

# The Duval Message

Duval County 4-H

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Hello Everyone! Hope you had a great time at the County Fairs. Spring is here, and so are the season's other 4-H projects. If you have any questions about the following projects, please feel free to contact me at the office in the Benavides Civic Center or call 361-256-4591 or 361-701-1049.



## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Duval County Fair

The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Duval County Fair was held on February 29<sup>th</sup> - March 1, 2008 at the San Diego Rotary Club Park and Pavilion in San Diego, Texas.

Congratulations! to the following participants:

**Benavides 4-H Club** - R.D. Ramos (Goat), Humberto Garcia (Poultry), Justin Lopez (Steer), Nelissa Guerra (Goat), Katrina Garza (Steer), Sabrina Cavazos (Goat), Nola Guerra (Goat) Briana Gavito (Goat), Evan Franco (Goat), Jacob Garcia (Rabbits), Samuel Gavito (Goat), Artie Gutierrez (Rabbits), Trey Lopez (Swine), and Rianna Lopez (Swine).

**Freer 4-H Club** - Bethanie Fowler (Swine), Courtney Bigley (Lamb), Jacklyn Bigley (Lamb), and Taryn Adami (Swine).

**Mesquite 4-H Club** - Julie Villegas (Lamb), Anna L. Nunez (Rabbits) and Joshua R. Benavides (Steer).

**Ramirez 4-H Club** - Joe Guzman (Poultry) and Armando Guzman (Poultry).

**San Diego 4-H Club** - Victoria Galvan (Rabbits), Amber Gonzalez (Rabbits), Abraham Mejia (Italian Cream Cake), Desiree Cavazos (Goat), Samantha Munoz (Rabbits), Tracey Adams (Poultry), Cody Gonzalez (Steer), Denise Suarez (Goat), Amber Everett (Rabbits), Eric Galvan (Poultry), Julissa Solis (Poultry), Oreka Lee

Gonzalez (Rabbits), America Garcia (Swine), Trisha Adams (Rabbits), Isabel Soliz (Lamb), Matthew Valdez (Goat), Cassandra Saenz (Goat), Cynthia Trigo (Swine), Reymundo Gonzalez, Jr. (Rabbits), Pamela Maldonado (Rabbits), Jennifer Vasquez (Lamb), Justin Torres (Goat) and Macy Ramirez (Rabbits and Poultry).

## 2008 Freer Fair

### *Congratulations*

#### *Duval County Fair in San Diego, Texas*

*Grand Champion Steer ~*

*Joshua Benavides, Mesquite 4-H*

*Grand Champion Goat ~*

*R. D. Ramos, Benavides 4-H*

*Grand Champion Swine ~*

*Bethanie Fowler, Freer 4-H*

*Grand Champion Rabbits ~*

*Victoria Galvan, San Diego 4-H*

*Grand Champion Poultry ~*

*Humberto Garcia, Benavides 4-H*

*Reserve Champion Steer ~*

*Justin Lopez, Benavides 4-H*

*Reserve Champion Lamb ~*

*Anyssa Villegas, Mesquite 4-H*

*Reserve Champion Goat ~*

*Nelissa Guerra, Benavides 4-H*

*Reserve Champion Rabbits ~*

*Amber Gonzalez, San Diego 4-H*

*Italian Cream Cake ~*

*Abrajam Mejia, San Diego 4-H*

**Benavides 4-H Club** - Andrew Carrillo (K-Hog), Rammy Carrillo (K-Calf), Evan Franco (Steer, Goat), Marina Franco (Goat), Ashley Garcia (K-Goat), Jose M. Garcia (Goat), David Garza (K-Goat), Katrina Garza (Goat), Briana Gavito (Goat), Samuel Gavito (Goat), Moises Guajardo (Lamb), Marissa Guerra (K-Hog, K-Goat), Nelissa Guerra (Goat), Nola Guerra (Goat), Artie Gutierrez (Steer, Cal)

Delicia Guzman (Cal), Jovanna Guzman (K-Rabbit), Justin Lopez (Steer), Rianna Lopez (Hog), Trey Lopez (Hog), Isaac Ramirez (Goat), Romeo Rene Ramirez (K-Lamb), R.D. Ramos (Goat), Alvaro Saenz (Steer) and Beau Connor Walters (K-Lamb).

