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## REPORTER'S NEWS Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report January 19, 2024 Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The January meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H club was held on Friday January 19th, 2024 at Tolerance Hall at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by our President, Sam Wathen. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by Trent Vallandingham. The 4-H pledge was said by Kyle VanRyswick. Roll was called and members answered the question, "What is your favorite season?". The treasurer's report was read and accepted. An illustrated talk was given by Leroy Kershaw on his "Baby Bunnies".

Under old business we talked about steer weigh in. Then we talked about Officers Training. All of our new officers attended including; Sam Wathen, Delia Vallandingham, Madison Arcadipane, James Arcadipane, Kyle Williams, Leroy Kershaw and Chloe Williams. Next, Kyle and Chloe Williams told the club about the livestock knowledge series hosted by the County 4-H Office that many of our club members have been attending.

Under new business, we sent around a paper for volunteers to track how many hours they have spent volunteering with 4-H. We heard from our leaders about an upcoming public speaking workshop and future livestock knowledge workshop sessions. Our club discussed our yearly plan and we had many volunteers to host different activities for our members. Mrs. Williams spoke about upcoming 4-H teen events. Next meeting, we will have a valentine exchange. Leroy and Ernest Kershaw brought snacks and drinks to share this meeting. Snacks and drinks for the next meeting will be brought by Kyle Russell.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm. Our meeting activities were rabbit jumping, rabbit skillathon practice, and taking down the Tolerance Hall Christmas tree. Leroy and Ernest Kershaw, Sam and Susannah Wathen and Mackenzie and Michael Caywood each brought their rabbits to practice rabbit jumping. We also brought winter weather items such as hats and gloves to donate to the needy.

Our next meeting will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Tolerance Hall at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds.



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**REPORTER'S NEWS**  
**Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report—Livestock Knowledge Session**  
**February 8, 2024**  
Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

A Livestock Knowledge Workshop hosted by the County 4-H Office was held Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in the Soil Conservation Conference Room at the 4-H Office. The meeting started at 6pm. Attendees were: Trent, Delia and Levi Vallandingham, Morgan, Logan and Nathan Raley, Leroy and Ernest Kershaw, Trenton Ridgell, Kinsley Farrell, Hailey and Peyton Hutmaker, Shay Bjerke, Makenzie and Michael Caywood, Bella and Guils Ortega and Ryan Cory. Makenzie Caywood did an illustrated talk on Blue Tongue Disease. We watched a video on swine ear notching. Then we did an activity of identifying different pig ear notches. We then practiced going through skillathon stations such as: equipment identification, feed identification, breed identification, and parts of livestock. We broke out into groups and played livestock jeopardy.

The next Livestock Knowledge Workshop will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm in the Soil Conservation Conference Room.



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## REPORTER'S NEWS Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report February 16, 2024 Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The February meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H Club was held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm. Trent Vallandingham led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Jessica Graves led us in the 4-H pledge. Madison Arcadipane read the Secretaries report which was accepted as read. James Arcadipane read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as read. Demonstrations were given by Lilly Barrowclough on her Leopard Gecko and Delia Vallandingham on How to make a Forged Rose.

Under old business, we discussed the upcoming public speaking contest. Delia Vallandingham told the club about the different kinds of speeches you can give. Next, we talked about the Livestock Knowledge Series being held at the 4-H office.

Under new business, we discussed the annual 4-H achievement banquet that will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The 4-H office is looking for volunteers to help with a few different jobs at the banquet.

Susan reminded us to make sure everyone is enrolled in 4-H online for 2024. Next, we asked all members to come to the back hall so that we could discuss our Friend of 4-H selection and gift ideas. The state livestock skillathon contest will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Delia Vallandingham and Kyle Williams told our members about the contest. Susan and Cathy told us what was discussed at the last leaders' meeting. We sent around a sheet for all parents to report their volunteer hours.

We will not be having a March club meeting due to the banquet being on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Thank you to Kyle Russell who brought snacks and drinks to share. After the meeting we had a Valentine exchange where all members brought their own valentine boxes and everyone brought valentines for each other. It was a lot of fun! Lilly Barrowclough taught us all how to draw a valentine brachiosaurus drawing. Then we painted them with watercolor paints.



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## REPORTER'S NEWS Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report April 19, 2024 Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The April meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H Club was held on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Briar Branch Alpaca Farm. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Sam Wathen. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by Trent Vallandingham. The 4-H Pledge was said by Jessica Graves. Roll was called and members answered the question, "What is your favorite livestock?". Madison Arcadipane read the Secretaries report which was accepted as read. James Arcadipane read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as read.

