BHS Band Wins 15th Consecutive '1' In Contest

The Buna High School Band, under the direction on Anthony Michalsky, has won a first division rating for the 15th consecutive year in the UIL marching contest.

The BHS band competed Saturday in Lumberton against 12 AAA bands. Of the 12, only the Buna and Woodville bands received first division ratings.

The Buna High band opened its program with "Bravura March," performed "Theme from Patton," and closed with "Slavonic Folk Suite."

"They really did a good job," Michalsky

said. "I was real proud of them."

Michalsky said he was especially appreciative of the large crowd of Buna residents who traveled to Lumberton to watch the band's performance.

"There was a tremendous turnout," he said. "They really supported us well."

Michalsky said the judges were evaluating each band's sound as well as their marching performance, with perhaps the most emphasis placed on sound.

Judges for the contest were Pete

Rodriguez of Bryan High School, Paul Stroud of Pinetree High School in Longview and Jim Yancey of Longview High School.

Bands were evaluated on a 1 to 5 scale with 1 being the superior grade and 5 the

poorest.

The BHS band has now completed the first leg of the UIL sweepstakes award competition. To receive the sweepstakes award, a band must receive a first division rating in all three divisions of competition.

1976 JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL ALL-REGION BAND CONCERT

January 10, 1976 7:30 p.m.

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Robert Janecek
Region Chairman

Anthony Michalsky Region Secretary

Charles Smith Host **DIRECTORS**

James Simmons Lamar University

James Matthews University of Houston



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CONDUCTORS

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Dr. Fisher Tull Sam Houston State University



It's All About Pride

Buna Band Advances to Area Competition

By: Natasha Davis

On Saturday, October 5, the Buna High School and traveled to Little to ompete at the Region X Marching Band Contest.

Three judges are elected to rate each band, with a 5 being the lowest ating and a 1 being the best.

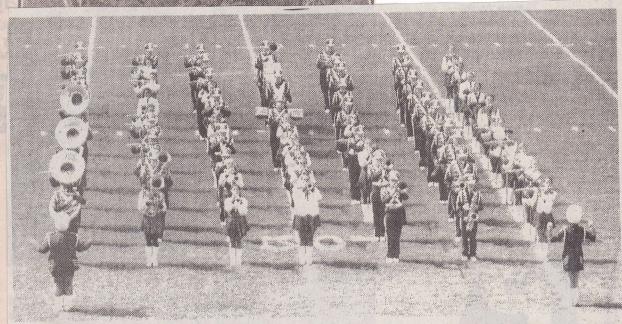
AAA bands from all over the region attend this ontest, and only the best of the best receive top marks. Buna's band proved to be one of the elite and received a lating from each judge.

The band's success did not come without work, lowever. This year's marching season proved to be one of the most stressful yet. Nearly all band members expressed their concern about the competition.

"If we hadn't dvanced this year, I would have felt that our senior year was unfulfilled," Drum Major Jennifer Westbrooks tated. "I am very relieved and mexuberant about our uccess!"

The band members do not have time to revel in their glory, however; on Saturday, October 23, they will travel Nacogdoches to participate the Area competition, heir hard work will ontinue throughout the week ensure a dynamic erformance.





IN FORMATION ON THE FIELD at Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School stadium last Saturday are members of Buna High School band, who for the seventh consecutive year, attained a I rating in the class 3A Region X UIL marching band competition. Anthony Michalsky, BHS band director, said the band has attained a I rating in marching competition in 27 of the 29 years he has been director.



Above is the Buna High School Band competing in marching contest at LCM High School.



The Michalsky Bands Alumni Association is sponsoring a SURPRISE Banquet to honor Anthony J. Michalsky and to celebrate his 75th birthday and his 50 years of dedication to the Buna community, the BISD music program and all of his BHS band students.

The Banquet will be at Buna First Baptist Church on November 16 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Michalsky will arrive at 7:00 o'clock, so PLEASE arrive early. Tickets can be purchased at the Buna Chamber office between at 9:00 a.m and 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also purchase tickets by emailing Patsy Caillier at pcaillier@bunaisd.net. Please let her know how many tickets you wish to purchase and whether you wish to pick up the tickets from her or at the banquet "will call" table. The price of the tickets is \$10.00 per person. Payment for tickets can be made when picked up from Patsy; however, if you plan to utilize the "will call" option, please mail your check to: Patsy Caillier, c/o Buna Elementary School, Post Office Box 1087, Buna, Texas 77612. You may contact Gayle Petty Moak at MBAA.Buna@gmail.com. Please purchase your tickets in advance. Tickets will be available at the door if seating is available.

The banquet will include guest speakers, music entertainment provided by alumni, stories and memories shared by BHS band alumni, and a wonderful buffet. If you are interested in participating in the entertainment, please contact us.

This banquet is an opportunity for THIRTY-ONE years of Michalsky musicians to reunite and PACK THE HOUSE!!! It will be a time to recall and share with Mr. Michalsky the difference he made in our lives. Please join us in the reunion of bands to honor the "The Leader of the Band" and his successful tenure at BHS.

Please pass this information along to other former Michalsky Band Students, except of course Mr. Michalsky!!!! He is delighted with the organization of the MBAA; however, for obvious reasons, he is not aware of the Surprise Banquet. Please avoid public FB reference to the Banquet. Mr. Michalsky is "friends" with many on Face book. You may choose to private message or email banquet information.

We encourage you to bring your pictures and memorabilia to the banquet to share.

Sincerely, Patsy Chapman Caillier Michalsky Bands Alumni Association Anthony Joseph Michalsky was born on October 17, 1938 in Fayetteville, Texas to Ignatz and Antonio Michalsky. Anthony was the fifth of eight children in the family. His siblings are Mary Lou, Delores, Rosemary, Adeline, Theresa, Gerald and Tommy.

When it came time to join band in Crosby where the family had moved, it was a natural for Anthony. You see, his father had played professionally in a band called the John Baca Orchestra so the youngster already had lots of exposure to music.

As a matter of fact his first instrument appears to have been a child's drum set which he sometimes played along with his father's band. His dad played trumpet and wanted his son to play it as well but the only trumpet available was beyond repair. The school owned a few instruments so this is how young Anthony came to play baritone throughout his musical career.

Upon graduating from Crosby High School in 1956 he went into the Army serving from 1956 to 1958. After finding out that the infantry wasn't for him he discovered that there was a small regimental band. He transferred. A friend of his auditioned for the 10th Division band which was a larger, much more talented group of musicians. As luck would have it he recommended Michalsky to the director. Soon he made the change and spent the remainder of his time in service playing in the 10th Division Band.

Like so many young men of that era, the next step was a college education. He enrolled at North Texas University as a music major. When asked why North Texas he said it was because everyone he talked to while in the Army band said North Texas was THE place to go for music. As a senior at North Texas he worked part time at a local high school gaining experience as a music instructor.

After school he knew he would get a job somewhere. How he ended up in Buna is an interesting story in itself. He was working in a grocery store when Bank President Arnold Garbs took his resume to the Buna Superintendent, Mr. Cummings, and told him how great this Anthony Michalsky was and you need to hire him. As it turns out Mr. Garbs' aunt taught Mr. Cummings in school and still had considerable influence. In 1963, Anthony Michalsky began his career in Buna with 17 kids in high school. Adding 7th and 8th grade made the grand total of his inaugural year a whopping 38 students. It was a beginning.

Mr. Michalsky has led his bands during two different eras, 1963 - 1985 and 1998 - 2007. During this 31 year tenure his bands won twenty-two sweepstakes awards with 13 of those being in a row. In addition to that, in twenty-nine of thirty-one years his marching bands were awarded first division ratings at contest. These records are quite an accomplishment and earned Mr. Michalsky a reputation as an outstanding director who is still sought after as a clinician and judge.

Almost a dozen of his students qualified for a coveted spot in the Texas All State Band over the years. More than half a dozen have gone on to be band directors themselves. In addition to that, many have pursued other areas of music post high school; teaching, playing professionally, playing in community orchestras and bands.

Since retirement Mr. Michalsky has not been content to rest on his laurels. He has been a busy man in Buna being involved with The Water Board, the Chamber of Commerce, served as Treasurer of the Buna Lion's Club, the School Board and the Veterans Memorial Committee.

In addition, he was named Citizen of the year in 1992 and honored with his own Day at a dinner attended not only by community leaders and friends but many former students. Mr. Michalsky is married to the lovely Rebecca. Together they raised three children; Tina, Jenny and Bryan and are now enjoying several grandchildren.

When asked his favorite part of teaching, Mr. Michalsky said unequivocally that it was the students. He loved "his kids" and always wanted them to be their best. His former students will attest that his influence has lived on in their lives. He has that indefinable, unteachable quality of leadership and motivation which inspired his students to strive for more. We knew he cared for us and wanted us to succeed as people. As adults we have carried the principles of his teaching with us as a natural part of our lives. We thank you, Anthony Michalsky, for the time and love you shared with us. May you have many more years to share the fruits of your labor.

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Michalsky recognized as 'Buna legacy'

Anthony Michalsky, this was your Day!

Lauded as a legacy in Buna, educator, community leader and devoted church member Anthony Michalsky was toasted and roasted Saturday night by a crowd of admirers at a dinner held in his honor.

Over 200 persons were on hand to

honor the longtime Buna resident, some citing memories of the past, poking fun and giving thanks for the influence Michalsky has had on their lives.

After a welcome from Lori Mixson, former president of Buna Chamber of Commerce, introductory remarks from Dr. Steve Hyden, emcee for the event, and a dinner served by present Buna High band members, Michalsky became the center of attention. Andy Whitehead, Chamber president, had a previous commitment preventing him from attending.

Led by Don Stanley, president of the Buna Independent School District board of trustees, an entourage of speakers heaped praise on Michalsky and joked about past experiences.

Stanley noted how hundreds, even thousands, of kids will carry values learned from Michalsky for the rest of their lives. "He is worthy to have a day named after him," Stanley stated.

Next was John Burt, assistant

BISD superintendent, who commented about Michalsky's continued tradition of excellence, "a tradition you have created."

Burt continued, "Thank you for your spirit of excellence and service to the community." In jest, Burt also remarked how Michalsky gave the wrong phone number on his original application for employment with BISD back in 1962.

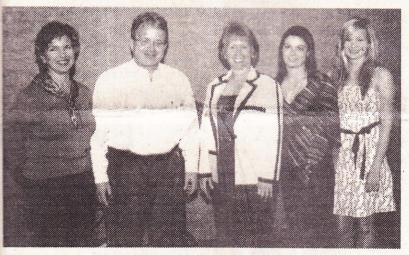
Serving for 19 years as Michalsky's assistant principal at Buna Elementary, Michelle Hughes said, "When Jenny (Michalsky's daughter) grabbed my hand, I knew I was hired."

While Hughes served as

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AT THE HEAD TABLE SATURDAY NIGHT was honoree Anthony Michalsky and his immediate family. From his left, are wife Rebecca, daughter Jenny and son Bryan.



ATTENDING THE ANTHONY MICHALSKY DAY dinner last Saturday in Buna were some of his All-State band members. From left, they are Karin (Baker) Williams, Ken Austin, Peggy (Williams) Rainwater, Courtney Tomlin and Cassie Hargrove.

Michalsky Day in Buna

Michalsky's assistant, she was sometimes asked by students if she were his girlfriend. She answered, "No, I wouldn't be working this hard."

On the sober side, Hughes mentioned how Michalsky is a serious, dedicated and compassionate man, and a family man proud of his kids.

Hughes likened Michalsky to a coach as he instilled patience and confidence in her. "He's a legend everywhere."

Between speakers, emcee Hyden added some of his own remarks, relating how Michalsky "almost always had his mind on band."

But Hyden recalled some "intense moments" while Michalsky was once behind the wheel of a Buna school bus when the bus rolled into an intersection as Michalsky was unaware the vehicle had anti-lock brakes.

"I'm sure he didn't have his mind on band then," Hyden quipped.

Also, Hyden noted how when he as BISD superintendent had no replacement to fill the high school band director job, Michalsky stepped forward and for many years successfully wore two hats-band director and elementary principal.

"This guy is focused. He's one of the best to achieve something," Hyden added.

Kathy Gish, now counselor at Buna Elementary and who served under Michalsky until he retired at the end of last school year, recalled she was a BHS sophomore and band member when Michalsky came to Buna.

Gish said he has not changed much, but has "mellowed over the years." She continued, "When he complimented me, he really meant it."

Gish mentioned how Michalsky has only visited the elementary campus once since his retirement. "He's loving what he's doing," she added, referring to his job as BHS band director.

Praising Michalsky for his long tenure as a member of Buna Lions Club, fellow Lion Noah Boyette said Michalsky was an "excellent example of the Lions motto 'We serve.'" He also mentioned he valued his 25-year friendship with Michalsky.

As Kay Simmons, former student and fellow teacher of Michalsky, came to the microphone, the audience knew they were in for a treat.

Simmons mixed plaudits with parodies in describing Michalsky's longtime career with BISD. She said she met Michalsky in 1962 when he first came to Buna as a teacher of freshman English.

As his student, Simmons said, "He knew a lot about music, but he knew nothing about English."

However, she wanted to add the word "quality" to Michalsky's description, and mentioned that today's Michalsky "is not the Anthony Michalsky we knew."

Referring to the BHS band always winning a I rating in their marching competition at Little Cypress-Mauriceville, Simmons remarked, "If they ever got a II (rating), he was going to march them back from Little Cypress."

Simmons went on to say, "He created a love of music in Buna. Weren't we lucky in 1962?"

Vince McClelland and Nicole Bauer, representing Michalsky's church, St. Francis Catholic Church in Buna, commented about their relationship through the church and BHS band with Michalsky.

Bauer noted how Michalsky is known as Papa Smerf by band students. When McClelland got his turn, he unwrapped an "electric" paddle and plugged it in to "warm up."

Complimenting Michalsky, McClelland stated, "I have two heroes in my life--my father and Mr. Michalsky."

Then it came time for Michalsky's daughter and son to reveal their memories as children of the honoree.

Jenny Michalsky said of her father, "I always knew I was Daddy's little girl." She mentioned how she, as a youngster, would emulate her dad by wanting to direct the band.

And then, "He became principal of MY elementary school," noted Jenny.

Another experience by Jenny further emphasized her dad's love for her when she accidentally fell from the bleachers at a football game on Halloween night at Warren.

"I remember how Dad was scared I was injured," said Jenny, who escaped the incident unscathed

Son Bryan Michalsky noted when he was growing up how his father would "always take the teacher's or principal's side."

Bryan recalled his first corporal punishment was in first grade, and that "one time he (father) did defend me, but it was wrong."

Also, Bryan mentioned how his dad had difficulty meeting family obligations, especially at the time of his children's births.

All in all, though, Bryan concluded he "could not have asked for better parents. They're a perfect balance of courage, support and discipline--I love you, Dad and Mom."

Other comments came from Patsy Caillier, now an assistant to Michalsky in band, but a former band

Jue Boo Golden (DEM)

AN EVADALE PRE-KINDERGARTNER has a chance to pet Elsie th Borden cow while the bovine was on display at Evadale Elementar Monday morning.

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student of his.

"We had to come to band even when we were sick. We were scared of Mr. Michalsky. It's different now, he's such a friend to them (band students)."

Another former band student and an All-State band member Peggy (Williams) Rainwater led the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Michalsky, who celebrated his 66th birthday Sunday, October 17.

"You required us to give 100% and then you asked us to give more," said Rainwater. "You led us by example."

Rainwater, who was All-State in 1972 and 1973, said of Michalsky, "I think he gave me the courage to go

the National Band Association; and

after the things I wanted."

Other All-State band members at the dinner included Ken Austin, Mehgan Pedigo, Courtney Tomlin, Cassie Hargrove and Karin (Baker) Williams.

