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REPORTER'S NEWS Crazy Critters 4-H Club Report February 3, 2023 Submitted By: Bryanna Matlock

The Crazy Critters 4-H Club had our first meeting of the year on February 3rd at 6:00pm. Our meeting took place at 26457 Reed Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 also known as Triple Creek Farm. At our meeting we welcomed our new member, Maddy Crawford, to the club. Then we began our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jessica Matlock, followed by the 4-H Pledge led by Jenna Stallard. Our club president, Bry Matlock, then explained a roll call question and everyone had the opportunity to learn each other's favorite animals as our club secretary, Jenna Stallard, called roll.

At our meeting we discussed all of the 4-H events that we had attended since our last meeting. We shared our experiences from each event allowing everyone who didn't attend to know everything they may have missed and to give those who might want to attend the same or a similar event in the future an idea of what to expect. Our members enjoyed sharing their stories from officer training, the horse interest meeting, and the teen meeting.

At the end of our business meeting we decided that our treasurer, Kendall Bell, would bring a demo for our next meeting. We then went on to discuss our record books and set up a 4-H binder for our new member to help keep track of paperwork throughout the year. Our president, Bry Matlock, explained to our new member what each form was for and how to fill it out while our vice president, Jessica Matlock, handed out the paperwork that will later help everyone complete their record books, to our returning members, to put in their old binders.

After putting our binders together and adjourning our meeting, everyone joined back together to do our craft. For our craft we split up into teams of two, and built barns out of model magic and popsicle sticks. We had 15 minutes to complete our barns and then they were judged by our leader, Miss Trudy Prenger. Our members had fun racing to beat the clock to complete their barns before time ran out. Then our members congratulated each other on the places that they earned. Overall it definitely made for a good first meeting to start the year off and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings.





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The Crazy Critters 4-H Club had our monthly meeting on March 3rd, at 6:10pm. It took place at 26457 Reed Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 also known as Triple Creek Farm. We welcomed our new members, Adriana C., Ava E., Carley R., Charlotte W., and Laynie E. before the meeting began. We then went on to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Laynie E., and the 4-H Pledge, led by Jessica Matlock. As our vice president, Jessica Matlock filled in the role of our secretary, Jenna Stallard, who was absent from the meeting. Jessica asked our role call question which was "What is your favorite color?" and reported that three members were absent. We had two visitors, Charlotte W. and Laynie E., who then joined our club.

During our meeting we discussed the upcoming 4-H awards banquet for 2022, and decided to dedicate approximately \$50 to a gift for our friend of 4-H who we had previously voted for. We also decided to reschedule our next club meeting for a week later (April 14th) because our original date was in the middle of spring break, and only two days before Easter, so multiple of our members would not have been able to attend. We talked about the new horse club's February meeting, which 3 of our members had attended, as well as the upcoming online local horse show that will be taking place at the end of March, which a few of our members were interested in. We briefly discussed coming up with some fundraiser ideas as well, which we plan to discuss more at our next meeting.

Toward the end of our meeting, our secretary, Kendall Bell, gave our first demonstration of the year. Her demo was about how to tack up a horse. Then we dedicated some time to working on our binders. Our vice president, Jessica Matlock handed out the new paperwork to our returning members to place in their binders, while our President, Bryanna Matlock, handed out new binders to our new members, and went over all of the paperwork that they included. The members who chose to then completed their Diamond Clover paperwork. Afterward for a craft, our members colored in cardstock outlines inside of laminate with sharpie, and then sealed it shut, to make imitation stained glass. Everyone had a lot of fun coloring horse heads and clovers.





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The Crazy Critters 4-H Club held our monthly meeting on April 14th at 6:00pm. It took place at 26457 Reed Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659 also known as Triple Creek Farm. Our meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Laynie Ellis, and the 4-H Pledge, led by Maddy Crawford. Then our vice president, Jessica Matlock, called roll, asking each member what their favorite flavor of Rita's Italian Ice was (or popsicle flavor if anyone hadn't had Rita's), cotton candy and mango being nominated fan favorites.

In our meeting we discussed multiple recent events including the 4-H awards banquet. Three of our members in attendance went to the banquet as well as both of our leaders and everyone enjoyed themselves. We also went over the new club, Stirrup Trouble's last meeting, which three members attended, and the teen meeting, which two members attended. We then discussed the Animal ID Cards and Lease Agreements which will be due on June 1st. We are all excited to have the opportunity to exhibit our animals in this year's county fair with all of our 4-H friends by our side.

We briefly went over our calendar and then we were on to announcements from our youth. Jessica Matlock and Laynie Ellis were excited to share with us that they are having success teaching their horses to canter. Jessica also announced that she got a new horse blanket and Charlotte announced that she will be bringing a horse from home to use for a demonstration on how to tack up a horse in a pulling harness soon. There is much to be excited about. We also had two demonstrations given, the first one on how to groom a horse, by Laynie Ellis, and the second on how to braid a horse's tail, by Marlee Groht. Then everyone had the opportunity to paint/decorate a wooden horse cut-out and a four leaf clover in a way that represented them, and had a blast making wonderful art.

