

Belleville West “Marching Maroons” Grand Champ at Mardi Gras

The 19th annual “Mardi Gras” Field Show and Parade contest was held on Saturday, October 30th. Belleville West “Marching Maroons” won the Emily Pfau grand champion trophy and \$500.00 donated by the Pinckneyville Band Parents.

14 bands performed in the Field Show Contest and 21 bands performed in the Parade Contest.

Placements in the field show contest were:

Class A Schools

1st Place - Christian High School, O'Fallon, Missouri
2nd Place - Sparta High School, Sparta, Illinois
3rd Place - OkawValley High School, Bethany, Illinois
Outstanding Percussion - Christian High School, O'Fallon, Missouri
Outstanding Colorguard - Elsberry High School, Elsberry, Missouri
Outstanding Drum Major - Christian High School, O'Fallon, Missouri

Class AA Schools

1st Place - Murphysboro High School, Murphysboro, Illinois
2nd Place - Massac County High School, Metropolis, Illinois
3rd Place - Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto, Illinois
Outstanding Percussion - Murphysboro High School, Murphysboro, Illinois
Outstanding Colorguard - Murphysboro High School, Murphysboro, Illinois
Outstanding Drum Major - Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto, Illinois

Class AAA Schools

1st Place - Belleville West High School, Belleville, Illinois
2nd Place - Northwest High School,
3rd Place - Hazelwood Central High School, Florissant, Missouri
Outstanding Percussion - Belleville West High School, Belleville, Illinois
Outstanding Colorguard - Hazelwood Central High School, Florissant, Missouri
Outstanding Drum Major - Belleville West High School, Belleville, Illinois

Placements in the parade contest were:

Junior High Schools

1st Place - DuQuoin Middle School, DuQuoin, Illinois
2nd Place - Carbondale Middle School, Carbondale, Illinois
3rd Place - Sparta Middle School, Sparta, Illinois
Outstanding Percussion - Carbondale Middle School, Carbondale, Illinois
Outstanding Colorguard - Sparta Middle School, Sparta, Illinois
Outstanding Drum Major - DuQuoin Middle School, DuQuoin, Illinois

Class A Schools

1st Place - A-C Central High School, Ashland, Illinois
2nd Place - Fieldcrest High School, Minonk, Illinois
3rd Place - Okawvally High School, Bethany, Illinois
Outstanding Percussion - Fieldcrest High School, Minonk, Illinois
Outstanding Colorguard - A-C Central High School, Ashland, Illinois
Outstanding Drum Major - Okawvally High School, Bethany, Illinois

Class AA Schools

1st Place - Columbia High School, Columbia, Illinois
2nd Place - Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto, Illinois
3rd Place - Massac County High School, Metropolis, Illinois
Outstanding Percussion - Columbia High School, Columbia, Illinois
Outstanding Colorguard - Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto, Illinois
Outstanding Drum Major - Tie: Columbia High School, Columbia, Illinois &
Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto, Illinois

Class AAA Schools

1st Place - Belleville West High School, Belleville, Illinois
2nd Place - Mascoutah, High School, Mascoutah, Illinois
3rd Place - Hazelwood Central High School, Florissant, Missouri
Outstanding Percussion - Belleville West High School, Belleville, Illinois
Outstanding Colorguard - Hazelwood Central High School, Florissant, Missouri
Outstanding Drum Major - Belleville West High School, Belleville, Illinois

The top three bands in the parade earned additional prize money:

1st - Columbia High School, Columbia, Illinois
2nd - Belleville West High School, Belleville, Illinois
3rd - Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto, Illinois

The Pinckneyville "Marching Panthers" and "Junior Marching Panthers" performed in exhibition as the host bands for the event.

Trophies for the event were sponsored by:

American Legion Post #2504 - Pinckneyville
First National Bank in Pinckneyville
Murphy-Wall State Bank - Pinckneyville
Shivelbines Music Company - Cape Girardeau, Missouri & Marion, Illinois

Field Show Scores:

Class A

Christian High School - 68 (Percussion, Drum Major)
Sparta High School - 63
OkawValley High School - 57
Fieldcrest High School - 55
Elsberry High School - 51 (Colorguard)

Class AA

Murphysboro High School - 85 (Percussion, Colorguard)
Massac County High School - 67
Civic Memorial HS - 58 (Drum Major)
Anna-Jonesboro HS - 57

Class AAA

Belleville West HS - 81 (Percussion, Drum Major)
Northwest HS - 71
Hazelwood Central - 70 (Hazelwood)
Mascoutah HS - 63