





## Joseph "Joe" Edward Wassel

Joe Wassel was born on January 2, 1939 in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was the second son of Master Sgt. and Mrs. John Wassel. Joe began his education with his mother, Macel, as his teacher in a one room school house. He continued on to the Lawton public school district, graduating from LHS in 1956. Joe graduated having won numerous outstanding musician awards and honors under the direction of James Matthews and George Walters. He followed Mr. Matthews to the University of Houston, earning a Bachelors Degree in Music in 1960. In later years, Joe continued his education, earning a Master's Degree in School Administration from Texas A&M University at Kingsville.

Joe began his teaching career at Crain Middle School in Victoria, Texas in 1960. In 1967, he became the assistant band director to Fred Junkin at Victoria High School. Joe served as the director of the marching band and conductor of the Symphonic Band. Joe and Fred enjoyed a successful ten years together serving the students of Victoria High School. In 1978, Joe accepted the position of head band director at Calhoun High School in Port Lavaca, Texas. He enjoyed over ten years as director at Calhoun High School. During that time, both his sons, Jody Wassel and Frank Hinds, were honored to be his students. Frank continued his musical pursuits with the Corps of Cadets Band at Texas A&M University. His daughter, Amy, though never a student in his band, also was an accomplished musician, serving as drum major in high school and playing in the University of Texas Basketball and Concert bands in college. Joe's teaching career came full circle when, in 1990, he returned to Victoria High School as head band director for three years, before retiring in 1993. During his careers in Victoria and Calhoun, he and his students enjoyed over 22 years of University Interscholastic League Sweepstakes awards.

After his retirement in 1993, Joe continued to serve students and fellow educators throughout Texas as a clinician, adjudicator, and Executive Secretary of UIL Music Region XIII. After retirement, he returned to teaching for one year at Industrial High School when the program was in need of a director. Afterwards, Joe went on to assist band programs in both Victoria and Port Lavaca, ensuring a continuous growth for two quality music education programs.

Throughout his 40+ year career, Joe was known for his warmth, engaging personality, quick wit, optimism, energy, keen organizational skills, and a consistently mean game of golf. The disciplined approach to music he required extended into his and his students' lives. Joe constantly encouraged his family, students and colleagues to achieve more than they imagined possible. His dedication was generously acknowledged by former students and their parents for years to come.

Joe was a long-standing member of Texas Bandmasters Association and felt privileged to hold membership in Phi Beta Mu for 34 years. He also held membership in Texas Music Educators Association and was made an honorary member of the VFW Post 4403 of Port Lavaca. For many years, he or one of his associates played TAPS at funeral services of local veterans, a personal decision he made to honor his father who served in both World Wars. His appreciation and respect for the armed services was also evident in his love for John Phillip Sousa marches. From his first year at Calhoun High School, he concluded every final concert with "The Stars and Stripes Forever," as an honor to the band sponsor president, Earl Colley. Earl and Joe had quickly become close friends and shared a love for Sousa marches. Joe surprised Earl by ending the final concert with "The Stars and Stripes Forever," announcing to the crowd that "this one's for you, Earl." This tradition continued throughout the rest of Joe's teaching career.

Joe Wassel passed away on January 29, 2004 in St. Louis, MO at the age of 65. He died surrounded by his family after complications following surgery. He instilled in his family a real love of life, passion for music, respect for people and the importance of education. The Joe Wassel Memorial Scholarship was created after his death to continue his legacy of music education.



March 11, 1969

To Whom It May Concern:

I recommend Joseph Wassel as an outstanding teacher, band director, and person who deserves the recognition of membership into Phi Beta Mu.

I have known Mr. Wassel for a period in excess of 20 years. My first acquaintance with him was when he was a member of a high school band I was director of. Since that time, he was a member of the University of Houston band for four years, and upon completion of college, he has established a fine record of band directing in the public schools.

Any consideration extended to Mr. Wassel will be most deserved.

Sincerely,



James T. Matthews  
Director  
University Bands

JTM/bh



# Joe Wassel plans life, work in city

By BRENDA GRASSE  
Wave Staff Writer

Joe Wassel is a newcomer to Port Lavaca and the local school district; however, he has very much made this his home, his school and his town.

Pleased with his position as band coordinator for the Calhoun County Independent School District, he compared his years in Victoria to his few months at Calhoun High School and noted advantages and disadvantages in both. "There was more ease at Victoria, perhaps because of my years there, but in time things will fit into place here."

Wassel continued, "I feel the coordination is better here, but I would like to have more of an advance look at the younger students that will be coming into high school band. I would like to know their capabilities and have them know me before they actually enter as a student."

In the 1979-80 school year, the ninth-grade students will move to the high school, giving him a full four years with the students. He feels that this is certainly a change for the better and long overdue.

When the transition occurs, Wassel expects to form three, or even four bands at the high school. There are two at present—the symphonic and concert bands. "I'll have over 250 students in high school band, and that's speaking conservatively," said Wassel with anticipation.

When asked his preference of marching season versus concert season, he replied, "Each part presents its own challenge. It's really hard to choose. Marching is a total challenge. When you work with an individual student, you get to know them better and the rapport is present."

As far as contests are concerned, he is 100 percent for them. "Personally, I like

contests. It forces a student to reach a point that they do their best. They strive to achieve their best. Each time they compete, it becomes easier for them and it also allows them more confidence in themselves and their ability."

