

South Lyon shines at Winter Guard and Percussion bout

The South Lyon Band Parent Association hosted its 5th Winter Guard & Percussion competition Saturday, March 13, at South Lyon High School. Forty schools competed in the invitational, 26 winter guard groups, 14 percussion groups, and 11 percussion individuals.

A positive impression of the South Lyon Community Schools was definitely set as the South Lyon Band Parents continued the tradition of being a role model host. Parents and students worked from 6 a.m. to midnight, making sure that every detail was handled with the utmost care. The school

facilities were raved about, and the band parents served up an amazing concessions menu, managed parking and guiding the groups, as well as any needs of the judges.

The Reverie of South Lyon, under the direction of Renee Cole and Assistant Angi Szalai, and a veteran unit with four years in Michigan Color Guard Circuit (MCGC) took second place in the Scholastic A division with a score of 76.3 for their beautiful performance of "Nights in White Satin" by Mario Frangoulis.

Rhapsody of South Lyon, a new unit this year also under the direc-

tion of Renee Cole and Angi Szalai, placed second in a field of seven with a score of 71.6 for its spirited performance of "Cowboy Take Me Away" and Nickel Creek. This group is comprised of students in 7th through 10th grades.

South Lyon Percussion, a first-year unit under the direction of Jim Rebbeck and Tim Rugenstein, took first place with a score of 85.1 for their crowd-pleasing performance of "Pirates of the Caribbean" by Klaus Badelt.

South Lyon's hosting of the event, led by band director Stephen Cross, drew rave reviews

from visitors and organizers.

"The Michigan Color Guard Circuit is always so pleased to work with such seasoned show hosts like the South Lyon Band Boosters," said Kari Lynn Clark, Michigan Color Guard Circuit contest coordinator. "They put on a top notch show, the facility is beautiful and the parents very helpful. It makes for a wonderful event."

Upcoming dates include:

March 20: Rhapsody of South Lyon and Reverie of South Lyon Western Michigan Winter Guard (WMWG) in Allegan.

March 27: Rhapsody of South Lyon and Reverie of South Lyon Winter Guard International (WGI) Mideast Regional. Both Guards will be competing with groups from all over the country.

March 27: South Lyon Percussion MCGC Competition at Dakota High School in Macomb.

April 3: Rhapsody of South Lyon, Reverie of South Lyon, and South Lyon Percussion all travel to Saginaw Valley State University for the MCGC Championships.