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## Hopper's 4-H Club News

*Derek A. Cosner, Reporter*

The Hopper's 4-H club met December 1 at the Friendsville Senior Center. President Isabel Whiteside called the meeting to order around 2:05. Jubilee Vose led the American Flag pledge, while Ava Cosner led the 4-H pledge. There were 9 members, 10 volunteers and 1 guest. Thomas and Joshua Vose gave a program on Hanukkah. They showed us a variety of menorahs and explained how the oil lasted for 8 days in the Temple. Then they taught the club how to play the dreidel games, which is very fun. Darlene had the club make a Star of David and strings with beads and essential oils.

Thomas Vose read the last months Secretaries minutes for Jacob. Bristol Ketterman made the motion to approve, Ava Cosner seconded, minutes approved. Jeremy Gordon then read the Treasurers report. Bristol Ketterman made the motion to approve, Ava Cosner seconded, the report passed. The club members and volunteers enjoyed eating snacks while continuing the meeting.

Reports on activities, included Ava Cosner is going to be in the Northern Middle Winter Concert with the choir. Her first basketball game is this week, and she helped escort the Northern High Flag football skills team back from winning States with the Deep Creek Fire Department. Derek Cosner went to the Maryland State Unified Flag Football Championship in Baltimore. The skills team which he is on won a gold medal. He is going to be playing Unified Bocce at Northern. Isabel Whiteside is traveling with the Northern High Band to the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis to support the Northern Husky football team in the state championship. Elizabeth Zimmerman was in Elf, Jr. The Musical, put on by the Southern High Junior Theater and was on the distinguished honor roll. Bristol Ketterman went to the Central Ohio Rabbit Breeders Association show in Zanesville, Ohio.

The gift card wreath fundraiser has begun. See any member or volunteer to get a ticket.

Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. The wreath contains \$500 worth of gift cards/certificates for

businesses such as Brenda's Pizza, Exxon, Funland, Chic-fil-A, Gwynn Tire and Friendsville Public House, among others. Thank you to all those businesses who donated! The winner will be announced December 18, just in time for Christmas. More canned food was collected for the House of Hope.

Officers were installed at this meeting. The theme Darlene used was "It is Written", giving them pens to remind officers that what they do leaves a mark in words and actions so do and say good things and do them well. The Hopper's 2025 Officers are as follows: Maddox Gordon-Treasurer, Derek Cosner-Reporter, Elizabeth Zimmerman and Noah Whiteside-Historians, Ava Cosner-Secretary, Isabel Whiteside-Vice President, Bristol Ketterman-President, Jubilee Vose and Noah Whiteside-Photographers and the new office added this year is Activity Leader. Jacob Vose and Jeremy Gordon are the new Activity Leaders.

Darlene also handed out awards for attendance. Those who missed 3 meetings were Jacob Vose and Derek Cosner. Those who missed 1 meeting were Jeremy Gordon, Maddox Gordon, Elizabeth Zimmerman and Jubilee Vose. Perfect attendance members were Ava Cosner, Bristol Ketterman, Isabel Whiteside and Noah Whiteside. Awards were given to those who were the highest fundraisers. The top were Jeremy and Maddox Gordon, second was Isabel and Noah Whiteside and third was Derek and Ava Cosner.

The first record books to be turned in at the end of last year award went to Ava and Derek Cosner and the second was Bristol Ketterman. 4-H trait awards were awarded. 4-H traits are mentioned in the 4-H Pledge using our Head, Heart, Hands and Health (4-H's) to make our community, country and world a better place. The Head award went to Jubilee Vose, Jacob Vose and Ava Cosner. The Heart award to Bristol Ketterman, Isabel Whiteside and Maddox Gordon. The Hands award to Jeremy Gordon and Derek Cosner and the Health award to Elizabeth Zimmerman, Ava Cosner and Cheyenne McClean. A new award was given this year. The Hoppers Club Family of the Year. This new award is given to the family who have made a large impact on the good of the club and are active in many events. This year's award went to the Ketterman family. Congratulations to each award winner!

Record books need to be turned into Darlene on or before December 28 as well a Service Learning sheets. The 2025 Planning Meeting will be held on December 28, 2024, at 2:30 pm at the Friendsville Senior Center. HOP on over and join us! We wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year!



Hoppers 2025 Officers:

Front: Jubilee Vose, Noah Whiteside, Jeremy Gordon, Maddox Gordon

Back: Bristol Ketterman, Isabel Whiteside, Ava Cosner, Joshua Vose (for Jacob Vose), Derek Cosner. Not pictured was Elizabeth Zimmerman.