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THE WICOMICO
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Kindred Spirit Farm 4 -H Group Raises a "Ruckus"?



In January of 2009, the Kindred Spirit Farm 4-H group started a baby shower for Suzie Cutely, a thoroughbred mare. Each week, they

played games with the riding lessons at the farm in preparation for the long awaited birth (11 months). Each game was educational, so the children learned about breeding, foaling, and thoroughbreds. On February 22nd, the call went out to the 4-H group that Suzie was showing signs of labor. Several of the 4-H members (Ellie Jansen, Molly Burns, Katie Howard, and Ashley Jones) and others decided that they would stay up all night and wait with Kelly. Others had decided that they would come over first thing in the morning to see if we had a new arrival (Erin Monahan, Meredith Wilde, Emma Bush, Kayla Judd, Madison and Mackenzie Johnson, Rachel Gershenfeld, and Megan Harmon). We watched on the tv monitor as Suzie paced her stall, but

showed very few other signs of labor. After midnight, when we all thought this was a false alarm and settled down for a nap, Suzy laid down in her stall. Within ½ hour, the foal was born and trying to stand up. Most 4-H members took watch in a viewing area above the stall, but Ellie and Molly were quickly called in to help with some problems that were arising. The biggest was that Suzy decided to have this foal standing up which changed all the plans that had been made to care for Suzy and this foal once it was born. The second problem was the foal instantly wanted to stand up, so there went any bonding time we were suppose to have with it. The third problem was, Suzy showed very little interest in being nice to the foal



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or allowing it to nurse. After several hours and lots of hard work from everyone, we had to call in the vet. Suzy was sedated and the foal nursed for the first time, causing that unbreakable bond between mother and child. Also, it was confirmed that the foal was healthy and indeed a colt. Since most everyone had stayed up all night, we all caught a couple hours of sleep while the colt took his first nap with Suzy standing lovingly over him. Of course, now that the bond was made, it made the next couple of days of trying to catch the colt and handle him more challenging because mom became overly protective. The colt sensing mom's stress became more and more difficult to handle. Within two weeks, the name Ruckus was chosen, because that was what he caused around this farm. Cute as can be, but what a Ruckus.



Molly and Ruckus



Rachel Gershenfeld riding Suzy when Ruck was still young



Ellie and Ruckus



Over the last year, Ellie and Molly have been in charge of Ruckus's training. However, all the 4-H members have also helped with different training exercises with him. They have taught him to trailer load, cross tie, stand for the ferrier and vet, stand for grooming and bathing, walk over tarps, bridges, and throw water. He wears a saddle and girth and has been ridden by Katie Howard. He wears a bridle and bit and is now learning to long line to teach him to stop, turn and flex with pressure from the bridle. He wears a blanket, sheet, and leg wraps. Ellie has started ponying him with other horses, and this summer she will pony him on tail rides and to the race track to get him use to leaving the property and riding on a track. We will also be trailering him to some local events around here to get him use to going other places. They also took his photos and identified his cowlicks for his registration with the Jockey Club and Maryland Millions.

On February 23rd, there was a big birthday party at KSF to celebrate his first birthday. However, because he is registered with The Jockey Club, they considered him 1 on January 1st, 2010.

As a future race horse, Ruckus could go to "race training" next winter at the age of 2, and be racing by spring 2011. However, we lovingly call him "Mater" now because he is so slow and so laid back, so I think we will try to put some riding miles on him here at the farm before we would send him away for training.. Ellie and former 4-H member Colleen O'Reilly look forward to being the first riders to actually work him out on a track at a gallop, since they have been practicing their skills on some other OTTB's.

This past year has flown by and been an incredible learning experience for our 4-H group as they helped teach and train a horse. They have now begun a baby shower for yet another mare, Hidden Revenue as she prepares to give birth March 2010. We have learned from Ruckus hopefully what to do and not to do to make the training of this foal more smoothly. So stay tuned, because as we continue to raise Ruckus we will be taking trips to meet trainers and watch him work at the track, and maybe someday actually watch him win a race.



First Birthday



Fruitland Easter parade, the upcoming county Public Speaking Contest and camp this summer. We surprised our leader, Susanne Holloway, with baby gifts and Rebecca and McKenzie Richardson made a decorated cake for the occasion. Refreshments were provided by Tricia and Rose Manning and Rebecca and McKenzie Richardson.

Little Creek Clovers

The club met with Maddison LaPearl, Brenna Parsons, Sophia Peterson and Rachel Justice in attendance. Ms. Melody called the meeting to order and pledges were led. We discussed Winterfare and Maddison and Sophia shared with us what they did. Chelsea called to say hello to all from California. We played BINGO and all went home with a prize. We enjoyed "green" snacks to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Our next meeting will be April 15th at 6:30 pm.

Coastal Country Club Goes to the Horse Bowl



Pittsville Wildcats

By: Aaron Calloway

The January meeting was called to order by Mary Jess Warren with 11 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by Brandon Hurley and Trisha Manning. Secretary's report was given by Mary Jess Warren. We discussed past activities which included ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at K-Mart, Holiday Workshop which was held on December 5th. We also collected canned goods for the needy. We also decorated artificial wreaths, painted ornaments and made Christmas ornaments and cookies during the Holidays. We talked about our community service project - first aid.

