



ShortER Stack

Sixth-grader Damon Kuehler might have been the shortest player on the team, but he did not play small. The younger player played defense just as well as any other player, not using his size, but using his quickness to steal the ball and get many quick shots and lay ups for the Cub team.



Monday

Tuesday



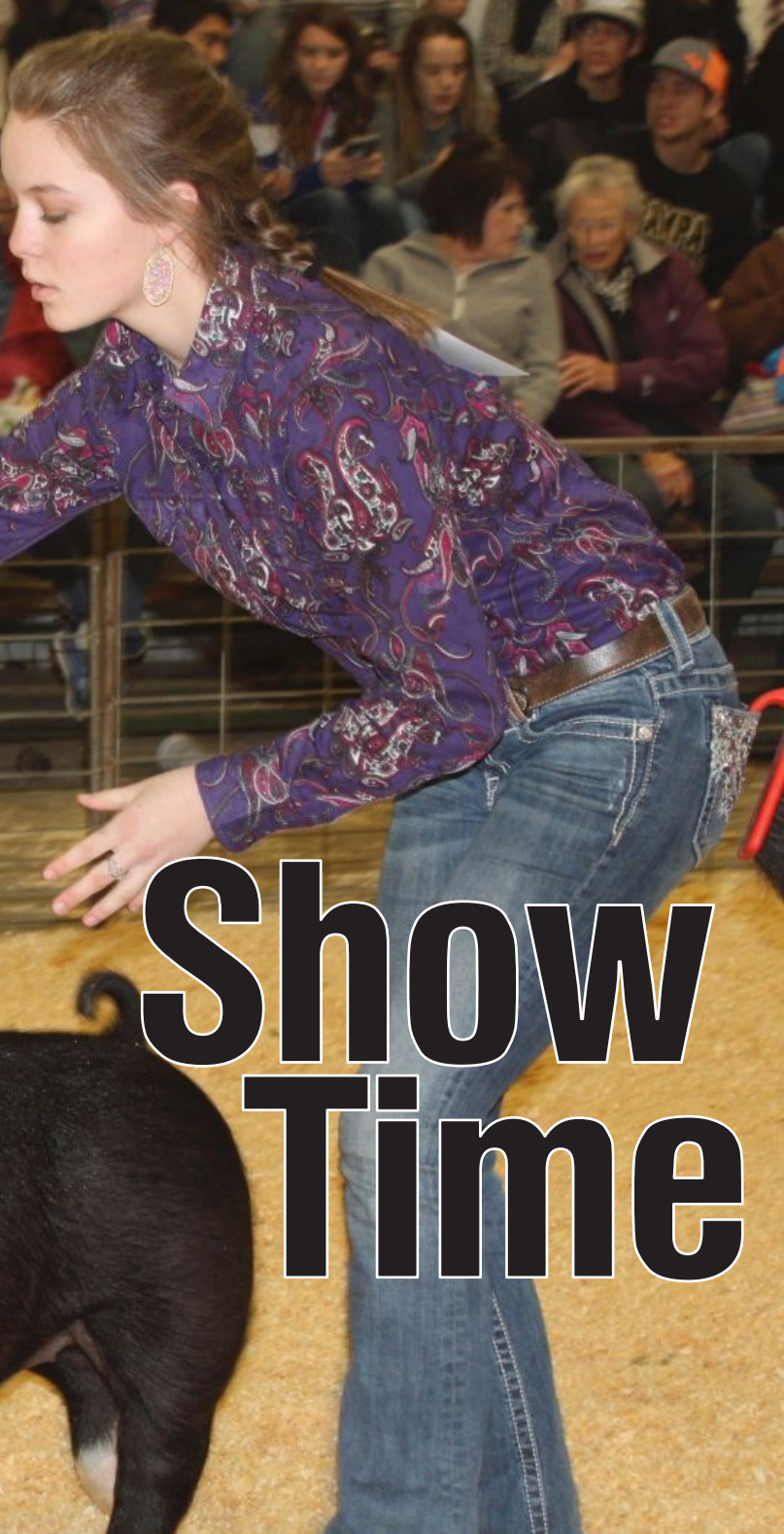
Team-work!

