

# 4-H FUTURES & FEATURES

## April 2023



### 4-H Council

Chairman: Brycen Epperson  
1st V-Chairman: Tony Soria  
2nd V-Chairman: Nicky Price  
Secretary: Tony Soria  
Reporter:  
Delegates at Large:  
Gavin Greer & Rebecca Scott

### CLUBS

#### North Fork Delegates

President - Collin Campbell  
Council Delegate - Anleigh Bowers

#### Top of Texas Archery Delegates

President - Sailor Baldrige  
Council Delegate - Andrew Schantin

#### Clover Kids Club Manager

Joan Gray-Soria

#### North Fork Club Managers

Joan Gray-Soria

#### T.O.T. Archery Club Managers

Joan Gray-Soria & Karen Schantin

### PARENT - LEADERS

Chairman: .....Heather Scott  
Vice-Chairman: .....Sy Brown  
Secretary: .....Krista Clark  
Treasurer: .....Karen Schantin  
Co-Treasurer: .....Brenda Green

## 4-H Participation Opportunities

Our Spring fundraisers for next year's 4-H Program are just around the corner. The Tractor Supply Clover Campaign is April 26 thru May 5. The money raised through this campaign assists with Camp fees for 4-H Youth. Representation of our 4-H Program by 4-H members volunteering 1 to 2 hours at Tractor Supply encourages more support from the customers who shop there. Please contact the Extension Office at 669-8033 to schedule a time during the campaign to represent our 4-H Program and sell some clovers.



## Geranium Fund Raiser at United

Every 4-H Member benefits from our fundraisers. The money raised goes toward projects supplies, District and State contest fees, and awards, prizes, venue and catering for the awards banquet in August. Gray County 4-H families have been very successful with selling hanging baskets and 4" pots of geraniums the weekend prior to Mothers' Day for several years. Once again, Troy at United has generously given us the same space as years past to set up our fund raiser in the United parking lot on May 4th and 5th. We have more flowers to sell this year and we need every family to volunteer 1 or 2 hours to help our geraniums sale be successful. This is the fastest fund raiser, which also makes it the most fun! Please contact the Extension Office at 669-8033 to volunteer for 1 to 2 hours and represent Gray County 4-H by helping at the Geranium sale.

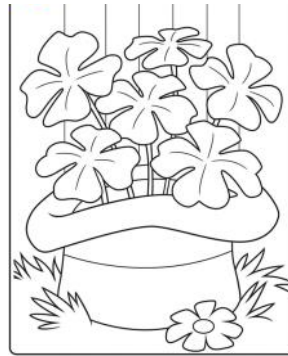
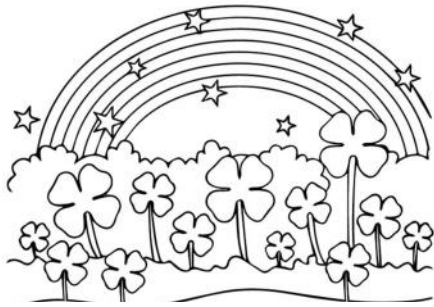


# March Coloring Contest

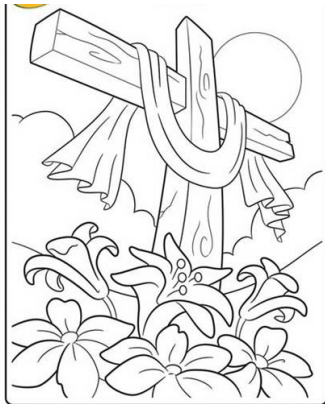
*Good job earning points by participating in this coloring contest!*  
The following 4-H Members may pick out a small prize at the Extension Office.

Picture 1 - McKinley Clark

Picture 2 - Blake Hembree



# April Coloring Contest



**INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose one of the pictures to color, print it from the end of the newsletter, color your best picture and bring it by the office before April 5 for Easter, to be judged and displayed. Top 2 of each picture get a prize, everyone who participates will get points!

# 4-H District & State Events & Contests



## 4-H Camp Early Bird Registration

The Tractor Supply Clover Campaign fund raiser will cover the cost of this camp. The early bird registration for Texas 4-H Camp 2023 closes on April 15th!

County Camp is a great opportunity for youth to make life-lasting memories with friends. County Camp offers traditional camp programs such as archery, swimming, kayaking, rifle, crafts, dancing, challenge course, fishing, campfires, and more. For more information on other 2023 summer 4-H camps, visit this site:

<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/files/2023/02/4H-Summer-Guide-2023-1.pdf>



### Meat Judging Team

Tony, Brycen, Nicky and Collin participated in the Meat Science Contest at WT in Canyon on March 31st.

## Spring Big Fun in D1

Registration to participate in the remaining District 1 Spring contests is April 6th. This year we have a Meat Judging Team, Fashion and Interior Design individuals, Hippology team and Livestock Judging teams.

Good luck to everyone who is participating in Spring Big Fun in D1 and remember you win as long as you have fun, give your best, and learn something, regardless of bringing home a ribbon or trophy.

### **\*\*Excused absences from school\*\***

Please inform the Gray County Extension Office via e-mail to [Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu), or phone at 669-8033, of any 4-H activities that you plan to attend outside of school hours so we can verify eligibility and request your child's absence to be excused.

# Project Meetings & Info

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Project Leader: Eva Price

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @bfdhac**

Project meeting for April will be on the 27th at 6:30 in the Gray County Annex, unless otherwise announced through Remind App.

Registration deadline for the Texas 4-H Photography Contest **for members in grades 9 thru 12 only** is April 15th. Contest is after April 21st.

