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Freudenberger and Thompson Named Grand Champion Bakers at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Kaye Freudenberger from Coyle, OK in Payne County, recently placed first in the Whole Grain Bread Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 24 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of 100% Whole Wheat Bread topped the class also winning her the title of Grand Champion for the Senior Division with her entry.

Seven year old, Kian Thompson from Perry, OK in Noble County, 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.

“We had 125 entries from 41 counties this year, all champion or reserve champion winners in the county contests,” said David Gammill, Vice-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 grain bread, dinner rolls, other wheat breads, sweet breads and machine breads. Junior division classes include white bread, dinner rolls, other wheat breads, sweet breads, specialty shapes, and machine breads.

State Champions in the Senior division include: June McGuire, Stephens County, white bread; Kaye Freudenberger, Logan County, Whole Grain Breads; June Shepherd, Kay County, dinner rolls; Toni Carpenter, Payne County, other wheat breads; Brandi Bumgardner, Okfuskee County, sweet breads and John Otto, Cleveland County, machine breads.

State Champions in the Junior division include: Kian Thompson, Noble County, white bread; Beth Bollinger, McClain County, dinner rolls; Jacob Hinkle, Grady County, other wheat breads; Sarah Walker, Payne County, sweet breads; Sidney Smith, Tillman County, specialty shapes and Tayler Spray, Woodward County, machine breads.

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



Photo Caption: Kaye Freudenberger, Coyle, OK, receives her Grand Champion bread tray at the 2017 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of 100% Whole Wheat 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 her silver bread tray award.



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 bread tray award.



Photo Caption - Left to Right: Senior Division Grand Champion silver tray and winning recipe, 100% Whole Wheat Bread, made by Kaye Freudenberger, Coyle OK & Junior Division Grand Champion silver tray and winning recipe, White Bread, made by Kian Thompson, Perry, OK.



Photo Caption: Kian Thompson from Perry, OK, receives his Grand Champion bread tray for the Junior Division along with Kaye Freudenberger from Coyle, OK receives her Grand Champion bread tray for the Senior Division at the 2017 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for their entries. 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 their silver bread tray awards.