Tomlin added about her BHS band director, "He had a lot to do with my wanting to teach flute." Tomlin is attending Lamar University majoring in music education.

Hargrove remarked, "He made me work hard and inspired me to be a musician. He instilled a work ethic in me." Hargrove is also majoring in music at Lamar.

A special guest at the gala was Steve Moore, a former Michalsky band student who has gone on to professional fame in Nashville, TN.

Moore, presently manager for Dolly Parton and other professional musicians, offered these comments

about Michalsky, "He was able to see something in me that I couldn't see in myself. He's inspired a legacy."

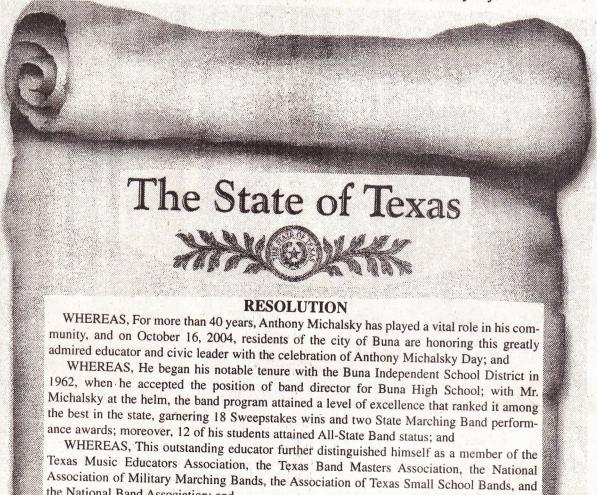
Moore continued, "Everyone should have an Anthony Michalsky as his band director."

Another ex-band student, Pam (Morris) Goza, put her thoughts to music as she "waxed nostalgic" with "Thanks for the Memory."

Then it was time for Michalsky to respond to the audience. "In 1979 and 1980 there were 159 band members. Everybody was in band.

"I get emotional. Music people get emotional. I never did anything I didn't want to do. Being band director has always been my love.

"Buna's been a good place to call home. Who would have ever dreamed there would be an Anthony Michalsky Day?"



WHEREAS, After more than two decades of teaching, Mr. Michalsky became the principal of Buna Elementary School in 1985, and under his able leadership, the school has been honored by the Texas Education Agency as an Exemplary Campus for five years, a Recognized Campus for three years, and a Significant Gains Campus for one year; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life this civic-minded gentleman has also demonstrated an

biding commitment to public service and has served his fellow citizens with integrity

1202 ½ West 16th Street Houston, Texas 77008

Mr. Ben Gollehon, Chairman
Hall of Fame Committee
Alpha Chapter/Phi Beta Mu Honorary Bandmasters Fraternity

Dear Mr. Gollehon:

To say, Mr. Michalsky saved my life is no understatement. I was a troubled young person with no clue how to get my life on track. If it hadn't been for the Michalsky band program which taught us purpose, teamwork and pride in working hard for a common goal, I would probably have dropped out of school.

Band was the only class I never skipped and working long hours in rehearsal or marching in the Texas heat, was a labor of love.

On a personal level, Mr. Michalsky often spoke with me about my behavior problems in other classes and I always felt respected and that he cared. I would go to band class, but sometimes leave after and not come back until marching practice. He caught me one day and turned me in. My immature mind couldn't understand why, because I was dedicated to his class. Needless to say, I later realized the importance of that lesson.

I graduated near the bottom of my class, but because of the wonderful music instruction Mr. Michalsky brought to us, I was able to get full scholarships for undergraduate and graduate programs. I became a serious student and graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from Texas Tech University, then with a Master of Music degree from The Shepherd School of Music at Rice University. Following graduation, I spent six years as an alternate with The Houston Symphony. No one in Buna ever thought that would happen, but those early years of inspiration from Mr. Michalsky set me on a path to success. I taught at Houston Community College for 20 years and now perform music professionally, full time.

For years, friends from my graduating band class have kept in touch and talked about how very much we want to honor our wonderful director for not only teaching us music, but teaching us precious life lessons. Our class was his first beginner class and we feel a special connection with him. We feel so fortunate to have been Mr. Michalsky's students and hope somehow, our words will convey the deep impact he had on all of our lives.

Please consider our nomination for his well-deserved place in the Hall of Fame.

Best regards,

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In tribute to Anthony Michalsky

I would like to express my deepest apologies for being unable to be with you. However, I would like to share a few thoughts regarding the man being honored tonight.

Recently, while attending the UIL State Marching Championships in San Antonio I watched the performance of a military marching band from East Texas. As one of three military bands to make the final round, it became a topic of conversation among others in observance. I listened with great interest as several aficionados remarked about the great success of bands led by Anthony Michalsky at Buna High School. I was very proud to hear these comments. It was even more ironic that the aforementioned band wore blue and white uniforms.

This event sent me back to the great years spent at BHS. Of course then, it was never Anthony Michalsky, it was always Mr. Michalsky and remains so today. All because of the reverence we had and continue to have toward him. He was an icon then and remains so today. His remarkable success began in the mid 1960's. His bands were sweepstakes winners for more than 20 consecutive years. However, to me his aura rests more than in the trophies his bands brought home. It resides appropriately in the lives he has impacted through his years in education.

All of us were forced to make choices regarding our interests in extracurricular activities. Some wisely chose the fine arts route, others gravitated towards athletics while the remainder perhaps chose neither. It is one of the regrets of my life that I chose only the athletic route. In doing so I missed many opportunities afforded to those who chose music and the day-to-day supervision of Mr. Michalsky.

I missed being a BHS Band Alumni. I cherish the friendship I had with so many of you. The relationships you had with each other were cultivated and forged through the rigorous and detailed work that you did as band members. The culture and teamwork that was developed through his intricate attention to detail surely remain with those who were under his direction.

In our youth we didn't often appreciate the instruction and direction we received. But, as we look back each of us can see the benefits of the guidance and direction that we needed. Mr. Michalsky produced musicians who became better than they even dreamed they could become. More importantly he created champions for life.

Far beyond the scope of high school and marching contests and games, life throws its' curves at each of us. We benefit from the experiences of our youth especially when we have leaders like Mr. Michalsky who expected the best from all of us.

I truly believe that his leadership impacted many more than just those in his bands. His stature in the school and in the community is readily apparent. The value of his leadership is borne out and evidenced in the many successful people assembled in this room tonight.

Anthony Michalsky is a true Texas treasure. I have had the good fortune to observe hundreds of thousands of coaches and directors during my tenure at UIL. I can attest that I have seen none better or more successful than Mr. Michalsky. He could have been successful in any field he chose. We should be thankful that he blessed us with his presence in Buna for all of these years.

So, on behalf of the 1,443 high schools and over 3,000 middle schools I pay tribute to one of the finest bandmasters in our state and in the nation. He is to be congratulated for the work that he did, the success that he achieved and for the character that represents. Congratulations Mr. Michalsky and best wishes!

Dr. Charles Breithaupt
Executive Director
University Interscholastic League
Associate Vice President
University of Texas @ Austin





Buna Lions Club

P.O. Box 1122 Buna, Texas 77612

For more than 30 years, Anthony Michalsky has been an active member of the Buna Lions Club. Through the years he has served numerous officer positions and is currently the chapter's treasurer. The Buna chapter has held many fundraisers that Mr. Michalsky has helped organize and/or work. As a Lion, he has recruited many members to join the club, including my father. He has worked tirelessly to keep our finances in order and oversees the Lions Clubs distributions of money raised to the various organizations our local club makes annual donations to. The Buna Lions Club presents an annual scholarship to deserving senior which he handles all of the bookkeeping and records.

Mr. Michalsky has represented the Lions Club International as he promotes the purposes of the organization. He takes an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community. Also he encourages service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward. He encourages efficiency and promotes high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors, as well as promotes the principles of good government and good citizenship.

As a Lions member myself, I have worked along side Mr. Michalsky and have learned many important attributes of what it takes to be a good citizen in your community. He is definitely a hard worker and very deserving of this award. Numerous community members would also agree that Anthony Michalsky has left a lasting impression on numerous people in Buna, through music, service and his dedication to his profession.

Sincerely,

Sarah Breaux

Buna Lions Club Member



PARISHIONERS ADOLPH TOMAS and Cotton Whittaker look on as Anthony Michalsky presents a memory book to Pat Whittaker at a luncheon honoring her at St. Francis.

Pianist honored for providing years of glorious church music

By Juliee Beaver Beacon Reporter

Parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church honored Pat Whittaker with a luncheon following the morning mass on Dec. 6.

Despite not being of the Catholic religion, Whittaker has been the church's pianist for nearly 20 years.

"I've been here for so long," explained Whittaker, "neither Anthony nor I remember how many years it has been."

Referring to Anthony Michalsky, the church's music director, the duo have rehearsed almost every Saturday to review the music selection.

Churchgoers have been planning the celebration for several weeks. A memory book was

compiled with each family writing a tribute to Whittaker and her music.

"When you sing, you pray twice," Fr. Delphyn Meeks, priest of the local church, quoted St. Augustine, "and Pat has helped us double our prayers."

Gifts and a plaque were also presented to Whittaker who is retiring from the church's music program due to health reasons.

"I will miss everyone very much," she added. "I've been coming here for so long, I sometimes forget that I'm not Catholic."

Although parishioners will miss her musical contributions, Whittaker and her husband, Cotton, will continue worshiping at the nearby First United Methodist Church.

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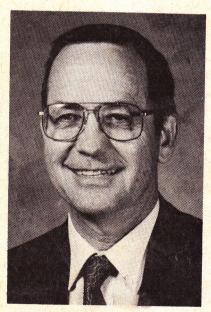
Michalsky named Citizen of the Year

Anthony Michalsky has been selected as Buna's citizen of the year for 1996. He and his wife Becky have one daughter, Jenny, who is in the tenth grade and one son, Bryan, who recently made Anthony and Becky the proudgrandparents of twin grand-daughters.

Anthony has been part of the Buna school system since 1963 when he came here as high school band director. Between 1968 - 1985, Michalsky's bands earned 14 sweepstakes awards and in 1984 went to the State Marching Contest. He has been elementary principal since 1985 where he has won numerous awards, including TESPAN of the year in 1995.

Anthony has been quite involved in community activities for years. He has served as Chamber of Commerce President, Lions Club President, Vice President of the Buna Water Board and past president of District V Elementary Principal/Supervisor Assn.

He is also active at St. Francis Catholic Church where he serves as music director and is a church repre-



Anthony Michalsky

sentative to the Helping Place.

Michalsky should be congratulated for the dedication given to his job and for the pride and voluntary efforts he extends to the Buna community.

Michalsky will receive a plaque at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday, March 23. June 27, 2013

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Anthony Michalsky being inducted into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame. I have known Mr. Michalsky for over 15 years in which time he has been an invaluable influence in my life.

I was a member of Mr. Michalsky's band program from 1998-2003. During that time, he firstly helped encourage me musically. He was able to see in me, as he has in so many others, musical potential, and he did everything in his power to encourage me and give me the tools I needed to be successful. For example, Mr. Michalsky spent countless after school hours teaching me and others private lessons, made sure I had an adequate instrument for auditions, sought out special private teachers specific to my instrument, and made college phone calls to ensure for me a beneficial college musical experience. With his help, I became an all state musician, received music scholarships, and eventually majored in music education. I feel certain that without the help of Mr. Michalsky, my musical career would have been very different and not near as fulfilling as it has been.

As a college music major, I was privileged to have Mr. Michalsky serve as my student teaching mentor. For 3 months, I spent each school day with him working with music students. From him, I learned many valuable teaching methods that I was able to use when I took my first band directing job. Mr. Michalsky not only demonstrated a deep love for music, but a love for the students as well. I experienced first hand his commitment to helping students in and out of the classroom obtain success. When I worked as a band director (2007-2011, Kirbyville CISD), my eyes were fully opened to just how much dedication, hard work, and passion Mr. Michalsky had poured into maintaining a 1st division band program and establishing a tradition of pride and excellence in our town.

To sit under the direction of Mr. Michalsky was to learn so many important things about life, including a love for music, passion for success, a desire to achieve ones personal best, and deep commitment to what you love and believe in. In our community, Mr. Michalsky's name is synonymous with all of these things, and he is looked up to and revered. I am personally so incredibly thankful and better off for knowing and studying under him. Mr. Michalsky, I have no doubt, is the embodiment of what a member of the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame should be, and I believe he is more than worthy of the title. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Courtney Gallagher

Gayle P. Moak

From: Sent:

Caillier, Patsy [pcaillier@bunaisd.net] Monday, November 25, 2013 10:54 AM

To: Subject: gmoak@hss-law.net FW: Letter for Mr. Michalsky

From: Caillier, Patsy

Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2013 1:35 PM

To: kgg9592@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: Letter for Mr. Michalsky

From: Cody Cunningham [ccunningham@hdisd.net]

Sent: Friday, November 15, 2013 10:38 PM

To: Caillier, Patsy

Subject: Letter for Mr. Michalsky

First and foremost, let me apologize for my absence. As a public educator myself, I tend to have duties that call; even on the weekend. Now, where do I begin? Possibly, in elementary? The alleged electric paddle that sat idly behind Mr. Michalsky's desk? The quiet, yet strict, principal whom we all feared as young students. Could this be the same man who dressed up as a cheerleader and cheered to the fight song after we aced our TAAS test? The man who shaved his head for the same results the following year? These are the stories of my childhood, but there are other stories to be told. The stories I remember, come from a long line of siblings and cousins who had to endure Mr. Michalsky as their band director. I believe the majority of our fear of Mr. Michalsky was based off of what we knew from our parents. Not because he was our principal, but because of what we knew our parents had gone through. As a child, it is hard to understand the concept of building character, instilling pride, teaching leadership, and responsibility. We just saw this as being mean. In 6th grade, my mother made me join band; despite what she says. She knew me better than I knew myself and saw something In me that I never did. She also wanted me to experience something she enjoyed while she was in school. As we entered our 8th grade year, we learned that Mr. Michalsky would be making his return to the band program at Buna ISD. I believe this sent shockwaves throughout the 8th graders in band. We were now about to experience the wrath our parents suffered many years ago. Do we stay in a band? Will it be enjoyable? Is he here to stay or is he just filling in? We would soon find out that he was here to stay, band was more than enjoyable, and this mean army veteran seemed to have softened up over the years. Now, don't get me wrong. The first day of summer band, our freshman year, was intimidating. It was the fear of the unknown. Learning to march. Playing harder music than what we had seen in our 3 short years of middle school band. It was a whole new experience. A very good one, I might add. I remember the marches we played, and I still have my favorites. Hootenanny was always a hit and something that was expected at every spring concert. Mr. Michalsky was able to bring out our musical capabilities to their fullest extent. We experienced the highs of state marching contest, region contests, solo and ensemble. We also experienced the lows of his small, but effective, angry fits. As the weeks grew closer to marching contest, the higher his expectations would become. I can recount once, every year I was in high school, when I would hear "June, you take them. I'm not putting up with this non-sense!" After he said that, we would see him walk away, madder than a wet hornet. Mrs. Hayden would shrug and we would finally get our act together. Under Mr. Michalsky, my love of music grew; exponentially. I knew I would continue to play in college, but never would I have imagined that I would be following his footsteps and teaching band, myself. A decision that I will forever be grateful for.

To Mr. Michalsky,

Over the course of my short musical career, there has not been a single time that I have stepped onto my podium and not thought of you. The impact that you have had on me, personally and professionally, cannot be expressed. The encouraging words of "Just breathe" as I saw you at my first marching contest, as a director, still resonate to this day. Or, hearing a lone individual clap after a Concert and Sight Reading performance. As I turned around to see who was clapping, I saw you sitting a few rows back. I've come to learn that these are the stories our parents were talking about. It was not a fear of a strict and effective leader, but a fear of disappointment. Scared of letting down the one individual who sought to show the world that a handful of kids from a small, south east Texas town, could accomplish so much. It is because of you, that this small, south east Texas boy from Buna, Texas has been able to accomplish my goals, my dreams, and follow a passion that you set ablaze 14 years ago. We love you, we miss you, and happy belated birthday!

