

Henry Joseph Kulesa, was born 28 September 1926 Kent County, Michigan. Henry was a World War II Army veteran. He graduated from Western Michigan College, now Western Michigan University, and was the band director at Okemos High School in 1950-1951.



**1951 Okemos Tomahawk,
the 1950-1951 OHS Band**

Row 1: Beverly Bell, Diana McDonald, Janet Henderson, Jerry Snider, Susie Bosworth, Carl Ferrar, Clarence Prentice.
Row 2: Jon Krieder, LaVon Prentice, Jim Woodruff, Tom Murphy, Morris Holloway, Duane Bell, Margaret Black, Ed Weiss, Pat Conklin, Nancy Whitmyer, John Swanberg.
Row 3: Mr. Henry Kulesa, Louise Brauner, Gordon Piper, Harold Redman.
Not Pictured: Dan Line, Norman Murdock, Bob Brown, Clair Robinson, Fred Buehler, Jonnine McKinley, Phyllis McFarren, Mary Elg, Keith Palmerton.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Sunday 26 November 1950

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After a short stint in Okemos, Henry moved on to Delton High School, Delton, Barry County, Michigan as band director.

Battle Creek Enquirer (Battle Creek, Michigan) Thursday 17 December 1953

Delton - The Delton High School band, under the direction of Henry Kulesa, will present its third annual winter band concert in the high school gymnasium at 8 p.m. this evening.

His next career move was to Comstock High School, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.



HENRY KULESA
Western Michigan College B.M.
Band

Battle Creek Enquirer (Battle Creek, Michigan) Sunday 11 August 1963

The Comstock High School band, directed by H. J. Kulesa, is scheduled to participate in an annual "Tournament of Music" at Riverview Park, Chicago, on Wednesday, August 14.

As of 2018, Henry was honored at his birthday party by fellow retired Vicksburg High School Band Director, Jon Nichols, OHS class of 1969.