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Grand champion swine chosen at Florida Strawberry Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 1, 2019) – The grand champion at the Florida Strawberry Festival’s Mosaic Youth Swine Show was chosen last night.

William Haxton, a member of the Durant FFA Chapter, exhibited the grand champion swine. Reserve grand champion was awarded to Tanner Ashley who was exhibiting on behalf of the Hillsborough County FFA Federation.

Eighty-one exhibitors showed swine in the annual competition that began at 7 p.m. in the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena in the Grimes Family Agricultural Center. In the show, each pig is placed in one of eleven classes based on the animal’s weight. The winner of each class then competes for the title of grand champion.

The class placings for the Mosaic Youth Swine Show are as follows:

Class 1

- 1st Place: Emma Leiss
- 2nd Place: Rylee Woody
- 3rd Place: Catherine Nunes
- 4th Place: Cameryn Smith
- 5th Place: Shad Stevens
- 6th Place: Trace Thompson
- 7th Place: Rylee Gallagher
- 8th Place: Dillan Sumner

Class 2

- 1st Place: Julia Adams
- 2nd Place: Emilee Taylor
- 3rd Place: Chase Braglin
- 4th Place: Jayden Mathena
- 5th Place: Jackson Sturgis
- 6th Place: Jake Braglin
- 7th Place: Elizabeth Eakins

Class 3

- 1st Place: Audrey Kroeger
- 2nd Place: Brystal Cunningham
- 3rd Place: Drew Blanton
- 4th Place: Gerald-Michael Daniels
- 5th Place: Sarah Carter
- 6th Place: Brylynn Newsome
- 7th Place: William Letner

Class 4

- 1st Place: Addison Griffin
- 2nd Place: Keraj Patel
- 3rd Place: John Wayne Haynes
- 4th Place: Gavin Goodyear
- 5th Place: Brooklyn Brewer
- 6th Place: Coley Riley
- 7th Place: Rylie Vasquez

Class 5

- 1st Place: Jaylynn Wood
- 2nd Place: Chase Durrance
- 3rd Place: Carter Durrance
- 4th Place: Trey O’Brien
- 5th Place: Charles Watson
- 6th Place: Kiah Swilley
- 7th Place: Lena Bent

Class 6

- 1st Place: Callie Smith
- 2nd Place: Bailee Lawrence
- 3rd Place: Gavin Lang
- 4th Place: Nicholas Claussen
- 5th Place: Wyatt Drawdy
- 6th Place: Macey Riley
- 7th Place: Payton Tucker

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Class 7

1st Place: Kenneth Hattaway
2nd Place: Kace Zinke
3rd Place: Jacob Broome
4th Place: Savannah Jenkins
5th Place: Lauryn Galloway
6th Place: Olivia Ennis
7th Place: Austin Holcomb
8th Place: Gehrig Graham
9th Place: Joseph Ford

Class 8

1st Place: Tytan Gill
2nd Place: Colby Brewington
3rd Place: Chelsea Woodard
4th Place: Dallas Edwards
5th Place: Addison Raburn
6th Place: Rhet Conyers

Class 9

1st Place: Chance Christie
2nd Place: Emma Stephens
3rd Place: Tylie Thompson
4th Place: Annistyn Griffin
5th Place: Ashley Walls
6th Place: Jenna Marvin
7th Place: Rebecka Smith
8th Place: Levi McDonald

After the youth swine show, the showmanship competition began where, instead of the animal being judged, the showmen are judged on how well they present their animals to the judge.

In the senior division, Tanner Ashley placed first, Chelsea Woodard placed second and Drew Blanton placed third. In the intermediate division, Jayden Mathena placed first, Chance Christie placed second and Dallas Edwards placed third. In the junior division, Jaylynn Wood placed first, Emma Leiss placed second and Annistyn Griffin placed third.

The Mosaic Youth Swine Sale will take place tonight night at 7 p.m. in the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena in the Grimes Family Agricultural Center.

About the Florida Strawberry Festival

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2019 Florida Strawberry Festival where "It's A Hit!" will take place February 28 - March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest19).

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