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# Howard County 4-H News and Notes

# May 2008

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|                 |                                   |     |  | 1 State Fair Swine Validation Tag Orders Due to County Extension Office               | 2 District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Midland at 6:30 p.m. | 3 District 4-H Roundup and Fashion Show in Garden City at 9:15 a.m. |
| 4               | 5                                 | 6   | 7 State 4-H Roundup Registration Due on 4-H Connect                                | 8 4-H Club Meeting in the Courthouse Basement at 7:00 p.m.                            | 9   | 10  |
| 11 Mother's Day | 12                                | 13  | 14 Howard County 4-H Adult Leader Scholarship Applications Due in Extension Office | 15  | 16 Relay for Life Fund Raiser for American Cancer Society               | 17  |
| 18              | 19                                | 20  | 21   | 22 4-H Wildlife Project Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Howard College Student Union Building | 23 Last Day of School at Sands  | 24  |
| 25              | 26 County Holiday<br>Memorial Day | 27  | 28   | 29 Last Day of School at Forsan and Big Spring  | 30 Last Day of School at Coahoma  | 31  |

# June 2008

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| 1 ~ 3 ~ Howard College Goat Camp  | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5 Howard County 4-H Recordbook Training in the Extension Office at 1:30 p.m.<br>4-H Wildlife Project Fishing at Comanche Trail Lake at 6:00 p.m. | 6   | 7   |
| 8 ~ 10 ~ Howard College Lamb Camp | 9   | 10 ~ 13 ~ Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in College Station              | 11  | 12   | 13  | 14  |
| 15 Father's Day                   | 16  | 17 ~ 19 ~ West Region Junior High Leadership Camp at SWCID in Big Spring            | 18  | 19   | 20  | 21  |
| 22                                | 23 Steer Validation at the Big Spring Livestock Auction Barn ~ 5:00—7:00 p.m. | 24 ~ 26 ~ District 6 & 7 4-H Leadership Camp at Sul Ross State University in Alpine | 25  | 26   | 27  | 28  |
| 29                                | 30—July 1 District 4-H Horse Show in Fort Stockton                            |   |     |  |     |     |

## Howard County Livestock Show Thank You Notes

All 4-H members who participated in the 2008 Howard County Junior Livestock Show need to get their Thank You Notes written. You have received a list of buyers from this office and you will not be able to get your premium check if you have not written your thank you notes. A copy of the thank you notes should be brought by the Extension Office as proof that notes were written. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Martin, Extension Secretary, at the office.

# Howard County 4-H Adult Leader Scholarship Applications

Graduating senior 4-H members should come by the Extension Office to pick up the Howard County 4-H Adult Leader Scholarship Application. This scholarship application will be due back to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

The Howard County 4-H Adult Leaders annually award two scholarships, valued at \$300 each, to deserving 4-H members.

ing 4-H members.

Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions.



# Major Livestock Show Checks are in Extension Office

If you participated in one of the major livestock shows, your sale, premium and/or floor checks are in the County Extension Office. Some of these shows require that you write

thank you notes before you can receive your checks.

Please check with Cindy in the Extension Office to get your check.

The major livestock shows are

Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Austin and Houston.

Congratulations to all of you on a job well done.

# Steer Validation for 2008 ~ 2009

Steer validation for the 2008 ~ 2009 Show Season is scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2008 at the Big Spring Livestock Auction Barn from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. You should have ordered your steer tags in April.

All steers must be validated on that day to be eligible to show at any livestock show in 2009.



# 4-H Recordbook Training

Recordbook training for 4-H members and parents will be conducted on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Extension Office Meeting Room. We will cover the basics of what is included in a recordbook and provide some example pages.

This is an excellent time for you to get started

on completing a recordbook for competition at the district level.

District 6 4-H Recordbook judging will take place on July 10, 2008 in Fort Stockton. Entries for the district contest are due on July 1, 2008. We will need to know who is planning to complete a recordbook for judging before that date.



# Howard College Goat and Lamb Camps

Howard College Goat Camp is scheduled for June 1-3, 2008 on the campus in Big Spring. We have been notified that Goat Camp is full at this time.

Lamb Camp is scheduled for June 8-10, 2008 on the Howard College Campus in Big Spring.

We have been notified that there are still a few spaces available for Lamb Camp.

If you would like to participate in Lamb Camp, you should contact the Howard College Ag Department as soon as possible to make sure that you can reserve

one of the available spots. This is an excellent camp for both beginner and seasoned showmen.

