

For Immediate Release

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Hopper's 4-H Club News

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The Hoppers Club did not meet for their Fall Rabbit Show September 30. The Club had the devastating loss of Assistant Club Leader, Rachel Schmidt. She was tragically killed in an automobile accident. Our Club is grieving for her loss and our hearts go out to her family. Rachel was outspoken and loved her family with all of her heart. Rachel was a former member of North Star 4-H Club and showed beef, rabbits and other livestock over the course of her showing years at the Garrett County Fair. She was the Grand Champion in Rabbit Showmanship from 2002-2006. Rachel was always looking for ways to make our Club better. She was an instrumental part of putting together our Rabbit Shows. Rachel was also the Assistant Superintendent of the Rabbit Barn at the Fair and kept the show order and recorded who got what place. She leaves behind two sons, Jeremy and Maddox Gordon; fiancé Elmer Gordon; parents, John and Darlene Schmidt; Sister Pam Ketterman and brother in law Gary and their daughter Bristol.

In other Club news, Jeremy Gordon and Bristol Ketterman went to the Maryland State Fair to show rabbits. Jeremy got a first with his mini rex and third with his Polish. Bristol Showed one of Maddox Gordons rabbits, who also went, but couldn't show yet and won 3rd in Best of Breed. Bristol showed two jersey woolies, one got first, Best of Variety and Best of Breed. She also showed 6 Polish which 5 of them got Best of Variety, 2 Best of Breed, 1 Best Opposite of Breed, 5 first place, a second place and one of her rabbits won Second Reserve in Show. She also competed in Intermediate Showmanship and won Champion out of eight other competitors.

Upcoming Club events are the Ag Bash October 21, 2023 at the Ag Hall. The Club has not started the lamb raffle yet, but plans will be made in the future to do so. We thank everyone who has supported us in our past events. Our Thanksgiving meeting is scheduled to be held November 19 at the Friendsville Senior Center. Please continue to work on record books and

volunteer forms! We look forward to seeing you at the Ag Bash or our next monthly meeting!
HOP HOP HOP over and spend the day with us!



Pictured seated are Christie Reckart and Rachel Schmidt
Pictured Standing are Darlene Schmidt and Pam Ketterman