

History of AHS: Focus on the People
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- 1887 Amarillo began as a settlement near "Ragtown," a camp for workers constructing the new railroad lines. The town was first named Oneida, but the name was changed to Amarillo (the Spanish word for yellow), after the yellowish soil found in the area.
- 1887-1889 No schoolhouse was available in Amarillo; two women taught private classes in their homes.
- 1889 Due to heavy rains, the residents of Amarillo began moving their houses and buildings to a site on higher ground. The entire town moved, and "Old Town" Amarillo was deserted. Trustees purchased an old two-room courthouse for \$5.00 to be used as a schoolhouse. It was moved to 6th and Monroe and the school opened in September. The teacher, Coleman G. Witherspoon from Jacksboro, accepted a salary of \$75 per month. About 35 pupils attended the first school in Amarillo. The only required book was Webster's *Blue Back Speller*; otherwise the students used whatever books they had at home.
- 1890 The schoolhouse was moved again to 8th and Harrison Block, where it remained for a decade.
- 1891-1895 Three additions were made to the schoolhouse (one was a saloon building which was purchased and added onto the school). Sadly, the school stood literally in the middle of a playa lake. Jack Lomiller, an early Amarilloan, served as the city's first bus driver/helmsman by ferrying children across the water to the schoolhouse in a four-horse-drawn cart. Unfortunately for the wet, cramped students, state laws at the time prohibited the voting of bonds for school buildings. The ingenious settlers, however, devised a plan wherein they built a "city hall" and rented it to the school for \$1.
- 1892 Annual budget of \$4,000 was allotted for running the school.
- 1894 First Amarillo high school graduates were four girls; ceremony took place in the Opera House on Polk.
- 1895 First area baseball game was played. Wichita Falls won the game but Amarillo won the fight.
- 1899 Judge W.E. Gee, new principal, brought standardized courses, updated curriculum. Amarillo population grew from 482 to 1,442.
- 1900 The "Red Brick" School opened at 1200 S. Polk Street (outgrown by 1904). It was the only brick school in the state north and west of Quanah. The school was built complete with horse and donkey sheds.
- 1901 First telephones arrived in Amarillo.
- 1903 St. Anthony's became the first hospital in town.
- School enrollment increased to 700 students despite the fact that it was built to accommodate 500. Some claimed the third floor swayed, so students occupied only the first two floors.
- 1904 Amarillo saw its first automobile.
- 04-1905 Amarillo Independent School District was incorporated. For the first time Amarillo was ready for more than one permanent structure to house its school students. Construction of a high school building was assured on June 12, 1905, when Amarillo citizens voted \$25,000 to build it on property bounded by 5th, 6th, Lincoln and Johnson streets. A state-of-the-art school was built, with four rooms on the ground floor and five on the second, including an auditorium and stage, with several rooms in the basement.
- 1905-08 Girls' Basketball teams developed in school.
- 05-1906 School moved to new facility, Johnson Street School, with 1,005 pupils, all grades.

- 08-1909 The school newspaper *The Cap Rock* was introduced to AHS. AHS newspaper, *The Cap Rock*, kept students informed of activities. It had often been called the “pep” in student life. Glee Club was added to the organizations on campus.
- 09-1910 Music teacher Andy Anderson assembled a few boys into a regular football team. After the sport netted \$1700 profit, the school board considered it an annual sport. First football team played as Amarillo High and beat the team from Clarendon College. Amarillo’s population, 9,957 by decade’s end, was a world growth record for same-size towns. The graduates as Class of 1910 numbered sixteen.
- 10-1911 Amarillo High School opened at Polk and 14th Streets but was later renamed Central or Elizabeth Nixson Jr. High.
A monthly newsletter/literary magazine called *The Cap Rock* began publishing.
- 11-1912 Most Amarillo downtown streets were paved by 1912; wood buildings upgraded to brick. Amarillo electric streetcar line extended to “Silk Stocking Row,” San Jacinto, Glenwood. *The Cap Rock* for 1911-1912, Vol. 2 had a staff of 16. *The Cap Rock* of November 1911 included the following advertisement:
- W. M. Rice General Builder commented about their ability to construct school buildings: “Our latest Work is the \$65,000.00 Amarillo High School Building—The Most Modern School Building from Every Standpoint in the State of Texas.”
- The Cap Rock* of February 1912 included the following editorial:
- “A new feature has been added to chapel, and the period has been made more interesting to everyone. Besides the usual exercises, the auditorium is entertained by musical numbers or readings. The plan that each room sharing the auditorium shall furnish a program for a week has been successfully carried out so far and the chapel periods for the last three weeks have been heartily enjoyed by pupils and teachers. Although we have been delighted by several readings and vocal solos by different ladies of the city, High School talent has been used mainly. In this way we are ever finding new things to appreciate in our fellow students and new reasons to be proud of A. H. S.”
- 12-1913 AHS football team, Savages, beat Lubbock (NW Texas Crown) and went to State playoff.
- 14-1915 First AHS yearbook, *La Airosa*. These students started high school in 1911 and 38 graduated in 1915. In *La Airosa*, athletics included Boys’ Football, Boys’ Basketball, and Girls’ Basketball. Organizations included “The Cap Rock,” Glee Club, Orchestra, and Quartet (a newsletter and three musical groups). This and future annuals also had a large section called “Literary Department,” which featured stories, essays, and poems written by students. Seniors had a list of their activities during the four years in high school alongside their pictures. Some had worked on *The Cap Rock* staff for four years.
- 15-1916 In *La Airosa* the senior class numbered 39 and like the previous classes, the seniors had written their own school song. Organizations added to the ones listed in 1915 included AHS Literary Society and Girls’ Dramatic Club. The *Cap Rock* Staff included fourteen students, each with a title mostly ending with “editor.” In the State Scholastic Event the winners of first place in the Junior boys’ declamation, and Senior boys’ and girls’ declamation at AHS represented the district in Austin. The football team defeated Goodnight, West Texas State Normal College, Memphis, Plainview Farmers, and W. T. S. Normal College to win the Panhandle Championship. AHS defeated Comanche High at Monogram Park, 27-0, to engage in the final contest for **State Championship**; but the AHS team lost to Sherman, 0-12.

- 16-1917 After a few years of absence, Baseball returned to the athletics program at AHS. Once again AHS football team slammed West Texas State Normal College team, 35-0. Amarillo won the district track meet at Canyon.
- 17-1918 World War I “The War to End All Wars.” AHS boys in First Texas Cavalry, Troop B, reported for duty and were sent to France. The troops left in three special railroad cars, and the greatest parade ever before held in Amarillo saw them off.
Students helped the war effort by volunteering with the Red Cross or by buying war bonds. Mrs. Gervis Taylor, mathematics teacher, became AHS Dean of Girls.
The faculty continued at thirteen, but the senior class grew to fifty students.
New organizations added to school activities included Red Cross Auxiliary, The Hi-Y Club (Y. M. C. A. war effort—each boy contributed \$10; 40 boys was the goal, but AHS signed up 45), The Public Speaking Class (subject was Thrift and War Savings Stamps), and The Girls’ Home Guard (girls’ version of Hi-Y who conducted a parade in the interest of Thrift and War Savings Stamps).
The athletics program at AHS added track.
“Hobo Day” was observed at AHS in March: “Sedate Seniors, who will soon bid AHS adieu, harked back to the dear ole kindergarten days and donned kiddish costumes . . .”
“Freshies, Sophomores, and Juniors were also ‘dolloed’ up and a number of boys . . . [dressed up] in clothes fashioned for the opposite sex. Clowns were plenty . . .”
- 18-1919 Football season was truncated after two games. When AHS football arrived in Tulia expecting to play a game, an epidemic of “flu” (or “grippe” as they called it) swept the country, ending the season. The Spanish influenza epidemic closed the schools so they could be used as hospitals. American women won the right to vote. Some AHS girls served as suffrage workers. Schools served as hospitals during the deadly Spanish influenza epidemic.
New organizations appeared at AHS, including French Club, Spanish Club, Latin Club, Y. W. C. A. and Joyeux Farceurs (a literary club for girls).
The Cap Rock of February 1918 included these items:
- A hilarious memoir about selling Superior Brand Soap door to door ended in disgust: “I had lost seven dollars and ninety-nine cents and gained a penny!”
 - HI Y Club listened closely to Judge Tom Turner followed by a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match between “Red” Hudson and “Big Joe” Hess. After ten wrestling minutes referee Carl Robison called it a draw. In the pie-eating contest Henry Charles won in two minutes and five second; Howard Lynch was second, coming in ten seconds behind the leader. Then came a three-round exhibition of boxing between Carl Thomson and Allan Sills—a “no decision” contest.
 - On January 23 a Latin Club was organized. Name and motto were not chosen but officers were chosen.
- The Cap Rock* of May included these items:
- Two French classes organized a French Club at AHS.
 - High School news focused on five accounts of baseball games.
 - Socii Latini (Latin Club) had a wiener roast at Cliffside swimming pool. Few could swim but had the creek to wade in. Games, tree-climbing and wandering around led to starting fires for the roasting. Afterward the girls shared ghost stories.
- 19-1920 Junior-Senior party was held at Bivins Mansion, 10th and Polk, third-floor ballroom. The senior class had 64 members.

The school newspaper was renamed *La Airosa News*; in 1923 it changed its name to *The Sandstorm*.

New organizations at AHS included The Travel Club, The Dramatic Club, and Student Council (a legislative body to represent the students). Junior and Senior boys organized a debating society and gave it the name "Forum." Sophomore boys created their own debating society.

Four students represented AHS in debate at State competition in Austin.

The Cap Rock for October 1919, No. 1 included:

- Y. W. C. A. met weekly and meetings consisted of readings, performances, and round table discussions, almost all presented by students.

The Cap Rock for December, No. 2 included:

- Campaign was launched in AHS for Big indoor \$5,000 Gymnasium. Mr. Williams stated several donations had already been proposed and the board of trustees had already approved the matter. Its dimensions were 104 x 90 feet.
- The Y. W. C. A. girls performed the play *Aunt Maggie's Will*. "Mrs. Simms was the sensation of the play, while Delia was a 'scream.'"
- The Forum Debating Society entertained the High School with a very interesting program in chapel. After a scripture reading and prayer, Harold Flamm rendered an excellent declamation followed by the debate. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, that all children under sixteen years of age and all high school students should be under the control of a juvenile law and should be at home by nine o'clock." The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

The Cap Rock of February, 1920, included:

- The campaign for the gymnasium carried on. Mr. Williams announced over \$5,000 had been raised among the businessmen of the city. Students raised \$1,500 but an additional \$2,000 is needed to build the gym.
- Y. W. C. A. girls performed *The King of the Cannibal Isles*—"a heart throbbing tragedy" in three acts.
- One act play "Christmas Chimes" was presented in Assembly. It was enjoyed so much the only criticism was that it was too short.

20-1921

The AHS faculty expanded to sixteen.

Senior class included 14 December graduates and 76 May graduates; the junior class had 53 members; the sophomore class had 116 members; the freshman class had 179 members.

Footballers maintained an undefeated season, but the final game on Thanksgiving to advance to State was against Childress High School and ended with a score of 0-0.

21-1922

AHS relocated to new building at Polk and 12th (until 1973).

Oscar Wise organized the Sandie Band with only 11 members.

The faculty expanded to 23; senior class to 85.

The *Forum* divided into two debating societies with the second one called *Philomethian*.

In the spring, baseball coach A. S. Douglass introduced the new mascot, the Golden Sandstorm, at a wind-tormented baseball practice—hence, Sandies.

Windy Nicklaus from the Class of 1922 was later inducted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame at Waco.

Coach Douglass came to AHS at the beginning of baseball season of '22 and he put out a team that came within one game of winning the **State Championship**.

AHS Baseball team played Cincinnati and Chicago professional ball clubs.

22-1923

Sandies played in the first night football game ever played in Texas. Sandies lost to West Texas State freshmen 9-6.

A. S. Douglass became head football coach.

Tennis (new addition) and Track teams conquered all opposition in their district.

Since 1923 the Municipal Auditorium had been used for graduation. The Olympic Theater, Polk Street at Seventh Avenue, had been the venue for graduation until it burned down in 1920.

Lacking anyone to play trombone in the band, Oscar Wise played trombone and conducted at the same time.

In the fall, AHS was asked to send a delegation to the State Hi-Y Older Boy's Conference at Wichita Falls; five boys responded. The Texas Older Boys' Conference met in Dallas and nine boys and the sponsor attended with financial help from Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, and Realtors Clubs.

The Boys' Basketball team won five games in five days, thereby winning the championship of district Number One of the Interscholastic League.

Four Sandie track men qualified for the State Meet in Austin.

Sandie baseball completed an undefeated season, even overcoming their nemesis Clarendon College.

23-1924

The faculty at AHS expanded to twenty-seven teachers.

Rhodes Ingerton took over as football coach.

HI-Y Club of seventy-eight boys increased their numbers to 109. More boys registered at the conference this year than Dallas boys registered at the State Conference in Dallas last year.

The girls' Choral Club enrolled fifty-four members.

Fifty-eight boys enrolled in Glee Club—the best in the history of the school.

The Eulalian Debating Society (a girls' debating and literary society) organized in 1921 and during the previous three years held interesting weekly meetings.

The Rostrum Debating Club was organized to train Freshmen and Sophomore boys in public speaking.

The Spanish Club changed its name to Espanita.

The La Polemista Literary Society was organized for girls to debate current or other topics of interest including stories of operas.

The AHS Band grew to eighteen members under the leadership of Mr. Oscar Wise.

Baseball had an undefeated season and went to battle with Wichita Falls for State Championship after having defeated Wichita Falls in area competition.

24-1925

Home Economics Club was formed years ago, but a marked increase in interest brought the club back to life.

A. B. Hays took the head football coach position.

25-1926

A student, Gerald Cooper, transferred in the fall to AHS to join the bass section of the band.

Every Sandie owes a debt of gratitude to this young man because he adapted the lyrics for "Oh, AHS!" Oscar Wise, the band director, was aware of the melody "In Old New York" penned by Victor Herbert for a 1906 comedy *The Red Mill*. Mr. Wise graduated from Oklahoma A&M which used the same tune for their school song "OAMC." When the college name changed to Oklahoma State University, the lyrics had to change. The "Waving Song" (the Herbert melody) attached to the OSU fight song "Cowboys" was played traditionally at the end of each football game. Mr. Wise wrote down a piano version but never orchestrated the song for band or orchestra as others later did. Overnight, Gerald changed the words to incorporate the school letters and Sandie mascot into Herbert's melody. "Oh, AHS" was adopted as the school song but no timely mention appeared in *La Airosa* about it.

Having defeated district foes, the Sandie football team moved on to capture a win over Wichita Falls Coyotes, 14-7, and with fury unabated swept the Memphis Cyclones, 32-14 to become

Northwest Texas Champions; but the Cisco Big Dam Lobos won the West Texas Class A title before the Sandies got themselves set for play.

In track, the Golden Sandstorm triumphed over all opposition to win the annual Abernathy Inter-County Meet (Lubbock, Plainview, Floydada, Littlefield and Lockney finished in the order named).

Hi-Y supplied Office Boys, Locker Room Inspectors, Custodians of the Lost and Found Room, and the Junior Police Force.

Girls were given their own Tennis Team and in October of 1925 the Girls' Basketball team was organized.

Coach A. B. Hays developed a champion football team of Northwest Texas along with outstanding baseball and basketball teams. Coach Wilson headed the Track team Latin Club was established in the AHS curricula.

Seniors returned to a Kid's Day with more kindergarten outfits and a sense of humor.

26-1927 Sandie Pep Squad was organized by Mrs. Hugh L. Butler, wife of the coach.

The Inter-Nos Club was instrumental in securing the moving picture "The Last Days of Pompeii." Los Viajeros (The Travelers) carried out trips to Mexico, several plays and Spanish games were features on the programs.

Eighteen girls from Senior Glee Club and Junior Choral Club competed at Panhandle Music Festival.

AHS took fourth in Tri-State Track Meet.

Yell groups for girls (Peppers) and boys (Rough Necks) and for younger class members (Pirates) were initiated.

The Architecture Club was organized for the purpose of promoting the power of visualization and to encourage the appreciation of appropriate styles of construction.

April 7 all the Seniors in their second childhood celebrated Kid Day.

27-1928 Coach Hugh Butler, in a single year, built football into "The Sport."

Ross Larson graduated from AHS (Sandie football). He later served as AHS principal from 1961-71.

28-1929 National Honor Society was organized at AHS under the sponsorship of Dr. Othelia Wesely and Mr. Charles F. Poole.

Quill & Scroll honors outstanding journalists and was organized as a Charter member.

Sandies under Head Football Coach Russell "Dutch" Smith took the football team to runner-up at State by five points.

Physical Science Club, History Club, and Biological Science Club made their debuts also.

With seventy musicians, the AHS Band was rated as one of the best in Texas. It won first place in the Music Festival twice. The band under Oscar Wise participated in the Class A National High School Band Contest in Denver.

Freddy "Scrapper" Nicklaus, easily the outstanding player on the 1929 Sandies, was rated All-State by all leading newspapers.

The graduating class had thirty-two boys and forty-three girls.

29-1930 Football stadium was named after Hugh Butler, who died of smallpox.

R. B. ["Rube" Bruce] Norman (as he signed in a student's yearbook) replaced Charles F. Poole as principal of AHS.

AHS's football victory over Wichita Falls Coyotes, 27-0, won AHS the District One championship; then went on to bi-district to lose to Breckenridge Buckaroos.

Burl Bufkin, Class of 1930, was later inducted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame at Waco.

The school district built a new physical education facility called The Armory, which was expanded in 1938.

AHS rated All-American Honors division of Quill and Scroll, a national honor society for journalists. Only thirty-seven of these honors were awarded in the nation.

Drama club staged Booth Tarkington play *The Travelers*.

Miss Carrey Boley from SMU offered art courses for the first time at AHS.

AHS offered a new course focused on dramatic art work as the second semester to the first semester of public speaking.

Finally, the words to "Oh AHS" appeared in *La Airosa*! Only four years late. First time *La Airosa* included an index!!!

J. J. D. was **State Champion** in Extemporaneous Speaking.

30-1931 One act play was *The Valiant*.

"The Football Decade" Sandies were **State** football champs in 1934, 1935, 1936!

Special trains took teams and supporters to the games. Blair Cherry was the football head coach during the Golden Years. Howard Lynch, assistant to Cherry, later became assistant principal. Coach J. Blair Cherry came from North Fort Worth. Howard Lynch made a name for himself at Centre College in Kentucky.

Sandie All-State football men were Burl B., fullback, and Mike M., tackle.

Amarillo Golden Sandies won second in the State football competition for the first time in history: Amarillo Sandies 13, Breckenridge 0.

