

Baby love at the festival

More than 100 children compete for trophies and ribbons in the annual baby parade.



Emma Reese Showalter, 2009 baby parade queen, crowns the new queen, Bailey Brock.



Chloe Suits, 2, pretends to be a strawberry in a garden.



Gracie Garner had a birthday party and took home a first-place ribbon for Best Costume.



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Little Miss Plant City court members congratulate the new Florida Strawberry Festival baby parade court. Baby parade court members are, from the left, bottom row, Garrett Reinhold, Skyleer Grooms, King Colby Brewington, queen Bailey Brock, Charles Watson and Candence Fricks. From the left, top row, are court members Caroline Brummer, Ashlyn Yarbrough, queen Kenlee Andreu, Selena Sue Berrios and first maid Ashtyn Steele. The children competed in such categories as Best Costume, Most Personality, Most Beautiful Girl, Most Handsome Boy, Most Beautiful Float and Most Creative Float in the March 13 contest.

By EMILIE PLANTS
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PLANT CITY » While Air Force Sgt. Wayne Johnson is serving in Afghanistan, a 3-year-old in the Florida Strawberry Festival annual baby parade made sure his service wasn't forgotten.

Lillie Riner donned military fatigues and smiled while waving an American flag to the cheering crowd as she saluted family friend Johnson and family members who served in the armed forces. Their framed photographs lined

the float created by her mother, Pam.

Lillie, who wore combat boots in the contest but loves playing beauty shop, won Most Creative Float and made Johnson's mother proud.

"His mother is up in the stands watching," Pam said.

As 2009 strawberry festival queen Lauren Der acted as master of ceremonies, more than 100 children, from infants through 4 years old, competed for trophies and ribbons for Best Costume, Most Personality, Most Beautiful Girl, Most Handsome Boy, Most Beautiful Float and

To view a photo gallery of the Florida Strawberry Festival baby parade, go to Plantcity.TBO.com and search for Keyword: PC Baby Parade in the search box at the top of the page.

Most Creative Float in the March 13 contest.

Reigning festival queen Natalie Burgin, first maid TyLynn Eben and court members Dayla Dementry, Rachel Hallman and Ashlyn Robinson, along with Little Miss Plant City Kenlee Andreu, first maid Ashtyn Steele and court members Selena Sue Berrios, Caroline Brummer and Ashlyn Yarbrough helped present the awards and posed for photos with the winners.

"We are so glad to be here. These babies are so adorable. We would hate to be judges," Burgin said.

Burgin and Kenlee posed for a photo with 2-year-old Most Beautiful Girl, Caraleigh Beauchaine.

"Cara loves dressing up. Any time we can buy a fun dress and put on some lip gloss, she's all about it," said mother Amanda Beauchaine, who had her daughter's strawberry costume specially made.

For 2-year-old Zy Floyd, the parade was a chance to show off his sly moves in a float that looked like a boxing ring. His outfit included red boxing gloves and trunks and he won first place for Most Creative float.

"He's outgoing, and he really loves people," said mother DeDe Floyd, who made the float seven years ago for her older son, Zane, who won also won first place.

Zy's participation in the festival baby parade helped keep family history alive, she said.

"It's a family tradition. I did. My mom did it. Our family is rooted in Plant City," she said.

Stacey Nichols hopes the 2010 parade was the start of a new tradition for her, her husband, Brian, and 16-month-old daughter Emily, who won second place in Most Personality and first place in the Most Beautiful Girl for the 1-year-olds.

"She had fun. She was laughing and clapping," her mom said.

For 4-year-olds, this was their final chance to be a part of the baby parade court.

Four-year-old Bailey Brock was named queen, and mom Tiffany, dad Billy and brother Clayton stood proud.

Tiffany said Bailey, who shows cattle and rabbits at the festival, is not your typical queen.

"She's a farm girl who likes to get dirty," she said.

Colby Brewington, also 4, took the throne beside Bailey as king after winning second place in Best Costume last year.

Colby's aunt, Kellie Morrow, walked the baseball-loving boy in the parade, while Colby's mother, Kristie, dad D.J., and family members clapped.

"We did it for fun. It was a once in a lifetime thing to win king," Kristie said.

Leah Long, who was in her first year as event chairwoman, said she shortened the event by eliminating prejudging of the contestants.

"The babies were often uncomfortable being up close with the judges because they were strangers to them. The babies seem to shine

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Lillie Riner, 3, and mom, Pam, demonstrate their support for the Armed Forces with a patriotic float.



Knight in shining armor Caden Bryant, 2, celebrates his third-place finish in Most Creative float category with Little Miss Plant City court member Ashlyn Yarbrough, left, and Florida Strawberry Festival queen's first maid TyLynn Eben.



Skyler Grooms, 4, won Most Beautiful Float honors at the festival's baby parade. She poses with festival queen Natalie Burgin, left, and Little Miss Plant City Kenlee Andreu.

