



Rabbit Newsletter

Van Wert Youth Rabbit Club & Van Wert
Bunny Hoppers 4-H Rabbit Club * Van Wert, Ohio



March 2014

www.vanwertrabbit.org

Bunny Hoppers 2nd Meeting Thursday March 06, 2014

By President Katelyn Welch

Our second meeting of the year will be on Thursday March 06, 2014 at the fairgrounds. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm and our meeting usually last about 90 minutes.

#1 We will fill in the project section of our club registration. Look over the 2014 4H Family Guide of all the projects available, and be ready to fill in the project portion of your registration. Note: #225 Breeding Rabbits, 226 Market Rabbits, 710 Cloverbud. We do not do pet rabbits.

#2 We will be discussing changes in the 4H in Van Wert County and Rabbits.

#3 Our education section will be on Recognizing different breeds of rabbits, and handling rabbits.

As always parents, grandparents, are invited and encouraged to attend all meetings. Raising 4-H animals is a family project, so your family is invited to learn with us.



“Thirty One” Bags

At our last club meeting Advisor Welch presented our “Thirty One” fund raising project towards the new rabbit barn. Everyone has a book and order form. Make copies of the order form, and have mom or dad take them to work, see your relatives, and neighbors. If each rabbit family sells 8 or 9 bags we can clear a few thousand dollars. Collect the money with the order and orders are due at our March 27th meeting.



Think of Easter, graduations mother's day, father's day, birthday, or just for yourself.

More information at the March 6th meeting.

CHANGES IN JUNIOR FAIR RABBITS

#1 Meat Pen and Single Fryer weight have changed: they now need to be 4 to 6 pounds. You will need to adjust your breeding dates.

#2 Doe and Litter for a four class rabbit is now 3 or more kits. For a six class rabbit it remains 4 or more kits.

3 The time of the Sunday Junior Fair Showmanship will be 9:00 am. The time of the Sunday Junior Fair Rabbit Show will be 11:30 am or whenever showmanship is completed.

Club Information

*It is your job to know what is going.
Make sure you are:*

- #1 checking the club web page
- #2 reading the newsletters
- #3 reading the extension office newsletter
- #4 sign up for text message reminders of meetings
- #5 read the Van Wert County 4-H guide
- #6 sign up for e-mail reminders of meetings
- #7 ATTENDING THE CLUB MEETINGS

Club Communications

We are going to change things on posting meetings for this year. At the meetings we will give everyone a meeting calendar, and the meeting calendar will be on the web page. Monthly Newsletters will be at each meeting but we are going to try to save postage and not mail a monthly newsletter or post card. Instead we will send notices out through electronic mail or text messaging..

Electronic Mail and Text Messaging

We will send out e-mail and text messages as reminders of the meetings. You can sign up for text messages through your cell phone or on the internet. Check our web page for the directions. We will also have sign up for this electronic messaging at each meeting. Everyone needs to sign up.



Mark your calendar
The annual spring rabbit show
sponsored by the
Van Wert Youth Rabbit Club
and Bunny Hoppers is on
Sunday April 21, 2013.

This is one of our service projects for the year, and we bring a lot of people to our community. It takes a lot of work to run this rabbit show, and all members and parents are need.

Advisors for 2014

Chris & Christine Heizman-----238-4554
Sandy Klinger-----749-2068
Carl & Ruth Lape-----238-3911
Phil & Sara Lape-----203-9764
Becki & JR Mollenkropf-----605-8420
Don & Susan Mosier-----749-4139
Jacque Welch-----771-8151
Judy Wortman-----238-9830

The club dues for 2014
will be \$8.00.
Please bring you dues to
the first meeting &
bring correct change.

Elected Officers for 2014

president – Katelyn Welch
vice-president – Abby Bradford
secretary – Sarah Klinger
treasurer – Madison Lamb
health and safety – Alicia Rist
historian and reporter – Allison Hauter

ADVENTURES OF A NEW RABBIT BARN

This books is changing so fast that you and your parents need to the hear the chapters at the club meetings. Oh what exciting times.

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.

Animal Project Books

There are 3 Options for your animal project books. #1 purchase a new book, #2 download the project book, #3download an accompany packet that goes with past year project book. There is a complete explanation in the 2014 Van Wert County 4-H Family Guide.



Rabbit Breed Demonstrations



There are still spots open for presenting a breed of rabbit. Sign up to give a 5 minute, Breed Demonstration at our club meetings

4-H Motto

To Make the Best Better!



Project Books

Project Books are a part of every 4-H project, animal and non-animal. Look through the family guide for projects you would like to accomplish this year. Books are \$6.00 each and can be ordered at club meetings. Bunny Hopper Rabbit Clover Bud books are free.

Our Second Club Meeting Tuesday March 25, 2014

Our second meeting in March will be on Tuesday March 25, 2014 at the fairgrounds. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm and our meeting usually last about 90 minutes.

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New Projects in 4-H

There are a number of new clubs and projects available in 4-H this year. Check out your county newsletter, and the project descriptions to learn more.

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