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Ereman and Gossen Named Grand Champion Bakers at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Katherine Ereman from Arnett, OK in Ellis County, recently placed first in the Other Wheat Bread Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 22 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Cheesy Onion Braid topped the class also winning her the title of Grand Champion for the Senior Division with her entry.

Bailey Gossen from Corn, OK in Washita County, placed first in the Specialty Shaped Bread Category of the Junior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest. Her entry of Star Bread topped the class also winning her 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 121 entries from 39 counties this year, all champion or reserve champion winners in the county contests,” said Don Schieber, 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 Senior division include: Dena Welch, Lincoln County, white bread; Don Robison, Kingfisher County, whole wheat breads; Kim Weder, Carter County, dinner rolls; Katherine Ereman, Ellis County, other wheat breads; Melody Thorn, Woodward County, sweet breads and Melody Thorn, Woodward County, bread machine.

State Champions in the Junior division include: Elizabeth Tunender, Cleveland County, white bread; Bailey Nickels, Garfield County, dinner rolls; Jacob Hinkle, Grady County, other wheat breads; Lilyana Sestak, Lincoln County, sweet breads; Bailey Gossen, Washita County, specialty shape breads and Korben Gossen, Washita 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 2020 at www.okwheat.org.

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



Photo Caption: Katherine Ereman, Arnett, OK, receives her Grand Champion bread tray at the 2019 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of Cheesy Onion Braid in the Other Wheat Bread class. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners David Gammill, District IV, Chattanooga; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman, Cherokee; Don Schieber, Chairman, Ponca City and Tom Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer, Guymon present her silver bread tray award, 1st place ribbon, grand champion ribbon and state fair medallion.



Photo Caption: Bailey Gossen, Corn, OK, receives her Grand Champion bread tray at the 2019 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of Star Bread in the Specialty Shaped Bread class. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners David Gammill, District IV, Chattanooga; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman, Cherokee; Don Schieber, Chairman, Ponca City and Tom Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer, Guymon present her silver bread tray award, 1st place ribbon, grand champion ribbon and state fair medallion.



Photo Caption - Left to Right: Senior Division Grand Champion winning recipe, Cheesy Onion Bread, made by Katherine Ereman, Arnett, OK & Junior Division Grand Champion winning recipe, Star Bread, made by Bailey Gossen, Corn, OK.