Cody Cunningham
Director of Bands, Hull-Daisetta ISD
ccunningham@hdisd.net
936-536-6321 ext 155

On Nov 12, 2013, at 10:45 AM, "Caillier, Patsy" < pcaillier@bunaisd.net > wrote:

Cody if you want to write a note I will read it at the banquet.... I totally understand, you are filling your responsibilities. If you get through please come by. It starts at 7 ... I look for us to be there till 9:30

Patsy Caillier Buna ISD Band Secretary Director of Auxillaries 409-994-4840

From: Cody Cunningham [mailto:ccunningham@hdisd.net]

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2013 9:01 AM

To: Caillier, Patsy Subject: Saturday

Ms. Patsy,

I hate to inform you of this, but I will not be able to make it Saturday. We were informed, yesterday, that we have a UIL training that we have to attend, in Huntsville. I am a coach for grades 3-8, for 4 different events, and I cannot miss the training; especially since I am in charge of so many events. I do not know what time we will be back and I would hate to confirm that I could be there and end up missing. I know this puts you in a bind, but there's no way around this. Please give my regards to Mr. Michalsky and, once again, I apologize that I can no longer attend.

Cody Cunningham
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There are very few things that are synonymous with each other; peanut butter and jelly, mashed potatoes and gravy, Karl King and quick-step marches. But, like King and marches, so is Anthony Michalsky and Buna ISD Band Program. Growing up in a town, where Mr. Michalsky was known for his accomplishments as the band director, it held its own folklore. As a child, we were afraid of his "electric paddle" because he was our elementary principal. He enforced the rules from a desk and an office; a much different approach to his previous titled at BISD. Mr. Michalsky began his career by enforcing the rules of music, discipline, leadership, and pride. To this day, the local citizens still recognize the attributes associated with the Michalsky era of the band program. When I began my career in music, as a sixth grader, Mr. Michalsky was still in his principal position at the elementary. As a young band member, I was lucky enough to hear of the "Michalsky days" when the band played music well above their grade level. Where, by today's standards, the Bands of Old could have given many programs a run for their money at Honor Band, OPS, and State Marching Contests. As I entered my eighth grade year, rumors swirled around that Mr. Michalsky was going to be directing again. Fortunately enough, these rumors were correct. Just like my family before me, I would get to experience the brilliance of the man so many people spoke fondly of. "He was a no non-sense kind of guy." "He's strict, but gets the job done." I believe we still feared the electric paddle so many years later. We eventually found out that he was just a shadow of his former self. A little more relaxed, more enjoyable. Some even called him a "teddy bear" compared to his former self. Aside from his temperamental changes, he was still a no non-sense kind of man when it came to his music. The rules of music, discipline, leadership, and pride had never changed for him. We learned to hit the yard line with our heel. There were always six steps for every five yards. Everyone played. Everyone played well. He encouraged All-Region and Solo and Ensemble. Mr. Michalsky never shied away from pushing our limits. He knew who had the potential and he brought their potential to the forefront. In a way, this is where my music career began. I made the All-Region band throughout high school. I went to Area and did well, but never managed to make State. I went to State Solo and Ensemble every year. I participated in a solo and an ensemble. He saw what I was capable of doing and made sure I succeeded. Music was my passion. Soon, music would become my permanent career. I was never fortunate enough to study under Mr. Michalsky. I envy those who have had a chance to do so. He comes to my school once or twice a year to clinic my band. He has not lost a step. If anything, his growing knowledge continues amazes me. Mr. Michalsky is always a phone call away. We will find each other in public and discuss performances, rehearsals, upcoming events, but not a word of his accomplishments or a time where a tuba marched on his knees and stayed in step. He is always showing concern for his former students. I will always wonder what Anthony Michalsky could have done had he stayed in music, but he was needed in another position at a different time. I believe Mr. Michalsky's greatest accomplishment is not the consecutive sweepstakes or the state marching contest he finally reached in 2000. I believe his greatest accomplishment is his loyalty, dedication, and sacrifices he has made for Buna, TX. He arrived in Buna in 1963 to a small band; no more than twenty members. Forty four years later, as a band director for his second tenure, his was able to retire. Maybe there were other job offers. Maybe there was even consideration, but he never left. Consistency was key. I can only hope to be a reflection of the man Mr. Michalsky has become; on and off the field. Mr. Michalsky was able to use music to better educate every child that walked through his door way. He was able to teach them what respect meant, how to lead a group of your peers, how to follow your dreams. Music was a passion, but it was also his gateway. For my job, as a band director myself, there has been no better mentor than Anthony Michalsky.



BUNA BAND DIRECTOR GETS AWARD

Buna High School Band Director Anthony Michalsky accepted a trophy from Foley's Store President Stewart Orton following the band's award-winning performance in Foley's 1972
Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Buna band was selected as one of five outstanding bands in the parade by a panel of judges who viewed the performance from the reviewing stand on Thanksgiving Day. Besides winning the tropy, the Buna High School Band has been invited to perform a future routine for the television cameras in Foley's 1972
Thanksgiving Day Parade. (Foley's Photo)

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June 27, 2013

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Anthony Michalsky being inducted into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame. I have known Mr. Michalsky for over 15 years in which time he has been an invaluable influence in my life.

I was a member of Mr. Michalsky's band program from 1998-2003. During that time, he firstly helped encourage me musically. He was able to see in me, as he has in so many others, musical potential, and he did everything in his power to encourage me and give me the tools I needed to be successful. For example, Mr. Michalsky spent countless after school hours teaching me and others private lessons, made sure I had an adequate instrument for auditions, sought out special private teachers specific to my instrument, and made college phone calls to ensure for me a beneficial college musical experience. With his help, I became an all state musician, received music scholarships, and eventually majored in music education. I feel certain that without the help of Mr. Michalsky, my musical career would have been very different and not near as fulfilling as it has been.

As a college music major, I was privileged to have Mr. Michalsky serve as my student teaching mentor. For 3 months, I spent each school day with him working with music students. From him, I learned many valuable teaching methods that I was able to use when I took my first hand directing job. Mr. Michalsky not only demonstrated a deep love for music, but a love for the students as well. I experienced first hand his commitment to helping students in and out of the classroom obtain success. When I worked as a band director (2007-2011, Kirbyville CISD), my eyes were fully opened to just how much dedication, hard work, and passion Mr. Michalsky had poured into maintaining a 1st division band program and establishing a tradition of pride and excellence in our town.

To sit under the direction of Mr. Michalsky was to learn so many important things about life, including a love for music, passion for success, a desire to achieve ones personal best, and deep commitment to what you love and believe in. In our community, Mr. Michalsky's name is synonymous with all of these things, and he is looked up to and revered. I am personally so incredibly thankful and better off for knowing and studying under him. Mr. Michalsky, I have no doubt, is the embodiment of what a member of the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame should be, and I believe he is more than worthy of the title. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Courtney Gallagher Courtney Gallagher

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December 9, 2013

Mr. Ben Gollehon, Chairman Hall of Fame Committee Phi Beta Mu Honorary Bandmasters Association Alpha Chapter

Re: Nomination of Anthony Michalsky and Investigative Report

Dear Mr. Gollehon,

Enclosed you will find the investigative report on behalf of Anthony J. Michalsky's recommendation as a candidate for nomination in the Texas Bandmaster's Hall of Fame, 2014. I am also enclosing supporting materials, letters of endorsement, and various items of interest for your perusal. I have also included a memory stick with digital copies of everything I have included.

Please let me know if you need anything else, and please accept my thanks for the job you're doing on behalf of the Bandmaster's Hall of Fame. See you at TMEA!

Pam Bridges

<u>Pamela.bridges@wacoisd.org</u> 254-707-7123

Governor Ann Richards Visits Buna Elementary Governor Ann Richards made a was given an opportunity to tutor a out how important it is for th very encouraging stop at Buna Elstudent for a few minutes. It is obvidents to learn how to read, bu ementary School, Monday morning, ous that the Governor formerly was a much more important it is that

March 28, 1994. She was there to honor the district's teaching staff (especially the elementary reading teachers), community volunteer tutors, the H.O.S.T.S. (Help One Student To Succeed) program, the H.O.S.T.S. Teacher, Mary Beth Hunt, and the Buna Elementary Principal, Anthony Michalsky. Governor Richards was accompanied on her visit by State Senator Bill Haley of Center and State Representative Jerry Johnson of Nacogdoches.

Governor Richard's first order of business was to greet and challenge the Buna Elementary School student body. She encouraged them to develop their minds so they can be competitive in the business world when they grow to be adults. She then took the opportunity to visit one-on-one with some of the students and teaching staff. She was presented a welcoming bouquet of roses by Amanda Cherry, Student Council President. After that, the entourage went to the H.O.S.T.S. room where the Governor met some second and fourth grade students.

After a brief introduction to the students and tutors and the process

classroom teacher as she immediately took to the task and accomplished some important objectives with her assigned student, Grant Mitchell.

When the tutoring session was over the Governor held a brief news conference. She pointed out how important it is for communities to be involved in their schools, especially in programs like H.O.S.T.S. She heaped praise on the community of Buna for its support of this wonderful program, on the administration of the district for having the foresight to implement such innovative and productive programs, on Buna teachers for being open to change and restructuring, on Mrs. Mary Beth Hunt for her leadership and dedication to proper implementation of the program, on Mr. Anthony Michalsky for visionary leadership in allowing the program to be implemented on his campus and the Board of Trustees for their wisdom and commitment to

instructional improvement. She was most complimentary of all who were and are involved as volunteer tutors used in the H.O.S.T.S. program, she from the community. She pointed

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Senator Haley went on to say th was not a mandated program posed by legislators, but a re ample of what innovation and ership can do in instructional ery. Governor Richards cite waiver process that has been i

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and other innovative ideas : recognized as a system with good things happening in the structional program.

After the one hour visit sl back in her motor home and "o road-again"!



ALPHA CHAPTER/PHI BETA MU HONORARY BANDMASTERS FRATERNITY

HALL OF FAME GUIDELINES

PASSED BY THE PHI BETA MU BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THEIR MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 1992. (Revised July, 2005) (Revised July, 2006) (Revised February 2013)

- 1. The nominee may be selected from deceased Texas Band Directors.
- The nominee may be selected if 65 years of age and retired, and/or have returned to work.
- 3. The nominee does not have to be a member of Phi Beta Mu.
- 4. The nominee must have produced and maintained an outstanding and consistent band program (on the public school level or university level).
- 5. The nominee must be approved by the Board of Directors and the Hall of Fame Committee.
- 6. It shall be the responsibility of the person making the original nomination to submit a properly completed Investigative Report, and to organize and submit substantiating data and materials in behalf of the nominee. The Investigative Report, data, and materials must be sent to the Hall of Fame committee chairman by December 15th, before the annual PBM Board meeting, which is held during the Texas Music Educators Association (T.M.E.A.) convention.
- 7. The committee will vote by ballot with the top 10 being inducted, unless extenuating circumstances allow the committee to approve more.
- 8. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held every July during the Texas Bandmasters Association (T.B.A.) convention.
- 9. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony biographies will be no more than five minutes each and will be read by committee members.

Students raise scores, drop principal's hair

By SHARON ATKINS
Staff writer

BUNA — Buna Elementary School principal Anthony Michalsky says he would go to any lengths — or in this case, no lengths — to improve students' academic skills.

In front of 400 laughing elementary school and fifth-grade students Friday, Michalsky had his head shaved with electric clippers.

The former band director, who has been Buna Elementary principal 10 years, had his hair cropped after students increased Texas Assessment of Academic Skills scores to the "recognized" status.

Targeted groups that historically have had lower results achieved higher scores after the dare. Michalsky said about 15 to 20 percent of campuses in Texas receive the recognized rating.

Michalsky asked students this past year what he could promise as an inducement to increase scores.

He said students dared him to shave his head, and then set out to make him do it by studying hard, and when necessary, staying late for tutoring.

Michalsky said elementary students who in the past tested low, increased scores by as much as 30 percent.

The razor cropped his hair to about $1\frac{1}{3}$ of an inch.

"I haven't felt so bareheaded since the military 30 years ago," Michalsky said

The 56-year-old principal said the burr is easier than dressing like a cheerleader and performing a cheer, as he did a year ago.

"I hate to see what they have in mind when we start again in January," Michalsky said as he laughed.



Enterprise/Sharon Atkins

Buna Elementary School Principal Anthony Michalsky got a burr cut Friday to pay off a bet with students. Michalsky vowed to shave his head if the school reached "recognized" status on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test.

ALPHA CHAPTER/PHI BETA MU Honorary Bandmaster Fraternity

Hall of Fame Investigative Report Form

Person's Full Name:				
Address (if living):				
City:	State: Zi			
BirthDate:	Place of Birth			
Parents:				
Parents Background:				
Death Date (if applicable)	Family Relative(s)			
Pre-High School Education (Where/Honors)				
Instrument(s)				
High School Education (Where/Hone	ors)			
College Education (Where/Honors)				
Armed Service Record:				
Name and Dates of Band Organizations Conducted:				
Professional/Service Organizations:				
Other persons or relatives who may Name	be contacted for information in support of this report: Phone Address			

Contributions to the Band Movement and Student Musicians		
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Dedication to the Profession		
Leadership		
Service		
Outstanding Character		
Professional Mentoring		
Community Acceptance and Involvement		
Note: This form is confidential information and is intended to be an investigative report into the worthiness of the person named above as a possible future candidate into the National Honorary Bandmaster's Fraternity Phi Beta Mu "Texas Fall of Fame," which was created to honor outstanding Band Directors of Texas. This report in no way assures the above named person to be a candidate. For obvious reasons, please hold this information in absolute confidentiality.		







Anthony J. Michalsky Band Director, Buna High School 1963-1985 1998-2007 Principal, Buna Elementary School 1998-2004

November 30, 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Gayle Petty Moak. I am the Organizing Committee Chairman for the Michalsky Bands Alumni Association which was organized in 2013.

I graduated in 1971 from Buna High School in Buna, Texas, a very small, quaint southeast Texas town, population of *maybe* 1500. I was in the fourth grade when Anthony J. Michalsky moved to Buna and began his tenure as band director in 1963. You may consider our class his "first born." The students older than us had been taught by another band director. Mr. Michalsky began teaching us how to play the "tonette," now referred to as a recorder. During the early period of Mr. Michalsky's tenure, the high school band was small in number, but he was not to be discouraged. When we were in the 7th grade, many of us only twelve years old, we became members of the Buna High School Band, marching and playing with the Seniors!! !!! When we were sophomores, just four years later, we earned the first *Sweepstakes Band* title which continued for thirteen consecutive years. He had a vision. The love of music was born. The legacy was begun.

Mr. Michalsky expected perfection, and he knew we were capable of attaining that goal. We were required to compete as a band, but we were also required to compete at solo and ensemble contest. In retrospect, I would presume that he wanted us to experience the reality that we each had a vital role individually to contribute to the whole. Without individual perfection, the band could not achieve its goal of perfection. His theory worked.

For fifty years Mr. Michalsky has influenced my life. My favorite times growing up were on Christmas Eve when my siblings, niece, and nephew and I would gather around the piano with our instruments: saxophone, clarinet, baritone, trumpet, flute. One brother played Tuba, and we never found a way to get that one home!! I practiced on top of the barn. My neighbor would climb the fire tower to practice his trombone. I've lived in Louisiana since 1975, but I have always felt his leadership. Because of his dedication to his students, many of us earned college music scholarships. He would drive us to the college campus to meet the director.



