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Dairy Show winner awarded at 2022 Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 11, 2022) – The winners in the Florida Strawberry Festival’s dairy shows were chosen this week in the Patterson Companies Livestock Arena in the Grimes Family Agricultural Center.

Grove Equipment Service sponsors three competitions for dairy cattle and their exhibitors: showmanship, the dairy cattle show and costume ball.

Kelsi Gray exhibited the Ayrshire grand champion; Austin Boyd exhibited the Brown Swiss grand champion; Austin Holcomb exhibited the Holstein grand champion; Kenslee Heinke exhibited the Guernsey grand champion; Kyleigh Glenn exhibited the Jersey grand champion.

Kelsi Gray exhibited the Ayrshire reserve grand champion; Kyle Wadsworth exhibited the Brown Swiss reserve grand champion; Kenslee Heinke exhibited the Guernsey reserve grand champion; Austin Boyd exhibited the Holstein reserve grand champion; Aubrey Cook exhibited the Jersey reserve grand champion.

Nathan Wilhite exhibited the Ayrshire junior champion; Sarah Rogers exhibited the Brown Swiss junior champion; Austin Holcomb exhibited the Guernsey junior champion; Austin Boyd exhibited the Holstein junior champion; Kyleigh Glenn exhibited the Jersey junior champion.

Austin Boyd exhibited the Ayrshire reserve junior champion; Anna Koch exhibited the Brown Swiss reserve junior champion; Adeline Allen exhibited the Guernsey reserve junior champion; Colby Holcomb exhibited the Jersey reserve junior champion and the Holstein reserve junior champion.

Austin Boyd exhibited the Brown Swiss senior champion; Kenslee Heinke exhibited the Guernsey senior champion; Kyleigh Glenn exhibited the Jersey senior champion; Kelsi Gray exhibited the Ayrshire senior champion and Austin Holcomb exhibited the Holstein senior champion.

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Austin Holcomb won the Richard Kahelin All-Breeds Champion Award; Austin Boyd won the Premier Exhibitor Award and the Senior All Breeds Bred-By Exhibitor Award; Nathan Wilhite won the Junior All Breeds Bred-By Exhibitor Award.

Adeline Allen won first place junior herdsman; Nathan Wilhite won first place senior herdsman.

Kelsi Gray won the Charlie Hunter Memorial Sportsmanship Award; Kyleigh Glenn won the Florida Strawberry Festival Dairy Scholarship.

In the showmanship contest, where exhibitors are judged on their ability to present their animals to the judge, Finn Thomas won first place in the pee-wee division; Kylee Rhodes won first place in the novice division; Kenslee Heinke won first place in the junior division; Colby Holcomb won first place in the intermediate division; Kyleigh Glenn won first place in the senior division and awarded the premier showmanship award; Taylor Boyd won first place in the adult division.

In the costume ball, Ashley Lehnert won the funniest category with his “Tiger King/ Joe Exotic” costume; Jacob Hill won the prettiest category with his “Sugar Plum Fairy & The Nutcracker” costume; Angela Suarez, Kelsi Gray and Kyle Wadsworth won the most original category with their “Mario Brothers” costume; Kyleigh Glenn won the most colorful category with their “It’s Been MOO-varlous- PEACE OUT!” costume; Austin Boyd, Kenslee Heinke and Kason Heinke were declared the overall winner with his “Scooby Doo & Gang and the MOO-stery Machine” costume.

In the dairy judging contest, Kaylee Cloete won first place in the 4-H Junior Individual category; Savannah Rice won first place in the 4-H Senior Individual category; Mya Salter won first place in the FFA Middle School Individual category and Klytie Turner won first place in the FFA High School Individual category. Johann Cloete, Kaylee Cloete, Nathan Cloete and Austin Boyd from South Shore 4-H won first place in the 4-H Junior Team division and Savannah Rice, Rebecca Holcomb, Sarah Rogers and Makayla Watson from Hillsborough Hooligans 4-H won first place in the 4-H Senior Team division. Mya Salter, Connor Kennedy, Cody Rice and Colby Holcomb from Turkey Creek Middle FFA won the FFA Middle School Team division and Klytie Turner, Kyleigh Glenn, Julia Jones and Keegan Smith from Plant City FFA won the FFA High School Team division.

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 2022 Florida Strawberry Festival will take place March 3 through March 13 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest22).

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