**Freer 4-H Club** - Danielle Adami (Steer, B-Ram, Lamb), Dylan Adami (K-Hog, K-Rabbit), Taryn Adami (Hog, WNZ, B-Doe), Mariah Alaniz (K-Goat), Cody Arnold (BNZ), Hondo Bierstedt (K-Hog), Tanner Bierstedt (Hog), Courtney Bigley (Lamb),

**Mesquite 4-H Club** - Joshua R. Benavides (Steer), Madison Benavides (K-Calf), Alyssa Espinoza (Goat, Cal), Andrew Espinoza (K-Lamb), Clariza Moreno (K-Lamb), Gabriella Moreno (K-Hog, K-Rabbit), Greg Moreno (Goat, Cal), Allen Valdez (Goat, Lamb), Tasha Vasquez (Goat), Andrew Villarreal (K-Goat), Angelica Villarreal (Cal), Nicolas Villarreal (Goat, Lamb).

**Ramirez 4-H Club** - Gabriella Trevino (K-Rabbit), Santiago Vela (K-Rabbit)

**San Diego 4-H Club** - Tracey Gwen Adams (Goat), Malerie Benavides (Lamb, Cal), Desiree Cavazos (Steer, Goat, B-Nanny), Brian Garcia (K-Rabbit, K-Goat), Cody Gonzalez (Steer), Pamela Maldonado (BNZ), Robert Moncada (K-Goat), Samantha Munoz (Cal), Cassandra Saenz (Goat), Julissa Soliz (Cal), Denise Suarez (Goat, B-Nanny), Cynthia Ann Trigo (Hog), Allison Valdez (K-Goat, K-Lamb, K-Rabbit), Mathew Valdez (Goat, Lamb), Anyssa Villegas (Lamb),

The 2008 Freer Fair was held on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in Freer, Texas. We'd like to thank all who participated for making this year's Freer Fair such a success. Great Job!

*2008 Freer Fair Champions  
Congratulations!*

*Grand Champions*

*Steer - Joshua R. Benavides - Mesquite 4-H*

*Goat - Samuel Gavito - Benavides 4-H*

*Lamb - Danielle Adami - Freer 4-H*

*Fryer Rabbits - Angelica Villarreal - Mesquite 4-H*

*Home Show-Food - Tracey Gwen Adams-Freer 4H*

*Kiddie Calf - Andrew Carrillo - Benavides 4-H*

*Kiddie Goat - Ashley Garcia - Benavides 4-H*

*Reserve Champions*

*Steer - Desiree Cavazos - San Diego 4-H*

*Hog - Rjanna Lopez - Benavides 4-H*

*Goat - Katrina Garza - Benavides 4-H*

*Lamb - Allen Valdez - San Diego 4-H*

*Fryer Rabbits - Alyssa Espinoza - Mesquite 4-H*

*Kiddie Hog - Hondo Bierstedt - Freer 4-H*

*Kiddie Goat - Marissa Guerra - Benavides 4-H*

*Kiddie Lamb - Clariza Moreno - Mesquite 4-H*

*Fantastic!!!*

## 2008-09 Texas 4-H Steer Validation Program

As the 2007-08 show season is coming to a close, it's time to start thinking about steer validation for the 2008-09 show season. The deadline for placing steer tag orders will be April 23, 2008.

## 2008 District 12 4-H Roundup

District 12 4-H Roundup is almost upon us.

### **1. Contest and Registration Information:**

- Registration will be on-line through 4-H CONNECT and will require certification at the county and district level.

- The registration fee will be ***\$10.00 per person per contest***. There is also a \$3.00 fee which will be added to each registration to support spirit items for State Roundup participants.

- D12 4-H Roundup Contests will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Coastal Bend College in Kingsville. Individual on-line registration ***DEADLINE*** is ***April 7, 2008***.

- The ***Rifle Contest*** will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Brooks County Airport 4-H Shooting Range in Falfurrias. Registration for the Rifle Contest will be under D12 4-H Roundup. The contest superintendent will send detailed information, shooting schedules and assignments directly to participating counties.

**2. Age Eligibility:** Age division for all contests will follow the Texas 4-H age categories of Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors. Age division should be determined based on their age on August 31, 2007. Any 4-H'er who meets the minimum 4-H age requirements may participate in district contests.

**3. Rules and Guidelines:** All contestants, leaders, parents, and agents should be familiar with the 2008 District 12 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines and the 2008 Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines attached.

### **4. Contest Details:**

- To participate in one contest, 4-H'ers may select a contest from Group A, Group B, Group C or Group D. 4-H members may only compete in **ONE** Share the Fun category.

- To participate in more than one contest, 4-H'ers may select one contest from Group A and one contest from **either** Group B or C. The exception is morning contests which take place simultaneously in which case they can participate in only one contest.

- 4-H'ers participating in the **Rifle Contest** will not be able to take part in a judging contest or an educational presentation.

