



# Rabbit Newsletter

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



**February 2012** [www.vanwertrabbit.org](http://www.vanwertrabbit.org)

## **Bunny Hoppers Tuesday February 21, 2012**

*By President Katelyn Welch*

The Bunny Hopper's first meeting is on Tuesday February 21, 2012 at the Fair Grounds Extension Office. The meeting will start at 6:30 and will last about 90 minutes. Please have a parent/grandparent stay for this meeting to help with your registration and dues. Parents need to sign the membership registration forms. In addition with this being our organization meeting, it helps parents to also get the information first hand.

If you cannot attend our opening meeting and are planning on joining the bunny hoppers please let advisor Heizman know.

## **Club Meetings**

We are going to change things on posting meetings for this year. At the first meeting 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 newsletters. Instead we will send a post card every other month as a reminder. As always all newsletters, calendars, and information is on the web page.

In addition we will send out e-mail and text messages as reminders of the meetings. We will have sign up for this electronic messaging at each meeting. Anyone can sign up.

## **CLUB DUES**

The club dues for 2012 will Be \$8.00. Please bring you dues to the first meeting & Bring correct change.

The dues have gone up this year by \$2.00. This is to help with the cost of the snacks at 12 meetings, the hotdog roast, and pizza party.

## **Advisors for 2012**

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

## **Elected Officers for 2012**

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

**Mark your calendar  
The annual spring rabbit show sponsored  
by the Van Wert Youth Rabbit Club  
and Bunny Hoppers is on  
Sunday April 22, 2012.**

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. **MARK YOU CALENDARS NOW!!!!**

## 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.

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### Quality Assurance

Again this year, Quality Assurance is not required for Rabbit Projects. In addition the health papers for meat pen and single fryers that we normally turn in at the fair are not required. Even though the paperwork is no longer required, we must still practice health and drug free practices for our rabbits.

If you are talking any other animal to the fair besides rabbits you must attend a quality assurance session. If you would just like to learn more you are always welcome to learn at a quality assurance class. Classes are listed in the county 4-H newsletter, and the 2012 Van Wert County 4-H Family Guide.

## Animal Project Books Have Changed

Keep your animal project books from past years, but things have changed for this year. There are 3 Options for your animal project books. #1 purchase a new book, #2 download the project book, #3 download an accompany packet that goes with past year project book. There is a complete explanation in the 2012 Van Wert County 4-H Family Guide.

### Rabbit Breed Demonstrations



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

## Our Second Club Meeting Thursday March 08, 2012

Our second meeting of the year will be on Thursday March 08, 2012 at the fairgrounds. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm and our meeting usually last about 90 minutes.

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.

## 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

### 4-H Motto

To Make the Best Better!