



Panhandle Band History: A Reflection

CLINICIANS:

Dr. Gary Garner and Dr. Charles Trayler

MODERATOR:

Cody Myers

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The Texas Panhandle. This is a land of rich history, bountiful resources, and the finest people to be found anywhere. Palo Duro Canyon is the signature feature of the Panhandle region, plunging deep into the otherwise rolling plains and grassland. Many remember the Panhandle as home to cattleman Charles Goodnight, the Adobe Walls Indian battles, or the Wild West town of Old Tascosa at the site of present day Boys Ranch.

Upon entering the present era school life became paramount in rural Panhandle communities. School bands emerged as an enduring source of pride for many. These band programs have created a historical record of their own.

Here to recall some of the Panhandle band lore are Dr. Charles Frayler and Dr. Gary Garner. Dr. Frayler grew up in Spearman where he was a trombone player in the band of Bandmaster Hall of Fame Director Sam Watson. With 39 years experience as both a band student and director in the Panhandle, Dr. Frayler is an authority on regional band history. He and his wife Judy live in Dalhart. Dr. Gary Garner, WJAMU Director Emeritus, is nothing short of a legend in Texas and across the nation. Dr. Garner has enjoyed 55 years experience as a student and director in the Panhandle. He has molded an entire generation of outstanding Bandmasters who have wielded terrific influence in the direction of the Texas Band Movement. Dr. Garner is a resident of Amarillo.

Moderator for today's clinic is Cody Myers of Amarillo. Mr. Myers has spent 31 years as a WT student and director in the Panhandle. He has spent the past 15 years as Director of Fine Arts for Amarillo ISD. He resides in Bushland with his wife Starrla.

Britni Nuckols is assisting with the technical aspects of today's clinic. She and her husband Justin are both middle school band directors in Amarillo ISD.

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Introduction

Evolution of Marching Band in the Texas Panhandle

Honor Bands from the Texas Panhandle

Influence of WFSU on Panhandle Bands

Remembrances of Texas Panhandle Bands

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*Phi Beta Mu
Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame*

Inducted

- 1975 *Jack Mahan: Borger 1941. Co-founder of Phi Beta Mu.*
- 1977 *Robert (Chief) Davidson: McLean Municipal Band and McLean High School Band 1927-1935.*
- 1991 *Bill Bradley: Memphis 1961-1964.*
- 1991 *Joe DiCosimo: Pampa 1955-1986.*
- 1991 *Robert Fielder: Phillips 1936-1941.*
- 1991 *J.W. King: Canyon 1970-1979.*
- 1991 *Ray Robbins: Clarendon 6 yrs; Pampa 6 yrs; Phillips 21 yrs.*
- 1991 *Ralph G. Smith: Childress 1949-1952; Dimmitt 1952-1983.*
- 1991 *Sam Watson: Wildorado 1949-1950; Spearman 1951-1967; Phillips 1968-1973; Pampa 1973-1986.*
- 1991 *Oscar Wise: Organized first Amarillo High School Band 1922.*
- 1992 *D.W. (Dub) Crain Jr.: Sunray 1972-1973; Dumas 1973-1983.*
- 1992 *Gerald Smith: Dalhart 1950-1951; McLean 1952-1955; Panhandle 1955-1985.*
- 1992 *J. Ralph Smith: Organized Hereford Community Band 1902; Hereford 1921-1928; Plainview 1929-1930; Hereford 1930-1945.*
- 1993 *Robert Gans: Borger 1965-1973.*
- 1996 *Ada Creel: Phillips 1948-1963. Founded "Music Makers" stage band.*

