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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 October 9, 2024. Jaryn Teets called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Arya Teets led the American Pledge, and the 4-H Pledge was led by Cole Kepple. Members shared their favorite candy during the roll call. Most of the club shared some variations of chocolate, including M&M's, Milky Way, Hershey's with Almonds, and Kit Kat bars. The non-chocolate candy preferences were Nerds and Blow Pops. Dustlyn Rebar provided the Secretary's report, and it was approved with a motion from Cole Kepple and seconded by Dustlyn Rebar. Leader, Lisa Thayer Welch, provided the Treasurer's Report.

The club continued discussing the upcoming Haunted Woods/Hay Ride that the Meekin family is holding on October 26th. If members cannot volunteer during the event, they can assist with setting up earlier in the day. During the event, club members have been asked to dress up and volunteer in the "haunted" woods and during the hay rides. The family has also asked for assistance with trick-or-treating.

Dustlyn Rebar provided a report on the firemen's parade. The club agreed it was fun but cold and looks forward to participating next year.

Cole Kepple brought the horseshoe Christmas tree he welded for the club's submission to the Festival of Trees. The club discussed how to decorate it and decided upon ribbons and assorted small ornaments. Members can bring decorations and ribbons to the next meeting to decorate the tree.

The November activity is roller skating. The club finalized plans to meet at Star-Lite Roller Skating Center on November 16th.

The club began planning its annual Christmas party, which will take place during the December meeting. Members and adults who wish to participate in the White Elephant should bring a gift. Each 4-H family will provide a side or dessert. The club voted to purchase pizza after Arya Teets made the motion, and Dustlyn Rebar seconded it. The party's theme will be ugly sweaters or favorite holiday clothing.

The club voted to provide toys and other essentials for a family again this year for Christmas, with a motion from Dustlyn Rebar and a second from Cole Kepple. The club leaders will obtain the information needed to adopt a family, and the club will finalize the details at the next meeting.

The club voted to give Deep Creek Baptist Church, our primary meeting location, a Christmas card and donation with a motion from Arya Teets and a second from Dustlyn Rebar. The club discussed the fall weigh-in event, which will take place on November 2nd at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. The club is excited to have several members taking on a steer project for the first time. The club also reviewed other upcoming announcements. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. with a motion from Arya Teets and seconded by Cole Kepple. The next meeting will be November 11, 2024.

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