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## **Garrett Hoof Prints 4-H Club News** *Cole Kepple, Reporter*

The Garrett Hoof Prints 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on December 10, 2024. Arya Teets called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Dustlyn Rebar led the American Pledge, and the 4-H Pledge was led by Cole Kepple. Members shared their favorite thing about Christmas during roll call. The club's favorites included snow, Christmas cookies, spending time with family, Christmas break from school, and presents. Dustlyn Rebar provided the Secretary's report, and it was approved with a motion from Cole Kepple and seconded by Dustlyn Rebar. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Cole Kepple and a second by Dustlyn Rebar.

Leader Lisa Thayer Welch reported that the tree the club donated for the festival of trees won 1st place in the tabletop tree division and raised \$525 at the auction for the Dove Center. The club wants to thank Fred Bradshaw for purchasing our club's tree and then donating it to Joe Friend. The club agreed to send Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw a thank-you card.

Reagan Friend, Rhett Meekins, Emmerson Meekins, Regan Meekins, Dustlyn Rebar, and Madison VanSickle reported on the club's November roller skating activity.

Several club members reported shopping for the family the club adopted for Christmas. The club had previously voted on a \$400 budget for the family's gifts but spent approximately \$500. Cole Kepple moved for the club to pick up the difference in the amount, and it was approved with a second from Arya Teets.

Leader Lisa Thayer Welch reported that, as of the most recent County Leaders Meeting, there weren't any additional 4-Hers interested in being on a Horse Bowl team. Lisa will provide

information to the two members of our club, Dustlyn Rebar and Emmerson Meekins, to see if they would still like to study and compete on a scramble team.

Arya Teets reminded the club that livestock contracts are due to the Extension Office by January 31, 2025, and record books are due to Lisa Thayer Welch by January 25, 2025. Members were asked to consider running for club officers for 2025. Officers will be voted in during the January meeting. Members were also asked to consider activities for 2025. Dustlyn Rebar provided a demonstration on trick roping. She discussed the history of trick roping, explained the parts of a trick rope, showed videos of several tricks, and demonstrated the trick she's currently mastering.

The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with a motion from Cole Kepple and a second by Dustlyn Rebar. The club's Christmas party followed the meeting. The club celebrated with pizza and drinks provided by the club and sides and desserts provided by our members. The club enjoyed a White Elephant gift exchange, games, and an ugly festive outfit contest. Leader Lisa Thayer Welch provided each member and guest with a paintable light-up ceramic Christmas tree that the members could take home and paint and candy.

To learn more about Garrett County's 4-H program, contact our local Extension Office at 301-334-6960.