

# Jail Time selected as Grand Champion of 81st Strawberry Festival

The 81st Annual West Tennessee Strawberry Festival Horse Show was held on Friday, May 11, 2018 at Chalmus Davenport Arena. Festival President Melissa Swingler welcomed guests and introduced festival royalty. Members of the Humboldt High School Band played the national anthem and 2018 Festival Honoree Mary Key Roe offered a beautiful prayer. At precisely 6:30 pm, Show Announcer, Fred Benjamin called the first class of the night into the ring. Several competitors answered the call for the Stick Horse Class. The exhibitors did such a great job presenting their mounts that the judge declared them all blue ribbon winners.

There were 85 magnificent horses ranging in age from a few months in the weanling class to several years in the aged horse classes. Amateurs and professional trainers alike were hopeful that Judge Sam Sorrell of Lexington, Ky. would think they deserved a first place vote.

The event culminated with the crowning of the 81st West Tennessee Strawberry Festival Champion. This year, Jail Time, owned by Sammy and Gayle Cagle of Lexington, Tenn. and ridden by Casey Wright of Reagan, Tenn. received the honor. Jail Time was presented with a floral horse shoe embellished with strawberries.

The evening was a total success and could not have happened without the help of the many volunteers in registration, parking, center ring and the arena gate. Show Manager Vicki Benjamin is already making plans for the 82nd West Tennessee Strawberry Festival Horse Show this year.



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