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REPORTER'S NEWS Crazy Critters 4-H Club Report January 2026 Submitted By: Baylee Hill

At our January meeting our President, Jenna Stallard, went through our agenda. Charlotte led the Pledge of Allegiance and Laynie led the 4-H Pledge. Our Secretary, Charlotte Walters, took role call. We had 0 visitors in this month's meeting. Our club received 0 letters this month. Our Treasurer, Ree Costello, went through the treasurer's report. We discussed the upcoming fundraiser event, a yard sale at Mt. Zion Church. We will be raising money to help the drill team pay for health certificates. We also discussed other fundraising ideas.

We discussed craft ideas we would like to do this year, including tie dye shirts, baking, decorating horseshoes, rag wreaths and a clay project.

We also discussed club activities we would like to raise money for including: rodeo, ice skating, trampoline park and paint ball.

In January, our club leaders attended leadership training.



Leadership Training



Painting signs at our January meeting



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Our club didn't hold our regular monthly meeting due to snow and ice earlier this month. However, we did get to attend the Equine Expo & Education Summit presented by Southern States Charlotte Hall, Saturday February 28th.

Our club learned about hay and feed, including, presentations from Nutrena, Tribute and Triple Crown feed manufacturers. Cargill gave a presentation about hay, including how the different cuttings yield different nutrition. Triple Crown gave an interactive demonstration about the horse's digestive system. A live demonstration was given on how to use a weight tape, how to evaluate the body condition score including factors to take into account such as breed, age and how the horse is being used.

Our club had a table displaying our recent fair achievements, club and drill team information as well as baked goods available for donations to the club.





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Crazy Critters held our meeting Friday, March 6th at Mt. Zion Church in Mechanicsville. We were setting up for our Yard Sale Saturday.

We discussed hoodies for the club, everyone agreed to gray hoodies with the drill team design on the back with a small clover on the front. Kids nominated then voted on our Friend of 4-H for the banquet. Our leader handed out our new record book forms and discussed Diamond Clover.

Drill Team season is starting! Our first practice will be Friday, March 13.





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REPORTER'S NEWS Crazy Critters 4-H Club Report April 12, 2026 Submitted By: Baylee Hill

Crazy Critters had our club meeting Sunday, April 12, 2026 at the Walters home in Hughesville, MD. The club discussed having a canned goods collection, making a donation to the pantry at the Charlotte Hall Library. The club also discussed making a donation to CAWL (Calvert Animal Welfare League), leaders will procure items from the wishlist and the club will schedule a time for drop off and possibly volunteer at the facility. LJ Perry shared that he won 1st place at a public speaking contest. Drill team practice and performance schedule distributed in the group chat. Members made horseshoe dream catchers as the craft this month.

On April 9th, our club attended the Suttlers Post Clydesdale event. We had a ta-



Pictured: Carley Roberson, Charlotte Walters, Ava Eagan, Karlee Scroth, LJ Perry, Adriana Costello, Baylee Hill, Laynie Ellis, Ellie Hayden, Claire Brown



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REPORTER'S NEWS Crazy Critters 4-H Club Report May 3, 2026 Submitted By: Baylee Hill

Crazy Critters had our club meeting Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 at Trudy's home in Mechanicsville, MD. The club discussed attending a rodeo this summer, one in June and the other in August. Parents will vote on what works best for the family then a decision will be made on which to attend. Club will pay for each members ticket. The club also discussed an ice skating event, date will be decided in the fall. The club members voted on an alternate performance outfit, it will be a red button down shirt with white scarf and bollo, with dark blue jeans. We began our fair preparations by deciding on our booth theme and started crafting.

We have an upcoming drill team performance at the Free Rein Horse Show, Sunday, May 31st at the lunch intermission.



Picture from Drill Team Practice: Claire Brown, Charlotte Walters, Carley Roberson, Maggie Russell, Karlee Schroth, Ava Eagan, LJ Perry, Ellie Hayden, Jenna Stallard

LJ Perry gave a demonstration, "how to make a horse treat" Our next meeting