



# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION



## REPORTER'S NEWS Wild Things 4-H Club Report January 14, 2025 Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The first meeting of 2025 was held on January 14, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Wyatt Mast. We discussed hosting a Livestock Skill-A-Thon. The Skill-A-Thon will be open to all St. Mary's County 4-H members. Clover members will be encouraged to participate too. January 31st and February 7th are the dates being considered.

We discussed our Annual Club Achievement Celebration. The club decided to have the celebration at Nicoletti's Pizza on February 11th.

We discussed our club plans and activities for 2025. Members were reminded to complete the club survey. We discussed holding a Livestock Round-Up during the public school spring break. We discussed April 16 and 17 as tentative dates. A Livestock Round-Up Committee has been formed to plan and organize the event. Members of the committee are Brooke, Wyatt, Kamber and "W". The club discussed some ideas for sessions at the round-up. Ideas discussed were nutrition, showing and showing etiquette, judging, and meat evaluation. Our Club Leader will reach out to see if the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds will be available on April 16 and 17.

We discussed having another livestock event in August as a refresher before the fair. Our club leader has reached out to the 4-H Office to see if perhaps we could have a livestock track during the county 4-H camp or adventure days. We agreed this would be a good idea. Our club leader will follow-up with the 4-H Office.

The club discussed a possible trip to see a jackpot show. Observing jackpot shows can be an opportunity to learn showing skills by observing. There is a show May 30 - June 1st in Queen Anne County. We will discuss this further at our March meeting.

For our April Community Service project, members are to submit to "W" (our Community Service Officer) ideas for a project the club can do. We will discuss at our March meeting.

Members interested in volunteering to help with the County Banquet should let the club leader know before February 3rd. Members were reminded to sign up to bring snacks to one of the monthly meetings and to sign up for communication events/demonstrations to be done at each club meeting. Officers were reminded about officer training on January 18th at 10:00am.

The meeting was adjourned. Kamber completed three demonstrations to complete her 2024 projects. One on sheep products, one on woodworking tools, and one on how to make an ice cream cone bird feeder. Club members each made a bird feeder to take home.