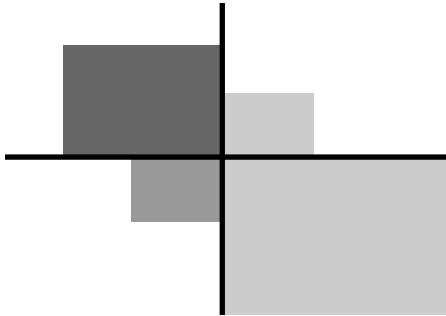
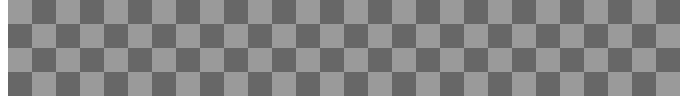


## West Region 4-H Junior High Camp

The West Texas AgriLife Extension Region 4-H Junior High Camp will be held June 17 ~ 19, 2008 at the SWCID Campus in Big Spring. If you are interested in participating in this camp, please call the Extension Office for additional information.

tional information.

The details about the camp will be coming from the District Office sometime next week.



### May 4-H Meeting

The May Howard County 4-H Meeting will be held on May 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Basement. The program for this meeting will be a presentation by several 4-H members on Wildlife that is native to West Texas. The 4-H members who

are presenting the program will also be bringing samples of wildlife recipes for you to taste.

You will also be making final plans for the end-of-the-year fun 4-H party at this meeting. Come prepared with your ideas on what you would like to do.

## 4-H Wildlife & Fisheries Project

The Howard County 4-H Wildlife project will start with the presentations at the May 8, 2008, 4-H meeting. The topics and dates of the project meetings is listed below.

- ~ History, habitat, food sources and predators of coyote, armadillo, possum, Sandhill crane, bobcat and turkey ~ May 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Wildlife Cuisine ~ May 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Tour of Wildlife Exhibit at Howard College Student Union Building ~ May 22, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
- ~ Careers in Wildlife and Fisheries at Howard Col-

lege ~ May 22, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

~ Introduction to Fishing ~ Date and Time to be announced.

~ How to Score a Deer ~ Date and Time to be announced.

~ Let's Go Fishing at Comanche Trail Lake ~ June 5, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Please contact the Extension Office or Amy Burchett at 264-5178 for additional information about this project.



## 4-H Club Officers

- President: Harrison Chevalier
- 1st Vice President: Logan Gaskins
- 2nd Vice President: Judson Chevalier
- 3rd Vice President: Nathan Gomez
- Secretary: Foster Burchett
- Treasurer: Brittney Hergert
- Reporter: Ali Knight
- Parliamentarian: Teryn Bibb
- Club Managers: Sherrie Chevalier, Chris Gaskins, Amy Burchett, Tiana Hergert

## Texas 4-H Congress

Texas 4-H Congress is scheduled for July 13-16, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel in Austin. Each county is being given one delegate per county for a total of 18 delegates from District 6. The cost is \$200.00 per delegate plus transportation to and from Austin.

We must know before May 16 if you are interested in participating in Texas Congress. Registration will open on 4-H Connect on May 20, 2008, but we must submit a prioritized list of delegates to the District 6 Office by May 16.

Please let us know if you are interested in Congress.

# 4-H CONNECT

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program has released a new version of 4-H CONNECT. The new version is a transition from an on-line event registration program to an on-line management program. It now includes the capabilities for on-line 4-H enrollment features, a reporting function for 4-H club managers/project leaders to report attendance and participation numbers from club activities, in addition to the event registration.

Effective with the new system, 4-H CONNECT will not be accepting PERSONAL CHECKS, but will be accepting E-CHECKS. E-checks are processed in the same manner as Credit cards, using the account num-

ber. Each 4-H family will be required to set up a family profile. All profiles will have to be accepted for membership by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service ~ Howard County Office before the 4-H family will be able to register for an event. More information will be available at a later date. Step-by-step instructions are available through the Extension Office. Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions regarding this matter.

**You will need to set up your family profile soon so you can register for district events that are approaching soon ~ livestock judging, fashion show, roundup, etc.**

## District 6 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

Several Howard County 4-H members participated in the District 6 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Lubbock on April 19. Results are as follows:

Juniors: Team members were Holder Biemeret, Tanner Christie and Reagan Hamlin.

~ 3rd High Overall Team

~ 3rd High Reasons Team

~ 3rd Swine Division Team

~ 3rd Beef Division Team

~ 1st Sheep Division Team

~ 3rd High Individual in Sheep, Holder Biemeret

~ 4th High Individual in Sheep, Tanner Christie

~ 5th High Individual in Beef, Tanner Christie

Intermediates:

~ 10th High Individual Overall, Chandler Freeman.

Others participating were Reagan Hamlin, junior, and Brittney Hergert, intermediate.

Thanks goes to Vance Christie for coaching these young people and to all of the parents for transportation and other support.



