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74TH ANNUAL	TRI-STATE BAND FESTIVAL		<u>2025</u>	
PARADE				
Rock County Color Guard	Presentation	of the Colors		9:30 AM
NAME OF SCHOOL	CLASS	DIRECTOR	ORDER	STEP-OFF
Luverne Middle School	EXHIBITION	James Jarvie	1	9:35 AM
Adrian-Ellsworth High School	Α	Lauren Wright	2	9:40 AM
Sioux Falls Lutheran High School	Α	Mindee Birnstiehl	3	9:45 AM
Baltic High School	Α	Nicole Woods	4	9:50 AM
Garretson High School	Α	Nick Sittig	5	9:55 AM
Murray County Central High School	Α	Mike Helgeson	6	10:00 AM
Pipestone Area High School	AA	Zach Ploeger	7	10:05 AM
Sioux Falls Christian High School	AA	Michael Groenenboom	8	10:10 AM
West Central High School	AA	Danny Eye	9	10:15 AM
Tea Area High School	AAA	Stephanie Wranek	10	10:20 AM
Worthington High School	AAAA	Mike Thompson	11	10:25 AM
Luverne High School	EXHIBITION	James Jarvie	12	10:30 AM
FIELD				
NAME OF SCHOOL	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>ORDER</u>	ON FIELD
Boyden-Hull High School	Α	Mika Hrdlicka	1	12:35 PM
Lennox High School	AA	Ellie Brockmueller	2	12:50 PM
Pipestone High School	AA	Zach Ploeger	3	1:05 PM
West Central High School	AA	Danny Eye	4	1:20 PM
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PARADE AWARDS		ALL DRUM MAJORS		1:35 PM
Marshall High School	AAA	Larry Peterson	5	2:00 PM
Tea Area High School	AAA	Stephanie Wranek	6	2:15 PM
O'Gorman High School	AAA	Ben Koch	7	2:30 PM
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Luverne High School	EXHIBITION	James Jarvie	8	2:45 PM
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FIELD AWARDS		ALL DRUM MAJORS		3:30 PM

	WINNERS
Class A	
1st Place	Garretson HS, SD
2nd Place	SF Lutheran HS, SD
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Class AA	
1st Place	West Central HS, SD
2nd Place	SF Christian HS, SD
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Class AAA	
1st Place	Tea Area HS, SD
lass AAAA	
1st Place	Worthington HS, MN

FIELD WII	NNERS
Class A	
1st Place	Boyden-Hull HS, IA
Class AA	
1st Place	West Central HS, SD
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2nd Place	Lennox HS, SD
2nd Place	Lennox HS, SD
2nd Place Class AAA	Lennox HS, SD
	Lennox HS, SD Marshall HS, MN
Class AAA	
Class AAA 1st Place	Marshall HS, MN
Class AAA 1st Place	Marshall HS, MN O'Gorman HS, SD

SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY			
Parade	Tea Area HS, SD		
Field	Marshall HS, MN		

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD			
Parade	West Central HS, SD		
Field	Lennox HS, SD		

AUXILIARY A	WARDS	FIELD	
CAPTION	CLASS A	CLASS AA	CLASS AAA
Outstanding Drum Major	Boyden-Hull HS, IA	Pipestone Area HS, MN	Tea Area HS, SD
utstanding Percussion	Boyden-Hull HS, IA	Lennox HS, SD	Marshall HS, MN
utstanding Winds	Boyden-Hull HS, IA	West Central HS, SD	Marshall HS, MN
Outstanding Auxiliary	Boyden-Hull HS, IA	West Central HS, SD	O'Gorman HS, SD

2025 TRI-STATE BUTTON DESIGN WINNER KENZIE KROEH





The Tri-State Band Festival Committee congratulates and thanks LHS Junior KENZIE KROEH for her award winning 2025 TSBF BUTTON DESIGN.

As a sophomore during the 2024-2025 school year, Kenzie's design came effortlessly to her. Kenzie wanted something simple, but had really liked the idea of having a banner going through the button. Kenzie had said she wasn't sure how the design would go, and she did have to tweak it a little bit, but was very excited that her design was chosen.

Kenzie is the eldest of three children of Nathan Kroeh & Heather Frey family of Luverne, MN. She has a younger brother and younger sister.

Kenzie's true passions are hanging out with friends and enjoying her time at home. Kenzie is known to be a hardworking and dedicated person. Kenzie is looking forward to her Junior year at LHS and looks at forward to graduation next year.

The Tri-State Band Festival Committee was honored to award a \$100 cash prize to Kenzie for her award winning design. The Committee thanks all the students in Chris Nowatzki's Art Class and Bill Thompson's Graphic Design Class at LHS for submitting designs for this annual competition!

ADRIAN-ELLSWORTH MARCHING DRAGONS Class A—Adrian & Ellsworth, Minnesota



DIRECTOR: Lauren Wright

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Tory Bohlke, Colorguard

DRUM MAJOR: Lucas Koehne

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 190

BAND MEMBERS: 45

https://www.isd511.net/

CLASS A—PARADE "HANDCLAP"

"HandClap" is a song recorded by American indie pop band Fitz and Tantrums. The the song released as the lead single from their album, Fitz and the Tantrums on March 25, 2016, through Elektra Records. It is their highest-charting song on the Billboard Hot 110, peaking at number 53. "HandClap" features an infectious beat, a funky bass line, and a memorable chorus that encourages listeners to clap their hands and sing along. Let the Adrian-Ellsworth Marching Dragons bring you to your feet to clap and tap!



