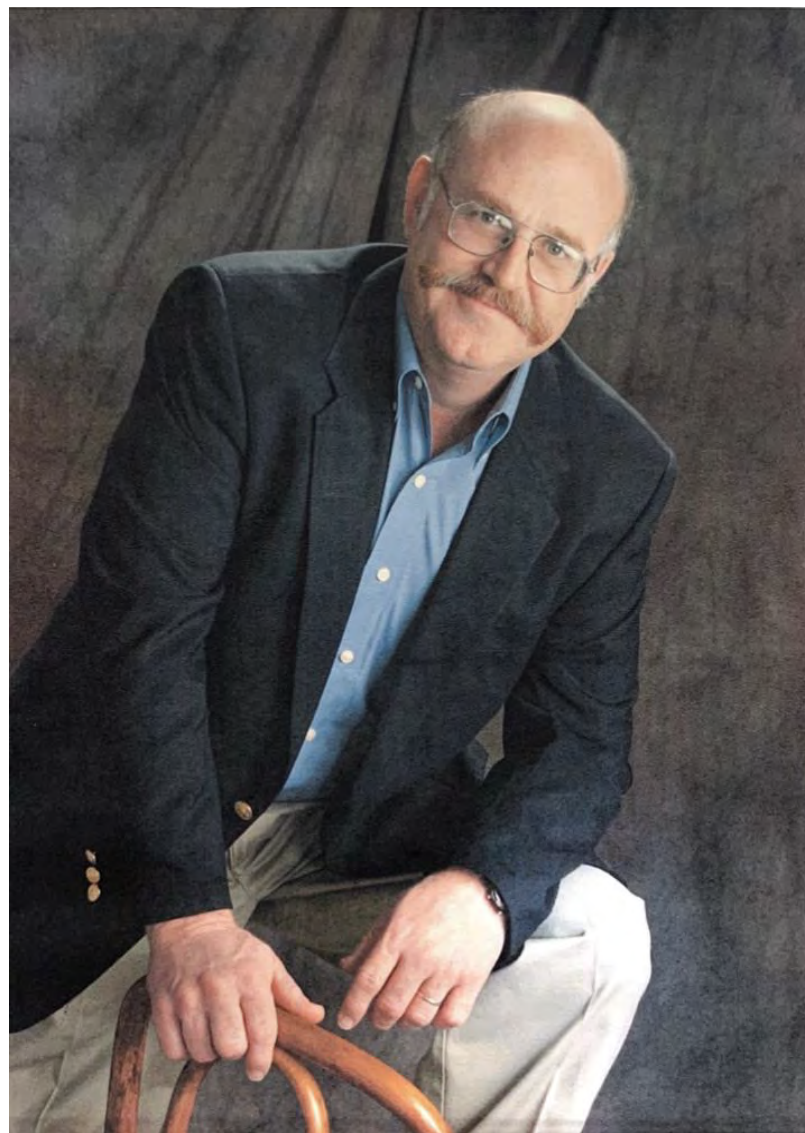


Randall D Hunsaker



**San Antonio
TMEA**

February 2019



My wonderful family in the spring of 2019. My wife, Gay and I, oldest son Daniel, wife Amanda and daughters Jordan, Clara and Eryn; our middle Son David, wife Angela and son Ethan; and our youngest son Wesley, wife Whitney and daughter Taylor and son Kaden





My parents were members of the Dublin, Texas HS Band in the early 40's



My wonderful parents – Norma Jean and P.I. Hunsaker

1969 - Stephen F. Austin Junior High

Certificate of Award

Presented to

Randall Zunsaker

upon recommendation of the faculty of

Stephen F. Austin

for outstanding accomplishment in

Band

Given at Stephen F. Austin

this 23 day of May A. D. 1969

Bob Randolph Jim Bryan

Robert C. Estes
Gary B. Saramore

ENGRAVED IN U. S. A.



BIG BLUE BAND
2006

Photo courtesy of Joe Taylor

Borger High School Band Rehearsing for the Cotton Bowl 1969-1970



REHEARSING for their journey to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas is the Mighty Bulldog Band. The group will leave for their destination in the latter part of December. The band will perform at the Cotton Bowl Parade, the Pre-Game performance, and the Half Time activities January 1st. The band's presentation will be broadcasted on nation-wide television. In order to make this trip, the band needs \$3,500.00 To earn the money, the band will sell stadium cushions and football helmet banks.

1969-70

CLASS A

1968 ALL-REGION BAND

Mr. Don Baird, Conductor

Star Spangled Banner —

Trilogy ----- Osterling

Chorale and Capriccio ----- Giovannini

Second Suite ----- McBeth

Highlights from West Side Story —

Michigan (March) ----- Goldman



CLASS AA

1968 ALL-REGION BAND

Dr. Gary Garner, Conductor

The Gladiator ----- Sousa

Fantasia on Lady of Spain ----- Tolchard Evans

The Greenbriars of Wexley ----- Nestico

Nimrod ----- Elgar (arr. Reed)



Mr. Don Baird has been the Assistant Director of Bands at West Texas State University for the past four years. Mr. Baird received his Bachelor Degree at Phillips University and his Master Degree from the University of Illinois. Mr. Baird has had public school experience in Texas. He was Director of Bands at Phillips University before coming to West Texas State. Mr. Baird served in the U. S. Army Band in which he was baritone soloist for two years. He has served as clinician, adjudicator, and soloist in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. We are happy to have Mr. Baird as guest clinician of the 1968 Class A All-Region Band.



Dr. Gary Garner has been Director of Bands at West Texas State University for the past five years. Dr. Garner received his Bachelor Degree from Texas Technological University. He received the Master and Doctor of Music Administration Degree from the University of Southern California. Dr. Garner has had public school experience in Lubbock, Texas and was Director of the University of Southern California Marching Band before coming to West Texas State. Dr. Garner has served as guest flute soloist, guest conductor and clinician, and adjudicator in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, and Arizona. We are happy to have Dr. Garner as guest clinician of the 1968 Class AA All-Region Band.

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Special appreciation is expressed to Mr. Gerald Smith, Mrs. Gerald Smith, members of the Panhandle High School Band, and the administration of the Panhandle Public Schools for assistance in administering the 1968 All-Region Band tryouts.

CLASS A 1968 ALL-REGION BAND

FLUTES:

Alesia Ragsdale, Stanton Jr. High
Pam McCutchen, Stanton
Angela Grubbs, LaPlata Jr. High
Mayda Farmer, Sanford-Fritch
Anita Hughes, LaPlata
Debbie Randolph, Austin Jr. Hi
Kathy Bucher, Canadian
Myrna Monical, Stanton
JoNeeta Jamison, Stratford
Joyclyn Harkins, Austin

Alternates:

Coleen Cole, Canadian
Janice Ray, Houston Jr. Hi

CLARINET:

Gary London, LaPlata
Marcia Tifel, Stanton
Layne Sorenson, Sanford-Fritch
Sherry Messer, Gruver
Pam Livingston, Canadian
Connie Matthews, Stanton
Marcia Blackwell, Groom
Judy Hobdy, Canadian
Cathy Radar, Canadian
Cathy Gurley, Stratford
Roger Short, White Deer
Lisa Hudson, Stratford
Jan Coleman, McLean
Mike Graham, Clarendon
Jacki Seirer, Perryton
Martha Pronger, Stratford
David Thomas, LaPlata
Marla Buckles, Stratford
Lanrel Krizan, Groom
Roddy Yates, Sanford-Fritch

Alternate:

Linda Vaughn, Clarendon
Sue Roberts, Stratford

OBOE:

Susan Moore, Canadian
Jann Gilley, Stratford

Alternate:

Martha Burkhart, White Deer

BASSOON:

Pamela Powers, Austin

ALTO CLARINET:

Barbara Sellers, White Deer
Shannon Hill, Perryton

Alternate:

Darba Bibb, Perryton

BASS CLARINET:

Barton Blau, Booker
Jeannie Coffin, Stanton
Sheryl Worley, Stratford
Tony Kite, Sanford-Fritch

CONTRA BASS:

Chris Lofland, Perryton
Vikki James, Clarendon

Alternate:

Peggy Shannon, Sunray

ALTO SAX:

Kathy Schafer, Canadian
Nancy Hudson, Gruver
Christy Jones, Canadian
Fran Hopper, McLean

Alternate:

Ronnie Canady, Perryton
George Bethel, Houston Jr. Hi

TENOR SAX:

Gilissa Dickens, Canadian
Cynthia Manning, Wheeler
Cindy Brooks, McLean
Bob Lehman, Booker

CORNET:

Randy Gurley, Stratford
Randall Hunsaker, Austin
Larry Frederiksen, Groom
Jerry Crowell, Groom
Stephen Langston, White Deer

Mark Hudson, Stratford
William Borst, Canadian

Felipe Pesina, Stanton
Eddy Stevens, Sunray

Tom Martinez, Stanton
Patti Morris, Canadian

Elizabeth McGarity, Clarendon

Alternate:

Diana Weems, Sanford-Fritch

FRENCH HORN:

Laurie Ezzell, Canadian
Ruth Rogers, Canadian
Eileen Jackson, Canadian
Murry Gans, Austin Jr. Hi
David Hicks, LaPlata Jr. Hi
Gary Vise, Wheeler
Curtis Foote, Perryton
Becky Fry, Houston Jr. Hi

Alternate:

Becky Anderson, LaPlata
Michelle Parker, McLean

TROMBONE:

John Taylor, Sanford-Fritch
Brian Tucker, Clarendon
John Ingham, Austin
Steve Stephenson, Groom
Roger Roberts, Sanford-Fritch

Alternate:

Terry Rich, Stanton
C. W. Parker, Austin
Joe Parr, McLean
David Worley, Stratford

Alternate:

Georgiana Brindle, Sanford
Mike Timmons, Perryton

BARITONE:

Jerry Moore, Clarendon
Frank Phelan, Clarendon
Harold Price, Canadian
David Ezzell, Canadian

Alternate:

Gerald Gilliland, Austin
Gary Robinson, White Deer

TUBA:

Steven Vandiver, Canadian
Paul Doan, Gruver
Terry Ashcraft, Clarendon
Dennis Ames, Houston
David Pool, McLean
Bob Newton, Perryton

Alternate:

Don Radar, Canadian
John Cathey, White Deer

DRUM:

Rodney Williams, Stratford
Danny Stone, Canadian
Jeff Hoar, Sunray
Dusty Mahory, Sunray

All-Region Concert in 1968 – my 9th Grade year
Conductors Mr. Don Baird and Dr. Gary Garner



Hunsaker Attains All-State Position

Randy Hunsaker, a junior at Borger High School, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Hunsaker of 1501 Hector, was named to the Texas All-State Band on January 23. The competition of final try-outs was held in Lubbock among Area I contestants. Area I encompasses all schools from El Paso to Midland-Odessa, Abilene, and the Texas Panhandle.

Randy will play in the All-State Band concert to be held in Houston during the Texas Music Education Association Clinic Convention on February 10 through 13.

The Texas All-State Band is made up of the best 240 bandsmen in the state.

Band Director Robert Gans will accompany Randy on the trip to Houston.

1970 – 1971 Junior Year



Gans, Hunsaker Go to State

1971-1972 Senior Year

Murry Gans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Gans, 919 Harrington, and Randy Hunsaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pirtle Hunsaker, 1501 Hester, both senior students at BHS won All-State status at the Area Competition held on the campus of Texas Tech University January 22.

Under the sponsorship of the Texas Music Educators Association, the All-State Concert Band will be presented in Grand Concert on February 12 at the Convention Center in Ft. Worth. The All-State Choir and All-State Orchestra will also perform at this concert.

Mr. Robert Gans, BHS band director, will be their sponsor.

1971 – 1972 Senior Year



Members of the All-Region Band are Charlie Hooper, John Ingahm, Murry Gans +*, Randy Hunsaker +*, Kathy Rion, Sharon Simmons, Rhonda Shipman, Barbra Smith, and Carley Wells +.

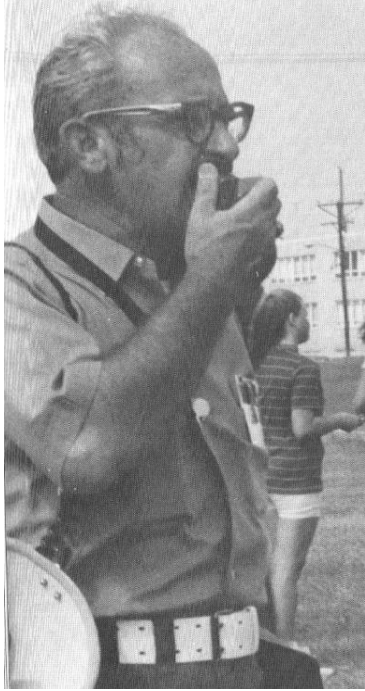
+ All-Area Band

* All-State Band

1972 All Region and All-State Band – Borger High School



1972



Mr. Robert R. Gans
Borger High School Band Director

If you
are on time
You are late!

To be average is to be
the best of the worst
and the
worst of the best



Randy Hunsaker
Senior 1972



West Texas State University
1972 – 1973

Kappa Kappa Psi

Honorary Band Fraternity



This is to certify that
Randall Dolvice Hunsaker
is hereby granted

Active Membership

in Kappa Kappa Psi

having been initiated into

Alpha Psi Chapter

November 19, 1973



Thomas Tyra
GRAND PRESIDENT

Richard W. Fodean
GRAND SECRETARY-TREASURER

1973 West Texas State University – Kappa Kappa Psi



1974 WTSU Buffalo Marching Band Qualified for Guinness Book of World Records

Certificate of Recognition

Phi Delta Kappa

This Certificate has been presented to

Randall Dolvice Hunsaker

as the Outstanding Teacher Education Student in the Department of

Music Education *for the year* 1975-76



Presented this 27th *day of* April, 19 76

by Amarillo Chapter, Amarillo, Texas

E. D. Highland
Secretary

C. B. Porey
President

1976 Outstanding Teacher Certificate from Phi Delta Kappa

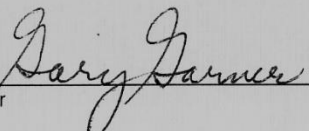
West Texas State University Band

This certifies that

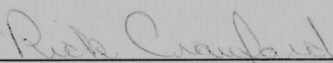
RANDY KLINSAER

having been a loyal and true member of the West Texas State University Band for 4 years, and having pursued all musical obligations zealously, and having creditably met the academic requirements of the school, and having brought honor and good repute to this organization by correct deportment, is hereby honorably released as an active member of The Buffalo Band and herewith admitted to membership for life in the Buffalo Band Ex-Member's Association.

Therefore, in testimony of the merits of our fellow member and with the most sincere wishes for a long, successful, and happy life, we have set our hands in witness this 24th day of **APRIL** in the year of our Lord.