AHS Sandie Band under Oscar Wise participated in the National High School Band Contest at Tulsa, Okla.

31-1932 Senior High School Business Association was organized under the direction of M. A. Browning. Golden Sandstorm was caught in a three-way tie for District One; Lubbock Westerners ended Sandie season with 0-7 playoff loss.

Boys' Basketball won district and advanced to a best 2 of 3 game playoff; Ropesville won first two playoff games at the last minute in both.

Joe Keys won bi-district singles in tennis and entered State Meet for the fifth consecutive year.

Les. C. was the 120 yard high hurdles Boys' Track **State Champion**.

One act play in Panhandle Speech tournament was *Gallows Gate*; they were eliminated by Pampa, runners-up in the contest.

AHS Orchestra was a Blue Ribbon winner in Panhandle Music Festival for several years. Miss Gertrude Elliker was director for two years.

Oscar Wise took first place in Class A contest for bands for previous three years in Panhandle Music Festival. Band won the DeLuca Marching Contest silver loving cup.

Senior play was *The Call of the Banchee*.

32-1933 This was the decade of the Dustbowl and the Great Depression.

La Airosa was a thin paperback with names and photos but no report on athletic or scholastic accomplishments.

The Golf Club was listed among the sporting clubs at AHS.

New Deal's CCC camp for some young AHS men. NYA for student jobs to stay in school.

Baseball was disbanded.

From the Class of 1933 emerged W. L. "Putt" Powell who was inducted into the Sandie Hall of Fame in 1975. Putt started working with the *Globe-News* in 1930 and was one of the most respected sportswriters in Texas.

33-1934 Despite an undefeated football season, AHS was barred from state playoffs because of an ineligible player.

- 34-1935 *La Airosa* continued group photos and names listings with no commentary on activities despite having a hard cover on a very limited number of pages. Times were still tough.
AHS Football team won **State Championship!!** Corpus Christi was favored but lost 48-0!
- 35-1936 Coach Cherry and Coach Lynch pushed the football team into yet another **State Championship!** Norman, Okla., ended AHS's 27 game winning streak which started in 1932.
Eight of our opponents left a 0 on the scoreboard at the end of the game!
The *La Airosa* had an advertisement from the Double Dip!
Choral classes and boys' and girls' Glee Clubs staged a two act musical called *Tune In*.
AHS hosted the Panhandle Speech Tournament including seventeen boys' debate teams, sixteen girls' debate teams, as well as declaimers and extemporaneous speakers.
The two debate and public speaking clubs, the Forum and the Philomathian, combined into one chapter of the National Forensic League, sponsored by Miss Oretha Cornelius.
Panhandle High School Press Association awarded *The Sandstorm* third place and Carlie B. won *News-Globe* trophy for best news story.
AHS Sandie Band won Panhandle Music Festival. Only two bands (AHS and Plainview) were eligible to enter the North Texas Band and Orchestra Contest. Actually, no competitor was available for AHS Orchestra.
Sandie Band rated highly superior. The 84-piece organization was recommended to be one of the four bands to represent Texas Panhandle at the Texas Centennial.
A Sandie speech student won the U. I. L. State Champion in Extemporaneous Speaking.
Debate, Art, Tennis, and Typing contestants won Regional meet and six AHS students entered State contests at Austin. They returned with two third places and one sixth place from State.
- 36-1937 AHS football won another **State Championship!!** AHS defeated Kerrville 19-6.
Tumbling Team was added to the athletic department.
R. O. T. C. developed a band. And five companies in the battalion needed marching music to keep a beat. Musicians in the band also seconded as a dance band for school events.
The choir students staged a two act musical comedy called *Love Goes South*.
Blair Cherry resigned in January 1937; Howard Lynch took over as head football coach.
The Sandstorm won second place in Columbia Scholastic Press Association contest.
Edythe S., AHS Glee Club contralto, won first place in solo division of **State** Federated Music Convention in San Antonio.
North Texas Division State Band and Orchestra contests held in Pampa; fifty AHS musicians ended up in **All-State** groups.
Six Sandie victors in literary and athletic events at Regional went to Austin to participate in **State Meet**.
AHS Band received first division in Panhandle Music Contest and advanced to **National Band Contest** in Oklahoma City. Soloists in AHS Band placed first and second divisions. Band received a third division in concert and second division in sight-reading.
Three AHS speech students won first, second and fourth place at Interscholastic League finals held in Austin.
- 37-1938 First Popularity Ball—class favorites honored.
Student Congress formed (later called Student Council again). A high school honor society called Ken Club was established.
Howard Lynch began fourteen seasons as head football coach. T. G. Hull was added to football program.
Nine charter members of newly organized Kandid Kamera Klub met to select officers, sponsored by W. H. Gordon.

Stanley Mauldin, Class of 1938, was later inducted into the Texas High School Hall of Fame at Waco.

Sandie Band was the only Class A first-division winner in the Northwest Texas Band contest in Vernon; thus the band had the right to compete in the National Contest at Abilene.

Hugo Lowenstern, Jr., a member of the AHS Band, received state-wide recognition when his picture was published on the cover of *The Texas School Band and Orchestra Magazine* for September. Hugo rated highly superior in solo contest, the highest rating in solo division, for the previous six years.

AHS speech students won four first places and three second places at Interscholastic League competition in Canyon.

Speech students won one first place, one second place, and one fourth place at Interscholastic League **State** finals held in Austin.

Betty H. won the honor to be one of three best actresses at **State**—the first time that an Amarillo Speech student ever won such an honor.

Three AHS debaters and declaimers received degrees of excellence from the National Forensic Society, a national honor group for high-school public speakers.

Students of Amarillo senior and junior high schools received 174 prizes for their work exhibited at the Tri-State Fair—sixty-one were first place winners.

Thirty of the best musicians in the AHS Band presented a half hour concert at the premiere opening of the new State Theatre on Polk St.

Mildred L., AHS winner of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer audition contest, received recognition from John C. Smith, M-G-M's representative, according to the *Austin Pioneer*, Austin High School newspaper of El Paso.

Texas YMCA selected Amarillo Senior Hi-Y as host for Northwest District Older Boys Conference in March. Approximate 300 boys from all over the Panhandle attended the meet.

Mrs. Lela Crossett organized 144 drama and music students to present a Christmas pageant and play called *Why the Chimes Ring*.

Two Sandie boxers, district champions, went to the **State Golden Glove Tournament** in Fort Worth.

The Sandstorm won six awards at the Panhandle High School Press Association at Borger; Amarillo tied with Canyon for second place.

Glee Clubs staged a three-act comedy *Bon Voyage*, directed by Miss Mable Rowan.

The senior play *The Patsy* was directed by Mrs. Lela Crossett.

The one act play for Interscholastic League contest was *The Trysting Place* by Booth Tarkington.

AHS tennis team won District One championship; three players advanced to Regionals.

38-1939 First *Who's Who* in AHS; faculty chose ten.

(Seventeen 1930s grads are in the Sandie Hall of Fame!)

Second annual Popularity Ball honored class favorites again.

T. H. Haynie popularized boxing matches for 35 boys.

Hi-Y Older Boys' Conference convened at AHS in February featuring a Hi-Y basketball tournament, which was won by AHS Hi-Y. The banquet of delegates followed by a big entertainment with 300 Amarillo girls as hostesses. Wichita Falls Hi-Y sent a note of praise for the friendliness of Amarillo and AHS.

The Sandstorm was acclaimed "best printed high school paper of West Texas" by West Texas Scholastic Press Clinic, sponsored by Journalism Department of Texas Tech.

The one act play was *The Castle of Mr. Simpson*.

39-1940 Sandie footballers became **State Champions** by stopping Temple, 20-7.

"The Four Horsemen" AHS team made All-State.

La Airosa mentioned for first time the lyrics to AHS “Touchdown Song” and “Our Boys Gonna Shine Tonight.”

The Sandstorm was judged the best printed high school paper of West Texas for 1939-40 by West Texas Scholastic Press Clinic. *The Sandstorm* also took U. I. L. State honors.

The Sandstorm won The Award of Distinguished Merit from Interscholastic League Press Conference and placed second in Columbia Scholastic Association Contest. This allowed two staff members to compete in journalism contests at State in May.

Miss Nellie Luther founded the Ken Club; “Ken” is the Greek name for wisdom. The honor recognized high scholastic averages and good citizenship for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Pep squad disbanded; all students cheered instead.

Latin students won two tournament cups at State Regional Latin Tournament held in Borger. AHS Glee Club received A rating at Plainview Tournament.

Sandie Band won first place in Region One contest, making them eligible to enter National Regional Contest in Waco. Sandie Band returned from Waco’s National Contest with a second division in playing and first division in marching. Two AHS soloists and one ensemble won first divisions.

787 students took part in activities headed by the school.

Howard F. won first place in Texas Interscholastic League boys’ extemporaneous speaking in Austin.

Forty-nine Sandies entered Interscholastic League Regional Literary meet at Canyon.

1941-1945 World War II. Students collected scrap metal, bought bonds, registered for the draft. Many were called; many didn’t return.

40-1941 Began tradition of “Kampus Kate”/ “Varsity Vick.”

Girls’ Bowling Team, Diversified Occupation, and Distributive Education made first appearance in *La Airosa*.

Boys’ Boxing and Golf were added to rosters.

AHS Mixed Chorus received a Division II rating and the Girl’s Chorus received a Division I rating at the TMEA Competition Festival under the direction of Miss Mable Rowan.

The Thousand Can Movement, as the canned food drive was originally called, was begun by the head of the Social Studies Department, Mrs. Vera Davis Shinn (who passed away in 1936), to benefit the Children’s Home in Amarillo at Christmastime.

The Sandstorm received the Distinguished Merit in Journalism, the highest rank of Texas high school newspapers.

41-1942 Robert French placed first in boys’ extemporaneous speaking at Lubbock High School Invitational Tournament. Mary Nell G. and Peggy W. placed first in debate at Lubbock.

AHS Chamber of Commerce began.

Future Homemakers of Texas focused on domestic science.

Secretarial Club practiced typing efficiency. Trade and Industrial Education class does the same with machinery.

42-1943 *Look* magazine featured AHS football in an issue.

Boys’ Basketball took first place in district and region, but lost the first game at **State**.

43-1944 Sandie Steppers began dancing to entertain at halftime.

Sandie Swingsters played for socials like the Sadie Hawkins Dance.

R. B. Norman ordered 100 copies of *Service in the Armed Forces* for use by boys looking to enter the military service.

44-1945 Mr. R. B. Norman started AHS Art Collection with some financial assistance from the Junior League of Amarillo. The initial committee included Mr. Norman; Dr. Carlton Palmer, a gallery owner in Atlanta and Taos; and a student representative, Bill Attebury. Their first selection was

- Solitude* by America's first impressionist painter, John Joseph Enneking, with a Carrig-Rohane frame made for the famous R. C. Voss Gallery, the oldest art gallery in Boston.
- AHS Golden Sandstorm took Bi-District Championship: Sandies 7, Wichita Falls 6.
- Diversified Occupation Club, a cooperative training program between school and industry) was founded and sponsored by Robert Devin.
- Clyde Rowe replaced Oscar Wise as director of the Sandie Band.
- AHS Senior High School Orchestra under Louise Dicken received a first division at the TMEA Music Competition.
- Three Tennis teams continued to **State** competition.
- The Sandstorm* won five of the seven plaques of Panhandle High School Pres Association—all first places in editorial writing, advertising, sports column, sport story, and news story writing.
- 45-1946 Bit and Spur, an equestrian group, made its first appearance in *La Airosa*.
- Flight Club was another new club for would-be pilots.
- Boys' Basketball won district and Region but took fourth place at **State**.
- Coach Whinnery started a Wrestling team for first time at AHS .
- The Square Dance club was organized for the purpose of teaching students the maneuvers of square dancing.
- One act play was *This Night Shall Pass*.
- Five Sandie track stars competed in **State** Meet.
- Five Sandie R. O. T. C. cadets won The William Randolph Hearst Trophy for First Place at the **National R. O. T. C. Rifle Match**.
- Five other Sandie R. O. T. C. cadets won The William Randolph Hearst Trophy for Second Place at the National R. O. T. C. Rifle Match.
- 46-1947 In the summer, the Amarillo High School A Cappella Choir, Julia Dean Evans, director, traveled to New York City and sang in Madison Square Garden for the International Lion's Club convention. They also appeared on the new medium of television and sang for and with Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians.
- A Sandie won first place in Girls' Debate at **State** competition.
- Christened "The Covered Wagon of Modern Art," Dr. Carlton Palmer's traveling exhibit of 135 paintings rolled toward Amarillo to a public hungry for a greater artistic understanding. Forty-four artists were represented in the exhibit on the first and second floors of the W. H. Fuquay home, 1400 Polk. The exhibit was the last event before the four-decade-old home was torn down to furnish parade and practice grounds for Nixson Junior High School.
- The Erdman Chapter of Future Teachers of America began to interest young people in teaching as a career. Loula Grace Erdman was a former Amarillo teacher.
- Vocational Industrial Clubs of Texas was added to AHS.
- Boys' Basketball won district and Region but took third place at **State**.
- AHS Senior High School Orchestra under Louise Dicken received a first division in Sight-Reading at TMEA Music Competition.
- Orchestra placed first division in sight reading and second division in concert playing at State Orchestra and Band contest in Pampa. The Sandie Band received a first division in sight reading and a second division in concert playing. Nine instrumentalists won first divisions; sixteen won second division ratings.
- 47-1948 Contrast in *La Airosa* yearbooks: very small paperback V-Book during the war in 1943; very large padded book in 1948 during the postwar boom.
- New Choir and musical groups were formed.
- AHS Girls' Chorus received an Honor Rating under the direction of Tennie Thompson at the TMEA Competition Festival.

U. I. L. took over the control of statewide competition from TMEA.

AHS Golden Sandstorm won State Quarterfinals: Sandies 12, Odessa 6. Sandies won State Simifinals, 20 to 8.

Kampus Kate and Varsity Vic first appeared in AHS this year.

Boys' Basketball won district and region but lost first game at State.

Miss Tennie Thompson and Mrs. Julia Dean Evans originated the operetta with the production of *H. M. S. Pinafore*.

The Honor System was instituted this year. Dick T. was affiliated with the "Voice of the Honor System."

Coach Whinnery created an Intramural Wrestling program.

District 1AA Football Champions were the Amarillo Sandies!

Baseball was revived.

48-1949

Sandies took part in the first football game ever televised in Texas. They defeated Fort Worth Paschal 21-7 in Fort Worth.

The Steering Committee (made up of seven faculty, six seniors, five juniors, five sophomores, and two alternates for each group) directed and promoted the AHS Honor System.

In the summer the Choir went to New York City to sing at the International Lions Club Convention.

Football had another undefeated season. The Golden Sandstorm defeated Odessa in the quarter-finals, sending Sandies further in State race than they had been since 1942.

James Garner was 1949 Valedictorian, Senior Class Favorite, Outstanding Texas High School Football Player, High School All State and All-American Football, Sandie Hall of Fame, Yale Phi Beta Kappa Scholar, Oxford Rhodes Scholar.

Thespians presented one act comedy *The Perfect Gentleman*.

Two boys were chosen by faculty members to represent AHS declamations at the state contest. Contest Play this year was *Afterwards*.

The second all-school operetta was *The Mikado* by Gilbert and Sullivan, with direction by Julia Dean Evans and Tennie Thompson, dramatic coaching by Mr. J. H. Flathers, and scenery and lighting by Lela Crossett and Charles C. Jones.

Sandie Band entered Regional clinic at W. T. S. C—first time a complete band from one place was invited.

The AHS Orchestra under the direction of Louise Dicken received a first place at the Highland Music Festival in Dallas.

The AHS Orchestra under Louise Dicken received Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Highest ratings received by AHS choirs at Interscholastic League Contest: Aeolian Choir, first division; A Capella Choir, first division; small ensemble from Aeolian Choir, first division.

AHS choirs joined the Amarillo Philharmonic Orchestra, adding 200 voices of combined A Capella and Aeolian choirs and the AHS Orchestra under the direction of Clyde Roller. This program is fourth time the choirs had been guest artists of philharmonic orchestras—last in Lubbock, first in 1944 and second in 1946.

AHS swept the Literary field in District Class AA. AHS took extra honors in Regional Meet—speech, 7 first places; girls' extemporaneous, first place; boys' extemporaneous, first place; debate teams, both first places; girl's declamation, first place; boys' declamation, first place; journalism, first place; one act play, second place.

Several celebrities came to Amarillo this year including Bob Hope, Doris Day, and Rubinoff with his violin.

J. O. Parkey took over the Wrestling program since Coach Whinnery left.

Five Sandie Tracksters became **State Champions** including George M. in the 880 yard run; Jerry R., Charles S., Galen F., and George M. in the mile relay; track team captured second in State. *The Sandstorm* received the Distinguished Merit in Journalism, the highest rank of Texas high school newspapers.

AHS journalists won four first places in Panhandle High School Press Association convention in Canyon.

Sandie baseball team faced Lubbock Westerners for Regional competition.

49-1950

A Card Section performed in Sandie student section at games.

Victory Bell was presented to AHS (district champs) by Santa Fe Railway executives.

Exchange students added interest at AHS in 1950s and since.

Waco stopped the crippled Sandie football team in the finals at **State**.

Allied Youth, a new club, focused on teaching students about alcohol and its effects on the human body.

AHS took extra honors in Regional Meet at Lubbock in speech, girls' and boys' declamation.

Mr. Charles Emmons took over as director of the AHS Orchestra. He came this year from Chickasha, OK.

The new choir director, Alvis M. Autrey, came from teaching at Tarleton College, Stephenville and Sam Houston State Teacher's College in Huntsville. He changed the name of the choir to Bel Canto Chorale. AHS Bel Canto Chorale won first place in **statewide** contest sponsored by Texas Gulf Sulphur Company of Houston. Choir was guest of the Houston Symphony Orchestra and performed with Leopold Stokowski conducting on a broadcast on network TQN.

The AHS all-school operetta was Sigmund Romberg's *New Moon*, with direction by Tennie Thompson (Music Dept.), J. H. Flathers (Speech Dept.), A. M. Autrey and Charles Emmons (new choir and band/orchestra directors), and Charles C. Jones (Art Dept.) on February 20, 21, and 22. Y-Teens was organized to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community high standards of Christian character.

Six AHS students received Keys and certificates in recognition of their art work in **statewide** contest held at Fort Worth: five first places were earned and Martha P. received a certificate entitling her work to be displayed at Fort Worth.

AHS Armory burst into flames in the evening of March 28 when smoke rolled from the rifle room. All ROTC equipment and much of the physical education department were ruined.

