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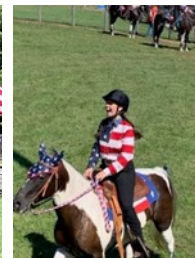
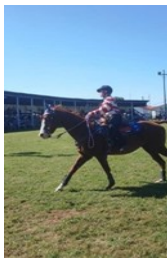
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The Crazy Critter's 4-H Club had a very exciting May meeting on May 18th, 2022 at 7:04 pm. It took place at 38011 Muddy Bottom Farm in Clements, MD. As a start to our meeting, *Anna Strine* led us in the Pledge of Alligiance and *Ashley Brackett* led us in the 4-H Pledge. We welcomed 5 visitors, *Bry Matlock, Jessica Matlock, Marlee Groht and Jenna Stallard*.

We held a 4-H Record Book Workshop for our members. Our club Leader, Miss Sue Cusic, went over the 4-H Summary Record sheets, the 4-H General Project Record sheets, and the Horse Project Record packet. She gave us each a printed copy to use as our draft copies so we could log our information on the record sheets at the beginning of each monthly meeting. She also went over what a 4-H record book consist of and encouraged us to take pictures now of us doing things with our 4-H projects. Our President, *Ashley Brackett* gave an interesting demonstration on how to safely bathe a horse. She provided pictures of a horse tied in cross ties to safely keep the horse in the wash area and went over products that are safe to wash horses with. She also explained the use of grooming tools to brush away dirt before wetting down the horse. We learned to always start at the bottom of the leg and move upward when wetting your horse with the hose. Starting at the bottom of the leg will help the horse keep calm and understand that he is about to get wet.



Our club leader, Miss Sue, also explained that our club has an Equestrian Drill Team, called the **“Freedom Riders 4-H Equestrian Drill Team”**. You must be enrolled in our 4H club to be on the equestrian drill team. Each rider brings their horse (own or lease) to practice and learns to ride in sync with a partner to the beat of music in a variety of patterns. The 4-H riders need to pass the Knowledge and Riding testing for the Horse Project before they can perform. The testing is required only once, once they pass it they do not need to take the knowledge and riding test again. *Anna Strine and Jazmine Howell* shared what makes up the Drill Team uniform for the rider of black pants, red/white/blue uniform western shirt, ASTM approved riding helmet and cowboy boots. *Ashley Brackett* explained that each rider will learn to carry a flag while riding their horse during the performance. The 4-H equestrian drill team practices every week on a Wednesday at 6:30 from April to end of September at 38011 Muddy Bottom Farm Lane, Clements, MD. Miss Sue also shared the various parades that the 4-H equestrian drill team participates in. Anyone **interested in joining the “Freedom Riders 4-H Equestrian Drill Team”** should **contact Miss Sue Cusic at 240-538-2835**.



Our next club meeting will be held at Muddy Bottom Farm in Clements, MD on June 1, 2022, at 7:15pm after Drill Team Practice.



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