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## **Hopper's 4-H Club News**

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The Hoppers club met November 17 at the Friendsville Senior Center for Thanksgiving dinner and monthly meeting. President Isabel Whiteside called the meeting to order, and Jubilee Vose led the American flag pledge and Ava Cosner led the 4-H pledge. There were 12 members and 11 volunteers present.

Jim Whiteside blessed the meal, and everyone enjoyed turkey, ham, and all the fixings. After the delicious dinner, Brenda Skipper led the group in a rabbit identification guessing game called "What breed am I?" Secretary Jacob Vose read the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were approved. Treasurer Jeremy Gordon read the treasurer's report, and it was approved.

Hopper's members were busy in the last month. Elizabeth Zimmerman finished all her community service hours (43) for high school already by coaching the Southern Middle School cheer team. She also has been busy with cheering for Southern High School and is now starting winter cheer and basketball. Jeremy Gordon went to the ARBA Youth Convention in Louisville, KY and went hunting. Maddox Gordon went to the ARBA Youth Convention too and while there learned how to make Rhinelander rabbits run. Jacob Vose played with the Northern High School band for the Veterans Day event. He also volunteered with his brother Josh at the Accident Halloween event and helped Josh's Boy Scout Troop 1 with community service at Fort Necessity. Noah Whiteside participated in a talent show where he sang a song with friends and did a demonstration on Bible quizzing.

Bristal Ketterman went to the ARBA Convention Youth Polish Show in Louisville, KY and there were over 27,000 rabbits there. She was on the judging team for the State of Maryland. She also participated in the Big 10 Cheerleading Competition and the Regional Cheerleading Competition with North Marion High School and attended the Canton OH Rabbit Show.

Isabel Whiteside went to the Atlantic Coast Championships in Hershey, PA with the Northern High Band and placed 18 of 20. She also played for the Veterans Day event. Ava Cosner helped set up for Accident Post 208 Veterans Day dinner and took photos for several of their events. She was awarded the Youth Certificate of Appreciation by Post 208. She also traveled with the Deep Creek Vol. Fire Department to visit mines in Springs Pa and Thayerville and joined the Northern Middle girls' basketball team. On youth hunt day she killed a 7-point buck. Derek Cosner won a gold medal at the District Flag Football game at Fort Hill with Northern High and is traveling to States this week in Baltimore, MD He also visited mines with Deep Creek Vol. Fire Dept. and helped with the Trunk or Treat at the Fairgrounds with the DCVFD. He helped set up for Post 208 Veterans Day dinner and killed a buck during youth hunt.

Donations have been collected for a fundraising wreath and a few more could be used. Thank you to those area businesses that have donated! Hopefully by the end of the week Beth Whiteside can have everything mostly ready to begin our next fundraiser. Ticket prices were discussed, and a motion was passed. Please be on the lookout for members selling tickets to help raise funds for continued improvements on the rabbit barn. Don't forget to bring canned goods next month for the House of Hope food drive. There were also nominations and voting for the election of new officers for 2025. They will be installed next month.

Darlene gave us updates from the 4-H Leadership meeting. If the 4-H Logo is used, please use it correctly. Please work on and finish Record Books and Service-Learning forms. Service-Learning forms are due by January 15, 2025. Record books should be given to Darlene by December 31, 2024, so she can have them at the Extension Office by January 31, 2025. A record sheet and demonstration must be done for every project. Don't forget new enrollment will be starting in January and volunteers must reenroll also. Diamond Clover forms were handed out for 2025, and Livestock Contracts were handed out, signed and returned. Enrollment deadline to exhibit market animals is January 31. Please get your Record Books and Service-Learning forms filled out and completed! Be thinking of activities to do next year for the January 2025 planning meeting on December 28 at 2:30pm at the Senior Center.

Clovers did a matching animal tracks and leaf identification worksheet. They also learned about leverage. Elizabeth Zimmerman did a demonstration on handwashing and how soap makes germs disappear. Hoppers next meeting will be December 1, 2024, at 2pm at the Friendsville Senior Center. HOP HOP HOP over and join us! Officers will be installed, and the club will celebrate Hannukah and Christmas together. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a good hunting season!