Interscholastic League named AHS to host State Track and Field Meet in Amarillo Stadium near the end of the school year.

Four AHS publications staff members copped honors at Panhandle High School Press Association Meet. News Editor of *The Sandstorm* was elected PHSPA president.

AHS Math Club was established to stimulate the inquisitive minds of its members.

Future Farmers of America was organized at AHS and sponsored by R. H. Davis.

One act play was *The Pipes of Dunbar* took first place in district.

Student Congress gave way to the return of Student Council.

The Texas Association of Student Councils State Convention met at AHS in March; the Sandies showed their friendly spirit and generous hospitality toward approximately 500 out-of-town students.

Sandie Band won sweepstakes at Regional Contest in Canyon.

AHS Orchestra received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading in Canyon.

Nineteen Sandie baseball players traveled to Austin to compete in **State** finals.

Boys' Track won first place at **State**; Robert W. was high jump **State Champion**.

Golf team was runner-up at State.

Highest basketball score over Price College (now Alamo Catholic), 116-47.

Three AHS regional winners in Literary events advanced to **State** contest.
Tennis Team took district crown.

- 50-1951 Alvis Autry took the Choir to **State** and again won top honors in Houston.
In addition to Bel Canto Chorale, Aeolian Choir, Sophomore Choirs (Chanters, The Harmonizers, The Troubadours), the vocalists also created a Quartet, an Octet called Tune Splitters, and Baroque Singers. Enough voices to create two complete casts with an all-star cast performing on the third night. The production was another operetta titled *Naughty Marietta* by Victor Herbert. The Sandie Orchestra performed as well.
AHS Orchestra and Sophomore Choir entertained the Southwestern Music Educators Conference in Oklahoma City.
Band director Clyde Rowe resigned mid-year so Charles Emmons, orchestra director, added band director duties to his own.
Footlight Club for sophomores who want to pursue dramatics and a Texas History Club for students enrolled in Texas History classes addressed specific interests.
The contest one act play was *Romeo and Juliet*.
60-70% of AHS graduates attended college compared to the national average at 20%.
AHS boxers won championships and three runners-up in annual Golden Gloves Tournament.
AHS's Future Homemakers of America held an all-day convention for more than 2000 girls in FHA clubs around the Panhandle.
Four AHS students won first places at annual Panhandle High School Press Association.
Five *The Sandstorm* members received recognition at School Scholastic Writing Awards, sponsored by Fort Worth *Star Telegram* and *Scholastic Magazine*.
Seven Sandies received awards at **State Interscholastic League** contests in Austin.
Trackster Ray B. was **State Champion** in the mile run; Edward J. was **State Champion** in the discus.
- June 22, 1951 DECA was chartered at AHS, the 22nd charter in the State.
- 51-1952 AHS continued to grow as the Polk Street building sprouted four additional classrooms and a cafeteria along the south wing.
Bill Defee became head football coach.
Butler Field was replaced by the new Amarillo Stadium in the Tri-State Fairgrounds.
Football team lost in regional playoffs.
Orchestra and choirs performed the operetta *Sweethearts* by Victor Herbert.
One act play was *She Stoops to Conquer*.
- 52-1953 The graduating class of 1953 as their class gift gave a painting of Mr. Norman to the school in honor of his 25th year as principal.
Baseball team batted their way to semi-finals only to lose to Crozier Tech of Dallas.
Trackster Bob C. won first place in long jump at **State Championship!**
AHS golfers captured first place in Regional I-AA Golf Tournament and went to the State finals.
Oscar A. Self added Electrics courses to the choice of studies, covering basic electricity, house wiring, motor winding, electric meters, generators, converters and distribution system.
The three-act all-school operetta was *The Firefly* by Rudolph Friml.
AHS Orchestra won top honors with Division I ratings in concert and sight-reading.
Stanley H. was awarded scholarship to the **National Music Camp** at Interlochen, Michigan, in the summer. He played string bass in orchestra, tuba in Sandie band, and drums in Sandie Swingsters.
Two FFA students took Top Prizes at the Livestock Show at Tri-State Fair.
Twenty students represented AHS at FTA **State** Convention held at North Texas State College.

Contest play was *The Little Foxes* by Lillian Hellman and went to Austin for State competition. AHS hosted 600 Hi-Y delegates at West Texas Hi-Y Conference in Amarillo.

Melvin W. received the 1953 *News-Globe* Most Valuable Sandie Basketball Player Award.

Three AHS debate teams competed against student from schools throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana, placed in the upper 15% at the Baylor-Waco High School Speech Tournament in Waco.

Sharon S. walked away with girls' singles title at Wichita Falls High School Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Tennis team advanced to Regionals in Lubbock. Four members of the tennis team qualified for Interscholastic League **State Meet** in Austin.

AHS tennis team took top honors winning twelve matches to nine against Odessa. Philips and Plainview teams didn't keep up.

Two Sandies won first places in U. I. L contest for creative writing.

Four AHS students placed in contests held in connection with Texas Industrial Week.

AHS students were awarded seven first places in literary events of the Texas Interscholastic League District AA at WTSC in Canyon, making them eligible to compete in Lubbock at regional competition.

Five AHS boys won wrestling championships in The Fifth District National Junior Amateur Athletes Union Tournament at Houston. They won the **Team Championship**.

Sandies won the Outstanding Competing School trophy for the Sandie Relays.

53-1954

AHS won **State golf Championship**; John Farquhar was the medalist.

R. B. Norman removed candy and coke machines from the building for health reasons. The Apple machine and Tom's peanut machine remained.

Four Vocational Industrial Club members took State honors in Austin.

Fourteen delegates representing four Hi-Y clubs of AHS attended Texas State Youth and Government Program in Austin.

Twelve prizes were awarded AHS at Texas High School Press Association in Denton.

La Airosa was awarded a rating of **All-Texas** (highest rating they give).

1954 *La Airosa* was awarded first place certificate from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Six AHS entries in Region I Interscholastic League Literary Contest at Texas Tech competed at **State Meet** in Austin. First places were gained in team and individual journalism, number sense, shorthand, typewriting, and declamation.

One act play *The Heiress* placed second with two actors selected for the **All-Star** cast.

Golden Sandie Band was invited to Music Festival at State Fair of Texas, one of 50 bands, orchestras, and choirs. Band took First Division in Concert at Texas State Fair.

Thirteen AHS singers were selected for **All-State** Choir at Dallas.

AHS Orchestra returned from Tri-State Music Festival at Enid, OK, with Outstanding Orchestra of the festival and first place in concert.

The Fortune Teller by Victor Herbert was the operetta for all-school performance.

AHS art students won recognition in North Central Texas Regional Exhibition and Contest in Fort Worth. Two students won Keys; ten student won certificates.

Trackster Joe I. heaved the discus 160 feet 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches at the Border Olympics in Laredo to break the high school record. At State competition Joe I. threw the discus 169'5.5" to win a **State Championship**.

Regional U. I. L. Literary Events received AHS competitors, including boys' debate, girls' debate, senior girls' declamation, girls' extemporaneous speech, and boys' extemporaneous speech in Lubbock.

Sandie wrestlers competed at **Texas Junior National Wrestling Tournament** at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. The eight-man AHS team won runners-up title with three individual **State Champions**.

Sandie FFA students took fourth place in Vocational Agricultural Livestock **State** Judging Contest at Texas A&M.

Boys' Golf team won first at Sun Carnival Golf Tournament in El Paso.

Four Sandies in VIC took top honors at the **State** VIC Convention in Austin.

54-1955

President Eisenhower added "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Joe Kerbel became head football coach for the Sandies.

The 1955 *La Airosa* and a season subscription to *The Sandstorm* cost students \$4.50 (\$3.50 for yearbook and \$1.00 for newspapers).

La Airosa and *Sandstorm* staffs went to Denton for the annual Texas High School Press Association. Buck Ramsey was elected president of the journalist association with a resounding majority. *La Airosa* received a first place, too.

La Airosa was awarded Medalist rating by Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York City. Medalist is the highest award made by the association.

Texas High School Press Association awarded gold plaque proclaiming *La Airosa* as best class A yearbook and *The Sandstorm* received **All-Texas** rating.

Students performed the three-act operetta by Romberg, *Blossom Time*, in February with three performances juggling two casts and an all-star cast for the final performance.

Twelve Sandies went to **All-State**: three played in the **All-State** Band, five played in the **All-State** Orchestra, and four sang in the **All-State** Choir.

Modern Dancing was added to AHS curricula.

Sandie thespians staged *Why Am I a Bachelor*, a one-act play.

New Air Force Academy site was identified as eight miles north of Colorado Springs.

AHS played basketball games in Fair Park Coliseum (known also as the Bull Barn) after it was fitted with 5,000 seats. The Coliseum was picked for site of graduation exercises as well.

Kids Day gets six-page spread in *La Airosa*!

Contest one act play was *All My Sons* by Arthur Miller.

Wrestling team was undefeated in dual meets and won many championships in West Texas AAU Tournament and a pair of dual meets over Lamar and Holly, Colorado.

Five Sandies competed in shorthand at Interscholastic League contest. Twenty Sandies were selected for the typing contest.

Nine AHS student attended State Interscholastic League Meet since they placed first in the Lubbock Regional contest.

"Moonlight and Roses" was the theme as juniors presented Prom for seniors.

VIC Chapter 75 of AHS placed second in points accumulated at **State** Meet in Waco.

Billy Joe W. broke State meet record yet finished sixth. AHS track team broke the national high school record and finished third in the Texas Interscholastic League State Meet.

Sandie Track team finished in 11th Place at **State Track Competition**.

The Golf team coached by R. B. Norman was runner-up to Brownwood at State.

Future Farmers of America won various contests including first place banner for livestock judging team and the dairy team; the soils team won first in Area and in Texas Tech contest.

Lamb judges won first place. The crops team also got first place in grain judging.

55-1956

The Steering Committees kept the awards polished.

Vigilantes group was organized to aid the cheerleaders with their pep proceedings. They also decorated the goal-post and worked with the field public address as well as taking charge of the football touchdown horn and the Victory Bell.

Sandie Tennis team' girls' doubles team won regional championship and advanced to the **State** tournament.

The Sandie Booster Club made its presentation of a touchdown horn like ones used at colleges. The Golden Sandie Band won first place in regional competition in marching and was chosen as a clinic band for demonstration at a regular meeting of band directors at W. T. S. C.

Golden Sandie Band was represented at Region XI Solo and Ensemble Contest where they won 37 First Division First Class medals out of a possible 47.

Golden Sandie Band and Orchestra swept honors at Enid's Tri-State Music Festival. Band ranked first in the 85 band parade. Orchestra merited first division. Class A Sweepstakes Award was presented to Amarillo High School band, orchestra, and choir. AHS was first school to amass top honors in all divisions within last 24 years.

The operetta for this year was *Brigadoon* performed three nights with different casts on Thursday and Friday and an all-star cast on Saturday.

District champion Baseball team advanced to **State** by defeating Austin of El Paso in two straight games.

FFA placed first in educational booth contest at Tri-State Fair.

Bel Canto Chorale and Amarillo Symphonic Choir appeared with Metropolitan Opera bass Jerome Hines at Amarillo Symphony concert.

Twenty-seven members of Speech Team attended Invitational Speech Tournament at Hillcrest High School in Dallas. AHS won three out of sixteen first places.

Texas High School Press Association Convention used AHS auditorium for yearbook sessions and Science Hall for the newspaper program.

Both *The Sandstorm* and *La Airosa* were awarded All-Texas ratings.

Eight AHS students were selected for **All-State** Orchestra and **All-State** Band in Dallas.

Two members of Sandie Track team were included on the **National Honor Roll** for high school trackmen, listed in *Athletic Journal*.

Contest one act play was *Elizabeth, the Queen*.

The 1956 *La Airosa* was awarded first place in competition at Panhandle High School Press Association Convention at WTSC.

AHS Regional U. I. L. grand championship winners went to **State** tournament at Texas Tech.

56-1957

Joe Kerbel took over Head Football coach duties.

Stamp Collectors Club, Ski Club, Archaeology Club, and Future Nurses were added this year.

Palo Duro High School opened in north Amarillo.

Under the direction of Charles Emmons, the AHS Sandie Band received first division ratings for marching, concert, and sight-reading at U. I. L. competition.

Golden Sandie Band under direction of Charles Emmons performed at the Cotton Bowl.

Because of the complete victory accomplished by the AHS bandsmen at the Tri-State Band Festival in Enid, they were named the top band in the nation. The Golden Sandie Band turned down invitations to attend Mardi Gras in New Orleans and another to be guest band at Kansas State Band Day due to overcrowded schedule. "The Pride of AHS" appeared in an amazing amount of national publicity.

Sandie footballers defeated Dons for District Championship honors. Vigilantes rang Victory Bell signifying first AHS District Championship since 1948.

The Sandstorm was awarded All-American rating by **National Scholastic Press Association** for first time in school's history. The rating came from journalism department at the University of Minnesota.

Bette C. won FHA **State** Degree (highest honor).

Journalists return from Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York City. *The Sandstorm* won first place among printed senior high newspapers.

The Sandstorm received "Award of Distinguished Merit" from Interscholastic League Conference judges.

Two Sandies were named **National Merit Scholarship** recipients.

Three AHS graduates received appointments: Howard G. to US Military Academy at West Point, Jay S. to US Naval Academy, and Gene D. to US Air Force Academy.

Drama department staged *George Washington Slept Here*.

AHS Track team performed well at Regionals and State competitions; Bayless B. won first place in pole vault (12'9") as a **State Champion**.

Golden Sandie Baseball team made a clean sweep of district. This was the first time in history that this had been accomplished by any team. The team won regional but lost to Highland Park of Dallas at State.

AHS went collegiate with a card section made up of 660 students at the Amarillo Stadium.

Popularity Ball added the most entertaining musical production to hit the stage in years.

This was first year for the National Merit Scholarship program.

From the AHS tennis team, Bob C. went to State in boys' doubles; Melany M. went to **State** in girls' singles.

Charles L. Emmons accepted a position as assistant professor at University of Missouri.

57-1958

Wayne Muller was the new director of band and orchestra.

A lab project by two journalism classes developed future writers for *The Sandstorm*.

Amarillo Golden Sandstorm won **Bi-District Championship!** Then they were defeated by Waco in State finals.

Miss Sandieland chosen by Fess Parker in California at Disney's Magic Kingdom.

New Victory Bell rang at Sandie - Palo Duro TV rally. Bell was presented by Mr. G. R. Buchanan, vice-president and general manager of the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railroad.

La Airosa mailed 24-page supplement in summer to cover Spring events.

FFA students of AHS received two championships at Lamb Show at the Fairgrounds.

Homer Simmons was named Sandie Head Football Coach replacing Joe Kerbel who joined the staff at Texas Tech.

Under the direction of Wayne Muller, the Sandie Band received division 1 ratings in marching, concert, and sight-reading.

First Chair of America National Yearbook honored Golden Sandie Band in 1958 edition in the Texas section.

Thirteen AHS musicians attended TMEA Convention in Galveston to participate in **All-State** Band, Orchestra, and Choir.

Dr. R. B. Norman presided at 42nd annual convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals in the Murat Temple in Indianapolis, IN., with the theme of "Secondary Schools for the New Era."

Contest play was excerpted from *I Remember Mama* by John Drueten.

Fifteen delegates attended Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention in New York City which also included tours in New York and Washington, D.C.

Baseball won district championship.

Trackster Bayless B. broke last year's record by pole vaulting 13'2" into a **State Champion**.

Sandie wrestlers won eight out of ten championships in first annual Amarillo City High School Wrestling Tournament at the AHS Armory.

58-1959

Homer Simmons took over as head football coach since Joe Kerbel left to coach at W. T. S. C. Amarillo football stadium was named after Dick Bivins.

Victory Bell returned home to Golden Sandie District Champions.

Ugliest Man contest became an annual event at AHS .

Columbia University Press awarded *La Airosa* first place.

William O. "Bill" Latson took over directing the band and orchestra.

Sandie Band earned a first division rating as Outstanding under the direction of Bill Latson.

Stanley's Drive-In remained the Sandie hangout.

Sandie Steppers was started by R. B. Norman, principal, and Mrs. Betty Jones, coach.

Bowling Club (Tenpens) was organized to encourage the life-long sport.

Dalton Teague inspired students to organize a club for mathematics study, the Slide Rule Club.

The Gilbert and Sullivan epic *H.M.S. Pinafore* was performed by Bel Canto.

59-1960

R B. Norman, principal, and Mr. Rupert Taylor, a woodshop teacher, organized the Sandettes to function as a service organization.

Oail Andrew "Bum" Phillips coached football at AHS in 1959-62 (later head coach of Houston Oilers (1975-1980) and New Orleans Saints (1981-1985).

The musical comedy *Li'l Abner* hit the stage in October.

Sandie footballers tie with Monterey for District 3-AAAA honors.

La Airosa was named first place winner at Texas High School Press Association convention and received first place in competition with the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the National Scholastic Press Association.

The Sandstorm went to offset printing for the first time and published a ROTO section, the first of its kind in the nation.

The Sandstorm was presented All-American honor award by **National Scholastic Press Association**.

Golden Sandie Band received 1st Division rating in marching and in personal inspection in the U. I. L. Music Competition Marching Contest held in Canyon.

Class "A" Sweepstakes Trophy went to AHS at Goodwill Speech Tournament on campus of Panhandle A & M College in Goodwill, OK. Seventeen students represented AHS.

Contest play was *She Stoops to Conquer*.

La Airosa included a supplement of 16 pages of pictures and articles to cover spring events.

Sandie Orchestra received Special Award equivalent to Sweepstakes in U. I. L. Music Competition in Canyon.

AHS Orchestra was named Outstanding Orchestra with first division ratings.

Under the direction of Bill Latson, the Sandie Band won first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading to earn title of Outstanding Band.

Bel Canto Chorale, men's chorus, girls' chorus all received first division ratings at Tri-State Music Festival at Enid.

60-1961

Principal R. B. Norman retired; Ross Larson, AHS 1928 graduate and football player, became principal. T. G. Hull, Sandie basketball coach, retired after twenty-four years at AHS.

La Airosa received "A" rating from National School Yearbook Association and All-Texas rating from Texas High School Press Association in Denton.

La Airosa was awarded first place at **Columbia Scholastic Press Association** convention in New York City.

The Sandstorm received All-American rating from National Scholastic Press Association at Minnesota University. *The Sandstorm* was the first high school newspaper to publish a rotogravure section of its own.

AHS took first places with *The Sandstorm* and *La Airosa* from Panhandle High School Press Association.

All-School musical was *Bells Are Ringing!*

Two Sandies won annual Contest for Achievement sponsored by National Council of Teachers of English.