I taught children's choir (grades 1-6) for twenty years in my church. I would often recall the many strategies Mr. Michalsky used to teach and encourage us, and I applied them. I watched children blossom through music. Children that were extremely shy became soloists. They learned to play the tonette, as well as percussion instruments. We had a bell choir. They learned how each had a vital role that could contribute to the whole. I believed that music was essential, and the rule for my children was that they had to at least participate in the band during junior high, and they were both in the honor band. I didn't want them following in my footsteps, but I wanted them to know how to read, enjoy and appreciate music. One is an educator, and the other has a degree in theater, who writes screenplays while listening to soundtracks!!

On behalf of the Michalsky Bands Alumni Association and as Chairman of the Organizing Committee, I can attest that each one of Mr. Anthony J. Michalsky's students must feel that our lives are much richer because of the life given us through music. The years have passed much too quickly, but the memories are very vivid. He touched the lives of many students who walked through the doors of both the old and new band halls.

All who had the privilege of learning and achieving under the direction of Anthony Michalsky have a bond that nothing can break -- neither time, nor distance. We were and still are connected through the music, the marching, the stinky shoes, the band bus, the hard work and *always* those snapping fingers and fiery eyes. We are eternally grateful for his dedication to "his kids."

We stand at attention as one unit and hereby request that Mr. Anthony J. Michalsky be considered and, thereby, inducted into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame.

With best regards,

Gayle Detty Moak

Chairman, Organizing Committee



Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District

Mark Henry, Ed.D. Superintendent

L. Scott Sheppard, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent Secondary School Administration

August 20, 2013

Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Ike Michalsky. I believe Ike embodies the dedication, leadership, service, and character that represent the membership of the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame. His caliber of work as a teacher, administrator, and mentor is outstanding, and his contributions to band and music education have been numerous.

When I first met Ike he was a principal in Buna ISD and I was a young band director in neighboring Kirbyville. By that time, he was almost a legend in East Texas, dating back to the days when he was at the helm of the Buna High School Band and Dr. Karl Wadenpfuhl was leading the Kirbyville High School Band in the same era. What a joy it was to have both of these men nearby as I learned how to become a successful band director.

Years later, as I was transitioning out of band directing and into administration, Ike was going back to the band hall. However, as only Ike could do, he managed to keep his elementary principal position in Buna ISD at the same time he went back to directing the Buna High School Band. Most people struggle to do just one of those jobs well, but Ike flourished at both simultaneously!

His record as a director is exceptional – 31 years of teaching, 29 first divisions at UIL marching contests, 24 first divisions at UIL Concert/Sight reading contests, and 22 UIL Sweepstakes awards. Perhaps more importantly, his style of teaching, personality, and inclusive beliefs led to large numbers in his bands throughout the years. He reached many students through his positive approach, and I suspect that an overwhelming majority of his former students encouraged their own children to join band years later because of the fantastic experiences they had in Ike's band as children.

During my last few years in Kirbyville, Ike asked me to clinic the Buna High School Band on several occasions. It was hard for me to believe I could offer any help to his band, given his knowledge and success; but, him asking for another person's opinion further illustrates the man Ike Michalsky is and should not have been surprising. He is a very humble man, a lifelong learner, and an incredible teacher. It is with great pride that I recommend Ike Michalsky for induction into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

L. Scott Sheppard, Ed.D.

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Hall of Fame Investigative Report Form

Person's Full Name: Anthony Joseph ("Ike") Michalsky

Address (if living): P.O Box 581

City: Buna, Texas 77612

Birthdate: October 17, 1938 Place of Birth: Crosby, Texas

Parents: Ignatz Valintine and Antonia Rose Kubin Michalsky

Parents Background: Ignatz and Antonia Michalsky were married in 1923, lived in Fayetteville, Texas for 1 year and moved to Crosby, Texas where they lived until they died, Ignatz in 1984 and Antonia in 1997. They had 9 children; Anthony was the fifth. Ignatz Michalsky played trumpet professionally in the John Baca Orchestra.

Death Date (if applicable): N/A Family Relatives: Wife: Rebecca; Daughters: Tina Michalsky Longoria (deceased) and Jenny Michalsky Trahan; Son: Bryan J. Michalsky; Sisters: Mary Lou Michalsky Stasney (deceased), Dolares Michalsky Stasney, Rose Mary Michalsky Clement, Adaline Michalsky Agnes, Theresa Michalsky Hartman; Brothers: Robert Michalsky (deceased), Gerald Leopole Michalsky (deceased) and Thomas Ignatz Michalsky.

Pre-High School Education (Where/Honors): Crosby Schools

Instrument(s): Drums and Baritone

High School Education (Where/Honors): Crosby High School, graduated on May 22, 1956. He was in band throughout junior high and high school and was involved in athletics playing on the football team and tennis team.

College Education (Where/Honors): Graduate of North Texas State University (January 27, 1963, Music Education Degree) Member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

Armed Service Record: Joined the U.S. Army June 8, 1956 and served until May 8, 1958. He served as a radio operator and played Baritone in the 87th Infantry Band in the European Tour and was stationed in Germany. He was recommended for the H/H Det. and Band 10th Infantry Division and completed his service with that division stateside.

Name and Dates of Band Organizations Conducted: **Taught band after graduation for one semester (Jan. 27**, 1963-May 1963) in Muenster, Texas. Became the Director of Bands for Buna ISD in fall of 1963. He held this position from 1963-1985, when he accepted the position of Principal of Buna Elementary School. He returned as band director in 1998 and remained in this position until his retirement in 2007. Altogether, he served the Buna ISD for 44 years, 31 of which were as Band Director.

Professional/Service Organizations: Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, National Association of Military Marching Bands, Association of Texas Small School Bands, National Band Association, Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, Texas Association of Sports Officials

Other persons or relatives who may be contacted for information in support of this report:

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Patsy Caillier	409-880-6087	P.O. Box 460, Buna, TX 77612
Dr. Steve Hyden	409-994-5101	P.O. Box 1087, Buna, TX 77612
Steve Moore	615-948-7025	1019 Lake Colonial Dr., Arrington, TN 37014
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Contributions for the Band Movement and Student Musicians Anthony Michalsky has been a dedicated member of the Band Movement in the great state of Texas for over 31 years, serving as an adjudicator in Marching, Concert, Sightreading and Solo and Ensemble contests throughout the state. In addition, he has helped 13 students attain membership in the TMEA and ATSSB All State Bands throughout his tenure in Buna. Additionally, many of his former students have gone on to be music educators, including W.B. Bingham, Robert Austin, Charles Austin, Cody Cunningham, Courtney Gallagher, Pamela Bridges, Rob Morris, Kelly Austin. Still others have become professional musicians (Pamela Bingham Sheppard, Mike McQuerry, Mark Nesler) and/or work in the music business (Steve Moore, former CEO of the Country Music Association and music promoter). Many others serve as music worship leaders in churches in the areas where they live. A testament to the lives Mr. Michalsky has touched is the newly formed (2013) Michalsky Bands Alumni Association (www.michalskybands.com), which recently honored him with a surprise banquet for his 50th year in the Buna community and his 75th birthday. Over 250 former students came from all over the United States to honor him. Those who couldn't attend sent messages to be read to him. Clearly, this man has influenced countless lives through the years.

Caliber of Work During his 31 years of band directing in the Buna ISD, the bands earned 29 first divisions in UIL Marching Contests, 24 first divisions in UIL Concert Contests, 24 first divisions in UIL Sightreading Contests and 22 UIL Sweepstakes Awards. They earned 13 consecutive Sweepstakes Awards from 1969-1981 and another 7 consecutive Sweepstakes Awards from 2001-2007.

Dedication to the Profession Anthony Michalsky spent 44 years in the education profession, 31 of which were spent as the Band Director for Buna ISD. He served as the Director of Bands for Buna ISD from 1963 until 1985, when he became Principal of Buna Elementary. He worked as both Band Director and Elementary School Principal from 1998 until 2004, when he resigned as Principal and remained as Band Director until 2007, which was his year of retirement. He remains to this day an ardent supporter of the Buna band programs, volunteering his time to work with students privately on region music and solo and ensemble music, as well as supporting their work as an ensemble by lending his expertise, when asked, to the current director.

Leadership Under his leadership, the Buna bands have earned 22 UIL Sweepstakes Awards, 2 State Marching performance awards and produced 13 All-State Band members. From 1998 until 2004, he not only led the Buna Bands but was the Principal of Buna Elementary School as well. Under his leadership the Buna Elementary School was rated exemplary for 5 years, recognized for 3 years and was a significant gains campus for 1 year. He was nominated for TESPAN of the year in 1995 and served as President of District V Elementary Principal/Supervisor Association. In every endeavor, Mr. Michalsky has demonstrated a commitment to excellence and has proven himself to be an outstanding leader.

Service Anthony Michalsky has served as Region X Secretary and is well-known as an adjudicator and clinician in many areas of the state, having judged UIL Marching, Concert, Sightreading and Solo and Ensemble contests.

Outstanding Character Mr. Michalsky has been a well-respected member of the Buna community for many years. He served as Treasurer of the Buna Little League and managed a team. In 1991 he served as Vice President of Buna Chamber of Commerce and President for the following two years. He has served as Lions Club President and currently serves as Treasurer. He served as Vice President of the Water Board and currently serves as a board member. He was name Buna's Citizen of the Year for 1996 and was chosen, along with his wife, Rebecca, as the Redbud King and Queen in 1999. He was honored by the townspeople of Buna in 2004 when they declared October 16, 2004 "Anthony Michalsky Day". In 2012, he was elected to the Buna ISD School Board.

Professional Mentoring Anthony Michalsky has served as mentor to many, including Cody Cunningham, Scott Sheppard, Courtney Gallagher, Samantha MaCarty, Tami Goss and Nelson Nolden. Please see copies of letters included.

Community Acceptance and Involvement He has lived in the Buna community for 50 years. He has served as president of the Lions Club and the Buna Chamber of Commerce and as Zone 2A Chairman for the Lions Club. He has served on the board of the Veterans Memorial and is a member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. Additionally, he has served as a board member for the St. Francis Catholic Church, the director of religious education and music director.

Note: This form is confidential information and is intended to be an investigative report into the worthiness of the person named above as a possible future candidate into the National Honorary Bandmaster's Fraternity **Phi Beta Mu "Texas Hall of Fame,"** which was created to honor outstanding Band Directors of Texas. This report in no way assures the above named person to be a candidate. For obvious reasons, please hold this information in absolute confidentiality.



Pamela Bridges University High School Head Choral Director 3201 S. New Road Waco, TX 76706 254-756-1843

December 9, 2013

Mr. Ben Gollehon, Chairman Hall of Fame Committee Phi Beta Mu Honorary Bandmasters Association Alpha Chapter

Re: Nomination of Anthony Michalsky

Dear Mr. Gollehon,

I am writing this letter to ask for your careful consideration of Anthony J. Michalsky as a Nominee for the Texas Bandasters Hall of Fame, 2014. I have known Mr. Michalsky for 47 years, having been a member of his award-winning Buna High School from 1970-1974, and I know of no one more dedicated to the profession or more deserving of your consideration.

Growing up in a small town has its advantages and disadvantages, especially when it comes to music education. Because I grew up in a town with a 2A school district and have taught for the past 21 years in 4A and 5A districts, I have a unique insight into this comparison. Many times, the larger districts have funds available for things such as private lessons and/or the parents of the students have more disposable income available for such things. Because the population is larger in these areas, they usually have people available to provide such services, more so than smaller rural districts. Because of these differences, as well as other factors, many times music education comparisons between smaller and larger districts can be disparaging. I am very happy to say that was not the case for me thanks to one man: Anthony Michalsky.

He took a fledgling band program of 38 students, grades 7-12, and grew it into a powerhouse 2A band program, marching 150+ (grades 9-12), which was around ¼ of our high school student body. By the time I reached high school in 1970, we were a group of students who had great pride in the fact that we were members of a band who was developing a tradition of excellence, having already earned 4 UIL Sweepstakes awards consecutively. That string of 4 Sweepstakes awards would ultimately become 13 consecutive Sweepstakes awards and, after 31 years of teaching in Buna ISD, a grand total of 22 Sweepstakes awards, 29 First Division UIL Marching Awards, 24 First Division UIL Concert Awards and 24 First Division UIL Sightreading Awards. In addition, there were 2 State UIL Marching Competitions.

Many of us, his students, have gone on to become professional musicians on some level, be it teaching, performing, composition, serving in churches, etc. But regardless of our profession, always doing the best we can do in everything we do is a part of our character and, I believe with all my heart, Anthony Michalsky is in great part the reason for that. There are few as wise as he, who know that building a legacy takes much more than knowledge and ability in your content area; it takes perseverance, hard work, self-discipline, and a sense of fairness coupled with a genuine love of students. Anthony Michalsky embodies all of these things, which is why, after 31 years of band directing, we can see that legacy being lived out in the lives of those he taught. We are his legacy, and I am proud to have a part in continuing that legacy through my influence daily as I teach my own students and through my support of the Michalsky Bands Alumni Association.

I know, personally, many members of the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame and I believe Anthony J. Michalsky embodies the qualities you and your organization look for in candidates for this prestigious honor. I urge you to give careful consideration to his record, background, character and service and the supporting documents gathered on his behalf. He would be an honorable addition to your Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your work on behalf of such an honored tradition and esteemed organization.

Sincerely,

Pamela Morris Bridges
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Grants initiate Lions Club community center renovation

A building that has served its community for the last 37 years is seeing some improvements, thanks to a couple of grants.

Built about 1967, the Buna Lions Community center will finally realize some major renovations with a \$10,000 donation from the now defunct Committee for the Advancement of Buna (CAB).

Another \$3,000 contribution is forthcoming from Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative's Operation Round-up.

Dedicated to Arcay Walters about 1970, the Lions center, through Walters' leadership, was constructed spot for community by Lions Club member volunteers.

At the time the building was ing an annual trailride to the Jasper Rodeo.

With Walters' encouragement and assistance, local Lions were able to have their own meeting place to

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BILLY TED SMITH, LEFT, PRESENTS Anthony Michalsky, Buna Lions Club president, with a check for \$10,000 last week. The money will go toward a renovation project at the Lions Center. The funds are from the Committee for the Advancement of Buna, which is distributing about \$28,500 to local organizations. The CAB recently disbanded.

Lions Club...

residents to meet.

These two grants, however, are erected, the Lions Club was sponsor- only the beginning of what is needed to completely renovate the facility. The \$10,000 will be used to replace the building's metal roof and erect a metal storage shed.

An estimated \$25,000 is necessary organize the trailrides and provide a to complete the renovation project.

Other planned improvements, ac-

cording to Lions Club President An thony Michalsky, include enlarging the restrooms and making then handicap-accessible, remodeling th kitchen and installing new ceiling tile throughout the building.

Persons who would like to donat to the renovation project fund should contact Michalsky at 994 2000 or Lil Sheppard at 994-3501.



More money for Lions building

BILL LEE, LEFT, OF JASPER-NEWTON Electric Cooperative's Operation Round-Up, presents a \$3,000 check to Anthony Michalsky, president of the Buna Lions Club. The money will go towards replacing the ceiling tiles as part of a renovation project at the Lions Community Center.

Certificate of Appreciation



Presented April 13th 2002 to



LION ANTHONY MICHALSKY

for service and support of Lionism during 2001-2002 while serving as

Zone 2-A Chairman



Claude Durham

Claude Durham, District Governor 2-S1

Legacy - Beyond the Band Hall

Good teachers. Exceptional teachers. We can't possibly pay them what they are worth in dollars and cents and we owe them all a debt of gratitude.