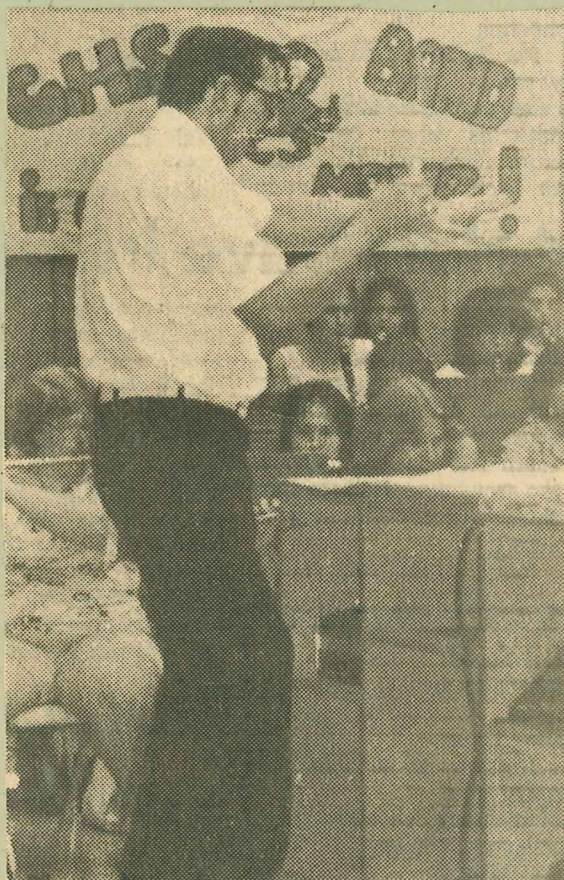
Wassel emphasized that he pushes competition, even for the top group, the symphonic band. "Whether they make it or not is not nearly as important as the fact that they try and strive to do just that much better," he added.

As a student himself, Wassel belonged to the National Honor Society, the band, several clubs and played basketball, football and ran track. His influence from all "was good." "I feel that band made me more self-disciplined, taught me to work together for the group. It also gave me individual outlets. I think it makes for a better thinker, because you have to think fast to read music. It increases physical coordination and manual dexterity. And most importantly, I learned to enjoy music of all kinds. I enjoyed band as much as anything I ever did," stressed the new director.

Wassel feels that belonging to an organization is essential. He noted that importance of a child to feel he belongs. "The kids that get in trouble are usually the ones that are not involved. When they belong to an organization, the parents know where their children are. The kids also feel that somebody cares how they behave and how they feel."

He has decided to plant his roots in Port Lavaca after his 18 years in Victoria. Asked whether he still drives to Victoria to shop, he answered no. "I can usually find what I want here in Port Lavaca. Besides, a lot of the sales tax revenue in Victoria comes out of Port Lavaca. I think it's important to keep the money in your own home town."

Although he is vitally interested in (See JOE WASSEL Page 7 C)



**Joe E. Wassel**

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becoming an active part of the community and community affairs, he emphasizes that his job comes first and he needs time to establish himself in the school.

The Oklahoma born man received his Bachelor of Music Education at the University of Houston in 1960 and later achieved his Master of Science at Texas A&I University in 1973. He attributes his success and good fortune to his stepfather, who not only raised one son, and four stepsons, but also saw to it that they each had a college education even though he himself did not.

"My stepfather always said anything you want to do, you can do as long as you are responsible for it and you can pay for

it," says Wassel, adding, "He never stopped us from doing anything, but always encouraged us in whatever we did."

His mother never lacked in giving him encouragement. She even taught him first grade. "When I was in first grade, I went to a one-room country schoolhouse. You know the kind. The wood-burning stove, the outhouse in back, no running water—and, yes, we rode horses to school and walked five miles through the snow to get there. It was located five miles out of town," reminisces Wassel.

Amy is the six-year-old daughter of Wassel and she is now enrolled in first grade. He and his wife, Polly, also have a son, Jody Jr., who is a junior in Calhoun High School.



## MR. WASSAL

Mr. Joe Wassal is head band director for the Calhoun High School Band. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in music education and a Master's Degree in education and supervision from the University of Houston.

He graduated from Lawton High School in Oklahoma. He was a member of the Oklahoma All-State band 3 years. He lettered in football (3 years), basketball (3 years), track (3 years), and band (6 years). He was also in NHS, Thespians, Key Club, Spanish club, and Science club. His hobbies are music and grading. He is married and has 2 children, Amy and Jody. He likes Calhoun and says the school has a lot of pride and the band has a lot of potential. He further commented that the students and teachers are nice, friendly, and cooperative.



Hey, next time the band is out practicing, come by and see Mr. Wassal in his shorts. He sure has good legs!

## BAND



Band is under the direction of Mr. Joe Wassal and assistant director Mike Henderson. The officers for the band are Priscilla Portilla, president; Rhonda Clifton, vice-president; Vanessa Shannon, treasurer; Trudy Chatelle, secretary; and Debbie Colley, reporter. The librarians are Judy Boyd, Virginia Reue, Janet Mareth, Rutae Wedig, and Trudy Chatelle.

Quartermasters are Max Pina, Kenny Barnes, Freddy Reyes, Rhett Simmons, Carlton Hall, Mark Fenner, Paul Benavides and Mike Garcia. The drum majorettes for this year are Robbie Braden and Lynn Pentecost. Priscilla Portilla is head twirler, and the other twirlers are Dorinda Browning, Elizabeth Juneke, Barbara Flores and Janet Knopp.

This year is a whole new year for the band with a new director and a new marching style. The band has been working very hard for a good performance every Friday at the football game. The band is also working even harder for UIL marching contest that will be held in Victoria on Nov. 7.

Stage Band, directed by Mr. Henderson, did a good job playing for the Student Council convention last Monday. The Stage Band will perform this year for schools and other activities.