Under the direction of Bill Latson, the Sandie Band received first division ratings for marching, concert, and sight-reading.

Four Sandies were chosen for **All-State** Band and eight for All-State Orchestra at the Dallas clinic. Sandie speech students won sweepstakes at Abilene Invitational Tournament at Hardin Simmons University.

U. I. L. contest play was *The Heiress*.

Class of 1961 senior gift was "Amarillo High School—Home of the Golden Sandstorm" in marble lettered by Osgood Monument Company.

61-1962

Key Club, a service organization restricted to 30 boys, was organized at AHS.

The **National Yearbook Association at Columbia, Missouri**, awarded 1962 *La Airosa* a score of A (special excellent) placing the book in the top 5% of yearbooks in the USA.

La Airosa tied for first place in yearbook contest at **Texas High School Press Association** in Denton.

All-school Musical was *Take Me Along*, based on Eugene O'Neil's only comedy "Ah, Wilderness." Two casts performed leads in two performances.

AHS hosted the Southern Association of Student Councils with help from teachers and businesses in town.

Drama department staged the three act play *Time Out for Ginger*.

Sandie Band received Division 1 rating in U. I. L. Marching and Twirling Contest at Dick Bivins Stadium. Under the direction of Bill Latson, the band received first division ratings for concert and sight-reading.

Thirty members of Sandie Band received positions in All-Region Band in Borger.

Dukes of Sandieland received first division rating at WTSC and named top stage band in 3-AAAA. AHS Band, Orchestra and Choir received first division ratings at 20th Annual Tri-State Music Festival in Enid. Orchestra won Outstanding Orchestra Award.

Sandie Orchestra under Bill Latson won Sweepstakes at Region XI U. I. L. competition.

The Sandstorm received **All-Texas** honors (highest rating) from THSPA.

AHS Speech team won J. W. Reid Sweepstakes Trophy at Hub of the Plains Speech Tournament in Lubbock. The group won five first places, six second places, and two third place awards.

Two Sandies were selected to sing in **All-State** Choir in Dallas.

FFA members exhibited a grand champion barrow and a reserve champion barrow at Tri-State Fairgrounds.

AHS senior's editorial was chosen as "Editorial of the Month" by *School Press Review*, a magazine published by Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Two Sandies competed in U. I. L. **State** Literary Meet in Austin.

Patti L. was awarded state championship award in AAAA Journalism Conference in Austin.

Coach A. O. "Bum" Phillips left for college coaching so Burl Bartlett took over as head football coach.

62-1963

Senior Gift: "Oh, AHS" on marble plaque (first in hall then moved to commons in the Danbury school). School seal also was moved to the new school in 1973.)

One act play was *Time Remembered*. It won first place in 3-AAAA division and came in second at Regional competition in Odessa.

The Sandstorm received a rating of "with highest honor" (highest rating) at convention of Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association at Oklahoma University in Norman.

New tennis courts were added to the school complex.

Drama department staged a three act comedy, *Poppa Was a Preacher*.

Four AHS students won certificates of merit for their art work in the Tri-State Fair art exhibit. Under the direction of Bill Latson, the Sandie Band received first division ratings in marching, concert, and sight-reading.

Sandie Band "A" received Division I rating in concert and sight-reading at Regionals.

Thirty-eight Sandie instrumentalists were selected for 4-AAAA All-Region Band in Hereford.

Four orchestra students advanced to **All-State** Orchestra; one Sandie was chosen for **All-State** Band; three Sandies were selected for **All-State** Choir.

AHS Sophomore Choir received a Division 1 rating under the direction of Louis D. Pippin at U. I. L. Region XI competition.

Dukes of Sandieland received trophy for outstanding 4-AAAA stage band and a first division rating at WTSC.

Five Distributive Education students advanced to **State** at Fort Worth.

Debate teams won first and second places at the speech festival in Clovis, NM.

Joe B., state president of FTA, presided over annual **State Convention** where thirty-three AHS delegates attended.

Ronnie T. placed first in Southwest Conference League Figure Skating contest in Dallas with a right to compete in U. S. Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley in 1964.

Neva C. placed first in girls' prose at Regional competition at Odessa.

AHS Orchestra took top place rating in concert and sight-reading at Regional competition held in Stephen F. Austin auditorium.

Sandie Festival offered choral scenes from musicals and short acting scenes, including Carol Ayers singing "Un Bel Die" from *Madame Butterfly* and members of the Student Council performing the "Telephone Hour" from *Bye Bye Birdie* and a thespian performance of a comic sketch from *Lil' Abner*, among others.

Richard W. placed first in American History contest at WTSC.

AHS Baseball team won more games than they lost under Coach Gus Hrcir.

63-1964

Mrs. Nan Gibbs took over Dean of Women after Mrs. Thomas Heynie retired.

AHS enrollment dropped sharply with the opening of Caprock High School.

In the fall of 1963 the Key Club took over the Vigilantes to assist cheerleaders and care for the Touchdown horn and Victory bell.

Sandie Cheerleaders won first place in overall competition at SMU cheerleading workshop.

Drama class staged *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, a three act play.

AHS art students received eight of thirteen art certificates in Area Artist Show at the Tri- State Fair.

Sandie Band won first division in Regional Marching Contest at Buffalo Bowl Stadium. Under the direction of Wayne Muller, the Sandie Band received first division ratings in sight-reading and a second division rating in concert .

Several Sandies performed at the Region XI All-Region Band under the direction of Mr. Charles Emmons. Three Sandie Band members went to Houston for **All-State** Band.

Future Teachers of America membership grew to 225 before the close of membership sales.

AHS Debate Club won four out of eight events in the Speech Tournament in Wichita Falls.

Mike L. won the NCTE Achievement Awards competition.

Sandstorm and *La Airosa* received All-Texas ratings and three AHS journalists won **State** honors.

Two Girls' Debate team members rolled through seven debates without a defeat to claim first place in the girls' division.

Ronnie R. won first place in natural and physical science test and received the Baush-Lomb Award.

Future Farmers of America at AHS took first place in both the County Fat Stock Show and the Tri-State Fat Stock Show. Two boys placed in district contest.

Twelve Distributive Education students vied for Top Awards at **State** contests in Houston.

Sandie Festival drew capacity crowds both nights of the performances.

Steven B. won American Legion district oratory contest.

Vocational Industrial Club placed in district contests. Three winners attended **State** contests.

Seven Sandies received top honors at Regional Science Fair.

One act play was *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*.

National Defense Cadet Corps (formerly known as ROTC) offered special interests in military training.

64-1965

AHS led Texas in **National Merit semifinalists** with nineteen recipients.

New activities included Miss Sandieland, Key Club, Sandie Festival, dancing in the cafeteria after football games.

Key Club was added to the extracurricular program.

An AHS Sandie was elected to the **State Supreme Court** at Boys' State Convention in Austin.

A renovation project brought a new gymnasium to AHS; so long Nixson building.

This was the first year for swimming at AHS—for boys only, at least the first year.

Charles S. was elected president of **Texas High School Press Association** in Denton.

The contest play was *Cyrano*.

Under the direction of Wayne Muller, the Sandie Band received first division ratings on concert and sight-reading and second division rating for marching.

Sandie Boys' basketball team tied for district crown.

Six AHS students received scholarships to National Music Camp worth over \$3,000—in Michigan.

AHS tennis team won district championship.

65-1966

The Sandstorm rated superior at Southwestern Council of Student Publications at Texas Tech.

Warren Harper took on the role of head football coach.

Bonnie V. was Miss AHS (she is now in the Sandie Hall of Fame).

Three-act play was *Mr. Barry's Etchings*.

Ron Wells took command as Sandie Band director. At U. I. L. competition, the band received second division ratings for marching and concert and a third division rating for sight-reading.

Vocational Industrial Club of America was added.

Two Sandies qualified for **National Merit Scholarships**.

Eighty Future Teachers of America attended the 17th Annual Texas Future Teachers of America convention.

Nine AHS art students emerged from Scholastic Art Awards competition with Hallmark Honor Award seven Gold Key Awards, and twelve Certificates of Merit.

The contest play was a cutting from *Angel Street*.

Six Future Farmers of America represented AHS and took first place in Top-O-Texas Livestock Judging Contest in Pampa.

AHS Symphony Orchestra and Bel Canto Chorale received 1-superior ratings at Tri-State Music Festival in Enid.

Four Future Homemakers of America competed at **State** meet.

AHS students at Panhandle Science Fair won two first places and one third place.

Charles R. won Gold Medal award as outstanding Electrical Trades student in the **State** and placed first in Electrical Trades technical information contest in Austin.

Six Sandies placed on All-District in football and basketball chosen by *Amarillo Daily News and Globe Times*.

66-1967

Sandies defeated Wichita Falls for first time since 1942.
 Forty-three Steppers attended camp this year.
 All-school musical was *South Pacific*.
 AHS cheerleaders won sweepstakes for ninth consecutive year at National Cheerleader Association Clinic in Dallas.
 Boys' Basketball won district but stopped at Region competition.
 First class honor rating was awarded the *Sandstorm* in the 75th All America Newspaper Critical Service of the **National Scholastic Press Association**.
La Airosa won A+ score from **National School Yearbook Association** of Memphis, TN.
 Former Sandie Coach, Blair Cherry, died September 10, 1966, in Lubbock.
 Drama department staged a three-act play *Onions in the Stew*.
 Six AHS students were selected as **Merit Scholarship Finalists**.
 AHS dominated Texas Future Teachers Association Convention in San Antonio with seventy-six delegates representing the largest chapter in the state.
 The contest play, *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde, was rated among the top ten plays in the competition.
 Orchestra won a Division 1 rating. Eight AHS orchestra students were selected for **All-State Youth Orchestra**.
 Bel Canto Chorale under Louis D. Pippin won Sweepstakes at Interscholastic League contest in Canyon.
 Six Bel Canto Chorale members nabbed positions in All-Region Choir at WTSU.
 An AHS student received his appointment to U. S. Military Academy at West Point.
 An AHS student received an Achievement Award's citation by **National Council of Teachers of English** for outstanding performance in **statewide** competition.
 Eleven Future Farmers of America competed in the Amarillo Fat Stock Show at the Tri-State Fair and won eleven awards including one Grand Champion Award and two Reserve Champion ratings.
 Three Speech students won at district and advanced to regional.
 AHS won Boys' Singles and Boys' Doubles in District tennis meet in Lubbock.
 Ronnie B. was **State** tennis semifinalist.
 Five AHS students served in state or district offices: Texas State Future Teachers of America president, TSFTA secretary, Southwestern Allied Youth president, Southwest Council of Student Publications president, and Area 1 Future Homemakers of America.

67-1968
 In September, AHS and all city schools were integrated.
 Thirteen Sandies representing Homemaking and Agriculture Departments won twenty-one awards at the annual Tri-State Fair.
 Golden Sandie Band returned from marching contest with a Division 1 rating. Under the direction of Ron Wells, the band received first division ratings on concert and sight-reading.
 AHS Orchestra won "Outstanding Orchestra of Class Award" at Tri-State Music Festival in Enid.
 Symphonic Orchestra under Ron Wells won U. I. L. Excellence Award in concert.
 One Sandie cellist was selected for the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra.
 The music and drama departments presented the musical *Brigadoon*.
 Girls' Choir received Sweepstakes under Louis D. Pippin at U. I. L. competition.
 Sandies smashed Dons, finishing season 10-0. By defeating Caprock, AHS captured the North Zone title until Tascosa downed the Sandies 34-7.
 Amarillo Children's Home accepted over 7,000 cans in the annual assembly in December.
 Drama department presented Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*.
 Four girls represented AHS at TMEA Convention in the **All-State** Orchestra.

- AHS Wrestling team grabbed third place in district.
 Future Teachers of America received **State** honors at TFTA Convention.
 AHS was represented by twenty-seven band and orchestra students at solo and ensemble contest at WTSU and brought home thirteen gold medals and four silver medals.
 Three Sandies won top three places at the annual **Vocational Industrial Clubs of America** contest in Austin.
- 68-1969 Mrs. Margaret Josserand and Mrs. Marion Schoen retired.
 AHS hosted State Student Council Convention in Amarillo's new Civic Center (its first scheduled event).
 Kenneth Clapp became head football coach.
 Health Occupations was added to AHS curriculum.
 Sandie cheerleaders grabbed five first place ribbons and the spirit stick at SMU Cheerleading School among 450 other students.
Li'l Abner was the school year's musical production.
 Drama department staged Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*.
 Becky B. was district president of Future Teachers of America.
 Sixty Sandies attended twentieth annual Future Teachers of America State Convention in Austin.
 Boys' Basketball team won sixteen consecutive games.
 One Sandie made it to **State** in tennis.
 Coordinated Vocational-Academic Education (CVAE) begun to help students learn trades.
 Two ICT students took first place at the **State** level.
 Four AHS students received medals at American History contest at WTSU.
 Four Sandies competed in U. I. L. literary events.
 Vocational Office Education students won third place in the national contest in Kansas City.
 Victoria D. was first place in the **State**.
 Girls' Debate team took top honors in district competition.
 Sandie Band under the direction of Ron Wells received second division ratings in marching and concert and a third division rating on sight-reading.
 AHS Orchestra under Ron Wells won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.
 AHS Madrigals won gold medals at U. I. L. Music contest.
 Bel Canto Chorale won Sweepstakes under Louis D. Pippin at U. I. L. competition.
 Bel Canto Chorale won Outstanding Senior High Choir at the Amarillo College Chamber Choir Festival.
 AHS Choir and Orchestra competed at Tri-State Music Festival in Enid and won Sweepstakes.
 One Sandie clarinetist was chosen for **All-State** Symphonic Band and two Sandie strings were selected for **All-State** Symphony Orchestra.
 Ken Curtis [Curtis Wain Gates], who played Festus Hagen on *Gunsmoke*, was a guest star of the RCA Rodeo in Amarillo.
- 69-1970 AHS started a Rodeo Club this year.
 Drama department staged Neil Simon's *Come Blow Your Horn*.
 The all-school musical was *The King and I*.
 AHS Women's Chorus and Men's Chorus won Sweepstakes under George Biffle at U. I. L. competition.
 Five Sandies attended International Allied Youth Conference in Buck Hill Falls, Penn.
 Golden Sandie Band under Ronnie Wells received first division ratings on marching, concert, and sight-reading.

One clarinetist was chosen for **All-State** Concert Band, two Sandies were chosen for **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, and one Sandie tenor was selected for **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Morris Dees, Director of the Outstanding Teenagers of America Foundation, announced three seniors at AHS recipients of the honor.

Thirty-two journalists from AHS attended the conference in Austin. *Sandstorm* received **Award of Distinguished Merit**, the highest award.

On March 1, a major fire destroyed much of AHS. Classes were held in gyms, the armory, and neighboring churches. AHS returned to classes in the burned but repaired old building in 1971 (no longer in nearby churches).

Dan N. played in state tennis semifinals.

U. I. L. swimming and diving began.

70-1971

The music and drama departments presented *Music Man*.

AHS Women's Choir, Men's Choir, and Bel Canto Chorale under George Biffle won Sweepstakes at Greater Southwest Music Festival. The GSMF organized in 1969 but the first competition took place in 1971.

AHS Men's Chorus received a First Division in concert under George Biffle at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Orchestra under Ron Wells won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Bel Canto Chorale won First Division ratings in concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. competition.

The Christmas Canned Food Drive yielded 5,000-plus cans.

U.I.L. Swimming and Diving began for AHS boys and girls.

The 1971 *La Airosa* received top rating in **national** competition.

Ross Larsen, principal, retired after eleven years at AHS.

Under the baton of Ron Wells, the Sandie Band received second division ratings on marching, concert and sight-reading.

Three Sandies were chosen for **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, one for **All-State** Youth Orchestra and two Sandie Basses for **All-State** Mixed Choir.

71-1972

Ben Moore was the new AHS principal.

Three AHS track stars went to **State** meet.

Bel Canto Chorale was named outstanding choir at the Southwest Music Festival. Bel Canto and AHS Orchestra received the recognition of performing before **Texas Music Educators Assn.** at Fort Worth.

AHS Orchestra under Ron Wells won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Two out of three choirs won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

The Sandie Band under the direction of Ron Wells received second division ratings on marching and concert but received a first division rating for sight-reading.

Five Sandies were chosen for **All-State** Symphony Orchestra and three for **All-State** Youth Orchestra.

The musical was *Hello Dolly*.

Senior Zora G. was listed as a semi-finalist in the **National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students**.

Thirteen Allied Youth leaders took off for the International AY Conference where they received special awards for their drug abuse film and for making most effort to attend the meet. A Sandie was elected to the **International AY Cabinet**.

Kim F. was selected as a finalist in the Achievement Awards of the **National Council of Teachers of English**.

Rick F. was named in the **All-District Super Stars** (top 25 players in Texas) and the top **50 High School Gridiron Players** in the nation.

AHS Orchestra under Ron Wells was named **All-State Honor Orchestra**.

The *La Airosa* yearbook received **State Champion** Yearbook trophy.
The Sandstorm was given the top-rated **All-Texas** award at the Texas High School Press Association Convention.

DECA students garnered six first place winners.

One act play was *Comedy of Errors*.

Health Occupation students competed in a State contest in Dallas.

Ladies' Golf was added to the mix of sports.

Girls' Volleyball was introduced to AHS as a team sport under the direction of Ann Dunavin. The team was unable to enter district competition as it was the team's first year.

Advanced Spanish classes offered only by Amarillo High.

Electronics Course was added to help students decide whether electronics could be their vocation.

72-1973

Last classes were held in the burned-out building, anticipating the move to Danbury.

The musical was *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Contest play was a cutting from Shakespeare's *King Lear*.

The Sandie Band under Ron Wells received second division ratings on marching and sight-reading but received a first division rating in concert.

One Sandie piccolo player performed in the **All-State** Concert Band, one violin player played in **All-State** Youth Orchestra, one violinist played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, and four Sandie voices sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Bel Canto Chorale received first division rating in concert and second division rating in sight-reading at U. I. L. competition.

George Biffle introduced a new singing group called "New Sound Singers."

AHS Orchestra under Ron Wells won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Kenneth Clapp was recognized as District "Coach of the Year."

The *Sandstorm* and *La Airosa* received top ratings from the **Texas High School Press Association**.

73-1974

The new AHS on Danbury in southwest Amarillo opened. Classes in the new AHS dedication drew 1,100, standing room only in the new auditorium on September 23.

Bel Canto Chorale was one out of fifteen selected to go to the **Vienna International Music Festival** in the summer.

Men's Chorus received first division rating at U. I. L. contest.

Symphony Orchestra under Ron Wells won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Orchestra came in second in **State** in Honor Orchestra competition.

