

## **Lafayette brings band championship home**

Lafayette High School's 200-member marching band captured top honors in the Class 5A championships this past weekend. The 2008 championship is the school's 15<sup>th</sup> state title since 1990.

"The students have done a great job all fall," said Chuck Smith, the band director since 1996. "Lafayette has a great tradition all in its own. Definitely when Walter Hall was band director in the early '50s, he started that legacy of great band programs at Lafayette. It's both challenging and rewarding to try to continue that tradition."

Paul Laurence Dunbar, the defending champion from 2007, took second place Nov. 1 in Louisville. The two schools have owned the Kentucky Music Educators Association state band finals since 1990, with Lafayette winning 15 titles and Dunbar four.