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Durst Named Grand Champion Bread Baker at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Amy Durst from Piedmont, OK in Canadian County, recently 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 entry of *Grandma's No Fail Rolls* topped the class also winning her the title of Grand Champion for the Senior Division with her entry.

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<u>Photo Caption:</u> Amy Durst, Piedmont, OK, receives her Grand Champion bread tray at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest for her entry of *Grandma's No Fail Rolls* in the dinner roll class. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, secretary-treasurer, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, District I, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2, Hooker and David Gammill, vice-chairman, Chattanooga presents her silver bread tray award, 1st place ribbon, grand champion rosette ribbon and state fair medallion.

<u>Photo caption:</u> Amy Durst's *Grandma's No Fail Rolls* that placed 1st in the Senior Dinner Rolls Category and Grand Champion in the entire Senior Division at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest.

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Wooderson Wins First in Senior Division, White Bread Category, at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Mary Ellen Wooderson from Blackwell, OK in Kay County, recently placed first in the White Bread Category of the Senior Division at the State "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking contest held on September 25 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of *White Potato Bread* topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo Caption: Mary Ellen Wooderson from Blackwell, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the White Bread, Senior Division category at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest with her *White Potato Bread* recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, secretary-treasurer, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, District I, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2, Hooker and David Gammill, vice-chairman, Chattanooga presents her silver tray award.

<u>Photo Caption</u>: Mary Ellen Wooderson's *White Potato Bread* that placed 1st in the Senior White Bread Category at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest.

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Ereman Wins First in Senior Division, Whole Wheat Bread Category, at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Katherine Ereman from Arnett, OK in Ellis County, recently placed first in the Whole Wheat Bread Category of the Senior Division at the State "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking contest held on September 25 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of *Whole Wheat Sandwich Bread* topped the other entries in the class.

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<u>Photo Caption:</u> Katherine Ereman, Arnett, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Whole Wheat Bread, Senior Division category at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest with her *Whole Wheat Sandwich Bread* recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, secretary-treasurer, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, District I, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2, Hooker and David Gammill, vice-chairman, Chattanooga presents her silver tray award.

<u>Photo Caption</u>: Katherine Ereman's *Whole Wheat Sandwich Bread* that placed 1st in the Senior Whole Wheat Bread Category at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest.

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Olson Wins First in Senior Division, Other Wheat Breads Category, at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Edwina Olson from Enid, OK in Garfield County, recently placed first in the Other Wheat Breads Category of the Senior Division at the State "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking contest held on September 25 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of *Golden Braids* topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo Caption: Edwina Olson from Enid, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Other Wheat Breads, Senior Division category at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest with her *Golden Braids* recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, secretary-treasurer, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, District I, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2, Hooker and David Gammill, vice-chairman, Chattanooga presents her silver tray award.

<u>Photo caption:</u> **Edwina Olson's *Golden Braids* that placed 1st in the Senior Other Wheat Bread Category at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest.**

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Hardisty Wins First in Senior Division, Sweet Breads Category, at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Jade Hardisty from Norman, OK in Cleveland County, recently placed first in the Sweet Breads Category of the Senior Division at the State "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking contest held on September 25 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of *Cinnamon Star Bread* topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo Caption: Jade Hardisty from Norman, OK, receives her Champion bread tray and first place ribbon in the Sweet Breads, Senior Division category at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest with her *Cinnamon Star Bread* recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, secretary-treasurer, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, District I, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2, Hooker and David Gammill, vice-chairman, Chattanooga presents her silver tray award.

<u>Photo caption:</u> **Jade Hardisty's *Cinnamon Star Bread* that placed 1st in the Senior Sweet Bread Category at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest.**

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Gossen Wins First in Senior Division, Bread Machine Category, at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Kamie Gossen from Corn, OK in Washita County, recently placed first in the Bread Machine Category of the Senior Division at the State "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking contest held on September 25 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of *Sweet Butter Bread* topped the other entries in the class.

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<u>Photo Caption:</u> Kamie Gossen from Corn, OK, receives first place ribbon in the Bread Machine, Senior Division category at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest with her *Sweet Butter Bread* recipe. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Don Schieber, secretary-treasurer, Ponca City; RJ Parrish, District I, Hunter; Jerry Wiebe, District 2, Hooker and David Gammill, vice-chairman, Chattanooga presents her first place blue ribbon.

Photo caption: Kamie Gossen's *Sweet Butter Bread* that placed 1st in the Senior Bread Machine Category at the 2022 State Fair "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking Contest.

2022 "Best of Wheat" BREAD BAKING CONTEST

SENIOR DIVISION

Class 1 - White Bread

	NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Mary Ellen Wooderson	Kay
2ND	June McGuire	Stephens
3RD	Valerie Jones	Oklahoma
4TH	Nancy Barth	Harper
5TH	Amanda Maddux	Blaine

Class 2 - Whole Wheat Bread

	NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Katherine Ereman	Ellis
2ND	Priscilla Miller	Payne
3RD	Thomas Patten	Beckham
4TH	Dena Walker	Woods
5TH	Gertrude Fell	Mayes

Class 3 - Dinner Rolls

	NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Amy Durst	Canadian
2ND	Melody Thorn	Woodward
3RD	Kristi Brummel	Cleveland
4TH	Nancy Barth	Harper
5TH	Courtnie Robinson	Love

Class 4 - Other Wheat Breads

	NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Edwina Olson	Garfield
2ND	Roberta Hinkle	Grady
3RD	Gertrude Fell	Mayes
4TH	Sherry Martin	Seminole
5TH	Windy Sabin	McClain

Class 5 - Sweet Breads

	NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Jade Hardisty	Cleveland
2ND	Melody Thorn	Woodward
3RD	Melissa Spurlock	Logan
4TH	Darla Kohler	Ellis
5TH	Kamie Gossen	Washita

Class 6 - Bread Machine

	NAME	COUNTY
1ST	Kamie Gossen	Washita
2ND	Cynthia Larson	Pottawatomie
3RD	Sarah Jarnigan	Custer
4TH	Melody Thorn	Woodward
5TH	John Otto	Cleveland

GRAND CHAMPION

NAME	COUNTY
Amy Durst	**Canadian**