

Four BHS band students rise to All-State

On December 8 the Brownsboro High and Junior High School bands attended competition for the All-Region band. The high school competition was held at Rusk High School in Rusk, Texas, while the junior high band competed

at Jacksonville High School. Jeff Russell, band director, said 12 junior high students were placed in the junior high All-Region Band. Up to 26 of the young high school musicians placed in the All-Region band, and 11 achieved All-Area.

"I'm real proud of these students," Russell said. "They worked very hard." In these competitions, each student competed against students from other schools in the east Texas area. At the High School level, the top players in

each section were selected to go to the All-Area competition, Russell said. All-Area took place at Chapel Hill High School on January 5th. Here, the students competed with students from five other regions for the prestigious

title of All-State. "All-State is the highest honor a band student can get," Russell said. The four students chosen for All-State band were: Jessica Scott, Taylor Cramer, Jake Brooks and Kaylan

McGaughey. These four students will spend five days in San Antonio preparing for a performance at the Texas Music Educator Association Convention on February 16. Congratulations to these students for all of their hard work.



All-State, L-R: Jessica Scott, Taylor Cramer, Jake Brooks, Kaylan McGaughey.



All-Area. Back row, L-R: Justin Payne, Jeremy Miller, Tarah Thornton, Marla Pollard, Kate Griffin. Front row, L-R: Jessica Scott, Taylor Cramer, Jake Brooks, Kaylan McGaughey, Julie Travis, Amanda Parker.



High School All-Region band players. Back row, L-R: Justin Vause, Chris Radford, Jeremy Miller, Kelsey Head, Krys McLean, Daniel Hawkins, Brittany Weaver, Sarah Hogue. Middle row, L-R: Justin Payne, Preston Reid, Tarah Thornton, Megan Micheaux, Marla Pollard, Kate Griffin, Macy Pollard. Front row, L-R: Jessica Scott, Taylor Cramer, Julie Travis, Kaylan McGaughey, Jake Brooks, Amanda Parker, Callie Boozer. Not Pictured: Jordan McCallie, Jordan Thomas, Clay Maddox, Kasey Cliver.



Junior high All-Region. Back row, L-R: Jordynn Conner, Trey Volentine, James Pace, Antonio Gomez, Hunter Payne. Middle row, L-R: Christina Nipper, Chelsey Fowler, Alison Owen, Lucas Lemons. Front row, L-R: Megann Hagmann, Kara Barrett, Kelsey Parker.

Henderson County has the highest child abuse rate in Texas.

Athens Daily Review, Sunday July 22nd, 2007.

"Its really pretty prevalent because we have such a high amount of methamphetamine...they kind of go hand-in-hand."

Athens Daily Review, Sunday April 22nd, 2007.

"Arrests for drugs and violent crime in Henderson County have nearly doubled in the last seven years, even as statistics indicate such arrests have dropped in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. The drug ... has stalked the back roads of Henderson County, fueling child abuse, violence and misery for the last four years...it has infested Henderson County with particular intensity..."

Dallas Morning News, Sunday March 27th, 2005.

"There is not a reason in the world Henderson County should be number one in meth and child abuse in the State." "The Status Quo just isn't working." McKee said "As DA, I would be a warrior, not just a lawyer." "Politics would be out and fighting crime would be job one."

Athens Daily Review, Wednesday July 11th, 2007.

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phone calls to the residents of Chandler which will give specific instructions in the case of an emergency and also important public service announcements. A trash pickup service was awarded which generates several thousand dollars of revenue yearly to the City budget, and three new police cars and a compliance officer were able to be added to the police force. All of this was done while being able to keep our City tax rate low, in fact, other than Tyler, Chandler's tax rate remains one of the lowest in the area, less than half that of some cities.

Our parks have also benefited. At Winchester Park, improvements include canopies of all four fields, new batting cages and sound system as well as replacing old playground equipment. The River Park at the Neches River has been cleaned up and tables painted now, making it clean and safe for fishermen and family outings.

Finally, I must take exception to the comments of the person who said our police force had been referred to as Barney Fife or the Gestapo. I do not know him personally or his reasoning but I do know the members of Chandler's police force and of many good deeds they do for our community that too often go unnoticed. These brave men and women put their lives on the line each and every day so that you and I may continue to live in a safe environment. Anyone willing to do that deserves our utmost respect. I do agree that we should all continue to pray for our leaders.

I have enjoyed the atmosphere that Chandler offers. Apparently, many others feel the same as evidenced by our surge in population. As Chandler continues to grow perhaps the problems perceived by some are nothing more than growing pains that we are experiencing as more and more people want to be a part of our City. While some decisions may not meet the approval of each and every citizen I feel confident that our City government is doing what is best for ALL of the citizens of Chandler.

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★ Burglary

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"He had a bit of marijuana in his pocket," Gabbard said. There was a warrant for Cambron's arrest.

Jamie Ervin, Gabbard also said, was also taken in for possession of firearms. Cedric Lester was wanted on parole violation.

After the burglary the suspects were quickly captured. One was found in another residence hiding under a bed, while another subject was located under a bush.

"We called in the dogs and they sniffed him out," Gabbard said. "It took about three or four minutes for the

dogs to find him." McCurly said this was the second time in two months his house had been robbed.

"Last time they pried in the back door," McCurly said. "That was when I got the alarm. It saved a lot of headache this time."

McCurly also said during the last robbery some jewelry, a pistol, 4-wheeler tires and old two dollar bills were stolen. He never found out who took them.

"The cops did an excellent job, and the alarm system really works," McCurly said.