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Hopper's 4-H Club News

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The Hopper's 4-H Club met for its regular monthly meeting at the Friendsville Senior Center August 18, 2024. President Isabel Whiteside called the meeting to order and there were eight members, and ten volunteers present. Jubilee Vose led the American flag pledge and Ava Cosner led the 4-H pledge. Brenda Skipper led the Club in several games of Rabbits Around the World BINGO. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and Ava Cosner made a motion to approve, seconded by Bristol Ketterman and they were passed. The Treasurer's report was also read, and Ava Cosner made the motion to approve, and Bristol Ketterman seconded, and they were passed. Ava Cosner reported she won Best of Breed at the Garrett County Fair with her Dutch rabbit. Caroline Zimmerman reported that people really enjoyed the new Rabbit Barn extension and sitting and visiting on the benches. A new bench was added this year by Bristol Ketterman in honor of Rachel Schmidt, to go with the three that were made last year by Ava Cosner and Derek Cosner in memory of Gerald Rodeheaver, Richard McCrobie and Larry "Butch" Glotfelty. The Clubs Fair Booth won 3rd at the Garrett County Fair.

Darlene Schmidt reminded everyone to continue working on Record Books and that Service-Learning sheets are also due in December, along with Record Books. Please have Diamond Clover sheets turned in before September 30th. The Club was also reminded that Wreaths Across America will be held on December 14th and Brenda Skipper would find out more information about it. Several families plan to attend the rabbit show at the Maryland State Fair August 24. A discussion was held about how to pay for the lights and fans that were used to help people and animals stay cool and see better in the Rabbit and Poultry Barn during the excessive heat during Fair week, and the paint used to repaint the barn signs and show and feed boxes. Elizabeth Zimmerman made the motion the Club pay for all the supplies purchased by volunteers, Bristol Ketterman seconded, and it was approved. The Club still

would like more led lights and fans and will plan a fund raiser in the future. If anyone would like to donate those items, the Club would appreciate it.

The Club is selling maple and sage sausage from the pig that Insurance Centers donated to the Club and there is a limited supply. If you would like to order, please talk to anyone from the Club as soon as possible to get your order in. One-pound packs are \$5 each. We thank Insurance Centers for their generous donation! If any person or business would like to sponsor prizes for rabbit or poultry showman for next Fair, please reach out to someone in the Club. We thank the sponsors for open rabbit and 4-H rabbit prizes this year. They were Cindy Vose, Susan R. Glotfelty, Pam and Gary Ketterman and Darlene Schmidt. Clover member Jubilee Vose and Clover Leader Becky Tasker made fork paintings and used plastic knives and fingerprints to make them one of a kind. The motion to adjourn was made by Ava Cosner and seconded by Maddox Gordon.

Our next meeting will be held at the Rabbit Barn September 22, 2024, at 3pm. It will be a picnic in memory of Rachel Schmidt our Assistant Club Leader who we lost last September. If you would like to join us, HOP HOP HOP on over and enjoy some good friends and food!