BALTIC MARCHING BULLDOGS

Class A—Baltic, South Dakota



DIRECTOR: Nicole Woods

COLORGUARD DIRECTOR: Lauren Harstad

DRUM MAJOR: Jazzy Schmoll

PERCUSSION LEADER: Camden Porter

COLOR GUARD LEADER: Ellie Pickett

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 153

BAND MEMBERS: 29

MUSIC ARRANGER: Michael Brown

CLASS A—PARADE "HOME"

"HOME" tells the story of a young girl leaving her family behind to serve her county. Her story is represented by the Percussion as she journeys through the challenges of military life, traveling a winding road. In the end, she finds her way back to the place we all long for...HOME.

AWARDS & APPEARANCES
The Bulldogs received 2nd
Place parade at March to
the Meridian in 2024 for
Class A.

https://www.balticschool.org/

BOYDEN-HULL MARCHING COMETS

Class A—Boyden-Hull, Iowa



DIRECTOR: Mika Hrdlicka

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS:

Guard: Julie Visscher Percussion: Caitlyn Beyer

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 173

BAND MEMBERS: 32

DRUM MAJORS: Kaylee DeJong & Sophie Moeller

COLOR GUARD LEADER: Emma DeJong

PERCUSSION LEADER: Ethan Woelber

https://www.bhcomets.com/en-US
https://www.facebook.com/boydenhullcsd/

BOYDEN-HULL

CLASS A—FIELD "DREAMS IN MOTION"

FIELD SHOW ARRANGER: Paul Jaso

FIELD SHOW DESIGNER: Jarrod Huntley

The Boyden-Hull Marching Comets proudly present their 2025 field show, "Dreams in Motion", featuring music from The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Tangled, and EPCOT. This year's performance invites you on a magical journey filled with fantasy, wonder, and imagination. Join us as we set out on a mission to a place where dreams truly come alive.

DRUM MAJORS: Kaylee DeJong & Sophie Moeller

SOLOISTS: Tylandon DeRuyter—Trombone

Isaak Sanchez—Trumpet

Kaylee DeJong—Soprano Sax Emma DeJong—Tenor Sax Alexis VanVoorst—Flute

COLOR GUARD LEADER: Emma DeJong

PERCUSSION LEADER: Ethan Woelber

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Boyden-Hull Marching Comet Band is honored to perform their field show today at the Tri-State Band Festival. They look forward to a wonderful 2025 marching season.

GARRETSON BLUE DRAGONS Class A—Garretson, South Dakota



DIRECTOR: SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 130

Nick Sittig

BAND MEMBERS: 47

DRUM MAJOR: Caiden Maack

SOLOIST: Anna Ebbing *Trumpet*

https://www.garretson.k12.sd.us/

CLASS A—PARADE

"OVER THE RAINBOW"

MUSIC ARRANGER: Mike Story

The Garretson Blue Dragon Marching Band, directed by Nick Sitting, proudly brings you that American classic from "The Wizard of Oz", *Over the Rainbow.*

Drum Major Caiden Maack and the Blue Dragon Band take you on the journey at a time when you need a lift. From the first four measures of *Over the Rainbow*, you'll be transported back in time to that special place that endures in all our hearts. Featuring a trumpet solo by Anna Ebbing that's complimented by the lively score ...the Garretson Blue Dragon's performance is enchanting!

Drum Major: Caiden Maack

Trumpet Soloist: Anna Ebbing

Director: Nick Sittig



2024 AWARDS & APPEARANCES

- 1st Place—East Central Marching Festival
- 2nd Place—Tri-State Band Festival
- 2nd Place—Lake Area Festival of Bands
- 2nd Place—Watchdog Marching Festival

2023 AWARDS & APPEARANCES

- 2nd Place—Watchdog Marching Festival
- 1st Place—Lake Area Festival of Bands
- People's Choice Award at Lake Area Festival of Bands
- 2nd Place—Sioux Valley Festival
- 2nd Place—Tri-State Band Festival

ORIOLE PRIDE MARCHING BAND

Class AA—Lennox, South Dakota



DIRECTOR: Ellie Brockmueller

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Tyler Youngquist

COLORGUARD DIRECTOR: Miranda Theesen

FRONTLINE DIRECTORS: Hanna Beshai & Carter Dose

WINDS DIRECTOR: Addy Kenkel

BATTERY DIRECTOR: Zander Hazuka

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 366

BAND MEMBERS: 68

www.facebook.com/LennoxBand/www.lennoxband.weebly.com



CLASS AA—FIELD

"WAVES"

FIELD SHOW ARRANGER: Spencer Kruse FIELD SHOW DESIGNER: Ellie Brockmueller



The Oriole Pride Marching Band is proud to present their 2025 competition show, "WAVES". Grab your shades, kick back in your beach chair, and get ready for a day of sun, surf and nonstop fun. From the first swell to the last splash, we're catching big waves and riding them all the way in! This wave-riding adventure features "Waves and Waters" by Spencer Kruse, "Surfin' U.S.A." by The Beach Boys, and "Come Sail Away" by Styx—with all music arrangements by Spencer Kruse. Our featured soloists, Miriam Welch, Duncan Johnson, Tiegen Black, bring the sunshine to the stage, while Elijah Johnson rides in as our fearless surfer.

DRUM MAJORS: Miriam Welch & Duncan Johnson

SOLOISTS: Miriam Welch, Clarinet

Duncan Johnson, Tenor Sax Tiegen Black, Mellophone

COLOR GUARD LEADERS: Kenzie Gilland and Cheyenne Pick

PERCUSSION LEADERS: Jacob Carlson and Emersen Lee

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Oriole Pride Marching Band has established a long tradition of excellence in the marching arts. They had an amazing 2024 season, scoring first place at the Pursuit of Excellence in Marshall, MN. At the Tri-State Band Festival in Luverne, MN, the band placed second and received best drum majors and best color guard. At the Big Sioux Review in Brandon, SD the band placed 2nd and received best color guard. The Oriole Pride Marching Band ended their season placing 4th at the Youth in Music competition at the US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

