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Durst and Spray Named Grand Champion Bakers at Best of Wheat Baking Contest

OKLAHOMA CITY – Amy Durst from Piedmont, OK in Canadian County, placed first in the Dinner Rolls Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 25 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her light fluffy entry of “Grandma’s Never Fail Rolls” topped the Senior division also winning her the title of Grand Champion with her entry.

Tayler Spray from Sharon, OK in Woodward County, placed first in the Sweet Bread Category of the Junior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest. Her entry of “Grandma’s Cinnamon Rolls” brought back wonderful memories of her grandma and Tayler topped the division also winning her the title of Grand Champion with her entry.

The contest is an annual event sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission and Oklahoma State Fair. “We had 118 entries from 42 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. State Champions in the Senior division include: Mary Ellen Wooderson, Kay County, white bread; Katherine Ereman, Ellis County, whole wheat breads; Amy Durst, Canadian County, dinner rolls; Edwina Olson, Garfield County, other wheat breads; Jade Hardisty, Cleveland County, sweet breads and Kamie Gossen, Washita County, bread machine.

State Champions in the Junior division include: Kian Thompson, Noble County, white bread; Bristol Meador, Bryan County, dinner rolls; Avery Fisher, Blaine County, other wheat breads; Tayler Spray, Woodward County, sweet breads; Avenlea Percell, Payne County, specialty shape breads and Ridge Spray, Woodward 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 2023 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; R.J. Parrish, member, Hunter and Jerry Wiebe, member, Hooker.



Photo Caption: Tayler Spray from Sharon, OK and Amy Durst from Piedmont, OK receives their Grand Champion bread trays at the 2022 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for Tayler’s entry of Grandma’s Cinnamon Rolls and Amy’s entry of Grandma’s Never Fail Rolls. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, Secretary-Treasurer, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, District 1; Jerry Wiebe, District 2, Hooker and David Gammill, Vice-Chairman, Chattanooga presents their silver bread tray award, 1st place ribbon, grand champion ribbon and state fair medallion.



Photo Caption - Left to Right: Junior Division Grand Champion winning recipe, Grandma’s Cinnamon Rolls, made by Tayler Spray, Sharon, OK & Senior Division Grand Champion winning recipe, Grandma’s No Fail Rolls, made by Amy Durst, Piedmont, OK.

2022 "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	Bristol Mealor	Bryan
2ND	Samantha Howard	Jackson	2ND	Abbigail Billings	Cotton
3RD	Ava Cartlidge	Kay	3RD	Alexandra Howard	Jackson
4TH	Makayla Jones	Oklahoma	4TH		
5TH	Clayton Rohla	Pontotoc	5TH		
Class 9 - Other Wheat Bread			Class 10 - Sweet Breads		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Avery Fisher	Blaine	1ST	Taylor Spray	Woodward
2ND	Kendallyn Gossen	Washita	2ND	Korben Gossen	Washita
3RD	Madison Kersey	Cleveland	3RD	Saidee Wright	Kingfisher
4TH	Mia Foreman	Kingfisher	4TH	Adalynn Larson	Pottawatomie
5TH	Estalla Thayer	McClain	5TH	Kimberly Holland	Pottawatomie
Class 11 - Specialty Shape Bread			Class 12 - Bread Machine		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Avenlea Percell	Payne	1ST	Ridge Spray	Woodward
2ND	Ean Buzbee	Caddo	2ND	Korben Gossen	Washita
3RD	Payten Kienholz	Kay	3RD	Abbigail Billings	Cotton
4TH	Bransen Robinson	Love	4TH	Adalynn Larson	Pottawatomie
5TH			5TH		
GRAND CHAMPION					
	NAME	COUNTY			
	Taylor Spray	Woodward			

2022 "Best of Wheat" BREAD BAKING CONTEST					
SENIOR DIVISION					
Class 1 - White Bread			Class 2 - Whole Wheat Bread		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Mary Ellen Wooderson	Kay	1ST	Katherine Ereman	Ellis
2ND	June McGuire	Stephens	2ND	Priscilla Miller	Payne
3RD	Valerie Jones	Oklahoma	3RD	Thomas Patten	Beckham
4TH	Nancy Barth	Harper	4TH	Dena Walker	Woods
5TH	Amanda Maddux	Blaine	5TH	Gertrude Fell	Mayes
Class 3 - Dinner Rolls			Class 4 - Other Wheat Breads		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Amy Durst	Canadian	1ST	Edwina Olson	Garfield
2ND	Melody Thorn	Woodward	2ND	Roberta Hinkle	Grady
3RD	Kristi Brummel	Cleveland	3RD	Gertrude Fell	Mayes
4TH	Nancy Barth	Harper	4TH	Sherry Martin	Seminole
5TH	Courtne Robinson	Love	5TH	Windy Sabin	McClain
Class 5 - Sweet Breads			Class 6 - Bread Machine		
	NAME	COUNTY		NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Jade Hardisty	Cleveland	1ST	Kamie Gossen	Washita
2ND	Melody Thorn	Woodward	2ND	Cynthia Larson	Pottawatomie
3RD	Melissa Spurlock	Logan	3RD	Sarah Jarnigan	Custer
4TH	Darla Kohler	Ellis	4TH	Melody Thorn	Woodward
5TH	Kamie Gossen	Washita	5TH	John Otto	Cleveland
GRAND CHAMPION					
	NAME	COUNTY			
	Amy Durst	Canadian			