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REPORTER'S NEWS Chaptico Chargers 4-H Club Report January 9, 2026 Submitted By: Peyton Hutmaker

The Chaptico Chargers January meeting was held on January 9th, 2026 at the Ag Center Conference Room. We kicked off the meeting with the pledges. The meeting was run by our new 2026 Officers. Our new 2026 club Officers are:

- President: Hailey Hutmaker
- Vice President: Ryan Cory
- Secretary: Kinsley Farrell
- Treasurer: Harlie Farrell
- Reporter: Peyton Hutmaker
- Historian: Colton Lawrence
- Sgt. of Arms: Callie Guy
- Recreation Leader: Lucy Black

Peyton started our club meeting with an introduction game that asked each member to talk about themselves since we had two new potential families joining us this year. We discussed old business which included feedback on our end of year celebration, steer weigh-in, and that our club record books were due tonight to our leaders.

Our club discussion moved into new business. Our agenda included topics such as the start of Livestock Knowledge Workshops, the annual Achievement Night Banquet that is moving to Leonardtown Firehouse, and the club plan for 2026. Our leader Mrs. Kristin provided an animal science update for 2026. Our club brainstormed on potential county events that we could host. We also discussed club activities, community service ideas, and possible field trips. Our club decided to shift our February meeting to allow us to make Valentines day crafts.

Our club then had snacks and drinks. We did not have any project demonstrations this month so Hailey adjourned the business meeting. Following the business meeting, our club activity this month was competing in a Jeopardy game developed by Mrs. Kristin. Our winning team won extra candy.





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The Chaptico Chargers February meeting was held on February 11, 2026 at the Ag Center Conference Room. The meeting started with the pledges followed by Kinsley taking rollcall by asking us our favorite candy. Our President, Hailey, asked for the secretary's report and the treasurer's report to be read. The club approved both so we moved on to discuss old business.

Old business started with officer's training feedback. Hailey mentioned that the county livestock knowledge workshops were still going on with the next one scheduled for February 28th. Our club was also offering optional skillathon practices by species. Our leaders reminded us that the 4-H Banquet will be held at Leonardtown Fire House this year. The 4-H office is currently looking for volunteers.

We moved into New Business discussing our Friend of 4-H. We took volunteers to write the speech, present the gift, and introduce them at the banquet. Our club discussed our optional March event and decided to have a dessert bake-off. Our leaders reminded us that the online registration for the State Skillathon closes February 18th.

Our club then had snacks and drinks. We did not have any project demonstrations this month so Hailey adjourned the business meeting. Following the business meeting, our club activity this month was making Valentines Day cards and sun-catchers for the Veterans at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.



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The Chaptico Chargers optional February event included 4 skillathon practices. We first held a Porcine practice, followed by a Bovine practice, then a Caprine practice, and lastly an Ovine practice. Mrs. Kristin reviewed fundamentals and terminology for each species. We then broke into partners and practiced several stations. We worked on parts, breed identification, feed identification, meat cuts, and ear notching. Each practice ended with a small written test that we answered. The group took turns reading and sharing answers for all the written tests.