Baby Parade Winners

Best Costume, 1-year-olds: Olivia Abrams, first place; Pricilla Hopkins, second place; and Alli Jo Taylor, third place

Most Personality, 1-year-olds: Bella Bikowski, first place; Emily Nichols, second place; and Johnny Edenfield, third place

Most Beautiful Girl, 1-year-olds: Emily Nichols, first place; Daisy Davenport, second place; and Pricilla Hopkins, third place

Most Handsome Boy, 1-year-olds: Brody Bryant, first place; Jordan Bagley, second place; and Blane Newman, third place

Most Beautiful Float, 1-year-olds: Samantha Watson, first place; Ryan Haney, second place; and Brody Davis, third place

Most Creative Float, 1-year-olds: Titus Suits, first place

Best Costume, 2-year-olds: Makyla Sunset Brown, first place; Caraleigh Beauchaine, second place; and Tucker Garner, third place

Most Personality, 2-year-olds: Brylie Davidson, first place; Chesney Stackhouse, second place; and Alivia Eben, third place

Most Beautiful Girl, 2-year-olds: Caraleigh Beauchaine, first place; Kendall Wright, second place; and Shelby Walker, third place

Most Handsome Boy, 2-year-olds: Hayden Johns, first place; Drew Cathren, second place; and Jackson Trapnell, third place

Most Beautiful Float, 2-year-olds: Brooke Wright, first place; and Chloe Suits, second place

Most Creative Float, 2-year-olds: Zy Floyd, first place; Keagan Mosley, second place; and Caden Bryant, third place

Best Costume, 3-year-olds: Gracie Garner, first place; Jalynn Wright, second place; and Caden Trapnell, third place

Most Personality, 3-year-olds: Caden Trapnell, first place; Alyssa Hernandez, second place; and Carter Herndon-Stalvey, third place

Most Beautiful Girl, 3-year-olds: Leah Gainer, first place; Audrey Abella, second place; and Lillie Riner, third place

Most Handsome Boy, 3-year-olds: Carter Herndon Stalvey, first place; Guadalupe Villanueva, second place; and Chase Braglin, third place

Most Creative Float, 3-year-olds: Lillie Riner, first place; Leah Gainer, second place; and Savannah Abrams, third place

Best Costume, 4-year-olds: Cadence Fricks, first place and Rilee Escamilla, second place

Most Personality, 4-year-olds: Charles Watson, first place; Shelby Lawrence, second place; and Chase Simpson, third place

Most Beautiful Girl, 4-year-olds: Bailey Brock, first place; Paige Zarecor, second place and Madelynn Farmer, third place

Most Handsome Boy, 4-year-olds: Colby Brewington, first place; Jayden Brown, second place; and Aiden Grooms, third place

Most Beautiful Float, 4-year-olds: Skyler Grooms, first place; and Lilly Hall, second place

Most Creative Float, 4-year-olds: Garrett Reinhold, first place; Olivia Little, second place; and Carlie Barglin, third place

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more when they're parading and seeing their families up in the stands," she said.

Another change was having parents select the category they felt their child would perform best in. In the past, the judges were given the job and often got overwhelmed,

Long said.

First time judge Lynn Widrick said the experience was so positive, she's ready for a second turn.

"I was impressed by the community spirit, involvement and enthusiasm," she said.

Widrick wrestled over placing the charming tots.

"We really did struggle with a lot of the decisions," she said. "They were all so good."

FESTIVAL WINNERS

These contestants won awards at the 2010 Florida Strawberry Festival

Neighborhood Village competition

Toys and Dolls: Joyce Maxine Weaver

Wearing Apparel: Jill Withrow

Jewelry: Marcheta Holton

Scrapbooking: Dixie Youmans

Home Decorations: Mary Mahoney

Wall Hangings Professional: Shirley Pope

Wall Hangings Non-Professional: Tammy Zinkosky

Quilts Machine: Polly Horne

Quilts Pieced: Estelle Rowell

Quilts Appliqued: Maries Fisher

Needlework: Imogene Roberts

Needlework: Dolores Velazquez

Tatting: Edith Wooley

Knitting: Gloria Fisher

Crocheting: Melyndale Boardman

Bread: Hannah Huggins

Cakes: Sherri Ray

Coffee Cakes/Muffins: Kristie Brewington

Decorated Cakes/Professional: Pam Dapson

Decorated Cakes Non-Professional: Susan Cannington

Cookies: Dovie Wright

Candies: Rick Wilks

Food Preservation Pickles/Relish: James Block

Food Preservation Jams/Jellies: Sandra Boggs

Plastic Canvas: Millie Rodriguez

HUMAN

First place: Shana Warner

Second place: Evan Dell

Third place: Joy Burnett

Merit: George Farkas Jr.