Unfortunately not all teachers are good teachers and we remember those people because they should have been doing anything else but trying to influence youngsters. Fortunately for me (and you, because you're here) there have been inspiring teachers who encouraged us to be our best no matter what the endeavor.

In my mind one teacher stands out over others. His name is Anthony J.

Michalsky and he was the Buna High School band director for many years;

teaching hundreds of kids a myriad of things, including music.

How do I describe him? I'm almost at a loss for words. Michalsky was someone who commanded respect. He was strict and could lose his temper in a flash, especially if we were not doing what he wanted us to do and knew

we COULD do. He was demanding in his discipline. But the funny thing was, in spite of the anger and what even HE calls meanness - we all wanted to please him. We wanted to go the extra mile.

He expected a lot from us and made us believe we could do it. I came into his band at 15 after going from one home and family to another. I was a little confused and frankly, kind of arrogant that first semester because I had gone from a large school and a larger band to a tiny school and a small band which met in a wooden building. It was not an auspicious beginning but even though I conveniently forgot sectionals after school, he saw something in me and gave me a chance to redeem myself.

Sometimes he was kind of tricky. When I was 16 we were getting ready for Solo and Ensemble Contest. I was to play a solo on my clarinet. Business as usual. What was NOT business as usual was the music he matter of factly handed me; the Mozart Clarinet Concerto. He said, "Here. I want you to play this."

Clueless, I said okay only to learn years later that this was a piece professionals aspired to play. It was a good time to be clueless or I might have been scared to try. But Michalsky said I could do it and I believed him. He was like that. He assumed you could stretch even when he didn't tell you he thought it was a stretch. He believed I could do it. And so I did. And got a ONE as well.

He also took an interest in us beyond the Band Hall. He took a couple of friends of mine all the way from Buna to an out of state audition for college scholarships. On his own dime and on his own time.

These are not unusual stories in his career. I have no doubt many others can tell similar tales of believing, stretching and accomplishing things because of his belief in them. Stories of his actions on our behalf which made a difference in our lives. That belief and those actions led us to have confidence in ourselves which carried over beyond the band hall.

Many of his students went on to study music. Some became professional players or teachers or band directors like him. Others used their musical skills in church orchestras, or directing children's choirs or like me, accompanying children's choirs and singing.

But that's not where it stops. No, Anthony Michalsky's legacy doesn't stop with black notes on the page. What he taught us goes far beyond mere music. To be sure, we loved the music and had the opportunity to play challenging pieces, fun pieces. We grew as musicians.

We also grew as a team. We learned how to listen to one another. We learned to know our place in the ensemble; the importance of letting the melody shine while the supporting cast kept the foundation solid. We learned that everyone in an organization has an important role.

Whether working on routines on the field or in the band hall we learned the value of hard work. Of perseverance. Of striving to become better. And better. And better. What he wanted from us was perfection and while we

did not always achieve it there were many magical times when it all came together and we knew – we KNEW – we had achieved something special.

Mr. Michalsky has that IN-definable, UN-teachable gift of true leadership. I suspect that he was born that way and life experiences only honed his skill through the years. And you know, the funny thing is, he probably doesn't even think of himself as being all that special. It's not contrived. He's only doing what comes naturally. He loves 'his kids' and wants to do everything he can to bring out the best in them.

We want to take this opportunity, Mr. Michalsky, to honor and thank you for the fun times, the hard times and the influence you have had in our lives beyond the band hall. And from the bottom of MY heart – thank you.







Anthony J. Michalsky Band Director, Buna High School 1963-1985 1998-2007 Principal, Buna Elementary School 1998-2004



Parents: Father: I gnaty Valitine Michaelsky Mother: antonia Rose Kubin Married 1923 Ignorty Michalthy died June 1984 antonia died hin april 1997 Anthony Michalsky born in Crosby, TX He is one of nine children. (see family history gage) for names Anthony's Children: Tina (Michalsky) Longoria -Bryan J. Michalsky Jenny (Michalsky) Trahan Tina grandated from Bund High Ichoolin'81 attended Stephen Faustin Univ, Was a member of the Tymberjack Band Tind taught high school in Buy City - She is deceased Bryan gracedated from Bina H5 in 87 He played sapophone in Band and was involved in atheletics (football backettal baseball and track) we attended fam Houston State Univ. on ce vasevall scholarship and majored in business secievely a degree in accounting. He currently is a fenceral officer for the is the Chief financial officer for Cotton Companies with

the main office in Haty, TX.

THE IGNATZ VALINTINE MICHALSKY FAMILY

Ignatz Valitine Michalsky and Antonia Rose Kubin were married in about 1923. Antonia was 16. They lived in Fayetteville for one year. They then moved to Crosby, Texas where they both now reside.

They had nine children:

Robert: He was born around 1924 in Fayetteville. He died of chicken pox at 6 weeks.

Born in Crosby, Texas:

Mary Lou: Born in November 1926 (Stasman)

Dolares: Born in November 1928

Rose Mary: Born in December 1931 Clement

Adaline: Born in August 1934 Agnes

Anthony Joseph; Born October 17, 1938

Theresa: Born in August 1942 Hantman

Gerald Leopole: Born in January 1945

Thomas Ignatz: Born in January 1948

There are 38 grandchildrenand about 8 greatgrandchildren.

The Grandchildren are: Mary Lou's four boys--James Jr.,

Ronnie, Robert, and Richard; Dolares'--Larry, Craig, Debbie,

Caroline, Michelle, and Darlene; Rose Mary's--Raymond Jr., Bobby,

Terri, Candy, Sandy, Jana, Amy, Denise, and John; Adaline's--Anne,

John, and Patti; Anthony's--Tina, Bryan, and Jenny; Theresa's-
Bonnie, Jeff, Judie, and Kellie; GGerald's--Connie, Janet, Stephen,

Amanda, and Sarah; and Tommy's--Mark, Brent, and Brad.

5420 Second Street Crosby, Texas 77532

Dear Children of Frank and Frances Kubin:

In 1899, Frank and Frances Kubin with their children, Frances, Frank and Joe immigrated from Bohemia to America, lived twice for short periods in Massachusetts, then settled in Crosby, Texas.

On a beautiful farm on Foley Road in Crosby, Grandma and Grandpa Kubin raised these and eight more children; some born in Massachusetts, but most in Texas. Our grandmother gave birth to twins; Angeline and Julia; Angeline died shortly after birth; and triplets, Antonia, Johnny and Ludwig; but only Little Aunt Toni (Antonia) survived.

Eleven of the Kubin children grew up and married, all to raise large and beautiful families. Frances, the oldest, married Vasla Kaminsky in Massachusetts, but they moved to Texas and raised a family of seven on Fig Orchard Road in Highlands.

The other girls; Mary, Annie, Emily, Toni, Celia and Julia married and raised fine large families, too. Mary married Charles Machala and raised a family of four on Bohemian Hall Road in Crosby.

Annie married Charles Chrastecky and raised a family of three on a farm in Huffman and, later, toward Crosby on the Crosby-Huffman Road.

Emily married Pete Leibham and they raised eleven children on farms around Gum Gulley and settled at the old Machala Farm on Runnerberg Road in Crosby.

Toni married Ike Michalsky and raised a family of eight on Ramsey Road just north of the railroad in Crosby.

Celia married a handsome Irishman from New Orleans named Charles Hannan. They moved around a lot living in Cour de lane, Idaho; Seattle and finally settling in and around Portland, Oregon. Today the Hannans have a national reputation as good hosts; but, then, we're all like that.

Julia, the youngest girl, married Rudolph Machala and raised a family of eight. After World War II the Machalas moved to Washington and lived in Yakima for many years. They moved back to Crosby during the 50's and their oldest daughter,

THE MICHALSY FAMILY

The Michalskys originated in Czeckoslovakia. Valintine and Jane Michlasky came to America. They docked at the Port of Houston and then settled in Fayetteville, Texas. /890

They had seven children: Mary, Frank, Pete, Charlie, John, Julia, and Ignatz.

THE KUBIN FAMILY

The Kubins also originated in Czeckoslovakia. Frank Kubin and his wife Antonia Francis Chalupka came to America. They first settled in Massuchettes and later moved to Crosby, Texas.

Francis' grandfather was a Jewish man. It is quite interesting considering the hate between the Jews and the Catholics at this time in history. The children of this marriage were raised in the Catholic church.

Frank and Francis had ten children: Frank, Francis, Stanley, Anthony, Annie, Julia, Mary, Antonia, Emilie, and Celia.

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Anthony Michalsky

Second in a series....

Make plans to recognize Michalsky on his day

When there's mention of music in Buna, one man's name always seems to be on everybody's tongue.

When the Buna High School band marches down Main Street to the beat of their drum line, accompanying them is Anthony Michalsky.

And when Michalsky is recognized on Anthony Michalsky Day in Buna Saturday, October 16, the music will be in his honor.

Even though he will not be waiving his baton over the musicians that day, he will be seated in the chair of honor.

Persons should purchase their tickets to this event as soon as possible so that organizers will be able to accurately plan the number of meals necessary.

Advance tickets are \$7, and may be purchased at any of the Buna Independent School District campus offices, the BISD administration office, Keeler's, the Buna Beacon or from the Buna Chamber of Commerce, by calling 994-5586. Tickets bought at the door will be \$10 each.

A longtime friend and fellow educator Dr. Steve Hyden will emcee the event, which will be held in the Methodist Activity Building behind First United Methodist Church.

Persons are encouraged to buy their tickets by October 11 to guarantee meal reservations.

Michalsky's community claim to fame not only rests with his musical accomplishments, but also his tenure as principal of Buna Elementary.

Here's where his stern discipline and commitment to educating Buna's

children made an impact on this community for 19 years.

Michelle Hughes, who replaced Michalsky this year as BES principal, served under him as assistant principal, a counselor and teacher.

Michalsky retired from the BES position at the end of last school year, but has retained his band directorship.

To emphasize Michalsky's remarkable dedication to his profession, Hughes related to a story during her experience as a teacher on Michalsky's staff.

"When I was a teacher, he was always very serious," said Hughes.

But as evidenced by Hughes's story, Michalsky also had compassion for his students and his teachers.

Hughes talked about a time when the library was on the second floor of the old Buna Elementary. The librarian was Geneva Gaines, who was physically unable to climb the stairs.

"He literally carried her upstairs each day," commented Hughes.

Under Michalsky's administration, academically BES attained exemplary status five years, a recognized rating for three years and a Significant Gains Award one year.

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Michalsky is only one of three individuals to be honored with his own day in Buna, according to the best accounts available. The other honorees were Bob Cummings and Tony Zager.

Third in a series

Michalsky Day is this Saturday

This Saturday, October 16, should be an event forever imbedded in the mind of Buna resident and community leader Anthony Michalsky.

First, he will compete with his Buna High School marching band in UIL contests at Little Cypress-Mauriceville. And if previous experiences are any indication, the band will once again attain high honors.

Then, citizens of Buna will recognize Anthony Michalsky Day at a special dinner in the Methodist Activity Building behind the First United Methodist Church on Highway 62. The dinner will be at 7 p.m.

Tickets are still available at any of the Buna Independent School District campus offices, the BISD administration office, Keeler Enterprises, the Buna Beacon or by calling the Buna Chamber of Commerce at 994-5586.

Ticket prices are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door.

Expected to be toasted and roasted for his many years of community involvement, Michalsky has an impressive resume of memberships in local and other organizations.

Aside from serving as Chamber of Commerce president two years and Lions Club president four years, he has also been a member of the Veterans' Memorial board of directors.

When the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus existed, he was involved with those organizations.

At his church, St. Francis Catholic Church, Michalsky was music director for 20 years, director of religious education and served on the church board.

Other organizational affiliations for Michalsky are the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Band Masters Association, National Association of Military Marching Bands, Association of Texas Small School Bands and the National Band Association.

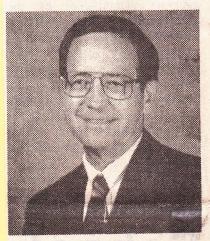
After 40 years with BISD Michalsky has given up his spot as Buna Elementary principal, but he has retained the BHS band director's position.

"He's one that's hard to replace, said David Hicks, BISD superinten dent. "Whether it's the school o some community organization, he' been involved."

Hicks continued, "He's really given himself to the community. He's a hard act to follow."

Rebecca Michalsky met Anthony when she came to BISD in 1966. Sh has been counselor at Buna Junio

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Anthony Michalsky

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High for 11 years.

Rebecca Michalsky said, "I think it's an honor" for her husband to have the special day.

"He has spent all his years working in the community," Rebecca added.

The Michalskys have two children. Bryan Michalsky and wife Casey live in Boerne, where Bryan is in real estate. They have twin girls, Courtney and Kristin, 8.

Daughter Jenny Michalsky works in the sales department of Powell Electric in Houston. The Michalskys have one deceased daughter.

Dr. Steve Hyden, former BISD superintendent, will emcee Saturday evening's program, during which a resolution proclaiming Saturday, October 16, 2004, Anthony Michalsky Day will be read from State Senator Todd Staples.

Throughout his over 40 years in Buna, Michalsky has touched many lives. This Saturday will be a time to honor the man and his accomplishments.

ANTHONY "IKE" MICHALSKY

Anthony Michalsky was born on October 17, 1938, in Crosby, Texas to Ignatz Valintine and Antonia Rose Kubin Michalsky. He was surrounded by music at a young age as Ignatz Michalsky played trumpet professionally in the John Baca Orchestra. Anthony was the sixth of nine children, lived his entire childhood in Crosby, and participated in band throughout junior high and high school. Crosby High School Band Director Charles Forque was a major influence in his young life. After graduating from Crosby High School May 22, 1956, he joined the US Army. Anthony served our country for two years stationed mainly in Germany. He was trained as a radio operator, but rather quickly became a member of the 87th Infantry Band, and then the 10th Infantry Division Band. He began pursuing a Music Education Degree at what is now the University of North Texas. Having thought he'd secured employment with Ardmore High School in Oklahoma, he planned to make the move after his graduation from college January 27, 1963, yet those plans changed when the opportunity fell through.

Anthony returned to his hometown of Crosby the summer after graduating from college, and during a visit with Arnold Garbs, president of Crosby State Bank, a job opening at Buna High School was mentioned. As it turned out, Arnold's aunt Georgia Ratcliff had taught Buna's Superintendent Bob Cummings in Sunday School, and she was happy to mention the young man eager to procure employment, who just happened to have a newly earned Degree in Music Education. Anthony began his tenure as Director of Bands for Buna ISD in the fall of 1963 with only 17 high school students in the program. Seventh and eighth grade students performed with High School to bring the numbers up to 38. "The first year I taught, beginning students had to choose between band and PE," laughed Anthony. "I only got them if didn't want run and play."

In just a few short years, the Buna Band would grow in number and in talent, winning their first of many Sweepstakes Awards in 1969, and outgrowing their facilities. Anthony requested new accommodations for the thriving program in the late sixties to Superintendent Cummings, and though Cummings was doubtful they would ever fill the requested 3,200 square foot band hall with students, the Board of Trustees approved the addition. By the late seventies, the Buna High School Band boasted 150-160 students, overfilling the new band hall, and surpassing its capacity!

During his 31 years as Band Director for Buna ISD, Buna bands have earned 22 UIL Sweepstakes Awards, 13 of those consecutive, in the years 1969 through 1981, and again consecutively from the years 2001 through 2007. His leadership and influence afforded the band program a total of 29 first divisions in UIL Marching Contests, 24 first divisions in UIL Concert Contests, 24 first divisions in UIL Sightreading Contests, and 22 UIL Sweepstakes Awards, as well as 2 State Marching performance awards and 13 All-State Band members, both TMEA and ATSSB.

