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Festival's Mosaic Youth Steer Show winner declared

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 10, 2024) – The grand champion and the reserve grand champion at the Florida Strawberry Festival's Mosaic Youth Steer Show were chosen Wednesday night at the Patterson Co. Livestock Arena in the Grimes Family Agricultural Center.

Bella Ballard, a member of the Youth Leaders in Production Agriculture Chapter, exhibited the overall grand champion steer, and Kiah Swilley, a member of the Durant FFA Chapter, exhibited the overall reserve grand champion steer.

One hundred fifteen exhibitors showed steers in the annual competition that took place at 6 p.m.

In the show, each steer is placed in one of twelve classes based on the animal's weight. Classes one through three comprise the lightweight division, classes four through six comprise the middleweight division, and classes seven through twelve comprise the heavyweight division. The champion in each of the three divisions then competes for overall grand champion.

In the lightweight division, Kiah Swilley won grand champion, and Carter Manis won reserve grand champion. In the middleweight division, Brielee Bedenbaugh won grand champion, and Connor Scott won reserve grand champion. In the heavyweight division, Bella Ballard won grand champion, and Dakota Lapointe won reserve grand champion.

The class placings for the youth steer show are as follows:

Class 1

1st Place: Kennedy Schrier
2nd Place: Adrienne Campbell
3rd Place: Jessie Parker
4th Place: Alexandria Oneal
5th Place: Levi Sampson
6th Place: Jackson Sturgis
7th Place: John Paris
8th Place: Emma Leiss

Class 2

1st Place: Kiah Swilley
2nd Place: Makayla Register
3rd Place: RJ Christopher
4th Place: Bailey Keys
5th Place: Marlana Lott
6th Place: Kaylee Hudson
7th Place: Montana Campoamor
8th Place: Sean Falvey

Class 3

1st Place: Carter Manis
2nd Place: Madison Hurley
3rd Place: Daniel Mink
4th Place: Jayden McDaris
5th Place: Carly Varnum
6th Place: Haleigh Horner
7th Place: Makinley Jensen
8th Place: Camryn Lallemand

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9th Place: Bailey Svec
10th Place: Hudson Brown

Class 4

1st Place: Caroline Crim
2nd Place: Hallie Peacock
3rd Place: Shalee Conrad
4th Place: Kylie Devaun
5th Place: Adriana Ursetti
6th Place: Sarah Menendez
7th Place: Jesus Gutierrez
8th Place: Hannah Cook
9th Place: Justin Zinke
10th Place: Braxton Willis

Class 7

1st Place: Brady Manis
2nd Place: Karoline Kmetz
3rd Place: Gabija Davila
4th Place: Halie Hinson
5th Place: Kyndall Bass
6th Place: Matthew Bell
7th Place: Camden Staggs
8th Place: Trentin Gilmore
9th Place: Christopher Dudzinski
10th Place: Joel Bender

Class 10

1st Place: Dakota Lapointe
2nd Place: Tytan Gill
3rd Place: Gabby Howell
4th Place: Kyslynn Mohn
5th Place: Abigail Steward
6th Place: Julia Jones
7th Place: Ava Swindle
8th Place: Tyler Peak
9th Place: James Haynes

9th Place: Chesnee Wink
10th Place: Lyla Bent

Class 5

1st Place: Kayla Hanson
2nd Place: Jarrett Willis
3rd Place: Chase Durrance
4th Place: William O'Brien III
5th Place: Annistyn Griffin
6th Place: Marley Goodwine
7th Place: Brody Bryant
8th Place: Nicole Lietz
9th Place: Bradlee Surber
10th Place: Olivia Ennis

Class 8

1st Place: Connor Scott
2nd Place: Brooklyn Ball
3rd Place: Alli Taylor
4th Place: Caden Shepherd
5th Place: Teryn Boutte
6th Place: Gavin Miller
7th Place: Ella Connell
8th Place: Joleigh Hinton
9th Place: Brightyn Willis

Class 11

1st Place: Bella Ballard
2nd Place: Delany Baird
3rd Place: Kaylee Marsh
4th Place: Caris Schneider
5th Place: Alivia Knight
6th Place: Carson Buttram
7th Place: Payton Thomas
8th Place: Olivia Vaughan
9th Place: Jaylie Wyatt
10th Place: Wyatt Drawdy

9th Place: Mason Singletary
10th Place: Shelby Lawrence

Class 6

1st Place: Brielee Bedenbaugh
2nd Place: Mia Peters
3rd Place: Jenna Marvin
4th Place: Emilee Taylor
5th Place: Raeleigh Tilson
6th Place: Brooke Wright
7th Place: Nicholas Kouimanis
8th Place: Lilly Devane

Class 9

1st Place: Annslea Woody
2nd Place: Colt Connell
3rd Place: Kyndell Drawdy
4th Place: Waylon Rogers
5th Place: Austin English
6th Place: Mason Howard
7th Place: Kaleb Mathena
8th Place: Lily Nance
9th Place: Mya Salter
10th Place: Justin Boyette

Class 12

1st Place: Milee Hasting
2nd Place: Kayla Peacock
3rd Place: Tucker Thomas
4th Place: Alleigh Goff
5th Place: Trenton Staats
6th Place: Knox McDonald
7th Place: Kassie Williams
8th Place: Kipras Davila
9th Place: Mackenzie Puerto

The Mosaic Youth Steer Sale will take place Saturday, March 9 at 7 p.m.

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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, more than 600,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2024 Florida Strawberry Festival will take place February 29 - March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and X (#berryfest24).

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