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2012 Illinois Association of Agricultural of Agricultural Fairs Talent Winners

Springfield, IL—The Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs (IAAF) had seventy-seven talented acts of 180 youth compete in their Talent Contest. Saturday the Junior division was in the afternoon and Seniors during their 102nd annual convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

Tom Moore, IAAF president says, “The county fair association really appreciates all the local talent that competes during the county fair season. Those winners from this summer put o a wonderful entertaining show Saturday during their annual meeting. State Winners will be performing at the Illinois State Fair.

Williamson County’s, Brandtlee Brown from Benton won the Junior Talent Competition award with a dance act. The thirteen year old amazed the judges with his dance moves.

Other Junior winners:

	<u>County</u>	<u>name</u>	<u>hometown</u>
2 nd	Mercer County Vocal solo	Heather Jo Whan (12 yrs.)	Aledo
3 rd	Menard County Vocal solo	Howard Kline (13 yrs.) -more-	Petersburg



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4 th	DuPage County Acro Jazz dance	Creatures of the Night Jenna Loeb (9), Nicole Boudos (10), Summer Thurmond (10) Michelle Speadbury (13), Jenny Colander (11), Sarah McDonough (13), Abigail Dvoich (8)	Oak Park
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5 th	Rock Island County Tap Dancer	Emily Wehr (13 yrs old)	Moline,
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6 th	Kane County Fair Vocal Solo	Jamie Dowat (10 yrs old)	St. Charles
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7 th	Fairbury Fair Vocale Solo	Madelyn Doran (10 yrs old)	Odell
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8 th	Sangamon County Fair Magician Act	Luke Douglas (12) Olivia Whitney (13)	Springfield
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9 th	Bond County Fair Vocal solo	Ravyn Gauch	Mulberry Grove
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10 th	Richland County Fair Violin/fiddle solo	Victoria Kittle	Olney
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The senior division winner was Hip Hop dance due of Curtis Bell and Josh Porter from East Moline from the Rock Island Fair. They beat out 37 other acts to win first place.

Other Senior winners:

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2 nd	Georgetown Fair Vocal solo	Alyssa Norden (20 yrs)	Kankakee



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- 3rd Ford County The Classic Brothers Thawville
Vocal duo Caleb Hopkins (20) Tyler Robinson (17)
- 4th Jo Davies County Alexandria “Lexi” Parr Galena
Vocal solo (16 yrs)
- 5th DuPage County Playground Rhythms Oak Forrest
Tap Dance Acappella Emma Skocbas (13), Jennifer Spreadbury
(19) Jessica Spreadbury (16) Cassie Molina (14), Elizabeth Hendzel (14)
- 6th Bond County Fair Hollyn Beans Greenville
Vocal solo
- 7th Clinton County Fair Kenny O’Dell Jr. Carlyle
Piano instrumental (17 yrs)
- 8th Iroquois County Fair Keri DePatis Donovan
Vocal solo
- 9th Edgar County Fair Miranda Johnson Paris
Vocal solo
- 10th Christian County Fair “Breckenridge” Mt. Auburn
Makenzie Finks (17), Hillary Ferrill (19), Matthew Steele (18)

The 2012 Illinois State Fair runs August 9-19, 2012 in Springfield and the DuQuoin State Fair August 24- September 3, 2012. Visit the ISF website at www.illinoisstatefair.info or www.illinoiscountyfairs.org.

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