Registration Deadline for *Summer Contests* is July 21st; Contest is TBD

## FASHION AND INTERIOR DESIGN

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hclot**

Project meetings are Tuesdays at 4:45 for Junior and Intermediates, and 6:00 for Seniors at the Annex, unless otherwise announced through Remind App.

Registration for District 1 Contests: April 6; Contest at WTAMU on April 20 and 22.

## MEAT SCIENCE

Project Leader: Alan Parker

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hmeatj**

Project Meetings are every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Gray County Annex unless otherwise announced through Remind App.

Registration for District 1 Contests: March 16; Contest at WTAMU on March 31.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hpubli**

Project meetings are every Tuesday beginning at 6:00 at the Annex.

Registration for District 1 Contests: April 6; Contest at WTAMU on April 21.

## ARCHERY

Project Leaders: Joan Gray-Soria and Karen Schantin

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @totarc**

Project meetings and practice will begin at the Bull Barn at 5:30 every Monday.

Registration for Spring Contest: April 13; Contest has been moved to the Randall County Event Center on April 28 - 29

## SHOTGUN

Project Leader: Rodney Robertson

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2798g2a**

The first meeting is April 4th beginning at 5:00 at the Pampa Gun Club Shooting Range.

This is a **MANDATORY MEETING**. Please make every effort to attend.

Registration for Summer Contest: June 2; Contest at Amarillo Gun Club on June 23 - 24.



# Project Meetings & Info

## HORSE

Project Leaders: Amy Gallemore

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @9b8bf2**

Project meetings are Mondays at 5:30 at the Bull Barn, unless otherwise announced in the Remind App.

Horse Validation opens March 1 on 4-H Online

Registration for District 1 Contests: April 6; Contest at WTAMU on April 21.

State 4-H Roundup June 5, State 4-H Horse Show July 23

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Project Leader: Audrey Hopkins

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2e7328k**

Project meetings have been changed to Mondays @ 5:00, in the Annex, unless otherwise announced in the Remind App.

Registration for District 1 Contests: April 6; Contest at WTAMU on April 21.

## BEEF

Project Leader: Ryan Davis

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @cattleproj**

Please contact Brenda via email at Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu with the number of steer *and heifer* validations you will need for the 2023 - 2024 livestock season. *Heifer validations have changed.*

**The order deadline is APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> and prices have increased: \$25 per head March 1 - April 7, \$30 per head April 8 - June 23.** Physical Validation date, time and place will be announced as we get closer to that deadline and after the Ag Agent position has been filled.

## SHEEP AND GOAT

Project Leader: Heather Scott

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hsheepa**

Please contact Brenda via email at Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu with the number of sheep and goat validations you will need for *State Fair*. The order deadline is Friday April 7th.

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## SWINE

Project Leader: VACANT

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @swinepr**

## ROBOTICS

Project Leader: Karen Schantin

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @h7bghg**

Currently not meeting, but if you or someone you know is interested in this project, please let us know.

## FOODS & NUTRITION

Project Leaders: Mindy Moore, Laura Richardson, Joan-Gray Soria, & Chad Epperson

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hfoodsp**

*See you next fall*

## CONSUMER EDUCATION AND DECISION MAKING

*See you next fall*

# 4-H Youth Council

4-H Council will meet on Sunday, May 7th beginning at 2:00 in the Annex.

## Club Meetings

Please contact the Extension Office at 806-669-8033 for information about leading a club.

[Clover Kids \(Ages 5 to 8, Kdg thru 2nd graders\)](#)

Club Manager: Joan Gray-Soria

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @jgraysori**

April 10th at 5:30 and the 2nd Monday every month at the Annex, unless otherwise announced through Remind App.

[North Fork \(3rd thru 12 graders\)](#)

Club Manager: Joan Gray-Soria

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @jgraysoria**

April 18th at 6:00 and the 3rd Tuesday every month at the Annex, unless otherwise announced through Remind App.

[Top of Texas Archery \(3rd thru 12 graders in archery\)](#)

Club Manager: Joan Gray-Soria and Karen Schantin

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @totarc**


April 24th at 5:30 and the last Monday every month at the Bull Barn, unless otherwise announced through Remind App.

## Parent/Leader Council


*All Leaders and Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the Parent/Leader Council meetings.*

The Parent/Leader Council met on February 23rd to discuss several items., one of them being the Geranium Sales, which was decided to be held on May 4th and 5th. Another item discussed was funding for a local scholarship from the 4-H Budget. The next meeting will be May 11, 2023 at 6:30 at the Gray County Annex. Discussion items include fundraisers, Spring Projects, 4-H Events and other comments or concerns.

## Featured Project



GRAY COUNTY  
4-H  
INDOOR ARCHERY



Archery practice begins  
Monday, March 20th at 5:30 in the Bull Barn.  
You must be enrolled in Gray County 4-H  
if you wish to shoot, but you are invited to  
observe if you are not enrolled.

THE MEMBERS OF TEXAS 4-H AGRILIFE WILL PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, EDUCATION, AND EMPLOYMENT TO ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, DISABILITY, GENETIC INFORMATION, VETERAN STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY AND WILL STRIVE TO ACHIEVE FULL AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT TEXAS 4-H AGRILIFE.

*Thank you for taking a few minutes to read this newsletter. Let us know if you have any questions!*



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## Upcoming Events to watch for

- ◆ Clubs & Projects Meetings Dates
- ◆ Major Livestock Shows results
- ◆ Spring Big Fun D-1 Contests
- ◆ Geraniums Fund Raiser
- ◆ Record Books, Project Report Forms, and Points Books submittals

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