

A lady in Howe

In 1973 - ~~Norma Wallace~~ had a dream,
in 1974 that dream came true. A lot of hard
work by her and many more went into
making this dream come true. If it hadn't
of been for her and all these other people you
as I wouldn't be here tonight.

That ladies name is Norma Wallace and
her dream was a band program in the
Howe school system. If you don't know
Norma you're missing a wonderful
person. If you know her the next time
you see her thank her for having the dream
of a band in Howe and seeing that the
school started one. If you don't know

Norma make it a point to meet her and
say thank you for the band. ^{but don't blame} Norma for all the hard
work & etc. ^{you had to do or will be doing in the future}
~~The band booster club was formed in~~
~~1974 with Sam Haigis as president~~

In 1973 when Norma and several other people
went to the Howe school board about the
band program they were told that if they'd
raise funds to purchase the large instruments
and other materials necessary the school
would hire a ^{board} director. That's all these
people wanted to hear, they got busy and
started all kinds of fund raising events.

over that 1st year
\$500.00

New Home Food Mart

Remember the snow cone stand on the last end of Main Street by Mack's Cash. How about the bulldog walk at fall festival, if you won you got the cutest black & white bulldog. These were band booster projects.

if you've ever made a snow cone get syrup all over you & tried to clean up

In ^{April of} 1974 the first band booster officers were elected, Sam Haigis Pres., Paul Sims, V-Pres.; Mary Wardlaw, Sec.; Wanda Taylor, Treas.; ~~Historian~~ Katie King; ~~Historian~~, Nancy Stutville, Reporter; ~~Warp & Means~~ Norma Wallace, Warp & Means.

The 1st band calendar was printed in 1974. That's the cutest picture - it's on wall

In April, 1974, the ^{Home} school board agreed to hire a band director for the 1974-75 school year. ^{she old Administration Bldg.} would be used as a ^{band hall.} ^{the 1st}

Mr. Dale Parham was hired as band director in ~~1974~~ ^{early June 76} 1974.

Tell about Sammy being trombone same 1st time

There were 81 band students ^{enrolled} the 1st year. Twenty-two students were in the A band.

In Oct., 1974 - the A band gave their first band concert ever in Home. There were about 200 people in attendance. Oh, how proud ~~was~~ were of these kids, all that hard work was paying off, finally. The band played at the last

three
~~two~~ football games that year - I'll never forget
that 1st football game the band played at. The
band boosters had sponsored a chili supper before
the game. We didn't get the cafeteria cleared up
until after the game. The best I remember Norma,
Wanda Taylor, Carolyn Sutton, Betty Elwood &
I all rode to the football field in one car and got
there just in time to hear them play the Nat'l
Anthem. We were standing there holding hands
and I started crying & didn't want them to know,
but I looked out of the corner of my eye and they
were all crying, too. Ah, how proud we were of
our kids. I think that was the only time I've
ever heard a crowd applaud a band when they'd
finished playing the Nat'l Anthem.

In 1975-76 school year the band ~~had~~ ^{were} their
uniforms for 1st time they were black jackets,
white turtle neck shirts, white jeans & white shoes.
Boy did they ever look sharp. ^{Jackets were made}
^{by Mable Ray,}
^{of Astoria High, purchased material}
The first drum major for the Howe High
School band was Jerry Taylor. Majorettes
were Debbie Saltzman, Debbie Spegal & Jean
Wallace.

The 1st football game to march at was in
Anna in 1975. The kids as well as the parents
were so nervous. ~~After~~ ^{When} the band marched

Clark & Jerry
were named
to the Ho
High School
Honor Band.

on the field they looked so good & we were so proud of them one more time. Then a terrible thing happen when they started their routine, part of the band when one direction & the other ~~part~~ ^{part went} the other direction. Oh, how embarrassing, but they got it all together & did a great job.

Another 1st in 1975-76 school year was the Howe High School & ~~High~~ ^{Jr. High} School bands went to a ~~contest~~ solo & ensemble contest at East N. St. University. Boy, did they ever do great, the Jr. High band scored ~~a~~ a total of 295 points & got 1st place. The High school band placed 2nd with 205 points.

At the end of the 1975-76 school year Mr. Parham decided to leave the Howe schools. He'd done a great job getting the program off to a good start.

During the school year of 1976-77 we got a new band director Dr. Curtis Owen. When we found out Mr. Owen ~~had~~ a doctor of music we thought he'd be a lot different than he was.

The band got a new band hall, gosh was it ever big and nice.

Dr. Owen took the band to the Cotton Bowl for the battle of the bands.

The 1st band sweetheart was crowned at half time of the last home football in 1976, she was Teresa Engle.

Mr. Owen decided 1 year in Howe was all he could take and left for a bigger school. He had done a lot of good things for the Howe band program and we hated to see him leave.

The 1977-78 school year brought us a new band director by the name of Elmer Schenk.

With Mr. Schenk came a lot of long hours of practice and hard work. Mr. Schenk expects everything to be perfect!

In 1978-79 school year was the 1st time for the Howe bands to go to Sandy Lake, they came home with 1st place trophies.

The band also marched in the 1st parade the Howe Xmas parade.

In 1979 the Howe high school band took their 1st trip. They went to Halverson to the Southwest Band Festival. They received a 1st division for the concert performance and were named Outstanding Honorable Mention Class A Band for 1979.

On May 14, 1979 the band boosters went to the school board again to ask

for their help in buying uniforms. The booster club got exciting news from the school board, the school would match dollar for dollar donations to raise the \$15,000.00 needed to purchase uniforms. In 1980 the band came up with ~~the 1st for the Howe High School band~~. They were ~~new white uniforms~~. ~~the 1st for the Howe High School band~~. On March 11 they performed at the Texas UTK Region 3 Band Contest and won the Sweepstakes Trophy for a perfect score in both concert & sight reading.

In ~~the~~ Sept. of 1980 they wore their new uniforms for the first time. Boy did they ever look sharp.

In Nov. of 1980 the Howe High School Marching Band won State!!