

# Helping Texans Thrive in Ochiltree County

## April — June 2023 County Interpretation

### EXTENSION AGENTS

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### IMPACTS

- ▶ Thirteen members competed in District 1 Archery, .22 rifle, Entomology ID, and Public Speaking contests
- ▶ More 4H members validated more steers for the first time in over 15 years.
- ▶ 50 volunteers prepared and served meals daily to over 1500 tornado first responders and victims for 14 days.

### 4-H & Youth Development:

- ▶ Two members met three times to prepare and compete in the District 1 Entomology Identification Contest. The team placed 4th.
- ▶ Three Archery project members met 4 times under the leadership of a certified volunteer to prepare for the district archery competition. The placings brought home in the various divisions included one 1st, one 2nd and one 8th.
- ▶ Six .22 Rifle project members met 6 times under the leadership of a certified volunteer to prepare for the district .22 Rifle contest.
- ▶ 1 Public speaking project member competed in the District Senior Public Speaking Contest and placed 6th.
- ▶ Seven 4H members validated 11 steers for 2024 major shows. This is the highest number of members and steers in over 15 years.



### Emergency Management:

On June 15, 2023 a tornado rated at EF3 struck Perryton and destroyed over 230 homes, 93 business, plus killing three people and injuring over 200. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Ochiltree County responded in the following manner.

- ▶ Coordinated with the County Emergency Management Coordinator, Ochiltree County Commissioners Court, Perryton City Manager and Perryton Fire Department, and District 1 County agents to set up a relief and supply point for victims and first responders at the Ochiltree County Expo Center. Emergency supplies were distributed to over 700 victims.
- ▶ Provided leadership over 50 volunteers to secure fresh food donations to cook and serve over 1500 meals daily for 14 days to first responders and victims.
- ▶ Assisted local veterinarian Dr. Randy Skaggs and the County EMC to secure the Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Strike team to care for injured and displaced pets.