LUVERNE CARDINAL MARCHING BAND

Exhibition—Luverne, Minnesota



DIRECTOR:
James Jarvie

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Morgan Van Holland

COLORGUARD DIRECTOR:
Gavin Folkestad

PIT DIRECTOR: Josie Golla

DRUM MAJORS: Tyler Hodge Paige Kubesh BAND MEMBERS: 47

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 325

COLORGUARD LEADERS: Jessika Tunnissen Hannah Woodley

PERCUSSION LEADERS: Hannah Kempema Elijah Henrichs

https://www.isd2184.net/

https://www.facebook.com/LuverneMusicBoosters/

EXHIBITION—PARADE "HOLIDAY"

PARADE MUSIC: Green Day ARRANGER: Jay Dawson

Turn up the energy—this is "HOLIDAY" by Green Day. Arranged by Jay Dawson, this powerful rock anthem brings a wave of sound and excitement to the parade route. With bold brass, driving drums, and an unstoppable beat, the Cardinal Marching Band delivers a performance packed with attitude, spirit and fun. Get ready to clap along, feel the rhythm, and enjoy a high-energy musical ride you won't forget!

EXHIBITION—FIELD

FIELD MUSIC ARRANGERS:

Ward Miller; Percussion by C. Sikkema & K. R. Boesiger; Pit by Josie Golla

FIELD SHOW DESIGNERS: Dan Carlson; Colorguard Choreograph by Marrisa Abts

Ascend is a powerful musical journey of elevation—rising from chaos and darkness toward clarity, strength, and light. The show begins in a fractured world with Chop Suey by System of a Down, where turmoil and unrest dominate. From this unrest, a spark of hope ignites through Like a Prayer by Madonna, as the soul begins reaching upward, drawn to something greater. In The Devil Went Down to Georgia, the ascent is challenged—a test of will and purpose against the pull of darkness. But through resilience and resolve, the spirit prevails, culminating in Ascension by Rob Romeyn—a soaring, radiant finale that celebrates not just escape from darkness, but the pursuit of something higher. Ascend is not merely about overcoming—it's about rising.

DRUM MAJORS: Tyler Hodge & Paige Kubesh SOLOISTS: Fox Forrest on Saxophone Reagan Gangestad on Flute

COLORGUARD LEADERS: Jessika Tunnissen & Hannah Woodley PERCUSSION LEADERS: Hannah Kempema and Elijah Henrichs

APPEARANCES & AWARDS

The Luverne Cardinal Marching Band will be performing at these future competitions: Big Sioux Review, Sioux Falls Festival of Bands and the Orange City Dutchmen Classic. Our Indoor Marching Band Show will be presented on October 20th.

We would also like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to the many people who make this season possible. To our incredible parents and dedicated volunteers—thank you for your time, energy, and constant support. To our school administration and staff, your encouragement means the world to us. And to our amazing bus drivers—thank you for getting us where we need to go, safely and on time!

LUVERNE MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Exhibition—Luverne, Minnesota



DIRECTOR: **James Jarvie**

"LUVERNE SCHOOL SONG"

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Gavin Folkestad

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Morgan Van Holland

Middle School The Luverne Marching Band under the direction of James Jarvie with directors assistant Gavin Folkestad Van and Morgan Holland are honored to open the 2025 Tri-State Band Festival. They are marching today playing

the Luverne School Song...

https://www.isd2184.net/

KEEP UP TRADITION NEVER FAULTER!

MARSHALL TIGER MARCHING BAND

Class AAA—Marshall, Minnesota



DIRECTOR: Larry Petersen

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS:
Chris Witherow | Visual
Justin Condelli | Visual
Wes Myers | Music
Eric Novosad | Percussion
Eli Cole | Percussion
Stephen Leek | Percussion
Regan Debban | Guard
Rebecca Bottelberghe | Guard

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 803

BAND MEMBERS: 89



https://www.facebook.com/MarshallTigerMusic



CLASS AAA—FIELD



"AURORA"

FIELD SHOW ARRANGERS: Ben Hylton

FIELD SHOW DESIGNER: Brandon Wickham

Aurora seeks to capture the mystery and majesty of the Northern Lights that dance above the quiet stillness of a winter night. Ethereal woodwind melodies, powerful brass chords, and shimmering percussion mirror the swirling colors and movement of the aurora borealis, nature's most magical light show!

DRUM MAJOR: Jessie DeJaeghere

SOLOISTS: Daphne Bemer (flute)

Brennen Thooft (flugelhorn)
Karsten Springborg (flugelhorn)

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Marshall Tiger Marching received the following awards in 2024:

- Third Place in Class AAA at the Minnesota State Marching Championships
- Outstanding Guard at the Tri-State Band Festival
- Star of the Great Plains Award in 2023 and 2024 for the TSBF and Big Sioux Review Combined Field Championship





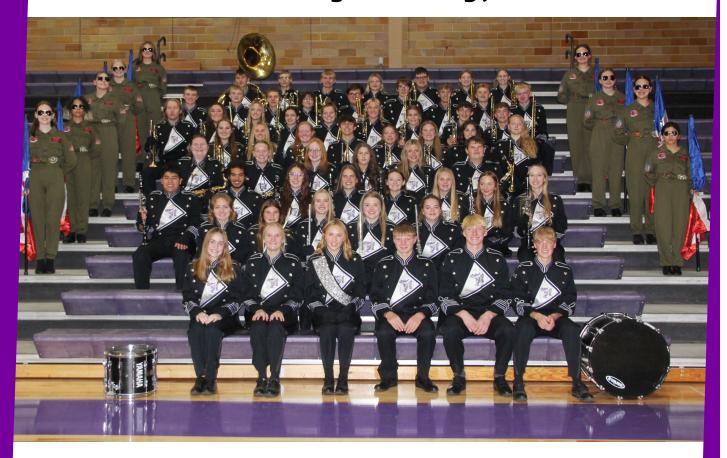








MARCHING REBELS Class A—Murray County, Minnesota



DIRECTOR: Mike Helgeson

COLORGUARD DIRECTORS: Katie Gillette Janese Siedschlag Liz Prahm

DRUM MAJOR: Alex Schuur

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 200

BAND MEMBERS: 75

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 200

BAND MEMBERS: 75



https://www.mcc.mntm.org/

CLASS A—PARADE

"HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON"

Arranger: Michael Brown

Percussion Arranger: Will Rapp

The Murray County Central Marching Rebels are excited to perform music from the Dreamworks hit movie, "How to Train Your Dragon". From the popular animated movie, this dynamic film score features soaring melodies and a distinctive Celtic flavor. Plenty of drive surrounds a brief calm section in this exciting opener. The Rebels hope that you enjoy this stunning show!

