to make sure there were no issues that have come up since the last business meeting. The Firehouse is reserved for all months that the club will have business meetings. The 4-H banquet will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ridge Firehouse. Heather Pierce explained to the new members what the banquet is and what kinds of things members can be recognized for at the banquet. Three volunteers are needed to work the registration table. Emma, Savannah, and Josi will volunteer.

Diamond Clover forms and FAQs were discussed and handed out for those who needed them. The club decided last year that a quarter auction fundraiser would be held this year and all funds raised would go towards 4-H camp for any club members who wanted to go. Heather Pierce will get the event scheduled and paid for before the next meeting. Heather Pierce asked the club members to think about what month this year they want to complete their demonstrations and let her know at the next meeting. Emma Smith will complete the demonstration for February. Lisa Smith provided club members with information and flyers about the 4-H events that are coming up this year and answered any questions everyone had.

The next meeting will be on February 26th at 2pm at the Ridge Firehouse. Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:59 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried.

Savannah Pierce completed a Nature Craft demonstration to teach the club how to make birdfeeders out of peanut butter and pinecones and then the club enjoyed snacks together while Heather Pierce worked with the new members/parents to explain some of the paperwork that is required for 4-H and how the projects and record books work.



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**REPORTER'S NEWS**  
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**February 26, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on February 26, 2023 at 2pm at the Ridge Firehouse. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson at 2:04 pm. Roll call was answered by all 10 members. Members stated their name and answered the question, "What is your favorite thing about 4-H so far"?

Kayla Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Emma Smith read the Treasurer's Report.

For Old Business we discussed that all 10 members are currently enrolled and have selected their projects for the year. Heather Pierce reminded everyone that if they want to make any changes to the projects they chose they should do that soon so they have enough time to complete all the requirements, but no later than June. For the 4-H Banquet, Emma Smith, Josi Stewart, and Savannah Pierce have signed up to work the registration table. The club voted to use club funds to pay for parents who attend the banquet, like we have done in other years. The quarter auction fundraiser we have planned to raise money for camp is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fairgrounds. Everything is completed as far making the reservations.

For New Business we discussed that currently there is one meeting conflict with the Shooting Sports archery practice schedule and we have five members also in archery. A solution would be to hold our May meeting at the fairgrounds instead and everyone agreed that would be ok. There was also a request to move our August meeting date to the 19<sup>th</sup> instead of the 27<sup>th</sup>. The parents agreed this was ok too. Diamond Clover plans are due to the 4-H office by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Most members who are turning one in this year had it with them and gave them to Heather. The ones still thinking about it were told to get it to her prior to the deadline so she can get it turned in to the 4-H office. Josi Stewart has asked for the responsibility of scheduling everyone's demonstrations this year. She brought a sign-up sheet this meeting and will be working with everyone to make sure they have a month scheduled to get a demonstration done for each of their projects. Club members who have signed up for multiple projects were reminded that they need a demo for each one and not to wait too long to plan for that or we will run out of months.

Heather Pierce reviewed some of the upcoming 4-H events and made sure everyone knew that the 4-H website now has a calendar of events they can look at to see everything that is coming up. The link was included in our agenda for today.

There will be no meeting in March, we will attend the banquet instead. In April, we will have our club fundraiser. The next scheduled business meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup> at the fairgrounds.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:33 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried.

Club members had snacks and then Josi Stewart completed a Hobby Demonstration, teaching everyone how to make braided bracelets out of 7 strings of embroidery thread. Emma Smith completed a Craft Demonstration, teaching everyone how to make sun catchers out of clear sheet protectors and Washi tape. Heather Pierce worked with the new members/parents to explain more about the paperwork that is required for 4-H and how the projects and record books work and how fair entries work.



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**REPORTER'S NEWS**  
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**March 18, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

South County Patriots members and parents attended the 2022 4-H Banquet in lieu of a meeting for March. Club members volunteered at the registration table at the banquet.



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## REPORTER'S NEWS South County Patriots 4-H Club Report April 02, 2023 Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

No business meeting was held in April, parents and club members participated in a Quarter Auction fundraiser instead to raise funds for members to attend camps or other 4-H activities that have fees. The fundraiser went very well and everyone enjoyed spending the day together.

