

For Immediate Release

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## **Hopper's 4-H Club News**

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The Hopper's July meeting was held at Schmidt's Five Spring Farm in the Cove after the farm tours were over. The following farms were visited: Serendipity Farm and Rabbitry (the Bolyard family) in Swanton, Vale of Acova Farm (the Cosner/Skipper family) in McHenry, the Whiteside family in the Cove and finished at the Schmidt's with the picnic and meeting. There were 13 members and 10 volunteers present.

There was no Secretaries report available, and the Treasurer's report caught the Club up for the month of June. Work on the Fair Booth was talked about and a date was set. Cow Patty Bingo tickets were sold. A sign-up sheet for rabbit feeding and cage cleaning were passed around and a sheet for sitting in the barn was sent around too. If you haven't volunteered, please do. Goat and rabbit fair cleanup will be July 22, starting at 3pm. Fair clean up and rabbit barn decorating will be July 26 at 5 pm.

Members who did demonstrations were: Luke Bolyard-sheep and beef, Weston Bolyard-pig, Owen Bolyard-goat, Savannah Bolyard-sheep, Isabel Whiteside-goat and sheep, Noah Whiteside-rabbit, Jeremy Gordon-cat and Bristol Ketterman-beef. Please be getting your entries ready for the Fair and don't forget 4-H and FFA must enter all animals online by July 14. Get your vet checks done. During Fair week, all indoor exhibits, including rabbits and chickens must be entered July 29. All large animals will be entered on July 30. Rabbits, sheep and lambs will be shown July 31. Breeding and market goats will be shown August 1 with dairy cows, horses and swine shown August 2. Dairy goats and breeding and market beef will be shown on August 3, and the Livestock Sale will be held August 5. Don't forget to have your pictures for the sale sent to Jackie Wright by July 15. Corn booth needs volunteers, if you want to volunteer, please do so. Our next meeting will be August 6 after Rabbit barn clean up at the Fairgrounds.

HOP HOP HOP over and visit us at the Rabbit barn at the 66th annual Garrett County Agricultural Fair! Best of luck to all the exhibitors, both young and old and thanks to all those who work hard to make our Fair go on every year.