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

In 2024, the Marching Rebels received first place in Class A in the King Turkey Day Parade; first place in Class A in the Tri-State Band Festival Parade and third place in Class A in the Festival of Bands.



https://www.mcc.mntm.org/

O'GORMAN MARCHING KNIGHTS Class AAA—Sioux Falls, South Dakota



DIRECTOR: Ben Koch

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 650

BAND MEMBERS: 76

Drum Majors: Ella Adamiak & Adilyn McIntyre

Color Guard Leaders: Karyne Zdorovstov & Paiten Lewis

Drumline Leader: Molly Johnson

Front Ensemble Leader: Charlotte Hanson

https://oghs.ogknights.org/activities/performing-arts https://www.facebook.com/ogormanband/

"THE WELL"

FIELD MUSIC ARRANGERS: Shane Gwaltney & Synced Up Designs FIELD SHOW DESIGNERS: Shane Gwaltney & Synced Up Designs



The O'Gorman High School instrumental program is a comprehensive 9th through 12th grade band program, consisting of the marching band, 2 concert bands, pep band, 2 jazz bands, jazz combos, brass choir, musical theater pit orchestra, and a host of other musical activities. Band members performing tonight also serve as members of nearly every other activity and team sport offered at the high school.

The O'Gorman Marching Knights are proud to present their 2025 field show, THE WELL. From the very beginning, water has been a source of life—strength, when we are weary, hope when times are hard and renewal when we need a fresh start. Our journey begins from turbulence with the energy and movement of pushing us forward. We then turn to the source for solace, finding comfort and support in the face of challenges. Finally, the ever-ancient, ever-new source of life lifts us toward hearing and new beginnings. We are sustained, restored and carried through every season of life. Always returning to THE WELL.

DRUM MAJORS: Ella Adamiak & Adilyn McIntrye TROMBONE SOLOISTS: Noah Dobbs & Micah Benjamin

HORN SOLOIST:

EUPHONIUM SOLOIST:

KEYS SOLOIST:

Landon Sohre

Sam Reckling

Amelia Mueller

COLOR GUARD LEADERS: Karyne Zdorovtsov & Paiten Lewis

PERCUSSION LEADERS: Molly Johnson (Drumline)

Charlotte Hanson (Front Ensemble)



AWARDS & APPEARANCES

This year, the Marching Knights competed in Marshall, Minnesota, at the Pursuit of Excellence competition. They continue their season in Luverne at the Tri-State Band Festival; in Brandon, South Dakota, at the Big Sioux Review this evening; in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the Youth in Music Marching Band Championships; and in Vermillion, South Dakota, at the Quad-States Marching Festival. They'll also co-host the annual Festival of Bands, USA, at Howard Wood Field, along with the other public high school bands in Sioux Falls. The Marching Knights would like to thank their hosts at the Tri-State Band Festival, their friends and family, all of their Band Parent Volunteers, as well as the students, faculty, and administration of O'Gorman High School for their continued support! *Thank you and GO KNIGHTS!*

2024 O'GORMAN MARCHING KNIGHTS AWARDS:

- Pursuit of Excellence (Marshall) 2nd in Class; Best Music; Best Drum Majors
- Tri-State Band Festival (Luverne) 2nd in Class
- Big Sioux Review (Brandon) 1st Place, Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, Best Winds
- Quad-States Marching Competition (Vermillion) 1st Place Overall

PIPESTONE AREA HIGH SCHOOL ARROW MARCHING BAND

Class AA—Pipestone, Minnesota



DIRECTOR:

Dr. Zachary Ploeger

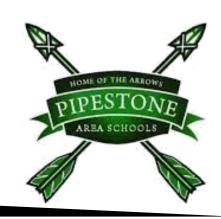
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 320

BAND MEMBERS: 48

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS:

Pete Hansen—Percussion
Sophia Poppen—Percussion
Mackenzie Griffith—Visuals
Sarah Rommann—Colorguard

https://www.pipestonebands.com/





CLASS AA—PARADE "TOXIC"



Up next—turn up the energy with the Pipestone Marching Arrows!

Today they're bringing the iconic sound of Britney Spears to the streets with "Toxic," arranged by Spencer Kruse. The Marching Arrows are proud to represent Pipestone, Minnesota, and are under the direction of Dr.

Zachary Ploeger. Let's hear it for the Marching Arrows!

Drum Major: Sefora Gamboa Herrera

Colorguard Leaders: Emma Smidt & Sophie Olivier

Percussion Leader: Brady Dunn

CLASS AA—FIELD "MIRROR"

Taking the field is the pride of Pipestone, Minnesota... the Pipestone Area Marching Arrows! This year's program is titled... "Mirror, Mirror" — a bold and dramatic exploration of duality, reflection, and the fine line between beauty and darkness. Through music, motion, and visual storytelling, the Marching Arrows invite you to peer into the glass and ask: What do we see in our reflection... and what stares back?

Featuring the music of Britney Spears, Antonio Vivaldi, Metallica, Billie Eilish, and Tchaikovsky, "Mirror, Mirror" contrasts light and shadow, elegance and edge, order and chaos — transforming the field into a stage of swirling emotions and stunning visuals.