Director

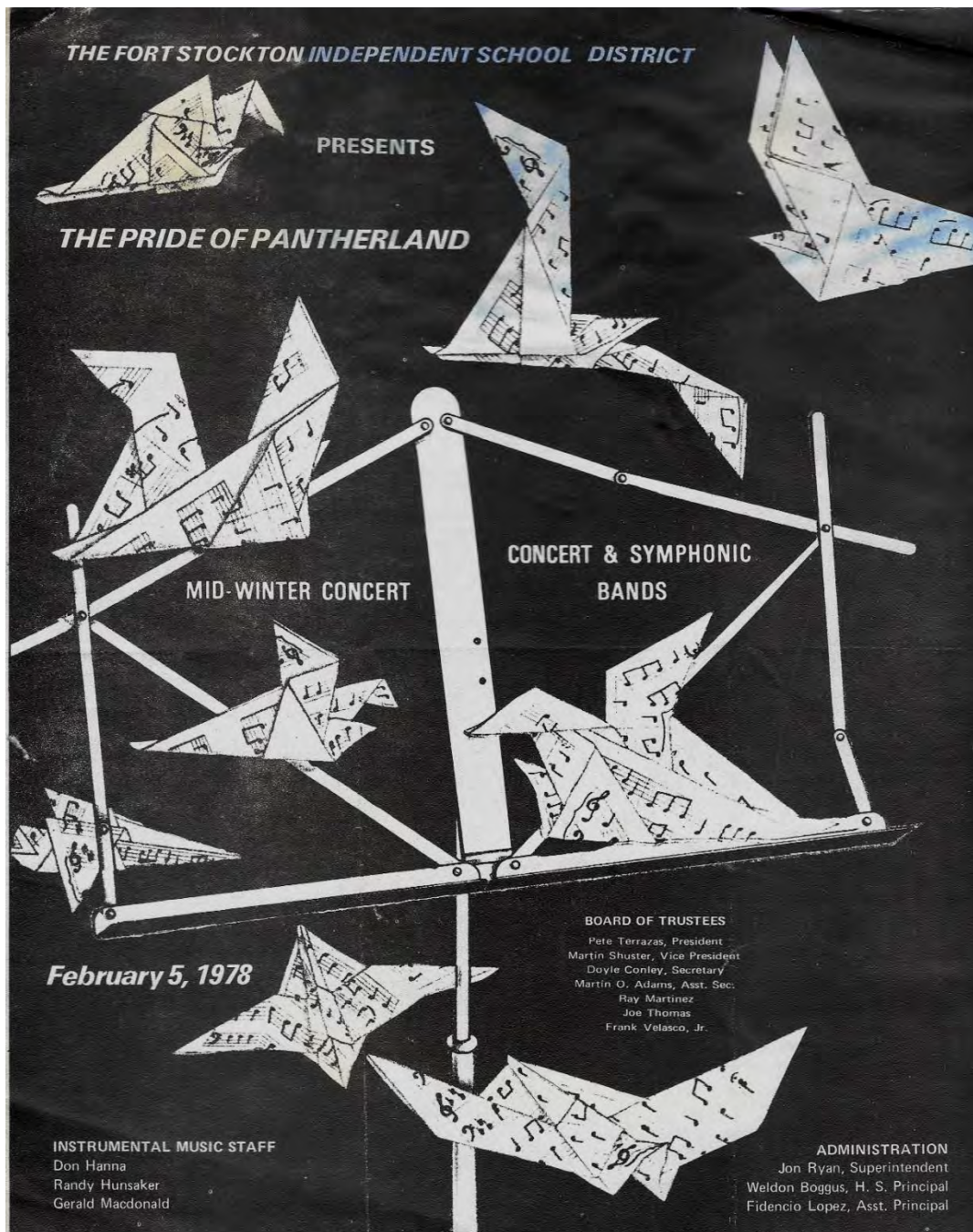



President

1976 WTSU Band Certificate



1977 – My beautiful wife and I



1978

Mid-Winter Concert

**Ft. Stockton, Texas
Pride of Pantherland**

Don Hanna, Director

Stratford, Texas





Stratford High School rehearsal in the old Stratford band hall



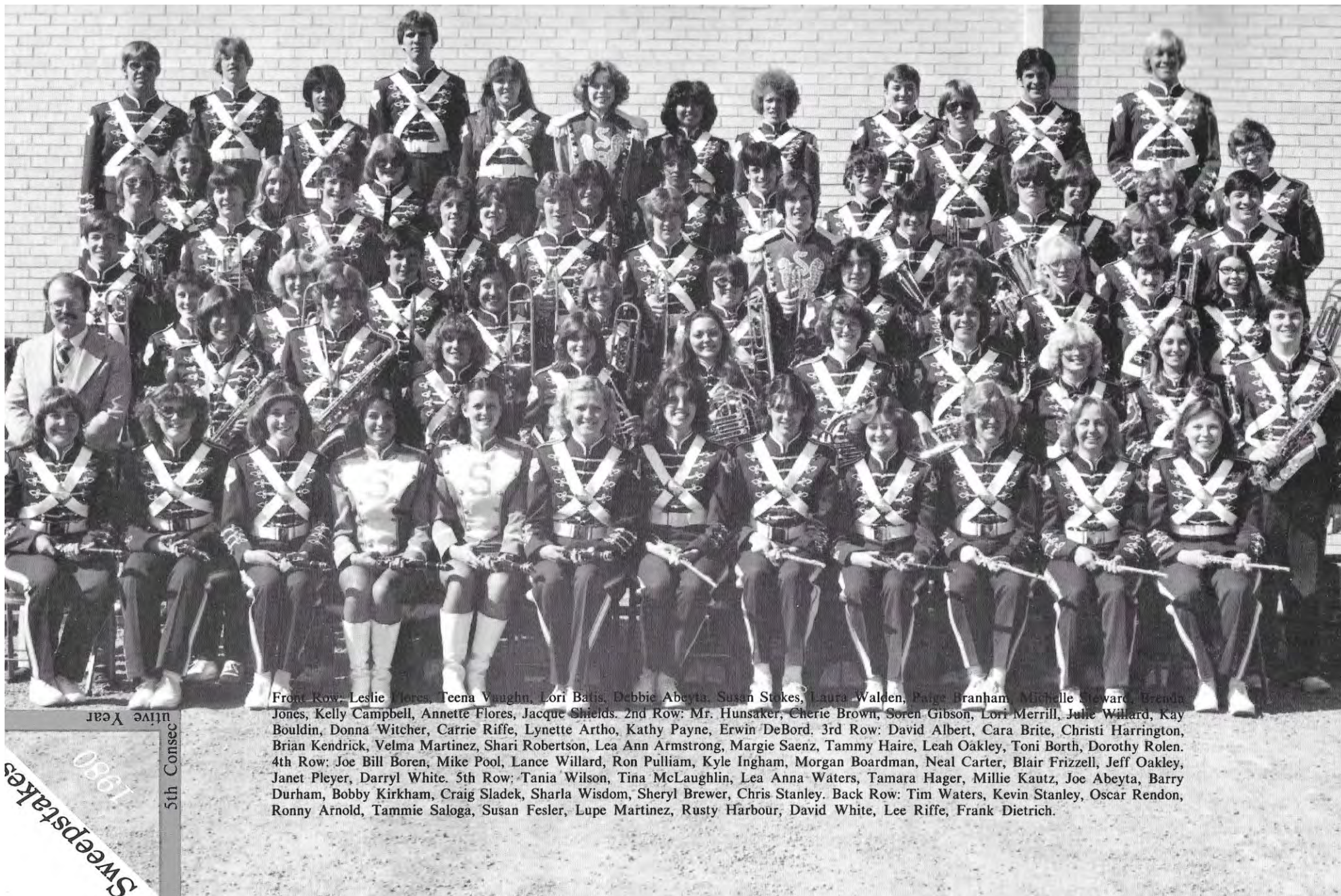
**My 1954 Chevy pickup purchased in 1977,
still rolling down the road in 2019**

"Then and Now with Old Blue"



**The
1979 – 1980
Stratford
High School
Band**

**My
first
year
at
Stratford**



Front Row: Leslie Flores, Teena Vaughn, Lori Batis, Debbie Abeyta, Susan Stokes, Laura Walden, Paige Branham, Michelle Stewart, Brenda Jones, Kelly Campbell, Annette Flores, Jacque Shields. 2nd Row: Mr. Hunsaker, Cherie Brown, Soren Gibson, Lori Merrill, Julie Willard, Kay Bouldin, Donna Witcher, Carrie Riffe, Lynette Artho, Kathy Payne, Erwin DeBord. 3rd Row: David Albert, Cara Brite, Christi Harrington, Brian Kendrick, Velma Martinez, Shari Robertson, Lea Ann Armstrong, Margie Saenz, Tammy Haire, Leah Oakley, Toni Borth, Dorothy Rolen. 4th Row: Joe Bill Boren, Mike Pool, Lance Willard, Ron Pulliam, Kyle Ingham, Morgan Boardman, Neal Carter, Blair Frizzell, Jeff Oakley, Janet Pleyer, Darryl White. 5th Row: Tania Wilson, Tina McLaughlin, Lea Anna Waters, Tamara Hager, Millie Kautz, Joe Abeyta, Barry Durham, Bobby Kirkham, Craig Sladek, Sharla Wisdom, Sheryl Brewer, Chris Stanley. Back Row: Tim Waters, Kevin Stanley, Oscar Rendon, Ronny Arnold, Tammie Saloga, Susan Fesler, Lupe Martinez, Rusty Harbour, David White, Lee Riffe, Frank Dietrich.



**1979 – beginning the equivalent of twenty-five laps around the globe!
At least two of the twenty-five were on rough dirt roads, Lol**

1979 – Randy and Gay Hunsaker and Assistant John Strother



Pictured above is Mr. & Mrs. Randy Hunsaker and Mr. John Strother. This was Mr. Hunsaker's first year as director of the Big Blue Band. The Hunsakers moved here from Fort Stockton, where Mr. Hunsaker was an assistant director. The Hunsakers have one son, Daniel, who is one year old.

The Big Blue Band, under Mr. Hunsaker's guidance, received the coveted Sweepstakes award for the 5th consecutive year. However this year's award is extra-special, because never before has the band achieved Sweepstakes with a first-year director! 1979-80 was truly a record-breaking year for the Great Elk Band.

This Special Plaque was Given to me by the Lasley's

It's a funny thing about life.
If you refuse to accept
anything but the best,
you very often get it.

Presented to
Randy Hunsaker
by
Joyce Ann & Orland Lasley

V.O. Lasley

A real friend, loving husband, father grand & great grandddad. He left a legacy: a warm hand shake to seal a promise, a love of GOD, COUNTRY, his family, airplanes, double mint chewing gum, his dogs, a toothpick, big kids, little kids, the very old and in between. Never too busy to help his fellowman, nor too tired to do a job, never complained, and was quick to say:

**"EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALRIGHT"
BORN DECEMBER 25, 1921
SAW HIS MASTER MAY 18, 1987**



Stratford High School Band 1980-1981





1981 TMEA Honor Band Finalist – 4th in State



1981 – 1982 Stratford High School Concert Band

David McEntyre and me - Summer of 1982

(After School year 1981-1982!)

**David McEntyre,
Assistant Band Director**





Stratford High School Concert Band



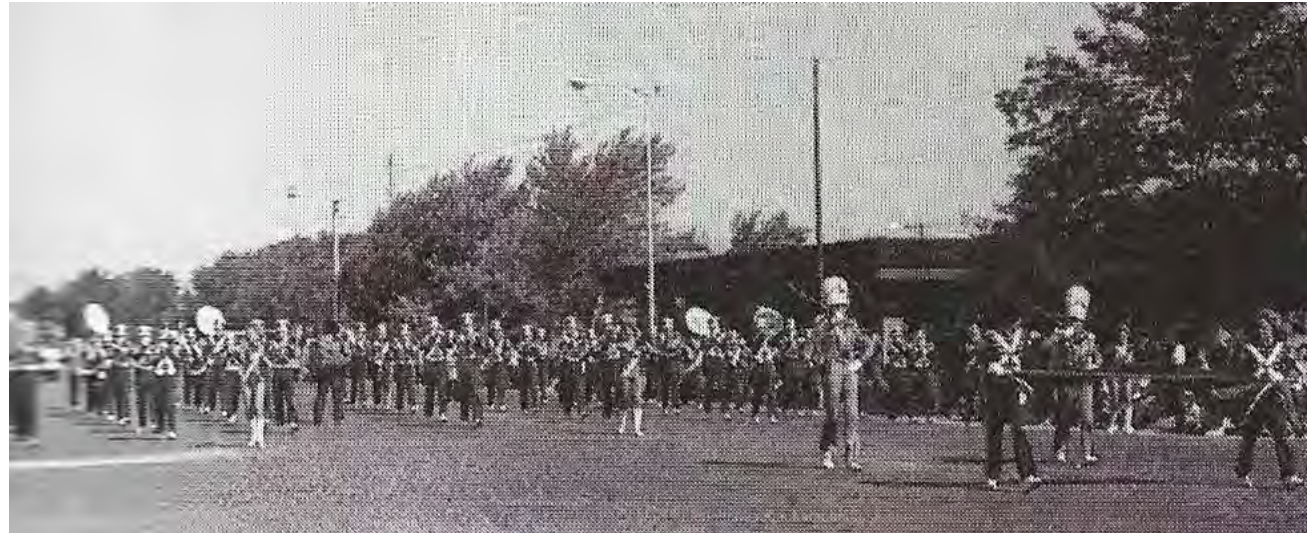
1982 – 1983 Trophies – UIL and Canon City, Colorado



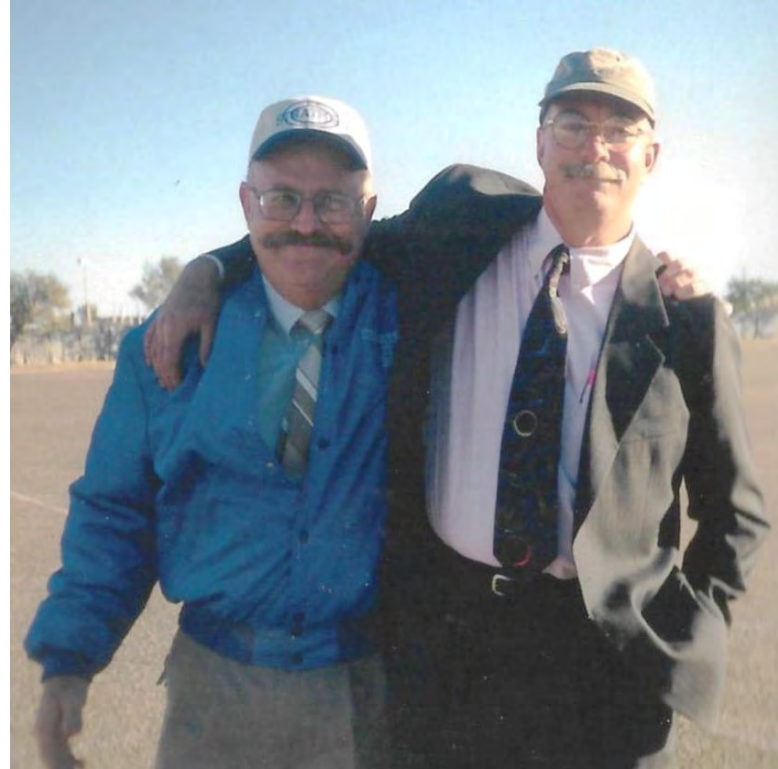
1983 TMEA Honor Band – 2nd in State



1983 Stratford High School Marching Band



Stratford Days Parade



Todd Parker and I after a UIL Marching Contest

We were classmates at Austin Junior High, Borger High and WTSU



**Daddy's Home from the California Band Trip!!!
Spring Trip 1984**



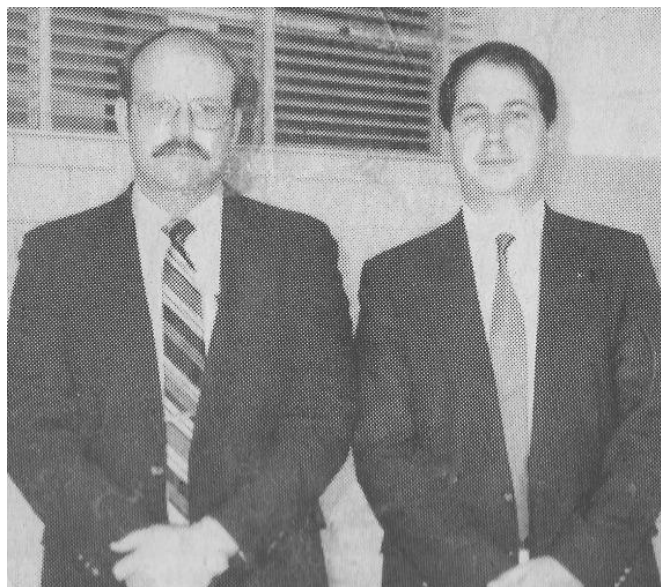
A Great 1984 Fishing Trip With the Family to Brookhollow



