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Baby parade winners selected at 2023 Florida Strawberry Festival

PLANT CITY, Fla. (March 15, 2023) – The winners of the Florida Strawberry Festival’s annual baby parade were awarded today on the festival grounds.

In this year’s baby parade, sponsored by the Junior Women’s Club of Plant City and held in the GT Grandstands Arena, contestants ranging in age from 1 year old to 4 years old competed in several categories: most beautiful, most handsome, best personality, best costume and best float.

In the 1-year-old most beautiful category, Kataleya Montana won first place; Violet Velazquez-Hill won second place; Rylan Wilkerson won third place.

In the 1-year-old most handsome category, Liam Tidey won first place; David Gutierrez won second place; Logan Parris won third place.

In the 1-year-old best personality category, Sophia Martin won first place.

In the 1-year-old best costume category, Shanna Parke won first place; Amelia Gashaw second place; Tynsleigh Mintzer won third place.

In the 1-year-old best float category, Makynlee Mintzer won first place.

In the 2-year-old most beautiful category, Hazley Reagan won first place; Journey Kate Thomas won second place; Annabella Quijada won third place.

In the 2-year-old most handsome category, Carter Nelson won first place; Blake Jost won second place; Luca Neary won third place.

In the two 2-year-old best personality category, Avery Parker won first place; Aven Starling won second place; Lyla Howard won third place.

In the 2-year-old best costume category, Paislee Meachum won first place; Madison Mobley won second place; Gianna Garcia won third place.

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In the 3-year-old most beautiful category, Sadie Ann Lane won first place; Henley Wyatt won second place; Evelyn Grace Carroll won third place.

In the 3-year-old most handsome category, Kellan Royse won first place; Eli West won second place; Carter Jones won third place.

In the 3-year-old best personality category, Macynn Blackburn won first place; Sloane Claussen won second place; Brinlee Kern won third place.

In the 4-year-old most beautiful category, Catherine Westbrook won first place; Paris Sheridan won second place; Gianna Gutierrez won third place.

In the 4-year-old most handsome category, Sawyer Keys won first place; Joseph Cruz Narvaez won second place; Daxton Valdez won third place.

In the 4-year-old best personality category, Emmersyn Thompson won first place; Aaliyah Merrin won second place; Jace Michel won third place.

In the 4-year-old best costume category, Lauren Scott Clark won first place and Emma Stoneking won second place.

In the 4-year-old best float category, Elsa Jehl won first place.

The first-place winners in each of the four-year-old categories make up the baby parade court: queen Catherin Westbrook, king Sawyer Keys and court members Emmersyn Thompson, Lauren Scott Clark and Elsa Jehl.

About the Florida Strawberry Festival

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, more than 600,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2024 Florida Strawberry Festival will take place February 29 – March 10 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Twitter (#berryfest24).

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