And now... as the mirror clears... prepare to witness the reflection.

FIELD MUSIC ARRANGER: Spencer Kruse FIELD SHOW DESIGNERS: Dameon Place PERCUSSION DESIGN: Chris Sikkema

DRUM MAJOR: Sefora Gamboa Herrera

COLORGUARD LEADERS: Emma Smidt & Sophie Olivier

PERCUSSION LEADER: Brady Dunn

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Marching Arrows have a tradition of excellence, known throughout the Mid-West region of the United States. The Arrows have earned many awards in the last 20 years, competing in festivals in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and other nearby states. The Marching Arrows also travel extensively, having performed in Washington D.C., Florida, the Tournament of Roses Parade in California, the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City, and the Portland Rose Festival in Portland, Oregon. In recent years, the Marching Arrows have traveled to New York City, Boston, Memphis, St. Louis, and New Orleans. Pipestone Area Schools is proud to be a 2025 "Outstanding Community for Music Education" award recipient.

SIOUX FALLS CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Class AA—Sioux Falls, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:
Michael Groenenboom

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 420

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:
Alecia Rayhons—Color Guard
Pete Hansen—Drumline

BAND MEMBERS: 80

https://www.siouxfallschristian.org/instrumental/

CLASS AA—PARADE

"THE ROAD HOME"



PARADE SHOW ARRANGER: John C. Taylor

The Sioux Falls Christian High School Marching Band's parade show— "The Road Home" is about adventure, growth, and return. Featuring "Life is a Highway" and "From Now On," the show moves from excitement to reflection, with the reminder that no matter where life's journey takes you...faith and family bring you back home.

DRUM MAJORS: Julia Marcus

Sara Preheim

SOLOIST: Chloe Attema, Mellophone

DIRECTOR: Michael Groenenboom

COLORGUARD DIRECTOR: Alecia Rayhons DRUMLINE DIRECTOR: Pete Hansen

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Sioux Falls Christian High School Marching Band has a strong tradition of excellence. Last fall, the SFC High School Marching Band placed 1st in three competitive parades and earned awards for outstanding winds, drumline, color guard, and drum majors throughout the season.

This fall, the band will participate in five parades throughout their fall marching season.

SIOUX FALLS LUTHERAN MARCHING EAGLES

Class A—Sioux Falls, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:
Mindee Birnstiehl

COLOR GUARD DIRECTOR: Melissa Miller

SIOUR FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 84

BAND MEMBERS: 40



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MARCHING BAND

CLASS A—PARADE "THE RACE"

(Based on Hebrews 12:1)

MUSIC ARRANGERS: John Moss & Mindee Birnstiehl

Welcome, race fans, to a day of thunder!

Our driver in race car No. 121 is comin' in hot today! He is sponsored by the Sioux Falls Lutheran Marching Eagles and ready to go, let me announce the line-up for our race today. The race will begin with cars following Route 66. They will also be passing along a "Desert Road" on this Highway called LIFE! Thank you to the Sioux Falls Lutheran Eagles who remind us from Hebrews 12:1 that we should "throw off sin and run the race set before us with perseverance." Afterall, the winner today is not the driver with the fastest car, it's the one who refuses to lose! Thanks to the ladies in red who are our Pit Crew, and thank you to the trainer in blue coveralls, who has gotten us ready for this big race day! But may all the glory and praise go to our FATHER above who directs us down this path of "life" and may we feel his love and forgiveness through every obstacle or celebration along the way! So now...It's Lights Out and Away We GO!!!

DRUM MAJOR: Addison Vis SOLOIST: Taylor Miller (voice)

SOLOIST: Noah Baumbach (electric guitar)

AWARDS AND APPEARANCES

The Marching Eagles earned several awards last year:

- Second Place at the Missouri Valley Marching Festival
- Eagles' Color Guard received First Place at the Missouri Valley Marching Fesival
- The Eldon Samp (People's Choice Award) and Third Place at the Menno Band Days
- People's Choice Award and Third Place at The Beresford Watchdog Marching Festival

This season the Marching Eagles and Color Guard are marching at the following competitions: The Parker Pheasant Marching Band Festival; The East Central Marching Band Festival in Arlington; The Tri-State Marching Band Festival and March to the Meridian in Yankton.

TEA AREA TITAN MARCHING BAND

Class AAA—Tea, South Dakota



DIRECTOR: Stephanie Wranek

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Tim Dingman

Hannah Hank | Colorguard Dana LeVan | Percussion Hannah Conkling | Tech Jane Newman | Tech

https://www.teaarea.k12.sd.us/

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

720

BAND MEMBERS:

120



CLASS AAA—PARADE

"MARIAN: THE LADYHOOD OF SHERWOOD FOREST"

You've heard the tales — of a noble outlaw, stealing from the rich, giving to the poor, and hiding beneath the green canopy of Sherwood Forest. Robin Hood, the people's hero. But time has a way of twisting truth into legend, and legends often leave someone important behind. This is not the story you think you know. This is the untold tale — the true story — of Marian: the Ladyhood of Sherwood Forest.

ARRANGER: Randall Standridge

DRUM MAJORS: Hannah Knodel, Skylynn Broesder & Sage Fanning

CLASS AAA—FIELD

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ARRANGER: Randall Standridge

FIELD SHOW DESIGNER: RMS Designs

DRUM MAJORS: Sage Fanning, Skylynn Broesder & Haley Knodel

COLORGUARD LEADERS: Savannah Stahnke, Grace Preheim & Ashlyn Karpinen

PERCUSSION LEADER: Jaden Knodel SOLOIST: Claire Hyronimus, Mellophone SOLOIST: Kelsey Kramer, Mellophone

SOLOIST: Allie Wallum, Flute

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

In 2024 the Tea Area Marching Band placed 2nd at the Festival of Bands Parade competition. They also placed 1st in parade competition in Luverne, Menno, and Yankton. The band also took to the field for the first time in school history and came home with a 1st place award in Yankton at the March to the Meridian. They were also selected to receive the K. M. Getman Award at the Tri-State Festival in Luverne in 2024.