Freshman Cayden Lambert and Junior Carson Ritter both rebound the same ball. Ritter was high point of the game with 15 points, and Lambert contributed many minutes to the game, but their efforts weren't successful, bringing the Tigers' district record to 1-2.

Free Throws - the Best Part

Sophomore Jamey Germany picks up her dribble in the game against the Valley Lady Patriots. Germany made three out of four free throws that game, helping the Tigerette's score come to a total of 22 points, but not enough to beat Valley's 65.





Show Time

Keesee powers through pressure

Pig showing doesn't sound appealing for the more indoorsy students, but for some, including freshman K'Leigh Keesee, they said they "absolutely love" it.

"Before I enter the arena, I get very nervous, but once I'm in the arena my straight face comes on, and then I'm serious," Keesee said.

Not everyone has enjoyed hobbies that require morning and evening feedings, but the students who participated in the Carson County Stock Show - and other events - did.

"I take showing very seriously because it's one of my hobbies," Keesee said.

In the photo you can see the large crowds that gather to watch the competitors work with their

animals, which brings additional pressure on most young ag students, but not Keesee.

"In the arena, it feels like it's just me and my pig, even though we're really competing with other competitors."

This pastime, though, fills more than just spare time. The hours and days required can be consuming.

"Showing isn't just a passion for me; it actually calms me down because while showing, I have nothing to worry about," the freshman said.

Many students find the show ring to hold their future "like some crystal ball," but for others, it has the opposite effect, Keesee said. "When you're showing, you're just showing. Yes, the judge will watch you. Yes, it can be nerve-racking, but it all turns out to be you and your pig - just doing what you do best." - Sydney Ritter

11 students participated in the Carson County Livestock Show, including these:

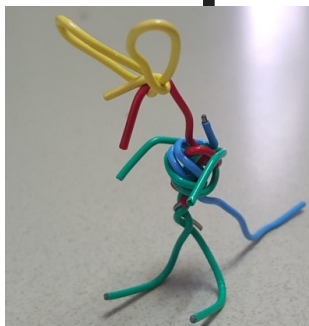
4th-grader Gage Whatley - Grand Champion Lamb, Best of Breed American Steer and **9th**-grader Halle Barkley - Reserve Best of Breed Swine Chester Pig.

Then, the following Groom students also were **1st**-place Finishers - Whatley, lamb and steer; Barkley, swine; **5th**-grader Owen Britten, swine; and

3rd-grader Braxton Ritter, swine. These students were **2nd**-place finishers: Ritter, swine; **5th**-grader Trace Parker, swine; **9th**-grader Lauren Kuehler, swine; Britten, swine; sixth-grader Mallie Williams, swine; **9th**-grader K'Leigh Keesee, swine. Coming in **3rd**-place was **3rd**-grader Hope Hickey with her goat. **4th**-Place finishers included Britten with a lamb and Parker with a goat.

5th-place finishers rounded out the Groom places with Britten again with a lamb, and **8th**-grader Hallie Thompson joined Keesee, each placing in the swine categories.

Wednesday



Lack of Internet Leads To...

Meet Joey Clip the newest member of the Journalism staff. He is a product of "geniusness and boredom" due to lack of internet. on Jan. 20. "The class he was made in will remain unspecified, yet the creators were Nate Roskens, Andrew Ingle and myself," Junior Carson Ritter said.

Friday

She's Back!

Coach Jay Lamb was also sick for the game later in the week against the Lefors Lady Pirates, and unfortunately missed the win. He also missed the come back of Junior Leslie Germany, who was out with a torn meniscus injury in her knee since before district. The junior came back with a bang contributing to the winning score of 28-19.



Saturday