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Eric Petska Biography:

Eric has been a part of the Pride of the Lake Marching Band since 2014. He is a great asset to the group as an Electronic Sound Enhancement Technician. His years of experience and knowledge in the music industry makes him invaluable to the band. Eric has a well-tuned ability to optimize the sound quality of the band beyond compare. Along with offering his sound expertise, he keeps the whole group laughing with his shenanigans.

Eric grew up in Wisconsin but has lived most of his life in Missouri. He gets a lot of his musical talent from his Grandpa Virgil, who had his own band and performed up until the age of 90.



In the 80's Eric was on the road touring the Midwest in two different popular hair bands, "Dame" and "Frodo". At one point he found himself in a recording studio sharing the space with an upcoming new band Bon Jovi. Eric has worked with several bands such as ZZ Top, Grateful Dead, David Bowie, Peter Frampton, Cheap Trick, Reo Speedwagon and the KC Philharmonic, just to name a few. He has several stories which he loves to tell, such as, lunch with Jerry Garcia, meeting Ringo Star, and too many others to list.

All three of his kids have participated in the Camdenton band program. His daughter Taylor graduated in 2017 and is pursuing a Music Education degree. His two boys Mason and Brody will graduate this year in 2019.

Eric currently lives in Linn Creek with his wife Christy and manages his greenhouse business, The Garden Party.

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