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## **Garrett Hoof Prints 4-H Club News**

***Kyle Kepple, Reporter***

The Garrett County Hoof Prints 4-H Club had its first monthly meeting of 2026 on January 12, 2026. Club President Cole Kepple called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The club welcomed two prospective members and their parents to the meeting. Secretary Dustlyn Rebar read the minutes from the last meeting, which were approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Club Leader Shanna Holliday-Preston updated the club that the House of Hope is still unable to accept the club's donation of whole frozen turkeys for their food pantry due to their limited freezer space. As a result of the update, Dustlyn Rebar made a motion for the club to amend their previous vote and support the House of Hope with a \$100 monetary donation rather than the turkeys. Following Dustlyn's motion, the club approved the amended motion with a second from Kyle Kepple.

The club set its goals for 2026 and set its schedule for member demonstrations. The club's ideas for their monthly activities are: ice skating, bowling, tubing, trail ride, farm tours, and a tour of Simon Pierce. Club members shared that they want to increase their animal science knowledge for the local horsemanship and livestock skillathon contests. As a result, the club plans to host a variety of speakers for species demonstrations. The club would also like to learn more about animal meats and plans to tour a local butcher shop. The club plans to hold some fundraisers like "Fill the Trailer" and hold bake sales, work at the Mountain Top Saddle Club's food booth during the fair, and park cars during Autumn Glory.

The club discussed the upcoming 4-H Awards Banquet and will nominate Ms. Rachel Dudok of Meadow Lake Stables as the club's Friend of 4-H for all her support to the club and use of her stable. The club also nominated Ms. Kelsey VanSickle for the 4-H Alumni award.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Dustlyn Rebar and seconded by Kyle Kepple. The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2026. If you'd like to learn more about our club or Garrett County's 4-H program, contact our local Extension Office at 301-334-6960.