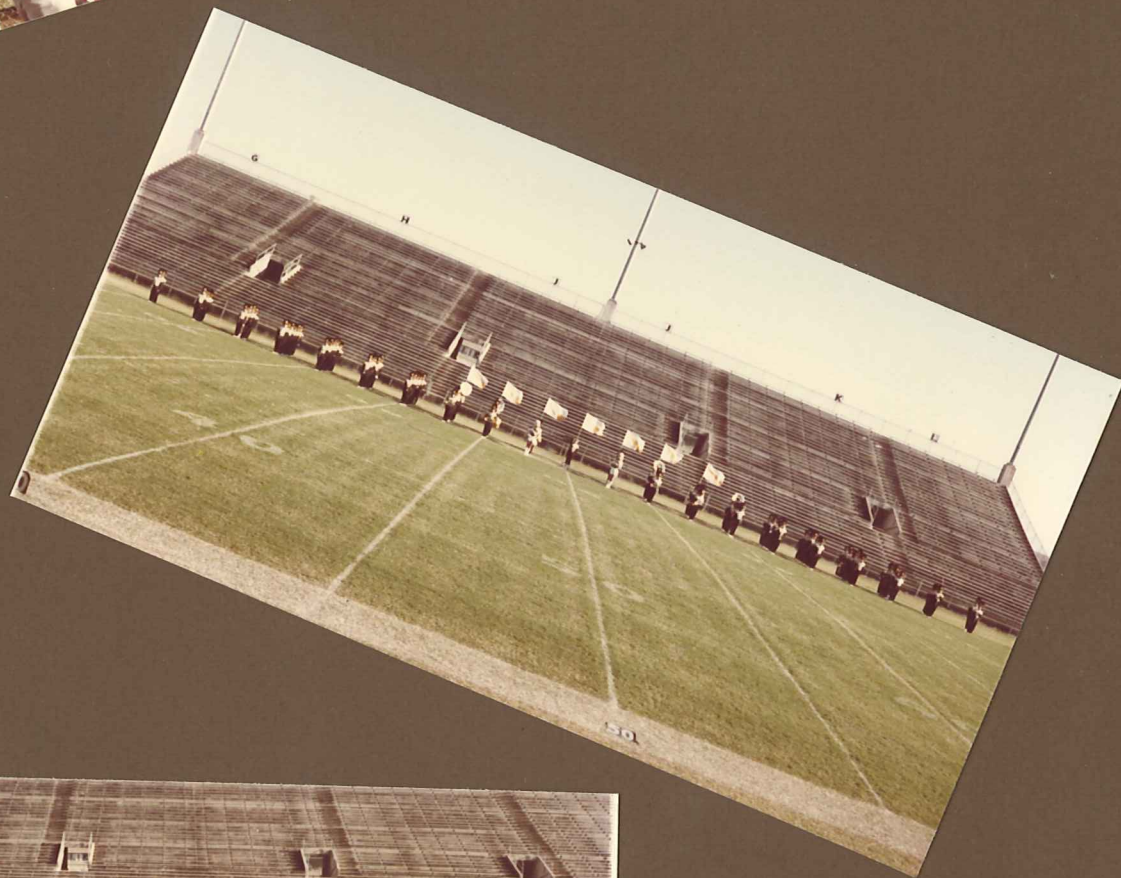




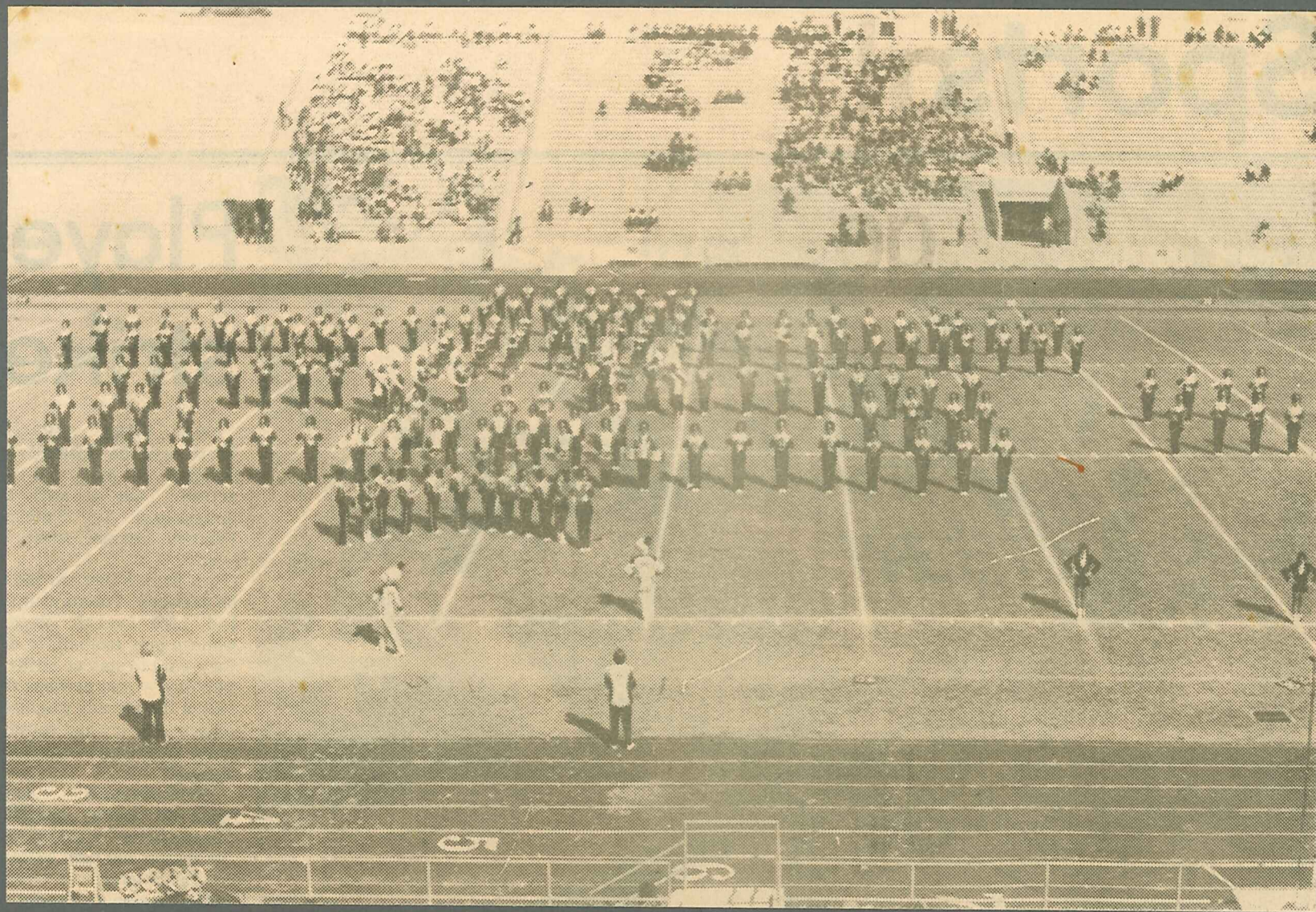





















**STATE-BOUND** — Calhoun High School's Marching Band  
acclaimed I ratings at the Regional University In-  
terscholastic League marching contest Tuesday in Victoria.

The band will compete for state recognition Nov. 15 at the  
University of Texas. (Wave photo)

## CHS band rates a I; to compete in state

VICTORIA — Calhoun High School's marching band, under the direction of four-year band director Joe Wassell, took a I rating at the Region XIII University Interscholastic Scholastic League contest Tuesday at Memorial Stadium here.

A number of local residents followed the band to the Victoria stadium to watch more than 30 schools from Region XIII compete for ratings from superior to poor.

Calhoun was one of 11 schools to receive the superior ratings, which

will enable the band to compete in the state marching contest Nov. 15 at the University of Texas in Austin.

This will mark Calhoun's third year to participate in a state competition, in which excellent ratings have been awarded to the high school band each year.

Calhoun was among three 5A schools competing in the marching drill. Calhoun and Victoria High School were the only recipients of I ratings while Victoria Stroman High School took a II rating.

The band put on an excellent performance Friday night in Beeville. The show was highlighted when Louis Fabrygel was playing along and suddenly his pants fell to his ankles! Luckily, Louis had on blue-jean shorts. He made a quick recovery and marched on---clutching his pants!

Some of the band members and one drum major (it's not nice to mention your own name in your column) had a hard time continuing the performance. Louis was especially glad to find that the whole incident is on video-tape!















