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Commissioner's Court Report – January 2026

January was a busy and productive month for the Yoakum County Extension Office, as programming focused on youth development, livestock exhibitions, and continued support for county residents. Extension staff worked closely with 4-H members and families to prepare for and participate in local and area stock shows, while also providing ongoing educational assistance and office support. These efforts reflect the Extension Service's continued commitment to promoting youth leadership, agricultural education, and community engagement throughout Yoakum County.

Program Highlights

4-H & Youth Development - Yoakum County 4-H members had a strong showing at the Yoakum County Stock Show, with youth demonstrating outstanding preparation, dedication, and success across multiple species and divisions. Participants included Judge Thomason, Kwade Cleveland, Dustin Cleveland, Alex Klassen, Asher Klassen, Eli Klassen, Emma Hagee, Zach Marion, Brecklyn O'Gorman, and Kazlyn Cleveland. In addition, Alex Lopez represented Yoakum County at the Gaines County Stock Show, with assistance from the County Extension Agent in preparing for the event. Members achieved notable success, led by Kwade Cleveland, who earned Reserve Grand Champion Goat, Reserve Grand Champion Lamb, first place Goat, first and second place Dorper, first place Medium Wool, Breed Champion Finewool Cross, Senior Lamb Showmanship, and Senior Goat Showmanship. Additional highlights included Asher Klassen receiving first place Goat; Alex Klassen earning Best in Show Rabbit and third place Medium Wool; Kazlyn Cleveland placing third in Dorper; Dustin Cleveland receiving Breed Champion Dorper and Reserve Breed Champion honors; Brecklyn O'Gorman earning Breed Champion Fine Wool and second place Medium Wool; Emma Hagee placing third in Southdown and third in Medium Wool; Zach Marion earning Reserve Breed Champion Berkshire and second place Duroc; and Judge Thomason earning second place Southdown, Novice Lamb Showmanship, third place Gilt, and Novice Gilt Showmanship. These accomplishments reflect the strength of the youth livestock program and the continued support provided through the Yoakum County Extension Office.

Agriculture & Natural Resources - In January, the Agriculture and Natural Resources program focused on

providing continued support to local producers while assisting with the planning and implementation of the Annual Yoakum County Stock Show. Extension personnel worked closely with exhibitors, families, and volunteers to ensure livestock projects met program requirements and animal welfare standards. Additionally, the Annual Terry-Yoakum Conference was held during the month, providing local farmers and producers the opportunity to earn continuing education unit (CEU) credits while receiving timely, research-based information on current agricultural topics. Ongoing one-on-one consultations and technical assistance related to livestock management, seasonal production practices, and resource stewardship further supported the sustainability and long-term success of agriculture in Yoakum County.

Educational Programs & Outreach - During the month of January, educational programs and outreach efforts focused on delivering research-based information and providing direct support to residents across Yoakum County. Extension staff engaged with youth, producers, and community members through educational programming, coordinated events, and individualized assistance. Outreach activities emphasized practical application, timely resources, and community engagement, while supporting major county events and preparing for upcoming programs. These efforts ensure that Yoakum County residents continue to have access to reliable education, resources, and Extension services that address local needs.

Upcoming Events -

February 5: Sandyland Conference

February 6-16: San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo

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February 16: Office Closed Presidents' Day



February 16-21: San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

Overall, January was a productive and successful month for the Yoakum County Extension Office, highlighted by strong participation in youth development activities, producer education, and community outreach. Through collaboration with volunteers, families, local partners, and county leadership, Extension staff continued to deliver research-based programs that support agriculture, youth, and the broader community. These efforts reflect the Extension Service's ongoing commitment to meeting local needs and enhancing the quality of life for Yoakum County residents.