Anthony credits mentors Roy Swicegood and Phil Baker with his success, as he often relied on their support throughout his career. Many former band students credit him with their musical success, relating that his continued influence and support led them to where they are today. W.B. Bingham, Robert Austin, Charles Austin, Cody Cunningham, Courtney Gallagher, Pamela Bridges, Rob Morris, and Kelly Austin are a few of his former students who have gone on to be music educators. Still others have become professional musicians such as Pamela Bingham Sheppard, Mike McQuerry, and Mark Nesler to name a few. Former CEO of the Country Music Association and music promoter Steve Moore also hailed from the Buna Band under the direction of Anthony Michalsky.

As he holds a Masters in Secondary Education, in addition to Bachelor of Music Education, Anthony filled a need in the community by becoming the Elementary School Principal in the fall of 1985, and served the district in that capacity through 2004. Under his leadership, Buna Elementary School was rated Exemplary for 5 years, Recognized for 3 years and was a Significant Gains Campus for 1 year. He was also selected as TESPAN of the year in 1995 and served as President of the Region V Elementary Principal/Supervisor Association the following year. Anthony went above and beyond the call of duty once again when he worked as both Band Director and Elementary School Principal from 1998 until 2004, when he resigned as principal to return to his first love, Director of Bands for Buna ISD until his retirement in 2007. Anthony continues as mentor to current Buna High School Band Director Samantha McCarty as he did her predecessor Tami Goss, Director of Bands at Bridge City ISD. He currently serves as Board Member on the Buna ISD Board of Trustees, yet always has the time to lend support to anyone requesting it, whether it be director or student. He remains to this day an ardent supporter of the band programs, volunteering his time to offer instruction for students privately on region music and solo and ensemble music, as well as lending his advice, when asked, to the current director concerning concert or marching band. He has been a

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Anthony has been a respected community member in Buna for 50 years, raising his family, alongside his wife of 46 years, Rebecca. Daughters Jenny Michalsky Trahan, the late Tina Michalsky Longoria, and son Bryan J. Michalsky continue to bring joy to the Michalsky's in the form of 5 grandchildren. He has served the community of Buna as president of the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as serving on the Buna Veterans Memorial Board of Directors. He is a member of the St. Francis Catholic Church in Buna, and has served as the director of religious education and music director for the congregation. He is currently the Treasurer of the Buna Lions Club and is a director on the Jasper County Water Control Board. He was named Buna's Citizen of the Year for 1996, and was chosen, along with Rebecca, as the Redbud King and Queen in 1999. Furthermore, he was honored by the townspeople of Buna in 2004 when they declared October 16, 2004 "Anthony Michalsky Day" for his continued outstanding support and dedication to the community.

The Michalsky's are deeply honored, and the Michalsky Bands Alumni Association are very grateful that Phi Beta Mu has included him in the Bandmasters Hall of Fame.

ANTHONY "IKE" MICHALSKY

Buna Band under the direction of Anthony Michalsky.

Anthony Michalsky was born on October 17, 1938, in Crosby, Texas to Ignatz Valintine and Antonia Rose Kubin Michalsky. He was surrounded by music at a young age as Ignatz Michalsky played trumpet professionally in the John Baca Orchestra. Anthony was the sixth of nine children, lived his entire childhood in Crosby, and participated in band throughout junior high and high school. Crosby High School Band Director, Charles Forque, was a major influence in his young life. After graduating from Crosby High School May 22, 1956, he joined the US Army. Anthony served our country for two years stationed mainly in Germany. He was trained as a radio operator, but rather quickly became a member of the 87th Infantry Band, and then the 10th Infantry Division Band. He began pursuing a Music Education Degree at what is now the University of North Texas in 1958.

Anthony returned to his hometown of Crosby the summer after graduating from college, and during a visit with Arnold Garbs, president of Crosby State Bank, a job opening at Buna High School was mentioned. As it turned out, Arnold's aunt Georgia Ratcliff had taught Buna's Superintendent Bob Cummings in Sunday School, and she was happy to mention the young man eager to procure employment, who just happened to have a newly earned Degree in Music Education. Anthony began his tenure as Director of Bands for Buna ISD in the fall of 1963 with only 17 high school students in the program. Seventh and eighth grade students performed with High School to bring the numbers up to 38. "The first year I taught, beginning students had to choose between band and PE," laughed Anthony. "I only got them if they didn't want run and play."

In just a few short years, the Buna Band would grow in number. By the late seventies, the Buna High School Band boasted 150-160 students, overfilling the new band hall, and surpassing its capacity! During his 31 years as Band Director, his leadership and influence afforded the band program a total of 29 first divisions in UIL Marching Contests, and more than 20 UIL Sweepstakes Awards, as well as 2 State Marching performance awards and 13 All-State Band members, both TMEA and ATSSB. Anthony credits mentors Roy Swicegood and Phil Baker with his success, as he often relied on their support throughout his career. Many former band students credit him with their musical success, relating that his continued influence and support led them to where they are today. Still others have become professional musicians such as Pamela Bingham Sheppard, Mike McQuerry, and Mark Nesler to name a few. Former CEO of the Country Music Association and music promoter Steve Moore also hailed from the

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There are very few things that are synonymous with each other; peanut butter and jelly, mashed potatoes and gravy, Karl King and quick-step marches. But, like King and marches, so is Anthony Michalsky and Buna ISD Band Program. Growing up in a town, where Mr. Michalsky was known for his accomplishments as the band director, it held its own folklore. As a child, we were afraid of his "electric paddle" because he was our elementary principal. He enforced the rules from a desk and an office; a much different approach to his previous titled at BISD. Mr. Michalsky began his career by enforcing the rules of music, discipline, leadership, and pride. To this day, the local citizens still recognize the attributes associated with the Michalsky era of the band program. When I began my career in music, as a sixth grader, Mr. Michalsky was still in his principal position at the elementary. As a young band member, I was lucky enough to hear of the "Michalsky days" when the band played music well above their grade level. Where, by today's standards, the Bands of Old could have given many programs a run for their money at Honor Band, OPS, and State Marching Contests. As I entered my eighth grade year, rumors swirled around that Mr. Michalsky was going to be directing again. Fortunately enough, these rumors were correct. Just like my family before me, I would get to experience the brilliance of the man so many people spoke fondly of. "He was a no non-sense kind of guy." "He's strict, but gets the job done." I believe we still feared the electric paddle so many years later. We eventually found out that he was just a shadow of his former self. A little more relaxed, more enjoyable. Some even called him a "teddy bear" compared to his former self. Aside from his temperamental changes, he was still a no non-sense kind of man when it came to his music. The rules of music, discipline, leadership, and pride had never changed for him. We learned to hit the yard line with our heel. There were always six steps for every five yards. Everyone played. Everyone played well. He encouraged All-Region and Solo and Ensemble. Mr. Michalsky never shied away from pushing our limits. He knew who had the potential and he brought their potential to the forefront. In a way, this is where my music career began. I made the All-Region band throughout high school. I went to Area and did well, but never managed to make State. I went to State Solo and Ensemble every year. I participated in a solo and an ensemble. He saw what I was capable of doing and made sure I succeeded. Music was my passion. Soon, music would become my permanent career. I was never fortunate enough to study under Mr. Michalsky. I envy those who have had a chance to do so. He comes to my school once or twice a year to clinic my band. He has not lost a step. If anything, his growing knowledge continues amazes me. Mr. Michalsky is always a phone call away. We will find each other in public and discuss performances, rehearsals, upcoming events, but not a word of his accomplishments or a time where a tuba marched on his knees and stayed in step. He is always showing concern for his former students. I will always wonder what Anthony Michalsky could have done had he stayed in music, but he was needed in another position at a different time. I believe Mr. Michalsky's greatest accomplishment is not the consecutive sweepstakes or the state marching contest he finally reached in 2000. I believe his greatest accomplishment is his loyalty, dedication, and sacrifices he has made for Buna, TX. He arrived in Buna in 1963 to a small band; no more than twenty members. Forty four years later, as a band director for his second tenure, his was able to retire. Maybe there were other job offers. Maybe there was even consideration, but he never left. Consistency was key. I can only hope to be a reflection of the man Mr. Michalsky has become; on and off the field. Mr. Michalsky was able to use music to better educate every child that walked through his door way. He was able to teach them what respect meant, how to lead a group of your peers, how to follow your dreams. Music was a passion, but it was also his gateway. For my job, as a band director myself, there has been no better mentor than Anthony Michalsky.

October 10, 2013

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Hall of Fame Committee,

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Anthony Michalsky for selection to the Bandmasters Hall of Fame. Mr. Michalsky has been an outstanding contributor in the area of fine arts for over 50 years. His efforts have made a significant impact in the area of music education. His leadership has left an indelible imprint on the lives of many students.

While serving as band director at Buna ISD his high school bands won sweepstakes honors for more than 20 consecutive years. His contributions and influence to the music profession have been noted across the state.

Anthony Michalsky is the epitome of class and integrity. He has always exhibited the traits we desire in positions of leadership. He was demanding yet fair with students. His desire for success for his students was prevalent in his decision -making. He raised the bar each year for his band members. He taught them the value of hard work and determination. He taught the important lessons that come from dealing with adversity.

One of the hallmarks of his career was his humility and the ability he had in deflecting credit. Anthony Michalsky is a champion. He acted with class and exhibited the traits we admire in winners. Furthermore, he taught his students to never be satisfied with yesterdays' performance. He taught every student to reach higher and further than they could have dreamed for themselves.

I have been fortunate to be associated with some of the finest bandmasters in the great state of Texas. I have watched numerous bands perform at the UIL State Marching Contests in my 22 years at UIL. I have also had the unique privilege of working alongside the ultimate Hall of Fame member Mr. Richard Floyd while he served the State Director of Music for UIL. Anthony Michalsky possesses the outstanding traits of each of these aforementioned directors. He is deserving of induction into your Hall of Fame. He would bring great dignity and honor to the Hall. I recommend Anthony Michalsky without reservation and urge you to give him your best consideration for this outstanding and prestigious honor.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Breithaupt
Executive Director
University Interscholastic League
Associate Vice President
University of Texas at Austin

Growing up in a small town has its advantages and disadvantages, especially when it comes to music education. Because I grew up in a town with a 2A school district and have taught for the past 21 years in 4A and 5A districts, I have a unique insight into this comparison. Many times, the larger districts have funds available for things such as private lessons and/or the parents of the students have more disposable income available for such things. Because the population is larger in these areas, they usually have people available to provide such services, more so than smaller rural districts. This was true in my town. Because of these differences, as well as other factors, many times music education comparisons between smaller and larger districts can be disparaging. I am very happy to say that was not the case for thanks to one man: Anthony Michalsky.

He came to our small town just a couple of years before my family moved there, so I had the opportunity to grow along with the program and experience first-hand the magic of the man. He was tough, but always fair. He expected the absolute best from every student and that's what he got. I have always believed that students rise to their level of expectation and Mr. Michalsky is one of the reasons why. We respected him because of those high expectations and we didn't want to disappoint him. He believed in us and we in turn believed in ourselves. He was our ultimate leader, leading by example, and those shoes were difficult to follow. We grew from a high school band that marched 38 students, including grades 7-12 to having a high school band marching 150 students grades 9-12 and separate bands for 5th grade, 6th grade and a combined 7th and 8th grade band. By the time I reached high school in 1970, we were a group of students who had great pride in the fact that we were members of a band who was developing a tradition of excellence, having already earned 4 UIL Sweepstakes awards consecutively. We were on a roll and, as an entering freshman, I can tell you the pressure was on to keep it going. The upperclassmen were tough as nails, not because they were inherently mean but because they knew from experience what it took to earn those awards and they weren't about to allow us to mess it up! We were marching in a wet practice field before school with upperclassmen leading. They reported back to "the Man" and you did not want to be "reported"; not because you received a flogging, but because we didn't want to disappoint him. He created and fostered a pride in us that was unparalleled in any other class or activity, something that became a part of our character we have carried over into our personal and professional lives today. Many of us have gone on to become professional musicians on some level, be it teaching, performing, composition, serving in churches, etc. But regardless of our profession, always doing the best we can do in everything we do is a part of our character and, I believe with all my heart, that Anthony Michalsky is in great part the reason for that. Whether we realize it or not, we all have people who have influenced our lives, good or bad, and we have influence in the lives of others as well, good or bad. As a teacher, I know first-hand what this influence can accomplish and foster in students. We live in a very different world now than when I was growing up, but the fact that each of us has a realm of influence over others does not change. Each of us is now influencing the lives of others. I'm so very thankful that Anthony Michalsky chose to use his influence over us in a positive way. I'm thankful he came to our small town and decided to stay and grow a program. He could have left many times and probably thought about it a few times. There are few as wise as he who know that building a legacy takes much more than knowledge and ability in your content area; it takes perseverance, hard work, self-discipline, and a sense of fairness coupled with a genuine love of students. Anthony Michalsky embodies all of these things, which is why, after 31 years

of band directing, we can look around the room and physically see that legacy being lived out in the lives of those he taught. We are his legacy, and I am proud to have a part in continuing that legacy through my influence and through my support of the Michalsky Bands Alumni Association.

In closing, I have to say how thankful I am that God brought Anthony Michalsky to Buna, Texas to teach, to share his time, his talents, his service, his knowledge....to live among us and be an example to all of what an honorable, decent and good man is and what a man like that, with God's help, can accomplish. I think I speak for everyone here when I say that saying "Thank You" seems so inadequate after all you've done for us. Inadequate or not, we do THANK YOU.

Tribute to Mr. Anthony J. Michalsky
On the occasion of
"Anthony Michalsky Day"
In Buna, Texas October 16, 2004

Sung to the tune of "Thanks for the Memory", words by Pam Morris Bridges

Vs. 1:

Thanks for the memories of choosing horns, you bet, and, lest we forget,
The endless hours spent practicing and learning the Tonette
How noisy it was!

Thanks for the memories of walks to the band hall, winter spring and fall.

Learning how to hold a horn and march without a fall

How lovely it was!

Many times I'm sure you thought of giving in.

Now looking back and thinking of what might have been... You could have made more money doing something else, But oh, what you'd have missed....well, let's just make a list:

Thanks for the memories of clotheslines hung with shoes, playing "Riffin' the Blues", Football games and marching contests and the **RAVE** reviews!

We thank you so much.

Vs. 2:

Thanks for the memories of rodeos, we find we really didn't mind Sidestepping the piles of "stuff" the horses left behind How smelly it was!

Thanks for the memories of Thanksgivings spent with you in Houston, what a crew! You had to turn us loose, but things we did...you never knew...

How lovely it was!

How you did it for so long's a mystery.

The extra hours you spent with students, all "for free".

You gave so much to all of us so willingly

The School Board ought to say, "Ike, here's some extra pay!"

Thanks for the memories; you taught us how to win again, and again, and AGAIN! If not for you we'd rather not think just where we might have been.

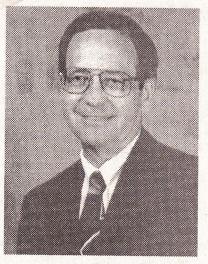
Awf'ly glad we met you, you gave so much to us....
AND WE THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Buna Beacon

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Anthony Michalsky

First in a series...

Community leader, educator to be honored with special day

Awards, recognition and acclaim are nothing newto him. Over the last 40 years of service to his community and school district, he has attained a level of achievement, the envy of many.

But come Saturday, October 16, 2004, this man of solemn resolve and dedication to his profession and com-

munity life will receive yet another distinction.

This time, Anthony Michalsky becomes one of a select few to have a day in Buna named in his honor.

To commemorate the occasion, a dinner to toast the longtime civic leader, teacher, school administrator and band director will be held in the Methodist Activity Building behind First United Methodist Church in Buna at 7 p.m. October 16.

Tickets for the event are on sale for \$10 each at offices on all Buna school campuses, the Buna Independent School District administration office and at Keeler's on Main Street.

