Awards earned during Atchison's St. Pat's bash (KAIR)--This past weekend was one of celebration, as Saint Patrick's day was commemorated Sunday.

The City of Atchison celebrated one day earlier, on Saturday, as the City celebrated under the mantra of Irish Cheers for 40 Years.

Beginning Saturday morning with ceremonies at the Atchison Elks Lodge, the annual Saint Patrick's Day parade followed at 2:00 that afternoon.

Parade participants were awarded in three categories, with the Top Dog Drill Team earning first place in the Youth/Organization division, followed by Highland Auto Tech, and Girl Scout Troop 2992.

In the Business category, the top spot was awarded to Exchange Bank, followed by Atchison Animal Clinic, while Union State Bank of Atchison took third place.

It's been a long running tradition of lighthearted competition between families vying to win the Family division.

Taking first place in that category for 2024 was the Pickman family, while the Dooley Durkin family took second place. The Hegarty family earned third place honors.

Longtime Parade planning Committee Chair Janie Pickman, in an email to MSC News, said she wished to give a special thank you "to all the people who helped with the parade and ceremony."

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