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## Hopper's 4-H Club News

*Derek A. Cosner, Reporter*

The Hopper's Club met October 19 at the Senior Center in Friendsville. There were 14 members, 11 volunteers and 2 guests present. President Bristol Ketterman called the meeting to order, and the American flag pledge was led by Derek Cosner and the 4-H pledge by Ava Cosner.

Becky Tasker continued her rabbit showmanship information with rabbit ear problems. Some of these included mites and sores. Secretary Ava Cosner read last month's minutes, and they were approved. Treasurer Maddox Gordon read the treasurer's report, and it was also approved.

Reports of activities include a thank you to Derek Cosner for his article in the *4-H in Action* paper from the *Delmarva Farmer* for 4-H week at the beginning of October. Isabel Whiteside also reported that the Northern band were Region 5 champions at the Tournament of Bands in Musselman because they got first in all categories and she was happy to get a police and fire escort on the way home. She also said that morning she had been in Baltimore with the GACO Robotics team, and they won second place.

Landon Georg was happy to report the equipment in Loch Lynn has been installed in the all-inclusive playground to help children and adults with disabilities have a fun place to enjoy. The playground should be finished by spring or summer of 2026. He and his family, along with many donors, have helped get this project completed.

Old business is to continue working on record books. They are due in December. The Presidents 4-H Volunteer Service Award has now been taken over by the Garrett County Commissioners. The Commissioner's 4-H Volunteer Service Award will continue to recognize

4-H members for their involvement in helping with the community. Please fill out the same form that has always been used.

The club will be at the Accident Fall Festival on October 31. Come out and play a game and visit us! Ella and Cadence Georg made posters for 4-H week. Becky Tasker's dad's estate sale that was to be held October 25, will be rescheduled for Spring.

Next month officers will be elected. If you plan to run for an office or keep the one you have, campaign or think of someone to nominate. Becky Tasker presented the club with a nice banner. Thank you, Elizabeth Zimmerman, for getting the extra newspaper articles for our members.

Jubilee Vose had a very informative demonstration on her Polish rabbit, Licorice. She went over what to talk about or what the judge may look for during showmanship.

Other upcoming events are our next meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner November 9 at 2pm. Thomas Vose will be here to give us an update on the library.



Hopper's club with the new banner donated by Becky Tasker. Sitting: Jeremy Gordon. First row standing: Derek Cosner, Bristol Ketterman, Landon Georg, Cadence Georg, Jazzy Vose, Jubilee Vose, holding Licorice, Ella Georg. Back row: Elizabeth Zimmerman, Isabel Whiteside, Ava Cosner, Noah Whiteside, Maddox Gordon, Jacob Vose.