1984 – 1985
"The All-American Couple"



1984 – 1985
Our very young boys



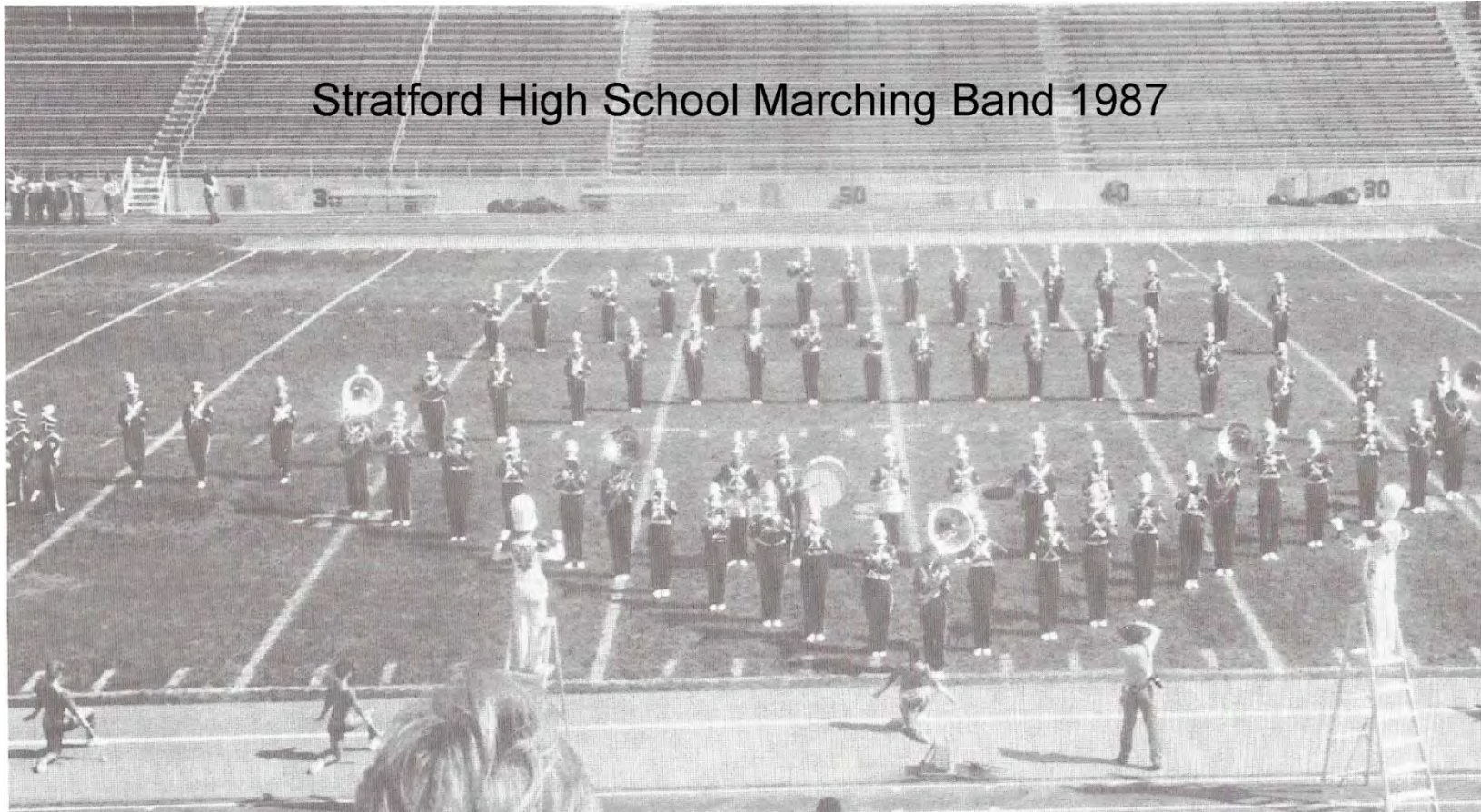
1985

Jim Taliaferro, Assistant Band Director



1985 Stratford High School Marching Band

Stratford High School Marching Band 1987





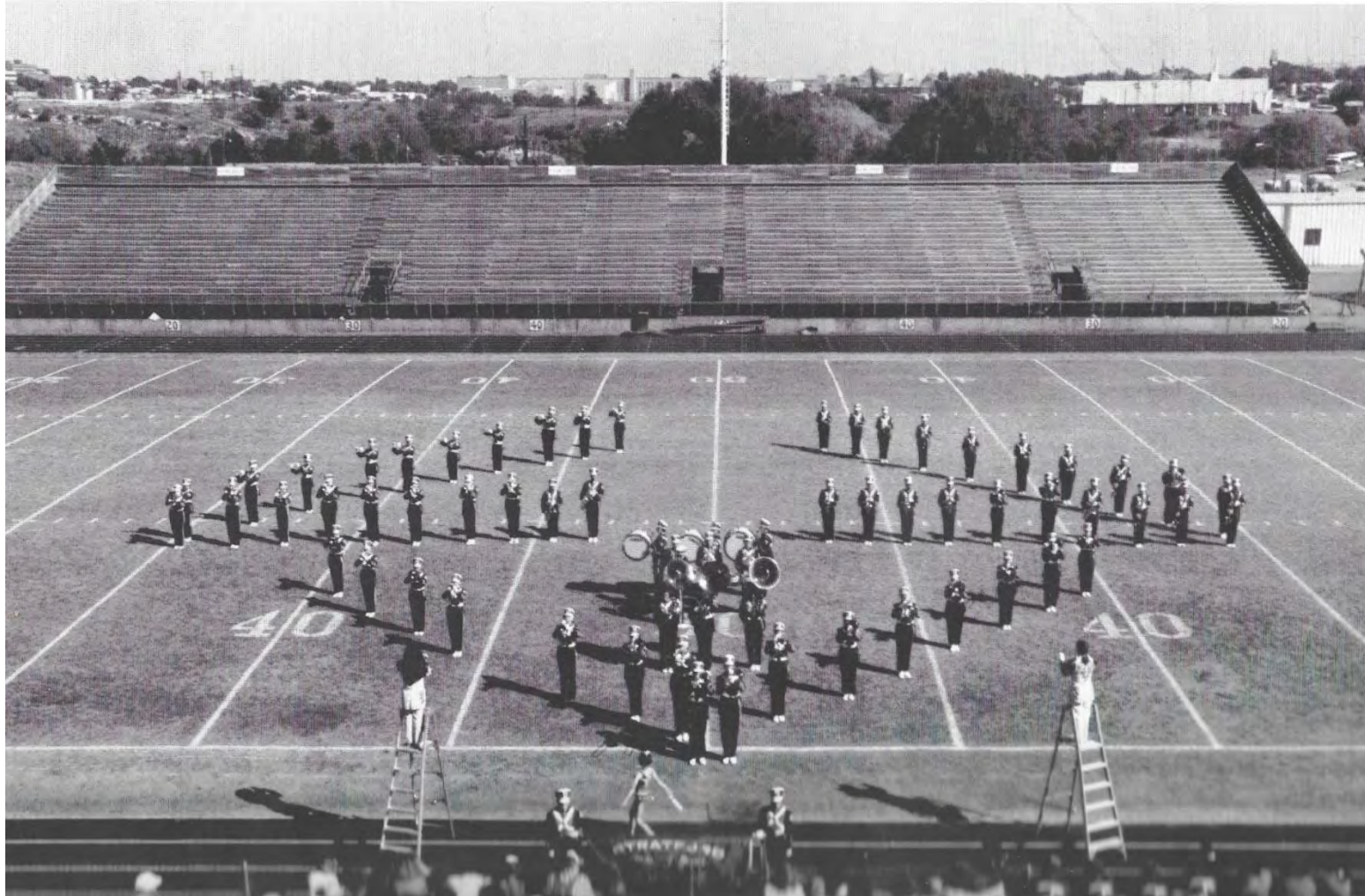
The 1990 Big Blue Band won Sweepstakes this year. Congratulations!

Assistant Band Director, Betty Ingham

ELK



BAND!



1990 – 1991 Stratford High School Marching Band



1993 – 1994 Stratford High School Marching Band

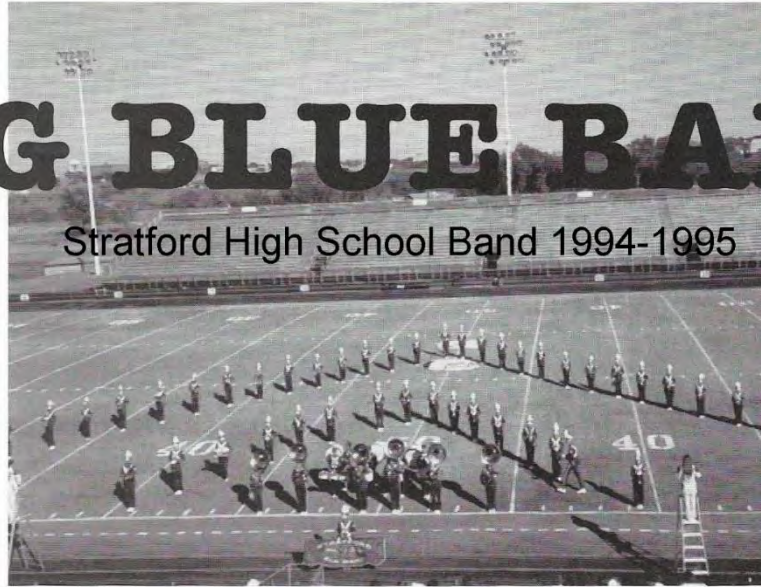


Bob Buhr
Assistant Band Director
1994

Mr. Hunsaker and Mr. Buhr taking a break!

BIG BLUE BAND

Stratford High School Band 1994-1995



SENIORS

#1,
Again...



Drum Majors this year were Katie Norris and Sabrina Bonds.

1994 – 1995



*1995 UIL Area A
Marching Band Contest*

Stratford High School 1995-1996 -Area UIL Marching Contest





Jeff Witcher and I in 1996

**1996 – 1997
Region I
UIL Area
Marching Contest**





Spring Concert 1997 – Brass Performance

1996-1997 Stratford High School Band -Senior Class



1996 – 1997

**Our son Daniel's
senior year**





PACO FEED YARD INC.
Commercial Cattle Feeders

May 9, 1997

Vernon Paul
Superintendent
Stratford ISD
Stratford, Texas

Dear Sir,

Four Friona couples were very favorably impressed at The Big Texan Steak House with the students from your school system. They had attended a music function, and were a pleasure to observe. Congratulations on a fine job with young people in your community.

Sincerely,

Floyd and Betty Reeve
Floyd and Betty Reeve
Friona, Texas

Great job band!
Vernon Paul

1996 – 1997

Letter of Commendation

1997 Graduation

Our wonderful parents and us

Gail and Nila Clough

Norma and P.I. Hunsaker





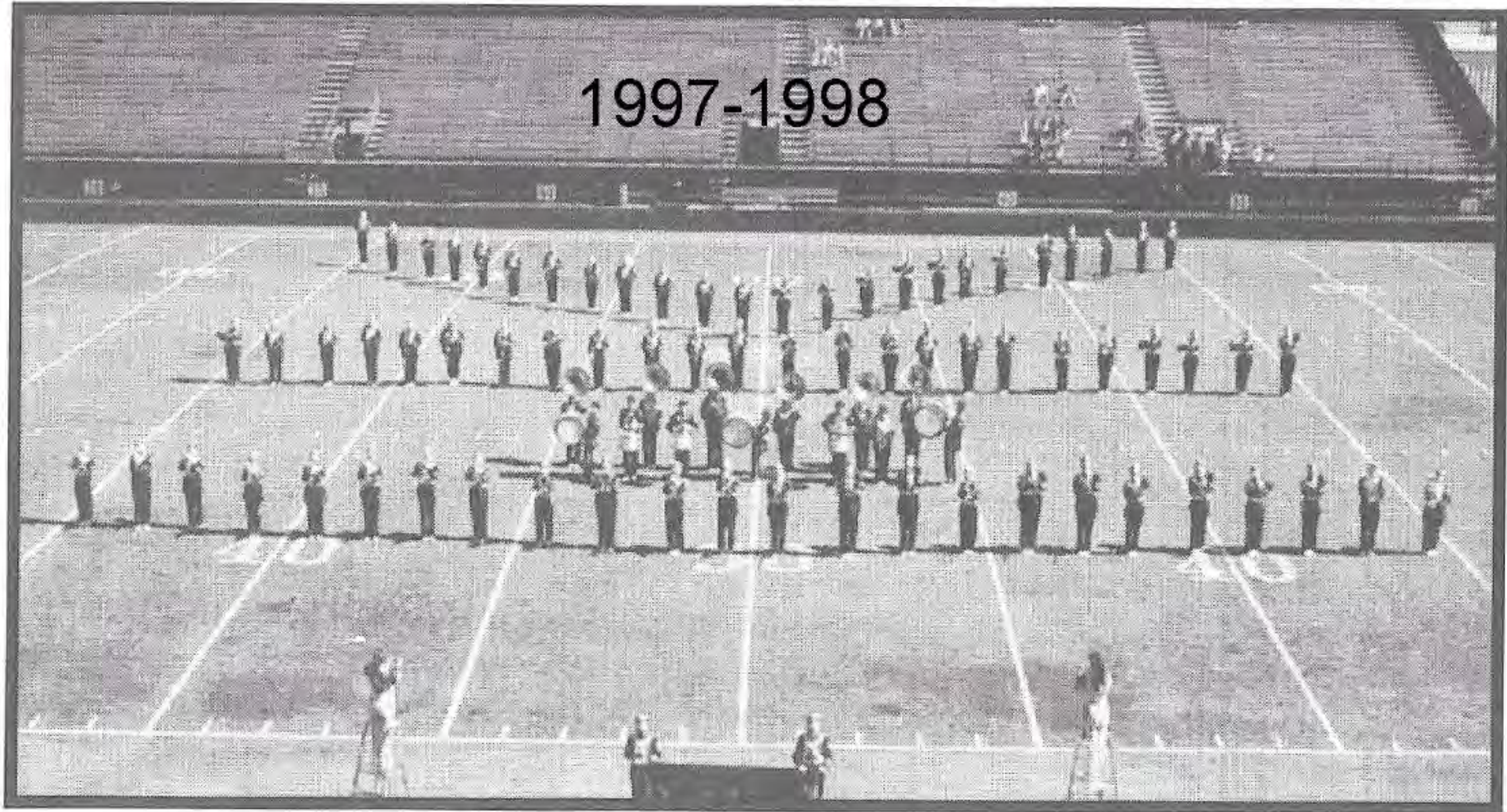
1997 Brass Choir – My boys and I at a Wedding Rehearsal