Under old business, we discussed the Maryland state livestock skillathon competition. Trent, Delia, Levi and Colby Vallandingham told us how they did at the skillathon. Bella Ortega, Chloe and Kyle Williams also attended the state skillathon competition from our club. Next, we discussed the 2024 St. Mary's County 4-H achievement banquet. Then we discussed the St. Mary's County public speaking contest that was held on March 22, 2024. Trent, Delia and Levi Vallandingham, Leroy Kershaw, Emily Gale and Kyle VanRyswick all competed in the contest. We also discussed the Spring Workshop that our club hosted on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Our last discussion in old business was the plant and bake sale we held at Russell Brothers Farm and Meats in Morganza. Thank you, Russell Brothers!

Under new business, we discussed a Mother's Day activity that will be held at Southern States on April 27<sup>th</sup> where we can bring animals to share with the public. On May 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a regional Broiler show and poultry day at the fairgrounds. We learned about the market goat, lamb and hog weigh in that will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Snacks were brought by Kyle and Chloe Williams and drinks were brought by Jessica Graves.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. Thank you to Mrs. Dana Russell who taught us all about alpacas and their fiber at our meeting! Our community service activity for this month was non-perishable food collection and Eggs for an Eggs-cellent cause led by Leroy and Ernest Kershaw. Our poultry members donated their extra eggs and others provided non-perishable food to benefit St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen.



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**REPORTER'S NEWS**  
**Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report**  
**June 28, 2024**  
Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The June meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H club was held on June 28, 2024 virtually on zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by Kyle Russell and the 4-H Pledge was said by James Arcadipane. The roll call question was, "Have you gone swimming this summer?". The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted by Delia Vallandingham and Ernest Kershaw. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted by Leroy Kershaw and Elizabeth Butterfield. A demonstration was given by Elizabeth Butterfield on her Netherland Dwarf rabbit.

Under old business, we discussed Spring show that was held on May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We discussed and voted on a theme for our booth and float. We learned that the auction at this years fair is going to start at 5pm and goats will be sold by the head.

Under new business, we discussed hosting a county event and shared ideas of events we thought would be fun for all. We discussed changes to the picture backdrop for the fair. Breeding forms are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Next, we talked about the livestock auction booklet and due dates for ads, thank you and pictures to be included. Lastly, we went over what was discussed at the leaders meeting and discussed watching the 4-H building at the fair.

Our next meeting will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.



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## REPORTER'S NEWS Tudor Hall 4-H Club Report July 26, 2024 Submitted By: Leroy Kershaw

The July meeting of the Tudor Hall 4-H Club was held on July 26, 2024 in the pavilion at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Susannah Wathen and the 4-H pledge was led by Matthew Van Ryswick. The roll call question was "What is your favorite thing you have done so far this summer?" Minutes of the last meeting were accepted by Matthew Van Ryswick and seconded by Delia Vallandingham. The treasurer's report was read and accepted by Matthew Van Ryswick and seconded by Jessica Graves.

The following demonstrations were given by members: Braden DeGarmo on chicken processing, Jessica Graves on market goats, market hogs, swine pox and photography. Susannah Wathen on her goat obstacle course.

Under old business we discussed future county 4-H events we would like to plan. We discussed the picture backdrop for the St. Mary's County Fair.

Under new business we voted on hosting a county 4-H trunk or treat again this year. We went over our clubs responsibilities during our time to watch the 4-H building at the fair. We made sure everyone in the club had received the 4-H fair book via email and understood where to find the open fair book to enter their entries. Congratulations to Delia Vallandingham for winning the fair book cover contest! Next, we collected volunteer hours. Then, we discussed ordering club shirts. Everyone wanted to buy a new club shirt. We voted on our favorite design, discussed pricing and collected sizes.

After our meeting, we made candy salad with candy that each member brought with them to the meeting. Each member lined up and stated their name and the candy they had brought then dumped it into a big bowl. Delia mixed it all up and helped to get each member a bag of candy salad to take home. Everyone really enjoyed this!

Our next meeting will be on August 16th at 6:30pm at Tolerance Hall at the Fairgrounds. Thank you to the Faunce's and the Kershaw's for bringing snacks and drinks to celebrate the birthdays of Olivia, Leroy and Elizabeth. We sang happy birthday to them and our meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.