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- 1996 *Wayne Muller: Tascosa 1958-1962; Amarillo High 1963-1965.*
- 1997 *Clyde H. Rowe: Borger 1939-1940; Amarillo High 1943-1950*
- 1998 *Bill Fregoe: Pampa 1953-1962.*
- 2001 *Lee Boyd Montgomery: Canyon 1962-1964.*
- 2001 *Don Baird: WFSU 1965-1979.*
- 2001 *Fred Stockdale: Pampa 1962-1966.*
- 2001 *Gary Zook: Canyon 1964-1979.*
- 2002 *Willis Giddens: Shamrock 1957-1963; Friona 1963-1970.*
- 2002 *Ben Collehon: Pampa Jr. High 1958-1960; Hereford 1960-1973.*
- 2003 *Dr. Gary Garner: WFSU (WJAMU) 1963-2002. Director Emeritus.*
- 2003 *Joe Mack Hill: Stratford 1958-1966; Dumas Jr. High 1966-1975.*
- 2004 *Harris Brinson: Pampa Jr. High 1964-1966; Pampa High School 1966-1973;
Phi Beta Mu International Past President.*
- 2005 *Tom Neugent: White Deer 1966-1967.*
- 2006 *Phil Anthony: Clarendon 1964-1967.*
- 2007 *Don Hanna: Amarillo High 1992-1994.*
- 2007 *Dr. Charles Frayler: Sunray 1966; Dalhart 1983-1995; Dumas 1996-2005.*
- 2007 *Clyde Wilson: Hereford 1962-1966; Julia 1966-1968.*
- 2008 *Randy Vaughn: Claude 1967-1968; Hereford Jr. High 1968-1970; Hereford High
School 1970-1982.*

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Leadership & Awards

Texas Music Educators Association

Past Presidents

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|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Robert Fielder</i> | <i>1954-1955</i> | <i>Kathy Fishburn</i> | <i>1990-1991</i> |
| <i>Hugh Sanders</i> | <i>1968-1970</i> | <i>Dan Hood</i> | <i>1994-1995</i> |
| <i>J.W. King</i> | <i>1972-1974</i> | <i>Don Hanna</i> | <i>1995-1996</i> |
| <i>Bill Cormack</i> | <i>1974-1975</i> | <i>Barry Talley</i> | <i>2000-2001</i> |

Band Division Chairmen

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| <i>JW King</i> | <i>1970-1971</i> | <i>Don Hanna</i> | <i>1992-1993</i> |
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Texas Bandmasters Association

Past Presidents

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|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| <i>J.W. King</i> | <i>1966</i> | <i>Harris Brinson</i> | <i>1988</i> |
| <i>Ralph G. Smith</i> | <i>1969</i> | <i>Randy Vaughn</i> | <i>1993</i> |
| <i>D.W. (Dub) Crain Jr.</i> | <i>1979</i> | <i>Phil Anthony</i> | <i>1994</i> |
| <i>Dr. Charles Frayler</i> | <i>1982</i> | <i>Roger Edwards</i> | <i>2001</i> |
| <i>Fred Stockdale</i> | <i>1984</i> | <i>Cody Myers</i> | <i>2008</i> |

Texas Bandmasters of the Year

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|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Ray Robbins</i> | <i>1969</i> | <i>Ralph G. Smith</i> | <i>1979</i> |
| <i>J.W. King</i> | <i>1977</i> | <i>Dr. Gary Garner</i> | <i>1987</i> |
| <i>Sam Watson</i> | <i>1978</i> | <i>Harris Brinson</i> | <i>2001</i> |

Meritorious Achievement Awards

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|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Dr. Charles Frayler</i> | <i>2001</i> | <i>Don Hanna</i> | <i>2006</i> |
| <i>Randy Vaughn</i> | <i>2002</i> | <i>Lee Boyd Montgomery</i> | <i>2007</i> |

Lifetime Administrator Awards

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| <i>Dr. Harry Haines</i> | <i>2002</i> | <i>Cody Myers</i> | <i>2012</i> |
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Band Honors

Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinics

- 1960 *Pampa High School Band, Bill Fregoe*
1970 *Pampa High School Band, Harris Brinson*
1998 *Amarillo High School Symphony Orchestra, Roger Edwards*

UIL State Marching Band Finalists

- 1995 2A *Canadian High School, Fred Pankratz* 4th
2004 3A *Canyon High School, Mike Sheffield* 3rd
2007 2A *Panhandle High School, Jason Jones* 7th

