Loyd “Gabe” Gabriel has been a 4-H leader for 21 years. He began his career as a leader when he was “drafted” to be the Pima County 4-H horse project coordinator. It was a huge task to coordinate the largest and most complex project in the county, especially for a new leader. He served in that role admirably for 4 years before his term limited out. A few years later, he was elected President of the Pima County Leaders Association, where he once again served the maximum of 4 one year terms. Desiring to stay involved with the Leaders Association, he served 2 years as the vice president. After 2 years rest, he was once again elected coordinator of the horse project for 2 years. In those years of leadership he was recognized for his “lightning meetings”, where business was conducted efficiently and effectively with a sense that people’s time is valuable and should not be wasted. In addition to his leadership roles in the horse project, Gabe has an intense interest in the Pima County Horse Camp. He has been involved in numerous capacities, from roping instructor to boy’s dorm supervisor to farrier to camp security. Even when not at Camp, he was helping secure roping cattle or hay for the cattle or finding an instructor when needed. Camp has always been his chance to get involved directly with the youth and pass along his lifetime of experience with horses. Youth respond to him, often seeking his wisdom and council on things related to horse and life in general. In the early 2000’s, he ventured off the horse trail and got involved in 4-H with his other passion, fishing. He served on the inaugural “Fishazona” state 4-H sport fishing committee, teaching fly fishing at the state sport fishing camp and telling fish tales. To this day, his favorite hat to wear is a 4-H sports fishing hat. Continuing his leadership, in 2006 he was appointed to the Pima County Extension Board where he serves as an advocate for the 4-H program and the Pima County Extension program as a whole.