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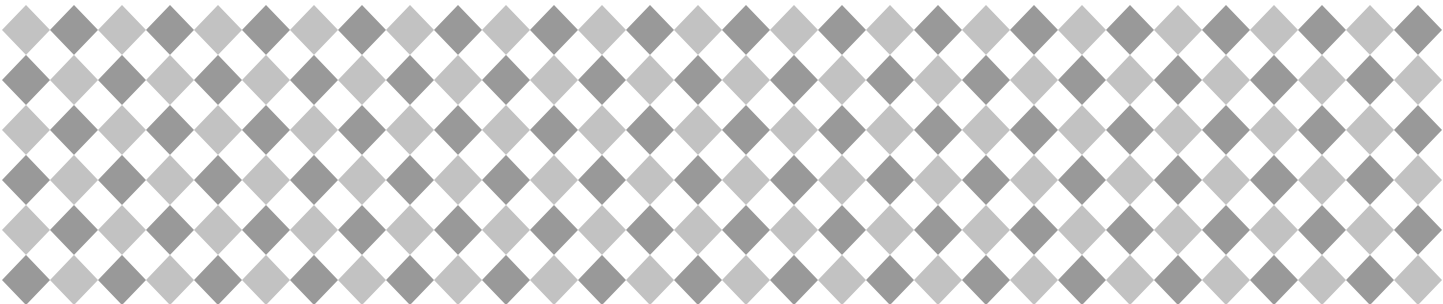
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## Operation Purple Camps for Military Kids

Operation Purple is a program of the National Military Family Association and Texas is proud to be selected to host three different Operation Purple Camps this summer.

These are free camps for military kids who meet specific deployment criteria for our military KIDS SERVE TOO! The only cost to the family is to get the kids to and from the camp location. The rest of the cost is taken care of through generous national sponsors coordinated through the National Military Family Association.

Many who are in the military (active duty, national guard, or

Reserves) are not on or nearby a military installation, so we need to spread the word to them.

Families can access camp dates, locations and other information, as well as the on-line registration system for camper applicants at:

[www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org) or

[www.operationpurple.org](http://www.operationpurple.org)

All camper applicants must use the on-line system at the National Military Family Association's website! Applicants are only allowed to submit an application for one camp regardless of location or state in which the camp will be held or

where the applicant lives.

The Texas camps are as follows:

~ Operation Purple Camp #1—Trinity, Texas—Ages 11-13—June 9-13, 2008—YMCA Camp.

~ Operation Purple Camp #2—Brownwood, Texas—Ages 8-10—August 3-7—Texas 4-H Conference Center.

~ Operation Purple Camp #3—Bandera, Texas—Ages 14-18—August 4-9—YMCA Camp.

If you need additional information about these camps, please call the Extension Office.

## 2008-2009 4-H Officers

**Congratulations to the following Howard County 4-H Club members for being elected to lead the 4-H Club for the next 4-H year.**

**President: Logan Gaskins**

**1st Vice President: Judson Chevalier**

**2nd Vice President: Ali Knight**

**3rd Vice President: Tanner Christie**

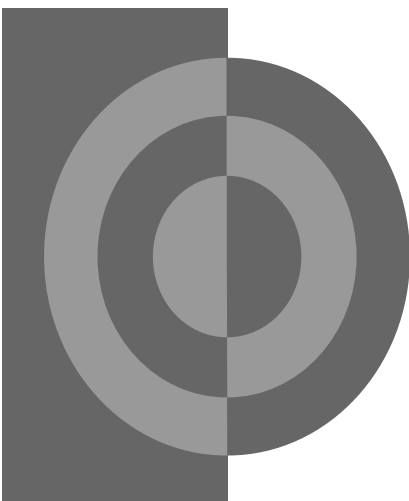
**Secretary: Harrison Chevalier**

**Treasurer: Brittney Hergert**

**Reporter: Molly Walker**

**Parliamentarian: Nathan Gomez**

**Club Managers: Sherrie Chevalier, Chris Gaskins and Tiana Hergert**



## Districts 6 & 7 4-H Leadership Camp

The Districts 6 & 7 4-H Leadership Camp for 4-H members 14-18 will be held June 24-26, 2008 at Sul Ross University in Alpine.

Please contact the Extension Office for additional informa-

tion if you are interested in participating in this camp. It should be fun and is a great way to meet other 4-H members from the area.

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**We are here to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office with your questions and concerns about the 4-H program. We hope everyone has a fun and productive summer.**

**Sincerely,**

**Kandy K. McWhorter**

**County Extension Agent ~ Family and Consumer  
Sciences**

**Tommy Yeater**

**County Extension Agent ~ Agriculture and Natural  
Resources**