

# Patches

## A musical sisterhood

The all-female band, Patches, was a regional hit for an 18-year span starting in 1977 and their unique stage shows and unmistakable harmony is still resonating with fans.

In October, Patches will be inducted into the Nebraska Country Music Hall of Fame and six of its members — Jeanie Anderson and Viv Lackas of Wausa, Neb., Eunice Palu and Laurie Larsen of Bloomfield, Neb., Marj O'Leske of Martin and Babs (Shirley) Wolfram (deceased) formerly of Plainview, Neb. — will be honored for their talent and dedication to live music.

Laurie, a founding member of the band said it all started in Lamaze class.

"Beth Greeno and I took Lamaze classes together and somehow it came up that we both played 12-string guitar," she said. "So we started getting together to play just waiting for our babies to come. One day Vivian walked by and we asked her to come sing with us."

"I had just moved to town and it

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Members of the band Patches that will be inducted into the Nebraska Country Music Hall of Fame in October 2012. The band was started in 1978 and had regional success until it disbanded in 1996.

**TOP, FROM LEFT:** Laurie Larsen, Eunice Palu, Viv Lackas and Jeanie Anderson.  
**FAR LEFT:** Babs (Shirley) Wolfram (deceased).  
**LEFT:** Marj O'Leske.



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