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Hopper's 4-H Club News

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The Hopper's Club had a busy month. President Isabel Whiteside and Vice President Ava Cosner planted flowers at the Friendsville Senior Center the beginning of the month.

On June 6 several Club members participated in the Broiler Show held at the Extension Office. The following junior members competed: Cheyanne McClean-Participation and Weston Bolyard-Participation. The following Intermediate member's competed-Luke Bolyard-Participation, Owen Bolyard-Participation, Derek Cosner-3rd, and Ava Cosner-2nd. We thank Bruceton Ag Service in Grantsville for the ten broiler chicks for the projects!

The Club had 5 families meet at The Alley in Oakland for a family fun and pizza night. It was a good time and much needed break before the show and Fair season really kicks in. Rabbit barn cleanup was held and many Club families came out to help. They got the barn clean and the show ring ready for the Clubs Spring Show.

Derek and Ava Cosner made two wood benches which they donated to the rabbit barn in honor of their late Grandad, Larry "Butch" Glotfelty, who was Reserve Market Beef Showman in 1962 and 1963, and the late Gerald Rodeheaver who was Superintendent in the Rabbit Barn.

Four members went to Camp Algawa, held at the Western Maryland 4H Center. Those members were Isabel Whiteside, Allie Fike, Ava Cosner and Derek Cosner. The members participated in activities like swimming, crafts, archery, team building games and many other fun things.

The Hopper's held their Spring Rabbit Show, June 24, 2023. Eleven Hopper's Club families participated and many guests from all over came to participate and watch. We want to thank

Debra Spurrier our rabbit judge and Brooklyn Tasker our showmanship judge.

Winners for Showmanship were: Grand Champion-Bristal Ketterman-Farimont, WV and Reserve Grand Champion-James Schley-Fredrick County, Maryland.

Winners for the Youth Rabbit Show were: Best of Show-Bristal Ketterman with her Polish rabbit, Farimont, WV and Best Reserve-Liam Custer with his double mane Lionhead, Hedgesville, WV. Winners for the Adult class were: Best of Show-Joyce McGhee with her Mini Rex, Eglon, WV and Best Reserve-Brenda Skipper with her Champagne D'Argent, McHenry, MD.

We thank everyone for coming out with over 130 rabbits and look forward to the Fall Show scheduled for September 30, 2023. We thank all the volunteers for helping have a successful show, the Extension Office for use of the tables and the Fair Board for allowing us use of the show ring and bathroom facilities.

Upcoming events in July are: Hoppers Club Farm Tours-July 8, Poultry Testing-July 10, Livestock Orientation-July 30, 66th Garrett County Agricultural Fair-July 29-Aug 5, Skill-A-Thon-July 31 and Fashion Review-July 31.

There are many contests and shows at the Garrett County Fair. Please look at your Fair Book to find out what forms need to be mailed by what day and to who. There is also online entry for 4-H livestock. It must be entered online by July 14. Please look at the most current edition of *4H Partyline* for more information or contact the Extension Office. The online livestock entry form can be found on the Garrett County Fair website. There are also many opportunities for youth to get community service hours before and during the Fair. Please reach out to the Extension Office or Fair Office to find out more.

We wish Wanda Guard a happy retirement and wish her the best on her next step in life!
Thank you for all you did for us!

Keep working on your projects for the Fair and keep your records up to date! HOP HOP HOP on over and visit us at the 66th Garrett County Agricultural Fair!