



Rabbit Newsletter

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



March 2017

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Van Wert, Ohio

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www.vanwertrabbit.org

Bunny Hoppers 2nd Meeting Wednesday March 15, 2017

By President Abbey Bradford

Our third meeting of the year will be on Wednesday March 15, 2017 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 2017 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 Rabbit Essentials.

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.



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**Mark your calendar**  
**The annual spring rabbit show**  
**sponsored by the**  
**Van Wert Youth Rabbit Club**  
**and Bunny Hoppers is on**  
**Saturday May 13, 2017**

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.

## 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
- and will be truly missed.

## CLUB DUES

The club dues for 2017 will be \$10.00.

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



## Club Communications

We are trying to go with less paper. 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

We will send out e-mail and text messages as reminders of the meetings.. We have sign up for electronic messaging at each meeting. If you have signed up this year and not receiving electronic messaging, let advisor Chris know.

### Advisors for 2017

Chris & Christine Heizman-----238-4554  
Ruth Lape-----238-3911  
Phil & Sara Lape-----203-9764  
J.R. & Becki Mollenkopf-----605-8420  
Don & Susan Mosier-----749-4139  
Jacque Welch-----771-8151  
Judy Wortman-----238-9830

### Elected Officers for 2017

president – Abbey Bradford  
vice-president – Madison Lamb  
secretary – Grace Mayes  
treasurer – Allison Hauter  
health and safety – Natalie Hauter  
historian and reporter – Katie Gamble

### Rabbit Breed Demonstrations



Think about signing up to  
give a 5 minute,  
Breed Demonstration  
at our club meetings

## Rabbit Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance **IS** required for Meat Pen 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 2017 Van Wert County 4-H Family Guide.

General Q.A.

Sunday March 05, 2017 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Rabbit Specific Q.A.

Saturday, April 29, 2017 9:00am -11:00 am

General Q.A.

Saturday May 06, 2017 9:00am -11:00 am

## Thinking Ahead



The topic for the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting is a rabbit costume contest. Mrs. Wortman will be explaining categories and the guidelines for the contest and placing them on our web page. Start thinking on how you are going to enter the contest.

## March 28, 2017 Meeting

The second March meeting will be March 28<sup>th</sup>, and the learning session rabbit autonomy and breeding rabbits.

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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

The animal project books have changed again this year. Books are \$2.00 each Market Rabbit and Breeding (Show) Rabbits. Cloverbud books are free. You can drop or bring \$2.00 for each book to the meeting and we will have some available



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

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Do you know your rabbits?

Dutch
Mini Lop
Havana
English Angora
Florida
Indiana Big
Californian
Satin
Polish
English Lop
Netherland Dwarf
Dwarf Hotot
Rex
Lionhead



4-H Motto
To Make the Best Better!

