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Hopper's 4-H Club News

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The Hoppers had a long, busy week at the 67th Annual Garrett County Fair. Both members and volunteers worked hard to make this Fair year a success. A meeting was not held after barn clean up and will be held later this month.

Members who showed are the following:

Ava Cosner- Best of Breed (BOB) Dutch rabbit, Holland lop rabbit ribbons, 1st in Intermediate Fashion Review, 3rd in Garrett County Forestry Board photo contest, multiple ribbons on indoor exhibits, pedal tractor pull and pet show.

Derek Cosner-Polish rabbit ribbons, 1st in Intermediate Lawn Tractor Engineering event. Jeremy Gordon-BOB Jersey Wooly and Best Opposite Breed Mini Rex, Goats 4th in 10 year old showmanship, 7th in 2nd medium weight class, 1st with record book and multiple ribbons for indoor exhibits.

Maddox Gordon-Reserve Grand Champion Poultry with rare breed chickens, multiple ribbons with chickens, duck and rabbits, multiple ribbons for indoor exhibits.

Bristal Ketterman-Beef-3rd in 14 year old showmanship 4th in heavyweight class #2, BOB Polish, Senior Reserve Champion Showman and Overall Reserve Champion Showman in rabbits. Goats Reserve Champion Fullblood Jr Doe, Overall Reserve Champion Fullblood Doe, Champion Fullblood Buck, Overall Champion for Meat Buck and Buck. 3rd in 14 year old showmanship, 4th in Medium weight class, Record book 1st and best in Show and multiple ribbons with indoor exhibits. Cheyenne McClean-Dairy Goat Milk Out Champion, Alpine Goat Champion, Best of Doe Champion, Best of 3 Champion, Dairy Goat Reserve Champion, Two Best of Shows for indoor exhibits and BOB Flemish Giant rabbit, Best of Show rooster and 3rd with a single hen.

Jacob Vose-BOB mini rex, Reserve Champion mini rex, multiple ribbons for rabbits and herbs and vegetables.

Jubilee Vose- 2 ribbons for Polish buck and 3 Clover ribbons for exhibits.

Isabel Whiteside- 2nd Polish junior doe, 3rd Holland lop senior buck, 1st Holland lop senior doe, Best Opposite Breed Holland lop, 1st Holland lop fur, Reserve Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship, 2ND place lamb showmanship, 3rd place goat showmanship, Reserve Champion in Lead Contest, 2nd place Intermediate Costume Animal Parade.

Noah Whiteside-1st Polish senior doe, Best Opposite Breed Polish senior doe, 2nd Polish fur, Reserve Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship and ribbons for Costume Animal Parade and Pedal Tractor Pull.

Elizabeth Zimmerman-BOB Holland lop buck, BOB lionhead doe, 2nd place Holland lop doe. Hopper's Club Booth-3rd Place

Volunteers also had a good week at the Fair.

Gary Ketterman-Polish rabbits-several ribbons

Pam Ketterman-BOB and Best Opposite of Breed Polish and Reserve in Show with Jr Polish Doe.

Darlene Schmidt-ribbons with rabbits and indoor crochet exhibits.

Becky and Brooklyn Tasker-BOB harlequin rabbit and two ribbons.

Brenda Skipper-BOB and Best Opposite Breed Dutch rabbits and multiple ribbons on indoor exhibits.

Bristal Ketterman donated half of her meat goat sale money to her cousins, Jeremy and Maddox Gordon, in memory of their mother, Rachel Schmidt who passed last year. Rachel was the Assistant Superintendent of the Rabbit barn and Assistant Club Leader. She shared so much of her rabbit knowledge with all of us and she was missed greatly this Fair and always. The generosity of so many children this year at the sale was overwhelming and it is wonderful to see what kind and giving children are being raised in Garrett County.

We would like to thank the Fair Board, all the wonderful staff of the Garrett County 4-H Extension Office, Judges, Superintendents and Donors! Congratulations to everyone for their successes and we thank them for all their hard work in the Rabbit and Poultry barn! Thank you to the children who weren't from our Club who volunteered their time helping clean cages and feed and water the animals! Without all of you our Fair would not be a success!

Our regular monthly meeting will be held August 18, 2024, at the Friendsville Senior Center at 3pm. We thank you for visiting us at the Fair and look forward to seeing you at the 68th Annual Garrett County Fair July 26-August 2, 2025. HOP HOP HOP on over and join us if you're looking for a great Club to join!