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## Damon Fisher Places 1<sup>st</sup> Overall and Champion in 4-H Division with Ruby Lee Variety

Loyal, Okla. – Damon Fisher, son of Kevin and Lesley Fisher, recently placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall and Champion in the 4-H division while showing his Ruby Lee variety in the Oklahoma 4-H/FFA Wheat Show Quality Improvement Program and State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Fisher placed 4th in the milling and production, 9<sup>th</sup> in the bake contest and 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the 4-H category. He recently accepted his awards at a recognition banquet held at the Oklahoma State University Alumni Center.

According to Kim Anderson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service grain marketing specialist; “Participating students learn what it takes to produce milling quality wheat.” He also stated that “The purpose of this program is to promote the production of quality wheat and teach 4-H and FFA youth about wheat production, marketing, and management.”

Fisher, a member of the Lomega 4-H club in Kingfisher County, would have received \$3,000 in scholarship money for his accomplishments with his Ruby Lee variety but has maxed out his scholarship earnings with awards from previous years and this year and received a \$2000 scholarship. Damon also won a \$500 premium from Oklahoma Genetics, Inc., \$250 scholarship from WestBred®, a \$100 premium for the Bake contest, \$25 premium for production and milling contest and a trophy. In all, \$16,000 in scholarship money was given away at the banquet. Scholarships are funded by Check-off dollars and awarded to the top five 4-H and top five FFA entries. The contest is sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated, Westbred®, the State Fair of Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State University.

The Oklahoma Wheat Commission works to promote 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.

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**Photo caption 1:** Dr. Thomas Coon, Vice President, Dean and Director of DASNR; Dilon Fisher, brother; Terry Detrick, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Lesley and Kevin Fisher, parents; Megan Meyer, 4-H Educator for Kingfisher County; Blayne Arthur, Deputy Commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry; Dakota Fields, Agribusiness Coordinator for Oklahoma State Fair; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission; present Damon Fisher his 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards along with his Champion 4-H trophy award overall for the 2014 state 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show contest. His sister Kinsley Fisher is also helping with the award.



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## Rebecca Unruh Making Strides with Billings Variety

Okeene, Okla. – Rebecca Unruh, daughter of Brian and Melissa Unruh, recently placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the 4-H division while showing her Billings variety in the 2014 Oklahoma State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Unruh placed 5th in the milling and production, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the bake contests and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Unruh recently accepted her awards at a recognition banquet held at the Oklahoma State University Alumni Center.

According to Kim Anderson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service grain marketing specialist; “Participating students learn what it takes to produce milling quality wheat.” He also stated that “The purpose of this program is to promote the production of quality wheat and teach 4-H and FFA youth about wheat production, marketing, and management.”

Unruh, a member of the Okeene 4-H club in Blaine County, received \$3,000 in scholarship money for her accomplishments with her Billings variety. In all, \$16,000 in scholarship money was given away at the banquet. Scholarships are funded by Check-off dollars and awarded to the top five 4-H and top five FFA entries. The contest is sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated, Westbred®, Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

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**Photo caption 1:** Dr. Thomas Coon, Vice President, Dean and Director of DASNR; Brian and Melissa Unruh, parents; Terry Detrick, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Joy Rhodes, Cooperative Extension Educator for Blaine County; Blayne Arthur, Deputy Commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry; Dakota Fields, Agribusiness Coordinator for Oklahoma State Fair; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission; present Rebecca Unruh her 2<sup>nd</sup> place award overall at the 2014 state 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show in the 4-H Division.



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## Damon Fisher Making Strides with IBA Variety

Loyal, Okla. – Damon Fisher, son of Kevin and Lesley Fisher, recently placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 4-H division while showing his IBA variety in the Oklahoma 4-H/FFA Wheat Show Quality Improvement Program and State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Fisher placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in production and milling, 14<sup>th</sup> in the bake contest and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Fisher recently accepted his awards at a recognition banquet held at the Oklahoma State University Alumni Center.

