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News Release

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**Spray Named Grand Champion Junior Bread Baker at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Taylor Spray from Sharon, OK in Woodward County recently placed first in the Other Wheat Breads Category of the Junior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Tayler’s Punch Veggie Bread topped the other entries in the class also winning her the title of Grand Champion for the Junior Division entry.

The contest is an annual event sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission and State Fair of Oklahoma. “We had 98 entries from 44 counties this year, all champion or reserve champion winners in the county contests,” said David Gammill, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission. “We had great attendance and always enjoy the opportunity to award the top bread bakers in the state.”

The contest consists of 12 classes, 6 in the senior division and 6 in the junior division. Senior division classes include white bread, whole wheat bread, dinner rolls, other wheat breads, sweet breads and bread machine. Junior division classes include white bread, dinner rolls, other wheat breads, sweet breads, specialty shape breads, and bread machine.

State Champions in the Junior division include: Alexandra Howard, Jackson county, white bread; Makayla Jones, Oklahoma county, dinner rolls; Taylor Spray, Woodward county, other wheat breads; Kendallyn Gossen, Washita county, sweet breads; Korben Gossen, Washita county, specialty shape breads and Ridge Spray, Woodward county, bread machine. A cookbook with the top 5 recipes of every class from the Best of Wheat competition will be available on-line January 2024 at [www.okwheat.org](http://www.okwheat.org).

The Oklahoma Wheat Commission is funded by the Oklahoma wheat producer and promotes greater utilization of wheat in both domestic and international markets through research, market development and public education. Five wheat producers representing designated districts across the state serve as the Oklahoma Wheat Commission’s board of directors. Current officers are David Gammill, chairman, Chattanooga; Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; Raymond Parrish, secretary-treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, member, Hooker and Michael Peters, member, Okarche.A group of people posing for a photo

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**Photo Caption: Tayler Spray, Sharon, OK, receives her Grand Champion bread tray at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of *Tayler’s Punch Veggie Bread* in the Other Wheat Bread class.** **Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2, Hooker; Abbigail Billings, Oklahoma Cover-Miss for Miss United States Agriculture representing Cotton county and David Gammill, Chairman, Chattanooga also present the 1st place ribbon, grand champion ribbon and 2023 state fair medallion**.



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**Howard Wins First in Junior Division, Dinner Rolls Category, at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Alexandra Howard from Headrick, OK in Oklahoma County, recently placed first in the White Bread Category of the Junior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of *Alex and GoGo’s Bread Recipe* topped the other entries in the class.

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A group of men holding a plate and a child holding a plate

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**Photo Caption: Alexandra Howard from Headrick, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the White Bread category at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with her *Alex and GoGo’s Bread* *Recipe*. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2 member, Hooker and David Gammill, chairman, Chattanooga present Alexandra’s silver tray award.**



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**Jones Wins First in Junior Division, Dinner Rolls Category, at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Makayla Jones from Edmond, OK in Oklahoma County, recently placed first in the Dinner Rolls Category of the Junior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of *Dinner Rolls Bread Recipe* topped the other entries in the class.

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**Photo Caption: Makayla Jones from Edmond, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Dinner Rolls category at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with her *Dinner Rolls Bread* recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2 member, Hooker and David Gammill, chairman, Chattanooga present Makayla’s silver tray award.**



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**Gossen Wins First in Junior Division, Sweet Breads Category, at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Kendallyn Gossen from Corn, OK in Washita County recently placed first in the Sweet Bread Category of the Junior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Raspberry Cream Cheese Braid Bread topped the other entries in the class.

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**Photo Caption: Kendallyn Gossen, Corn, OK, receives her Grand Champion bread tray at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of Raspberry Cream Cheese Braid Bread in Sweet Breads class. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2, Hooker and David Gammill, Chairman, Chattanooga also present Kendallyn’s silver tray award.**



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**Gossen Wins First in Junior Division, Specialty Shape Bread Category, at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Korben Gossen from Corn, OK in Washita County, recently placed first in the Specialty Shape Bread Category of the Junior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. His entry of *Basket Bread* topped the other entries in the class.

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A group of men holding a plate

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**Photo Caption: Korben Gossen from Corn, OK, receives his Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Specialty Shape Bread category at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with his *Basket Bread* recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2 member, Hooker and David Gammill, chairman, Chattanooga present Korben’s silver tray award.**



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**Spray Wins First in Junior Division, Bread Machine Category, at Oklahoma State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Ridge Spray from Sharon, OK in Woodward County recently placed first in the Bread Machine category of the Junior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. His entry of *Pepperoni Pizza Loaf* topped the other entries in the class.

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A group of men standing together

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**Photo Caption: Ridge Spray from Sharon, OK, receives his first-place ribbon in the Bread Machine category with his Pepperoni Pizza Loaf recipe at the 2023 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, vice-chairman, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, secretary/treasurer, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2 member, Hooker and David Gammill, chairman, Chattanooga present Ridge his blue ribbon.**