



Rabbit Newsletter

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



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Bunny Hoppers

Thursday March 17, 2016

By President Abbey Bradford

The Bunny Hopper's will meet again on Thursday March 17, 2016 at the Fair Grounds Extension Office. The meeting will start at 6:30 and will last about 90 minutes.

Parent/grandparents are welcome and encouraged to attend to learn about the upcoming rabbit season.

A very very important part of this meetings business meeting will be completing our membership form, and indicating your projects for this year.

If you cannot attend this meeting call advisor Chris to go over your membership form. They are due before the March 29th meeting.

If you have not attended a meeting and are planning on joining the bunny hoppers please let advisor Heizman know.

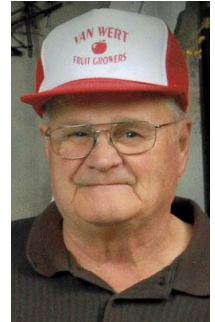
Club Communications

Electronic Mail and Text Messaging

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

We will send out e-mail and text messages as reminders of the meetings. Everyone needs to sign up at the meeting.

It was with a sad heart that we learned one of the founding advisors of the club passed away March 13th. Carl Lape was a great friend, promoter of 4H kids, rabbits, and the junior fair. Carl touched many lives and will be truly missed.



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## CLUB DUES

The club dues for 2016 will be \$8.00.  
**Please bring you dues to  
the first meeting &  
bring correct change.**

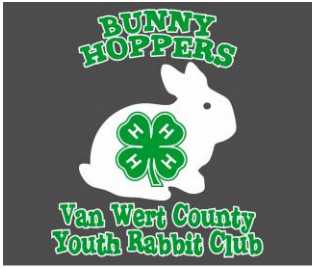


## Advisors for 2016

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Chris & Christine Heizman----- | 238-4554 |
| Carl & 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 2016

president – Abbey Bradford  
 vice-president – Madison Lamb  
 secretary – Alicia Rist  
 treasurer – Allison Hauter  
 health and safety – Chamberlynn Coutts  
 historian and reporter – Brynn Mollenkopf



shirt front



shirt back

## Club Shirts

It has been 2 or 3 years since we had a club shirt. The officers have designed this front and back shirt. The shirt is charcoal grey, with green and white lettering.

Members, parents, grandparents, brother, sisters, etc. are all welcome to order a shirt. Cost is \$10.00 and money is due at the time of order.

Order forms can be picked up at our meetings, and an order form is available on our web page. Note.....go to the bunny hopper tab.

Orders are due by April 14<sup>th</sup> will be sent in April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Rabbit Quality Assurance is Back

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 2016 Van Wert County 4-H Family Guide.

- Rabbit Specific Q.A.
- Thursday April 14, 2016 6:30-8:30pm
- General Q.A.
- Sunday March 06, 2016 2:00-4:00 pm
- General Q.A.
- Thursday April 07, 2016 7:00-9:00 pm

# March 29, 2016 Meeting



The topic for this 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.

### 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 2016 Van Wert County 4-H Family Guide.



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## Rabbit Breed Demonstrations



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

## 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



Rabbit Project  
Judging has changed,  
learn the details at  
the club meeting

## 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.

Raising livestock is a family project, so your family is invited to learn with us.

## 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



You must attend at least  
50% of your clubs  
meeting and activities

## 4-H Motto

To Make the Best Better!

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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