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Craig Westfahl Wins Big at 2014 Junior Wheat Show

Okeene, OK. – Craig Westfahl, son of Owen and Kerry Westfahl, was recently awarded the overall grand champion award showing his Ruby Lee variety in the 2014 Oklahoma 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Westfahl placed 2nd in production and milling and 6th in baking, earning him the title of 1st place among the FFA, FFA champion, and overall grand champion of the 4-H and FFA Junior Wheat Show. Westfahl is from the Okeene FFA chapter and 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.”

Westfahl, received \$3,000 in scholarship money for his accomplishments along with an extra \$250 premium for being grand champion from WestBred®. Oklahoma Genetics Incorporated (OGI) presented a \$750 premium on top of those awards to Westfahl for winning 1st place and then Grand Champion overall in the FFA competition with the Ruby Lee variety since it was an OGI Inc., release. Westfahl also received a \$100 premium from the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation. 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 Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

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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; Owen Westfahl, parent; Terry Detrick, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Blayne Arthur, Deputy Commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry; Kerry Westfahl, parent; Dakota Fields, Agribusiness Coordinator for Oklahoma State Fair; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman, Oklahoma Wheat Commission; with Clayton Fisher and child, Ag Instructor of Okeene FFA Chapter, present Craig Westfahl his champion and Grand Champion awards for winning the 2014 state 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show overall.



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Kohl Murray Making Strides with Ruby Lee Variety

PERKINS, Okla. – Kohl Murray, son of Kurt and Debra Murray and Brad and Shawn Freie recently placed 2nd overall in the FFA division while showing his Ruby Lee variety in the 2014 Oklahoma State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Murray placed 5th in production and milling, 4th in baking and 2nd overall in the FFA competition. Murray 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.”

Murray, a member of the Perkins-Tryon FFA chapter, received \$2,000 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®, the Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

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Photo Caption Dr. Thomas Coon, Vice President Dean and Director of DASNR; Kurt and Debra Murray, parents; Terry Detrick, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Shawn Freie, parent; Dakota Fields, Agribusiness Coordinator for the Oklahoma State Fair; Blayne Arthur, Deputy Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission; and Logan Johns Northwest District State FFA Vice President of Oklahoma present Kohl Murray his 2nd place award at the 2014 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show.



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Kelly Schweitzer Making Strides with Ruby Lee Variety

Lomega, Okla. – Kelly Schweitzer, son of Donald and Kathy Schweitzer, recently placed 3rd overall in the FFA division while showing his Ruby Lee variety in the 2014 Oklahoma State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Schweitzer placed 7th in production and milling, 9th in baking and 3rd overall in the FFA competition. Schweitzer 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.”

Schweitzer, a member of the Lomega FFA chapter, 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 Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

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Photo Caption Dr. Thomas Coon, Vice President Dean and Director of DASNR; Terry Detrick, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Donald and Kathy Schweitzer, parents; Blayne Arthur, Deputy Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry; Lacey Meder, Lomega FFA Instructor; Dakota Fields, Agribusiness Coordinator for the Oklahoma State Fair; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission; and Logan Johns Northwest District State FFA Vice President of Oklahoma present Kelly Schweitzer his 3rd place award overall at the 2014 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show in the FFA Division.



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Kylie Biggs Making Strides with Shocker Variety

Lomega, Okla. – Kylie Biggs, daughter of John and Karen Biggs, recently placed 4th overall in the FFA division while showing her Shocker variety in the 2014 Oklahoma State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Biggs placed 6th in production and milling, 14th in baking and 4th overall in the FFA competition. Biggs 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.”

Biggs, a member of the Lomega FFA chapter, received \$1,000 in scholarship money for her accomplishments with her Shocker 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 Oklahoma Career Technology and Education.

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Blake Bedwell Making Strides with Ruby Lee Variety

OKEENE, Okla. – Blake Bedwell, son of Kelly and Becky Bedwell, recently placed 5th overall in the FFA division while showing his Ruby Lee variety in the 2014 Oklahoma State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show. Bedwell placed 11th in production and milling, 5th in baking and 5th overall in FFA competition. Bedwell 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.”

Bedwell, a member of the Okeene FFA chapter, received \$1,000.00 in scholarship money for his accomplishment. 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 Oklahoma Department of Career Technology and Education.

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Photo Caption Terry Detrick, Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation; Dr. Thomas Coon, Vice President Dean and Director of DASNR; Kelly and Becky Bedwell, parents; Blayne Arthur, Deputy Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry; Dakota Fields, Agribusiness Coordinator for the Oklahoma State Fair; Kenneth Failes, Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission; and Clayton Fisher, Ag Instructor of the Okeene FFA Chapter present Blake Bedwell his 5th place overall award in the 2014 State 4-H/FFA Junior Wheat Show.