The Sandie Band under Ron Wells received first division ratings for marching, concert, and sight-reading.

Three Sandies performed in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, five musicians played in the **All-State** Youth Orchestra, and five vocalists sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Drama put on *Spoon River Anthology*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Alice in Wonderland*.

One act play was *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

74-1975

The AHS Hall of Fame began with five alumni members chosen: Ross H. Larsen 1928, Howard Lynch 1920, W. L. "Putt" Powell 1933, Mrs. Horace E. (Katherine) Wilson 1934.

AHS enrollment totaled 2,039.

All-school musical was *Man of La Mancha*.

One act play was *Star Spangled Girl*.

AHS cheerleaders were named in the **top five** squads in the **nation** by the Universal Cheerleading Association.

AHS enrollment totaled 2,039.

The Wrestling team went to **State** competition.

75-1976

AHS won the All-sport trophy for the second year in a row.

The Sandie Band under Ron Wells received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Band under Ron Wells received first division in concert and second division in sight-reading.

Symphony Orchestra under Ron Wells won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Two out of four choirs under George Biffle won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Thirteen Sandies musicians went to **All-State**: four played in **All-State** Youth Orchestra, six played in **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, one performed in **All-State** Symphonic Band, and two sang in All-State Mixed Choir.

AHS Homecoming became an annual event.

Larry Dippel began the thirty-one year role as head football coach.

Drama department staged Neil Simon's *The Star-Spangled Girl*.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted three more alumni: Mr. "Bud" Curtis 1925, Wales H. Madden 1945, W. W. "Windy" Nicklaus 1924.

All-school musical was *South Pacific*.

Golden Sandie Band garnered another Division 1 ranking at marching competition and in concert and sight-reading under the direction of Ron Wells.

At U. I. L. Instrumental Solo and Ensemble contest, eleven Sandies received first division ratings on solos and two first divisions for ensembles.

Symphony Orchestra under Ron Wells won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

One out of five choirs received Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Fourteen musical performers went to **All-State**: eight played in the All-State Symphony Orchestra, two performed in the **All-State** Youth Orchestra, one played in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, and three sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

AHS Cheerleaders won finals of Universal Cheerleaders Association's **National Cheerleading** competition.

Troy M. was named winner of **1975 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award** in writing.

Sandie Speech team walked away with Sweepstakes.

Seven AHS seniors were selected to be **National Merit Finalists**.

Two ICT students received first place ratings at District Convention in Plainview.

Two AHS cosmetology students competed at the state contest in Dallas.

AHS won *Globe News* 3-AAAA All-Sports trophy for second year in a row.

Nineteen Sandies received Scholastic Art Awards.

AHS wrestlers grabbed two individual championships and finished third in regionals to advance to **State**.

Rick A. took individual **State** wrestling **Championship** in El Paso at the Texas State High School Wrestling Tournament.

Twenty Sandies returned to Polk St. gymnasium to become expert skiers.

The Girls' Cross Country team won the **State Championship!**

Girls' Volleyball team won Bi-District and advanced to regional playoffs in Midland.

Girls' Golf team was ranked fourth in **Texas**.

Girls' Cross Country took third at **State** meet.

Swimmers and divers advanced to regionals at Odessa and did very well at **State** meet in Austin—"best season Amarillo has ever had," said the coach.

For second year in a row AHS one-act play advanced to area U. I. L. competition.

The Sandstorm won top rating **All-Texas** with special honorable mention; *La Airosa* received a special merit award from **Texas High School Press Association** in Denton.

76-1977

All-school musical was *Camelot*.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Betty Bivins Childers 1930, L. Ray Vahue 1947.

Drama department staged Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*.

One act play for contest was *The Scoundrel Scapion*, which won first place at district!

Sandie Band returned from marching contest with Division 1 rating. Under the direction of Ron Wells, the band received first division rating in concert and a second division rating in sight-reading.

AHS Symphony Orchestra under Ron Wells received Sweepstakes award at U. I. L. contest.

AHS Symphonic Orchestra under Ron Wells won a division one Superior rating at the Buccaneer Music Festival at Del Mar College, Corpus Christi.

Three out of four choirs received Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Choir received division one Superior rating at the Buccaneer Music Festival at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi.

At the Greater Southwest Music Festival ten trophies were awarded to AHS musicians.

Symphonic Band was Outstanding Overall Band and the Full Orchestra won Outstanding Overall also. Choirs also received top honors as well as the stage band.

Footballers captured district title.

For second year in a row AHS Cheerleaders were named Universal Cheerleaders Association **National Champions**.

AHS Latin students won sweepstakes honors at Area D Texas State Junior Classical League convention.

Four AHS seniors were announced as **Merit Scholarship finalists**.

Nine AHS artists won recognition at Northwest Texas Regional Scholastic Art Show and their works advanced to **New York** for further judging.

All-Region Choir chose 30 Sandies (one-third of AHS choir); five Sandies went on to All-Area Choir.

AHS Orchestra under Ron Wells received Sweepstakes award at U. I. L. contest.

Fifteen Sandie performers went to **All-State**: eight played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, two performed in the **All-State** Youth Orchestra, one percussionist played in the **All-State** Concert Band, and four sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Volleyball girls won district and bi-district.

Undefeated Girls' Cross Country team won **State Championship** for the second time!

Swimming and Diving teams outpointed others at regional meet. Three swimmers vied for **State** titles.

Forty-five Sandies received honors at VICA contest at Wayland College in Plainview.

AHS Spanish students won top three places at **National Spanish Examination** competition at WTSU.

Two Sandies advanced to **State** U. I. L. Competition in literary and academic contests.

Three Sandie tennis players advanced to regionals in Lubbock.

In AHS's first competition in the **State Industrial Arts Association Project Contests**, Greg T. received two top awards for his fireplace mantel and a stereo cabinet.

Girls' Track Team won First Place in Mile Relay at Wichita Falls Invitational.

Girl Tracksters competed at **State** meet where six **national** records fell and two were tied.

Girls' Cross Country team won **State Championship!**

AHS Junior Olympics began.

AHS district championships: Football, Volleyball, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Golf, Boys' Golf, Girls Tennis, Boys' Tennis, Girls' Track, Boys' Track, Baseball.

77-1978

Twelve Sandie swimmers went to **State** meet.

AHS Senior Spirits began.

Boys' Basketball won bi-district and became Regional Finalist under Coach Arnwine.

Lori S. of AHS won the mile run at **State**, setting a new **State** record.

All-School musical was *My Fair Lady*.

One act play was *The Cradle Song*, which reached Regionals .

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted three more alumni: Mary Tom Morgan Crain 1936, General Ernest O. Thompson 1910, Herbert O. Willborn 1921.

AHS Orchestra under Ron Wells was selected by TMEA as **State Honor Orchestra** .

Under the direction of Ron Wells, the Sandie Band received first division ratings in marching, concert, and sight-reading at U. I. L. contests. It also earned rating of Outstanding at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Symphony Orchestra under Ron Wells won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Three out of five choirs won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Twelve Sandie musicians went to **All-State**: one piccolo player joined the **All-State** Concert Band, one flute player performed in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, four string players made it to **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, and six played in the **All-State** Youth Orchestra.

Jazz Band directed by Malcomb Harris was honored by **National Association of Jazz Educators** as one of three bands in the nation to go to Montreux, Switzerland International Jazz Festival and to visit six countries in Europe that summer.

Twelve Sandie swimmers qualified for **State** meet.

78-1979

New organization called Senior Spirits was formed to boost athletic teams with yard and locker favors for team members.

The Palo Duro/Caprock tie made AHS footballers the outright district champions. 28-0 Bulldog victory routed AHS.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Thad Ansley 1924, Mary Lou Robinson 1944. Coach S. Gibson took over Boys' Basketball.

Steppers added Tri-State Fair Parade to their fall activities.

Five Sandies took in 130 of the 800 points that gave Texas the sweepstakes honor at the National Junior Classical League convention in Denton.

Amarillo High's drama and music departments presented the musical *Oklahoma!*

AHS staged *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, a one-act opera.

U. I. L. one act play was *The Corn is Green*, and rated as one of top eight plays in the **State**.

Fifty-six Sandies competed in U. I. L. Literary contests; twenty-one advanced to regionals; four individuals and the one act play cast advanced to **State**.

After returning from the 12th annual International Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland in July, AHS Stage Band began the year with a win at the West Texas State Jazz Band contest.

Liz M. was named to Jazz Festival All-Star Band as outstanding soloist.

Symphony Orchestra under Ron Wells won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Volleyballers advanced to bi-district playoffs and end up with bi-district championship; but they lost regionals in Abilene.

Sandies took honors in **National Spanish Exam**.

French students got sweepstakes and eleven first place rankings. Latin scholars took fifteen firsts and Spanish students took twelve.

Two Sandies ranked in **State** electronics contest in Houston.

Barry S. won **State** VICA auto mechanics contest.

Three Sandies won **State Championship** at Health Occupations competition.

Girl golfers took regionals in Lubbock and advanced to **State** where they took third place.

The canned food drive for the Children's Cottage collected \$1600 and 2415 cans.

Texas High School Press Association judged the *Sandstorm* as 4-AAAA **State Champion**. Boys' Swimming Relay team was named "All-American."

Sandie swim teams grabbed district titles.

At San Angelo Invitational, the boys' team won first; girls' team won second place. AHS swimmers set five new El Paso meet records.

Twelve swimmers qualified for **State** at Regionals in Lubbock and they broke records.

Golden Sandie Band turned in another Division 1 rating at marching contest. Under the direction of Ron Wells, the band received first division ratings for concert and sight-reading.

Twenty-six band members were chosen for All-Region Band with eight designated for first chair positions.

Fifteen Sandies went to **All-State**: five played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, five played in the **All-State** Youth Orchestra, three performed in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, and two sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

AHS Orchestra under Ron Wells received Outstanding Orchestra with the Pat Jones Trophy from Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Fourteen Sandies won orchestra and band honors in solo/ensemble U. I. L. competition.

AHS walked away with twenty-nine places in the 96-member All-Region Choir.

Bel Canto Chorale was selected to sing at **Music Educators National Conference** in Miami Beach, Florida.

Five first place winners placed Latin Club members in **State** competition.

Two seniors were finalists in the Scholastic art competition.

VOE and Pre-Employment students competed at **State** contests in Houston.

Brent G. won first in **State** and continued to compete in **national** DECA competition.

Cross Country Sandies took the fourth consecutive Boys' Cross Country title.

Steve J. represented AHS at Regional cross country meet in Lubbock.

Cross Country girls qualified for Regionals.

Susan W. competed in **State** Cross Country meet.

Girls' Basketball team won district championship.

Five wrestlers competed at **State** wrestling meet at the Tri-State Fairgrounds; two

Sandies won championships.

Texas High School Press Association named the bi-weekly *Sandstorm* as **State Champion**.

79-1980

AHS *Sandstorm* received Championship rating from **Texas High School Press Association** with 296 points out of a possible 300.

Melody M. vied for State Cross Country competition in Austin.

Musical was *Guys and Dolls*.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Lewis Dodson 1921, Ernestine Smith, M.D. 1930.

Girls' Volleyball team advanced to **State** 4A Tournament and finished fourth.

Three Sandies were chosen as finalists in regional Scholastic Art Contest.

Sandies took sweepstakes in languages festival at WTSU.

Sandie wrestlers finished eighth in **State** Tournament.

Sandies took sweepstakes in U. I. L. District Literary Competition at WTSU.

Cameron G. won first place in Petroleum Marketing out of 65 people from all over the state and he advanced to **National** DECA Conference.

Sandie girl golfer finished Regionals in fifth place.

Boys' Golf team advanced to Regionals also.

Bel Canto Chorale under George Biffle toured Europe in 1980 and they were selected three times to perform for the **National American Choral Directors Association Convention**.

Sandie Band under Ron Wells received first division ratings on marching, concert, and sight-reading.

Symphony Orchestra under Ron Wells won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Twelve musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two played in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, one played in the **All-State** Concert Band, four played in the **All-State** Youth Orchestra, and five performed in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra.

AHS Orchestra won Best in Class at the Six Flags Festival.

80-1981

Thirteen Sandies won Scholastic art awards at Regional Scholastic Arts Awards competition.

Eight wrestlers competed in **State** tournament; AHS took third in **State**.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: T. Boone Pickens, Jr. 1947, Frances Ashbury Powell 1936.

Latin Club took second place Sweepstakes trophy at **State**.

Golden Sandies won Bi-District in the fall competition.

AHS VOE classes participated in Region One Contest and three Sandies advanced to **State**.

Qualifying swimmers competed in **State** Tournament in Austin and set four new school records.

One act play was *JB* (based on Book of Job).

Four Sandie Health Occupation students received high honors in **State** HO Competition in Houston.

Eight Sandie Data Processing students advanced to **State** contests in Austin.

By invitation, Bel Canto under Tim King sang for **National Music Educators' Association** in Corpus Christi.

AHS Orchestra under Sam Pemberton was selected as **State Honor Orchestra** by TMEA.

Symphony Orchestra under Sam Pemberton won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Under Sam Pemberton, the Sandie Band received first division ratings in marching and concert and received a second division rating in sight-reading.

One out of five choirs under the direction of Tim King won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Bel Canto received the Outstanding Choir award from Continental Trailways at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Twelve musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, five played in the Philharmonic Orchestra, one performed in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, and five sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Three Sandies out of twelve statewide won honors in Texas Press Women's **State** Writing Competition for High School journalists.

Two seniors won first place honors for their entries in **State** ICT competition in Dallas.

Two Sandies won first and second place in the **State** VICA Electronics Competition in Dallas.

Golfers and Tracksters and Netters advanced to Regionals this year!

Seven Sandies advanced to **State** U. I. L. Competition at UT-Austin.

81-1982

Twenty-three AHS Latin students competed in **National Latin Contest** at University of Oklahoma; twenty of those students received awards.

Latin Club took second place Sweepstakes trophy at **State**.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Betty Askew Howell 1958, R. C. Neely, Jr. 1930.

Boys' Basketball got a new coach, Alan Simpson.

Two Amarillo High girls won **State** doubles in tennis in Austin.

The King and I was the musical production.

One act play was *The Good Woman of Setzuan*.

Brenda M. traveled to **State** Cross Country meet in Georgetown; she was just 4.7 seconds off first place.

Two out of three choirs won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Bel Canto under Tim King received the award of **State Honor Choir**.

The Sandie Band under the direction of Nick Nixon received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading.

Nine musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two played in **All-State** Symphonic Band, one played in the All-State Concert Band, three performed in the All-State Philharmonic Orchestra and three played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra.

AHS Symphonic Orchestra won Outstanding at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Symphony Orchestra under Nick Nixon won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Sandie Orchestra under Nick Nixon won Best in Class at the Six Flags Festival.

AHS Speech team won overall sweepstakes honor at Odessa Speech tournament.

Five Sandies continued to Texas Forensics Association (TFA) State competition.

Sandie Stepper Captain was selected for the Texas **All-State** Drill Team.

Girls' Swim team placed first and boys' squad finished second at El Paso Invitational meet.

82-1983

Six AHS wrestlers qualified for **State** meet. Wrestlers ranked sixth at State tournament.

Two DECA students won first place wins at AC and went forward to **State** competition in San Antonio.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Betty Teel Bivins 1937, Tol Ware 1937.

AHS swimmers advanced to regionals and captured fifth place at **State** U. I. L. Swimming Competition.

Boys' Basketball team won Championship at Odessa Invitational Tournament.

AHS Jazz Band took 1st Division at WTSU Jazz Festival.

The Sandie Band under the direction of Nick Nixon received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading.

Bel Canto Chorale won Sweepstakes under the direction of Dan Hood at U. I. L. competition.

Six musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two performed in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, three played in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, and one sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Bel Canto Chorale under the direction of George Biffle achieved three honor awards at Mountain States Festival in Tempe, AZ.

Symphony Orchestra under Nick Nixon won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Symphony Orchestra under Nick Nixon earned third place in **State** competition.

AHS Symphony Orchestra judged as Outstanding at Greater Southwest Music Festival.

At Durango Fine Arts Festival in Durango, Colo., Sandie orchestra walked away with both outstanding full orchestra and outstanding string orchestra honors.

Three Speech students placed at **State** TFA competition in Waco.

Linda Y. won top honors medal at **National Junior Classical League** convention at University of Rochester in New York.

Volleyball Monthly ranked AHS team at 13th in the nation.

Brenda M. won individual honors in U. I. L. Class 5A Cross Country meet.

One act play was *Midsummer Night's Dream*; at competition three actors were chosen for the All-Star Cast.

Four Spanish scholars placed in contests at **State** PASF convention in San Antonio.

Boys' Soccer program began under the coaching of Larry Gehring as a club program until 1996.

The non-varsity soccer teams played the other high schools as club competition only.

Three Varsity Tennis team members earned their way to Regional competition

Girl' Track team won the **State Championship!**

83-1984

Girls' Swimming team got Regional Championship.

There was a new Academic Decathlon sponsored by Gary Biggers and Dale Martin; after competition the AHS team claimed 23 medals.

Bel Canto Chorale was the **State Honor Choir** under the direction of Dan Hood.

Three out of three choirs under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. contest.

Bel Canto Chorale Mixed under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes as well as Outstanding Choir Class 4A-5A at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Ann Lee Harris 1935, Roy Tolk 1934.

The all-school musical was *Music Man*.

AHS Jazz Band won Division 1 rating at Abilene Christian University Jazz Festival under the direction of Garner Fielding. Four band members received special citations from the **National Association of Jazz Educators**.

For first time in AHS history both bands and choirs received Sweepstakes awards at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Symphony Orchestra won the Pat Jones Trophy for Outstanding High School Full Orchestra at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Symphony Orchestra under Bill Anderson won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Orchestra and String Orchestra under Bill Anderson won two Best in Class trophies at the Six Flags Festival.

The Sandie Band under the direction of Bill Anderson received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Band under Bill Anderson received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Six Sandies went to **All-State**: one played in the **All-State** Concert Band, one performed in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, and three vocalists sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Seven Sandies represented AHS at **State** VOCT contest in San Antonio.

National Forensic League presented AHS a **National Award for Excellence in Speech** for 1940-1984.

Brenda M. of AHS won 3200 m. and 1600 m. races at **State Championship!**

Two Boys' Track members qualified for Regional track meet in Lubbock.

Girls' Track team finished undefeated season and earned second place at **State**.

Boys' Swimming Team placed first in District 3-5A competition.

Girls' Swimming Team won U. I. L. Regional Championship.

AHS Boys' Golf team competed at Regional tourney in Lubbock. Girls' Golf team captured third in the Regional meet.

Linda Y. won a **National Merit Scholarship**.

Boys' Basketball team achieved Bi-District Championship.

