

MEETING  
DATES

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# The Baa Baa News

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## March Meeting

Our next club meeting will be on Monday, March 7th at 7 p.m. in the Sheep/Swine arena. We will have a guest speaker at this meeting from Hubbard Feeds. He will be discussing nutrition for sheep for our skill-a-thon. We will be announcing any upcoming lamb sales and discuss our carcass show that takes place prior to fair week. We will also be collecting orders for sweat shirts and t-shirt designs. Please watch local channels for cancellations prior to meeting in case of bad weather.



## 2016 Queen Representative

## Farm Tour

We will again be having our annual Farm tour on March 12 from 10 am to 1 pm. This year the tour will be hosted by the Dr. Kelly family & Lantis Lane Farm. The farm tour allows you to view other farms who raise sheep year round. It give you the opportunity to talk with the producers and ask any questions about your project that you may have.



This year's queen representative is Erin Graber! She is a 17 year old junior at NorthWood High School. She is a 9 year 4-H member and a 6 year lamb club member. She also participates in photography through

4-H. At NorthWood she plays basketball and is the manager for the softball team. She is also on student council and the junior class President. She is a member of the Yellow Creek Mennonite Church and enjoys attending youth group there. Erin is excited to represent the Lamb Club in the queen contest this year!

## 2016 Rule Change

The advisory board has decided to make a change to show order regarding the overweight show animals.

This rule will be considered 4a under the Entry Procedure.

4a. All lambs weighing over 145 lbs. regardless of breed will be shown in a separate overweight class. The lambs showing in this class cannot participate in any championship drive, Grand Championship Drive or Reserve Grand Championship Drive. Overweight lambs cannot participate in any other market classes including Pen of Two.

*4-H isn't just  
about showing  
livestock. It's  
about kids  
learning to  
become self-  
sufficient, to  
grow into  
tomorrow's  
leaders.  
- Erin Ehnle*



## Skill-A-Thon Topics

This year's skill-a-thon topics are similar to those in years past. In March we are planning to have a guest speaker to speak about nutrition of sheep. April's skill-a-thon, sheep health and withdrawal times, will be presented by Jane Hathaway. In May our skill-a-thon will be about sheep showmanship and judging. This topic will be presented by Ethan Bontrager & Andrea Holdeman. June's skill-a-thon will be presented by Karrin Koontz over meat cuts. The final skill-a-thon will be the financial skill-a-thon that is available online and due by July 1st. Each member has to complete 4 of the skill-a-thons in order to have completed their project.

## Retinal Scanning

All market lambs coming to be shown at the 2016 4-H show must be born after January 1, 2016 and must be scanned at one of the 3 dates scheduled for retinal scanning. All ewe lambs and yearling ewes and ram lambs must come to one of the 3 scheduled dates for retinal scanning. All ewe and ram lambs must have a scrapie tag. Any market lambs, ewe lambs, yearling ewes and ram lambs going to the State Fair must also be retinal scanned at one of these 3 scheduled dates. Retinal scanning dates are as follows: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 6-9 pm, Thursday, May 12, 2016 6-9pm and Saturday, May 14, 2016 7 – 10 am. Your online entry for animals after retinal scanning must be completed before midnight on Sunday, May 15, 2016 to be eligible for show at the county and state level.

# Remind Messages



Last year we began using Remind.com to send text messages regarding meeting and events for the Lamb Club. If you have not yet joined the remind group please do so. This is the best way to get up to date on what is going on with Lamb Club. There is an app you can download or you can simply send a text message to the number below with the code listed below.

Phone Number: 81010

Message: @elkcolc

*One random act of kindness per day can change 365 lives each year.*

# Community Service Projects

This year our club officers have selected two community service projects that we have completed in the past. The first is to help Kate Rink with mulch in June. We also plan to play bingo again at either Greencroft or The Maples in Goshen. We are planning to move our normal bingo time of March to late June.

We will offer the skill-a-thon replacement for one of the community service projects again this year. Therefore you could complete one of the service projects in place of one skill-a-thon.

# T-shirt Designs

We will be collecting t-shirt designs during the March meeting! Each member who turns in a design will receive 10 points. The winner of the design contest receives 25 additional points! The t-shirts will be worn on show and sale days by all club members and advisory board members.

# Sweatshirt Orders

Sweatshirt orders are also due at the March meeting. Each sweatshirt will have the Elkhart County Lamb Club logo on it as well as your name on the back, if you choose. Sweatshirts are available in hooded or zip up styles this year. The hooded sweatshirts are \$25 and the zip ups are \$30. Orders can be turned in at the front table in March.

**March Meeting Reminders:**

Refreshments:

Witmer Family

Devotions:

Brandon Lehman

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**[www.elkhartcountylambclub.com](http://www.elkhartcountylambclub.com)**

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**I PLEDGE**

**MY HEAD**  
to clearer *thinking*

**MY HEART** to greater  
loyalty

 **MY** TO  
**HANDS** LARGER SERVICE

**MY HEALTH**  
to better living

FOR MY CLUB & MY  
MY COMMUNITY WORLD.  
MY COUNTRY