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Thompson Named Grand Champion Junior Bread Baker at State Bread Baking Contest

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 26 at the OSU OK County Cooperative Extension Conference Center. 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 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."

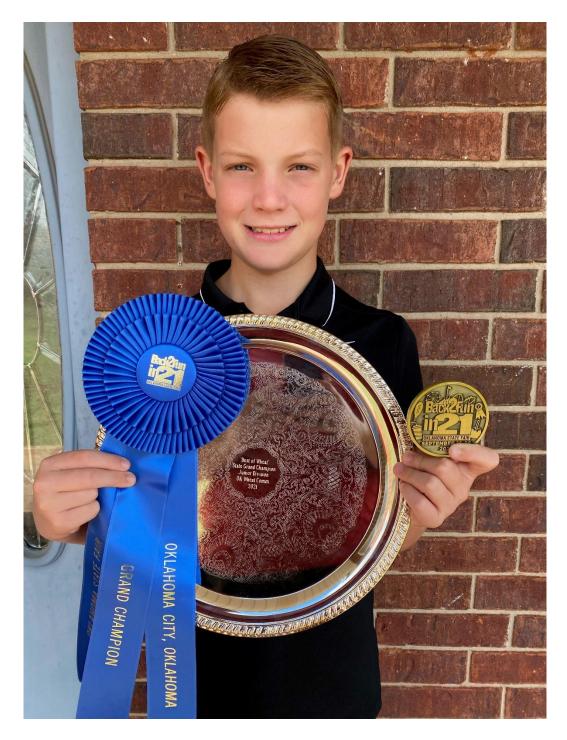
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A cookbook with the top 5 recipes of every class from the Best of Wheat competition will be available online January 2022 at www.okwheat.org.



<u>Photo Caption:</u> 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. Thompson received the Grand Champion silver tray, rosette ribbon and medallion as well as the 1st place silver tray and ribbon and premiums for both. Congratulation Kian!



<u>Photo Caption:</u> Kian Thompson, Perry, OK, holding his Grand Champion silver tray, rosette ribbon and medallion for his entry of "White Bread" at the 2021 "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest in the Junior Division.



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Kehnemund Wins First in Junior Division, Dinner Rolls Category at State Baking Contest

OKLAHOMA CITY – Amilee Kehnemund from Ringwood, OK in Major 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 26 at the OSU OK County Cooperative Extension Conference Center. Her entry of *Skillet Dinner Rolls* topped the other entries in the class.

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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.



<u>Photo Caption:</u> Amilee Kehnemund, Ringwood, OK, was chosen 1st place bread baker in the Junior Dinner Rolls class at the 2021 "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest for her entry of "Skillet Dinner Rolls". Kehnemund received a silver tray and first place ribbon and premium. Congratulations Amilee!



<u>Photo Caption:</u> Amilee Kehnemund, Ringwood, OK holding her 1st place silver trays and ribbon for winning the "Dinner Rolls" class in the Junior division of the 2021 Best of Wheat State Bread Baking Contest.



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Logan Wins First in Junior Division, Other Wheat Bread Category at State Baking Contest

OKLAHOMA CITY – Abby Logan from Coyle, OK in Payne 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 26 at the OSU OK County Cooperative Extension Conference Center. Her entry of *Italian Herb and Cheese Bread* topped the other entries in the class.

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<u>Photo Caption:</u> Abby Logan, Coyle, OK, was chosen 1st place bread baker in the Junior Other Wheat Breads class at the 2021 "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest for her entry of "Italian Herb and Cheese Bread". Logan received a silver tray and first place ribbon and premium. Congratulations Abby!



<u>Photo Caption:</u> Abby Logan, Coyle, OK holding their 1st place silver trays and ribbon for winning the "Other Wheat Bread" class in the Junior division of the 2021 Best of Wheat State Bread Baking Contest.



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Brother and Sister Duo Place 1st in Three Classes at State Baking Contest

OKLAHOMA CITY – Korben and Bailey Gossen from Corn, OK in Washita, County recently placed first in three classes in the Junior Division at the State "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking contest held

on September 26 at the OSU OK County Cooperative Extension Conference Center.

Sister Bailey Gossen placed 1st place in the Junior Sweet Breads with her *Raspberry Braid Bread*. Korben Gossen placed 1st place in the Junior Specialty Shape Breads with his *Grand Ol' Flag Bread* and *Bread Machine Bread – Easy As Can Be* in the Bread Machine class. This is Korben's 3rd year in a row

he has won the Bread Machine class.

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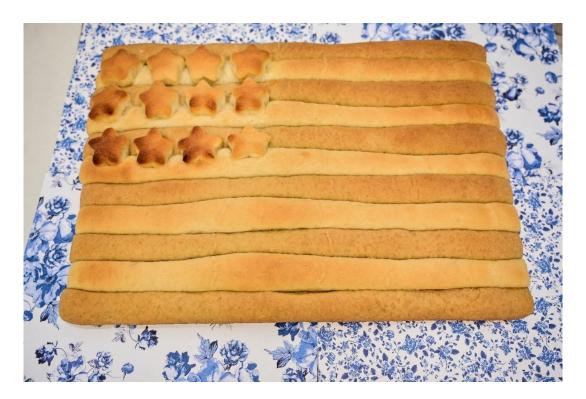
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<u>Photo Caption:</u> Bailey Gossen, Corn, OK, was chosen 1st place bread baker in the Junior Sweet Breads class at the 2021 "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest for her entry of "Raspberry Braid Bread". Gossen received a silver tray and first place ribbon and premium. Congratulations Bailey!



<u>Photo Caption:</u> Korben Gossen, Corn, OK, was chosen 1st place bread baker in the Junior Specialty Shape Breads class at the 2021 "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest for his entry of "Grand Ol' Flag Bread". Gossen received a silver tray and first place ribbon and premium. Congratulations Korben!



<u>Photo Caption:</u> Korben Gossen, Corn, OK, was chosen 1st place bread baker in the Junior Bread Machine class at the 2021 "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest for his entry of "Bread Machine Bread – Easy As Can Be". Gossen received a first place ribbon and premium. Congratulations Korben!



<u>Photo Caption:</u> Bailey and Korben Gossen, Corn, OK holding their 1st place silver trays and ribbons for winning the Sweet Breads, Specialty Shaped Breads and Bread Machine classes in the Junior division of the 2021 Best of Wheat State Bread Baking Contest.

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Class 7 - W | hite Bread | | Clas | s 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 | | | | | | |
| k | Cian Thompson | Noble | | | | |

| 2021 "Best of Wheat" BREAD BAKING CONTEST | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | | | | | | | |
| | Mary Ellen Wooderso | on Kay | | | | | | | |