Bruce Wilson, Cali Stonesifer, and Garrett Shaw working at the Concession Stand





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**South County Patriots 4-H Club Report**  
**May 21, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on May 21, 2023. Josi Stewart, Club Vice President, called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. The meeting opened with the pledges. Josi Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by 5 members, 5 members were not present. Roll call question of the day was, "What is your favorite restaurant"?

Emma Smith provided the Treasurer report to inform the club of the current balance in April and what the club's funds had been used for in May.

The club reviewed the current meeting dates and events planned for the rest of the year, no additional changes needed at this time. The club's camp out event for this year will be in September instead of July. Like last year, the whole day will be available for any demonstrations that anyone needs to complete for their project record books. Members should work with Josi Stewart to make sure they have signed up for which month they want to complete their demonstrations if not at the camp out event. Heather Pierce reminded everyone that has 3 or more projects that they need to plan carefully to get everything completed or there might not be time if they wait until too close to the end of the year.

Heather Pierce reminded everyone that if they need to make any changes to their enrollment for the year as far as projects chosen, they need to do that by the end of June.

The club discussed the banquet since we haven't had a business meeting since then. The members who were enrolled in 2022 explained to the newer members what the banquet is all about, what kinds of awards are available and how to become eligible for them, and how it went this year.

The two club members who went to Engineering Camp talked about how that went and what they did there. They enjoyed the camp and would definitely go again. A couple members weren't aware of it so we'll have to make sure next time one is available to share the information.

Heather Pierce reminded everyone that Diamond Clover Levels 1-4 won't be due until Feb 2024 but for those who are completing Level 5, they need to have their paperwork ready by November 2023.

Heather Pierce and Lisa Smith provided information about the fair book changes that will be made for this year and reminded everyone that if they have other ideas they can always submit those to the 4-H office for consideration.

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**May 21, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

Heather Pierce and Lisa Smith went through the upcoming 4-H events planned and the dates for summer camps. It looks like record books will be due to the 4-H office earlier this year than usual so that needs to be planned for with it being so close to the Christmas holiday.

The next meeting will be June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Ridge Firehouse at 2pm.

Josi Stewart moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:01pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried.

The club had snacks and Josi Stewart completed a Photography demonstration to teach the club about the requirements for entering a photograph in the fair. She went through the information required to be written on the back, how to properly mat the photo, and what kinds of categories there are for photographs.

Emma Smith completed a Visual Arts demonstration with the club. She brought a drawing kit and went through all the materials included and what they are used for. She also taught the club how to draw a boy by starting with the word "boy" and following instructions to make adjustments to the word until it looks like an actual boy.





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**June 25, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on June 25, 2023. Kayla Wilson, Club President, called the meeting to order at 2 pm. Roll call was answered by 7 members, 2 members were not present. Roll call question of the day was, “What is your favorite movie character”? Kayla Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Savannah Pierce led the 4-H Pledge.

Emma Smith, Club Treasurer, was not present so Heather Pierce provided the Treasurer’s Report. The end of the fiscal year is June 30<sup>th</sup> so it is almost time to prepare the end of year paperwork for the Treasurer.

**Old business:**

Heather Pierce read off to the club members what projects they are currently enrolled in in 4-H Online and reminded everyone that if they need to make any changes to their enrollment for the year, they need to do that by the end of June. Any projects that remain on July 1 are expected to be completed in their 2023 record books.

Heather Pierce reminded everyone that is completing Diamond Clover Level 5, they need to have their paperwork ready by November 2023 so they should review what goals they signed up for and ensure they have time to complete those. If they need any help finding events or projects that qualify, they can contact her or Lisa Smith for assistance.

The club reviewed the current meeting dates and events planned for the rest of the year, no additional changes needed at this time. Members should work with Josi Stewart to make sure they have signed up for which month they want to complete their demonstrations if not at the September camp out event.

**New business:**

Heather Pierce went through the upcoming County/State 4-H events planned for 2023 and reminded everyone where they can find that information.

The next meeting will be August 19<sup>th</sup> at Karin Stewart’s house for the annual club pool party/potluck.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:26pm. Motion seconded by Josi Stewart and carried.

