



# Rabbit Newsletter

Van Wert Youth Rabbit Club &  
Van Wert Bunny Hoppers 4-H Rabbit Club



February 2025

\* Van Wert, Ohio \*

www.vanwertrabbit.org

## Bunny Hoppers

### Monday February 17, 2025

The Bunny Hopper's first meeting is on Monday February 17, 2025 at the Fair Grounds Extension Office. The meeting will start at 6:30 and will last about 90 minutes.

**Parent/grandparents: a parent needs to attend this first meeting** to help with registration, learn about changes in 4H, and help you get your \$10 dues taken care of.

If you cannot attend our opening meeting and are planning on joining the bunny hoppers please let advisor Heizman know (text 419-203-4854).

## Club Communications

Rabbit meetings are the best place to learn. At the first few meetings we will give everyone a meeting calendar, and the meeting calendar will be on the web page. Also, monthly newsletters will be at each meeting. We will send notices out through text messaging.....

### Electronic Mail and Text Messaging

We will send out text messages as reminders of the meetings. Everyone needs to sign up at the meeting. Kids, parents, grandparents can all get the club text messages.

## CLUB DUES

The club dues for 2025 will be \$10.00.  
*(includes 4H, cloverbud, and youth club members)*

**Please bring you dues to  
the first meeting &  
bring correct change.**



## 4H Club Enrollment is on line

To enroll in a 4H club you need to go online. It takes about 5 minutes if all goes correctly. There is a place for shirt size and to add your picture. If you were in 4H last year your user name and password will be the same. If you forgot your password there is a place to re-set a new one.

#1 on facebook go to Van Wert County 4H.....scroll down to 4-H online enrollemnt 2025 (note there is new information on 4H every week.)

#2 go to your app. Store and download Van Weert County 4H (note there is new information on 4H every week.)

#3 in your web browser go to [oh.4honline.com](http://oh.4honline.com)

## Elected Officers for 2025

**At the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be electing officers to lead the club for this year. The election is not a popularity contest, it is who will lead, teach, and direct the club.**

**The positions are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, safety, and historian/reporter.**

## Advisors for 2025

Matt & Melissa Bockrath-----513-0418  
Chris & Christine Heizman-----238-4554  
Phil & Sara Lape-----203-9764  
Cody Lape-----203-9139  
Don & Susan Mosier-----749-4139  
Jacque Welch-----771-8151  
Judy Wortman-----238-9830

## Changes, Changes, Changes

Again, this year there are a number of changes to 4-H guidelines, and the Van Wert County Fair. Make sure you are at meetings and paying attention to changes from past year.

# Club Demonstrations

All club members will need to give a demonstration at one of the club meetings. The demonstration should only be 4 to 5 minutes long and something you like or is fun. It is NOT to be stressful. Examples of demos: your rabbit breed, dribbling a basketball, dance, a rock collection.....something you know and is fun.

Sign up dates will be available at the first few meetings, and if you do not sign up a date will be picked for you.

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## Animal Project Books

If you are new you need a rabbit learning project book. Each family should have a rabbit resource book. If you did a rabbit project last year, you can continue with the project book/s you started. In addition you will need the rabbit record insert. We will explain the books and show examples at the meeting.

As always we have clover bud rabbit projects books.

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## Rabbit Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance **IS** required for Meat Pen, Roaster and Single Fryer Rabbit Projects. However, this training is good for all since we must use healthy and drug free practices for our rabbits.

If you are taking any other market animal to the fair besides rabbits you must attend one quality assurance session. Classes are listed in the county 4-H newsletter, and the 2025 Van Wert County 4-H Family Guide.

### Rabbit Specific Q.A.

Saturday April 12, 2025 9:00 – 10:00 am

### General Q.A.

Monday April 08, 2025 5-6pm, Tuesday May 12, 2025 5-6 pm, Tuesday June 10, 2025 6-7 pm.



**Last December,  
did you get your  
market auction  
check, and a  
\$50.00 doe &  
litter check**

## Rabbit Club shirts and hats

It has been a few years since the club has done shirts and hats. At the first few meetings we will have forms for you, family members, grandparents to order club shirts and/or hats

### QUESTIONS??????

- How many recognized breeds of rabbits?
- What is the weights of meat pen rabbit at the fair?
- What causes a rabbit to loose its fur?
- What does six class mean?
- What is the most important thing you feed a rabbit?
- What is the newest breed of rabbit?
- What is heaver, a pound of rabbit fur, or a pound of mud?

## 4-H Pledge

I pledge  
my head to clearer thinking,  
my heart to greater loyalty,  
my hands to larger service,  
and my health to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country and my world

