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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.



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REPORTER'S NEWS Wild Things 4-H Club Report February 11, 2025 Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The February Meeting was held in conjunction with the Wild Things 4-H Club Achievement Celebration on February 11, 2025 at Nicoletti's Pizza in California, Maryland.

We discussed the upcoming Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon. Members were reminded to complete their enrollment.

The Club members enjoyed appetizers and pizza. The club leaders presented awards to members:

Outstanding Club Member of the 2024 Year: Minnow A.

Outstanding Poultry Member: Minnow A.

Outstanding Sheep Member: Dolly-Mae A.

Outstanding Goat Member: Kinley M.

Outstanding Swine Member: Wyatt M.

Outstanding Beef Member: Brooke B.

New regular members for 2025 were recognized and presented with Pig Whips to get them started with their first 4-H projects. New members are Pierce H. and Joey H.



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REPORTER'S NEWS Wild Things 4-H Club Report March 11, 2025 Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The March Meeting was held on March 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President, Brooke Buckler. The members completed a feed identification activity prior to the start of the business meeting. At the conclusion of the meetings, the feeds were reviewed and discussed with the members.

The Club Livestock Round Up Committee provided an update on plans for the Southern Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up being hosted by the Wild Things 4-H Club. The Livestock Round is being held on April 16-17 at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. We will have guest speakers on nutrition and feeds and a guest speaker on livestock emergencies needing a veterinarian. We will have cattle, goats and sheep for the participants to work with at the workshop. We are still working on finding pigs.

We discussed our April Community Service project. Due to the Foster Care meeting schedule, we changed our April project to Easter Baskets for the residents of Taylor Farms Assisted Living. Each member was asked to bring items for the baskets to our April meeting. We are planning to put together Back To School Backpacks for Foster care in July.

We discussed possible community service projects for May. The club agreed to volunteer to help with the Veterans on the Farm event being held at Suttler Post on May 10th. The club will help setup and prepare for the event.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed snacks.



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REPORTER'S NEWS Wild Things 4-H Club Report April 8, 2025 Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The April Meeting was held on April 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President, Brooke Buckler.

The Club Livestock Round Up Committee provided the final update on plans for the Southern Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up being hosted by the Wild Things 4-H Club. We have two pigs for the workshop.

The club participated in Maryland Ag Literacy Week. Club members read the book *The Soil in Jackie's Garden* to two classes of third grade students at Lexington Park Elementary. We also took two Boer goats to the school and talked to the third grade students about the goats.

Everyone was reminded of our May Community Service Project. Setup for the event will start around 8:30am. Members volunteering to help with the Veterans on the Farm event being held at Suttler Post on May 10th were asked to report around 8:30am.

We discussed the St. Mary's County 4-H Achievement Banquet. The food was delicious. The banquet was a little long. Several of our club members received awards.

The club is planning to have a Craft Day in June or July. We are also planning to have Resin Workshop. Tonya Taylor of Brackish Tides will be teaching the workshop. We discussed have a 4-Her Helping 4-Her clipping event for goats and sheep as well as having a Midway thorough the market project weigh in opportunity so that 4-Hers in the county can get a weight on their animals. We will continue to plan these at our May Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed snacks.



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REPORTER'S NEWS Wild Things 4-H Club Report May 13, 2025 Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The May Meeting was held on May 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President, Brooke Buckler.

The Club Livestock Round Up Committee discussed the Livestock Round Up. Overall, the event went well. Participation from other clubs was low. Feedback from the participants was positive. The Club will likely hold another Livestock Round Up in 2025.

The Club will take a field trip on May 31, 2025 to see a jackpot show being held at Queen Anne County 4-H Park. The purpose of the field trip is to observe other showman and their techniques in the showering.

The club Craft Day will be held on August 9th. Tonya Taylor of Brackish Tides will be teaching a resin workshop as part of our craft day.

We further discussed having a 4-Her Helping 4-Her clipping event for goats and sheep as well as having a Mid-way thorough the market project weigh in opportunity so that 4-Hers in the county can get a weight on their animals. We will continue to plan these at our June Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed snacks.



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REPORTER'S NEWS Wild Things 4-H Club Report June 10, 2025 Submitted By: Brooke Buckler, Club President

The June Meeting was held on June 10, 2025 at Suttler Post Farm. The meeting was called to order by President, Brooke Buckler.

The club discussed changes to 4-H fair classes discussed and agreed upon by the St. Mary's County Fair Board and the St. Mary's County 4-H Office. The club also discussed whether to participate in the Booth, Banner, and Float classes at the fair.

The club will have a Let's Bake Workshop this year. We are seeking to use the Leonardtown Baptist Church facilities again. The club will also plan a Livestock Skillathon event for August or October. The Livestock Skillathon Event will be held at the Belmont in Clements.

We further discussed the mid-way thorough the market project weigh in opportunity so that 4-Hers in the county can get a weight on their animals. Following discussions regarding use of the fairgrounds, the Club is seeking an alternate location for the event.

In conjunction with the June Club meeting, the Club held a Driving Workshop. Brooke Buckler explained all the tack and how to tack the team. The club members took turns riding in the cart with Brooke to work the horses for the show season.



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