

For Immediate Release

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Hopper's 4-H Club News

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The Hopper's Club met May 18 at the Friendsville Senior Center. There were 12 members, 3 of which were new, 9 volunteers and two guests. President Bristol Ketterman called the meeting to order. Guests, Officers Joe Clement and Officer Robert Clark discussed safety with club members. They explained the importance of making a home safety plan and when a person should call 911. Members also learned about tools officers have in a police car, got to sit in a police car and explained what equipment they carry. We thank them for taking the time to visit us.

No previous minutes were read. Maddox Gordon gave the treasurers report, and it was approved. The Rabbit Workshop, held in March, was well attended. Isabel Whiteside said she had a good experience learning. The club went to 4-H Achievement night in April and did well. Members also went to the Western Maryland District Show in May and did well. Isabel Whiteside showed 5 different animals, won 1st in showmanship and 2nd a 4th place. Jeremy Gordon won Best in Show with his Giant Chinchilla. Jubilee Vose won Reserve in Show with her Polish and Champion Showmanship in her age group. Jacob Vose won 1st in showmanship in his age group and Best of Breed with his mini rex. Noah Whiteside won 1st in his division for showmanship. Cheyenne McClean won 1st place and Best of Breed for her Flemish Giant. Bristol Ketterman attended the Nationals for Polish in Texas, competed for Royalty and won the Polish Premiere award. Jeremy Gordon and Maddox Gordon also won 1st places there as well. Derek Cosner won a bronze medal at Mt. Ridge for Special Olympics bocce and Ava Cosner is playing on the Northern Middle Unified Tennis team. Elizabeth Zimmerman is on the Distinguished Honor roll in the third quarter at Southern.

Members need to continue to work on record books and upload photos to the club's Facebook page. Rabbit and Poultry awards were discussed. Sponsors for Champion rabbit Showmanship and Champion Meat pen are still needed. Cow Patty BINGO tickets are now

available for \$10. Quality Assurance is due by July 1 for some of our members. Flower planting was moved to May 30 at 4:30pm. Isabel Whiteside gave a demonstration on reading and research projects.

The Fair books have been handed out. Please start or continue getting ready for the 68th Annual Garrett County Agriculture Fair July 26-August 2, 2025. Hoppers next meeting will take place June 15, 2025, at the Senior center at 3pm. Hop on over and join us!