

**Fred A. Parfrey**  
**1999 Friend of Education**

Fred A. Parfrey (deceased) was a music teacher in the Beaver Dam schools from 1945 to 1979 and also was an enthusiastic leader of civic music programs. As the director of the Beaver Dam American Legion Band, he took the band on performance tours throughout the United States. Nominator Merlin Goss says, "Parfrey led his bands to many awards, and noted events, like Packer football game half-time shows, trips to Washington D.C., the 1982 World's Fair, and many more." Parfrey developed many music programs in Beaver Dam and he inspired students to become band directors, teachers, and community leaders; He established a tradition of excellence for Beaver Dam and its BDHS Marching Band. Parfrey was also a Boy Scout leader, a church leader, and a member and officer of the Lions Club. He and his wife Margaret were particularly supportive of the club's Eye Bank program. Foremost, Parfrey was known for inspiring his students' musicianship and for developing music programs. Goss, says, "When you say 'music' in the city of Beaver Dam; the name of Fred Parfrey will always come up."