

# Percussion drums up first win at competition

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The South Lyon Percussion group traveled to Montrose High School on Saturday, Feb. 7, for its first competition. It was a new experience for students and parents alike, but under the expert guidance of director Jim Rebbeck, the performance of selections from "Pirates of the Caribbean," took everyone by surprise as the group tied for first place. South Lyon and Southgate Anderson each scored 74.8.

The gang of pirates' thunderous

performance startled the audience. No one could predict how this new group would measure up. Nick Gross, center snare, plays Johnny Depp's character Captain Jack.

"It was amazing for our first show. Totally unexpected," Gross said. "We have an awesome instructor, and I can't wait for the rest of the season."

Jim Rebbeck, who has been involved with the percussion activity from the start, was also pleased with Saturday's performance.

"The excitement and enthusiasm in their eyes after the show was what

makes all the hard work worthwhile," Rebbeck said. "One of the trademarks of Rebbeck's shows is strong parental involvement. The parents were in full force, from sewing fabulous costumes, to constructing and moving props, to just being there for the kids."

South Lyon Percussion travels back to Montrose on Feb. 29 for the Winter Guard International (WGI) Preview Showcase and will host a home competition with the Winter Guards on Saturday, March 13, with more than 30 groups performing. This will be a great opportunity to

experience Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion Ensembles at their best.

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## UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

- Feb. 29: Montrose High School
- Mar. 13: South Lyon High School
- Mar. 27: Dakota High School
- April 3: MCGC Championships (Saginaw Valley State University)

## Local student participates in university theatre

Chris Chapin of South Lyon participated in University Theatre's "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse" at Central Michigan University as the master electrician.

Chapin, a graduate of South Lyon High School, is a junior at CMU majoring in theater production and design. He is the son of Al and Jill Chapin.

"Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse" is a play adapted for young theater audiences and was directed by Beth Murray of the CMU faculty. The cast of 10 rehearsed for two months and interviewed elementary school children to prepare for the performances.



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