1997 Brass Quintet Wedding Performance – Josiah Horn, my boys and I

STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL

1997-1998



BIG BLUE MARCHING BAND — 27 in '97

Stratford High School Spring Concert 1997 - 1998



Brass Quintet Wedding Performance Group 1998





My "20th Year in Stratford"
Stratford High School
Spring Concert 1999

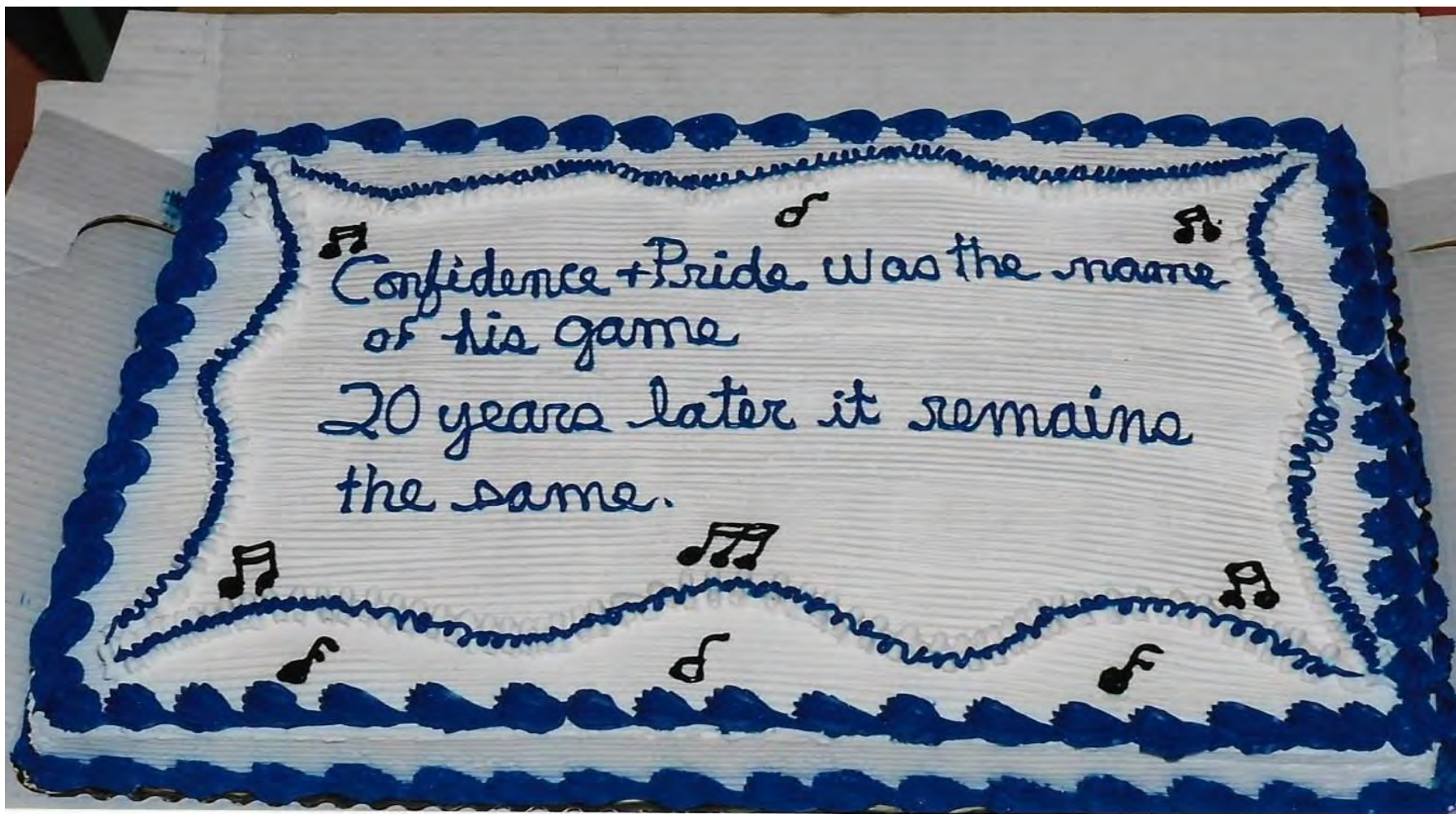


May 1999

**20th Year Surprise Celebration
code-named Project Vingt**

Gift Portrait





20th Year Celebration Cake

20th Year Celebration

My Family



1999
20th Year Celebration

Jeff Witcher





20th Year Celebration

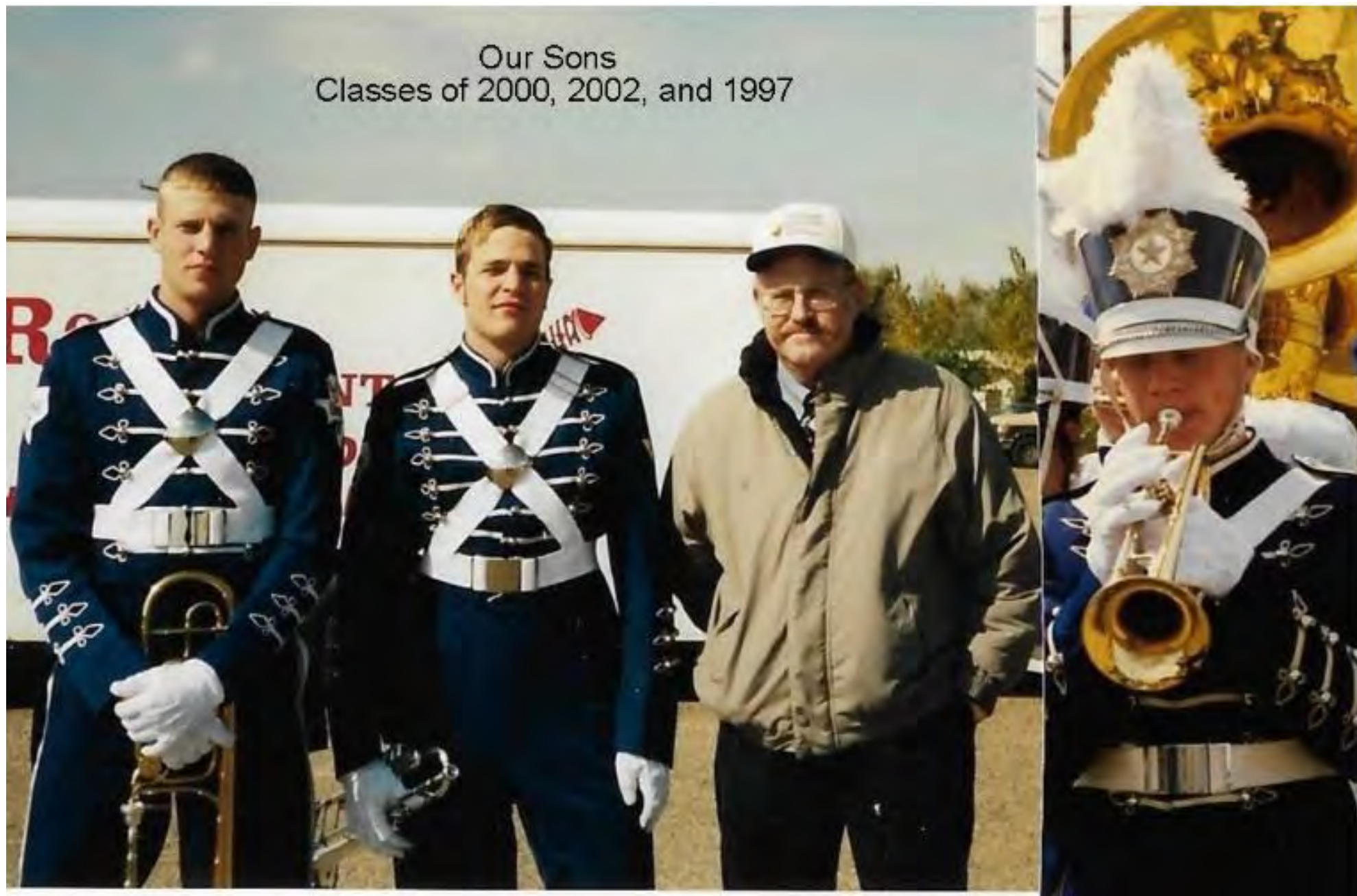
**Randy with the late
Jeff Doughton, past
Stratford High School
Band Director**

**20th Year
Celebration**

**David McEntyre,
former Assistant
Band Director
and wife Kathy
attended the
surprise
celebration**

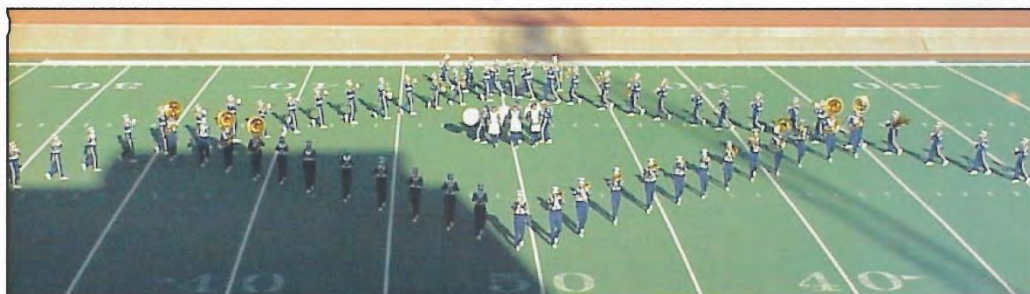


Our Sons
Classes of 2000, 2002, and 1997





Stratford High School Band, Area "A" Contest, 10/23/99



1999

**Region I
UIL Area
Marching Contest**

Picture by Steve Baird



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Stratford High School Band

April 5, 2000

Laredo
Salvation is Created
Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo

Williams
Tschesnokoff
Paynter

1999 – 2000

Sweepstakes

Picture by Steve Baird



Concert: 1st Division

Sight - Reading: 1st Division

Sweepstakes

Very nice! You did an
outstanding job on a difficult
and enjoyable program.
Congratulations.

Steve Baird



1999 – 2000

**Stratford High
School Band**

Senior Class



1999 – 2000

Our son David's senior year

**David was a member of the 2000
ATSSB All State Band**

2000 Wheat Harvest – a man "out standing" in his field





2000

A new 8,000 square foot band hall replaced the band hall built in 1954

Stratford High School Big Blue Band

October 21, 2000



Go Big Blue Band!



Sweepstakes

2000

Marching Division I

Our Family After the State Football Win 2000-2001



U.I.L. CONCERT & SIGHTREADING CONTEST

April 3, 2001

Stratford High School Band

Program:

Marche Des Paraschutistes

Slavonic Folk Suite

Serenade and Dances

Leemans/Wiley

Reed

Sudduth



Concert: 1st Division

Sight-Reading: 1st Division

Sweepstakes

Wow! Nothing else I can say but wow!
Guebard

2001

Sweepstakes

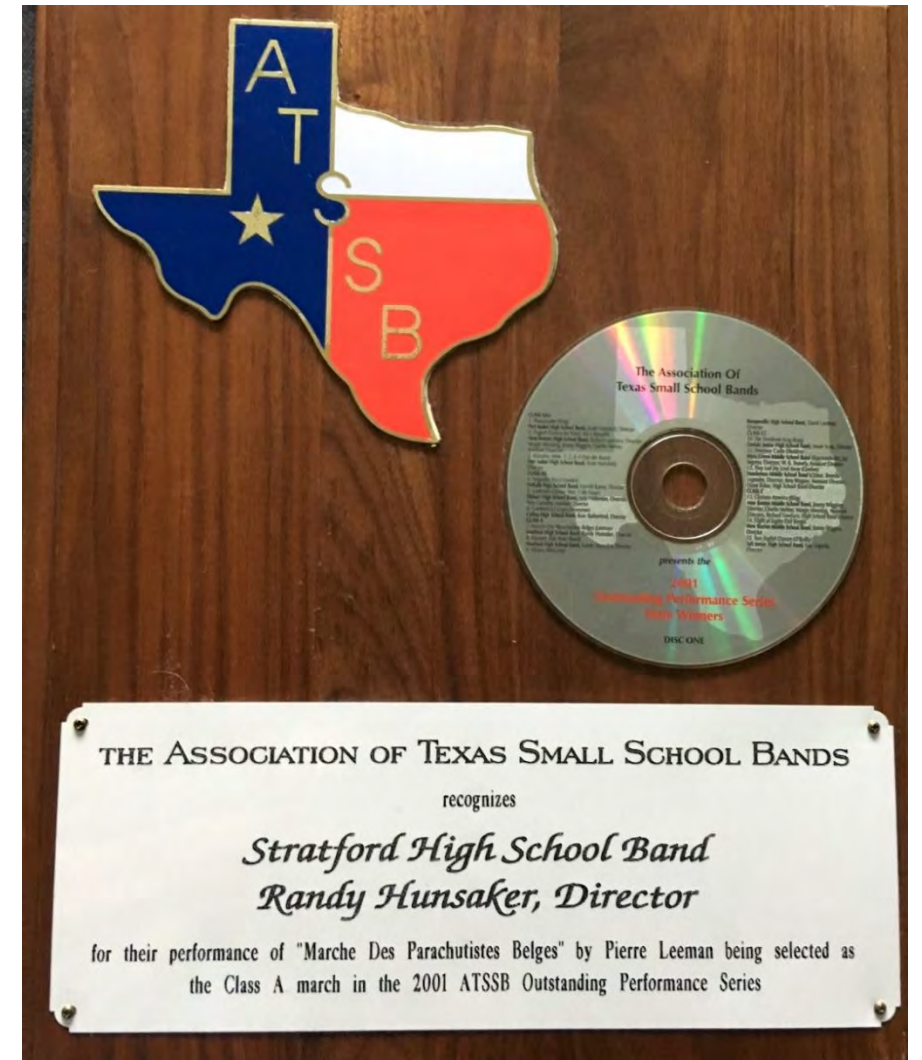
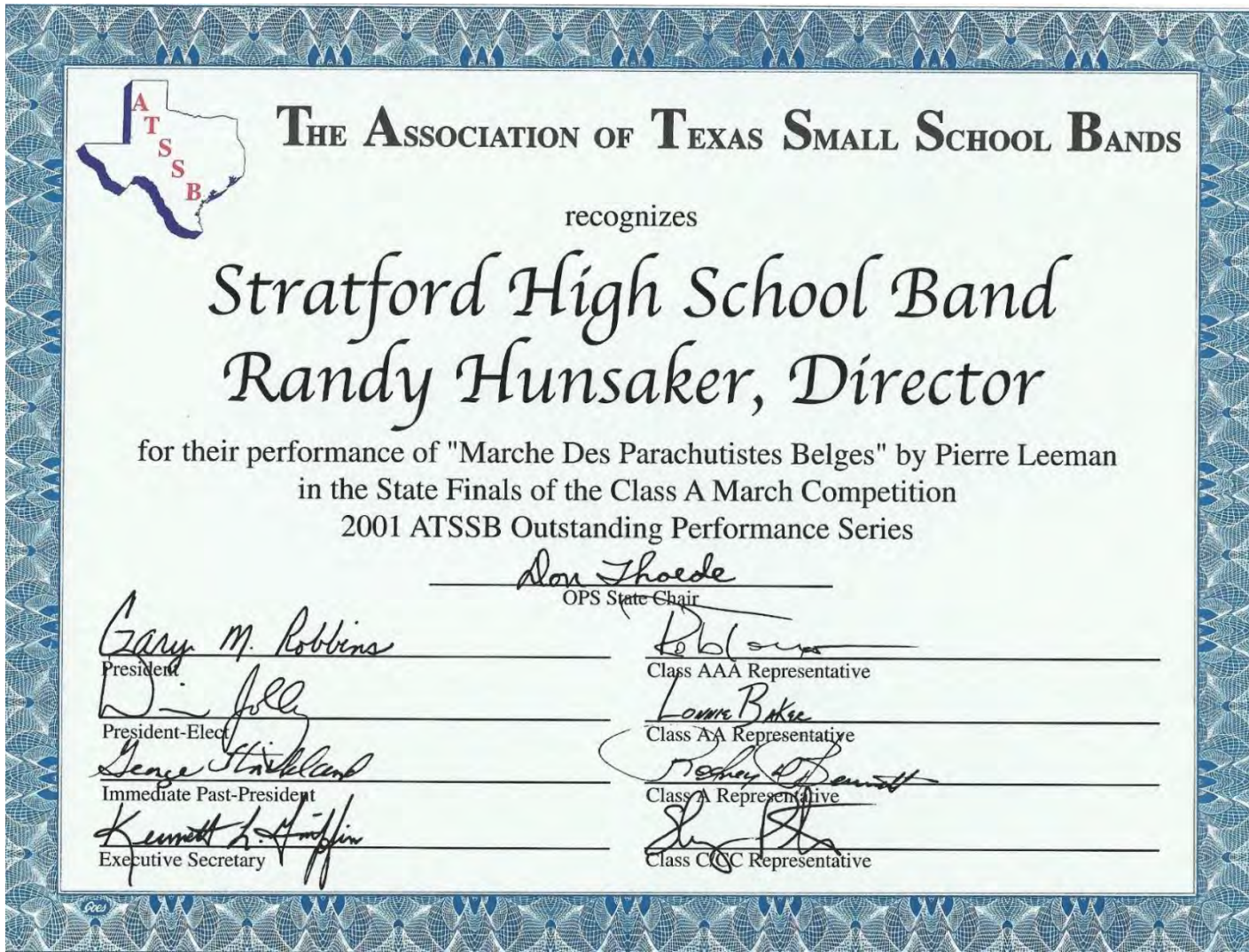
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2000 – 2001