The club had snacks and Savannah Pierce completed a Gardening demonstration to teach the club about how to plant and care for basil. She went through how to plant the seeds, how to care for the plants once they germinate, how to preserve basil by freezing, drying, or turning into pesto, and how to enter it in the fair in the live or dried herb categories. The club went outside to plant their own basil seeds in containers to take home and try to grow for their fair entries.



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**REPORTER'S NEWS**  
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**July 2023**  
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No club meeting was held in July because club members were attending 4-H Overnight Camp.





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**August 19, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on August 19, 2023 in Lexington Park, MD. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson, President, at 2:12pm. The meeting opened with the pledges. Annabelle Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kayla Wilson led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by 7 members.

Emma Smith, Treasurer, reported the club's balance, charges that occurred in July, and how much funding is still owed to club members for future camp attendance.

Old business:

- Service Project- Emma Smith and Josi Stewart are continuing to work on their Stuffies that Care service project for their Diamond Clover Level 5. The Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home has come back to say that they would be ok with accepting stuffed animals that are new. Would prefer to not take ones that are used unless they are like new and thoroughly cleaned. Primary focus for this year will be on the firehouses. They can use support from the club in gathering stuffed animals and packaging them and writing cards for distribution. Kayla suggested that we take a similar approach as Beanie Boos and name the stuffed animals and write a sentence or two about them so the person who receives then can more easily form a bond with them. Savannah will assist in the efforts to package them.
- Camp- Members who attended overnight and day camp provided some feedback to the club on how that went and what they enjoyed and what they did not. Heather reminded those who did not use their camp funds yet that they still can if anything else is offered this year or it will carry over for next year. The club is interested in using their fundraiser funds again next year for camps.

New business:

- Fair- Heather reminded everyone that fair entries in Blue Ribbon Online will be due 05 September. It is important that everyone think through what they might finish between now and then since you shouldn't try to add categories after the enrollment has closed and the 4-H office is trying to put the tags together. The cake auction will be Sept 22nd at 6:30pm. The club will serve as building monitors on Friday at the fair.
- Camp out event- the club's pretend camp out event is scheduled for Sept 9th at Buzz's Marina. Everyone who has not completed their demos yet for their record books should consider doing it then while we have so much time together. Especially those who have 3-5 projects and haven't done any demos yet. We'll be outdoors so mess is not a factor like it is in the Firehouse.

Emma Smith made a motion to end the business meeting and it was seconded by Josi Stewart. The meeting was closed at 2:42pm.

Club members participated in the annual potluck pool party.



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**September 09, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on September 09, 2023 in Ridge, MD. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson, President, at 12:02pm. The meeting opened with the pledges. Waylon Starling led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kayla Wilson led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by 8 members.

Emma Smith, Treasurer, reported the club's balance, charges that occurred in August, and how much funding is still owed to club members for future camp attendance.

Old business:

- Service Project- Emma Smith and Josi Stewart are continuing to work on their Stuffies that Care service project for their Diamond Clover Level 5. Josi has started a drawing for the flyer and showed the other club members how it's coming along. They can use support from the club in gathering stuffed animals and packaging them and writing cards for distribution. Savannah will assist in packaging but is doing the demonstration contest at the fair for her Diamond Clover and will not claim the service project.

New business:

- Fair- The cake auction will be Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. The club will serve as building monitors on Friday from 3-6pm at the fair. Heather reminded everyone to carefully read the description for each division and item they are entering. Points are usually lost for not following the directions exactly. Sometimes points are lost even if you do but the judge had a different interpretation but there isn't anything we can do about that.
- Meeting Schedule- the next meeting date is October 29<sup>th</sup> at the firehouse. This will be our annual Halloween Party as well so club members can come in costume if they like and should also bring Halloween or Fall themed foods to share. This is also a good time for anyone to do craft demos. The December meeting will be our Christmas party but a date has not been chosen yet. This needs to be decided at the October meeting.

Emma Smith made a motion to end the business meeting and it was seconded by Josi Stewart. The meeting was closed at 12:37pm.