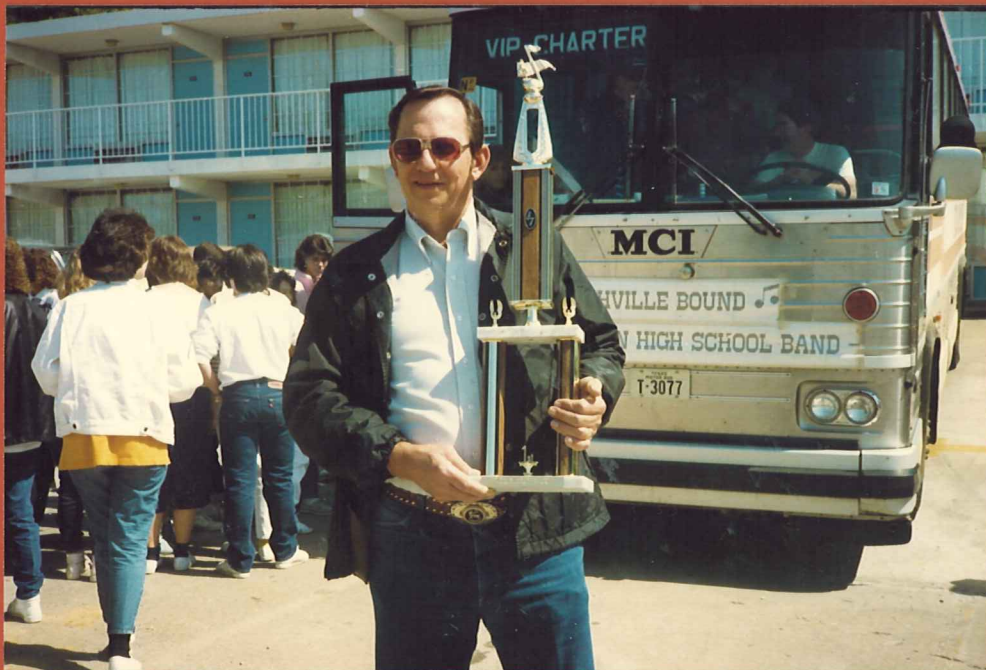


**FAIR PARADE ENTRY**--Here Elizabeth Junek, a twirler with the Calhoun High School marching band, performs a routine during the fair parade. The band will also lead the Christmas parade Saturday, but unfortunately, the band and Sandettes are the only groups represented by the schools in this year's parade. The twirlers plan to dress as Santa's elves as they parade down Virginia Street Saturday. (Wave Photo)















On April 24 the Calhoun High School bands traveled to Orlando, Fla. to participate in the Great Southern Contest of Champions.

The students, directors, and sponsors left Port Lavaca Tuesday evening on Gray Line of Houston chartered buses. On Thursday the students went to Disney-MGM Studios Theme Park, and that evening attended a special "Spring Fling" party for all participants in the contest. On Friday the Symphonic band and the Honors band participated in the contest held at Evans High School in Orlando. Bands from 12 states were entered in the contest judged by nationally recognized judges in the field of Music Education. On Friday afternoon, the students visited the NASA Visitors Center and viewed the IMAX film of Space Travel. On Saturday the students visited EPCOT or the Magic Kingdom. Saturday evening, the students were at Sea World for some special shows and at the end of the evening attended the awards ceremony. At this time, both bands, Honors and Symphonic, were awarded "Best In Class", first place trophies in Class AA and Class A respectively. The group left Orlando late Saturday night, traveled all night and arrived back in Port Lavaca the next evening.

