

Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Inductee



Leroy “Slivers” Dewanz

Inducted in 1997

LeRoy started his professional career in 1939 with the Eddie Wilfahrt Band when he was a senior in high school.

He received his first clarinet at age nine and had to practice an hour each day before his father would consider buying him a horn.

After joining the National Guard and serving in California and Alaska, he came back and joined the Schell’s Hobo Band. He also played with a number of other old tyme bands.

LeRoy has custom arranged music for many of the old tyme bands in the area. At one time or another he has jobbed with most area bands.

LeRoy, his wife Jeanne and Vern Schueller formed the combo “We Three” in 1970 at the Tropicana Supper Club of New Ulm, disbanded after a number of years and later developed the “Friendly Four” and the Hal Nelson Band of Mankato.

