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Wooderson and Thompson Named Grand Champion Bakers at Best of Wheat Baking Contest

OKLAHOMA CITY – Mary Ellen Wooderson from Blackwell, OK in Kay County, placed first in the Other Wheat Bread Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 26 at the OSU OK County Cooperative Extension Conference Center. Her entry of “Every Good Thing Bread” topped the Senior division also winning her the title of Grand Champion with her entry.

Kian Thompson OK 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. His entry of White Bread topped the division also winning him the title of Grand Champion with his entry.

The contest is an annual event sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission and Oklahoma State Fair. “We had 113 entries from 39 counties this year, all champion or reserve champion winners in the county contests,” said David Gammill, Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission. “Even though the contest was closed judging this year, we were able to stream the contest live via Zoom 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. State Champions in the Senior division include: Nancy Barth, Harper County, white bread; Katherine Ereman, Ellis County, whole wheat breads; Ruth Campbell, Garfield County, dinner rolls; Mary Ellen Wooderson, Kay County, other wheat breads; Connie Walker, Payne County, sweet breads and Sarah Jarnagin, Custer County, bread machine.

State Champions in the Junior division include: Kian Thompson, Noble County, white bread; Amilee Kehnemund, Major County, dinner rolls; Abby Logan, Payne County, other wheat breads; Bailey Gossen, Washita County, sweet breads; Korben 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 2022 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 Michael Peters, Chairman, Okarche; David Gammill, Vice-Chairman, Chattanooga; Don Schieber, Secretary-Treasurer, Ponca City; Tom Stephens, member, Guymon and R.J. Parrish, member, Hunter.



Photo Caption: Mary Ellen Wooderson, Blackwell, OK, was chosen Grand Champion bread baker at the 2021 “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of “Every Good Thing Bread” in the Other Wheat Bread class in the Senior Division. Congratulations Mary Ellen!



Photo Caption: Kian Thompson, Perry, OK, was chosen Grand Champion bread baker at the 2021 “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for his entry of “White Bread” in the White Bread class in the Junior Division. Congratulation Kian!



Photo Caption - Left to Right: Junior Division Grand Champion winning recipe, White Bread, made by Kian Thompson, Perry, OK. Senior Division Grand Champion winning recipe, Every Good Thing Bread, made by Mary Ellen Wooderson, Blackwell. Congratulations!

2021 "Best of Wheat" BREAD BAKING CONTEST					
JUNIOR DIVISION					
Class 7 - White Bread			Class 8 - Dinner Rolls		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Kian Thompson	Noble	1ST	Amilee Kehnemund	Major
2ND	Audra Krischel	Oklahoma	2ND	Kendyl Chaney	Grant
3RD	Josie Cash	Beaver	3RD	Makyla Huntsman	Pontotoc
4TH	Clinton Chaney	Grant	4TH	Taron Krischel	Oklahoma
5TH	Hannah Herndon	Tillman	5TH		
Class 9 - Other Wheat Bread			Class 10 - Sweet Breads		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Abby Logan	Payne	1ST	Bailey Gossen	Washita
2ND	Ean Buzbee	Caddo	2ND	Kayleigh Wilson	Noble
3RD	Payten Kienholz	Kay	3RD	Elizabeth Smith	Lincoln
4TH	Rebel Shook	Dewey	4TH	Ashira Bumgardner	Okfuskee
5TH	Nikki Deere	Okfuskee	5TH	Colton Tripp	Kay
Class 11 - Specialty Shape Bread			Class 12 - Bread Machine		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Korben Gossen	Washita	1ST	Korben Gossen	Washita
2ND	Jonathan Hughes	Cleveland	2ND	Adelyn Larson	Pottawatomie
3RD			3RD	Mia Forman	Kingfisher
4TH			4TH		
5TH			5TH		
GRAND CHAMPION					
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
	Kian Thompson	Noble			

2021 "Best of Wheat" BREAD BAKING CONTEST					
SENIOR DIVISION					
Class 1 - White Bread			Class 2 - Whole Wheat Bread		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Nancy Barth	Harper	1ST	Katherine Ereman	Ellis
2ND	June McGuire	Stephens	2ND	Brandi Bumgardner	Okfuskee
3RD	Marta Ashlock	Cherokee	3RD	Susan Havens	Rogers
4TH	Dena Welch	Lincoln	4TH		
5TH	June Shepard	Kay	5TH		
Class 3 - Dinner Rolls			Class 4 - Other Wheat Breads		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Ruth Campbell	Garfield	1ST	Mary Ellen Wooderson	Kay
2ND	Roberta Hinkle	Grady	2ND	Nancy Barth	Harper
3RD	Jade Hardisty	Cleveland	3RD	D'Anne King	Texas
4TH	Brandi Bumgardner	Okfuskee	4TH	Sandy McClure	Cleveland
5TH	Dena Welch	Lincoln	5TH	Deanna Surber	McClain
Class 5 - Sweet Breads			Class 6 - Bread Machine		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Connie Walker	Payne	1ST	Sarah Jarnagin	Custer
2ND	Roberta Hinkle	Grady	2ND	Ruth Campbell	Garfield
3RD	Chelsea McKay, DVM	Kiowa	3RD	Kamie Gossen	Washita
4TH	Mike Vogrich	Garfield	4TH	Sandy McClure	Cleveland
5TH	Keona Mason	Johnston	5TH	Kim Weder	Carter
GRAND CHAMPION					
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
	Mary Ellen Wooderson	Kay			