The directors, band boosters and students would like to thank the School Board members and administrators for, "allowing us the opportunity to take this kind of trip. It was truly educational as well as enjoyable".

Calhoun High School

Great Southern  
Contest of Champions

Orlando, Florida

April 1990









# Certificate of Participation

*Seventh Annual*

## Southwest Band Festival

*April 5, 6, 7, 1979 — Galveston, Texas*

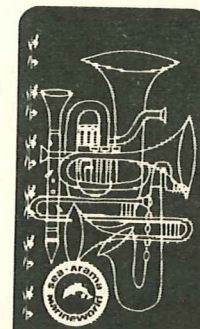
*This will certify that*

CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

*Participated in the Seventh Annual Southwest Band Festival*

DICK WATERMAN  
Executive Director

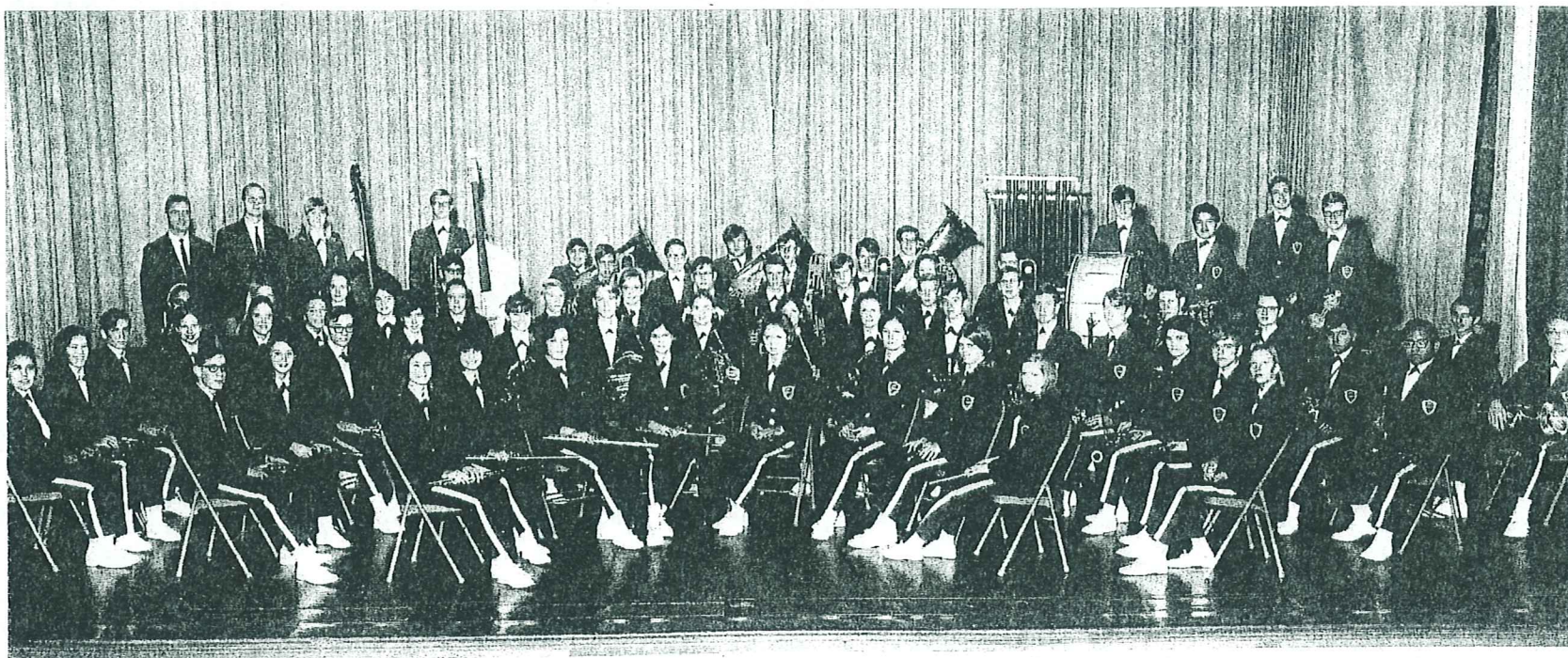
JOHN SHIPP  
Band Festival Director











The Victoria High School Varsity Band is a 65-member Concert Band chosen on the basis of ability from 150 band members. Other performing groups are the Junior Varsity Band and Cadet Band. The Stingaree band is a consistent First Division winner in Regional and invitational contests in the state of Texas. Other highlights of the year include an annual halftime show for the Houston Oilers in conjunction with the Alice High School Band, several concerts, programming a variety of band literature, performance at ten football game halftime shows each year, a spring trip to a contest or Festival and an annual Christmas Banquet. Varsity band students are active in individual competitions sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association leading to membership in the All-State Band or Orchestra. The Stingaree Bands are supported by an active Band Parents group which raise money for awards, a spring trip, and an annual five-day Summer Band Camp attended by all band members.







