

# 4-H FUTURES & FEATURES

## May 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

*Spring Fund Raiser*

Gray County 4-H is Having Their Annual Geraniums Fund Raiser Sale Just In Time For Mother's Day

United Parking Lot  
May 4 & 5  
4:30-7:00 pm or until sold out

Prices:  
**\$5** each 4" pots  
**\$25** - 10" Hanging Baskets

Checks made out to Gray 4-H or Cash only!

Your support of our 4-H program is greatly appreciated!

## ALL Hands on Deck!

This year will be the most flowers we have sold with 300 more ordered than years past. That is how popular our fund raiser has become, and we want to keep it going, but **everyone's** help will be required.

Please call to sign up for a time to represent Gray County 4-H.

The donations from the Clover Campaign are used to pay for all or at least a portion of camps such as the ones coming next.

IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!  
APRIL 26-MAY 5, 2023  
Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.

# Be on the Lookout

There will be a Record Book Training in June. If you are interested in applying for 4-H Scholarships upon high school graduation, even if you are only in elementary school now, it is **strongly advised** that you begin your record book sooner than later.

Watch for announcements in your email and on Facebook.

# 4-H District & State Events & Contests

## Big Fun in D-1



Harper, Sailor, Mckinley, and Harbor placed 1st at Big Fun in D-1 in their clothing contest, wearable category!

We are so proud of you!

Harbor, Sailor, Brycen, Tony, and McKinley all participated in the Big Fun District 1 Fashion contests and placed very well. By the smiles on their faces, they must have had a great time!



# Big Fun in D-1



Kimber Becco, Addy Willis, Hallie Willis, Hadleigh Bowers, Landon Greer, Kenedie Davis, Anleigh Bowers, Gavin Greer, Maddox Bowers, Hagen Hudson, Collin Campbell, Judsyn Knox and Easton Willis all participated in the Spring District 1 Livestock Judging competitions. You all have worked so hard and we are so proud of your success!  
Great job representing Gray County 4-H!



Tony Soria placed 1st at spring Big Fun in D1 in Senior Educational Presentations and has qualified to represent District 1 at Texas 4-H State Roundup in June!



# Salute to Excellence

Each year, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program provides awards and recognition for various individuals and groups that provide support to the 4-H program. This award program is commonly known as the Salute to Excellence Award Program. Only 2 County Extension Agents in the entire State of Texas receive the Meritorious service Award, and only 2 volunteers from each District receive the Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence.



Joan Gray-Soria has been an AgriLife Extension Employee for more than 3 decades, and 2 of them have been in Gray County. Without her passion, perseverance, patience, and dedication, the Gray County 4-H program would not be what it is today.

Joan has been the captain of the Gray County 4-H ship. Joan's heart of service for the 4-H youth and families is evidenced by her countless hours in the office, on the phone, entering reports or on the road and out of her comfort zone for required trainings more, than with her family or friends at home or away from her job. She has exhibited her own leadership skills to other parents by taking hours to assist with 4-H Record

Book assembly and maintenance, and 4-H scholarship opportunity applications. Although any career can be an investment, it takes someone super special to use that investment toward the success of others. For Joan, Gray County 4-H is not just a job, nor a career. Gray County 4-H is her passion. Well done Joan, keeping our 4-H Ship afloat!

Congratulations!



Rodney Robertson is an exemplary volunteer for the Gray County 4-H program. For seven years, Rodney has worked tirelessly to build and sustain a successful Shooting Sports: Shotgun program. His passion and commitment have resulted in securing \$17,615 for the Gray County Shotgun Program through Phillips 66, NRA Grant, and Fun Shoots. Moreover, he generously works with coaches from surrounding counties to help them build

their own programs - his dedication knows no bounds! The leadership skills that Rodney exhibits are truly remarkable and deserve recognition; therefore it is only fitting that he should receive the Salute to Excellence Award as a token of appreciation for all of his hard work!

Thank you, Rodney, for all you do!

# 4-H Youth Council

4-H Council will meet on **Sunday, June 4th** 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**

May 8th at 6:30 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**

May 16th 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**

May 22 at 6:00 and the last Monday every month at the Bull Barn, unless otherwise announced through Remind App.

## Parent/Leader Council

The next meeting will be May 11, 2023 at 6:30 at the Gray County Annex. Discussion items include fundraisers results, 4-H State Round-up, Summer Projects, and the Awards Banquet.

*All Leaders and Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the Parent/Leader Council meetings. Any input about funds, projects, club meetings or any other 4-H related subjects is welcome here, so please feel free to be involved in these meetings!*



**Marcus Preuninger**, pronounced “proy-neeng-gur”,  
is our new

Ag and Natural Resources County Extension Agent.

There will be a welcome reception in the middle of June to introduce him to our 4-H families and community and to welcome him to our programs.

# Project Meetings & Info

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Project Leader: Eva Price

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

Project meeting for May will be on the 3rd at 6:30 in the Gray County Annex, unless otherwise announced through Remind App.

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

## 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

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

## FASHION AND INTERIOR DESIGN

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

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

The last Jr. Clothing project meeting is May 3rd at 4:00 and May 23rd at 6:30 for Seniors at the Annex,

## 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.

## 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 4:30 every Monday.

## SHOTGUN

Project Leader: Rodney Robertson

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

Practices begins at 5:00 on Tuesdays at the Pampa Gun Club Shooting Range.

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

# Project Meetings & Info

## BEEF

Project Leader: Ryan Davis

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

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.

**Invoices for Validation Orders will be sent the week of May 8th. The payment due date will be June 1st.**

## 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](mailto: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**

## FOODS & NUTRITION

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

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

*See you in the 2023 - 2024 4-H year*

## CONSUMER EDUCATION AND DECISION MAKING

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

*See you in the 2023 - 2024 4-H year*

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

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

*See you in the 2023 - 2024 4-H year*

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Project Leader: Audrey Hopkins

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

*See you in the 2023 - 2024 4-H year*

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## Upcoming Events to watch for

- ◆ Record Books, Project Report Forms, and Points Books submittals
  - ◆ State Round Up
  - ◆ Record Book Training
  - ◆ Awards Banquet
- ◆ New 4-H Year Enrollment

### GRAY COUNTY FACULTY & STAFF

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