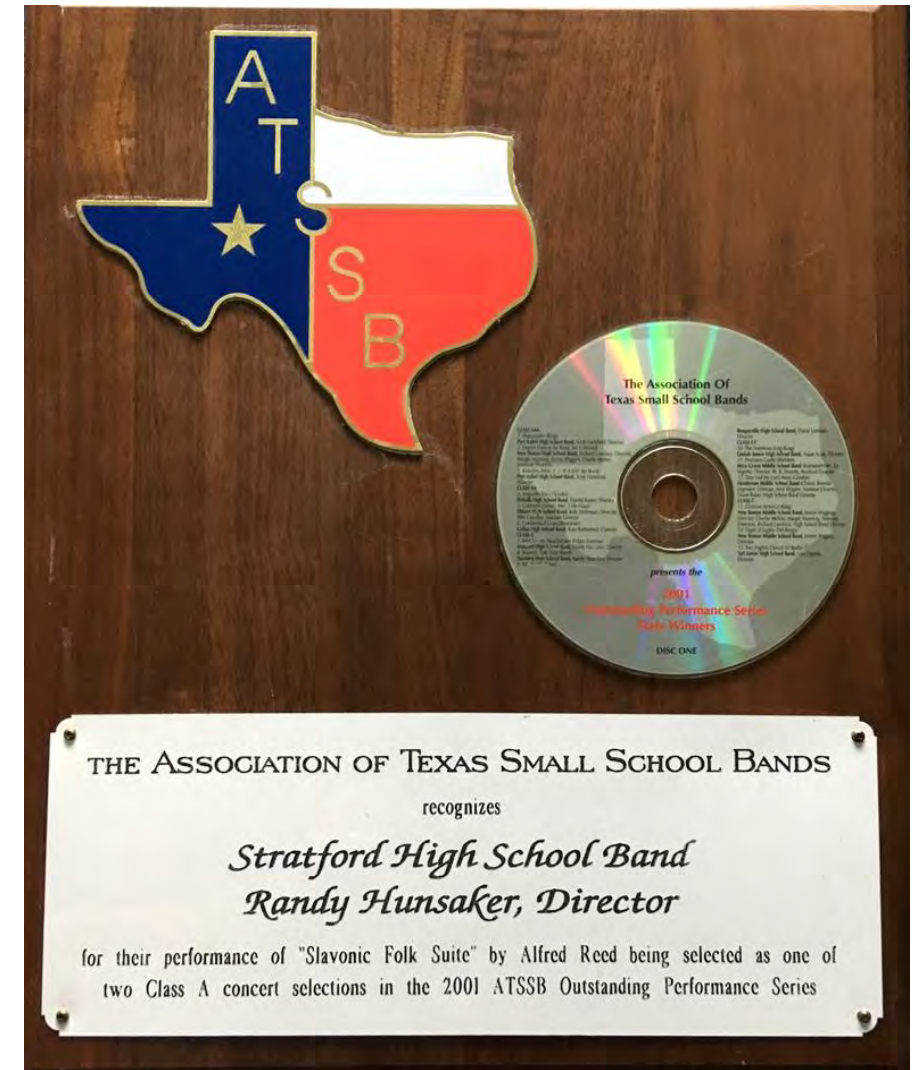
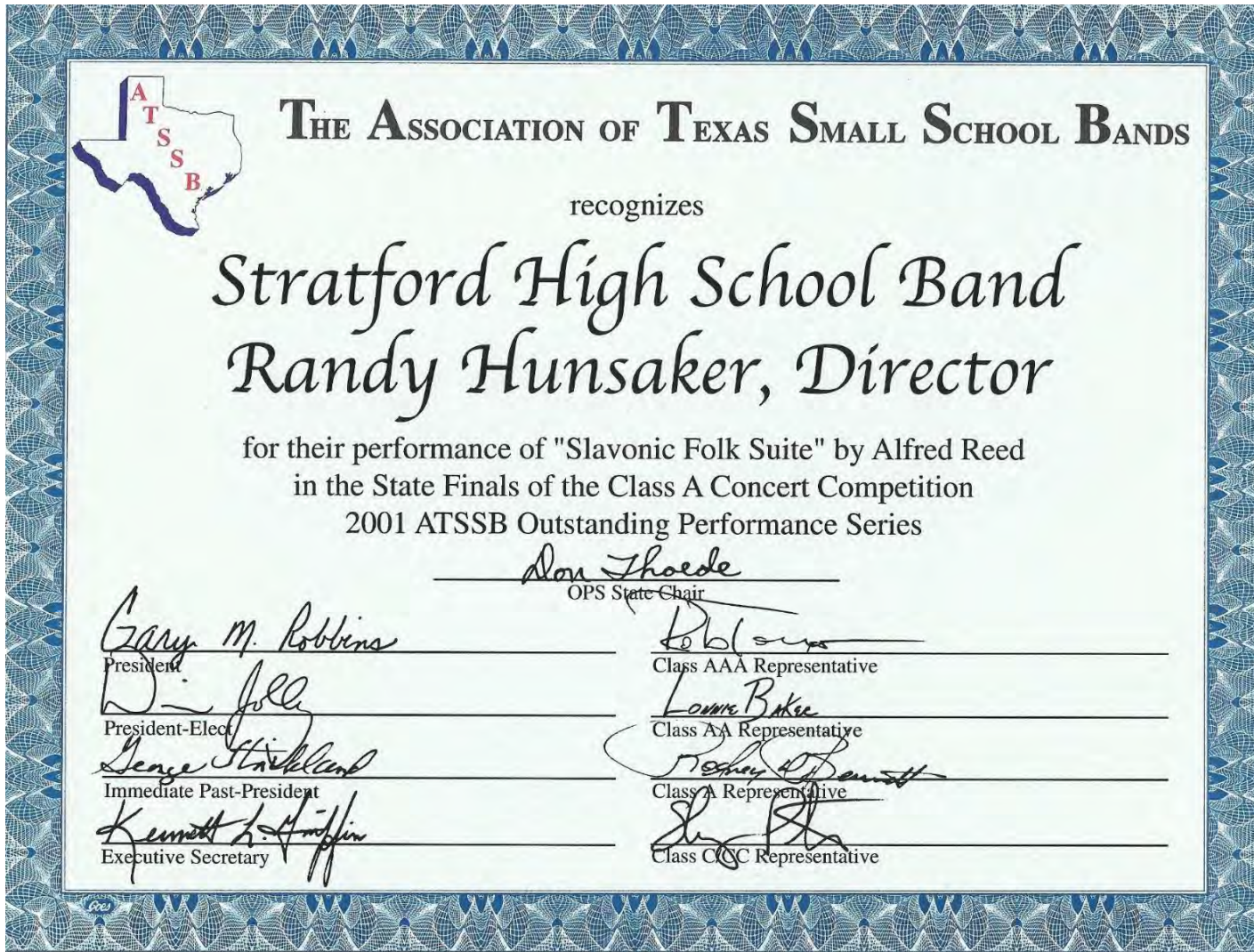
Stratford High School
Marching and Concert Bands

30 in 2000





**The 2001 band became OPS State winners in two out of three concert categories.
We won first place in the march category with *March des Parachutistes Belges***



We also won first place in the concert category with *Slavonic Folk Suite*



THE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SMALL SCHOOL BANDS

recognizes

Stratford High School Band Randy Hunsaker, Director

for their performance of "Serenade and Dances" by James Sudduth
in the State Finals of the Class A Concert Competition
2001 ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series

Don Thiede
OPS State Chair

Gary M. Robbins
President

D. Jolly
President-Elect

George Strickland
Immediate Past-President

Kenneth L. Griffin
Executive Secretary

Bob [unclear]
Class AAA Representative

Louie Baker
Class AA Representative

Robert Bennett
Class A Representative

[unclear]
Class CCC Representative

We were first runner up with *Serenade and Dances* in the concert category

2001

SHS Football Pep Rally





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2001 U.I.L. AREA "A" MARCHING CONTEST
STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND



2001

Region I

**UIL Area
Marching Contest**



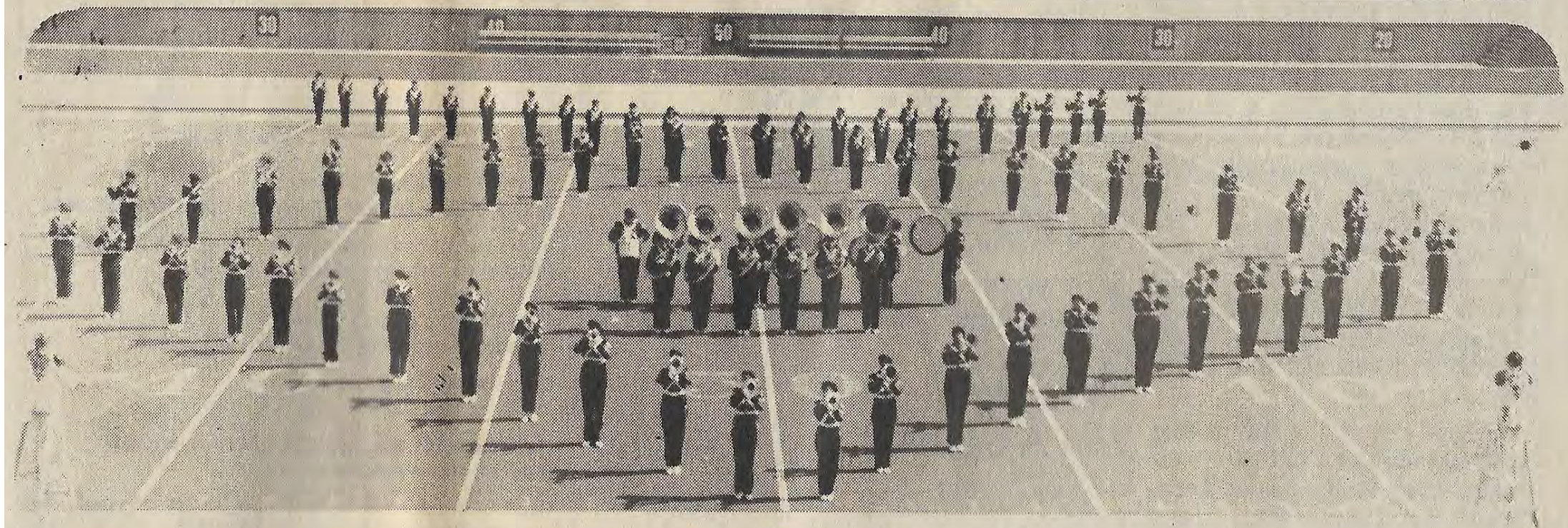
2001 State Semi-final Game
A Section of SHS band members in the Stands
and a few "older brother ex's "

Red, White, & BIG BLUE!!!

ED FOR 100 YEARS IN STRATFORD, SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS 79084

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The Stratford Big Blue Band under the field direction of Amie Witcher and Robin Daniels placed 4th at Area Marching Contest held in Odessa on Saturday, October 27th. THE BAND DID A GREAT JOB AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM AND RANDY HUNSAKER AND JEFF WITCHER!!

U.I.L. CONCERT & SIGHTREADING CONTEST

APRIL 9, 2002

Stratford High School



Program:

Proud Heritage	Latham
On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss	Holsinger
Chorale and Shaker Dance	Zdechlik

Concert: 1st Division

Sightreading 1st Division

Sweepstakes

Very nice job!
One more sweepstakes
Joe Baird

2001 – 2002

Sweepstakes

Picture by Steve Baird

2001 – 2002
Stratford High School Band – Senior Class and directors



2001 – 2002

**Our son Wesley's
senior year**



Press Release
10 August 2001

Big Blue Band Wins State!

2001

Outstanding Performance Series

Congratulations to the Big Blue Band! They have been selected as winners of the Association of Texas Small School Bands Outstanding Performance Series. The Outstanding Performance Series was begun in 1997 to provide small school bands. . . "an opportunity to enter a taped audition process whereby the very best performances of UIL approved literature is selected and put on a CD to be made available to everyone and to be given to public radio stations so they will be played on the air."

Last spring the Big Blue Band entered all three of its UIL contest tunes in the annual competition. They won the March category with *March des Parachutistes Belges*; they won the Concert category with *Slavonic Folk Song Suite*; and *Serenade and Dances* placed third in the Concert category. All three pieces were winners; all three pieces will be recorded on a special ATSSB CD to be sold throughout the state and distributed to radio stations; and in February of 2002, they will be honored at the annual ATSSB convention in San Antonio with a special presentation which will include the presentation of the OPS CD and three plaques recognizing this history-making event! Thank you to all the tremendous Big Blue Band supporters in Stratford: the faculty, staff, administration, and tax payers, and especially thanks to all the parents and students. Congratulations again to the *best OPS class A band in the state of TEXAS!!!* (Be sure to read the accompanying letters from Don Thoede, ATSSB State Chairman of OPS.)



ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SMALL SCHOOL BANDS
Outstanding Performance Series

Don Thoede, State Chair

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Clifton, Texas 76634

(254) 675-6789
drt@htcomp.net

2001

Outstanding
Performance Series

August 4, 2001

Randy Hunsaker
Box 21
Stratford, TX 79084

Dear Randy,

Congratulations! Your band's performance of the concert selection "Slavonic Folk Suite" has been selected 1st place Winner of the Class A ATSSB 2001 Outstanding Performance Series! In addition, your band's performance of the concert selection "Serenade and Dances" has been selected Runner-Up. I also want to inform you that the march "Marche Des Parachutistes Belges" has been selected as a 1st place Winner. You, your students, your school, and your community should be very proud of this tremendous accomplishment.

To be chosen for this honor, the CDs of your band's performances had to survive a rigorous audition process at the Region, Area, and State levels. Just making it to the State level of competition is a feat in itself, but to be selected in your classification as a 1st place Winner in two different categories and Runner-Up in the concert category is an achievement that few bands ever experience.

I hope your bands continue to participate in the ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series because it is musical performances like yours that give ATSSB the integrity it deserves.

Sincerely yours,

Don Thoede

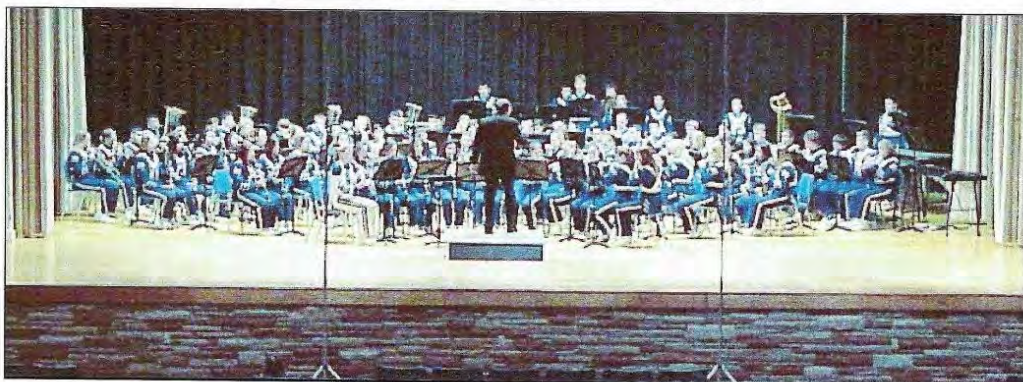
2001 Outstanding Performance Series





U.I.L. CONCERT/SIGHTREADING CONTEST
APRIL 8, 2003

Stratford High School



Program:

Third Suite (mvt. 1)

Shenandoah

Introduction and Fantasia

Jager

Ticheli

Mithchell

Concert: 1st Division

Sightreading: 1st Division

Sweepstakes

2002 – 2003

Sweepstakes

Stratford High School Marching Band 2002 – 2003



Courthouse Box 1
Childress, Texas 79201



Gene Currie
County Judge

May 1, 2002

Phone: 940-937-2221
Fax: 940-937-3226

2002

Letter from Gene Currie

Randy —
Thanks for the call!
I appreciate the fact that you
would consider playing my
arrangements. I would love to have
a recording of your band performing
these numbers!

Dan Gibbs is going to do these
with Sonny's Band and hopefully
record them. If you both do this,
I will be able to listen to two
outstanding bands play my arrangements.

Thank you!

Gene

E-mail: countyjudge@childresstx.com

Randy Hunsaker, High School Conductor
Jeff Witcher, Junior High School Conductor
Dr. Charles Trayler, Guest Conductor

Program

SIXTH GRADE BAND

MARCH FOR A FAT CAT	BY BARBARA LITTELL
A PATRIOTIC SALUTE	ARR. GERALD J. SEBESKY
MONTAVISTA	BY ROBERT W. SMITH

SJH CONCERT BAND

MARCH OF THE IRISH DRAGOONS	ARR. ANDREW BALENT
THEY LED MY LORD AWAY	BY ADONIRAM J. GORDON ARR. FRED J. ALLEN
BLUE RIDGE SAGA	BY JAMES SWEARINGEN
25 OR 6 TO 4	BY ROBERT LAMM ARR. BY PAUL MURTHA

SHS CONCERT BAND

Thematic Variations on DONA NOBIS PACEM	BY JAMES SUDDUTH
ON A HYMN SONG OF PHILIP BLISS	BY DAVID R. HOLSINGER (ASCAP)
THE COWBOYS	BY JOHN WILLIAMS ARR. JAY BOCOOK
ROBIN HOOD SOUNDTRACK HIGHLIGHTS	BY MICHAEL KAMEN ARR. JAY BOCOOK
ONE NATION UNDER GOD	BY GENE CURRIE

Dr. Charles Trayler, Guest Conductor
Descant Trumpeters: Wesley Hunsaker, Bill Walker, Matthew Taliaferro, Randy Hunsaker, Jim Taliaferro

2002

Spring Concert Program

2003

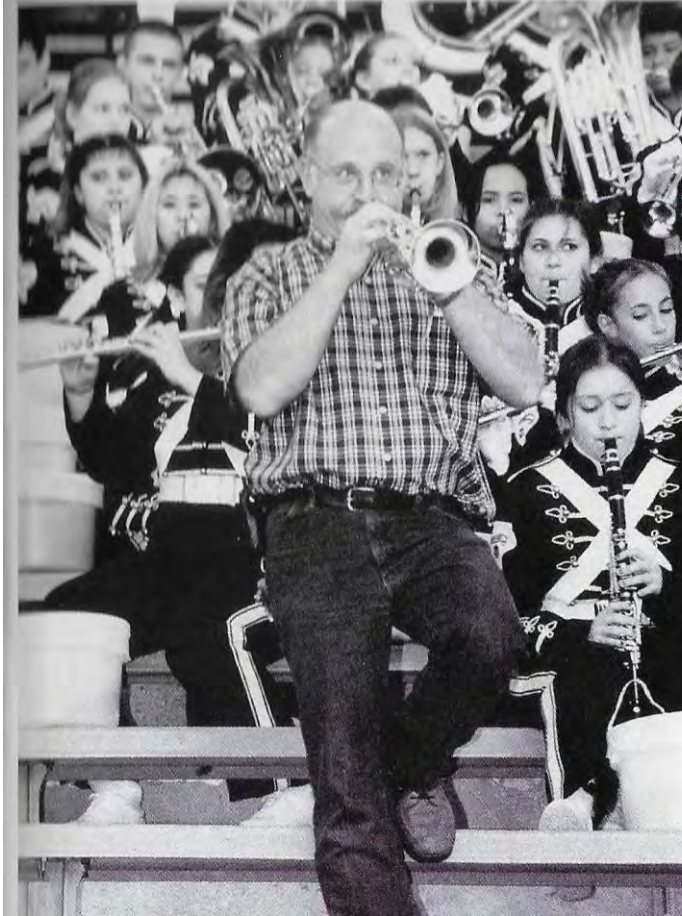
Region I

UIL Area

Marching Contest



Fall of 2003 - SHS Band Performing In The Friday Night Stands



UIL State Marching Contest in San Antonio

STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND

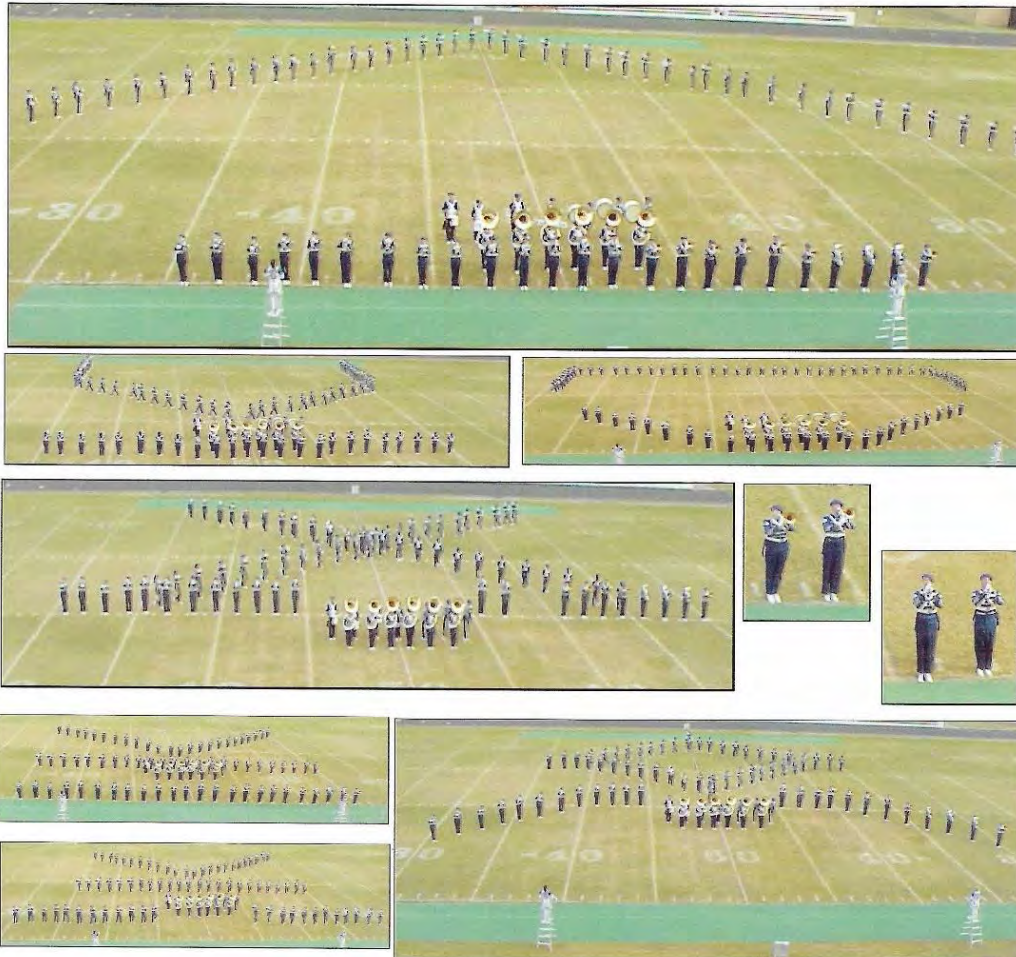
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SIXTH IN STATE



2003 – 2004 Stratford High School Marching Band

U.I.L. AREA "A" MARCHING CONTEST
PLAINVIEW, TEXAS **OCTOBER 25, 2003**
STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND



2003

**Region I
UIL Area**

Marching Contest

2003

**The band competed
in the
UIL State Marching
Contest in San Antonio
and finished
sixth in state**



**U.I.L. AAAA
STATE MARCHING
CONTEST
NOVEMBER 3, 2003**

STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND



2003



U.I.L. AAAA
STATE MARCHING
CONTEST
NOVEMBER 3, 2003

STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND



STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND



2003



2004
Short Order Cook
with a
Degree in Music
Award

Certificate of Membership

2004

Be it known to all who bear witness, that the
Advisory Board For Short Order Cooks With Degrees in Music,
by virtue of the authority of the
North American Beef Cookers Association, has conferred

PLATINUM MEMBER STATUS

upon

Randy Hunsaker

Director of the Big Blue Marching Band, Stratford, Texas U.S.A.

Whereas, Randy Hunsaker represents the highest ideals and principles; therefore, we have affixed the seal of the
North American Beef Cookers Association and subscribed our names in confirmation of this Membership

Patty Mooooozon
Patty Mouzon, Advisory Board Chairman



Crisp N Black
Crispin Black, Executive Director, N. A. B. C. A.

Congratulations Big Blue Band!!

Band Receives 33rd Consecutive Division I Rating



The Stratford High School Big Blue Marching Band under the field direction of Ashley Glock and Stephanie Washburn received their 33rd Consecutive Division I Rating at the Region I UIL Marching Band Contest held at Kimbrough Stadium on Saturday, October 18th. The band will now advance to the area marching contest this Saturday at Plainview. The contest will start at 12:00 noon with Stratford marching at 2:15 at the Plainview Bulldog Stadium. **GOOD LUCK BAND!**

My "25th" Year in Stratford – Fall of 2003

Congratulations Band Students On All Your Hard Work!



Stratford Big Blue Band Drum Majors Ashley Glock, left and Stephanie Washburn were interviewed by Roxanne Carrillo of KVII -Channel 7 after marching contest on Saturday, October 18th.



These band students took a moment to pose for the camera after contest on Saturday. Shown from left, Ryan Ewers, Ryan McDaniel, Jeffrey Frizzell, Yadira Ortega, and Gina Mattocks.



Band celebrates on Saturday, October 18, 2003 after receiving news of their 33rd Consecutive Division 1 rating at marching contest at Kimbrough Stadium. CONGRATULATIONS BIG BLUE BAND!!



Shown above band members holding up their marching contest trophy!!

Shown at right is Randy and Gail Hunsaker after they were honored Saturday at Canyon after the Big Blue Band won a Division 1 Rating. Randy has had 25 years of consecutive years of Division 1 ratings. He was presented with a "25" year football jersey, special plaque and Gail receives roses. Randy is quick to point out that it's his students that deserve the credit and they work very hard for this and they are the ones that should be honored. He says he is proud of each and every one of them.



On hand to help celebrate Randy Hunsaker's 25th consecutive UIL Marching Contest Division 1 were his parents P.I. and Norma Hunsaker. Shown from left, Randy, Norma, P.I. and Gail Hunsaker

My "25th" Year in Stratford – Fall of 2003

**In February of 2003, I was
honored to become a
member of Phi Beta Mu**

MEMBERSHIP



CERTIFICATE

Phi Beta Mu

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BANDMASTER FRATERNITY

HONORS

RANDY HUNSAKER

AS AN Alpha MEMBER

AND IS ENTITLED TO ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES THEREBY CONFERRED



Cindy Bullock

PRESIDENT

Gary Wiles

SECRETARY

February 15, 2003

DATE

2003

Dear Big Blue Band,

One of my favorite Bible stories is about Elisha, the prophet, and his servant. The King of Syria's war plans to conquer Israel were foiled time and time again because Elisha revealed them to Israel's king. This frustrated Syria's king and he decided to capture Elisha. The king of Syria sent a great host of horses and chariots by night to encompass the city Dothan where Elisha lived. Early the next morning, Elisha's servant arose, went out and observed this great Syrian army surrounding the city. Needless to say, the servant was afraid. He said to his master, Elisha, "Alas, my master! How shall we do?" Elisha prayed asking that his young servant's eyes might be opened. His prayer was answered and the servant saw that the mountains round about the city were full of horses and chariots of fire! Elisha, that great man of God then said, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."¹

Yes, this is the first time the Big Blue Band has gone to the UIL State Marching Contest; yes, we have lots of freshman and sophomores; no, we've never marched *indoors* before—let alone the *Alamodome*. . .

However, WE ARE THE STRATFORD BIG BLUE BAND AND WE TAKE THE FIELD! There probably will not be another band even close to 88 members strong. For sure, there will not be another band that travels 600 + miles to attend the contest. And never forget: "*They that be with us are more than they that be with them!*" There is not another band in the other fourteen that has thirty-three consecutive first-divisions in UIL marching competition. Each of those thirty-three years of bands was composed of students like you. Many of them know what you are doing and some will even be there to cheer you on. Many, if not all will be wishing and praying for your good fortune. They all remember. They all wish they could be in your shoes. You are standing on the shoulders of many great people, representing their memories and their dreams. Make them proud!!!

