

INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

BAND CALENDAR

- 2/28/08—Jackson County Band Concert—Ganado 6p.m.
- 3/1/08—Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest. Needville
- 3/8/08—Band Booster Golf Tournament
- 3/12/08—U.I.L. Concert & Sightreading contest
- 4/16/08—U.I.L. Junior High Concert & sightreading contest

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Cobra Band Notes

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30 Advance to State Contest

On Saturday, February 2, members of the Golden Cobra Band traveled to Needville to compete in the U.I.L. Solo & Ensemble contest.

30 Industrial students qualified to compete in the 2008 Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest that will be held at Texas State University in San Marcos on Saturday, May 24, 2008.

The students that advance included our percussion ensemble. Trey Tristan, Erin Sappington, William Wood, Justin Simik, Megan Woodring, Jake Smith, Logan DeBord, David Hudson & Brian Martin made up this ensemble.

The music they performed was a very difficult class 1 ensemble entitled, "Stratus". Instrumenta-

tion included mallets, all the drums, and some special instruments, such as wind chimes, large metal bowls and a bowed vibraphone.



The Large woodwind ensemble included: Julianna Sheeran, Flute; Jenny Tseng, Flute; Caitlin Adams, Oboe; Kara Skrouppa, Oboe; Anna Beth Harrison, Clarinet; Courtney Tristan, Clarinet; Haley Spence, Clarinet; Shelby Cavazos, Alto Clarinet; Erin Gabrysch, Bass Clarinet; Sarah Kruppa, Contra-bass Clari-

net; B. J. Wood, Alto Sax; Zac Wedig, Alto Sax; Tyler Webb, Tenor Sax; Haydn Williams, Bari Sax; Adri Benavides, Bassoon; & Brandie Stindt, Bassoon.

The large woodwind ensemble performed "Divertimento" by F. J. Haydn.

Performing in the Brass Quintet was Kasie Kirkpatrick, Trumpet; Josh Gomez, Trumpet; Michael Hudson, French Horn; Jake Meador, Trombone; & Kyle Griffith, Tuba.

The Brass Quintet performed "We Hasten with Eager Footsteps" by J. S. Bach.

The kids did an awesome job, and will represent Industrial once more on the State level.

UIL Concert & Sightreading here!

The Region 13 U.I.L. Concert & Sightreading contest will be held at Industrial High School on Wednesday, March 12.

The band will be performing at 2 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The sightreading contest will be in the band hall immedi-

ately following the band's stage performance.

This year, the band has prepared 2 grade 3 tunes for the contest. As a AA band, we are required to play one grade 2 and a grade 1 song of of the UIL Prescribed Music List. However, the grade

1 & 2 music is simply not challenging enough for the Cobra Band.

The selection for the march is not required to be selected from any list, so the sky is the limit on that event. The band's march is (Cont on page 3)



40 + Years of Sweepstakes.

“The silent auction is one of the booster’s most successful fundraisers that requires little work to be successful”

Golden Cobra Band



Jackson County Concert a Hit

On Thursday evening, February 28 at 6 p.m., the GCB took the stage at Ganado High school, and performed their first public concert of the year.

The Jackson County Band Concert is an annual even that is designed to give the county high school bands an opportunity to perform for an audience prior to their U.I.L. Contest date.

This year, the UIL contest is early, before spring break. It will be held on March 12 at

Industrial High School.

Due to the early contest this year, and the fact that trying to schedule this concert around baseball tournaments, softball tournaments, stock shows, tennis meets, UIL academic meets and every other thing going on, this year’s concert came on quick.

Thursday’s concert date was decided on just a month ago, and after I published the last newsletter. Apologies to those who feel like the word

was not given to them about the concert.

Thursday’s date was actually our 3rd choice. Not only were we trying to find a date that would work for Industrial students, we also had to find a date that worked with the Edna and Ganado band students as well.

The end result was a wonderful night of the best musicians in Jackson County gathering together to enjoy our common passion - MUSIC!

Band Chicken Supper

We will once again host the band annual BBQ at the Trinity Center here in Vanderbilt.

The Inez community center was looked at as well, but the cost for renting the hall on a Saturday is just too much.

The supper will be held on Saturday, April 26. Just like last year, we will feature the Junior high bands as well as the High School bands.

We will have the silent auction again this year as well. This is a great fundraiser. If you have a neat craft, gift certificate, or new merchandise to donate for this, it would be very helpful.

The band boosters support the band in many ways, and this silent auction is one of their annual fundraisers that always does well.

We have many very interesting things being donated this year.

Already, Mrs. Myers in the band office has gotten many celebrity and sport team auto-graphed photos and merchandise.

You won’t want to miss the auction this year!

Doing it all..... (part 1)

This time of the year is easily the busiest time of the year.