Calhoun County  
Independent School District  
Presents the  
Calhoun High School Bands  
And Stage Band

In  
Annual Spring Concert  
Calhoun High School Auditorium  
7:30 O'clock

May 17, 1979

Thursday Evening

Symphonic Band - Joe Wassel, Director  
Concert Band and Stage Band - Mike Henderson, Director

Paratroopers

★★★★★★★★

- Mike Henderson, Director

ector

... James D. Ployhar  
ere united in 1836

-Jaques Rizzo

ques Rizzo

..-William Frabizio

..... Pierre Leemans  
arr.-Charles A. Wiley

..... Sammy Nestico

...s: Kevin Williams - Trumpet  
Kenny Barnes-Trumpet

WRITE THE SONGS ..... arr.-Robert Lowden  
Soloist: Max Pina-Trombone

THANK YOU, BAND ..... Paul Clark

Soloist's: Priscilla Portilla-Tenor Sax  
Vanessa Shannon-Alto Sax  
Kenny Barnes-Trumpet  
Mike Garcia-Trumpet

★★★★★★★★

SYMPHONIC BAND - Joe Wassel, Director

Symphonic Concert March ..... G. Bonelli - arr. Falcone

Variations on "America" ..... C. Ives - arr. Schumann

Prayer of Saint Gregory ..... A. Hovhaness  
Francine Venable - Trumpet Soloist

Theme from "Superman" ..... J. Williams - arr. Holcombe

' The Stars and Stripes Forever ..... John Philip Sousa

**TROMBONES**

Mark Fenner\*\*  
Jody Wassel\*\*  
Brent Williams\*\*  
Max Pina\*  
Kim Pfuhl

You are invited to a reception following the concert  
in the patio area.



CALHOUN COUNTY INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
presents the

CALHOUN HIGH SCHOOL BANDS  
in  
SPRING CONCERT

Thursday, May 12, 1983  
7:30 P.M.

Calhoun High School Auditorium  
With special recognition of the  
Class of 1983

PRO

CONCEPT

Sibyl Carter

Spanish Eyes . . . . .

Ready To Take A Chance

Peter Gunn . . . . .

SYMPHONIC BAND

Bob Clarke, Director

2001: Fanfare from "Also Sprach Zarathustra" . . . . .  
Richard Strauss-Arr. Bob Clarke

Macarenas March . . . . . B. Bautista Monterde  
Arr. Fred L. Frank

Joshua . . . . . Arr. Paul Yoder

Gallop from "First Suite for Band" . . . . . Alfred Reed

HONORS BAND

Joe Wassel, Director

America, The Beautiful . . . . . Ward - Dragon

Barber of Seville . . . . . Rossini - Lake

The Jazz Singer . . . . . Diamond - Nowak  
America, Love On The Rocks, On the Robert E. Lee,  
Hello Again, Jerusalem

Stars and Stripes Forever . . . . . John Philip Sousa

A reception to honor the Senior Band Members will be given  
immediately following the performance in the cafeteria.



CALHOUN COUNTY INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
presents the  
Calhoun High School Bands

in  
FINAL CONCERT

Thursday, May 16, 1985  
7:30 P.M.  
C.H.S. Auditorium

Honoring the Class of '85

THE CONCERT BAND

Sibyl Caughron, Director

Diablo . . . . .  
The Golden Age of Rock and Roll . . . . . arr.  
(At the Hop - Runaround Sue - Little Darling)

THE STAGE BAND

Bob Clarke, Director

To Be Announced . . . . .

THE SYMPHONIC BAND

Bob Clarke, Director

Rocspagnol . . . . . Andrew Balent  
Mexican Overture . . . . . Merle Isaac  
Gallop from "First Suite for Band" . . . . . Alfred Reed

THE STAGE BAND

To Be Announced . . . . .

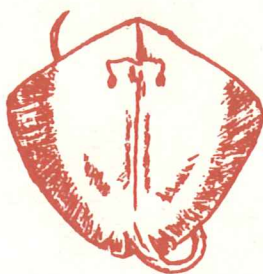
THE HONORS BAND

Joe Wassel, Director

Thunder and Blazes . . . . . Fucik-Laurendeau  
Florentiner March . . . . . Julius Fucik  
1812 Overture . . . . . P. Tschaiikowsky  
The Stars and Stripes Forever March . . . . . John Philip Sousa



FRED JUNKIN  
DIRECTOR



LARRY GUILLIOUMA  
DIRECTOR

## Victoria High School Stingaree Bands

1110 SAM HOUSTON DR. VICTORIA, TEXAS 77901

Phone 512-575-7451

October 30, 1978

Dear Banderab Band,

We would like to express our thanks to both the members and directors of the Banderab Band for the Cokes provided to us after halftime last Friday night. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Goodluck at all future halftime performances and we are looking forward to seeing you all next Tuesday at U.S.L. Marching Contest.

Sincerely,

Victoria High Stingaree Band



Dear Mr. Clark and Stage Band  
Thank you all for a very  
entertaining program. You are  
a very talented group. I hope  
more students at C.H.S.  
will have the opportunity to  
enjoy your talent in the near  
future.

We are very appreciative  
of the time and effort you  
put into making the entertain-  
ment part of our convention  
outstanding.

Thanks again for a great  
program. E. Malou Marek

my THANKS are  
MONUMENTAL!!

Dear Band,

The Bandettes want to wish you all of  
the luck in the world today at marching  
contest. We know you're the best! Think  
positive and you'll come out as number  
one! We'll be there backing you all the  
way because you're the Calhoun High School  
Band and that makes you pretty special!!  
You're the greatest, so just get out there  
and give it all you've got. Our prayers  
are with you.

Good Luck,  
The Bandettes





Mr. Wassel, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Vanderlip  
C.H. S. BROAD

Congratulations on your  
rating at U.F.H. contest last  
Tuesday. Keep up the good  
work and good luck with  
district & Region.

Yours Truly,  
Michelle Gray

Sanderab Band,

Thank you for making our bonfire  
a success! We appreciate the service  
that you are giving our school and  
want you all to know that if you  
ever need anything feel free to call  
upon us. Thanks for being such  
a fine group of people.

Student Council



# YOUR EXTRA EFFORT MADE THE DIFFERENCE!

November 11, 1980

Dear Mr. Wassel,

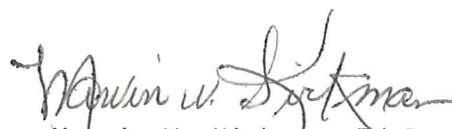
Congratulations to you and your staff for presenting the outstanding group of band members at the UIL contest in Victoria. We share your pride in their performance, effort, and dedication. Your performances have been enjoyed and praised by the community. Best wishes in the district and regional tryouts.

