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ILLINOIS STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES 2026 MILES OF SMILES PARADE WINNERS

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois State Fair celebrates the following winners from the 2026 Miles of Smiles Parade held Thursday evening.

Marching Band Competition

- The Mighty Marching Machine from Rich Township High School, Richton Park, Illinois served as the Honor Band after winning in 2025.
- First Place – Normal Marching Band
 - Normal, Illinois
- Second Place – Rochester High School Marching Rockets
 - Rochester, Illinois
- Third Place – The Golden Wave Marching Band – Farmington Central High School
 - Farmington, Illinois

Commercial Float Contest

- First Place – The Sunroom Tanning
 - Springfield, Illinois
- Second Place – B.O.S. (Bank of Springfield)
 - Springfield, Illinois
- Third Place – INB (Illinois National Bank)
 - Springfield, Illinois

Non-Commercial Float Contest

- First Place – America's Eagle
 - Georgetown, Illinois
- Second Place – HSHS St. John's Hospital
 - Springfield, Illinois
- Third Place – Springfield Youth Hockey Association
 - Springfield, Illinois

Specialty Unit

- First Place – Lanphier High School Cheer and Lionettes
 - Springfield, Illinois
- Second Place – Visit Springfield

- Springfield, Illinois
- Third Place – Cool Cruisers Car Club
 - Edinburg, Illinois

Governor's Award Winner

- HOPE
 - Springfield, Illinois
 - Established in 1957, HOPE is a non-for-profit agency serving individuals with disabilities and their families across 6 states. Through their vast network of educational, residential, and clinical services, HOPE's groundbreaking programming for children with multiple disabilities impacts over 6,000 individuals annually.

The 2026 [Illinois State Fair](#) continues through August 23 in Springfield. Stay up to date with all the latest news and announcements from the Illinois State Fair by connecting with us via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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