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Commissioner's Court Report – April 2026

Yoakum County Extension continues to maintain strong momentum in both youth development and agricultural programming, with a busy month filled with educational contests, livestock judging events, and hands-on learning opportunities. 4-H members actively represented the county across multiple competitions, gaining valuable skills in decision-making, teamwork, and leadership. In addition, ongoing outreach efforts and program participation reflect the continued commitment of the Extension Office to serve the needs of Yoakum County residents through impactful education and community engagement.

Program Highlights

4-H & Youth Development - Yoakum County 4-H members remained highly active throughout the month of April, participating in a variety of educational and skill-building contests. On April 2, members competed at the Howard College Livestock Judging Contest, followed by participation in the Meat Judging Contest on April 6. Youth continued to strengthen their evaluation skills at the Texas Tech Livestock Judging Contest on April 11 and the South Plains College Livestock Judging Contest on April 17. In support of livestock project development, the County Extension Agent traveled to Fredericksburg on April 22 for a lamb buying trip to assist 4-H members in selecting quality projects. Members also competed in the Horse Judging Contest on April 23 and the Educational Presentation Contest on April 27, where Kwade Cleveland and Garrett James achieved notable success. These events continue to provide valuable opportunities for our youth to build confidence, leadership, and decision-making skills.

Agriculture & Natural Resources - Yoakum County Extension continued to support local agricultural producers through educational outreach and professional development opportunities. The County Extension Agent attended the Newsom Grape Days event, where area producers had the opportunity to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) while gaining valuable insight into current agricultural practices, innovations, and industry

Yoakum County Extension remains committed to delivering high-quality, research-based educational programs that support the growth and success of our youth and agricultural community. Through continued collaboration with local partners, volunteers, and families, the Extension Office strives to meet the evolving needs of the county while fostering leadership, stewardship, and lifelong learning. We appreciate the ongoing support of the Commissioners Court and look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Yoakum County.

trends. Participation in events such as this ensures that local farmers and ranchers remain informed and equipped with the knowledge needed to make sound management decisions and sustain successful operations.

Educational Programs & Outreach - Yoakum County Extension continued to expand its educational reach through a variety of programs and outreach efforts designed to serve both youth and adult audiences. Programming focused on providing research-based education, promoting life skill development, and strengthening community engagement across the county. Through partnerships with local schools, organizations, and community groups, the Extension Office delivered meaningful learning opportunities that support agriculture, youth development, and overall community well-being. These efforts reflect the ongoing commitment to provide accessible, relevant, and impactful education to the residents of Yoakum County.

Upcoming Events -

- **May 1** – Livestock Judging Contest
- **May 2** – Entomology Contest
- **May 5** – Deadline to Register for 4-H Round-Up
- **May 13** – Farm Animals in the Classroom, Plains ISD
- **May 25** – Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day