Many assume that football season is the busy one, but that is a common mistake.

In the spring, everything is happening at once.

Basketball, tennis, baseball, softball, track, golf, UIL Academics, One Act Play just to mention a few.

Band students always struggle during the spring to keep their grades up to passing.

The wonderful thing about Industrial is how well our kids

do in all their endeavors.

Colleges these days are looking for students that are successful outside of the classroom as much as in the classroom.

Being a well rounded student is valuable in and of itself. It requires great time management and communication skills.

How does this all help me in life? (part 1)



By Stephen Henry

Many times a year, I look at what I am trying to accomplish with students, and I try to step back and look at the “big picture.” What am I teaching these students other than

ATSSB All Region band members

playing a band instrument? Am I helping prepare these students for “real life?”

Let me share with you what I believe, when it comes to band, athletics, theatre arts, and other extra curricular activities.

In the workplace there are certain characteristics that make an employee desirable.

Self motivated; team player; self

disciplined; hard working; good work ethic; excellent moral fiber; dedicated; committed; sets goals and stops at nothing to achieve them; drive; ambition; passion for what you do; dependable; honest; trustworthy.

These are all things that are necessary for a successful band program. Without these qualities, a band can't hope to achieve a division I, much less a Sweepstakes.

Ask yourself: “Are these qualities that make you valuable in the real world?” ABSOLUTELY

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UIL (cont.)

considered to be a class 4 march by the publisher.

“This year’s music just fits the band like a glove,” says Stephen Henry, director. “It allows the band to play at the highest level.”

This year’s program includes:

“March from Early America”, by William Rhoads. This march is based on a theme that was written

by Benjamin Franklin, called “The Ode to Science.” It really features the clarinet and flute sections. It has been challenging for the woodwind sections.

Our middle tune is “A Summer Was Just Beginning”, a song for James Dean. This is a beautiful ballad written by Larry Daehn that is loosely based on an old British isles folksong, “The Winter it is

past, and the Summer’s here at last.”

Our final tune is a 4 movement work by Frank Ticheli, “Simple Gifts” Four Shaker Songs. You should recognize some of these songs when you hear them.

Come and support the band with your presence on March 12 at 2 p.m. in the H.S. Auditorium!

Golf Tournament is HERE!!!!

This years band booster annual Golf tournament will once again be held at the Colony Creek Country Club’s golf course in Victoria.

We are sending all the hole sponsorship information, advertisements, and all other information to the printers this week.

Atzenhoffer Chevrolet has sponsored our “Hole-In-One” contest

once more. There will be a brand new 2008 Chevy car or truck on the 16th hole to be won by anyone making a hole in one on that par 3 hole.

There will be other par 3 hole in one prizes as well. This will prove to be another great tournament.

Many local business and individuals have donated prizes, gift certifi-

cates, cash and other items for our tournament prizes and door prizes.

Everyone needs to keep their fingers crossed for a beautiful day on March the 8th.

There are still team spots open if you want to play.



The pride of South Texas.



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The Golden Cobra band is one of the most successful band programs in the great State of Texas. In its colorful history, it has been the State Champion in the Texas Music Educators Association's (TMEA) Honor Band competition on 4 occasions. It has performed 4 times at the Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival, and has performed at the Texas State Marching Contest on 6 occasions.

The band has been the recipient of the UIL Sweepstakes award 48 times in the school's history.

Because they think they can, they will.



Charms & Parent Communication

By Stephen Henry

If you have not registered your information on the Charms site, you are officially "Out of the Loop" on a lot of band information.

Right now, 36 of 78 parents have registered their email with the Charms site. That is roughly 53% of parents that I don't have any contact information on.

It is so easy for me to send out notifications of each and every event, when I have a current email address. I am also looking into a program that would allow me to send out a text message to parents, but again, I need you to register your cell phone numbers on the charms website.

As a parent myself, I find myself frustrated with my junior high student's lack of ability to keep me informed as

to when and where he needs to be. I understand that many of you can become frustrated.

I have to echo that frustration as a teacher who desperately wants to have 100% communication with parents, but I can't inspire that same number of parents to take 2 minutes to register on a great service.



A Tradition of Superior Bands!

Technology is not going away. Technology gives teachers, parents and students more ways to communicate than we have ever had before.

I know that I can do better with keeping the website up to the minute, and I assure you that I am trying to do so.

I am hoping that, together, we can bridge this gap called communication. I am hoping that together, I can find ways to keep you in the loop of your child's life and activities.

I don't want anyone to miss an opportunity to see their son or daughter on stage, or at a competition.

I will be diligent in my pursuit of being able to communicate with all band parents, even at the drop of a hat.

Not to sound "corny," but if you register on Charms, you are helping me, help you!