WEST CENTRAL MARCHING TROJANS

Class AA—Hartford, South Dakota



DIRECTOR: Danny Eye

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Emily Hofer

McKenzie Schilling | Colorguard Hannah Conkling | Technician Samantha Meirose | Technician

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 410

BAND MEMBERS: 84



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CLASS AA—PARADE "Galeon"



Parade Arrangers: Victor Lopez and Danny Eye

The Marching Trojans are in their 17th year under the direction of Mr. Danny Eye. They are under the student leadership of Drum Majors BreAnn Heider and Ashton Lutter. The Marching Trojans are grateful for the opportunity to perform for you and wish all the bands the best of luck in today's competition. Their 2025 street show selection is Galeon, featuring soloist Lane Benjamin on trumpet.

DRUM MAJORS: BreAnn Heider & Ashton Lutter

TRUMPET SOLOIST: Lane Benjamin

COLORGUARD LEADERS: Madysen Roth & Lilly Lund

PERCUSSION LEADERS: Abi Horner, Mason Kennedy & Lyric Riepma

CLASS AA—FIELD "Natural"

Arrangers: Natural & Radioactive by Imagin Dragons; arr. Jeff Chambers

Field Show Designer: Total Visual Designs

The Marching Trojans are in their 17th year under the direction of Mr. Danny Eye. The assistant director is Emily Hofer and color guard instructor is McKenzie Schilling. The band is under the student leadership of Drum Majors BreAnn Heider and Ashton Lutter. This year's show is titled "Natural" and feature solos by Whitney Paegler, Catie Danielsen, Kaden Graham, Laney Jass, Hailey Goebel, Adam Johnson, Lane Benjamin, Ashley Voight, Taylor Cain, Colleen Gooley, Madison Roth, and Lilly Lund. Percussion leaders are Abi Horner, Mason Kennedy, and Lyric Riepma. Colorguard captains are Madysen Roth & Lilly Lund.

The Marching Trojans are grateful for the opportunity to perform for you and wish all the bands the best of luck in today's competition!

AWARDS & APPEARANCES 2024

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE: 3rd Navy Class Field, Outstanding Concert Percussion, Outstanding Battery Percussion

WATCHDOG BAND FESTIVAL: 1st Class AA Parade, Outstanding Winds, Outstanding Drumline TRI-STATE BAND FESTIVAL: 1st Class AA Parade, People's Choice Award, Parade

Sweepstakes; 1st Place Class AA Field, Outstanding Winds, Outstanding Drumline

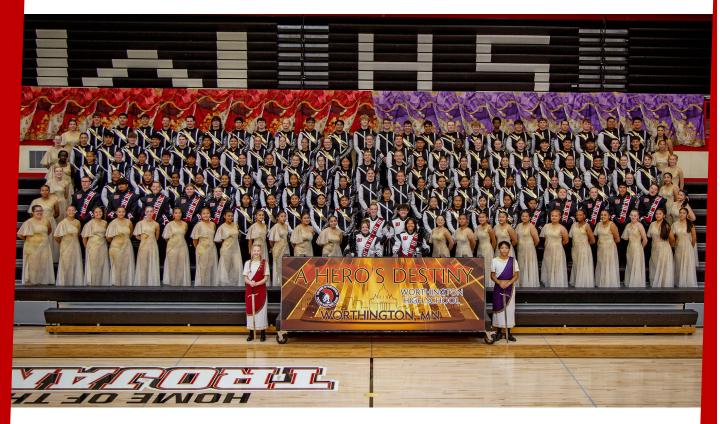
BIG SIOUX REVIEW: 3rd Class AA Field; Outstanding Drum Majors

MENNO BAND DAY: 2nd Class AAA Parade; Outstanding Drumline, Outstanding Colorguard FESTIVAL OF BANDS: 1st Class AA Parade; 3rd Class AA Field, Outstanding Drum Majors

West Central is one of two South Dakota schools that received the "Best Communities for Music Education" award presented by NAMM for 2025. They've received the award 19 out of a possible 25 years! The band would like to thank the Hartford & Humboldt communities, the West Central Music Association, and the band parents for their unconditional support.

THE SPIRIT OF WORTHINGTON MARCHING BAND

Class AAAA—Worthington, Minnesota



DIRECTOR: Mike Thompson

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Jeanette Jenson

PERCUSSION DIRECTOR: Ashley Hoefker

COLORGUARD DIRECTOR: Savannah Rodriguez

WINDS & PERCUSSION DIRECTOR: Kaylee Swenson

WINDS DIRECTOR: Casey Salinas

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

1,100

BAND MEMBERS:

165



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CLASS AAAA—PARADE

"A HERO'S DESTINY"

PARADE MUSIC ARRANGERS: Dr. Ward Miller, Winds

Matt Tims, Percussion

A HERO'S DESTINY tells the classic story of Hero vs. Villain.

The performance features "Holding Out for a Hero" by Bonnie Tyler, music from the movie "Gladiator" written by Hans Zimmer, and "Zero to Hero" by Alan Menken. Follow along as the battle plays out on the street in front of you!

Who will lose? WHO WILL WIN?

DRUM MAJORS: Raegan Phelps

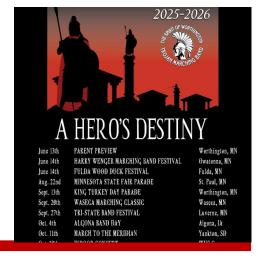
Cristina Mireles Anna Gordon

Giovanni Guizar Cardenas

SOLOISTS:

Ayana Leovan, *Flute* Gerret Larson, *Snare*





AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The "Spirit of Worthington" Trojan Marching Band has won numerous Grand Champion, Best in Class and People's Choice awards across Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. They have also made numerous national appearances at events like the McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Parade, The Holiday Bowl, The Sugar Bowl, The Outback Bowl and many others.