Organizers of the dinner ask that persons purchase their tickets by October 11 so that reservations may be guaranteed.

At the July meeting of the Buna Chamber of Commerce, members voted to proclaim October 16 Anthony Michalsky Day.

At the time, it was noted how extensive Michalsky's contribution to Buna and BISD have been and how it was time to acknowledge his achievements.

Countless young people through out the last four decades have felt lasting difference in their lives from the influence Michalsky had ove them.

Much of that influence came through Michalsky's direction of the Buna High School band, a job he took in 1962.

His accomplishments number 18 Sweepstakes wins by the band, two state marching performance awards and 12 All-State band members.

Hundreds upon hundreds of students who have evolved through their years of instrumental music with Michalsky as their mentor and educator, will forever be molded by his guidance.

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Michalsky....

However, directing the BHS band has not been Michalsky's only successful educational achievement, he also served as Buna Elementary School's principal for 19 years.

Under his direction, the Texas Education Agency rated the BES campus exemplary for five years, recognized for three years and a significant gains campus for one year.

Editor's Note: This article is the first of a series of three items that will appear honoring Michalsky for his achievements.

BUNA ELEM

9-30-13

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Julie Motomura, and I am a former band student of Mr. Anthony Michalsky.

Actually, I'm more than a former student - .I also had the privilege of working for him at Buna Elementary when he was principal.

From the time I was a young girl, I remember hearing stories about Mr. Michalsky. When he came to Buna in 1963, my mother was a 10th grader who was a twirler in the band. He was an excellent young band director and expected much from his students. My grandparents who were school employees in the early years of Mr. Michalsky's reign, were always in awe of the influence he had on students. My grandfather, Kenneth Champion, was the high school counselor. He said that after band several times throughout the year, students would have to go home because they weren't well. After questioning the students to find out what was going on, what he discovered was that students so wanted to please Mr. Michalsky and cared about their role in the band, they would come to school sick. Students would stay at school just long enough to fulfill their band responsibility for the day, then they'd go home. Mr. Michalsky made each and every student feel important and made sure they each knew what a significant part they had in the band. He created a motivation within each student that is unheard of these days. For this very reason, Mr.Michalsky went on to lead the band to many, many sweepstakes wins.

Fast forward to 1979 when I began band as a 5th grader.... Mr.Michalsky wasn't always in my band classes because of his high school responsibilities, but we certainly saw him frequently and knew him well. Even as a 5th grader, I remember wanting to do well in band because of him. He encouraged students and was so knowledgeable. He had started a tradition in Buna all those years ago that I knew I wanted be a part of.

When I graduated from high school, I went to college to become a teacher. After working for several years away from Buna, my family and I were moving back. I contacted Mr. Michalsky about possibly working for him. Within days, he called to offer me a job. You see, he knew what kind of person I was because I had been one of his students. He knew what high standards he had for his students, and he knew in order to be a successful band student, I must have a strong work ethic. Thanks to the training from Mr. Michalsky himself in band, I was a good candidate to hire for a job as an adult. I did work for Mr. Michalsky until he retired from the elementary school. During that time, my respect for him increased. He was not only an excellent teacher, he was an amazing leader. He created the same motivation in his teachers that he had nurtured in me so many years ago. While he was principal, the same level of excellence he expected from

band members helped his campus to achieve the recognized and exemplary campus status many years.

My oldest son, John, was also a band student. Although Mr. Michalsky wasn't his band director, he, too, knew who he was. Mr. Michalsky continued to help with band long after he'd left his paying responsibilities. He often worked with the current band director to make sure she was leading students in the right direction. He would critique marching routines and help make the adjustments necessary to win Sweepstakes. Mr. Michalsky has such an appreciation for music and band that even when it isn't required of him, he helps.

I am now the counselor at Buna Elementary. Although Mr. Michalsky is no longer an employee of Buna ISD, he still helps me. If I ever need ANYTHING, I know exactly who to call. It comes as no surprise that last year, Mr. Michalsky was elected to the school board of Buna ISD. He is a friend to teachers and staff and believes in kids and in our school. He is the perfect board member because he knows what school is like from the inside.

Of the men I respect in my life, Mr. Anthony Michalsky is at the top of that list. He gave selflessly to his students and staff and continues that even today. He is a good, good, man, and more than anyone I know, he deserves an opportunity to be a member of the elite – a member of Band Directors Hall of Fame.

Please consider him for this honor. His many achievements merit this request.

Sincerely,

Julie Motomura

Former band student of Anthony Michalsky

Allie Motomura

Buna Elementary School Counselor



Buna Bands

The Tradition Continues

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Samantha McCarty, and I am the current Director of Bands in Buna Independent School District. It has been my great pleasure and privilege to have had the opportunity to get to know Anthony Michalsky over the past seven years. I came to Buna as the assistant band director the year following Mr. Michalsky's retirement. It was apparent within my first weeks that he had left an imprint on both the school and community. The tradition of excellence was a trade mark of this program.

The new head director frequently called on Mr. Michalsky to ask questions. He always seemed pleased to help in any way, but stayed in the background never wanting to draw attention to himself. It was important to him that she was in the forefront earning the respect as the leader in the program. He worked with groups of students at both the junior high and high school on all-region music in the fall then came back in the spring to help with the solos and ensembles. He would work as a band substitute to keep the students from being denied playing opportunities when we were absent. I could see a definite desire for the students to achieve success.

A few short years later the opportunity came for me to step into the role as head director. I had mixed feelings about whether I could fill the shoes of those who had come before me. Mr. Michalsky was quick to give me the encouragement that I needed to make the transition. This was the point in time when I really began to see who this man was. As I began this daunting task I found that I was much more ill-prepared than I could have imagined. Mr. Michalsky was the reason I made it through that year. He would watch and listen to rehearsals then would take the time to go over things that I did not see or hear. He mentored me as I learned how to work with older students with a more critical ear. He shared ways that had helped him organize his rehearsals to allow as much to be accomplished as possible. Mr. Michalsky could have certainly kept the knowledge he had gained through his years of experience to himself, but was more than willing to give me any tool that could help create success. Even with my inexperience Mr. Michalsky never told me what I should do. He simply shared ideas and things that had worked for him. As I had seen in the case of the previous director Mr. Michalsky never placed himself in the limelight. I always knew he desired for the program and students to be successful, but I realized that year that he wanted me to find success as well. He continued to give his time to work with students on all-region and solo-ensemble music. It was not unusual for him to come up to the school and march through parts of the drill by himself to ensure that the numbers were correct. I learned and grew because of the willingness of this man to be honest and willing to invest in me.

The following year began with me having to have neck surgery. For eight weeks Mr. Michalsky filled in the gaps while I recovered. My appreciation for all that he has done and continues to do is inexpressible. In this small town of Buna, TX there is an intense pride in the band program, a passion for music, and an enduring respect for the man who laid that foundation dedicating his life to music and education.

Thank you,

Samantha McCarty

Moore Entertainment, LLC.

December 1, 2013

Mr. Ben Gollehon, Chairman Hall of Fame Committee Phi Beta Mu Honorary Bandmasters Association Alpha Chapter

Dear Chairman Gollehon,

I am writing you this letter as a formal petition in support of one Anthony J. "Ike" Michalsky for consideration as a candidate for the Honorary Bandmasters Fraternity induction for 2014. I am not sure that you would have had the opportunity to meet or know Mr. Michalsky through your esteemed career in Texas, but he was an extraordinary teacher, leader, and band director for a small double AA school in Buna, Texas, located in the piney woods area of East Texas.

I am a 1972 graduate and trumpet player that had the good fortune to get started in Band with him in the fifth grade. I, like many hundreds of other students enjoyed many successes at Marching Band and Symphonic Band contests with Sweepstakes Awards. Also, through his tutelage, many of his students went on to rate in all region and all state competitions. Some of us went on to Colleges and Universities applying the confidence and skills we all learned from him in a variety of career choices. Today, many of his ex-students are Band Directors, Music Ministers, Business Men, Teachers and or Professional Musicians.

I am privileged to have had a tremendous career in the music industry as a professional concert tour promoter and have never failed to recognize that the success that I have enjoyed over the years started in the band hall under his direction playing scales, marches and symphonic suites by Macbeth.

Yes, Mr. Michalsky of Buna Texas, is one of the most accomplished Band Directors in the State. The extensive statistics that are surely available to you would hopefully validate his candidacy for induction. It is with great respect and admiration for him that I submit this recommendation to you and the committee for consideration. He is truly a legendary teacher and mentor to his students and a Godsend for our small community.

Thank you for your indulgence and consideration of this recommendation for Mr. Anthony J. Michalsky.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Moore President, Moore Entertainment, LLC. November 16, 2013

Dr. Steve Hyden, Superintendent Buna Independent School District P.O. Box 1087 Buna, Texas 77612

Dr. Hyden,

As members and officers in the Michalsky Bands Alumni Association, we respectfully ask that you present the following request to the board during the next regular session.

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Sincerely,

Michalsky Bands Alumni Association Elected Committee

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Phi Beta Mu Hall Of Fame committee,

One of the highlights of our annual Texas Bandmasters Convention is the Hall Of Fame recognition honoring those band directors that have been leaders in our field and who have positively impacted so many lives through their outstanding teaching, example, and leadership. Anthony "Ike" Michalsky is certainly an example of what this honor represents.

As a long time music educator and administrator in Buna, Texas, his bands were always exemplary, he was and is a mentor to so many young people and music educators, including myself. I still remember my first year to teach when, on weekends at Swicegoods Music, Ike took the time to actually talk to me, a rookie, and thus began our relationship and his mentorship throughout my career. He has always been the perfect "gentleman" and has always been an example of what is the best in our profession. His record is outstanding, 24 years of 1st divisions and 22 years of sweepstakes before he entered administration. As a principal, sometimes while still being the Head Band Director, he continued his leadership and professionalism to positively impact even more young men and women.

During is 40 plus years in education, all in Region 10 and in Buna, Texas, he was and still is a leader in our region and always a calm and wise voice when needed and always at just the right time. If I were asked to name one individual that represented the "best" in Region 10 and the "best" in our profession, it would be Ike Michalsky.

I, along with all members of Region 10, would ask that you consider Anthony "Ike" Michalsky as a candidate for the Phi Beta Mu Texas Bandmasters Hall Of Fame. We believe he represents every positive aspect of our profession.

Respectully

Nelson R. Nolden

UIL Executive Secretary

Region X Music



Saint Francis Catholic Church

P.O. Box 1688 Buna, Texas 77612

August 15, 2013

Buna Alumni Band Association Buna, Texas

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, to recommend Mr. Anthony Michalsky be recognized for his selfless contributions and service to the community of Buna and surrounding area.

At St. Francis Church, he has served as director of religious education for our youth for a number of years and has been actively involved as a Eucharistic Minister at the Sunday worship services.

Currently, Mr. Michalsky continues to volunteer his time and talent as the music director for our liturgical celebrations each week. He also graciously serves on my parish council, finance council, and stewardship council for the Bishop's Faith Appeal. His involvement with the spiritual and temporal welfare of the church is invaluable.

Because of his commitment to community and church, I unreservedly recommend that Mr. Anthony Michalsky be honored by the Buna Alumni Band Association.

Sincerely,

Rev. Delphyn J. Meeks, Pastor

Rev. Delphyn J. Mecks



Michalsky, first band seniors with sweepstakes award

Band Wins Sweepstakes

The Buna High School Band earned the sweepstakes award last week in the University Interscholastic League contest held at Evadale High School.

Only three of the 20 bands competing -- Buna, Hardin-Jefferson and Woodville -- received the sweepstakes award.

The sweepstakes is awarded to bands that receive a one -- the highest ranking -- in the marching contest, held in the fall, and in the concert and sight reading competition, held in the spring.

"I thought we peaked," said BHS band

director Anthony Michalsky, who served as host for last week's contest. "I don't think we had ever done it that well in practice."

Buna's second band, under the direction of Jimmy Hoffpauir, came out fourth in the contest, receiving a 2 in concert and a 1 in sight reading.

The first band went to contest April 20, and the second band competed April 19.

The first band performed "Emblem of Unity," by Richards; "Cavatina," by

Rossini and "Alleluia Laudamus Te," by Reed.

The second band performed "Torch of Liberty," by King; "Little Scotch Suite," by Jackson and "Colorado Trail," by Ployhav.

Concert judges were Pete Rodriguez of Bryan, Paula Crider of the University of Texas and Stewart Bird of Carthage. The sight reading judge was Bob Renfroe of Texas City. PO Box 2066 Buna, TX 77612
peggyrainwater@sbcglobal.net

ALPHA CHAPTER
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HONORARY BANDMASTERS FRATERNITY

Hall Of Fame Committee,

It is with great pride that I ask you to consider Anthony J. Michalsky as a candidate for the Phi Beta Mu Texas Bandmasters' Hall Of Fame. He is one of our state's finest music educators and very deserving of this prestigious honor.

Having chosen a small school district to begin his career as a music educator, he was the sole person responsible for all the music groups from 4th grade tonette class to the high school band program. It was many, many years before he was afforded the help of an assistant director, which means that he singlehandedly grew the band program into the powerhouse that it became and remained under his direction.

There are many of us who consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have had this extraordinary man as our band director. He set an amazing example and never asked more of any us than he was willing to give in return. Because of his teaching, mentoring and encouragement, many of his students chose to pursue careers in music; some are teachers, some are performers, some are composers and/or lyricists and some are music industry executives - all a testament to Mr. Michalsky's influence. Regardless of our chosen paths, he gave us all a lifetime love of music and a front row seat in learning what one could accomplish with commitment and a dedicated, single-focused effort.

In addition to his accomplishments in the field of music education, he is involved in his community and very highly respected. He has been honored by the community numerous times and, most recently, has had an alumni band organization and scholarship fund established in his honor. Yet, considering all of his accomplishments and accolades, he remains a very humble person.

Anthony Michalsky is the quintessential music educator. He is truly an asset to his profession and is well-deserving of being selected and inducted into the Texas Bandmasters' Hall of Fame.

Most Sincerely,

Peggy Williams Rainwater Buna High School Band Member 1969-1973 All-State Band 1972 All-State Orchestra 1973 Region XIII

Junior High Honor Bands

in concert

Keye Ingram Auditorium

Bay City, Texas

December 2, 1989

Symphonic Band Clinician Mr. Anthony Michalsky Buna ISD Buna, Texas

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Region Band Chairman Joe Castillano, Vanderbilt

Region Band Secretary Larry Lindsey, Port Lavaca

Region Executive Secretary Eddie Duncan

Clinic Hosts Richard Longoria John Reinke Bay City

The State of Texas



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Michalsky Bands Alumni Association is hosting a banquet honoring Anthony Michalsky on November 16, 2013, in recognition of his distinguished service to the music program of the Buna Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Crosby High School, Anthony Michalsky served in the U.S. Army for two years before earning a bachelor's degree in music and a master's degree in secondary education from the University of North Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michalsky joined the Buna ISD as band director for Buna High School in 1963; under his leadership, the BHS band program won two State Marching Band awards and earned numerous Sweepstakes awards; his ensembles were known across the Lone Star State for their commitment to excellence, and many of his students were selected for the Texas All-State Band; during his tenure as band director, Mr. Michalsky strengthened the music program in the district by introducing music and band instruction at the elementary school level; he also promoted music education as a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association, the National Association; and

WHEREAS, After more than two decades as a teacher, Mr. Michalsky accepted the position of principal at Buna Elementary School in 1985; the school flourished under his direction and was honored by the Texas Education Agency as an Exemplary Campus for five years, a Recognized Campus for three years, and a Significant Gains Campus for one year; Mr. Michalsky returned to Buna High School as band director in 1998 and taught until his retirement in 2007; altogether, he worked for the BISD for 44 years, and today he serves as a member of the Buna ISD Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Generously giving of his time and talents in behalf of many worthy organizations, Mr. Michalsky has served as president of the Lions Club and the Buna Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Veterans Memorial Board; he is also a member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus; deeply grateful for the myriad ways in which this esteemed Texan has enriched their community, residents of Buna celebrated October 16, 2004, as Anthony Michalsky Day; and

WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Michalsky is blessed with the love and support of his wife, Rebecca, his two children, Jenny and Bryan, and his five grandchildren; and WHEREAS, Countless Buna High School Band alumni treasure the musical education they received and the life lessons they learned from a director who always challenged and inspired them to do their very best, and it is a pleasure to commend Anthony Michalsky for his longtime service and immeasurable contributions to the Buna Independent School District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Anthony Michalsky be recognized on the occasion of the appreciation banquet being held in his honor by Buna High School Band alumni and that he be extended sincere best wishes for the future.

