Harrison finishes 2nd in state marching event

"It was amazing! This was, by far, our best performance of the year, said an elast doe! Yoder, co-director of the thartson High School Alarching Band, after the final notes of their state champlouship perform-ance finished reverberating in the Pontiae Silverdome on November 2. "It defaulties

the Fontiale Suvertione on November 2.

The Flight III defending champions put on an impressive performance of their show "Gazebo Dances" at the Michigan Competing Band Association (MCBA) State Championships, where forty of the state's top bands, comprised of some 6,000 high-school performers, rocked the dome from early morning until late evening.

tormers, rocked use done from early morning until late evening. They played so well and they looked great, said Co-Director Peggy Babocok. They have been really focused all week and they wanted to make sure that everyone thought they deserved to be the defending champlons – and that's just what they did. Senior Joseph Marks, a bariscophone player, felt the same. 't think we did amazing,' he said.' It really elicked tonightjust like a look and a key.' While they didn't take first this year, it was still a day for bonors and awards. This year's performance ret-

This year's performance net-ted the 82-member band the fed the 62-member band the Flight III second-place trophy along with the caption award for Best Marching with a score of 79.2. Flights are determined by school enrollment, not size of the band, with the largest

schools in Flight I. Harrison's major competitor this year was the 230-member Stevensville Lakeshore

Stevensville Lakeshore
Marching Band that captured
the Flight III state title with a
score of 82.85.
Special honors went to
Harrison senior Travis Cook,
who received a \$1,000 scholarship from the MCLB.
Scholarships were awarded to
two seniors in each flight. The
students had to write about
their musical accomplishments
and about what marching band
means to them. University
music scholars not associated
with the MCBA selected the
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Other area bands in the state competition included, in Flight III, Redford Thurston, fifth, 73.5; Crestwood, Dearborn Heights, eighth, 66.0; and Royal Oak Dondero, ninth, 65.5; In Flight I, Plymouth-Canton came in first with a 90.5; South Lyon, fifth, 79.45; Novi, sixth, 78.95; and Livonia Franklin, eighth, 78.25.
Heather Christensen, a sophomore, and Andrea Seeney, a junior, both in color guard, said they felt very good about the performance.
This was senior Dasol Kim's first year with the band. He had played soccer his other three years at Harrison, but decided to play in marching band this year.

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year.
"I just decided to try it out and I'm glad I did it," he said. "It was pretty amazing. It was like nothing I have ever experi-enced before and it is very

rewarding."
The Harrison show "Gazebo
Dances" musically and visually



Norman Logan, vice president of the Michigan Competing Band Association and director of bands at Farmington High School, presents Harrison senior Travis Cook with a \$1,000 scholarship from the MCBA.

depicts the change of seasons.
Many of the students favorite
part of the show throughout
the season has been the second
movement with the beautiful
music of "October" by Eric
Whitacre.

The caliber of marching band competition performances has changed dramatically over the years according to Mack Pittard, executive director of the MCBA for the past 10

years.
"They get more sophisticated and more complex every year," he said. "They aren't the same as when I went to school and made a big G for Grove's High School (in Birmingham) and were very happy in doing

of director and staff.

The thing that is changing is that show designs are becoming more highbrown in terms of artistic endeavors and the muste is a lot more unusual, said Pittard.

And the benefits of marching band, he added, range from teaching organizational and technical skills to learning life skills like how to handle disappointment and success.

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This season has been a marked success for the Harrison marchers with a bety of first-place trophies from all their local competitions.
The hometown band will be competing at the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis November 14-16.



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coach.

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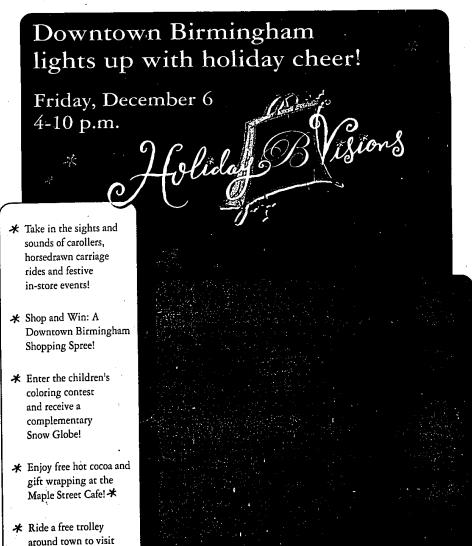
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