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South County Patriots 4-H Club Report
January 28, 2024
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on January 28, 2024 at 2pm at the Ridge Firehouse. Kayla Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Roll call was answered by 11 members. There were two new club members in attendance. All club members introduced themselves and talked about their 4-H goals for 2024. Kayla Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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. The two new members were given binders with information about Robert's Rules, the 4-H pledge, Diamond Clover, and record books to read to get more details and they will meet with the club leaders after the meeting for more information.

Garrett Shaw provided his demonstration before we continued the business meeting because it was a live animal demonstration and his parents wanted to take the animal back home and then return to the meeting. He brought a baby goat who was just born and showed the club how to bottle feed a goat and answered questions about caring for and raising goats.



Heather Pierce gave all club members copies of the 2024 plans and reviewed them with members and parents to make sure there were no issues that have come up since the last business meeting. A few of the meeting dates were adjusted and a new copy will be given to everyone and submitted to the 4-H office. The Firehouse is reserved for February and Heather will work with them for the remaining dates.

The 4-H banquet will be held on March 16 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. Emma, Savannah, and Josi volunteered to help at the registration table, Kayla for the 50/50 raffle, and Garrett as a greeter. Heather will let the 4-H office know what they volunteered for and let everyone know what positions are actually needed. Kayla Wilson made a motion for the club to vote whether to pay for the parents for the banquet with club funds. Emma seconded the motion. The club voted unanimously to pay for the parents.

Heather Pierce provided new Diamond Clover forms to everyone who needed one and they need to be returned to her at the next meeting.

The club decided last year that a fundraiser would be held again this year to raise funds that would go towards 4-H camp for any club members who wanted to go. Heather Pierce explained that it has been difficult to find a date early in the year that works for both the quarter auction group and the fairgrounds. She asked that everyone be patient until she hears back again from the fairground coordinator.

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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.

The next meeting will be on February 25th at 2pm at the Ridge Firehouse.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:43 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried. After the meeting, club members and parents stayed to work with Heather on the final review and signatures for their record books and to go through the Outstanding 4-H'er of the Year form to see how many points each club member would have.



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February 25, 2024
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The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on February 25, 2024 at 2pm at the Ridge Firehouse. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson at 2:06 pm. Roll call was answered by all 11 members. Members stated their name and answered the question, "Who is your favorite Disney or Marvel character"? Kayla Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Waylon Starling, Treasurer, provided his report for the month of January.

Fundraiser- the quarter auction fundraiser is now scheduled and will be held on April 7th at the Knights of Columbus in Ridge. All club members who would like to use the funds raised for camp need to attend the fundraiser and help.

Enrollment- all club 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.

4-H Banquet- Emma Smith, Josi Stewart, and Savannah Pierce have signed up to work the registration table, Garrett Smith as a greeter, and Kayla Wilson as a 50/50 ticket seller. RSVPs are due to the 4-H office by March 1st. Heather Pierce will send in one RSVP and check for the whole club since the club voted to pay for the parents using club funds.

Review 2023 plans- there was a request to move the August meeting date to the 17th instead of the 18th and everyone agreed this was ok.

Diamond Clover- plans are due to the 4-H office by March 15th. Most members who are turning one in this year had it with them and gave to Heather. The one member who did not bring his will submit to Heather this week so that she has them all at the next leader's meeting.

Demonstration sign-up- 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 reminded everyone that the 4-H website 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 and a meeting at the end of the month.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:42 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried. Emma Smith completed a craft demonstration to show the club how to make fortune tellers out of paper and stickers and afterwards the club had snacks while Heather, Lisa, and Karin showed newer parents how to complete some of the required 4-H paperwork like Diamond Clover and record books.



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South County Patriots members and parents attended the 2023 4-H Banquet in lieu of a meeting for March. At the banquet, three club members volunteered at the registration table, one as a greeter, and one selling 50/50 tickets. Club members were recognized for many awards this year to include Diamond Clover, multiple fair department trophies and fair special contest trophies, Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor award, Shooting Sports awards, Record Books, Project Pins, Outstanding 4-H Building Exhibitor Award, and nominations for the 4-H Spirit Award and the Outstanding 4-H'er of the Year award.





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April 28, 2024
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The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on April 28, 2024 at the Ridge Firehouse. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson at 1:04 pm. Roll call was answered by 7 members. Members stated their name and answered the question, "What is your favorite vegetable"? Bruce Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Cali Stonesifer led the 4-H Pledge.

Waylon Starling, read the Treasurer's Report. Highlights included that the quarter auction fundraiser was a success and the club now has more funding to put towards 4-H camp attendance for those who supported the event.

