



# MESA COUNTY 4-H APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

## Well it's time again for the wonderful

**words** I get to write! So here are my thoughts: As you know we are getting closer and closer to fair time, I believe we need to stay positive and get things done. Sure we all have our rough days where we just want to chuck our projects away for a couple of reasons: one, they can be stubborn and annoying; two, well we just want to be lazy for a day. So on those days when you don't feel like putting time into your project, and you have a livestock project. Why don't you take that opportunity to go out into the community and visit with past buyers or a potentially new one.

For those of you that do the Indoor project or participate in the other venues offered through 4-H, this is a good time for you to get out in the community to promote the program and show off the talents you have and are developing through your hands on training. The economy is moving very differently these days and we all need to take this into consideration when getting ready for the fair and we all need to work together to have a successful week. And for the last part of my message I end in a quote:

"Every obstacle that comes along on this planet is either an opportunity to grow and think differently...or to use as an excuse to believe that we're stuck." ~Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

Stay on the path to good, and you will receive a good outcome in the end!

Thanks, Prez Becca

## Workers Needed...

You will be hearing at you club meetings and at the council meetings that we need some assistance in working this year's Concession Stand activities. Like last year, we have some team leaders who will be contacting the club organizational leader requesting some assistance in filling the time slots for the different events. The first event is taking place on April 25<sup>th</sup>. So as it might not seem very pressing, it is just around the corner. We will NOT be working the concession stand during the county fair. We all decided that was our time to play and have fun. However with that being said, we do have 13 other events we need to staff. So with the

help of our 300 families, it shouldn't be that difficult to get these slots filled. We will need all 300 families to sign up and help out.

Dates that we will need help: April 25<sup>th</sup>; May 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>; May 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>; June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>; August 8<sup>th</sup>; August 29<sup>th</sup>; September 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>.

**IMPORTANT NOTE TO EVERYONE WHO WORKS AN EVENT.** While it might not seem like much, but for each hour you work at the concession stand, you receive a \$1, which goes into an account with your name on that dollar amount. As you accumulate these dollars, you then can utilize them in assisting in paying for any trip or activity you choose. So, as you can see it pays to help out at some of these activities.

**Reminder for everyone** regarding the Importance of the **MAY 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline.** If you contact the office and let us know that you would like to drop your project, then you won't be responsible for turning in the record book and you will be able to participate in that project the following year. If you choose not to drop a project or have a mis-fortune and can't complete, and it is after the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, then you are responsible for turning in a record book. By not completing the record book, then you become ineligible to compete in that project the following year. Livestock members, if you happen to have the mis-fortune of your animal dying, then you need to contact the office immediately. This way we have record as to when it happened and if prior to the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. If before the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline we can get you dropped out of that project and then you won't be responsible for turning in a record book.

**Operation Easter Bunny** will take place April 11<sup>th</sup> at the C-Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. . We are in need of donations (non-perishable items or money's).



We also would love to have 4-H members here to assist in the decorating of the bags and packaging the goodies. For more information contact: Anna Faskin, Kyle Warren, Calvin O'Banion, or Shawn Haas.

**It's Llama ShowTime** so spruce up your llamas and join us at the show on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Mesa County Fair Grounds. We will have 3 different obstacle events you can enter plus youth showmanship and youth judging. And no 'black and white attire' as the required dress is Hawaiian! Very fun! Call Cheryl, 640-8028, for a show packet and information on how to enter.

All 4-H Club members are invited to attend our show. It is a terrific family event with free admission for spectators. We hope to see many of you there. If you are interested in llamas, this will be the place to be. The show is sponsored by the Grand Mesa Llama & Alpaca Club.

**CORRECTED DATES and TIMES for:**

Swine Tag-In:

April 30 - 6 P.M.,

May 2 - 8 A.M. – 10 A.M.

Beef Field Day in Loma – April 11 – 9 AM-4PM



Spring is Here!!



**Sheriff's Posse Grant**

If you were one of the clubs who submitted a grant form to the Sheriff's Posse, then you will need to be at the Posse Grounds on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for a meeting. They will notify you of this date as well, but the Sheriff's Posse has asked if I could also let you know.

**Senior Members,**

There are some scholarships in the office. I suggest you come see if you can utilize any of them for your future.

**Shooting Sports Members**

If you do not currently have a hunter safety card in your hand. Then I would suggest that you contact the Division of Wildlife and find out when their classes. The earlier you have the card in hand, the better off you will be. If you decided to participate in one of the TRA Shoots this coming spring and early summer, then you will be able to waive this requirement. However, in order to participate in the county fair shoot, you absolutely have to have this card in hand. NO Exceptions. So, the earlier you can get it the better off you will be.