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Ryder Klaassen of Hydro-Eakly FFA Named Grand Champion at 2020 Oklahoma Junior Wheat Show – Logan Chance named 4-H Champion

Oklahoma City, OK – Ryder Klaassen, son of Chris and Ginger Klaassen, was awarded the overall grand champion award showing his Doublestop CL Plus variety in the 2020 Oklahoma 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Klaassen placed 1st in production and milling and 3rd in baking, earning him the title of 1st place as the FFA champion, and overall grand champion of the 4-H and FFA Junior Wheat Show. Klaassen is from the Hydro-Eakly FFA chapter.

Logan Chance, daughter of Jordan Chance and Chassidy Bedwell, recently placed 1st overall in the 4-H division while showing her Smith's Gold variety at the 2020 Oklahoma 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Chance placed 4th in production and milling and 1st in the bake contest earning her the title of 1st place and 4-H champion overall. Chance is a member of the Okeene 4-H club in Blaine County.

Klaassen, a member of the Hydro-Eakly FFA in Caddo County, received \$2,000 in scholarship money for his accomplishments with his Doublestop CL Plus variety. Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated (OGI) presented a \$1000 premium on top of those awards to Klaassen for winning 1st place and then Grand Champion overall in the FFA competition with the Doublestop CL Plus variety since it was an OGI Inc., release. Klaassen also received a \$500 premium for being FFA champion and grand champion from WestBred®. Klaassen received a \$350 premium from the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, along with a \$45.00 premium for production, milling, bake contest and trophy. Klaassen would have normally won a \$3000 scholarship but with his previous winnings has now maxed out his scholarship potential during his 4-H and FFA career.

Chance, a member of the Okeene 4-H club in Blaine County, received \$3000 in scholarship money for her accomplishments with her Smith's Gold variety. Chance also won a \$500 premium from Oklahoma Genetics, Inc., \$250 scholarship from Westbred®, \$100 premium from Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation along with a \$40.00 premium for production, milling, bake contest and a plaque for first place

baking. In all, \$16,000 in scholarship money was given away at the banquet. Scholarships are funded by Check-off dollars and awarded to the top five 4-H and top five FFA entries. The contest is sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated, Westbred®, Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

The Oklahoma Wheat Commission works to promote 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 Kenneth Failes, Chairman, Cherokee; Tom Stephens, Vice-Chairman, Guymon; Michael Peters, Secretary-Treasurer, Okarche; David Gammill, member, Chattanooga and Don Schieber, Ponca City, member.



Photo caption: Chris Klaassen, Hydro-Eakly FFA Instructor and parent; Keith Kisling, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Ginger Klaassen, parent; Tom Stephens, Vice-Chairman, Oklahoma Wheat Commission; JanLee Rowlett, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry; Dr. Thomas Coon, Vice President, Dean and Director of DASNR; Tate Ott, NW Area FFA Vice President and Raegan Klaassen, sister present Ryder Klaassen his FFA Champion and Grand Champion awards for winning the 2020 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show overall. Photo Credit: Todd Johnson, Oklahoma State University.



Photo caption: Steve Bedwell, grandfather; Karl Riffel, Okeene FFA Instructor; Keith Kisling, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Chassidy Bedwell, parent; Tom Stephens, Vice-Chairman, Oklahoma Wheat Commission; JanLee Rowlett, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry; Dr. Thomas Coon, Vice President, Dean and Director of DASNRR; Becky Bedwell, Blaine County 4-H Educator and Hunter Haxton, State 4-H President present Logan Chance her champion awards for winning 1st place and overall champion in the 4-H Division in the 2020 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Photo credit: Todd Johnson, Oklahoma State University.

FFA Junior Wheat Show winners were:

- 1st place and Grand Champion – Ryder Klaassen – Doublestop CL Plus
- 2nd place – Brant Strader – Fairview FFA – SY Monument
- 3rd place – Rylee Glazier – Lomega FFA – Baker’s Ann
- 4th place – Parker Payne – Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA – Spirit Rider
- 5th place – Bryer Roberts – Okeene FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 6th place – Daxton Swaim – Okeene FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 7th place – Zell Freeman – Hobart FFA – WB 4515
- 8th place – Ryder Klaassen – Hydro-Eakly FFA – Smith’s Gold
- 9th place – Colby Kokojan – Drummond FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 10th place – Brynn Roberts – Okeene FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 11th place – Brant Strader – Fairview FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 12th place – Ashlee Purvine – Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA - Doublestop CL Plus
- 13th place – Braden Snider – Clinton FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 14th place – Jarin Shirley – Alva FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 15th place – Jason Osborn – Tuttle FFA – Smith’s Gold
- 16th place – Rylee Glazier – Lomega FFA – Smith’s Gold/Baker’s Ann
- 17th place – Braden Snider – Clinton FFA – Green Hammer
- 18th place – Mark Black – Apache FFA – Doublestop CL Plus
- 19th place – Alexa Schaufele – Hobart FFA – Bentley
- 20th place – Charley Baker – Arapaho-Butler FFA – Ruby Lee
- 21st place – Brand McKay – Hydro-Eakly FFA – WB 4269
- 22nd place – Charley Baker – Arapaho-Butler FFA – Deliver
- 23rd place – Rebecca Purvine – Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA – Smith’s Gold

24th place – Cathleen Hamil – Cashion FFA – Gallagher
25th place – Jason Osborn – Tuttle FFA – Green Hammer

4-H Junior Wheat Show winners were:

1st place and Champion – Logan Chance – Okeene 4-H club – Smith’s Gold
2nd place – Destry Swaim – Okeene 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
3rd place – Jayce Rose Schultz – Okeene 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
4th place – Breckon Murray – Lomega 4-H club – Baker’s Ann
5th place – Tyler Sawyer – Okeene 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
6th place – Saidee Wright – Lomega 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
7th place – Carson Payne – Thomas-Fay-Custer 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
8th place – Avery Fisher – Okeene 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
9th place – Griffin Payne – Thomas-Fay-Custer 4-H club – Green Hammer
10th place – Creden Woods – Hydro-Eakly 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
11th place – Bryson Sawyer – Okeene 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
12th place – Jansen Shirley – Alva 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
13th place – Kiersten Warner – Hydro-Eakly 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
14th place – Brayson Roberts – Okeene 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
15th place – Grant Robison – Okeene 4-H – Doublestop CL Plus
16th place – Morgan Meyer – Oklahoma Bible Academy 4-H club – Green Hammer
17th place – Colten Dillingham – Drummond 4-H club – Ruby Lee
18th place – Baylea Robison – Okeene 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
19th place – Colten Dillingham - Drummond 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
20th place – Caton Cope – Watonga 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
21st place – Caleb Warner – Hydro-Eakly 4-H club – Doublestop CL Plus
22nd place – Breckon Murray – Lomega 4-H club – Green Hammer
23rd place – Baylea Robison– Okeene 4-H club – Smith’s Gold
24th place – Reagan Werner – Loyal Doers 4-H club – TAM 112
25th place – Avery Fisher – Okeene 4-H club – Green Hammer