The February meeting was called to order by Brittany Hurley with 11 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by Brandon Hurley and Tyler deSimon. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by Brandon Hurley and Lauren Brown. We discussed 4-H Winterfare. We also talked about our participation in the Fruitland Easter Parade which will be held on March 27th. We decided that we would go to the Pittsville Fire House for a tour at our March meeting. We worked on our record books. Taylor Aydelotte & Tricia Manning led us in games to end the evening.

The March meeting was called to order by Mary Jess Warren with 10 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by Brittany Hurley and Rebecca Richardson. Treasurer's report was given by Lauren Brown. We visited the Pittsville Firehouse and paramedic Tony Webster spoke to us about health and first aid. We discussed our plans for participating in the

Thanks to all the clubs for submitting such wonderful news articles about your clubs activities!!

Keep Up the Good Work!! If you would like your clubs news included in our newsletter just contact Mrs. Amy or Mrs. Kay. You can email or write in your articles. Don't forget about submitting pictures too.

4-H Hippology Clinic - Register Now!

The 2010 4-H Hippology Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Carroll County Agriculture Center in Westminster, MD. The objective of the Maryland 4-H Hippology Clinic is to provide an opportunity for Maryland 4-H youth, volunteers, and UME Educators to acquire skills and knowledge about horses and the hippology contest. Participants will hear talks from industry professionals with special break out sessions for junior, intermediate, senior, and volunteer/coach tracks. Participants will learn valuable information to make them better horsemen and prepare them for the 4-H State Hippology Contest. 4-Hers preparing for upcoming Horsemanship Standards testings are highly encouraged to attend this clinic to help prepare them.

Registration for the one-day clinic is \$25.00, which includes lunch. Registrations are due by Friday, April 30, 2010. Registrations submitted after the due date will be charged an additional \$10. Preregistration is required. Registration information can be found at www.4horse.umd.edu/activities/hippologyclinic.html

Salisbury Horse Show at Winterplace - May 8, 2010

Sponsored by Wicomico 4-H

Program Book Advertisement Order Form - Deadline for ads is 4/23/10.

Name of business or organization: _____

Person authorized to purchase this ad: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: ____ - ____ - ____ Fax Number: ____ - ____ - ____ Email: _____

Ad Size: **Full Page** (8"x5") @ \$50. ____ **Half Page** (4"x5") @ \$40 ____
Third Page (2.75"x5") @ \$30. ____ **Friend** (single line listing) @ \$5 - \$25. ____

Amount of ad: \$ _____ Cash ____ Check (Payable to Wicomico E.A.C.) ____

4-H Salesperson _____ Represent: _____ 4-H Club

Attach business card or other artwork for ad in this space. Ads will be black on white.

Please list any special directions for ad here:

4-Hers: Send this order form promptly to "Miss Kay" at the 4-H Office. Thanks! Remember the deadline for ads is 4/23/10.

Buyer's Receipt

Thank you for supporting all the young people who are members of the Wicomico County 4-H Program by purchasing an ad for the Salisbury Horse Show at Winterplace on May 8, 2010.

Business or Organization: _____

Name of Buyer: _____ **Ad Size:** Full Page ____ Half page ____ 1/3 Page ____

Amount of Ad: \$ _____ **4-H Salesperson:** _____ **Club** _____

Call the 4-H Office at 410 749-6141 with questions or instructions. **Thanks!**
Wicomico 4-H, P.O. Box 1836, Salisbury, MD 21802

The Salisbury Horse Show at Winterplace - May 8, 2010

Sponsored by Wicomico 4-H

Dear 4-H Members:

*Thank you for helping us raise money to support the Wicomico County 4-H Program by selling advertisements for our horse show. This is the only time this year you will be asked to help raise money for the County 4-H Program. **We're asking every 4-Her to sell at least one ad.** And, we'd ask that you only try to sell ads to people you know or your family does business with. Selling an ad can help you learn important public speaking and self confidence skills. We'd like 4-Hers, not parents, selling ads.*

As an incentive, 25% of the money you raise will be returned to your club. The club raising the most money per member (example: 10 members sell \$100 in ads = \$10/member) will receive a pizza or bowling party. And, the 4-H Family that raises the most money will win \$100.

Here are some selling tips: 1. Be polite and neatly dressed. 2. Ask to speak to the store owner or manager. Explain who you are and what you want. 3. Explain how the money will be used as shown above. 4. Tell them this is the only time they will be asked to support Wicomico 4-H this year. 5. If you are successful, carefully complete the attached form and send it immediately to the 4-H Office.

*Thanks for helping us with this project. Call if you have any questions. **Remember the deadline for ads is 4/23/10.***

PS: 4-H is sponsoring this show but it's not a show just for 4-Hers. Most of the riders will be adults competing in the Eastern Shore Combine Horse Show Circuit.

Dear Friend of 4-H,

*Thank you for your support of the Wicomico County 4-H Program. **One Hundred Percent** of the funds raised from our horse show will be used to support the activities of the Wicomico 4-Hers. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will be returned to 4-H Clubs for their community projects. The balance will be used for camp scholarships, fair ribbons, achievement medals and awards for our young people, volunteer training for teens and adults and much more.*

*This is **the only time this year** you will be asked to support the Wicomico County 4-H Program. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. **Deadline for ads is April 23, 2010.***

Sincerely,

*Amy Rhodes, 4-H Educator
Wicomico County Extension*

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