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Thompson Named Grand Champion Junior Bread Baker at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Kian Thompson from Perry, OK in Noble 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. His entry of White Bread topped the class also winning him the title of Grand Champion for the Junior Division with his entry.

The contest is an annual event sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission and State Fair of Oklahoma.

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Photo Caption: Kian Thompson from Perry, OK, receives his Grand Champion bread tray at the 2017 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for his entry of White Bread. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Tom Stephens, District II, Guymon; Kenneth Failes, District I, Cherokee; David Gammill, Vice Chairman, Chattanooga and Don Schieber, Secretary-Treasurer, Ponca City present his silver tray bread award, first place ribbon, grand champion rosette and state fair champion medallion.



Photo caption: Kian Thompson's White Bread that placed 1st in the Junior White Bread Class and Grand Champion in the Junior Division at the 2017 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest.



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

OKLAHOMA CITY – Beth Bollinger from Blanchard, OK in McClain 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 topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo Caption: Beth Bollinger from Blanchard, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the dinner roll category at the 2017 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with her Dinner Rolls recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Tom Stephens, District II, Guymon; Kenneth Failes, District I, Cherokee; David Gammill, Vice Chairman, Chattanooga and Don Schieber, Secretary-Treasurer, Ponca City present her silver tray bread award.

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Hinkle Wins First in Junior Division, Other Wheat Breads Category, at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Jacob Hinkle from Tuttle, OK in Grady 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. His entry of *Backyard Party Taco Braid* topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo Caption: Jacob Hinkle from Tuttle, OK, receives his Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the other wheat bread category at the 2017 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with his Backyard Party Taco Braid recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Tom Stephens, District II, Guymon; Kenneth Failes, District I, Cherokee; David Gammill, Vice Chairman, Chattanooga and Don Schieber, Secretary-Treasurer, Ponca City present his silver tray bread award.



Photo caption: Jacob Hinkle's Backyard Party Taco Braid that placed 1st in the Junior Other Wheat Bread Category at the 2017 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest.

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

OKLAHOMA CITY – Sarah Walker from Perkins, OK and student at Stillwater High School in Payne County recently placed first in the Sweet 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 Sarah’s Swedish Tea Ring topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo Caption: Sarah Walker from Perkins, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Sweet Bread category at the 2017 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with Sarah’s Swedish Tea Ring recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Tom Stephens, District II, Guymon; Kenneth Failes, District I, Cherokee; David Gammill, Vice Chairman, Chattanooga and Don Schieber, Secretary-Treasurer, Ponca City present her silver tray bread award.



Photo caption: Sarah Walker's Swedish Tea Ring that placed 1st in the Junior Sweet Bread Category at the 2017 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest.



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Smith Wins First in Junior Division, Specialty Shapes Category, at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Sidney Smith from Frederick, OK in Tillman County, recently placed first in the Specialty Shapes 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 *Filled Alligator Bread* topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo Caption: Sidney Smith from Frederick, OK, receives his Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Specialty Shapes category at the 2017 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest with his Filled Alligator Bread recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Tom Stephens, District II, Guymon; Kenneth Failes, District I, Cherokee; David Gammill, Vice Chairman, Chattanooga and Don Schieber, Secretary-Treasurer, Ponca City present his silver tray bread award.



Photo caption: Sidney Smith with his Filled Alligator Bread that placed 1st in the Junior Specialty Shapes Category at the 2017 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest.

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

OKLAHOMA CITY – Tayler Spray from Sharon, OK 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. Her entry *Pizza Bread* topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo caption: Tayler Spray's Pizza Bread that placed 1st in the Junior Bread Machine Category at the 2017 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest.

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