2025 TRI-STATE JUDGING ASSOCIATION

Tri-State Judging Association is proud to have served marching band parades, field shows and festivals around the Midwest for over 30 years. We purchased the Association from Lane and Jessie Powell in 2024 and are honored to continue their tradition of excellence.

Tri-State utilizes the services of experienced music educators who are skilled in the marching arts, have the ability to effectively communicate with students and directors and who have a passion for continually improving the activity. We thank you for once again allowing us to be an integral part of this wonderful event!



Barry and Kim Peterson

Owners & Managers



2025 TSBF JUDGING TEAM

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ANDY SCHMIDT
GREG ORWOLL
TAMARA SCHMIDT
MATT FERRY

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MUSIC PERFORMANCE
MUSIC GENERAL EFFECT
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2025 JUDGE: BARRY PETERSON MUSIC PERFORMANCE





SERVING AS 2025 TSBF HEAD JUDGE Barry Peterson retired in 2021 after 33 years of teaching. He started his teaching career in 1988 in Sartell, Minnesota. In 1990, he relocated to District 196 where he would teach instrumental music until 2021. During this span he taught at Dakota Hills Middle School, Black Hawk Middle School, Falcon Ridge Middle School, Eagan High School and Eastview High School.

He continues to be active as a clinician, performer, adjudicator, and as a composer/arranger in the field of marching and concert percussion. He has written for, and instructed many top percussion groups in the upper Midwest.

He was the director/founder of the Eagan High School Winter Percussion Ensemble that competed in the Minnesota Percussion Association (MPA) circuit, as well as Winter Guard International (WGI). Between 1993 and 2006, Eagan earned 13 MPA Percussion State Championships, was a three time WGI Midwest Regional World Class Champion, and earned WGI World Class finalist status in 2002 and 2003 at the WGI World Championships.

His middle school percussion ensembles from Dakota Hills, Black Hawk, and Falcon Ridge have represented district 196 as performers at Minnesota Music Educators mid-winter clinics.

He also served as the percussion caption head for Minnesota Brass Incorporated Drum and Bugle Corps. He is a co-founder of the Minnesota Percussion Association, and in 2003 was inducted into the MPA Hall of fame. In 2023, he was inducted into the Youth in Music Hall of Fame. Barry continues to be an active adjudicator for Tri State Judges Association, WSMA, MACBDA, ADOBA, MPA and a freelance adjudicator. He is an educator endorsee with Innovative Percussion. He is a member of MENC, MBDA, and the Percussive Arts Society.

2025 JUDGE: PAUL BRIZZI MUSIC GENERAL EFFECT





Paul Brizzi completed both his BA and MA at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

He taught in lowa high schools for thirty-five years serving high schools in Newton, Oskaloosa and Ankeny.

He was interim Symphonic Band and Marching Band Director at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls in 2006-07.

He also taught on the band staff at lowa State University as well as supervising lowa State music student teachers. He is presently teaching instrumental education classes at Drake University.

Mr. Brizzi is past-president of the lowa Bandmasters Association and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Band Association.

His many honors include:

- Distinguished Service Award for active as well as retired teachers by the lowa Bandmaster Association
- Silver Baton Award from the Kappa Kappa Psi National Band Fraternity
- Recipient of the Legion of Honor Award from the Sousa Foundation

2025 JUDGE: ANDY SCHMIDT VISUAL PERFORMANCE





Andy Schmidt is the Director of Sales & Operations for GrandTours Inc., a music performance travel provider based in St. Paul, MN. Prior to his position with GrandTours, Andy spent 21 years as the 7th and 8th grade band director at Highview Middle School in the Mounds View school district in New Brighton, MN.

In addition to his classroom responsibilities Andy worked as an instructional coach at Highview, summer band coordinator for the school district and the District Music Coordinator. Under Andy's leadership, the Highview 8th Grade Band was invited to perform at the Minnesota Music Educators Association's Midwinter Clinic in 2011 and the Mounds View Public Schools were selected by NAMM as a Best Community for Music Education for seven consecutive years.

Andy holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of St. Thomas. After marching with the Madison Scouts Drum & Bugle Corps from 1992 to 1995, Andy has continued to be actively involved in the marching arts community in Minnesota and in the upper Midwest. He has served as a designer. instructor, consultant or guest clinician for several award-winning marching bands. drum corps. winter colorguards and drumlines throughout the region. Andy is an active adjudicator for field shows, parades, winter colorguard and winter drumline competitions across the country.

He is a member of the Tri-State Judges Association, North Star Judges Guild and Minnesota Percussion Association. Andy and his wife Megan live in Shoreview, MN with their two children, Jacob and Haley.

2025 JUDGE: GREG ORWOLL VISUAL GENERAL EFFECT





Orwoll retired in 2013 from a successful 32-year career as executive director of Colts Drum and Bugle Corps. During his tenure, the Colts consistently ranked in the top 15 worldwide, including top-12 Drum Corps International Finalist seven times. The organization grew from two to five programs and from 120 to over 300 participants in grade 3 through age 21. Orwoll was inducted into the Drum Corps International (DCI) Hall of Fame in 2008. He was named the Drum Corps Midwest Director of the Year in 1993 and 2003, and the DCI Central Director of the Year in 2005. He was elected chair of Drum Corps Midwest for 11 consecutive years and chair of the DCI Central Division for 3 and served twenty-two years on the DCI Board of Directors and 14 on the DCI finance committee, including 2 as chair. more. He has served as a clinician, adjudicator, consultant, and visual designer for marching bands and drum corps for over 40 years and was visual staff for the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band in San Antonio in 2011. He has judged marching band contests in seventeen states: Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. Highlights include: Michigan State Championships, USSBA Regional Finals in Giants Stadium, Arizona State University Sun Devil Invitational, University of Kansas Championships, University of Missouri Invitational, Indiana State District Championships, Kentucky State Championships, Arizona State High School State Finals and New Mexico State Championships.

