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The Song Remains The Same: Band Reuniting For This Weekend's Mount Marty Reunion

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"Me and some guys from school Had a band and we tried real hard Jimmy quit, Jody got married Shoulda known, we'd never get far Oh when I look back now That summer seemed to last forever And if I had the choice Yeah, I'd always want to be there Those were the best days of my life." "Summer of '69," Bryan Adams

Though the core of Shattered Silence first came together in 1991, their career as a band somewhat mirrors the Bryan Adams song that has been one of their regular numbers since they started playing together in Winner. But unlike the band in the 1985 hit, this band is coming back together for a special event: this year's Mount Marty College reunion.

The band, which includes two MMC alumni, will perform at Kozy's Bar west of Yankton tonight (Friday), then play for the MMC reunion on Saturday night. It will be one of the first times the band has played together in a decade.

STARTING OUT

The idea for Shattered Silence began in Winner in 1991 in typical high-school fashion, with a couple of friends with musical inclinations thinking it would "be cool" to start a band.

"Justin (Burtz) and I were driving around Winner," said Tom Buckmiller, one of the founding members of the group. "We both loved music, and we thought being in a band



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The band Shattered Silence is getting back together after a 10-year absence in order to play at this weekend's Mount Marty College reunion. Members of the band include (top left) drummer Justin Burtz, bassist Kevin Van Cleave, Shawn Cable on keyboard and vocals, (second row) vocalist Gerald Frantz and guitarist Tom Buckmiller. Van Cleave and Buckmiller both attended MMC in the early 1990s, and the band played in Yankton and the surrounding area until the early 2000s.

song "Rebel Son" by Survivor in the early 1980s: "Shatter the silence. Fill the night with your righteous defiance."

Burtz and Buckmiller began practicing together and began looking for a bass player. Unbeknownst to Burtz, another friend — Kevin Van Cleave — had bought a bass guitar and began practicing. When Van Cleave was ready, Buckmiller brought him over.

"Tom told Justin that he had a bassist coming over to play," Van Cleave said. "We were hanging out, waiting for this supposed bassist to show, and Tom said, 'Kevin, why don't you sit in while we're waiting." The trio played their first gig at a 4H

dance in Winner, opening for a DJ.







(Garth Brooks') 'Friends In Low Places,' and I think we played it three times. "We played one other gig that summer,

and it took off from there." None of the three were experienced

singers, and the trio went through several vocalists before calling on another Winner product, Gerald Frantz, who was two years ahead of them at Winner High School.

"The first summer after I was out (of school) they asked me to sing with them,"



When Burtz, Buckmiller and Van Cleave graduated from Winner in 1992, Burtz went to South Dakota State while Buckmiller and Van Cleave headed to MMC. Frantz was already at the University of South Dakota.

While at SDSU, Burtz met another musically-inclined individual who would end up joining the group, current KSFY meteorologist Shawn Cable.

"I'm the only non-Winner dude in the

would be cool." The name came from the lyrics of the "We knew something like 10 songs at that point," Van Cleave said. "One of them was

said Frantz. "It's not always easy to find a singer."



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The Bumble Bees will perform a patriotic show at the Riverside Park amphitheatre on Thursday, July 4, as part of Yankton's Independence Day festivities. Showtime is 8 p.m.

The Bumble Bees To Perform Patriotic Show At Riverside Park

The Bumble Bees Music Show will be entertaining at Yankton's Riverside Park Amphitheater on Thursday, July 4, for the city's annual Fourth of July celebration. The concert will start out with a patriotic tribute at 8 p.m., following with the band's assortment of tunes from 8:30-10 p.m.

Fourteen musicians from Nebraska and South Dakota communities will join in musical harmony to provide the audience with an enjoyable, vibrant "Branson-style show."

Based out of Tyndall, the band has put together a dynamic sound with so many different instruments and singers, including South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame's brilliant guitarist Dave Bergquist. Saxophones, guitars, drums, accordions, a trumpet, clarinet, tuba, and piano, along with the singers and MC, Sandra Harmon of Sioux Falls, make up this vibrant group.

Along with the band, a handful of special "little

ones" will bring a unique concert to the audience.

"It's a fantastic group of people, and we have so much fun up there (on stage)," said Gary Gibson, owner and drummer of the band. "The crowd loves our variety and has a great time dancing and singing along, and we are especially thrilled to have the opportunity to honor the veterans with our special patriotic tribute."

"We are all going to be thinking about the veterans on this patriotic day, past and present. We are looking forward to bringing a message of hope and peace to all of you through our music," said Kathy Koenig, vocalist from Tyndall.

"I look forward to our performances," said Kim Soukup, vocalist for the band from Wagner. "These band members are fantastic individuals and talented musi-

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