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Hopper's 4-H Club News

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The Hopper's club met December 7, 2025, at the Senior Center in Friendsville. The meeting was called to order by President Bristol Ketterman. Roll call was answered by which wild animal would you choose if you could have one? The American flag pledge was led by Elizabeth Zimmerman and the 4-H pledge by Bristol Ketterman. There were 14 members, 14 volunteers and 1 guest present. Pins were given to outgoing officers by Darlene. She also thanked Ava Cosner and Derek Cosner for having exceptional communication over the years about the club both at meetings and out in the community. New officers were sworn in using the cookie recipe theme. Each officer was an ingredient of the recipe to make one big, sweet cookie. 2026 Hopper's Officers are as follows: President-Bristol Ketterman, Vice President-Isabel Whiteside, Secretary-Jubilee Vose, Treasurer-Jeremy Gordon, Reporter-Landon Georg, Historian-Elizabeth Zimmerman and Photographers-Cadence Georg and Ella Georg.

Awards were given for the following:

Perfect Attendance Certificate-Bristol Ketterman, Cadence Georg, Ella Georg.

Missed One Meeting Certificate-Ava Cosner, Derek Cosner, Jeremy Gordon, Maddox Gordon, Jubilee Vose, Isabel Whiteside, Noah Whiteside, Landon Georg.

Clovers received a crocheted animal-Jadzea Vose, Ella Georg.

Punctuality Award-Ava Cosner, Derek Cosner, Jeremy Gordon, Maddox Gordon, Jacob Vose.

Communication Award-Ava Cosner, Derek Cosner, Jubilee Vose.

Leadership Award-Bristol Ketterman, Isabel Whiteside, Elizabeth Zimmerman.

Humanitarian Award-Landon Georg, Ella Georg, Bristol Ketterman, Jubilee Vose, Isabel Whiteside.

State and National Award-Jeremy Gordon, Maddox Gordon, Bristol Ketterman, Noah Whiteside.

Honorary Award-Cheyenne McClean and Jadzea Vose.

Darlene gave everyone a specially made Hopper's mug with candy, and she gave club Assistant Leader Jim Whiteside, Clover Leader Becky Tasker and Pam Ketterman gifts. A bag of gifts was given to Darlene by the club.

Secretary Ava Cosner read the minutes from October and November and they were both approved. Incoming Treasurer, Jeremy Gordon, read the reports for both October and November and they were approved. Elizabeth Zimmerman then made a special announcement that the club had received a donation that had been tripled on giving Tuesday. The club is very thankful to the gentleman who donated the money and the fact it was tripled.

Members have been very busy lately. Jubilee Vose and Noah Whiteside are in the First Lego League in Garrett County and act in the theatre. Isabel Whiteside is helping coach the First Lego League and was on the distinguished honor roll at Northern. Jacob Vose is helping build a large shed in carpentry at Northern. Landon Georg is a drummer in the Southern band and on the distinguished honor roll. Elizabeth Zimmerman is a cheerleader at Southern and is on the honor roll. Ava Cosner is playing basketball for the Northern JV team. Derek Cosner got a gold medal with the Northern Unified Flag Football team at states, made the honor roll and got to visit Santa while helping the Deep Creek Vol. Fire Dept. Cadence Georg and Ella Georg are in a Christmas play as a camel and donkey at their church. Bristol Ketterman went to three rabbit shows and did well. They were in Zanesville, OH, Canton, OH and the Polish Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Jeremy Gordon and Maddox Gordon also went to some of those shows to help and for moral support. While at the Polish Convention, Maddox won a fancy Guinea pig.

Becky Tasker and the Clovers did a food demonstration while Becky gave tips on how to do a successful demonstration. They made apple butter dip and butterscotch dip. Bristol Ketterman gave a demonstration on how to make deluxe Chex mix. Elizabeth Zimmerman gave a demonstration on how to safely clip rabbit toenails. Jeremy Gordon gave a demonstration on his Crescent duck Donald and Maddox Gordon gave a demonstration on

his Giant Cochin hen that lays green eggs. Becky found the old banner from the Country Kids 4-H club she was in as a kid and brought it to show the club. Pam Ketterman picked up some new, collapsable and lighter show boxes to use at upcoming rabbit shows. The club also stuffed bags to hand out to senior citizens. The Clubs Oscar the Grouch tree won first at the Festival of Trees. Members and volunteers shared pizza and snacks during the meeting.

I want to say thank you to all my loyal readers over the years. It has been a pleasure to report my club's news, and I appreciate all the positive reviews I have got. I have decided to pass the Reporters' torch on, and I wish Landon the best as he takes on this role. I also want to thank my mom for helping me, Roberta for sending it to the Republican and the Republican for always printing my reports. Thank you all for your support and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Upcoming events for the club are Planning Meeting December 27 at 10am at the Friendsville Library. Next meeting January 18, 2026, at the Senior Center at 3pm. Bring your completed record books. Public Speaking is January 23, 2026, and you must register. 2026 4-H enrollment will begin in January, please check your email. HOP, HOP, HOP on over and join us!



Hoppers 2026 officers: President Bristol Ketterman, Reporter Landon Georg, Assistant Club Leader Jim Whiteside, Photographers Cadence and Ella Georg, Club Leader Darlene Schmidt, Historian Elizabeth Zimmerman, Treasurer Jeremy Gordon, Secretary Jubilee Vose and Vice President Isabel Whiteside