

For Immediate Release

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## Hopper's 4-H Club News

*Derek A. Cosner, Reporter*

The Hopper's Club met Sunday, March 9 at the Senior Center in Friendsville. The meeting date was moved from March 16th to March 9th by Darlene since many members will be out on the 16th for a rabbit show. The meeting was called to order by President Bristal Ketterman and there were 10 members, 9 volunteers and three guests. The America flag pledge was led by Jubilee Vose and the 4-H pledge by Bristal Ketterman. Our first guests were Diane Pysell and Kay Steyer and they came to tell the Club about the Kind Like Kinsey jackpot show being held at the Fairgrounds May 17-18, 2025. You must register to show your breeding goat or beef by May 1. The judge is Cody Tremble from Texas. Our second guest was Jamie Spano from the Garrett County Health Department. She came to teach us about the dangers of vaping and smoking to our lungs with her program-Lungs Last a Lifetime. We thank all our guests for coming!

Minutes of the January meeting was read by Secretary Ava Cosner and were approved. Darlene read the Treasurers report, and it was approved.

Reports of activities are: in February Bristal Ketterman, Maddox Gordon and Jeremy Gordon went to the PSARBA rabbit show in Lebanon, PA. Bristal Ketterman also helps Special Olympics Marion County with the Cheer Team. Elizabeth Zimmerman was the only Hopper to go ice skating in February. Cheyene McClean started bee keeping and joined the Beekeepers Association of Garrett County. Derek Cosner is going to get recognized by the Garrett County Board of Ed for Flag Football along with other team members. Ava Cosner got a new rabbit from Darlene. Bristal Ketterman, Jeremy Gordon and Maddox Gordon are going to the All-Breed Rabbit Show in Washington, PA and the Texas Polish Nationals this month. Noah Whiteside and Isabel Whiteside reported that their church, The House of Prayer in Confluence and Somerset, PA are having a Community Easter Egg Hunt with 10,000 eggs April 12 at the Confluence Town Park. Jeremy Gordon is selling eggs and Jubilee and Jacob Vose went to the PSARBA Show in February in Lebanon, PA and got some new rabbits.

Old business is to continue working on record books and Service-Learning sheets. Continue to add pictures to the Hopper's Facebook page. Pam gave an update on Rabbit and Poultry Fair Awards. Plans were finalized for this Saturdays Rabbit Workshop at the college in Accident. If you have signed up for showmanship, please bring a rabbit.

The Club will meet next, on Saturday, March 15, for the Rabbit Workshop. Public Speaking will be held at the Extension Office March 17. Our next meeting will be the 4-H Achievement Awards at the Ag Hall April 6 at 2pm. Flower planting will take place April 25 at 5:30 at the Senior Center. The Western Maryland District Show will be held May 10 at 9am at the Fairgrounds. Hop on over to one of these events!