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Commissioner's Court Report – February 2026

The Yoakum County Extension Office remained actively engaged throughout the month of February, continuing to provide research-based education, youth development programming, and community support to the citizens of Yoakum County. Efforts during the month focused heavily on supporting 4-H members participating in major livestock shows, coordinating educational opportunities, and maintaining communication with families, volunteers, and producers. In addition to youth programming, the office continued administrative responsibilities, program planning, and preparation for upcoming spring activities. These efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality Extension programs that strengthen individuals, families, agriculture, and the overall community.

Program Highlights

4-H & Youth Development - During the month of February, Yoakum County 4-H members demonstrated exceptional dedication and achievement while competing at the San Angelo and San Antonio major stock shows. At San Angelo, Kwade Cleveland exhibited *Hercules* and *Hang-Man*, with *Hang-Man* being pulled in one of the most competitive Finewool Cross classes in Texas. Dustin Cleveland represented the county with his lamb *Buddy*, while Brecklyn O'Gorman exhibited *Third String*. In addition to their time in the show ring, Kwade Cleveland and Brecklyn O'Gorman participated in the Livestock Skill-a-Thon, further showcasing their industry knowledge and commitment to learning beyond project exhibition. At San Antonio, Kwade Cleveland exhibited *Pretty-Man*, Brecklyn O'Gorman exhibited *Bingo*, Kazlyn Cleveland made her first appearance at a major stock show exhibiting *Scab*, and Emma Hagee represented Yoakum County with her lamb *Sir Fluffington*. These accomplishments reflect the strong work ethic, perseverance, and leadership development that remain central to the 4-H program in Yoakum County.

Agriculture & Natural Resources - During the month of February, the Agriculture and Natural Resources program focused on providing continued support and education to local producers and landowners. Educational outreach efforts included consultations related to livestock management, forage conditions, and seasonal herd health considerations as producers prepared for spring production demands. The Extension Office also provided research-based information addressing crop planning, pesticide and weed management strategies, and water conservation practices relevant to current

environmental conditions. Planning and coordination for upcoming producer meetings and educational programs were conducted to ensure timely delivery of information addressing local agricultural needs. These efforts reinforce the Extension Service's commitment to strengthening agricultural sustainability, supporting informed decision-making, and enhancing the economic vitality of Yoakum County.

Educational Programs & Outreach - Throughout the month of February, the Yoakum County Extension Office continued to provide educational resources and outreach support to a diverse audience across the county. Staff maintained communication with families, volunteers, and community partners to ensure awareness of upcoming programs, deadlines, and participation opportunities. Educational efforts included distributing research-based materials, assisting residents with inquiries related to agriculture and youth programming, and coordinating preparations for upcoming spring workshops and activities. The office also supported community engagement initiatives through collaboration with local organizations and ongoing program planning. These outreach efforts reflect the Extension Service's commitment to accessible education, informed decision-making, and strengthening community partnerships throughout Yoakum County.

Upcoming Events -

March 8-13: Houston Stock Show & Rodeo

March 17-20: Austin Stock Show & Rodeo

March 16-20: Spring Break

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March 11-30: Registration for Meat Judging



In summary, the Yoakum County Extension Office continues to advance its mission of providing research-based education and meaningful program support to the citizens of Yoakum County. Through 4-H youth development, Agriculture and Natural Resources programming, and ongoing educational outreach, the office remains committed to fostering leadership, supporting local producers, and strengthening community partnerships. We appreciate the continued support of the Commissioner's Court and look forward to building on this momentum as we move into the spring program season.