Lastly, we've got a secret weapon—something no other band around has. His name is Mr. H. Enough said! Make him proud too.

You can be sure that I will be praying, as we enter that great arena, that you will *feel* that "*They that be with us are more than they that be with them!*" God bless you. You are the best!

Mr. Jeff Witcher

1. For complete story, see 2 Kings 6:8-18

Subject: Congratulations
Date: Mon, 27 Oct 2003 09:09:12 -0600

2003

Good Morning Randy and Jeff,

I just wanted to take a minute to congratulate you and the "Big Blue Band" on your outstanding performance Saturday in Plainview. The band did an outstanding job and represented Stratford well. It's always an emotional experience to watch the Stratford Band perform. Proud is not the best word, I'm sure, but it will do.

Best of Luck in San Antonio from all the folks in Panhandle. We understand what you have gone through in order to be able to advance. You made the Panhandle of Texas proud last Saturday and I'm sure will again next week.

GO BIG BLUE !!

**Gary Laramore, Superintendent
Panhandle ISD**

Stratford Independent School District

JAMES V. TALIAFERRO, Superintendent

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Patti Vincent

October 27, 2003

Dear Big Blue Band,

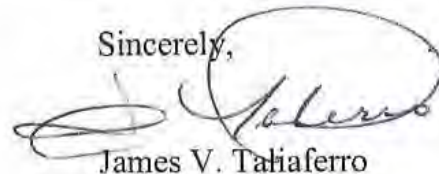
Congratulations on your outstanding accomplishment of last Saturday. Your performance was excellent and the judges concurred.

You are deep into the State playoffs and representing your school and our town with the style and class that has always been a part of the Stratford High School tradition.

Thanks for your work. Thanks for your pride. And, thanks for continuing the tradition of excellence.

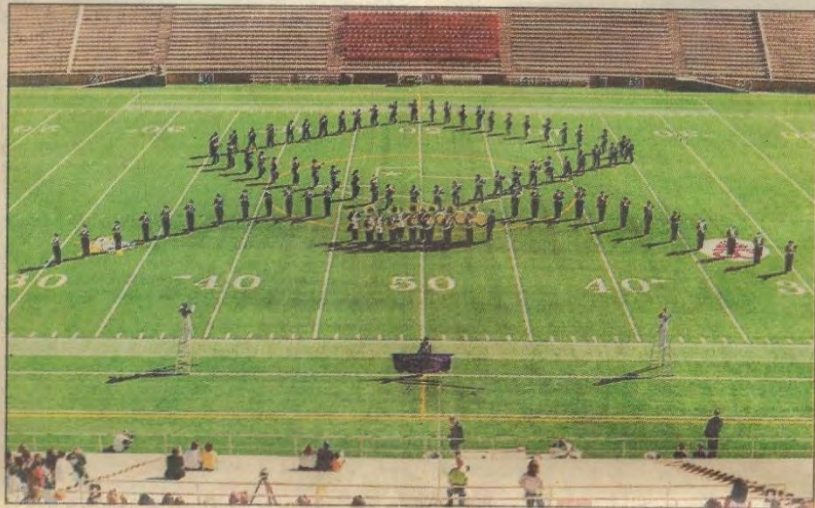
Good Luck at the UIL State Marching Band competition!

Sincerely,



James V. Taliaferro

2003



BAND COMPETITION: The Stratford Elks band performs at the University Interscholastic League Region 1 competition Saturday at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Amarillo. The band received its 25th straight Division 1 rating. COURTESY PHOTO

Step by step

Stratford director marches band to years of success

BY JESSICA RAYNOR
jraynor@amarillonet.com

STRATFORD — Stratford band director Randy Hunsaker doesn't like to toot his own horn.

He'll tell you that's because he can't play worth a lick.

And he'll say he had little to do with the years of winning Division 1 — the highest ranking — at University Interscholastic League regional band competition.

But there's something to be said for the man who led the band through most of its 33-year success at regional competition.

"He's a very good teacher," said senior Stephanie Washburn, a clarinet player in the 88-member band.

And his boss thinks so, too.

"He teaches the total child," said Jim Taliaferro, Stratford superintendent. "He doesn't just teach music. He cares deeply for each one."

Hunsaker insists he has been lucky since he came to Stratford from Fort Stockton in 1979, replacing the man who was his band

"HE TEACHES THE TOTAL CHILD. HE DOESN'T JUST TEACH MUSIC. HE CARES DEEPLY FOR EACH ONE."

Jim Taliaferro, Stratford superintendent

teacher when he was younger.

He credits the hard work of his students, who cram into a new band room bright and early every day to practice. He credits the administration for eliminating scheduling conflicts, with so many students participating in multiple activities.

The town itself also earns Hunsaker's kudos.

"It's a good town, a good band town," he said. "That's 90 percent of it (the success)."

His students credit his personal touch with them. They talk about how he instills pride in each one of them and teaches life skills.

"He's a really nice guy. He cares

about all of us," said junior Asbel Gomez, a trumpet player who Hunsaker jokingly calls the "goofball" of the band.

The trumpet was the instrument Hunsaker attempted to play when he was younger — emphasis on the "attempted."

"I had a love of music, I guess," he said. "I couldn't ever make music."

His students do, though. They marched their way to their latest Class 1A Division 1 rating Saturday in Amarillo, joined by Clarendon and Sunray. They will move on to the Area A Marching Band Competition on Saturday in Plainview.

Most of the teenagers — 88 out of a high school population of 189 — have played their instruments since sixth grade. But their level of proficiency doesn't make it any easier to keep up their school's success story.

"It's a lot of work. It kind of makes you nervous to carry on the tradition," Washburn said. "It makes you work even harder."



REGION I U.I.L. MARCHING CONTEST

OCTOBER 16, 2004

STRATFORD H.S.



1ST DIVISION

*Very nice show!
Congratulations,
SBS*

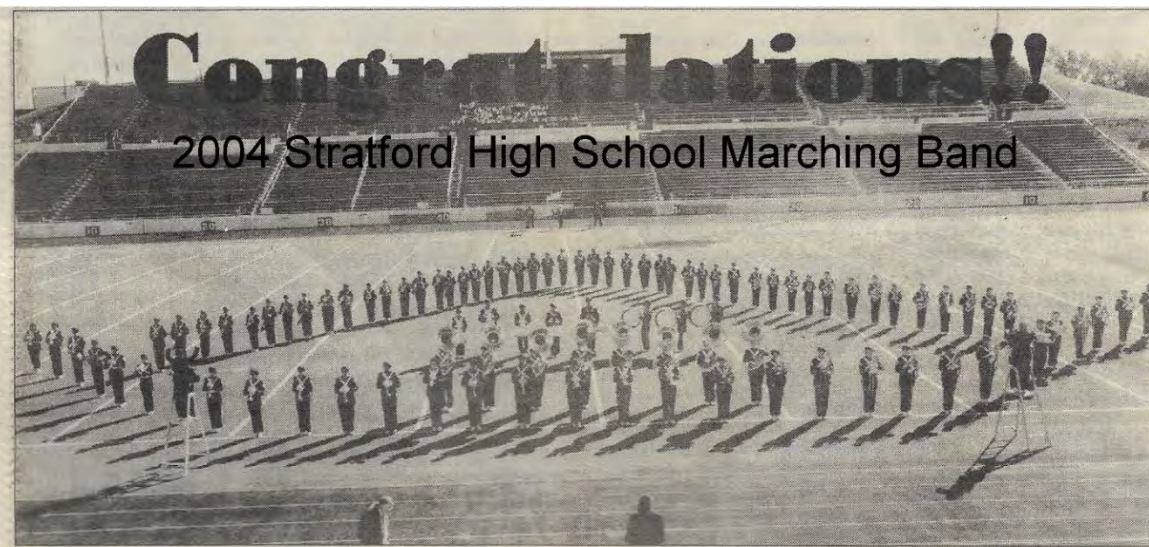
2004 – 2005

1st Division

Picture by Steve Baird

Stratford High School Marching Band

2004



The Big Blue Band received 1's at UIL marching contest held Saturday, October 16 at Dick Bovines Stadium. Congratulations to the band on a great performance. You looked and sounded great!

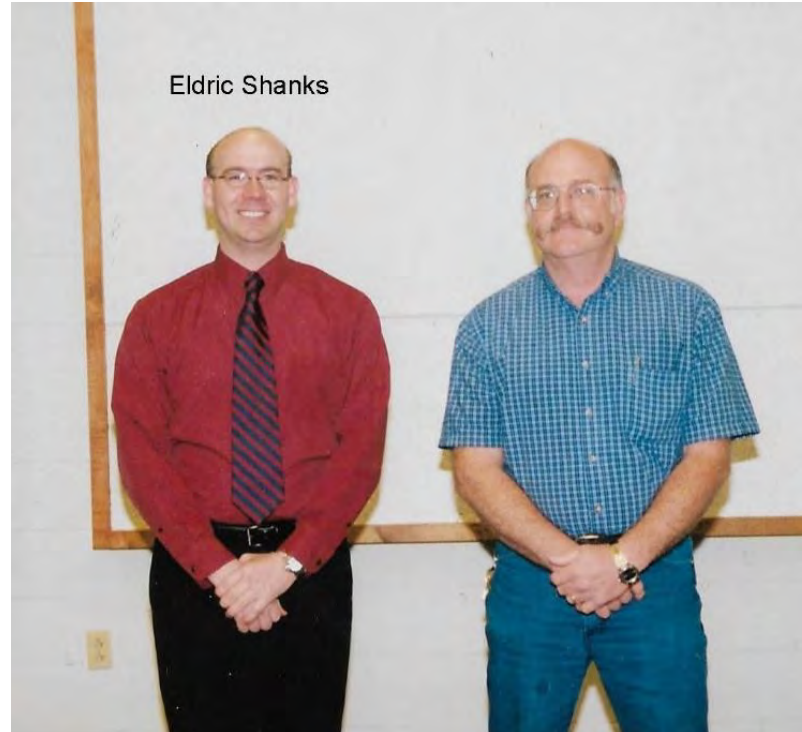


The Big Blue Band presented Randy & Gail Hunsaker with a quilt made by some of the mothers. Also shown with the Hunsaker's is their granddaughter Jordan.



Shown with the band's trophy from left drum major, Rocio Molina, band president Craig Reinart, and drum major Heather Robertson.

Congratulations Big Blue Band



2004

Eldric Shanks, Assistant Band Director



My boys and I at a 2004 BBQ

2004

**Travis Melton
Best Bus Driver Award**



2005

Directing from atop a 32 foot tower





REGION I U.I.L. MARCHING BAND CONTEST
OCTOBER 15, 2005

STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL

2005 – 2006

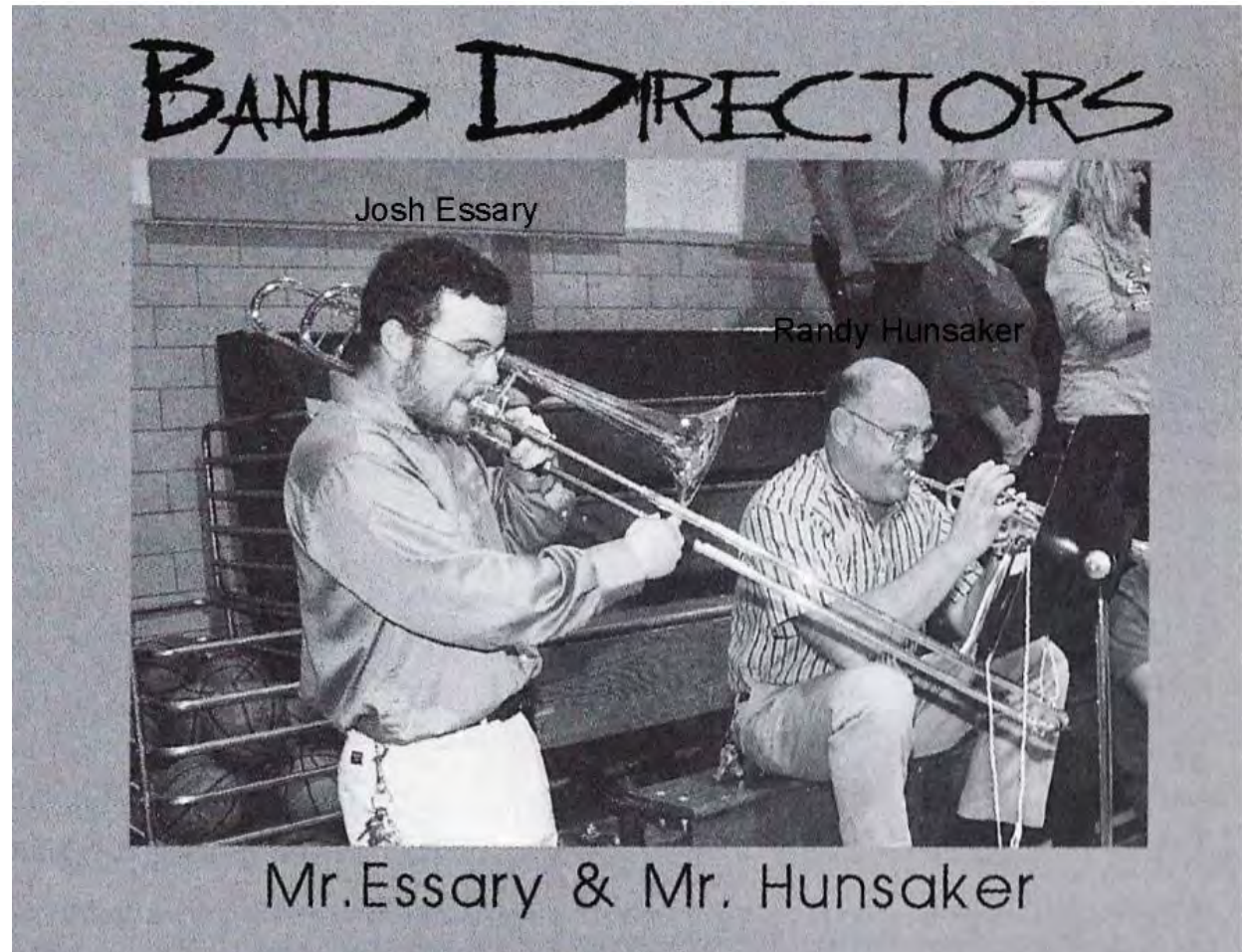
Marching Contest: 1st Division



1ST DIVISION

2005

**Josh Essary
Assistant Band Director**



Stratford High School Rehearsal
The Band Hall 2005



2005 – 2006 High School Band Rehearsal



2005 – 2006 Stratford High School Rehearsal



Region I U.I.L. Concert and Sightreading Contest

April 4, 2006

Stratford High School



2005 – 2006

Sweepstakes

Program:

