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Hopper's 4-H Club News

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The Hopper's Club met at the show ring after cleaning and the rabbit barn August 6, 2023. There were 12 members, 11 volunteers and 1 guest. Darlene Schmidt sold Ag Bash tickets to anyone who wanted one. The 7th Annual Ag Bash will be held October 21 at the Ag Hall. Prizes will be drawn every 10 minutes from Noon until 4pm. There is also a meal provided for ticket holders. Tickets are \$30, please see Darlene for a ticket. This benefits the Garrett County Livestock Association who makes improvements to animal barns and other things to benefit the children who show livestock in Garrett County.

The Fall Rabbit show was also discussed. It will be held September 30th and our judge will be from Arlington, Va. It is open to anyone who wants to show, but adults must pay a fee of \$3 per rabbit. Youth are free, and more details will follow, and pre-registration is required. The Hopper's Club will have refreshments available for sale. All proceeds benefit the Club.

We thank Mountain State Insurance of Terra Alta, WV for the generous donation of a market lamb, and Rex Schmidt for butchering it. Tickets will be available for a raffle in the future to benefit our club. Winner will be drawn October 21 at the Ag Bash.

The members of our Club had a successful time at the Fair. Luke Bolyard-lamb, beef, Weston Bolyard-lamb, hog, Owen Bolyard-hog, sheep, Jeremy Gordon-rabbits, Maddox Gordon-rabbits.

Ava Cosner won 1st in the fashion revue, Best of Breed Champagne D'Argent rabbit, other rabbit entries won, chicken and egg entries won, many exhibits in the 4-H and general education barns, 4th in costume animal parade in her class, 2nd in Creative Writing contest, Champion for LaMancha goat, Livestock Olympics, showmanship with rabbit and goat, a fishing demonstration and participated in the Livestock Skillathon.

Derek Cosner won Reserve Champion meat birds, had rabbits that won, chestnuts that got first, first in the Creative Writing contest, participated in the Livestock Skillathon and a LaMancha goat demonstration.

Bristal Ketterman won Best of Breed Polish rabbit, 1st place Himalayan, Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship, Grand Champion Rabbit Showman, with breeding goats-1st place spring doe, 1st place winter Jr. doe, Reserve Champion doe, 3rd place showmanship, 5th place market steer and many exhibits in the 4H barn that won.

Cheyenne McClean won the dairy goat milk out championship, Champion alpine goat, Grand Champion dairy goat showman, 1st pen of 2 turkeys, Reserve Grand Champion single hen, 1st pen of two hens, 1st rooster, Flemish Giant rabbit Best of Breed and 1st fur, 4th pen of 3 meat rabbits, participated in the Livestock Olympics and had exhibits in the 4H and education barns.

Julia Reckart won 2nd with her Holland lop, 7th in rabbit showmanship and exhibits in the 4H barn.

Jacob Vose won Best Opposite for his mini rex senior doe, 1st mini rex jr buck, 1st with largest novelty zucchini, 1st Thyme and 3rd parsley.

Isabel Whiteside won Grand Champion sheep lead contest, Best of Breed rabbit, 1st in fur for rabbit and first in class. Lambs 2nd for market, Goat 3rd for market and Costume Animal Parade 2nd in class.

Noah Whiteside won 3rd for his rabbit and won the Costume Animal Parade in his division and 3rd overall winner.

Elizabeth Zimmerman won Best Opposite Holland lop jr buck and 3rd in fur.

Volunteers for our Club also were able to show and enter things too.

Pam Ketterman won ribbons with her rabbits, Darlene Schmidt won ribbons with her rabbits. Rachel Schmidt won ribbons with her rabbits. Brenda Skipper won ribbons with her rabbits, chickens and indoor exhibits along with the open class dairy goat Best of Show.

We want to thank everyone for making the 66th Annual Garrett County Agricultural Fair a success, especially the Fair Board and those very hard working ladies at the 4H Extension Office that keep us all where we need to be and when.

We also want to thank our Club leaders and volunteers who also put in so many hours of work and the Superintendents of the barns for their hours of work. Without you all, we could not shine!

We also want to thank the members of our Livestock Olympic team: Savannah Bolyard, Cheyenne McClean, Samantha Mager (Oak Hill Club), Ava Cosner.

The 67th Garrett County Agricultural Fair will be held July 27-August 3, 2024. Please work on your thank you letters to all your prize sponsors and animal buyers. We thank all the buyers for their support!