Club members were reminded that any club members who want to add or delete projects need to let the 4-H office know by June.

The club "camp out" event is currently scheduled for May 18th unless cancelled for bad weather. We will not actually stay overnight but plan to meet up by around noon and end around bedtime if weather permits. Club members can plan to complete as many demonstrations as they want at that event.

There are no meetings or events scheduled for June due to lack of club member availability.

The details on cost and sign up info for 4-H camps have not yet been released. Day Camp is July 1st-3rd and Overnight camp is July 28th- Aug 2nd. Any attendees who want to be counselors need to be mindful of the training requirements. Heather Pierce will ensure club members know about any training events that come up.

Club members were reminded that most of the main 4-H events coming up are listed out on the back of our agenda and there are more on the 4-H website.

Heather Pierce brought copies of rubrics for all the 4-H awards that have one and went through those with the club as well as describing the requirements for all the other awards that are available at the banquet that don't have rubrics. Some club members remembered to bring their awards from the banquet so we had examples to look at. Club members went through their record books to let everyone know what areas they lost points on (if any) so that everyone could learn together what areas we can improve. The majority of the club only lost points for not having three goals in one or more of their projects.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 1:42 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried.

The club had snacks together and talked a while before leaving.



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The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on July 20, 2024. This was our all-day event that we do once a year, rescheduled from May because of weather. In the past, it was an overnight camp-out but the last couple of years we've ended in the evening so that it's not as difficult to set-up and tear-down. Kayla Wilson, Club President, called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. Roll call was answered by 9 members, 2 members were not present. Kayla Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Savannah Pierce led the 4-H Pledge.

Old business: Most of the club is attending overnight camp next week and Garrett Shaw asked that we spend some time talking about what to expect overall at camp and going through the plans for getting there and what happens the first day. We have some club members who have gone multiple years and some who going for the first time so it was a good discussion. We also talked about how the county fair book is out and some new categories may have been added and some may have been deleted so everyone should check the departments closely to make sure they understand any changes. Many demonstrations will be completed today but for those with multiple projects, they should make sure they have planned for when they will complete any that they do not present today. For those who plan to demonstrate using a poster board, it would make sense to complete at the August meeting so that the board can also be entered in the fair. If not, we have until December to present.

New business: The next meeting will be August 17th for the annual club pool party/potluck.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 12:36pm. Motion seconded by Josi Stewart and carried.

After the business meeting ended club members spent the rest of the day providing demonstrations for their projects, eating snacks and spending time together, taking turns rowing rubber boats in the pond, making dinner, and playing many water balloon games in the rain before it was time to clean up and head home.

Demonstrations were presented by the following club members:

- Savannah Pierce- How to Care for Oregano. This demo taught club members how to plant and care for oregano as well as how to preserve it for future use and enter it in the county fair. Fresh and dried oregano were available to view as an example.
- Emma Smith- Archery Scoring. This demo taught club members about the different scoring systems/ types of targets used for archery.
- Waylon Starling- Air Rifle Safety. This demo taught club members the different rules and methods needed for practicing air rifle safely. A poster board was available for visual cues for the different safety rules.

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- Cali Stonesifer- Benefits of Microgreens. This demo taught club members how to grow microgreens and ways that eating microgreens can benefit the human body. A poster board was available for visual cues for all the benefits and club members were given their own bowls, soils, and seeds to plant their microgreens and take them home so they can try them once they have grown.
- Savannah Pierce- Homemade Sugar Scrub. This demo taught club members how to save money or make gifts for others by making their own sugar scrubs at home. Club members were given ingredients and containers and made their scrubs while following along with Savannah's demonstration.
- Savannah Pierce- Mason Jar Lid Christmas Ornaments. This demo taught club members one idea for recycle crafts and used a mason jar ring, jute twine, and decorations to make a rustic Christmas ornament. Club members were given their materials and followed along with Savannah's instructions.
- Waylon Starling- STEM. This demonstration showed club members how he made a white fox out of foam sheets by using a computer/printer to make a model and then cut it out for his STEM project.
- Cali Stonesifer- Painting with Bubbles. This demo taught club members how to use watered down craft paint in a cup or small container and straws to blow bubbles into the paint and then use those bubbles to press onto a piece of paper and make cool painted designs.
- Emma Smith- Walking Desserts. This demo taught club members how to make walking desserts (same concept as walking tacos) as a fun thing to do camping. There were four different dessert options available and each club member picked out their necessary ingredients and then followed along with Emma's instructions for how to assemble them. Once complete everyone was able to walk with their dessert up to the grill to watch the next demonstration.
- Kayla Wilson- How to Grill Chicken Breast. This demo taught club members how to prepare and marinate chicken and then cook it on the grill. Kayla discussed the proper handling of chicken and the correct temperature to cook it to. Once the chicken was finished, it was put out for a snack.