Sincerely,

  
Marvin W. Kirkman  
Superintendent

# THAT'S A GOOD FEELING!

Congratulations on receiving three superior ratings at the Southwest Band Festival! We're proud of all of you.

  
Marvin W. Kirkman, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



Kayne Lehmer

Leah Nichols

Joyce Schooley

Claudia Hopmann

Dorothy Maresch

many Hughes

...have a lucky day  
AT MARCHING CONTEST  
FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT  
COASTAL BEND SAVINGS & LOAN

Dear Band Members,

We want to tell you how much we enjoyed being with you this past weekend, and how proud we were to accompany such an outstanding group of young people.

Thank you for letting us share your triumph and your fun.

Bob + Marilyn Hochstein



Dear Mr. Wassel, Mr. Clarke,  
Miss Vanderlip and Band,

Congrat~~act~~ulations on  
your receiving three  
ones at marching  
contest. Sorry I could  
not be there to root  
you on, but I was  
thinking about you,  
about the time you  
were marching. Good  
Luck to everyone in  
your future contests.

Congrat~~act~~ulations on  
a Super Performance.

Just a little "Hi" note.

Debbie Colley

Dear C.H.S. Band,

The Sandittes would like to congratulate  
you on your excellent performance Friday night.  
We really had an outstanding half-time, thanks  
to you. We would like to thank you for all  
the patience you have with us. We really  
appreciate it.

The Sandittes believe Calhoun has the  
best band around. Thank you for being  
so outstanding. We're behind you 100% of  
the way.

Sincerely,  
The C.H.S. Sandittes  
Corresponding Secretary,  
Jocia Vela

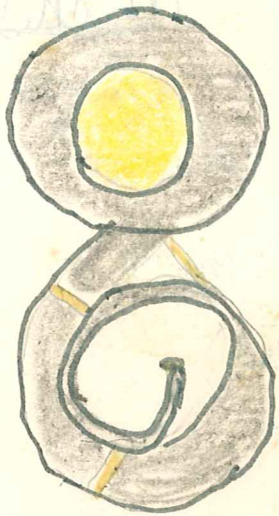


Dear Mr. Wassel, Mr. Henderson, members of Concert Band Symphonies Bands,  
Mr. Venable and I would like to thank you for giving us the  
opportunity to be a part of your band trip and all its accomplishments -  
We were proud to be chaperones - Good luck in W.I.L.  
We are so very proud of each and everyone - Every chaperone expressed  
the same feelings.

Keep up the  
good work  
==  
Mrs Venable



# Congratulations Calhoun



High school

BAND

Dear Mr Wassel and the High school  
Band,

We want to congratulate you  
for making it to state.

Your friends the

Fifth graders at

Point Comfort Elem.

Annette Hecker

Florence Thonsgard











# Joe's Family



Son - Jody Wassel



Mother - Mae Howell



daughter - Amy Wassel



Son - Frank Hinds













Joe played  
a mean game of  
golf. He even played  
at St. Andrews  
in Scotland.

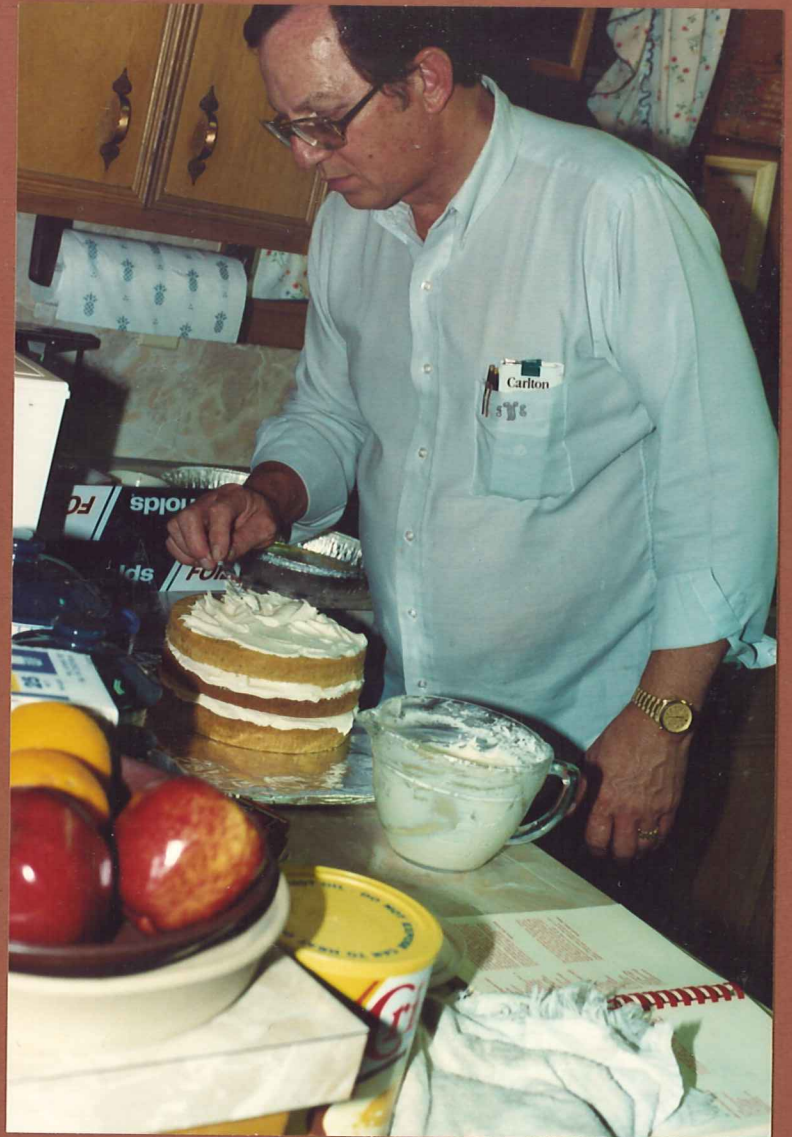




# JOE'S GARDEN







The  
Patio  
Joe  
built.





