

The Happy Players

It all started with a 2013 Christmas gift and the “The Beer Barrel Polka” on a cell phone...(The Happy Players). This group of young energetic musicians started back when they were at Fremont Middle School (Fremont, NE). Jameson Brettmann, a euphonium player in the band, was excited to show his band director his accordion that he received for Christmas. They proceeded to play a little umpah pah and in walks the drummer, who was fascinated. He immediately downloaded it on his cell phone. Mr. Steager saw the potential and added a couple more players to round out the group. They took off in a hurry! Over the last five years they have enjoyed traveling around Nebraska performing at dances, anniversaries, weddings, care centers, restaurants, County fairs and have now had the privilege of making two trips to Ennis, Texas to perform at the National Polka Festival.

“The Happy Players” hope their band helps to promote a multigenerational love for Polka music.