Girls' Basketball team achieved Bi-District and Area wins.

Eldon Jackson Memorial Award was given to AHS Wrestling Team under Coach Larry Gehring.

84-1985

Kim G. of AHS won the **State** high jump.

Seniors were not exempt from finals, and Kid Day, a tradition for seniors for sixty-five years, ended—all because of education reform measures in the new Texas House Bill of 1972.

Academic Decathlon team went to Regional competition and won first place in Super Quiz and earned twenty-eight medals and two trophies, and returned from **State** competition in Dallas \$650 richer.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Bert Ballengee 1941, Peggy Masterson Stinnett 1924.

Four AHS students placed in Area VI DECA contest.

Six Sandies went to **State** meet in wrestling competition.

AHS Latin students placed third at Texas **State Latin Convention** and competed at **National** competition in July.

The Sandie Band under the direction of Bill Anderson received first division ratings for marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Band under Bill Anderson received first division in concert and second division in sight-reading.

The Golden Sandie Band received the honor of Outstanding Band Class 4A-5A presented by Amarillo Downtown Lion's Club at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Five out of six choirs under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Bel Canto Chorale won Outstanding Choir award for Class 4A-5A at the Greater Southwest Music Festival and Bel Canto Men's Chorus received first division rating as well.

Six musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played alto saxophone in the **All-State** Concert Band, two string players performed in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, and three vocalists sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

AHS Full Orchestra under Bill Anderson received the Pat Jones Trophy as Outstanding High School Full Orchestra at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Symphony Orchestra under Bill Anderson won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

AHS String Orchestra under Bill Anderson won Best in Class at the Six Flags Festival.

One act play was *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Three students in the U. I. L. competition in speech, journalism, ready writing and typing took honors at the State meet.

Boys' Track team had nine Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Girls' Swimming Team placed first in District 3-5A competition.

Bob Johnson was inducted into the Texas Wrestling Hall of Fame.

85-1986

AHS principal of sixteen years, Ben Moore, retired; David Cargill became the new principal. AISD voted for a middle school system; AHS added a Freshman wing to the academic building to accommodate the increase in students.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: M. T. Johnson, Jr. 1940, Thomas Thompson 1925.

AHS Cheerleaders were named **Over-All Champions** at the Ole Miss Mid-South Cheerleading Institute at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss.

Two musicals this year were *The Wizard of Oz* (Oct.) and *Hello Dolly* (Dec.)

One act play was *Dark of the Moon*.

Varsity football ruled district champions but lost to Midland Lee at Bi-District.

The Golden Sandie Band under the direction of James Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading.

AHS Concert Band under Garner Fielding received a first division in concert at U. I. L.

Eight Sandies went to **All-State**: one played in the **All-State** Concert Band, one played in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, three performed in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, and three sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Golden Sandie Band received Superior rating at Regional Marching Contest in Vernon, Tex.

Symphony Orchestra under James Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Boys' Basketball team took **State Championship** in Austin.

Journalism students on yearbook took sweepstakes and First Place in Division 1 in the Panhandle High School Press Association at WTSU. The newspaper took Second Place at the conference.

Boys' Basketball won Conf. 5A Regional Championship.

Boys' Swimming Team won U. I. L. Regional Championship.

AHS swimmers placed sixth at State meet.

Latin students placed between sixth and eighth in the sweepstakes at **State Latin Convention**.

AHS Instrumental Music Department competed at Six Flags Invitational Music Festival and Greater Southwest Music Festival. At Six Flags Festival the full orchestra won Best in Class 5A and both band and orchestra received Outstanding Performance Awards. At Greater Southwest both symphonic band and full orchestra received Division 1's in concert and sight-reading. Two out of four choirs under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition. Industrial Arts students competed very well at State competition. Trackster Kim G. took two medals (gold and bronze) at **State** competition. Boys' Track team had eight qualify for Regionals. Wrestling team took third place in State tournament. Two Sandies brought back **State Champion** titles.

86-1987

Musical was *Fiddler on the Roof*.

One act play was mother of *Courage and her Children*.

Boys' Basketball won bi-district and Regional Runner-Up.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Major General Howard D. Graves 1957, Merrill Winsett, M.D., Ph.D. 1937.

AHS Speech team took first place at Coronado High School Invitational Speech tournament.

Boy swimmers went to **State** and shattered four school records in Austin placing fifth in **State**.

Two out of four choirs under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Choir under Danny Hood performed at American Choral Directors National Convention (third time in eighteen years).

Bel Canto Chorale, Bel Canto Men, and Bel Canto Women under Dan Hood each received first division ratings at the Six Flags Over Texas Invitational Choral Festival.

AHS Band at U. I. L. competition received sweepstakes rating with first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading under the direction of James Edwards.

Four vocalists from AHS sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

AHS Band got Sweepstakes at Buccaneer Music Festival in Corpus Christi.

AHS Symphonic Orchestra won the Pat Jones Trophy for Outstanding High School Full Orchestra at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Symphony Orchestra under James Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

The String Orchestra received a first division rating in sight-reading at U. I. L.

Five wrestlers advanced to **State** competition—came in third.

AHS shattered four school records in track at **State** meet.

Three speech and journalism students qualified to go to **State**.

History students from Cathey Kelly's classes buried a time capsule in courtyard.

Boys' Track team had ten Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Boys' Relay won silver medals at **State** finals.

Ben Moore resigned on April 1.

87-1988

David Cargill became principal of AHS.

Girls' Volleyball won their first **5A State Championship!**

AHS \$1.6 million Activity Center opened.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Bonnie Veazey Boynton 1966, Hazel Kelley Wilson 1934.

When junior highs became middle schools in fall, 1988, 800 freshmen came to AHS.

Sandbaggers began as the boys' counterpart to girls' Senior Spirits.

Golden Sandie Band under James Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. Non-varsity Band under James Edwards received first division in concert and second division in sight-reading. The Sandie Band also won a rating of Outstanding

at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Jazz Ensemble under Gene Williams and Freshman Band and Symphonic Band under James Edwards received first division ratings at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.
 Three out of four choirs under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.
 Bel Canto Men received a first division rating at Greater Southwest Music Festival.
 Four Sandies went to **All-State**: one played in the **All-State** Concert Band and three sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir. Four Sandies were selected for **All-State** Orchestra in San Antonio.
 Golden Sandie Band kicked off annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Honolulu, Hawaii, during Spring Break.

AHS String Orchestra under James Edwards received Sweepstakes at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Symphony Orchestra under James Edwards received Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.
 One act play was *Peer Gynt* by Ibsen.

Health Occupations student won second at **State** and advanced to **National** Competition in Atlanta.

Boys' Swimming Team and Girls' Swimming Team won the U. I. L. Regional Championships.
 Eldon Jackson Memorial Award was given to AHS Wrestling Team under Coach Larry Gehring.
 Boys' Track team had twelve Sandies qualify for Regionals.

88-1989

AISD announced Superintendent Scholar program to recognize outstanding students.

AHS Activity Center opened.

Heather T. was chosen to play piccolo in the **McDonalds All-American Band** to film television special in Washington, D.C., and continued to New York to participate in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Dr. Richard Archer 1949, Eugene Elkin Jordan 1923.

Fifteen Sandies were nominated as **United States National Art Award Winners**.

Contest play was *Playing for Time* by Arthur Miller.

AHS wrestling team finished 10th at **State** tournament in San Antonio.

AHS Track team captured Regional championship for first time in twenty-one years. Cinda R. finished ninth at 5A **State Championship** meet in Georgetown.

Boys' Track team had nine Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Swimmer Doug D. won two first place medals at **State** Meet breaking the National Public School Record in 50-yard freestyle and setting a new State record in the 100-yard freestyle.

The Golden Sandie Band under James Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Freshman Band under James Edwards received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Six musical Sandies went to **All-State**: four performed in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra and two vocalists sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

AHS String Orchestra received the Executive Director's Trophy as Outstanding High School String Orchestra at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Symphony Orchestra under James Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Under the direction of James Edwards the AHS Orchestra received the honor of being the **Texas High School Full Honor Orchestra**.

One out of five choirs won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Bel Canto Men received first division rating at Greater Southwest Music Festival.

June 1, 1989 AHS 50th Alumni Association began.

89-1990

In September, 1989, there was a big Centennial celebration and AHS Homecoming. At the Homecoming Pep Rally, former student and coach Howard "Bull" Lynch ('20) challenged the Sandie players; two Sandie State Champs Nard Cazzel and John Peterson (both '35) encouraged the players; eight former cheerleaders Betty Graham Farrell ('55), Lynn Marshall Young ('46), Bill "Billy Max" Hale ('54), Penny Dial Gum ('66), Jeanette Jackson ('51), Helen Holly Hebler ('48), Jane Hold York ('46), and Kay Thompson Greiner cheered them on; and Coach Bum Philips gave a pep talk and Coach Larry Dippel praised the Sandies. (The Sandstorm whipped the Westerners, 44-0! Great Homecoming!)

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Commander Jerry F. Derrick, USN 1970, Jerome McDonough 1964.

Boys' Basketball came in second in district but won bi-district only to lose at Area game.

The Golden Sandie Band under James Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. AHS Freshman Band under James Edwards received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. Non-varsity Concert Band under Gene Williams received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Golden Sandie Band also earned a rating of Outstanding at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

AHS Jazz Ensemble under Gene Williams won first division rating at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Bel Canto Chorale won Sweepstakes under Dan Hood at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Full Orchestra and String Orchestra conducted by James Edwards won first division ratings at Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Symphony Orchestra under James Edwards received Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Seven musical Sandies went to **All-State**: three performed in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, two played in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, one played French horn in the **All-State** Concert Band, and one sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Sandie Jazz Band earned superior rating, allowing them to walk away with overall outstanding stage performance honors at Texas Tech Jazz Band Festival.

Teacher of the Year award began at AHS with the nomination of Gary Biggers for AHS. He won TOY at AHS, AISD, and Regional Teacher of the Year.

AHS competed in its first Science Bowl.

Theater production of Shakespeare's *A Comedy of Errors* featured the tallest set ever at 23 feet high.

Boys' Track team had eight Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Joe T. took first place in Business Professionals of America Computer Assistant Contest at **State** and advanced to national contest.

AHS Speech team placed first in sweepstakes at Dumas Invitational Speech tournament.

Ten foreign exchange students joined the student body. AHS was the first school in the **State of Texas** to host American Field Service students.

Nineteen teachers at AHS were AHS graduates!

90-1991

AHS produced the **State Teacher of the Year**, Mary McFarland.

The AHS Queen Coronation and the position of AHS Queen ended due to expense and lack of student support. Homecoming Queen continued on a more modest scale.

Ryan G. became first male runner for Amarillo in top ten at **State**.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Judge Morris L. Overstreet 1968, Catherine Owen Monning Winsett 1940.

The All-School musical was *Oklahoma!*

One act play was *Hamlet E. S. P.*

National Forensic League honored AHS Speech with a Regional Sweepstakes Award. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum curator Michael Grauer and AHS humanities teacher Gary Biggers organized the first presentation of thirty-eight works from the AHS art collection in an exhibit from February through April at the PPHM, entitled *A Lasting Legacy: American Paintings from the Amarillo High School Art Collection*. That was also the title on a catalogue that was sold at the museum to accompany the exhibit. The catalog content was researched and written by twelve students in the humanities class. At the exhibit opening, all twelve were excited to see they were named as published authors. In the February issue of *Southwest Art*, Michael Grauer's article "Deck the Halls . . ." began with the lead, "A visionary school principal made art an immediate experience for Panhandle students."

AHS had two teams qualify for TCEA State Final in programming—Computer Club.

AHS Sandie Band marched in Tri-State Fair Parade, Red Ribbon March, an anti-drug rally, and most importantly, the Inaugural Parade for Governor Ann Richards.

The Golden Sandie Band under James Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. It also won a rating of Outstanding at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

AHS Concert Band under Gene Williams received first division in concert and second division in sight-reading at U. I. L.

Two out of five choirs under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Full Orchestra under James Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Orchestra received a rating of Outstanding at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Four musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played in the **All-State** Concert Band, one played in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, one played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, and one sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Boys' Golf won District 3-5A Championship.

Boys' Track team had twelve Sandies qualify for Regionals.

91-1992

Sandie Football team went to **State** semifinals.

Academic Decathlon returned to AHS under sponsors Karen Abbott and JoAnn Grantham.

U. I. L. adopted soccer to sponsor.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Dr. Allen Early 1936, Jack K. Hill 1941.

Ryan G. placed 11th in the state Cross Country meet in Georgetown, TX (his 4th State meet in four years).

Boys' Track team had thirteen Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Texas Junior Statesmen of America began with its focus on democracy (sponsored by Cathey Kelly).

Boys' Basketball won district and bi-district but lost in Area game.

The All-School musical was *Music Man*.

Theatre class presented *A Christmas Carol*.

National Forensic League honored AHS Speech with a Regional Sweepstakes Award.

National Forensic League presented AHS a **National Award for Excellence in Speech** for 1985-1992.

Canned Food Drive collected more than 15,000 cans for those in need.

Two Sandies won **State** recognition at DECA Career Competition in Austin.

Stacie S. won the **State Championship** in prose reading.

Three Sandies achieved **National Merit Finalist** status.

Girls' Golf team placed first out of sixteen teams in Big Spring Invitational.

Odyssey of the Mind team advanced to **State** competition.

A VICA student advanced to Nashville for nationals; he placed first in Major Appliance Repair.

92-1993

The Golden Sandie Band under James Edwards received Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition. The Non-varsity Concert Band received first division in concert and second division in sight-reading.

Six musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two performed in **All-State** Symphony Orchestra and four vocalists performed in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Three out of five choirs under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Bel Canto Chorale was chosen as one of two choirs in the USA to sing at the Music Educators **National Conference in New Orleans**. Thirty-two choir members made it into All-Region Choir, fifteen for All-Area, and four for **All-State** Choir.

AISD set up clusters for each high school area.

Golf and Girls' Volleyball went to **State** playoffs.

Larry Dippel, AHS head football coach, received the **Tom Landry Award** from the **Texas High School Football Hall of Fame**.

Golden Sandie Football won Bi-District and Regional Quarterfinals.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Bill Cormack 1952, Dr. Ann Cunningham Grandjean 1958.

Local churches sponsored baccalaureate; schools did not.

Boys' Basketball placed third in district and lost in bi-district.

A new class on Digital Graphics/Animation on computers became so popular that in 2001 a second year was added called Electronic Media. Both became very popular under Denise Olson's instruction.

Six marketing education students advanced to **State**.

Sandie Steppers received First Division honors at competition in Arlington—the first competition for the team.

AHS Wrestling team had undefeated season, most successful season in twelve years, and sent five wrestlers to **State** competition.

Lady Sandies completed basketball season with record of 35-1 taking **State Championship** by storm.

AnnaLisa N. received **National Merit Scholarship**.

Twenty-one Sandies advanced to **State** in Industrial Technology.

Theatre performed *A Christmas Carol*.

The one act play was *Watch on the Rhine*, the district winner which advanced to Regionals.

The Golden Sandie Band under the direction of Don Hanna received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading.

Three out of six choirs under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Seven musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two string players joined the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra and five vocalists sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Full Orchestra under Don Hanna won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

AHS Band and Orchestra competed at American Classic Bluebonnet Music Festival in San Antonio: Symphonic band received superior rating; Concert band received excellent rating; the Orchestra was named Outstanding 5A Full Orchestra with a superior rating.

Bel Canto Chorale received the award for Outstanding Performance at the Bluebonnet Classic and an award for Outstanding Choir 5A.

Sandie Tennis team won first place at Big Spring Boosters Tourney.

Boys' Track team had nine Sandies qualify for Regionals; AHS track team dashed to **State** competition.

Girls' Basketball won **State Championship!**

Football team came within one game of **State Championship**.

93-1994

Girls' Volleyball came within one game of **State** title.
 AHS Girls won Amarillo Girls' Relays Golf Championship.
 Boys' Wrestling team earned first in the Texas Panhandle District 5 Tournament of Champions.
 Boys' Soccer team and Girls' Soccer team won District 4 Championships.
 Eldon Jackson Memorial Award was given to AHS Wrestling Team under Coach Larry Gehring.
 Bobby Woodruff became AHS principal.
 Coach Barreras took over Boys' Basketball.
 Lady Sandies took **5A State** volleyball **Championship**—*USA Today* ranked team 11th in nation.
 Their season record was 37-0.
 AHS hosted **State**-wide Latin convention/competition.
 The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Shirley F. Fancher 1951, Major General Everett Selden Simpson 1932.
 National Forensic League honored AHS Speech with a Regional Sweepstakes Award.
 The Amarillo Area Center for Advanced Learning, a magnet school, provided students from the high schools a pull-out program for learning opportunities not located in the regular high schools.
 Musical was *Bye Bye Birdie*.
 One act play was *The Wayside Motor Inn* and it advanced to Regionals.
 The Golden Sandie Band under Don Hanna received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading.
 AHS Concert Band under Joey Toler participated in the Cavalcade of Music at Colorado Springs.
 Three out of five choirs under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.
 Treble Choir won first division under Joel Shakelford at U. I. L. competition.
 Full Orchestra under Don Hanna won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.
 Five musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, two played in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, and two sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.
 Sandie football team put up its first undefeated season since 1940.
 AHS Speech team sent four Sandies to **State** where they won Second Grand Sweepstakes.
 Three Sandies were selected for **All-State** Choir.
 DECA students from AHS won district with 14 first place winners (first time an Amarillo school has ever won first place). Fifteen Sandie DECA students advanced to **State** competition.
 Two Odyssey of the Mind teams from AHS went to state meet in San Antonio. The Set It Free team won bronze and mini-Terrain-Vehicle team won gold medal.
 Boys' Track team had twelve Sandies qualify for Regionals.
 Girls' Basketball team won **State Championship!**
 Boys' Golf won the U. I. L. Regional Golf Championship!

94-1995
 Daniel Coward took over as principal at AHS as Bobby Woodruff retired as principal.
 Girls' Volleyball team record was 33-1; they lost in regionals. Their two-year record was 70-1.
 Gymnasts Robin T. and Byron S. performed at **National** competition in Tennessee earning ratings which advanced them to competition in Japan.
 Musical this year was *South Pacific*.
 One act play under Lynae Jacob was *Passing Through*, which advanced to area as the winning play.
 The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Louise Daniel 1949, Dr. Robert D. Leachman 1927.
 AHS cross examination debate team earned entry to **State** contest.
 AHS Jazz Band won first place at Texas Tech Jazz Festival.

The Golden Sandie Band under the direction of Roger Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading.

Golden Sandie Band marched in George Bush's inaugural parade in Austin.