Merit: Ashley Showalter

MISCELLANEOUS

First place: David Moore

Second place: David Rosenau

Third place: Cheryl Sackett

Merit: Joann Dye

Merit: Maureen Rich

PLACES

First place: Lynn Wiezycki

Second place: David Bowden

Third place: Christy Cunningham

Merit: Barry Haase

Merit: Lacey Hoker

PLANTS

First place: Benjamin Kelly

Second place: Clara Askew

Third place: Virginia Tatum

Merit: Clara Askew

Merit: Kelly Petrina

THEME

First place: Frances Fawkes-Shiver

Second place: Sherri Grimes

Third place: Rhonda Roberts

Merit: Brandi Walden

Merit: Karlie Cowell

YOUTH (14 and Under)

First place: Nicholas Spoto

Second place: Kristen Akers

Third place: Rachel Farkas

Merit: Brandi Walden

Merit: Karlie Cowell

Youth (18 & Under)

First place: Katlyn Davis

Second place: Jill Hooks

Third place: Angelica Brigman

Merit: Sylvester Lucas

Merit: Christine Freeman

Shoebox Float Contest

FIRST and SECOND GRADES

First place: James Monroe

Second place: Ethan Rebman

Third place: Emmy Shouse

Fourth place: Madison Reinhold

Fifth place: Josiah Lanier

THIRD and FOURTH GRADES

First place: Kenneth Hattaway

Second place: Savannah Trapnell

Third place: Noah Rebman

Fourth place: Dominic Steiner

Fifth place: Daniel Sanders

FIFTH and SIXTH GRADES

First place: Allison Lane

Second place: Celest Weaver

Third place: Kenlee Andreu

Fourth place: Amanda Kunstmann

Fifth place: Rachel Olds

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

First place: Yvonne Hernandez

Second place: Victoria Woolridge

Third place: Amanda Seely

Fourth place: Takeyah Polite

Fifth place: Shawn Frederick

Swine show sale

Grand Champion: Mylie Feaster, Tomlin Middle School

Reserve Grand Champion, Jarrette Gillman, Tomlin

First in class: Alissa Baker, Tomlin; Kody Glausier, Turkey Creek; Ema Rivera: Armwood; Faith Gude, Turkey Creek; Dylan Johnson, Tomlin; Leann Farkas, JG Smith; Justin Nobles, Shields Middle School; and Dalton McHenry, On Target 4H

First Junior Showmanship: Ann Conrad, Antioch Critters 4H

First Intermediate Showmanship: Andrew Gmytruk, Tomlin

First Senior Showmanship: Somer Harvey: Durant

Dairy Contestant Judging

SENIOR TEAMS

First place: Riverview High School, Pam Mayo, John Modraw, Jessica Van Vaerenbergh and Tommy Omer

Second place: Durant, Cameron Sautler, Stevie Mathis, Jordan Williams and Crystal Taylor

Third place: Leto High School, Amanda Sachen, Lauren Nelson and Katelyn Franklin

SENIOR FFA HIGH INDIVIDUAL:

First place: John Madraw
Second place: Jessica Van Vaerenbergh

Third place: Pam Mayo

SENIOR 4-H

First place: Polk 4-H, Megan Carey, Kaley Brooks, Austin Carey and Brianna Smith

Second place: Hillsborough 4-H, Abby Sett, Holly Whetsell, Trent Johnson and JT Reale

4-H HIGH INDIVIDUAL

First place: Megan Carey

Second place: Kaley Brooks

Third place: Tie, Austin Carey and Brianna Smith

SENIOR 4-H TEAMS

First place: Cork Crackers, Keegan Lee, Gracie Lee, Chas Waller and Ashley Bingham

Second place: Cork Crackers, Maddison Rappe, Jarrett Rappe, Daniel Sanders and Aaron Bingham

Third place: Hillsborough Senior 4-H, Nicholas Hammer, Lexie Jeh and Dalton McMath

SENIOR HIGH INDIVIDUAL

First place: Keegan Lee

Second place: Chas Waller

Third place: Gracie Lee

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

First place: Mann Middle School, Kayleen Sweeney, Katherine Stafford, Tori Griffin and Megan Snyder

Second place: Weightman Middle, Helena Polansky, Renee Carpenter, Alexis Sapp and Kaleigh Ferreira

Third place: Turkey Creek, Darby Hasting, Alex Fernandez, Haley Bursleson and Halle Braden

SENIOR FFA HIGH INDIVIDUAL

First place: Darby Hasting

Second place: Katherine Stafford

Third place: Whitney Whitcomb

Plant Show

Grand Champion: Ashley Leonard, Lennard FFA, fish-tail fern

Reserve Champion: Shelby Sanchez, Lennard FFA, Dutchman's pipe vine

Champion Woody Ornaments: Chloe Wineinger, Antioch Critters 4-H, Podocarpus Poodles

Champion Foliage Plants: Jordan Heinke, Shields FFA,

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Best of Show: Evan Dell

ANIMAL PHOTOS

First place: David Pugsley

Second place: Shawn Speaks

Third place: Janice McElreath

Merit: Billie May

Merit: Timothy Rooney

BLACK and WHITE

First place: Michael Cruz

Second place: Donna Cuic

Third place: Brad Shiver

Merit: Joann Dye

Merit: Kelly Green



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