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**REPORTER'S NEWS**  
**South County Patriots 4-H Club Report**  
**January 26, 2025**  
Submitted By: Emma Smith

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on January 26, 2025 at 2pm in Ridge, MD. Savannah Pierce, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Roll call was answered by 8 members and answered the question, "What are your main goals for 4-H this year?". Kayla Wilson, President, arrived after the roll call was completed. Cali Stonesifer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Emma Smith led the 4-H Pledge.

Bruce Wilson read his Treasurer's report, explaining to the club what their current balance is and what the outstanding expenses are for January and funds set aside for camps.

Heather Pierce reminded the club that record books are due to the 4-H office by February 3, 2025. Anyone who does not submit a record book cannot enter exhibits in the fair the following year in 4-H. Everyone who is turning in a record book had it with them and will complete their final review and signatures with Heather Pierce after the meeting. All club members were asked to 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 said that she can help anyone having trouble getting enrolled or deciding what projects to sign up for and explained how projects are linked to certain awards.

All club members were given copies of the 2024 plans and reviewed them 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 15th at the Ridge Firehouse. Emma and Savannah volunteered to help at the registration table, Kayla for the 50/50 raffle, and Garrett as a greeter. Savannah Pierce made a motion for the club to vote whether to pay for the parents for the banquet with club funds. Emma Smith seconded the motion. The club voted unanimously to pay for the parents and the motion carried.

Discussions were held on the Friend of 4-H nomination, but the club was unable to come to a decision.

The club decided last year that a fundraiser would be held again this year to raise funds that would go towards 4-H camps 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 selected March 9, 2025, as that was the only date that married up for the February/March timeframe.

The next meeting will be on February 23rd at 2pm at the Ridge Firehouse.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:35 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried. After the meeting, snacks were served and club members and parents stayed to work with Heather on the signatures for their record books, 2025 Diamond Clover plans, 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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## REPORTER'S NEWS South County Patriots 4-H Club Report February 23, 2025 Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

South County Patriots was held on February 23, 2025 at 2 pm at the Ridge Firehouse. The meeting was called to order by Savannah Pierce, Vice President, at 2:05 pm. Roll call was answered by 6 members. Members stated their name and answered the question, "What do you want to accomplish this year"? Emma Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Savannah Pierce led the 4-H Pledge. The Treasurer's report was read to let the club know how much funding is available for expenditure.

### Old Business:

- Diamond Clover forms are due 15 March 2025. All forms have been submitted to 4-H office.
- Fundraiser- the quarter auction fundraiser is scheduled for 09 March 2025 at the Fairgrounds. All club members who would like to use the funds raised for their camp fees need to attend the fundraiser and help. Set up will be completed the night before and everyone should be at the fairgrounds no later than 1000 so that all last minute items are completed by 1100. Jobs will be Paddles/Quarter/50/50 Table – Savannah, Emma, Josi, Kayla; Concessions – Bruce, Callie, Annabelle, Garrett; Brown Bag – Waylon.
- Enrollment- all but one club member has been enrolled (that member not present today) 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 not later than June.
- 4-H Banquet- Emma Smith and Savannah Pierce have signed up to work the registration table, Garrett Shaw will be removed as a greeter, but Waylon Starling will step in and replace him, and Kayla Wilson as a 50/50 ticket seller. RSVPs are due to the 4-H office by 28 Feb 2025. 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.

### New Business:

- Diamond Clover Level 6 is due by September 2025 for next year for anyone interested.
- Camp Counselors are needed for overnight camp, day camp, and engineering camp. Current camp counselor training is required.
- Heather Pierce reviewed some of the upcoming animal sciences events. Broiler Chick project may not happen in 2025 due to Avian flu. She also mentioned that the public speaking workshop and contest are still TBD at the moment.
- There will be no meeting in March, we will attend the club fundraiser and 4-H banquet instead. Our next club meeting will be 27 April 2025 at the Ridge Firehouse.

Savannah Pierce moved that the business meeting adjourn at 2:23 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried.

After the meeting, the club had snacks and Emma Smith completed a craft demonstration called Bubble Wrap Paint Craft. Painting was done on bubble wrap and then transferred to black card stock to make shapes like flowers, turtles, etc.



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## REPORTER'S NEWS South County Patriots 4-H Club Report March 15, 2025 Submitted By: Savannah Pierce

South County Patriots members and parents attended the 2024 4-H Banquet in lieu of a meeting for March. At the banquet, two 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, Shooting Sports awards, Record Books, Project Pins, and nominations for the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor award, 4-H Spirit Award and the Outstanding 4-H'er of the Year award.

We also had our club fundraiser on March 9, 2025 and we were able to raise enough money for each club member to have funds to use for their camps this coming year. Club members helped with set up and tear down and worked at the various stations at the quarter auction selling paddles, quarters, 50/50 tickets, brown bag tickets, and the concession stand.





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## REPORTER'S NEWS South County Patriots 4-H Club Report April 27, 2025 Submitted By: Emma Smith

The monthly meeting of the South County Patriots was held on April 27, 2025, in Ridge, MD. The meeting was called to order by Kayla Wilson at 2:06 pm. Roll call was answered by 6 members. Members stated their name and answered the question, "What was your favorite thing about spring?" Savannah Pierce led the 4-H Pledge and Kayla Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bruce Wilson read the treasurer's report to provide members with information on how much funding the club has in their bank account, how much is set aside for camp funds, and what is available for expenditure for club expenses.

### Club Business

- Club Camp-Out – the club discussed the upcoming camp out event on May 17th. Same as the last couple years, we will not actually stay overnight, we'll do activities all day and then go home when it's time for bed or whenever everyone has had enough fun for the day. Everyone needs to be ready to do demonstrations and this is a great time to complete demos that are messier or more time consuming.
- Enrollment- any club members who want to add or delete projects need to let the 4-H office know by June.
- 4-H Banquet – We talked about ways that could make the 4-H banquet better in certain aspects.
- We talked about fair updates for livestock rules and put out a reminder that livestock entries in the fair need a paper form as well as the Blue Ribbon entry.
- Camps- Engineering Camp is May 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup>. 3 members are attending. 4-H Day Camp is still TBD. Overnight Camp is July 6<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>. Very few can attend with these chosen dates. 4-H office is looking for adult and teen volunteers for all camps.
- Broiler Chick project is still TBD.
- Everyone needs to ensure they are working on their diamond clover activities per their signed plans.
- Next meeting was moved back to the original date of June 29, 2025.

Kayla Wilson moved that the business meeting adjourn at 3:23 pm. Motion seconded by Emma Smith and carried.

Emma Smith did her leadership demo by teaching everyone the "Okay, Genius..." game and leading everyone in the activity. The club had snacks together and talked a while before leaving.