Demonstrations were presented by the following club members:

- Kayla Wilson- Campfire Brownies
- Josi Stewart- Archery Safety
- Emma Smith- Parts of a Bow, Types of Fidget Toys.
- Savannah Pierce- Water Bath Canning Basics
- Waylon Starling- Tie Dye, Archery Demo, Air Rifle Demo
- Cali Stonesifer - Archery Demo, Air Rifle Demo

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Emma Smith presenting her Archery Demo to the club on the Parts of a Bow



Bruce Wilson, Waylon Starling, Annabelle Stone, and Cali Stonesifer taking a lap around the pond





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**October 29, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on October 29, 2023 in Ridge, MD 20680. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson, President, at 3:56 pm. The meeting opened with the pledges. Kayla Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Cali Stonesifer led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by 8 members. The roll call question of the day was "What is your favorite thing about Halloween?"

Old business:

- The club held a fall craft workshop on October 21<sup>st</sup> that went really well. There were three craft stations as well as a cupcake decorating station, coloring pages, word searches, music, and food. It was fun for the club members to do their demonstrations for other 4-H'ers.
- Diamond Clover Levels 1-4 will be due sometime in January, not sure the exact date. Anyone applying for that level should wrap up their paperwork the first week or so of January to make sure they are ready whenever the deadline comes.
- Diamond Clover Level 5 will be due November 30th. The members who are applying for that level should have their forms filled out and ready for signature a few days prior to that. If anyone is having trouble figuring out what event would fit one of their chosen categories they should let Heather or Lisa know right away.
- Record Books are due to the 4-H office by January 31. All record books should be submitted electronically to Heather around January 15th for a first review and then printed and ready for signature by the January 29th meeting so they can be dropped off at the 4-H office by January 31.
- Heather Pierce reminded club members that there will be no November meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

New business:

- 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 9th was the best date and that the club wants to have the party at Heather's house so no one would have to worry about conflicts with other holiday events at other meeting locations. Every family will bring one holiday themed game or craft for everyone to play, there will be a Secret Santa gift exchange (everyone drew names), and it will be a potluck. The parents agreed this plan is fine.
- 2024 Plans and Officers- at the December meeting we will vote for 2024 Officers so everyone should start thinking about what job they might want to do next year. We will also discuss 2024 plans.

Kayla Wilson made a motion to end the business meeting and it was seconded by Savannah Pierce. The meeting was closed at 4:32 pm.

Garrett Shaw provided the club two demonstrations. One on the different breeds of sheep and one on how to keep goats healthy. Afterwards, the club ate the Halloween themed potluck food everyone brought, played together, and worked on coloring pages for Josi and Emma's Stuffies for Seniors project.





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**Fall Craft Workshop October 21, 2023**



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**December 9, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on December 09, 2023 in Ridge, MD. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson, President, at 3:12 pm. The meeting opened with the pledges. Garrett Shaw led the Pledge of Allegiance and Waylon Starling led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by all 9 members.

Old business:

- Diamond Clover Level 5 forms were submitted to the 4-H office by everyone who planned to complete them except for one. That person will have to decide for 2024 if they want to try again.
- Diamond Clover Levels 1-4 will be due January 15th. Anyone applying for that level needs to have their paperwork to Heather for signature the weekend before.
- Record Books are due to the 4-H office by January 31. All record books should be submitted electronically to Heather around January 15th for a first review and then printed and ready for signature by the January 29th meeting so they can be dropped off at the 4-H office by January 31.

New business:

- 2024 Plans- the club wants to keep all the plans the same as 2023 for now and review again at the end of January meeting to make sure nothing needs to be changed before it gets submitted to the 4-H office the first week of February.
- 2024 Officers- the club listened to nominations and held votes for each of the officer roles. In the end, Kayla Wilson was elected to stay President, Emma Smith will be Vice President this year, Savannah Pierce will stay Secretary, and Waylon Starling will take over as Treasurer. Annabelle Stone wanted to be the Historian and Josi Stewart agreed to be the Sergeant at Arms. We still will not have a Reporter so Heather Pierce will continue filling that role.
- Heather Pierce and Lisa Smith reviewed the upcoming events on the County 4-H calendar.

Kayla Wilson made a motion to end the business meeting at 3:57 and it was seconded by Josi Stewart. The club had their Christmas party after the meeting. We had a potluck dinner, exchanged our Secret Santa gifts and each family brought one holiday themed game for everyone to play.