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August 17, 2024
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The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on August 17, 2024 in Lexington Park, MD. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson, President, at 12:05pm. 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.

Waylon Starling read the Treasurer Report to provide the club info on the balance in the bank account, how much is still set aside for camp funds from the last fundraiser, and how much is available for expenditure.

Old business:

- None

New business:

- Fair- Heather reminded everyone that fair entries in Blue Ribbon Online will be due 31 August and the importance of thinking through what they will actually finish between now and the fair so they don't turn in too many empty tags. Heather reminded everyone to sign up for the contests like photography, horticulture, and the public speaking demonstrations if they think they will want to participate in those during the fair. The cake auction will be Sept 20th at 6:30pm. Kayla and Savannah will be making the cakes for the club. The club will serve as building monitors on Friday at the fair from 3-6pm. Heather Pierce will also be serving as a monitor on Saturday from 12-3pm if anyone is free and wants to stop by for a while.

Josephine Stewart completed a demonstration on the different types of drawing pencils. She explained the types and what they are used for and then handed out drawing pads and pencils for club members to try out.

After the business meeting was adjourned, club members stayed another 5 hours to participate in the annual potluck pool party.



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No official business meeting was held in September. Club members participated in the various fair activities instead such as serving as building monitors in the 4-H building, participating in the cake auction, showing livestock, and competing in the horticulture, photography, demonstration, and illustrated talk competitions





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October 20, 2024
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The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on October 20, 2024 in Ridge, MD. The meeting was called to order by Emma Smith, Vice President, at 3:20 pm. The meeting opened with the pledges. Emma Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Josephine Stewart led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by 7 members. The roll call question of the day was "What is your favorite Halloween candy?"

Waylon Starling read the Treasurer Report to provide the club info on the balance in the bank account, how much is still set aside for camp funds from the last fundraiser, and how much is available for expenditure.

Old business:

- The State Archery contest was held and Emma Smith placed 10th in Intermediate.
- The fair went well and the club's earned a good amount of money from the cake auction. Heather said she was happy with the club's participation in the special contests this year. At the leader's meeting it was asked that the clubs are more mindful of monitoring the building when it's their turn since some items were touched and a few were even taken.

New business:

- The dates for overnight camp are out, day camp is still TBD.
- There is a STEAM festival at the fairgrounds on Oct 26th. Both leaders will be out of town so we won't have a table but members may want to attend.
- The 4-H open house will be November 4th at the fairgrounds. Both leaders will be there if anyone is available to come by and sit at the table.
- The Volunteer and Teen forum is November 23rd and 24th in Ocean City. Lisa and Emma Smith will be going.
- The county's quarter auction will be Dec 8th at the fairgrounds. Many members plan to go.
- 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 6th was the best date and that the club wants to do an escape room and have pizza at Slice House. Heather will work on setting this up. Everyone who wants to play a gift exchange game should bring one gift valued at \$15.
- 2025 Plans and Officers- at the December meeting we will vote for 2025 Officers so everyone should start thinking about what job they might want to do next year. We will also discuss 2025 plans.
- Record Books will be due to the 4-H office in January, all members should be continually working those so that it is not a last minute emergency

After the business meeting was adjourned, the club enjoyed a potluck dinner and desserts and then gathered to listen to the following demonstrations and then rotated through stations to complete the crafts that went with them to take home.

- Waylon Starling and Cali Stonesifer both completed demonstrations on Archery. Club members learned the basics of archery scoring, how to use a bow, the different types of bows, the parts of a bow, and basic bow maintenance that should be completed.



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- Cali Stonesifer completed a demonstration on Air Rifle. Club members learned the parts of an Air Rifle and the basic rules to follow.
- Emma Smith provided an art demonstration on the Types of Paints and Their Uses. Club members learned about Acrylic, Watercolor, Tempera, and Oil paints and used acrylics to paint a mini pumpkin in the design of their choice.
- Bruce Wilson completed a craft demonstration on how to use bleach on black fabric to make a fall design. Club members learned how to dip leaves into a bowl of bleach and then place on their t-shirt or hoodie in the design they want and then cover with parchment paper and iron to heat set the design.
- Waylon Starling completed a craft demonstration on paracord bracelets. Club members learned how to cut the paracord, use a lighter to fuse, use the machine that Waylon brought to hold their materials still while braiding their designs and attach their clasps.

