

December and January Stock Shows

Saturday December 6th, 7 FFA members exhibited 8 head at Connors Cattle Battle Jackpot Show.

In the morning at the heifer show Savannah Hembree started off the show winning 2nd in class with her Angus heifer and 3rd in class with her Hereford. Kaylin Davis next in the ring won 1st in her class, then turning around winning reserve breed Maine Anjou. Also winning first in her class was Shontana Wilhelm, she then went into the breed finals, winning breed champion Shorthorn Plus. Finishing off the heifer show, Christian Wade exhibited his commercial heifer winning second in his class. Later that afternoon was the steer show. Autumn Minney had 2nd in her class of crossbred progress steers. Next, Jayme Winterbottom exhibited her crossbred progress steer winning 3rd in her class right behind the grand and reserve grand progress steers. Finally, Emily Morphew exhibited her crossbred progress steer winning 2nd in class, reserve breed cross, as well as finishing off with reserve grand champion progress steer. It was definitely a day in the books for the Yale FFA.

December 13th and 14th was a very long and tiring weekend for the 4 FFA members and 5 head that went and exhibited their livestock at the AGR Winter Bonanza. Saturday at the steer show Emily Morphew had 1st in class, breed champion Charlois, and 5th overall grand progress steer. The following Sunday, Savannah Hembree started off the day by winning 5th with her Angus in both rings and 1st in ring one and 3rd in ring two with her Hereford heifer. Kaylin Davis had 2nd in class in both rings one and two. Then, Shontana Wilhelm exhibited 1st in her class in ring one and winning 1st in her class and breed champion Shorthorn Plus in ring two.

On January 17th, Trey Seward exhibited swine at the Glencoe Jackpot show. He placed 1st and Reserve Breed with his Berk barrow.

On January 12th Savannah Hembree made the 10 hour journey with her family to the National Western Livestock Show and Rodeo in Denver, Colorado. Savannah was part of a historical moment at the National Western as she was one of over 1,500 head of Hereford cattle exhibited; this was a new record of Hereford cattle attending this show. The National Western is a very unique show because of the number of people and the various different breeds that show there. Savannah's favorite experience was getting to see all the promotional bulls (in the yards). The National Western is made up of two different areas to exhibit cattle, "The Hill" and "The Yard." Savannah exhibited her Hereford heifer on the Hill which is a huge indoor facility with very low ceiling's that were well heated. The Yards are actually the old Denver Stockyards, they run a half a mile and are 1 mile in length. The railroad tracks where they used to load cattle run right between the hill and the yards. It was definitely a neat experience for Savannah to participate in the National Western Livestock Show. Savannah proudly showed her heifer 5th in call, and looks forward to going again next year.