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Welch Named Grand Champion Bread Baker at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Dena Welch from Wellston, OK in Lincoln County, recently placed first in the Whole Grain Bread Category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 21 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Whole-Wheat Bread topped the class also winning her the title of Grand Champion for the Senior Division with her entry.

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Photo Caption: Dena Welch from Wellston, OK, receives her Grand Champion bread tray at the 2014 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of Whole-Wheat Bread. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Tom Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer, Guymon; Don Schieber, Chairman, Ponca City and Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman, Cherokee present her silver bread tray award.



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

OKLAHOMA CITY – June McGuire from Comanche, OK in Stephens 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 21 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Versatile White Bread/Instant Potatoes topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo Caption: June McGuire from Comanche, OK, won the Senior Division White Bread class at the 2014 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of Versatile White Bread/Instant Potatoes. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Tom Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer, Guymon; Don Schieber, Chairman, Ponca City and Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman, Cherokee present her silver bread tray award.



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Hinkle Wins First in Senior Division, Dinner Rolls Category, at Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY – Roberta Hinkle from Tuttle, OK in Grady 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 21 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Light Dinner Rolls topped the other entries in the class.

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

OKLAHOMA CITY – Gayla Bowman from Harmon, OK in Ellis 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 21 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Chile Cheese Bread topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo Caption: Gayla Bowman from Harmon, OK, won the Senior Division Other Wheat Breads class at the 2014 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of Chile Cheese Bread. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman, Cherokee and Tom Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer, Guymon present her silver bread tray award.



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

OKLAHOMA CITY – Travis Bowman from Harmon, OK in Ellis 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 21 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Pumpkin Cinnamon Rolls topped the other entries in the class.

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Photo Caption: Travis Bowman from Harmon, OK, won the Senior Division Sweet Breads class at the 2014 State Fair “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking Contest for her entry of Pumpkin Cinnamon Rolls. Oklahoma Wheat Commissioners Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman, Cherokee and Tom Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer, Guymon present her silver bread tray award.



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

OKLAHOMA CITY – Melody Thorn from Woodward, OK recently placed first in the Bread Machine category of the Senior Division at the State “Best of Wheat” Bread Baking contest held on September 21 at the Oklahoma State Fair. Her entry of Cinnamon Cranraisin Bread topped the other entries in the class.

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