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Hopper's 4-H Club News

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The Hoppers Club met Sunday, September 22, 2024, at the Rabbit Barn at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. There were 10 members, 12 volunteers and 1 guest. Meeting was called to order by President Isabel Whiteside, there were no pledges. There was no Secretaires report, but the Treasurers report was read and approved.

Reports of activities had many busy members. Bristal Ketterman, Jeremy and Maddox Gordon, and Isabel and Noah Whiteside attended the Maryland State Fair, along with their families, and Dave and Becky Tasker. Jacob and Jubilee Vose, Bristal Ketterman and Jeremy and Maddox Gordon also attended the Westmoreland County Rabbit Show, and Bristal Ketterman and Jeremy Gordon attended the Blue Ridge Rabbit Show in Westmoreland, Pa. Everyone had a fun and successful time. Bristal Ketterman was invited to be part of the Maryland State Rabbit Judging team in Kentucky. Jacob Vose was one of the musicians in the Accident Concert Bands Fall Concert. Elizabeth Zimmerman cheers on the Southern High School Rams as a cheerleader. Ava Cosner is planning to join the Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Derek Cosner, who is already a member helped with the DCVFD Crab and Shrimp Feast. Isabel Whiteside traveled to Spring Mills, MD for a Tournament of Bands with Northern High School. The small band received 1st overall, 1st music, 1st visual, 1st auxiliary and 1st percussion.

We want to thank everyone who helped make our sausage fundraiser a success. Members enjoyed the Sirens and Tractors Safety Day, which was also being held at the Fairgrounds the day of the meeting. Thank you to everyone who put it on and volunteered to help educate the community.

Don't forget to continue to work on your record books and Service-Learning sheets. They are all due in December. The Ag Bash is October 5, 2024, at the Ag Hall. If you haven't got a ticket yet, some should still be available.

At this meeting, we also had a picnic to celebrate our co-leader and friend Rachel Schmidt who left us too soon, September 25, 2023. Becky Tasker gave two lovely plants to Elmer, Jeremy and Maddox Gordon to plant in her remembrance. Darlene gave everyone in the Club a poem and keychain with a cardinal on, to remind us of Rachel. Fun stories were told about Rachel. We all miss her and are thankful we had her in our lives to help teach us and make us laugh, things aren't the same without her, but we keep her in our hearts and memories.

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 3pm at the Friendsville Senior Center. Adventures with Raptors is going to be our guest to teach us about birds. HOP HOP HOP on over and visit!