Three out of five choirs under Dan Hood won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Three musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two performed in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra and one sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

AHS won Outstanding Men's Choir 5A at the Bayou Classic in New Orleans under assistant Susan Hinrichs.

Symphony Orchestra under Roger Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Travis H. won Tops in Texas for his sports column at the Interscholastic League Press Conference in Austin.

Thirteen speech students qualified for **Texas Forensics Association State Meet**.

Steppers performed at both the **Orange Bowl** in New Orleans and the **Alamo Bowl** in San Antonio.

Boys' Track team had seven Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Boys' Golf team (Ryan Palmer) won district and regional to advance to **State** tournament for first time in twenty-five years.

Girls' Golf team won Regional Championship!

95-1996

Musical was *Annie Get Your Gun*.

One act contest play was *The Imaginary Invalid*.

Boys' Basketball placed second in district but won bi-district only to lose in Area game.

AHS Odyssey of the mind team placed first in regional and continued to the **State** competition.

AHS Speech team won sixth place in the **State** TFA Top Ten Tournament.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Myrle Greathouse 1941, Richard Ware II 1964.

Four Sandie swimmers advanced to State meet.

Boys' Track team had seven Sandies qualify for Regionals.

The Golden Sandie Band under Roger Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Chris Wurtz received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading. The Sandie Band also won first place in the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Three of the four choirs received first division ratings in concert under Dan Hood at U. I. L. competition.

Bel Canto Chorale won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition under the direction of assistant Susan Hinrichs.

Symphony Orchestra under Roger Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Six musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played in the **All-State** Concert Band, one played in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, one played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, and three sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

AHS added varsity soccer as a U. I. L. sport with Jack Looney as the first coach. The Boys' Soccer team won District Championship and advanced to the 5A Area Round.

96-1997

Girls' Volleyball takes second in **State**.

Musical was *Once Upon a Mattress*.

One act play was *The Illusion*.

Boys' Basketball won district and Area Champs but lost in Regional Quarterfinals.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Gilbert "Gib" Ford 1950, Peggy Rittenberry Lynch 1958.

Three Sandie Steppers joined the All-Star Team to dance in halftime show at **Orange Bowl**.

AHS Engineering Team competed at **State** competition at Texas A&M and won award of “most robust robot.”

Seven Sandies earned places of honor as **National Merit Scholars**.

AHS Computer team advanced to **State** competition.

Steve A. was accepted by the Naval Academy. Jenny H. was appointed to the Air Force Academy. Aaron M. was appointed to West Point.

Two Sandies scored 4 (highest rating) at **State** level Visual Art Scholastic Event.

Five Sandies went to **National** competition of National Forensic League.

Golden Sandie Band under the direction of Roger Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Chris Wurtz received second division in concert and first division in sight-reading. The Sandie Band also won first place at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Two out of five choirs won Sweepstakes under Dan Hood at U. I. L. competition.

Bel Canto Chorale won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition under the direction of assistant Susan Hinrichs.

Symphony Orchestra under Roger Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Ten musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two played in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, one played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, and seven sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Bel Canto competed in the Big “D” Classic in Dallas, receiving the Outstanding Performance award and the Outstanding Women’s Choir award.

Two Sandies were top winners in the Regional Science Fair and moved on to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Louisville, KY.

AHS won the honor from TFA as a Top Ten High School.

National Forensic League presented AHS a National Award for Excellence in Speech for 1983-1997.

Boys’ Track team had three Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Boys’ Soccer was runner-up in District play and advanced to the 5A Area Round.

97-1998

Golden Sandie Football won Bi-District.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Carol Hamilton Nicklaus 1952, Pauline Durrett Robertson 1939.

The Golden Sandie Band under Roger Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. Non-varsity Concert Band under Chris Wurtz received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Amarillo Symphonic Band participated in the Cavalcade of Music at Colorado Springs, CO.

The Sandie Band under Roger Edwards won the Amarillo Downtown Lion’s Club Trophy for Best Large High School Band in the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Seven musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, two performed in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, three performed in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, and one sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Three out of five choirs under Susan Hinrichs won first division ratings in concert at U. I. L. competition. One choir under assistant Carolyn Terrell won Sweepstakes at U. I. L.

Sandie Band advanced to **State** competition for first time; they finished 25th. However, they took first place at the Frenship Winterguard Show.

Symphony Orchestra under Roger Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Speech team won sweepstakes out of thirty-eight schools and also won sweepstakes at Lubbock Coronado against twenty-one other teams.

Boys’ Basketball won district but lost in Area.

David P. received advanced placement credit at Texas Tech in art for both beginning drawing and introduction to design.

Musical was *Little Shop of Horrors*.

One act play was *Comes a Day*.

Four Sandies won in Area Competition in Art and their work advanced to **State** event at UT Arlington.

Oprah Winfrey moved her TV production to Amarillo Little Theatre while her trial involving Texas Cattlemen suit was litigated and, as they say, Oprah won!

AHS had four Sandies become **National Merit Scholars**.

Boys' Track team had three Sandies to qualify for Regionals.

Girls' Cross Country team won **State Championship!**

Boys' Soccer came in fourth in District but lost the third place play-off. Coach Looney left.

98-1999

Sandies returned to find a new Freshman wing added onto the building.

Golden Sandie Football earned Bi-District and Area Championships.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted one more alumnus: Dr. Terry Hargrave 1975.

AHS Orchestra under Roger Edwards was judged best in Texas as **Full Honor Orchestra**, honored by TMEA in San Antonio, also recommended as one of four orchestras to travel to Chicago to perform for a series of conductors at the Midwest International Clinic.

The Golden Sandie Band under Roger Edwards and Chris Wurtz received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Chris Wurtz received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading at U. I. L.

The Sandie Band won first place at the Frenship Winterguard Show and advanced to **State** competition for first time.

Bel Canto Chorale was chosen as Overall Outstanding Choir in the Four Corner Showcase in Durango.

Three out of four choirs under Susan Hinrichs won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Symphony Orchestra under Roger Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Ten musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played in the **All-State** 5A Symphonic Band, two played in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, four performed in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, one sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir, and one sang in the **All-State** Treble Choir.

Boys' Basketball won district but lost in Area.

AHS Mock Trial team won first place in Region XVI.

AHS Speech team had one **NFL** qualifier.

The cheerleading squad from AHS competed at **Nationals** for the first time ever.

Six Sandies earned Commended Scholars status on PSAT.

Steppers competed against five other teams in San Antonio at Six Flags and won Grand Champions honor.

Musical was *Pajama Game*.

One Act Play was *Blue Collar Blues*, the district's winning play.

Nine Sandies made Athletic **All-State** teams; two Sandies made Academic **All-State** team.

Four Sandie artists competed at Texas Art Education Association **State** Art Competition.

Three received the highest grade of 4. David P.'s oil painting was selected to be shown at next year's state convention in Houston.

Thirteen Sandies competed and placed at the Panhandle Technology Education Association's annual regional competition. All competed at **State** level as well.

Boys' Track team had five Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Girls' Cross Country won **State Championship!**

Girls' Volleyball team won third **5A State Championship!**

Boys' Soccer under Coach Steve McBride won District Championship and continued to 5A Area Round.

99-2000

AHS hosted State-wide Latin convention/competition again.

Golden Sandie Football won Area championship!

The musical was *Bye Bye Birdie*.

One act play was *A Far Country*.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Rick Husband, Lt Col, USAF, NASA Astronaut 1975, Major Jon W. Shelburne, USMC 1981.

The Golden Sandie Band under Roger Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Freshman Band under Kelly Mowrey received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Out of seven choirs, one made Sweepstakes and four received first division ratings in concert at U. I. L. competition. Sandie Belles under Carolyn Terrell won first division rating at U. I. L. competition.

Sandie Cheerleaders earned the Universal Cheerleader Association Leadership Award.

Nine musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two played in the **All-State** 5A Concert Band, one played in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, two played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, two played in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, one sang in the **All-State** Treble Choir, and one sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Symphony Orchestra under Roger Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

At the Anaheim Festival AHS instrumentalists won four first places—Concert Band II, Concert Band III, Honor Band, and Symphony Orchestra. AHS also won the Sweepstakes Instrumental Award.

AHS Girls' Basketball team won first place in the Polk-Key City Girls' Basketball Classic at Hardin-Simmons U. in Abilene.

National Forensic League honored AHS Speech with a Regional Sweepstakes Award.

AHS Speech team had one **NFL** qualifier.

Junior Varsity Boys won Division I Champions at Lubbock Invitational Track and Field.

Boys' Track team had nine Sandies to qualify for Regionals.

Boys' Wrestling team earned first in the Texas Panhandle District 5 Tournament of Champions.

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and continued to 5A Area Round under Coach McBride.

Girls' Soccer won District 3-5A Championship.

00-2001

Doug Loomis was named principal of AHS.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Ben Sargent 1966, Patsy Roberts Walker 1957.

Boys' Basketball got a new coach, Coach Smith, and a new coach for Wrestling, Gregg Clear.

Girls' Volleyball team won fourth **5A State Championship!**

Girls' Basketball team won first place in the Polk-Key City Girls' Basketball Classic at Hardin-Simmons U. in Abilene.

Boys' Track team had thirteen Sandies to qualify for Regionals.

Trackster Shane M. of AHS won **State Championship** in discus competition.

International Baccalaureate Programme began developing opportunities for high achieving students to earn a diploma recognized internationally.

One act play this year was *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The school musical was *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. A pit orchestra conducted by Craig Needham, vocal training by Susan Hinrichs and Carolyn Terrell, and theatrics by Jackie Selman produced a most lively musical.

Sandie Band achieved the longest standing record of twenty-nine years of ones (the highest score possible) at U. I. L Regional marching competition.

Under the direction of Roger Edwards, the Sandie Band received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Sean Vokes received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading. The Freshman Band under Kelly Mowrey received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Four out of six choirs under Susan Hinrichs won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Symphony Orchestra under Craig Needham won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Eight musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played in the **All-State** 5A Symphonic Band, two performed in the **All-State** 5A Concert Band, two played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, one played in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, one played cello in the **All-State** String Orchestra, and one sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Seven Sandies headed to **DECA Marketing National Competition** in Anaheim, CA. One Sandie competed also in Entrepreneur Written Event held at the same time.

Two groups of Sandies competed at WTA&MU against twenty-three other teams and came in 6th in their first Regional Science Bowl competition.

AHS Speech team had one NFL qualifier who won quarterfinals in debate at nationals.

Boys' Wrestling team earned first in the Texas Panhandle District 5 Tournament of Champions.

Sandie Baseball team won Championship at Bi-District Region 1 Conf. 5A and won Championship at Area Region 1 Conf. 5A.

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and advanced to 5A Area Round.

01-2002

Varsity girls' and boys' and Junior Varsity girls' and boys' basketball teams were all named district champions.

Boys' Basketball won district and Area champs but lost in Regional Quarterfinals.

The All-School musical was *Wizard of Oz*, thanks to Susan Hinrichs, Carolyn Terrell, Craig Needham, and Connie McKee.

One Act Play was *Joined at the Head*, the first-place winner.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Tung H. Jeong 1953, Jerry Dwain Ramsey 1951.

Texas Council for the Humanities, a State Program of the National Endowment of the Humanities, sent one of its members, Dr. Charmazel Dudt, to present a plaque for "Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities" to Gary Biggers for excellence and innovation in teaching the humanities in Texas schools.

The Golden Sandie Band under Roger Edwards and Kelly Mowrey received first division ratings on marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Sean Vokes received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading. AHS Freshman Band under Kelly Mowrey received first division in concert and second division in sight-reading.

Sandie Band under Roger Edwards received the Amarillo Downtown Lion's Club Trophy for Best Large High School Band at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Two out of three choirs under Susan Hinrichs won Sweepstakes and two out of three choirs under Shane Swenn won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Seven musical Sandies went to **All-State**: three played in the **All-State** 5A Concert Band, one played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, one played in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, and two sang in the **All-State** Treble Choir.

AHS String Orchestra and AHS Full Orchestra under Craig Needham received Superior ratings at Musicfest, Orlando in Disney-MGM Studios.

Symphony Orchestra and String Orchestra under Craig Needham won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Sandie Cheerleaders won the Universal Cheerleader Association Leadership Award. Eleven AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th), twelve received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to twelve Sandies. The **National Latin Exam** has four awards certificates depending on scores: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Maxima Cum Laude (silver medal), & Summa Cum Laude (gold medal). AHS had 34 students receive one of these certificates; the **National Myth Exam** has Corona Certificates similar to the four categories of the NLE. AHS had eleven students receive these awards. National Forensic League honored AHS Speech with a Regional Sweepstakes Award. AHS Speech team had seven NFL qualifiers and one first place at U. I. L. State competition. AHS began a video technology class, B.I.M.M., focusing on learning basic broadcasting skills. Another new class was A. P. Physics. Also, in preparation for the IB program, new pre-IB classes for core subjects entered the schedule.

Boys' Track team had thirteen qualify for Regionals.

Boys' Soccer placed third in District and advanced to 5A Area Round.

02-2003

On February 14, 2003, the school organized a memorial for Colonel Rick Douglas Husband (USAF, NASA), Commander of space shuttle Columbia STS 107, a Sandie and an astronaut. Speakers included Rod Schroder, AISD Superintendent; Dr. Terry Hargrave, High School Years; Trent Sisemore, Observations; Wes Knapp, College Reflections; David Jones, Message from the Family. Video addresses included Honorable John Smithee, Texas Representative; Honorable Mac Thornberry, U. S. Representative; and Lt. Col. Paul Lockhart, USAF.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Max Motley 1951, Phil Price 1961.

First AHS Bowling team took to the lanes.

Texas Tech recognized AHS Speech as the Top AAAAA School.

National Forensic League presented AHS a **National Award for Excellence in Speech** for 1997-2003.

AHS Speech team had seven **NFL** qualifiers.

Nine AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th), 27 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 26 Sandies. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 34 students receive awards certificates.

Six Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed at Sea World with the following results: They won four 1st Place group trophies and six solo and duet trophies. They won Outstanding Jazz Team and received a special trophy for choreography.

The All-School musical was *South Pacific*, thanks to the assistance of Shane Swenn, Susan Henrichs, Craig Needham, and theatre director Melanie Winegart.

The one act play was *Playing for Time*, a first place winner.

Four Sandies competed at U. I. L. State Contest for speech and journalism.

Boys' Basketball won district and Area Champs but lost in Regional Quarterfinals.

Musical selections from choirs were the Sandie Review.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme began offering students an opportunity to earn a diploma that is recognized world-wide for academic excellence.

Boys' Track team had ten Sandies qualify for Regionals.

The Golden Sandie Band under Roger Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Kelly Montgomery received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Four out of four choirs under Susan Hinrichs won Sweepstakes and two out of three choirs under Shane Swenn won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Symphony Orchestra and String Orchestra under Craig Needham won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Nine musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two played in the **All-State** 5A Concert Band, two played in the **All-State** 5A Symphonic Band, one performed in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, one performed in the **All-State** String Orchestra, one performed in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, one sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir, and one tenor sang in the **All-State** Tenor/Bass Choir.

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and advanced to 5A Area Round under Coach McBride. Girls' Soccer won Championship at Lubbock Invitational Soccer Tournament.

03-2004

International Forum began to provide students from different cultures opportunities to learn more about other cultures and to promote their own culture under the sponsorship of Gary Biggers, IB Coordinator.

Boys' Basketball won district but lost in Area.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Capt. Eric Bruce Das 1991, Florence Hill Gwyn 1934.

Ultimate Frisbee Club started as an unofficial AHS club with some hopes of becoming official.

In November of 2003 AHS staged Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*.

The school musical was *Annie Get Your Gun*.

The one act play was *Harvey*, a first place winner.

Five AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th), 22 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 26 Sandies. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 37 students receive awards certificates.

The Golden Sandie Band under Roger Edwards received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Roger Edwards received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Three out of three choirs under Susan Hinrichs won Sweepstakes and two out of three choirs under Shane Swenn won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Symphony Orchestra and String Orchestra under Craig Needham won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Six musical Sandies went to **All-State**: three played in the **All-State** 5A Concert Band, two tubas performed in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, and one alto sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Five Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed with the following results: The team won 1st Place High School Prop and Overall Prop; 1st Place HS Pom and Overall Pom; 1st Place Novelty and Overall Novelty; 1st Place Senior and Overall Duet; 3rd and 4th Place Senior Solos. Steppers continue to dance at basketball and football games as well as at civic organizations' meetings around town.

Boys' Track team had thirteen Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Girls' Soccer team placed second in the U. I. L. Girls' State Dual Championship.

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and advanced to 5A Regional Quarterfinal.

04-2005

Freshman cheerleader tryouts for boys and girls were held for the first time in AHS history.

Boys' Basketball tied for district then won first and Area champs but lost in Regional Quarterfinals.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Kenneth L. Atkins, Ph.D. 1955, Jim C. Doche, FAIA 1958.

The school musical was *The Phantom of the Opera*.

One Act Play was *And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson*, alternate for Area.

Dick Bivins Stadium provided players, students and parents a new state-of-the-art environment after a \$5.7 million renovation.

The **National Latin Exam** has four awards certificates depending on scores: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Maxima Cum Laude (silver medal), & Summa Cum Laude (gold medal). AHS had 33 students receive one of these awards.

Three Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Sandie Cheerleaders earned a rating of Superior from the Universal Cheerleader Association.

The Golden Sandie Band under Roger Edwards received first division ratings on marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Robert Hinds received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Two out of three choirs under Susan Hinrichs won Sweepstakes and two out of three under Shane Swenn won Sweepstakes and the third one received a first division rating in concert at U. I. L. competition.

Symphony Orchestra, String Orchestra and Third Orchestra under Craig Needham won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Eight musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two played in the **All-State** 5A Concert Band, three performed in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, two performed in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, and one sang alto in the **All-State** Women's Choir.

Seven Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed with the following result: The team won 1st Place and Best in Category in Military; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places in HS Solo; 2nd Place in Jazz; 2nd Place in Prop; 1st Place in Pom; 1st Place and Overall Duet; 2nd Place and Superior Rating in Pom; 1st Place in Hip-Hop. Additional honor was Outstanding Audience Appeal Award.

Jan Barker, the girls' volleyball coach, was awarded National Coach of the Year.

AHS Speech team had three National Forensic League (**NFL**) qualifiers.

AHS Mock Trial team made it to **State** again.

Boys' Track team had thirteen Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Sandie Baseball won first place at Lake Cities Classic and won the Cleburne Baseball Tournament Championship.

Wrestling teams won Championships in Dual Team Girls' Wrestling and Dual Team Boys' Wrestling.

Hallee G. placed first in Young Adult Female Freestyle in the **State** archery competition.

Girls' Wrestling team won the LBJ Dual **State** Tournament.

