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Hopper's 4-H Club News

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The Hopper's Club met at the Ag Heritage Hall at the Garrett County Fairgrounds for the 4-H Achievement Program. There were 12 members and ten volunteers present.

Volunteer awards were presented to Cindy Vose for 5 years of service, Laurra McClean for 5 years of service and Darlene Schmidt for 30 years of service.

Diamond Clover Awards were presented to the following members: Level 1-Maddox Gordon and Noah Whiteside, Level 2-Cheyenne McClean, Level 3-Derek Cosner and Jeremy Gordon, Level 4-Elizabeth Zimmerman, Level 5-Ava Cosner and Isabel Whiteside.

Club members were also presented with The Presidents Volunteer Service Award for community service. Members racked up an impressive 1,022.75 hours of service in 2024. Ava Cosner-168 hours, Derek Cosner-165 hours, Jeremy Gordon 113 hours, Maddox Gordon-86.5 hours, Bristol Ketterman-345 hours, Isabel Whiteside-102.75 hours and Noah Whiteside 42.5 hours. Bristol Ketterman also received the Annamay Broadwater Community Service Award for having the most community service hours for any senior member of a 4-H Club. Friend of 4-H Awards given by the Club to community members were awarded to Dixie Ashby and Gwynn Tire Service and Gary Ketterman received the award on their behalf. The Club also received Banner recognition.

Special awards received by Club members were: Agriculture Award-Cheyenne McClean, Character Award-Bristol Ketterman and Best First Year Record Book trophy went to Maddox Gordon. Congratulations to the Hoppers Club members and volunteers and all the other hard-working Garrett County 4-H Clubs for their achievements! We thank the Extension Office for all the work they put into making the Achievement Program such a success! Upcoming events are flower planting April 25 at 5:30pm at the Senior Center, April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who make 4-H events

successful throughout Garrett County! May 10 is the Western Maryland District Show, get your entry form turned in by May 2. Camp Algawa is June 22-26 at the Maryland 4-H Education and Camping Center. The 68th Garrett County Agriculture Fair is right around the corner July 26-August 2, 2025.

Our next meeting is at the Friendsville Senior Center, May 18, 2025, at 3pm. We hope you'll HOP HOP HOP on over to one of these great events!