TMEA Honor Band Finalists

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|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1961 | <i>Amarillo High School</i> | <i>Bill Latson</i> | <i>4A</i> | <i>3rd</i> |
| 1963 | <i>Tulia High School</i> | <i>Bruce Cook</i> | <i>2A</i> | <i>5th</i> |
| 1965 | <i>Pampa High School</i> | <i>Fred Stockdale</i> | <i>4A</i> | <i>4th</i> |
| 1966 | <i>Tulia High School</i> | <i>Bruce Cook</i> | <i>3A</i> | <i>4th</i> |
| 1966 | <i>Memphis High School</i> | <i>Ronnie Wells</i> | <i>1A</i> | <i>1st</i> |
| 1967 | <i>Pampa High School</i> | <i>Harris Brinson</i> | <i>4A</i> | <i>5th</i> |
| 1968 | <i>Hereford High School</i> | <i>Ben Gollehon</i> | <i>3A</i> | <i>1st</i> |
| 1969 | <i>Pampa High School</i> | <i>Harris Brinson</i> | <i>4A</i> | <i>5th</i> |
| 1970 | <i>Canyon High School</i> | <i>Gary Zook</i> | <i>3A</i> | <i>1st</i> |

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|------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1972 | <i>Gruver High School</i> | <i>Vic Kyler</i> | <i>1A-B</i> | <i>4th</i> | |
| 1973 | <i>Perryton Middle School</i> | <i>James Petty</i> | <i>1C-2C</i> | <i>4th</i> | |
| 1976 | <i>Stratford High School</i> | <i>Gary Laramore</i> | <i>1A</i> | | <i>2nd</i> |
| 1980 | <i>Sunray High School</i> | <i>Coy Cook</i> | <i>1A</i> | <i>4th</i> | |
| 1982 | <i>Stratford High School</i> | <i>Randy Hunsaker</i> | <i>2A</i> | <i>4th</i> | |
| 1984 | <i>Stratford High School</i> | <i>Randy Hunsaker</i> | <i>2A</i> | | <i>2nd</i> |
| 1984 | <i>Booker High School</i> | <i>Kent Jordan</i> | <i>1A</i> | | <i>2nd</i> |
| 1984 | <i>Canyon High School</i> | <i>John Strother</i> | <i>3A</i> | <i>4th</i> | |
| 1988 | <i>Canyon High School</i> | <i>Ken Carriere</i> | <i>4A</i> | <i>5th</i> | |
| 1988 | <i>Shamrock High School</i> | <i>Daryll Kaire</i> | <i>2A</i> | <i>5th</i> | |
| 1988 | <i>Nazareth High School</i> | <i>Bernie Tackitt</i> | <i>1A</i> | | <i>3rd</i> |
| 1989 | <i>Pampa Middle School</i> | <i>Bruce Collins</i> | <i>1C</i> | | <i>2nd</i> |
| 1991 | <i>Canyon High School</i> | <i>Bill Carden</i> | <i>3A</i> | | <i>2nd</i> |
| 1991 | <i>Pampa Middle School</i> | <i>Bruce Collins</i> | <i>2C</i> | <i>5th</i> | |
| 1994 | <i>Randall High School</i> | <i>Ken Carriere</i> | <i>4A</i> | <i>4th</i> | |
| 1994 | <i>Canadian High School</i> | <i>Fred Pankratz</i> | <i>2A</i> | | <i>3rd</i> |
| 1998 | <i>Canadian High School</i> | <i>Fred Pankratz</i> | <i>2A</i> | <i>7th</i> | |
| 1998 | <i>Happy High School</i> | <i>Shannon Dow</i> | <i>1A</i> | <i>4th</i> | |
| 2002 | <i>Canadian High School</i> | <i>Fred Pankratz</i> | <i>1A</i> | | <i>2nd</i> |
| 2004 | <i>Sunray High School</i> | <i>Zane Polson</i> | <i>1A</i> | <i>4th</i> | |
| 2005 | <i>Canyon High School</i> | <i>Mike Sheffield</i> | <i>3A</i> | <i>1st</i> | |
| 2011 | <i>Canadian High School</i> | <i>Will Brewer</i> | <i>1A</i> | <i>1st</i> | |