James White

State Representative

District 19

November 16, 2013

Dr. Steve Hyden, Superintendent Buna Independent School District P.O. Box 1087 Buna, Texas 77612

Dr. Hyden,

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006



End of an era

FRIDAY NIGHT'S HALFTIME show at the Buna High School football game marked the end of an era, as band director Anthony Michalsky has announced his plans to retire. Following the recognition of senior members of the band, Michalsky was presented a gift by Melissa Haynes on behalf of all band members for his dedication and hard work.

BISD board changes officers, eyes budget

The Buna ISD school board dded two new faces at their lov. 12 meeting as they reorgaized the officers after the etirement of the longtime vice resident.

Scott Folmar and Anthony fichalsky, new additions to the oard, along with Keith Mullins nd Jimmy Carrell were sworn in or four-year terms, while Brent tark was sworn in to his two ear unexpired term.

In addition, Mullins was choen to continue as board presient, while Joel Clark was ected to vice president, and raig Maines will continue as ecretary.

The new board dived head first to district business, as they ok a look at the budget calendar r 2013-14, which starts in ebruary, as recommended by hief Operations Officer George



SWORN IN FOR a new term on the BISD school board at the Nov. 12 meeting were, left to right, Jimmy Carrell, Keith Mullins, Brent Stark, Scott Folmar and Anthony Michalsky.

legislative session that begins in January, the district will start

Kicking off after the Texas before the end of the current school year.

Board members also reviewed with staff input on the budget, the district technology plan and moving to principals meeting district improvement plan, and with the superintendent, all approved the district vision statement, as created by the District Educational Improvement Committee.

The vision statement reads, "Buna Independent School District will provide a learning environment conducive to personal, academic and technological growth that will sustain our graduate in the ever changing global society."

The board approved the application for a State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) grant for upgrades to HVAC equipment. Talbert noted that the district intends to apply for the maximum amount allowed -\$100,000.

In other business, the board also approved entering an agreement with Lemons Auctioneers to conduct an online auction for surplus items in the district.

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including old buses, tractors and equipment, old copy machines, light bulbs and fixtures.

Lemons auctions the items, collects the funds and remits the balance to the district, after assessing their 7 percent fee, which is discounted to the district due to its affiliation with the TASBO Conference.

The auction date will be conducted at a future date.

During the Superintendent's Report, updates on the district goals as well as by campus were given, including in the realm of technology, where the district is working toward a "Bring Your Own Device" implementation

The district is piloting using iPads instead of a desktop or laptop computer, while offering after school iPad training for staff members who want to attend.

In addition, 31 iPads have been purchased for the junior high math department, to be used for the Think Through Moth

\$29,072. The remaining funds will be used to contract with a math specialist to coach the elementary and junior high teachers.

The district has purchased a Ford Fusion for staff members to use when traveling to Region 5 trainings, meetings, and conferences in Texas.

Superintendent Dr. Robin Perez explained that it will allow the Suburbans and vans to always be available for student groups.

All three campus principals reported conducting classroom walkthrough observations, while also working with instructors on supporting professional development activities and student engagement in the learning pro-



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December 12, 2013
Texas Bandmaster Hall of Fame

Nominations Committee

Members,

We, the undersigned, wish to take this opportunity to enthusiastically support the nomination of Mr. Anthony Michalsky to be inducted into the Texas Bandmaster Hall of Fame. As members of the Buna ISD Board of Trustees we offer the following information in support of Anthony Michalsky. Mr. Michalsky began his career with Buna ISD as Band Director in 1963 and proceeded to build a program which would become a source of pride for the school and the community. Serving as Band Director for a total of 31 years from 1963-1985, in the dual role of Elementary Principal and Band Director from 1998-2004, and as Band Director from 2004-2007, Mr. Michalsky led his program to achieve 29 UIL first division marching awards, 24 UIL first division concert awards, 24 UIL first division sight reading awards, and 22 sweepstakes awards. Among the sweepstakes awards, there were three runs of consecutive wins consisting of 13 years (1969-1981), 2 years (1983 and 1984), and 7 years (2000-2007). Mr. Michalsky's bands made appearances in Area competitions as well as one State competition. Certainly, Mr. Michalsky has left a legacy of high achievement and excellence for our music program.

Additionally, Mr. Michalsky has provided excellent leadership in our district as our Elementary Principal and as a member of our Board of Trustees. His campus was consistently high performing and his love and dedication to the students is second to none other. Mr. Michalsky also serves throughout our community in his church, as a member of the Lions Club, a board member of our utility district, and in support of public efforts throughout the community. His legacy of service in our school and community is clearly indicative of his commitment to the success and well-being of the students and citizens.

Collectively, we pray your greatest consideration to include Mr. Anthony Michalsky in your Texas Bandmaster Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Buna ISD Board of Trustees

Keith-Myllins, President

Craig Maines, Secretary

Brent Stark, Member

Joel Clark, Vice-President

Jimmy Carrell, Member

Scott Folmar, Member



Submit one or more paragraphs below describing your educational or career goals and how the scholarship will affect those goals.

I would like to attend college at MCC for at least 1 year, then transfer to UTSA to complete my education in the field of Psychology. After I have earned my Bachelor's and Master's degrees, I would like to become a licensed Marriage Counselor. As I grew up, I had no one to help me work through problems. When I dared to share myself, often I was ridiculed. In spite of this, I believe in myself and want to help others have the tools they need to work out relationship problems in general and personal problems specific to their relationships. This scholarship will help me achieve my goals by giving me the funding necessary to take the courses I need to graduate and achieve my goals.

"The Leader of the Band"

A quiet man of music denied a simpler fate

He tried to be a soldier once, but his music wouldn't wait.

He earned his love through discipline, a thundering velvet hand.

His gentle means of sculpting souls took me years to understand.

The leader of the band has influenced young and old.

His blood runs through our instruments and his song is in our souls.

Our lives have been a poor attempt to imitate the man

We're just a living legacy to the leader of the band.

We thank you for the music and your stories of the road.

We thank you for the freedom when it came our time to go.

We thank you for the kindness and the times when you got tough.

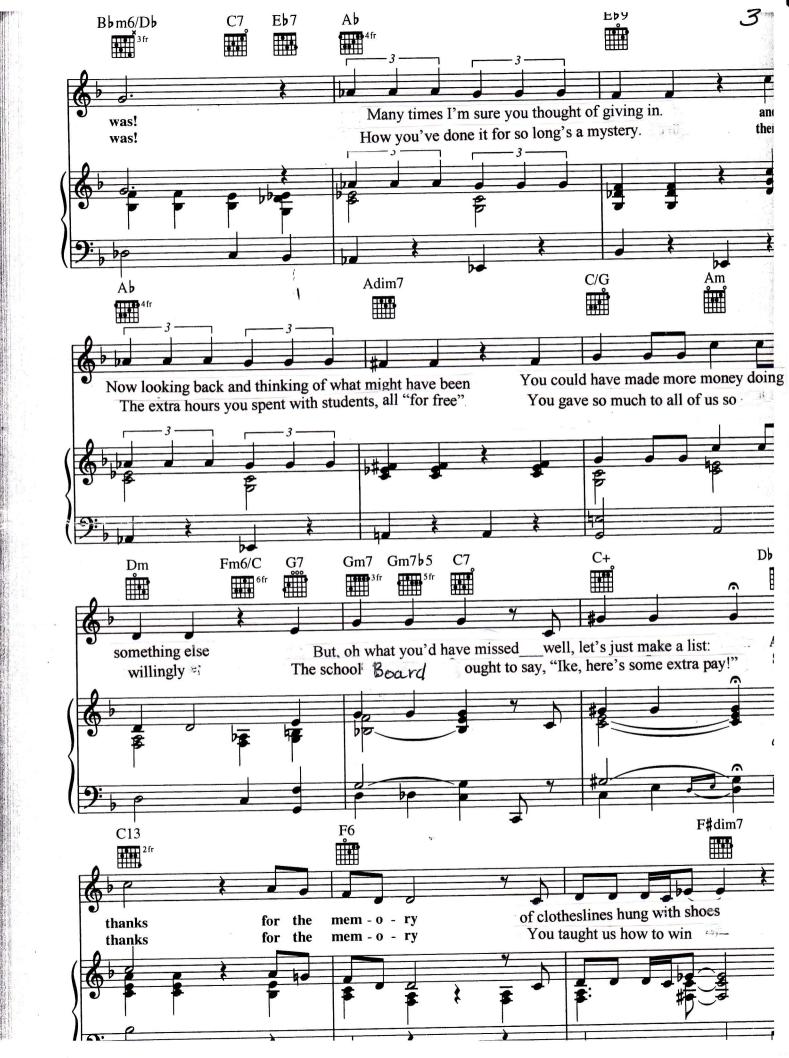
And we don't think we said "We love you" near enough.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

(From The Paramount Picture "BIG BROADCAST OF 1938")









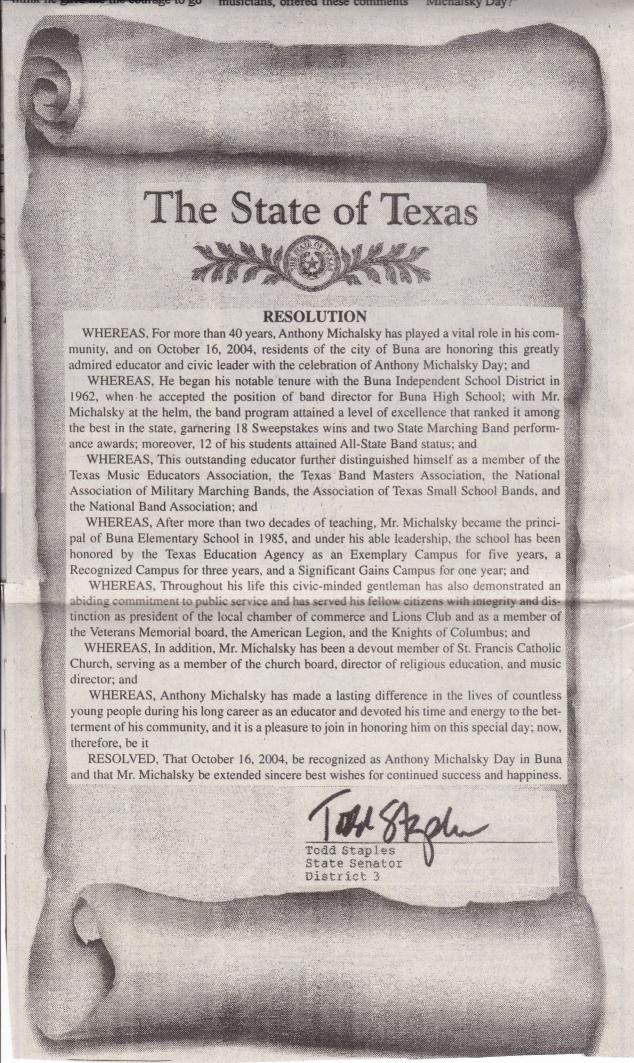
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MICHALSKY TAKES UP TWIRLING - Buna Elementary School Principal Anthony Michalsky donned a twirling costume and twirled for BES students to fulfill a promise made to the students earlier in the school year. Michalsky agreed to the twirling performance to award students and teachers for the hard work and dedication given in preparing for the TAAS test.





University of North Texas

Office of the Dean College of Education

October 14, 1994

Mr. Anthony Michalsky P.O. Box 581 Buna, TX 77612-0581

Dear Mr. Michalsky:

I recently learned that you were elected District President of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association. I congratulate you on this achievement. It is always a pleasure to hear that one of our graduates has received such an honor. We in the College of Education applaud you and your accomplishment.

Again, congratulations and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Dixon

Dean

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Buna High band earns best in class, superior rank in festival

Special to the Beacon

Buna High School band members traveled to Winter Park, Colorado, last week where they competed in the 19th annual Winter Park Ski-Music Festival.

The festival is located 67 miles northwest of Denver in the beautiful Rocky Mountain National Park. Following a 22-hour bus ride, the band performed at 8 p.m. on April 4 and played three concert pieces.

On Thursday, the students were fitted with skis and taken to ski instructors. Those who were brave enough actually hit the slopes! Many enjoyed the snow, and others went shopping.

The award ceremony and street dance were the climax of the competition, held on Friday night. The street dance was held in Cooper Creek Square in downtown Winter Park.

The Buna band received a "Superior Performance" plaque, and they received "Best in Class" 3A trophy (the band was still 3A at the time of registration).

The highest honor of recognition is the "Grand Champion Award." Although Buna did not earn the honor, directors Anthony Michalsky and Tami Goss were told at the Director's Reception that the Buna band was the other top choice for the Grand Champion Award.

Although the Buna band did not bring home that trophy, everyone still considered the Cougar band as champions!

Band members who participated in the trip were: Matt Crane, Lucas Mullins, Nathan Sims, Stephen Whitton, Taylor Keeler, Daniel

Gilkerson, Stephen Moore, Joe Chapman, Jarrod Kveton, Mary Ward, Ciara Lamb, Alyssa Pearcy, Vickie Smith and Jennifer Moore.

Also, Jodi Ferguson, Mindy Clubb, Shana Sparks, Maegan Brown, Megan Carrell, Katie Dunlap, Jessica Judy, Brittany Marble, Alivia Allen, Melissa Haynes, Brittany Foley, Maegan Brubaker, Samantha Whitlock, Brooke Smith, Kira Hudnell and Lindsey Walden.

Also, Tara McClelland, Brittany Cannon, Camie Creel, Kayla Blanton, Travis Nicks, Kyle Kelly, Russell Allday, Weslee Pearcy, Germaine Hadnot, Jacob McCallon, Brandon Hughes, Justin Marse, Jacob Gainey, Stephanie Wells, Ashlee Lockhart and Courtney Gonzales.

Also, Erica Salyers, Tiffini Taylor, Shannon Stephens, Dianne Fry, Christina Ferguson, Courtney Cripps, Brittany Morse, Shelby Metcalfe, Cierra Kirkendall, Lauren Menard, Alex Helm, Bailey Pedigo, Kaylee Mankee, Brittany Foil, Samantha Hillin and Ashlee Hillin.

Sponsors were Daryl and Naretha Sparks, Ernie and Donna Haynes, Danny and Tammy Pearcy, Reese and Nita Walden, Lola Ward, Sheila Keeler, Charla Sterling, Annette Moore, Patsy Caillier, Alisa Kirkendall, Crystal Hughes, DeAnn Menard, Becky Michalsky and band directors, Anthony Michalsky and Tami Goss.

Thanks go to the community for making this trip possible, including Henry Westbrook and Royal Motor Coaches for safe travel, and the Buna Band Boosters and parents. It was a once in a lifetime experience and a gift of ma.; wonderful memories.



Music makers

'HE BUNA HIGH School band traveled to Winter Park, Colorado ast week for a music festival, where they earned "Best in Show and a superior rating for their performance. See story on 7A.