

Northmont Marching Band named Reserve Grand Champion at Centerville

The Northmont Marching Band was named a finalist band in the Centerville Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 25. The band was then named the Reserve Grand Champion at the concluding awards ceremony.

The Centerville Invitational was a host to 13 marching bands. Twelve were from Ohio and one was from Lexington, KY. The invitational was divided into 4 classes from A to AAAA. Northmont competed in class AAAA along with Bellbrook and Miamisburg.

All the bands competed by class in a preliminary round in the afternoon. Mother Nature with her wind was an unwelcome guest for the preliminaries. Northmont did not have to alter their show "No Strings Attached," but the wind did have a noticeable effect on them.

At the conclusion of the preliminaries, the Centerville Jazz Band provided an exhibition performance. The field commanders from all the bands were then called onto the field. They lined up along the home sidelines for the awards presentation.

For class AAAA, Miamisburg won the Outstanding Auxiliary award. Bellbrook won the rest of the caption awards for music, visual, general effect and percussion (A check later of the scores on the Mid-States Band Association website shows Northmont actually won the music caption). Bellbrook took 1st place, Northmont was 2nd and Miamisburg came in 3rd in class AAAA. Then the 8 top-scoring bands, regardless of class were announced. Northmont was named one of those 8 finalist bands.

Fortunately Mother Nature with the wind accompaniment did not make the finals. That made for a much nicer, although cool evening for the finalists. The Centerville Jazz Band again provided an exhibition performance while the results were being tabulated.

The field commanders for the 8 finalists then entered the field and lined up for the awards ceremony. Kings (near Kings Island) won the caption award for Outstanding Auxiliary. Henry Clay (KY) won the caption award for Outstanding Percussion. Bellbrook won the rest of the caption awards for Music, Visual and General Effect. Then the placement awards were presented as follows: (scores were inserted from the Mid-States Band Association website) Bellbrook-1st (Grand Champion-83.30), Northmont - 2nd (Reserve Grand Champion-80.40), Henry Clay - 3rd (75.90), Kings - 4th (73.10), Miamisburg - 5th (69.00), Lebanon - 6th (67.80), Brookville - 7th (64.90), and Carlisle - 8th (56.50).

The Northmont Marching Band will continue practicing their show “No Strings Attached” in preparation for Grand Nationals in Indianapolis on Nov. 13-15.