**5. Sweepstakes Award** - A sweepstakes award will be given to the overall best educational presentation in each of the judging groups. One award will be presented for each age division in which there are at least two presentations in the respective age divisions.

## 2008 District 12 4-H Fashion Show



*Centennial Fashion Show: Making Style History.* The District 12 4-H Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at Texas A&M University in Kingsville. Registration will be on-line through 4-H CONNECT. **DEADLINE for registration is April 8, 2008 with an \$8.00 fee per contestant.**

- *The awards program will not include individual commentaries.*

- *Each county can have a maximum of 32 participants in the **District 12 4-H Fashion Show** (which includes the Natural Fiber Contest), 16 participants in Buying and 16 participants in Construction **plus 3 in the Fabric and Fashion Design Contest.***

- *The only entry forms that are acceptable can be found on the 4-H website for the clothing program. **DO NOT** reformat any of the documents to accommodate the information you want to place on your entry.*

- *Juniors and Intermediates are not required to bring completed worksheets with them for*

*judging, however, agents must verify locally that these have been completed.*

- *Seniors will be required to submit their original information sheet and worksheet to the district office by registration deadline for pre-judging. Do not attach extra information or a copy of the pattern.*

- *Presentations by participants will not be permitted during interview judging. They may introduce themselves (e.g. Name, county, name of garment being modeled) and wait for judge's direction.*

- *Fabric and Fashion Design contestants must participate in an interview.*

- *Participants, once judged, can leave with their parents but must return for line-up by 12:30 p.m. to the Grand Ballroom, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Student Union Building.*

- *There will be no meal provided. Snacks will be available for contestants, judges, assistants and agents only.*

## 2008 District 12 4-H Election Convention

The 2008 District 12 4-H Election Convention will be held on July 10, 2008 at La Pryor High School, located at 311 Hwy 57 in La Pryor, Texas (Zavala County).

### **Candidates:**

Each county must submit to the District Office their candidates' original Letters of Intent and one-page resumes (via e-mail) by the filing deadline of April 15, 2008. Candidates may file immediately, filing closes on April 15, 2008. Candidates must be eligible to run for office based on the Standing Rules and Election Code. *For more information please contact Sam Gavito at the Benavides Civic Center or call 361-701-1049.*

## 2008 District 12 4-H Horse Show



The District 12 4-H Horse Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 20-21, 2008 at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds (RGVLS) located in Mercedes.

### Contest and Registration Information:

• Registration will be on-line through 4-H CONNECT and will require certification at the county and district level.

• Individual on-line registration will open on May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 30, 2008. Late registration will require a \$30.00 late fee and will end on June 6<sup>th</sup>. No refunds will be given to a county or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct.

• To reserve stalling, participants must make the selection on 4-H CONNECT. The stalling fee is \$10.00 per stall and will be reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis.

• No new registrations will be accepted at the show.

**Participants:** Participants must bring the following forms with them to the District 12 4-H Horse Show:

- Grade Horse Identification & Certification form.
- Breed Registry Papers
- Current EIA (Coggins) test documentation which shows that the horse has tested “negative” for Equine Infectious Anemia.

## Benavides 4-H Benefit Fundraiser



*Horseshoe Tournament*

*&*

*Fajita & Bean Cook-Off  
Saturday, April 12, 2008*

*Sponsored by:*

*Ramirez Drive Inn  
Benavides, Texas*

*11:00 a.m. Horseshoe Tournament Begins*

*2:00 p.m. Cook-Off Judging*

*Awards Prizes Awarded up to 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Trophies and T-Shirts*

*Entry Fee \$25.00 Horseshoe Contest*

*\$50.00 Cook-Off Contest*

*(Maximum 3-person Team)*

***All Benavides 4-H Club members are asked to  
please join us for this event.***

- *100% proceeds will be donated to the Benavides 4-H Club*
- *Entry meat will be provided by Ramirez Drive Inn*

### ***Special Thanks To:***

*~Ramirez Drive In~*

*~Roland & Chuchi Ramos~*

*~R.D. & Adri Carrillo~*

*~John & Rosemary Benavides~*

*(Primo Construction)*

*Luis Beto & Roseanne Garza*

*(Arrow Drilling Company)*

*Triple C Drilling Company*

*3 H*

*For information contact*

*Cook-Off Contest: Roland Ramos  
361-701-0364*

*Horseshoe Contest: Alfredo Esparza  
361-389-2460*

*Sam Gavito: 361-701-1049*

*Guillermo & Cookie Guajardo: 361-256-4110*





