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**REPORTER'S NEWS**  
**South County Patriots 4-H Club Report**  
**January 22, 2023**  
Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on January 22, 2023 at 2 pm at the Ridge Firehouse. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson at 2:04 pm. Roll call was answered by 7 members. There were three new club members in attendance. Savannah Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kayla Wilson led 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.

Heather Pierce provided an explanation of Robert's Rules and how they are used in club meetings. A hand out was provided for club members to read if they would like more details. Emma Smith provided the Treasurer Report for the month of December.

For Old Business we discussed that record books are due to the 4-H office by January 31 and they must be submitted by a 4-H Leader. Anyone who does not submit a record book cannot enter exhibits in the fair the following year in 4-H. All but one person who is turning in a record book had it with them.

For New Business we discussed multiple topics. All club members should sign up by the end of January if possible but no later than the day before the February meeting. Anyone who has not enrolled should not attend the next meeting. Heather Pierce gave all club members copies of the 2023 plans and reviewed them with members and parents to make sure there were no issues that have come up since the last business meeting. The Firehouse is reserved for all months that the club will have business meetings. The 4-H banquet will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Three volunteers are needed to work the registration table. Emma, Savannah, and Josi will volunteer.

Diamond Clover forms and FAQs were discussed and handed out for those who needed them. The club decided last year that a quarter auction fundraiser would be held this year and all funds raised would go towards 4-H camp for any club members who wanted to go. Heather Pierce will get the event scheduled and paid for before the next meeting. 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. Lisa Smith provided club members with information and flyers about the 4-H events that are coming up this year and answered any questions everyone had.

The next meeting will be on February 26th at 2pm at the Ridge Firehouse. Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:59 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried.

Savannah Pierce completed a Nature Craft demonstration to teach the club how to make birdfeeders out of peanut butter and pinecones and then the club enjoyed snacks together while Heather Pierce worked with the new members/parents to explain some of the paperwork that is required for 4-H and how the projects and record books work.



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**February 26, 2023**  
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The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on February 26, 2023 at 2pm at the Ridge Firehouse. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson at 2:04 pm. Roll call was answered by all 10 members. Members stated their name and answered the question, "What is your favorite thing about 4-H so far"?

Kayla Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Emma Smith read the Treasurer's Report.

For Old Business we discussed that all 10 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. For the 4-H Banquet, Emma Smith, Josi Stewart, and Savannah Pierce have signed up to work the registration table. The club voted to use club funds to pay for parents who attend the banquet, like we have done in other years. The quarter auction fundraiser we have planned to raise money for camp is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fairgrounds. Everything is completed as far making the reservations.

For New Business we discussed that currently there is one meeting conflict with the Shooting Sports archery practice schedule and we have five members also in archery. A solution would be to hold our May meeting at the fairgrounds instead and everyone agreed that would be ok. There was also a request to move our August meeting date to the 19<sup>th</sup> instead of the 27<sup>th</sup>. The parents agreed this was ok too. Diamond Clover plans are due to the 4-H office by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Most members who are turning one in this year had it with them and gave them to Heather. The ones still thinking about it were told to get it to her prior to the deadline so she can get it turned in to the 4-H office. Josi Stewart has asked for the responsibility of scheduling everyone's demonstrations this year. She brought a sign-up sheet this meeting and will be working with everyone to make sure they have a month scheduled to get a demonstration done for each of their projects. 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 made sure everyone knew that the 4-H website now 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. The next scheduled business meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup> at the fairgrounds.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:33 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried.

Club members had snacks and then Josi Stewart completed a Hobby Demonstration, teaching everyone how to make braided bracelets out of 7 strings of embroidery thread. Emma Smith completed a Craft Demonstration, teaching everyone how to make sun catchers out of clear sheet protectors and Washi tape. Heather Pierce worked with the new members/parents to explain more about the paperwork that is required for 4-H and how the projects and record books work and how fair entries work.