2025 JUDGE: TAMARA SCHMIDT COLORGUARD





Tamara Schmidt, formally Skroch, is originally from Rice, MN and attended Sauk Rapids High School. She graduated from St Cloud State University in 2004 with degrees in Operations Management, Marketing, and Human Relations. She currently works with her family at their company, Complete Grain Systems as the office manager.

Tamara marched in the 2001 and 2003 Boston Crusaders Drum Corps where she specialized as a rifle performer. She also participated in 1999 Minnesota Brass Drum Corps and Heritage Winter Guard in 2001, as well as her high school marching band and winter guard program early on.

Tamara has taught several teams, most notably, West Broward High School in Florida starting in 2010. Each year there, the top team was promoted by WGI into the next highest classification. West Broward was voted the Fan's Favorite several times and in 2013 earned the spot as the 4th place World Championship Team. In 2011, this team won the silver medal at World Championships as well. While there, she taught color guard in the classroom daily to this program of almost 100 guard students.

While living in MN, from 2000-2008, she directed and was paramount in building the St Cloud Eclipse Winter guard program which won numerous state championships and competed nationally as well. She was very active in consulting or choreographing other teams throughout the area. Most recently, Tamara was the director of Lux Independent as well as River City Rhythym's color guard, the Eastview Marching Band and co-director of Henry Sibley's color guard. She has also been elected to stand on the North Star Circuit board of directors for many vears since 2002.

In the fall of 2016, she retired from all coaching commitments as she had her first child. She added her second to her family in 2018. Her husband, Ryan is also from the activity so her children as sure to find themselves connected in some manner over the years.

Tamara feels the best part of involvement in this activity is the impact that is made on the youth. She believes this activity is not just about flags, drums, band or winning, but rather life lessons that can be taught through hard work, dedication, accountability, and teamwork. She holds herself to a high standard of driving success through a positive work environment filled with information and learning.

2025 JUDGE: MATT FERRY PERCUSSION



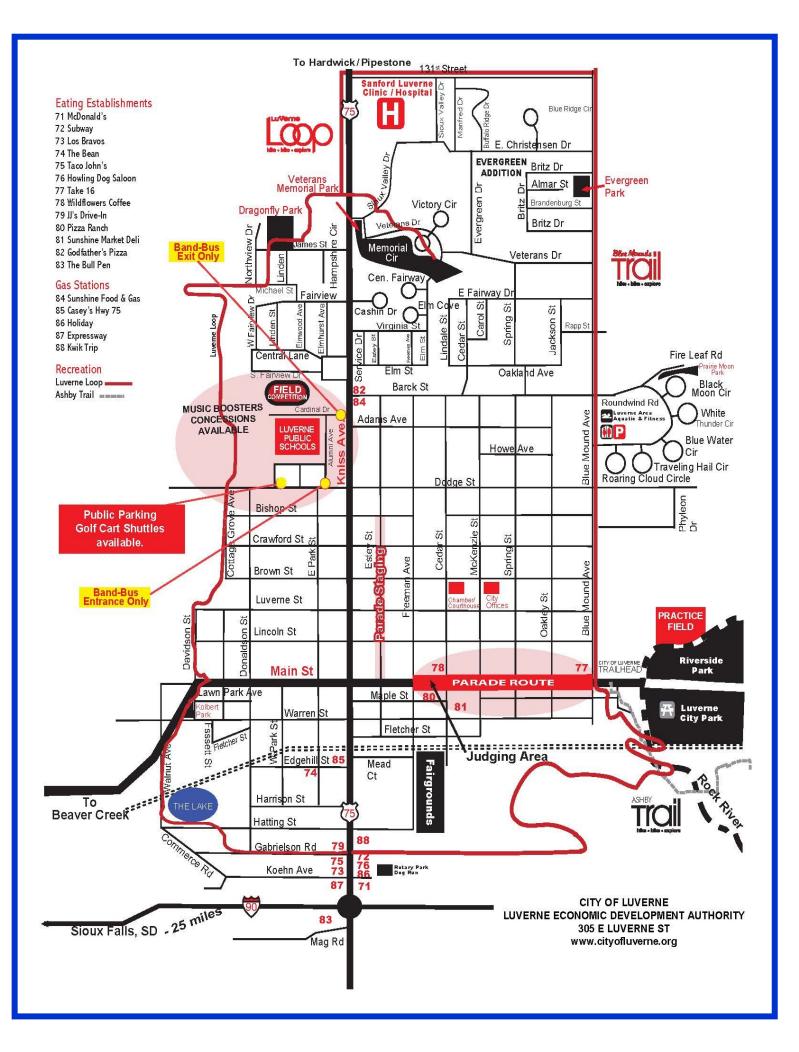


Matt music Ferry is a technologist. educator and nonprofit leader from Anoka, After completing a BA in Music Education at the University of Minnesota, Matt went to work for MakeMusic, Inc. where he assisted with the implementation of Finale and SmartMusic in hundreds of U.S. based and international systems. In addition to his work in music technology, Matt has been a sought-after educator, percussion arranger. technology consultant for marching bands, drum corps, and indoor percussion for over 20 years.

Matt is currently the West Coast Education Manager for MusicFirst, where he helps institutions adopt comprehensive music technology tools with fidelity and professional growth.

Additionally, Matt serves as the Board President and Designer for Invictus World Color Guard from Austin, TX, and is the Co-Head Judge for the Minnesota Percussion Association.

Matt currently resides in Saint Paul, MN with his wife Angie, son Odin, daughter Freya, and beloved cat Tuck. Matt Ferry proudly endorses Innovative Percussion.



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