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Jackson Liberty Marching Band Ends second season



Jackson Liberty High School Marching Band and Color Guard.

JACKSON - The Jackson Liberty High School Marching Band finalized its second season on November 2 at Hershey Stadium, while attending the USSBA Northern States' Marching Competition. The 84-member band performed its show, the music from the 2005 movie, "King Kong," at numerous football games and competitions this year. Under the direction of Scott Katona, Mike

Carattini and Margaret Harris, the band represented the school and township extremely well, and their performances were reflected in their placements at the various competitions. In September, the students received first place while marching in the Jackson Day parade. They also garnered first place in the Group IV A area while performing at the Showcase of Champions at Jackson Memorial's home competition in October. Overall, the nine competitions the students attended reflected an improvement week by week. The hard work and dedication of the staff and students, alike, became very apparent as the season progressed.

The marching band was led by Drum Majors Paul Maier and Jess Gouker. This is the first year that the band fielded members from all four classes at Liberty. Following two very successful years at Liberty, the following seniors will be saying goodbye to Liberty Marching Band: Alexis D'Ambola, Britney Penson, Sabrina Lisuzzo, Krystal Starr, Natalie Suarez, Chris Hidalgo, Justin Gonzalez, Adam Anton, Brian Catri, Allen Dowling, Mike Della Donna, Joe Aquino and Paul Maier.

The Jackson Liberty Band Parents and Students Association was formed to support and encourage the students and staff. The group performs many functions for the band, fundraising being one of them. The organization has received 501 (c)(3) status from the IRS. This determination allows tax-deductible contributions to be made to the group. Also, the band parents would gladly accept gently used instruments, should any individuals or group be in a position to make a donation. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Joe Gouker at 732-367-0478 or crissg764@optonline.net. Also, be on the lookout for the Jackson Liberty Jazz Festival coming in April. It promises to be a great venue for Jackson's talented musicians.

The Jackson Liberty Band Parents and Students Association gratefully acknowledges the support and cooperation from Principal Ms. Maureen Butler, the Jackson Board of Education, Superintendent Mr. Thomas Gialanella, Mr. Thomas Bielarczyk, the Jackson Memorial Band Parents, Mr. Bud McCormick, Mrs. Jessie Katona, Mr. Dennis Galvin and the entire Jackson community.

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