Joe loved  
to travel.





Joe's 50<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Party









*In Memory  
Joseph E. Wassel*



*January 2, 1939 ~ January 29, 2004*

Joseph Edward Wassel, 65, of Port Lavaca, Texas, died peacefully January 29, 2004 in St. Louis, Missouri, surrounded by his family. He was in St. Louis for surgery and passed away from complications that developed. He was born January 2, 1939 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the second son of Master Sgt and Mrs. John Wassel. He attended Lawton, Oklahoma schools graduating from LHS in 1958 having received numerous honors as an outstanding musician in the LHS band. His love of music took him to the University of Houston at Houston where he pursued a bachelor's degree in music education. In later years Joe went on to earn a master's degree in school administration from Texas A&I University at Kingsville.

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Joe served as the Executive Secretary of UIL Music Region 13 continuing to participate in the music education of the students in this area.

He is survived by his wife Jean Wassel; son, Jody Wassel of San Francisco, California; a daughter, Amy Wassel of Austin; step-son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Frank and Elizabeth Hinds of Bellaire. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, John and Ann Wassel of Dallas and step-brother and sister-in-law, Rex and Dina Woods of California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Angyle and Margaret McLachlan of Houston; sister-in-law, Virginia Powers of Houston and mother-in-law, Josephine McLachlan of Pasadena. Numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorial services will be held February 15, at 2:00 p.m. at the Calhoun High School Auditorium. Memorials may be sent to the Joe Wassel Memorial Scholarship Fund, IBC, PO Box 228, Attn. Harry Frankson, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979.

Richardson-Colonial Funeral Home in charge of Arrangements, 361-552-2988.



**I wanted to express my sympathy at the loss of Mr. Wassel. I was in the Calhoun High Band during the 1980's. Mr Wassel's dedication and love of music teaching has impacted my life as a music teacher. While a student at Calhoun, Mr Wassel took a big chance on me. He allowed me to switch from clarinet to percussion. He was always positive and supportive.**

**Today, I am an Associate Professor of Percussion at Texas Tech University. Who would have ever thought that this could happen....your husband did. By giving me the support and confidence to try something new, he opened doors for me. I have never forgotten what he did.**

**I hope I pass this support and guidance to my own students.**

**My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Wassel family at this time.**

**He will be greatly missed.**

Joe Wassel, "No man was greater", the late Gary Lindsey. My deepest sympathy, Sue Lindsey  
February 10, 2004

Mr. Wassel taught me how to play the sax. He was my inspiration! Thanks! Ruben Zapata  
February 10, 2004

Mr. Wassel, you will be remembered always by the one you thought was a sweetie. God Bless- Ashley R.  
February 10, 2004

Mr. Wassel will be deeply missed by all. Billy, Class of VHS '71.  
February 10, 2004

The legacy Joe Wassel left made an impression on my life to enter a educational career. VHS '78  
February 9, 2004

"A quarter note gets one beat." Thank You, Mr. Wassel. Ralph Gonzales VHS'94  
February 9, 2004

Mr Wassel was one of the kindest men. Not only a great neighbor but teacher also. Sam Patterson  
February 9, 2004

Joe was my greatest hero in high school. I will miss him immensely. VHS '94.  
February 9, 2004

Dear Jean, Barbara and I are so very sorry. We can not believe he is gone. Love, Randy & Barbara  
February 9, 2004

Mr. Wassel was our "second father." James Kleinecke VHS '78  
February 9, 2004

Mr. Wassel was very influencial to his student's lifes. Fondest memories, Kim Losey Fikes VHS'78  
February 7, 2004

Too many words to describe the man Mr. Wassel was to me. Teacher, father figure, mentor...etc. VHS'78  
February 7, 2004

Mr. Wassel was a very large part of making me into the man that I am today. Scott Wilkinson VHS '77  
February 6, 2004

J.D. Reinke III  
February 6, 2004

My deepest sympathy. I am an ex-student VHS 1970-74. He was a fine man/teacher.  
February 6, 2004



# Memorial High School Bands



## Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 18, 2004  
7:00 p.m.  
Parkway Baptist Church

Dr. Mike Ryan, Principal  
Mr. Eloy Chapa, Associate Principal  
*Thank You Parkway Baptist Church*

### Program

#### Concert Band Michael, Conductor

..... Holsinger  
..... Grice  
Soloist: Marie DeBellis  
..... Whitacre  
..... Vinson

#### Phonic Band er, Conductor

..... Wasson  
Soloist: Joseph DeLeon  
..... Smith and Key/arr. Balmages  
Soloist: Our National Anthem  
Soloist: Lyra, Evan Woodson  
..... Ward/arr. Dragon

#### Ensemble ge, Conductor

..... Smith  
Soloist: Korean War Veterans  
Soloist: Now flying helicopters!!  
Soloist: Amber Gates, Kacie Yarbrough

..... Handel/trans. Malin  
Soloist: Linkerman, David Lightbody

..... Holsinger  
Soloist: us Socii Domine  
Soloist: anions, Praise the Lord!

Adagio (Adagio for Strings) ..... Barber/arr. Custer  
Dedicated to Josh and Ryan  
Soloists: Antonio Flores, Andrew Padierna,  
Buddy De Los Santos, Andrew Janysek

The Stars and Stripes Forever March ..... Sousa  
Dedicated to Joe Wassel  
Thanks to all of the Friends and Colleagues



