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# Marching Band wraps up remarkable season

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Another memorable season has come and gone for the Loveland High School Marching Band, full of remarkable achievements and performances. In their 2019 competition season, the band performed a show entitled "Rhapsody in New York" which featured modern music including "Rhapsody in Blue," "New York State of Mind" and "New York." Soloists for these pieces include **Ella Kiley (12)**, **Anna Hou (12)**, **Nathan Stewart, (12)**, **Christian Maurer (12)**, and **Jack Armstrong (12)**.

The band started their season in late July, with an intensive band camp to teach the basics of the marching arts. Since then, they have worked diligently on their program, sharing it with supporters in the community, Friday night football crowds, and finally, judges and fans at competitive marching band competitions. Loveland attended six competitions this season, placing in the top three at nearly everywhere they appeared. This is especially true for the drumline; "Drumline has won two best percussion awards and one overall best percussion. We are also on a streak to score straight ones in each percussion category," says **Jett Stevens (12)**. "This season was phenomenal for the marching band." The band even won grand champions and all

other applicable categories (Visual, general effect, music, percussion, and auxiliary) at Turpin High School in mid-October; they took seven first-place trophies home, something that hasn't happened in over four years. "We really took home seven



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LHSMB performs at The Bands of America Grand National Championships. The band placed 67th overall in the competition.

loaves of bread," says **Nate Harper (12)**. "It's an accomplishment to take pride in." Despite the accumulating trophies, perhaps the exceptional accomplishment this season was the great honor of being invited to the largest and most renowned high school marching band competition in the country: The Bands of America Grand National Championships.

Grand Nationals are held each year at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis and are considered a marquee event in the

marching arts community. There, the Loveland High School competed against over 100 other outstanding bands from across the nation, placing 67th overall and 19th in their AA class. "Since we just went for the experience I'm incredibly proud of how well we performed," says **Molly Alexander (12)**. "I couldn't think of a better way to end my senior season." At such a prominent competition as the Grand National Championships, it is about more than just placement; it's the season finale to Loveland's quintessential season, providing members with memories to last a lifetime. "This season meant so much to me," says **Kylie Bachmann (12)**. "I loved working with everyone in the band and throughout the season. I was so proud of all the work we accomplished together."

The theme of this season was "New York," which foreshadowed the thrilling conclusion of the 2019-2020 marching season: an actual trip to New York City. While there, they will be marching the beloved 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. This parade began in 1762 and it is one of the oldest in the country and is still cherished today, creating local and national appeal both to participate in and watch.

Thanks to the hard work and diligence of the marching band, this marching season is one that can go down in the books.

# November 2019 Election recap: School board looks to edit proposal after levy fails to pass

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After many months of debate between the residents of Loveland, the controversial Loveland Levy has failed in recent polling. The voting took place on November 5. This levy would determine whether the highly debated Loveland Levy would be rejected or passed. For months, Loveland has been torn between voting yes and voting no. The mentioned levy would involve \$165 million that would be going towards several new school buildings for Pre-K through 5th grade, improvements to the High School, many new facilities around the campuses, and most controversially, a tax increase of an estimated of 35% to account for the cost of construction.

All across Loveland on November 5 voters made their way to schools, churches, and other public buildings to voice their opinions on the levy and many other local government positions. Along with the levy, there were three seats on Loveland's City Council up for election. Current Mayor Kathy Bailey was re-elected, along with council member Kent Blair. This election welcomed a new face to the council with Andy Bateman replacing incumbent Angela Settell. The three will all begin a four-year term.

The issue of the levy was addressed on this ballot, and many were unsure of its ability to pass. The levy failed with 8,570 votes yes and 14,512 votes against the passing of the bill. Nearly 79% of voters voted against the levy and the significant tax increase.

Those against the levy argued that it was an unnecessary amount of money

to accomplish what is needed to be done around the school district. Many were also angry that the description of the bill did not include specific examples of what was being done and was instead fairly vague on certain issues.

In a letter sent to members of the Loveland School District, Dr. Amy Crouse, the Superintendent of the Loveland School District, had this to say. "A passed levy would have provided funds for the day to day operations of the school district, repairs, renovations, and upgrades to out of date facilities; and a new campus for students in Pre-K through fifth grade." She closed the letter with this final statement, "I am concerned about the implications of the failed vote. In particular, because the needs of our schools do not go away with failure, they worsen and become more critical." Dr. Crouse is among those hoping for a re-introduction of the issue on the March ballot.

Among those hopeful for the passing of the Loveland Levy were several members of the Loveland City School Board. The School board met the Thursday following the announcement of the results of the ballot. At this meeting, they hoped to edit and refine the proposed bill on the ballot and make it more favorable among voters in Loveland. The City of Loveland has announced that a new agreement must be made by December 12 for this new issue to be added to next year's ballot.

Loveland has had a history of passing levies in the district, will the town continue this trend in March or will Loveland continue to become further divided on the subject? Only time will tell.




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Mayor Kathy Bailey leads a city council meeting at city hall. Bailey has served on city council since 2015, and has been mayor since December 2017.




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On November 5, Loveland residents flocked to the polls to voice their opinions on the levy. 78.76% of voters voted against the levy.