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May Meeting

Our next club meeting will be on Monday, May 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Sheep/Swine arena. Our skill-a-thon this month will cover showmanship and judging. It will be put on by Andrea Holdeman and Ethan Bontrager. Other topics to be discussed at the meeting are retinal scanning, online entry, as well as fair activities. We will discuss the poster and costume contests as well as the shepherd's quiz and judging contest. We will also continue signing up for shifts in the Lamb Booth during this meeting.



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.

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

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.

Reminder: Each member has to complete 4 skill-a-thons in order to complete the project. Just because you show the lambs in the 4-H show does not constitute a finished year in the Lamb Club. Please begin checking to see how many skill-a-thons you have completed and plan accordingly.



Large Group Sign-ups for Retinal Scanning are posted on the club's calendar, located at www.elkhartcountylambclub.com

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.

Bingo

We will be playing bingo at either Waterford Crossing or Greencroft in June. The exact date is still to be announced. We are hoping to have many members participate in this fun community service project!

Poster Contest

We will again be having a poster contest for the club this year. All posters are due at the July meeting and will be displayed in the educational area of the barn during fair week. This year's topic for the poster contest is open to anything pertaining to sheep. This project is worth 40 points and is a great way to learn more about your sheep project!

May Meeting Reminders:

Refreshments:

Devotions:

Check us out on the web at:

www.elkhartcountylambclub.com

Remember you can email any questions or concerns to:

elkhartcountylambclub@gmail.com

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
MY COUNTRY WORLD.