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The World Famous City of Kamloops Rube Band

My name is Brandon Frederick. I am ten years old and I am in Grade four. My hobbies include Scouting, music, and learning to play the saxophone.

I chose to do my heritage fair project on the City of Kamloops Rube Band because of my love of music. I have seen the band perform many times because my father, Blaine Frederick, is a member.

I started gathering information on the Kamloops Rube Band by collecting their postcards. I borrowed three huge scrapbooks of the band, which dated back to their early beginnings. I interviewed my father, Blaine Frederick and Mr. Claude Richmond. Mr. Richmond is the only original member who is still alive.

I found out the Kamloops Rube Band was formed in 1949. A young Jaycee, Gordon (Ginger) Clow, put the marching band together for a Red Cross blood donor clinic. Ginger Clow did not play an instrument at that time but he kept the band together. Later Ginger played the trombone.

The word "Rube" means awkward and unsophisticated. This is why they wear zany costumes. Dressing crazy but playing quality music kept the band different from other bands. The band became a hit in the Kamloops area.

In 1967 the band received an invitation to perform at Expo in Montreal. This was the start of many major trips. The band has performed in many parades including 3 more World's fairs. Expo '70 in Osaka, Japan, Expo 74 in Spokane, Washington, and Expo 82 in Knoxville, Tenn. They traveled to Holland for the Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland. The band has also appeared in Mardi Gras in New Orleans. They traveled to Hawaii, Arizona, and Mazatlan.

The Kamloops Rube Band has now been around for 53 years. The band is serious on Remembrance Day ceremonies, but is still zany as when it first started in 1949, for the rest of their gigs. The band has roughly members who still represent Kamloops as musical

ambassadors. They can be seen at Music in The Park, The Santa Claus Parade, and many other functions and fundraisers.

As their motto goes: "Happy Days Are Here Again!"