Trombone King

On A Hymnsong Of Philip Bliss

Thematic Variations On Dona Nobis Pacem

K.L. King/Paynter

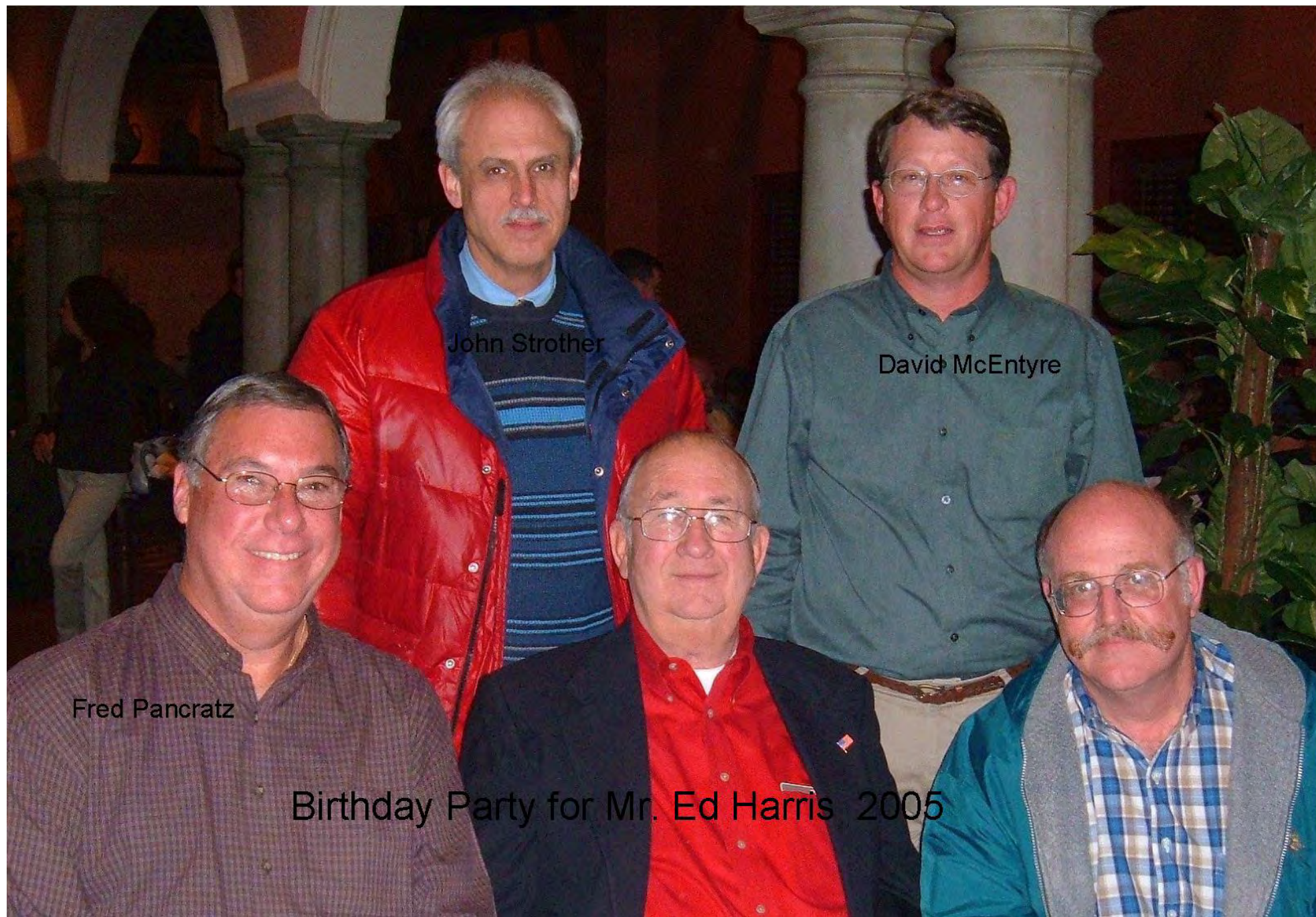
Holsinger

Sudduth

Concert: 1st Division

Sightreading: 1st Division

Sweepstakes



John Strother

David McEntyre

Fred Pancratz

Birthday Party for Mr. Ed Harris 2005

Last Football Game - 2006
David, Wesley, Gay, Daniel and Randy



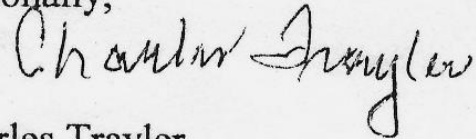
Mr. Randy Hunsaker, Director
Stratford High School Band
P.O. Box 108
Stratford, TX 79084

Dear Mr. Hunsaker:

Congratulations to you and the Big Blue Band for yet another superior performance and rating at the recent UIL contest in Amarillo. I thought the performance was superior in every way, the "Stratford Sound" and the "Stratford Knee-lift" were "right on." I know this hasn't been an easy fall for you or the band, which makes the contest success even sweeter.

Please convey my congratulations to the members of the Big Blue Band. They have every reason to be proud of their accomplishment. Thank them, too, for working so hard during the week you were AWOL. What a great bunch of young people! What a great school!

Personally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Trayler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Charles Trayler

2006 letter from Dr. Trayler



**2006
Last Marching Band**

Katherine Willey Nusz

Randy Hunsaker



2007



Region 1 U.I.L. Concert and Sightreading Contest

April 3, 2007

Stratford High School Band

2007

**Concert: 1st
Division**



Program:

**The Thunderer
Salvation is Created
Declaration Overture**

**Sousa/Jurrens
Tschesnokoff/Housenecht
Smith**

Concert: 1st Division



Spring Band Concert Held

The Spring Band Concert featuring the 6th grade band, Jr. High Band and Big Blue Band was held Tuesday, May 1 at the SHS Gym. Many past band members were also present as this was the last concert for retiring Band Director Randy Hunsaker.

Date: Thu, 5 Apr 2007 12:57:35 -0500
Subject: [BULK] Concern

2007

Letter from
Dr. Dale Roller

Randy,

Not only my reaction for those of your compatriots who heard of your frustration in sightreading yesterday. I just wanted to remind you if you decide to retire this year, that yesterday was a fluke that was the culmination of much frustrations this year such as Gail's hip replacement and your dad's illness. You could be hurt by the ratings yesterday but let me remind you that over your term at Stratford you have earned:

28 Marching First Divisions,
23 Concert First Divisions, and
24 Sightreading First Divisions

That's an incredible record. A record that obviously you are aware of but too humble to accept. The influence you have had on thousands of young people and their parents is one that cannot be measured but others recognize. You have held up a goal and encouraged the kids to reach higher. You are successful far beyond your understanding and don't forget it. It's been a pleasure to know you and Betty and I wish you the finest retirement if you choose to take it either this year or several years down the way.

You are special and we have been blessed by knowing you.

God Bless.

DR

Dr. Dale Roller

**This was the Stratford High School Band's Concession Stand for Many Years
To a Very Memorable Era with Band Students from 1979 to 2007 in this Concession Stand**



**One wall of the concession stand was dedicated by
the Senior Class of 2005**

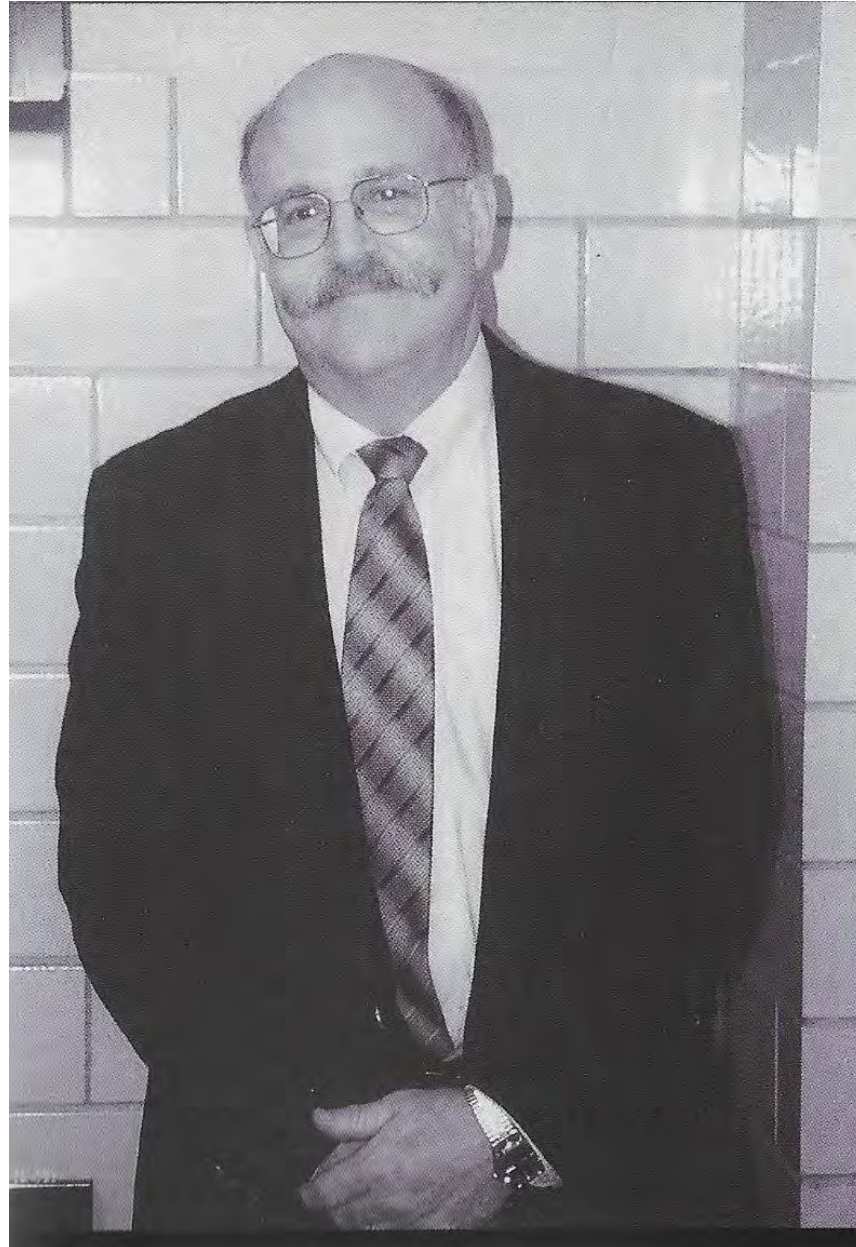


**My final pose at the concession stand. It was difficult
to "Close the Door" for the last time.**

2007

My Retirement in 2007

The Annual's Goodbye



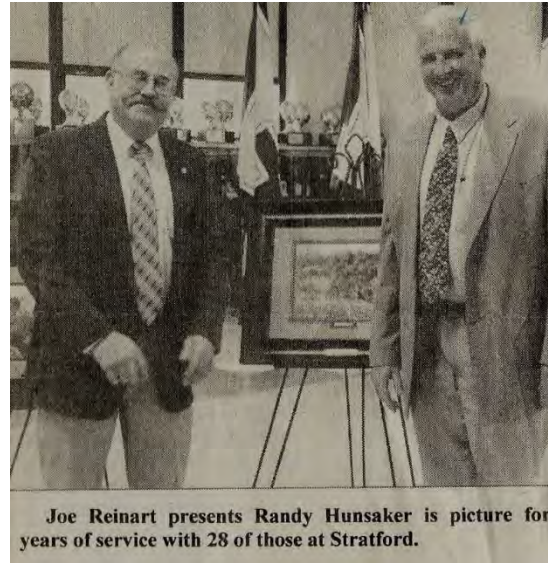
RANDY HUNSAKER

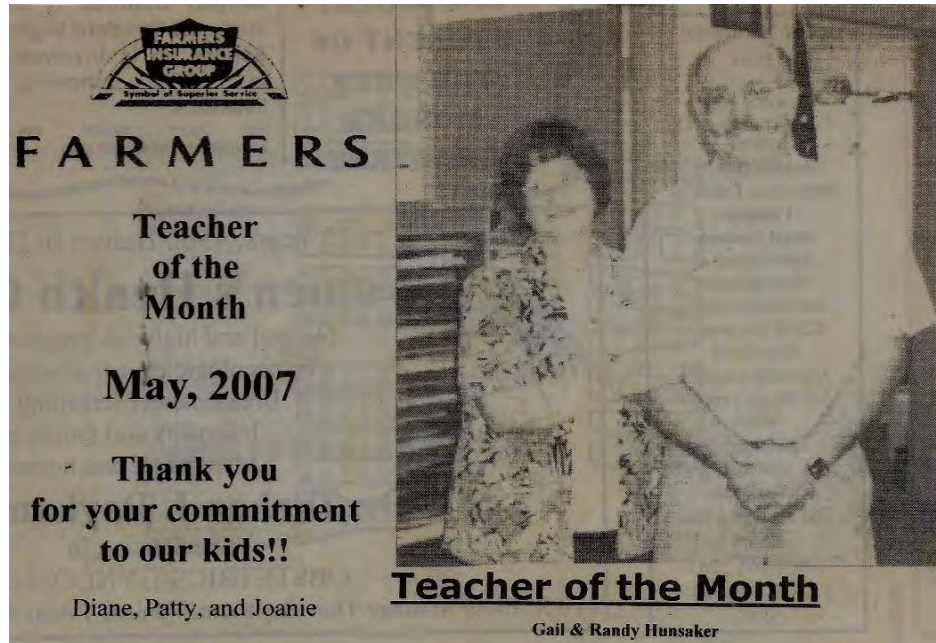
**WE APPRECIATE ALL THE
DEDICATION YOU
HELPED PUT IN THIS
PROGRAM. WE WISH YOU**

**THE BEST AND WE
WILL ALWAYS HAVE ALL
THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES
THAT YOU GOT TO
SPEND WITH US. LOVE
THE BIG BLUE BAND.**

My Retirement in 2007

**Randy with
Joe Reinart, School Board President**





TEACHER OF THE MONTH-MAY 2007

RANDY HUNSAKER

FAMILY: Wife-Gail, 3 sons-Daniel, David & Wesley

Daughter-in-laws-Amanda & Angela 4 grandkids

HOBBIES; hunting & fishing

WHAT GRADE DO YOU TEACH; 6-12

instrumental music

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING: 31 years

WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER;

Hopefully to mentor students

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT

TEACHING: Seeing the "light" come on on a students face

WORDS OF WISDOM OR MOTTO ABOUT

TEACHING; If you refuse to accept nothing but the best, you very often get it. (a quote from V.O. Lasley)

My Retirement in 2007

Teacher of the Month Award

4Given Quartet with Mr. Bill Gaither in 2008



Edwin and Carla Harris

Gay and Randy Hunsaker

2008





Band Contest 2008

Stratford's Big Blue Band competed in UIL Concert and Sightreading at Boys Ranch on April 17th. Under the direction of Randy Hunsaker, the band performed Midway March, Blue Ridge Saga, and They Led My Lord Away. The band was judged in three main areas: tone, technique, and musicianship. All three concert judges gave Stratford a final rating of "I". Some of the comments from the critique sheets are "Holy Smokes! What a great band – really fine playing from everyone," and "Beautiful Job!!!"

Stratford also received straight ones in Sightreading. The judges gave enthusiastic comments on the band's abilities in this area as well. "This is a great band with a great tradition. I look forward to seeing you again in 1A." "This was a truly fine performance."

While several sections of the band were specifically praised for their expertise, the one most important factor was that they produced "solid ensemble sounds." The judges were most impressed by how well they all worked together.

All of the judges gave high praises but there was one that summed it up the best by saying, "It is obvious that a lot of great teaching and learning is going on. You have yourselves and your fine band director to thank for this accomplishment. Be sure you do so!!"



Stratford "Extravaganza" – Stratford High School Band Director Katherine Nusz