According to Kim Anderson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service grain marketing specialist; “Participating students learn what it takes to produce milling quality wheat.” He also stated that “The purpose of this program is to promote the production of quality wheat and teach 4-H and FFA youth about wheat production, marketing, and management.”

Fisher, a member of the Lomega 4-H club in Kingfisher County, received \$1,000 in scholarship money for his accomplishments with his IBA variety. In all, \$16,000 in scholarship money was given away at the banquet. Scholarships are funded by Check-off dollars and awarded to the top five 4-H and top five FFA entries. The contest is sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated, Westbred®, the State Fair of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University.

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**Photo caption 1:** Dr. Thomas Coon, Vice President, Dean and Director of DASNR; Megan Meyer, 4-H Educator for Kingfisher County; Terry Detrick, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Lesley and Kevin Fisher, parents; Blayne Arthur, Deputy Commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission; Dakota Fields, Agribusiness Coordinator for Oklahoma State Fair; present Damon Fisher his 3<sup>rd</sup> place award for the 2014 state 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show contest.



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## Dilon Fisher Making Strides with IBA Variety

Loyal, Okla. – Dilon Fisher, son of Kevin and Lesley Fisher, recently placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the 4-H division while showing his IBA variety in the 2014 Oklahoma State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Fisher placed 2nd in the production and milling contest, 21<sup>st</sup> in the bake contest and 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Fisher recently accepted his awards at a recognition banquet held at the Oklahoma State University Alumni Center.

According to Kim Anderson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service grain marketing specialist; “Participating students learn what it takes to produce milling quality wheat.” He also stated that “The purpose of this program is to promote the production of quality wheat and teach 4-H and FFA youth about wheat production, marketing, and management.”

Fisher, a member of the Lomega 4-H club, received \$1,000 in scholarship money for his accomplishments with his IBA variety. In all, \$16,000 in scholarship money was given away at the banquet. Scholarships are funded by Check-off dollars and awarded to the top five 4-H and top five FFA entries. The contest is sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated, Westbred®, the Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

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**Photo caption 1:** Dr. Thomas Coon, Vice President, Dean and Director of DASNR; Megan Meyer, 4-H Educator for Kingfisher County; Terry Detrick, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Lesley and Kevin Fisher, parents; Blayne Arthur, Deputy Commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry; Dakota Fields, Agribusiness Coordinator for Oklahoma State Fair; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission; present Dilon Fisher his 4th place overall award at the 2014 state 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show in the 4-H Division.





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## Levi Smith Making Strides with Ruby Lee Variety

Okeene, Okla. – Levi Smith, son of Guy and Jaime Smith, recently placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the 4-H division while showing his Ruby Lee variety in the 2014 Oklahoma State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Smith placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the production and milling contest, 6<sup>th</sup> in the bake contest and 5<sup>th</sup> place overall. Smith recently accepted his awards at a recognition banquet held at the Oklahoma State University Alumni Center.

According to Kim Anderson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service grain marketing specialist; “Participating students learn what it takes to produce milling quality wheat.” He also stated that “The purpose of this program is to promote the production of quality wheat and teach 4-H and FFA youth about wheat production, marketing, and management.”

Smith, a member of the Okeene 4-H club in Blaine County, received \$1,000 in scholarship money for his accomplishments with his Ruby Lee variety. In all, \$16,000 in scholarship money was given away at the banquet. Scholarships are funded by Check-off dollars and awarded to the top five 4-H and top five FFA entries. The contest is sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation, Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated, Westbred®, Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

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**Photo caption 1:** Dr. Thomas Coon, Vice President, Dean and Director of DASNR; Guy Smith, parent; Terry Detrick, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Jaime Smith, parent; Blayne Arthur, Deputy Commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry; Joy Rhodes, Cooperative Extension Educator for Blaine County; Dakota Fields, Agribusiness Coordinator for Oklahoma State Fair; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission; present Levi Smith his 5<sup>th</sup> place overall award at the 2014 state 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show.