

newsletter

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From Agent's Desk

As we move into the spring season, I want to thank our 4-H members, families, volunteers, and community supporters for their continued dedication and hard work. Our youth have represented Yoakum County well through stock shows, practices, and contests, and their commitment truly reflects the values of the 4-H program. We look forward to upcoming spring contests, judging events, and educational opportunities that allow our members to grow in knowledge, leadership, and responsibility. Thank you to our adult leaders and volunteers who make these opportunities possible — your time and support help make the best better for our youth each day.

Yoakum County Extension Office Supporting Yoakum County 4-H

The Yoakum County Extension Office proudly supports our local 4-H program by providing educational opportunities, leadership development, and hands-on learning experiences for youth across the county.

Throughout the year, we assist members and families with meetings, livestock and judging contests, workshops, shooting sports, community service projects, and preparation for county, district, and major stock shows.

Our goal is to help every 4-H member grow in responsibility, teamwork, and confidence while representing Yoakum County with pride.

To stay informed about deadlines, practices, and event updates, please make sure you are connected to our GroupMe and following the Yoakum County 4-H Facebook page.

If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact the Yoakum County Extension Office — we are here to serve our community.

♥ To Make the Best Better! ✨

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 8-13 - HOUSTON STOCK SHOW

MARCH 17-20 - AUSTIN STOCK SHOW

MARCH 11-30 - REGISTRATION FOR MEAT JUDGING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

BREE MOORE 2/5

ELI KLASSEN 2/7

SHYLOH GUETERSLOH 2/14

ZACHARY MARION 2/22



YOAKUM COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Yoakum County 4-H members proudly represented our county at both the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo and the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo during the major show season. Competing at San Angelo were Kwade Cleveland, Brecklyn O’Gorman, Dustin Cleveland, and Kazlyn Cleveland. Kwade exhibited Hercules and Hang-Man, with Hang-Man being pulled in one of the toughest Finewool Cross classes in Texas — an outstanding accomplishment at such a competitive show. Dustin represented Yoakum County with his lamb, Buddy, while Brecklyn showed 3rd String. In addition to their time in the ring, Kwade and Brecklyn also participated in the Livestock Skill-a-Thon, demonstrating knowledge and dedication beyond their projects. At San Antonio, Kwade, Brecklyn, Kazlyn, and Emma Hagee continued to represent Yoakum County with pride. Kwade exhibited Pretty-Man, Brecklyn showed Bingo, and Kazlyn made her first appearance at a major stock show, exhibiting Scab — a milestone achievement in her 4-H journey. A special shout-out goes to Emma and her lamb, Sir Fluffington — we are incredibly proud of her hard work and determination.

These members demonstrated perseverance, sportsmanship, and commitment throughout the major show season, reflecting the strong character and work ethic that define Yoakum County

4-H. ♡☘





Before stepping into the ring, Emma and her lamb, Sir Fluffington, took a quiet moment together for prayer. In the midst of the busy show barn, this special pause reflected the heart behind the hard work — gratitude, faith, and trust in the journey. Moments like these remind us that 4-H is about more than ribbons and banners; it's about character, perseverance, and the values our youth carry with them both inside and outside the show ring. We are proud of Emma for representing Yoakum County 4-H with dedication, grace, and heart. ♥️🍀



This year marked a special milestone for Kazlyn Cleveland as she competed at her very first major stock show with her lamb, Scab. Exhibiting at the major level is an exciting and challenging step in any 4-H member's journey, and Kazlyn rose to the occasion with determination, courage, and a positive attitude. The long hours of preparation, early mornings, and dedication to daily care paid off as she proudly represented Yoakum County in the show ring. Competing on such a large stage for the first time is no small accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of Kazlyn's hard work, growth, and willingness to take on new challenges. Her experience at majors marks the beginning of what we know will be many more successes ahead. ♥️🍀



Brecklyn O'Gorman demonstrated dedication and leadership while representing Yoakum County 4-H at two major stock shows this season. At the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo, Brecklyn stepped up for her family and filled an important role exhibiting Third String for CS Heart Dorpers, proudly representing their program in the ring. She continued her success at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, where she exhibited Bingo, her Hampshire Medium Wool lamb, competing at one of the largest and most competitive shows in the state. Brecklyn's willingness to step in where needed, along with her commitment to hard work and sportsmanship, reflects the true spirit of the 4-H program and highlights the pride she brings to Yoakum County on the major stock show stage.



We are proud to recognize Kwade Cleveland for an outstanding accomplishment at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo! Kwade's Finewool Cross lamb, Hang-Man, was pulled in the San Angelo show ring — an incredible achievement at one of the most competitive stock shows in Texas. The Finewool Cross division at San Angelo is widely known as one of the toughest in the state, drawing elite exhibitors and top-quality lambs from across Texas.

To be selected out of such a competitive class speaks volumes about Kwade's hard work, dedication, and attention to detail in feeding, fitting, and daily care of his project.

This accomplishment reflects not only hours of preparation but also the perseverance and determination that define the true spirit of 4-H.

Congratulations, Kwade!
Yoakum County is proud of you! 🍀



Dustin Cleveland proudly represented Yoakum County 4-H at the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo, exhibiting his lamb Buddy, which was bred by his father and step-mother, Chris and Sandi Cleveland, through their club lamb operation, CS Heart Dorpers. Competing in a highly competitive show, Dustin and Buddy performed well in the ring, showcasing the hard work, dedication, and strong livestock knowledge that goes into raising and exhibiting quality animals. His efforts not only highlight the success of the CS Heart Dorpers breeding program but also reflect the commitment and determination that Yoakum County 4-H members bring when competing at major stock shows.