Boys' Soccer was runner-up in District and advanced to 5A Bi-District under Coach McBride.

05-2006

Paramount sign returned to its home on Polk Street.

AHS Junior Statesmen of America received national recognition through the Nationwide JSA organization. JSA joined the Texas Legion which includes Texas, its bordering states, and Colorado.

Skyward, an online program all teachers and administrators use became accessible to parents, who can see their student's schedule, grades, missed assignments, discipline problems, and health information.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Michael J. Eck, M.D., Ph.D. 1981, Mary Stack Ware 1939.

Sandie Cheerleaders received a rating of Superior from the Universal Cheerleader Association.

Twelve Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed with the following results: The team won 1st Place and Superior Rating in Novelty; 1st Place and Superior Rating in Jazz; 1st Place in Military; 2nd Place and Superior Rating in Pom; 3rd Place in Prop; 1st Place in Kick; 1st Place in Hip-Hop; High School Solo: 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th; and 1st Place High School Duet.

Boys' Basketball tied for third and lost third place tiebreaker.

The **National Latin Exam** has four awards certificates depending on scores: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Maxima Cum Laude (silver medal), & Summa Cum Laude (gold medal). AHS had 47 students receive one of these awards.

The school musical was Disney's *High School Musical*.

U. I. L. one act play was *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Ten Sandies earned the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Girls' Volleyball won fifth **5A State Championship**, ranked third in the nation!

The Golden Sandie Band under the direction of Bruce Collins received first division ratings on marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Lindsey Traughbor received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Symphony Orchestra under Diana Goad won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Eight musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two played in the **All-State** 5A Concert Band, two played in the **All-State** 5A Symphonic Band, one played in the **All-State** String Orchestra, one performed in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, one sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir, and one bass sang in the **All-State** Men's Choir.

AHS Speech team had three U. I. L. Regional qualifiers, five Texas Forensic Association (TFA) qualifiers, and one **NFL** qualifiers.

Two Sandies qualified for UIL **State** Swimming and Diving Meet.

Boys' Track team had sixteen Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and advanced to 5A Regional Quarterfinal.

Steve McBride received the honors of Coach of the Year in soccer in 2000, 2001, 2004, and 2006.

Coach Clear enhanced the Wrestling program by expanding the junior varsity team, developing the girls' team, and establishing a feeder program through the West Amarillo Wrestling Club. Over previous six years, AHS had nine **State** placers, three of which were **State Champions**. The girls' team took a third place finish at LBJ Dual Tournament in Austin. The boys' team finished in first place at the LBJ Dual Tournament in Austin and fourth place at the Carrollton Tournament.

Larry Dippel, head football coach and athletic director, retired

06-2007

Golden Sandie Football won Area Championship under new head coach Brad Thiessen.

AHS girls' volleyball won sixth **5A State Championship** and won **National Runner-Up!**

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Jim Albright 1952, H. Kipling Edenborough 1955.

The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings on marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Justin Nuckols received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Symphony Orchestra under Roger Edwards won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Four musical Sandies went to **All-State**: two played in the **All-State** 5A Concert Band and two sang in the **All-State** Men's Choir.

The one act play for contest was *The Lute Song*; it won second in district.

Coach Jason Pillion took over as Boys' Basketball coach.

The **National Latin Exam** has four awards certificates depending on scores: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Maxima Cum Laude (silver medal), & Summa Cum Laude (gold medal). AHS had 42 students receive one of these awards.

Ten Sandies achieved the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

AHS Speech team had three U. I. L. Regional qualifiers and three TFA qualifiers. AHS won the Dallas Bar Association's Texas HS Mock Trial Competition Regional Championship and advanced to **State**.

Sandie Cheerleaders received a rating of Superior from the Universal Cheerleader Association.

Twenty-one Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed with the following results: the team won 1st Place, Excellent Rating in High Kick; 1st Place, Superior Rating and Overall Best in Category in Novelty; 3rd Place, Excellent Rating in Military; 4th Place, Excellent Rating in Prop; 1st Place, Superior Rating; 1st Place, Superior Rating in Jazz; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Prop; 2nd and 3rd Place HS Solo; 2nd & 3rd HS Partners. Additional honor was Outstanding Costume Award and Outstanding Precision Award.

Boys' Basketball came in fourth in district but lost in bi-district play.

Boys' Soccer placed third in District play and advanced to 5A Bi-District under Coach McBride.

07-2008

Girls' Volleyball team won seventh **5A State Championship** and fourth in the nation!

Four wrestlers qualified for **State** meet; Quint S. won first place at **State Championship**.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Professor H. Andrew Chamblin 1987, Kenneth Kohler 1955.

Sandie Cheerleaders won a rating of Superior from the Universal Cheerleader Association. Fall production was *Annie*, thanks to the contributions of Nick Lopez, Susan Hinrichs, Shane Swenn, and theatre director Brent McFarland.

The one act play was *Her Majesty, Miss Jones*, the winning play advanced to Regionals.

Nineteen AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th), 13 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 29 Sandies. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 48 students receive awards certificates.

The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings on marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Justin Nuckols received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Bel Canto Men performed at TMEA Convention in San Antonio under Susan Hinrichs.

Bel Canto Women received Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Symphony Orchestra under Nick Lopez won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Seven musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played clarinet in the **All-State** 5A Symphonic Band, one played violin in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, two played in the **All-State** String Orchestra, one soprano sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir, and two basses sang in the **All-State** Men's Choir.

AHS Speech team had four U. I. L. Regional qualifiers (two advanced to **State**), five **TFA** qualifiers, and two **NFL** qualifiers. AHS won the Mock Trial Regional Championship and advanced to **State**.

Four Sandies were awarded the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Seventeen Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed with the following results: The team won 3rd Place, Excellent Rating in Jazz; 2nd Place, Excellent Rating in Hip-Hop; 2nd Place, Superior Rating in Military; 2nd Place, Superior Rating in Pom; 2nd Place, Excellent Rating in Novelty; 1st Place, Superior Rating HS Partners; 6th Place, Excellent Rating HS Partners; 6th and 7th Place, Excellent Rating HS Solo. Additional honor was Outstanding Spirit Award.

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and advanced to 5A Bi-District under Coach David Daily, who came to AHS in 1984 and played under Coach Gehring briefly.

AHS won the Regional Science Bowl contest and advanced to the **National** competition. AHS won the Excellence in Science award at nationals.

08-2009

Mark Webster became AHS principal as Doug Loomis took a position as Cluster director in AISD. Construction on the science wing was completed in May, providing more spacious rooms for class and labs.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Dr. Gary Garner 1948, John H. Marmaduke 1965.

Two Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

All-School musical was *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

One act play was *Edith Stein*.

Seventeen AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th), 26 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 36 Sandies. AHS received the 9th place Sweepstakes trophy at **State**. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 49 students receive awards certificates.

The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings on marching, concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. Non-varsity Concert Band under Justin Nuckols received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Symphony Orchestra under Nick Lopez won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Four Sandies went to **All-State**: two played in the **All-State** Philharmonic Orchestra, one played in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, and one bass sang in the **All-State** Men's Choir.

Twenty-two Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed with the following results: The team won 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Pom; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Jazz; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in High Kick; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Hip-Hop; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Novelty; three Excellent Rating HS Solos. Additional honor was Outstanding Costume Award.

Boys' Soccer placed fourth in District and advanced to 5A Bi-District under Coach Daily.

Boys' Varsity Track team won Big Country Relays Championship and the Boys' Track team won Hereford Invitational Varsity Boys Championship.

AHS Speech team had four U. I. L. Regional qualifiers (two advanced to **State**), four **TFA** qualifiers, and three **NFL** qualifiers. AHS won the Mock Trial Regional Championship and advanced to **State**.

09-2010

On October 1, 2009, the AHS Hall of Honor monument was put in place in the AHS Courtyard and was formally dedicated on Nov. 12, 2009, organized by the AHS Student Council.

Hall of Honor memorial received a dedication ceremony held in the Activity Center.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: James W. Ryan, M.D., D.Phil. 1953, Johnny B. "Soapy" Sudbury 1958.

Varsity Girls' Volleyball team won their eighth **5A State Championship** in San Marcos and fourth in the nation.

AHS Speech team had two U. I. L. Regional qualifiers, four **TFA** qualifiers, and three **NFL** qualifiers. AHS won the mock Trial Regional competition and advanced to **State**.

AHS Orchestra under Nick Lopez travelled to New York City, including a tour of Carnegie Hall.

The All-School musical was *Back to the 80s*.

Seven Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Sandies gained college credit for College Board Advanced Placement Exams: number of exams with a score of 3=110; score of 4=94; score of 5=64. AP Scholar Awards were not available this year.

One act play was *Is He Dead?*

Twelve AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th), 17 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 39 Sandies. AHS received the 10th place Sweepstakes trophy at **State**. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 45 students receive awards certificates.

The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings on marching, concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. Non-varsity Concert Band under Justin Nuckols received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Symphony Orchestra under Nick Lopez won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Two musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played clarinet in the **All-State** 5A Symphonic Band and one played French horn in the **All-State** 5A Concert Band.

Twenty-three Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed with the following results: The team won 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Prop; 3rd Place, Excellent Rating in High Kick; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Military; 4th Place Excellent Rating in Pom; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Hip-Hop; 2nd Place, Excellent Rating in Jazz; 1st Place, Excellent Rating and Overall Best in Category in Lyrical; 3rd Place, Excellent Rating in Novelty; 4th Place, Excellent Rating HS Partners; 5th Place, Excellent Rating HS Partners; 4th Place, Excellent Rating HS Solo; 5th Place, Excellent Rating HS Solo. Additional honors are Outstanding Costume Award for Lyrical and Outstanding Costume Award for Novelty.

The AHS Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed at Cheer and Dance/Drill Teams of America Competition in San Antonio on Saturday, April 16-17, 2010 with the following results: Group Awards: 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Hip-Hop; 2nd Place, Excellent Rating in Jazz; 2nd Place, Excellent Rating in Novelty; 1st Place, Excellent Rating and Overall Best in Category in Prop; 2nd Place, Excellent Rating in Military; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in High Kick; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Pom-pom; and Outstanding Audience Appeal Award. Individual High School—Junior Age Division produced 4th Place, Superior Rating; 6th Place, Excellent Rating; 7th Place, Excellent Rating. Individual High School—Senior Age Division: 3rd Place, Excellent Rating in Partners High School—Junior Age Division: 1st Place, Superior Rating and Overall Partner Award; 2nd Place, Superior Rating.

Amarillo Museum of Art awarded the AHS Art Collection its **Achievement in Art Medal** and staged an exhibition of the 98 works in the collection at the museum. AMoA curator, Dr. Graziella Marchicelli, brought national recognition of the collection in an article in *American Art Review* (April 2010), featuring Elmer Schofield's painting *Cornish Coast in May* (which hangs in the AHS Commons) on the cover of the magazine.

Girls' Soccer team were Regional Quarterfinal Champs!

AHS won the Regional contest and advanced to the **National** competition of Science Bowl.

10-2011

AHS's Science Bowl team won the Regional contest and advanced to the National competition. The Science Bowl team made **top sixteen** out of 110 in National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C.

AHS boys and girls bowling team finished in **top eight** at the Texas High School Bowling Club **State** Tournament in Austin.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Dr. J. Paul Matney 1967, Dr. Ted M. Nicklaus 1952.

The fall musical was *Lucky Stiff*, with assistance from Susan Hinrichs, Shane Swenn, Nick Lopez, and Brent McFarland.

One act play was *Jane Eyre*.

Boys' Basketball won district champs but lost in bi-district.

Eleven AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th), 24 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 24 Sandies. AHS received the 9th place Sweepstakes trophy at **State**. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 46 students receive awards certificates. Three Sandies received awards on the **National Myth Exam**.

Twenty-five Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed with the following results: 1st Place, Excellent Rating in High Kick; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Hip-Hop; 2nd Place, Excellent Rating in Jazz; 1st Place, Excellent Rating and Overall Best in Category in Prop; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Pom; 2nd Place, Excellent Rating in Military; 2nd Place, Excellent Rating in Novelty. Additional honor was Outstanding Audience Appeal Award.

AHS Speech team had three **TFA** qualifiers and two **NFL** qualifiers.

The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. competition. Non-varsity Concert Band under Justin Nuckols received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Symphony Orchestra under Nick Lopez won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Three Sandies went to **All-State**: one played piccolo in the **All-State** 5A Concert Band and two played violas in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra.

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and advanced to 5A Bi-District under Coach Daily.

Six Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Sandies gained college credit for College Board Advanced Placement Exams: number of exams with a score of 3=97; score of 4=90; score of 5=45. AP Scholar Awards=18; AP Scholars with Honor=10; AP Scholars with Distinction=10; National AP Scholars=1. (See chart below.)

AP Award Descriptions

Award	Criteria
AP Scholar	Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.
AP Scholar with Honor	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
AP Scholar with Distinction	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
State AP Scholar	Granted to the one male and one female student in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken.
National AP Scholar	Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

11-2012

AHS Sandstorm made it to 5A Division II Area-Round Playoffs but fell to Abilene Cooper.

Varsity Volleyball won district but lost to Arlington Heights in playoffs.

Boys' Basketball had undefeated District Championship but lost in Area.

Varsity Girls' Basketball made it well into the playoffs until it succumbed to Duncanville.

Girls' Soccer team were Region 1 and Bi-District Champions!

Boys' Soccer won Presidents Cup Midland Championship and EMS ISD X Town Shoot Out Championship.

Thirteen AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th), 18 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 26 Sandies. AHS received the 10th place Sweepstakes trophy at **State**. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 25 students receive awards certificates.

Boys' Soccer won District Champion and advanced to 5A Bi-District under Coach Daily.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Gary G. Biggers 1964, Ryan Palmer 1995.

The fall musical was *Little Women*. (AHS theater department won a Sceno Graphic award of first place for the scene design they built for the play *Little Women*.)

One act play was *Hamlet*.

Twenty-three Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed with the following results: 1st Place, Superior Rating in Jazz (McKinney, Santa Fe, San Antonio); 1st Place, Superior Rating in High Kick (SF & SA), 1st Place, Superior Rating in Pom (SF & SA); 1st Place, Superior Rating in Jazz (SF); 1st Place, Excellent Rating (SA); 1st Place, Superior Rating in Novelty (SF); 1st Place Superior Rating (SA); 1st Place, Superior Rating (SA); 3rd Place, Excellent Rating in HS Solo--Junior; 3rd Place, Superior Rating in HS Solo—Senior; 1st Place, Superior Rating Senior HS Solo, Overall

Grand Champion; 5th Place, Superior Rating HS Solo-Senior; 7th Place, Excellent Rating HS Solo; 2nd Place, Superior Rating HS Partners. Additional honors were Sweepstakes (all Superior rating) for seniors in McKenny; Sweepstakes for seniors in Santa Fe; Sweepstakes for team in Santa Fe; Outstanding Dance in San Antonio; Overall Grand Champion in Senior Jazz in San Antonio. AHS hosted the Texas Forensic Association State Speech Tournament.

AHS Speech team had two U. I. L. Regional qualifiers, three **TFA** qualifiers, and one **NFL** qualifier. The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. Non-varsity Concert Band under Scott Myers received second division in concert and first division in sight-reading.

Symphony Orchestra under Nick Lopez won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Seven Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Sandies gained college credit for College Board Advanced Placement Exams: number of exams with a score of 3=108; score of 4=102; score of 5=89. AP Scholar Awards=24; AP Scholars with Honor=8; AP Scholars with Distinction=24; National AP Scholars=4.

Sandie Band won first place at High Plains Marching Festival, Division I, at U. I. L.

Three Sandies went to **All-State**: one played viola in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra and two sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

AHS Science Bowl team won Regional contest and advanced to national competition.

District changed from 5A to 4A.

Bruce King, athletic trainer for twenty-one years, passed away September 28.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Debra Mitchell McCartt 1968, Greg Mitchell 1969.

Fall play production was *Acting Can Be Murder*.

One act play was *Girl in the Mirror*.

Varsity football team defeated El Paso Chaplin at area-playoffs but lost to Denton Guyer.

Girls' Volleyball plowed through Monterey, Chaplin, Randall, but got stumped by Aledo in the playoffs.

Junior Shaylee D. competed for USA Gymnastics in the Gymnastic Worlds Competition held in Birmingham, England, with a first in trampoline, second in Double Mini and second in tumbling.

Four wrestlers made it to U. I. L. Wrestling **State** Tournament in Austin.

Ten AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th); 19 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 30 Sandies. AHS received the 9th place Sweepstakes trophy at **State**. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 31 students receive awards certificates. Ten Sandies received awards on the **National Myth Exam**. At **National Junior Classical League Awards**, AHS received one 1st Place ribbon.

Boys' Basketball team made it well into the playoffs until Arlington Heights stopped AHS, 46-40.

Girls' Basketball won district but Lubbock Monterey ended AHS season, 51-57 in the playoffs.

Tennis team won 3A-4A District Championship.

Six Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Sandies gained college credit for College Board Advanced Placement Exams: number of exams with a score of 3=115; score of 4=94; score of 5=62. AP Scholar Awards=15; AP Scholars with Honor=4; AP Scholars with Distinction=21; National AP Scholars=3.

Two Sandies spent a week of their summer in Birmingham, Alabama, and competed at the **National** level in Student Congress.

Seven Sandies of the Mock Trial team placed first in district.

AHS Speech team had two U. I. L. Regional qualifiers, three **TFA** qualifiers, and one **NFL** qualifier.

AHS PALS raised \$14,400 in three weeks for United Way.

AHS Boys' Cross Country team won second place at Regionals and came in fifth at **State**.

12-2013

AHS sent two swimmers to **State** and won every gold medal at district.

Two Sandie Steppers represented AHS by participating in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Twenty-two Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore won 1st Place and Overall in each of the following categories at the competition staged in Amarillo: High School Kick, HS Jazz, HS Pom, HS Novelty, and HS Prop. Individual performances included ten HS Solos and four duets.

Amarillo ISD Music Department was named by the **National Music Merchants Association** as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education."

Hunter M. joined other musicians in San Antonio to perform in **All-State** Orchestra; this was his third time.

The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings on marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Scott Myers received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Symphony Orchestra under Nick Lopez won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Five musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played viola in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, two sang in the **All-State** Women's Choir, and two sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Girls' Soccer team were Area Champions and won Regional Quarterfinal Championship!

Boys' Soccer won Lovejoy Challenge Soccer Tournament—Runner-Up; won Region 1, Class 4A Boys' Area Championship, and advanced to 4A Regional Semi-Finalist under Coach Daily.

AHS's Science Bowl team won the Regional contest and advanced to the **National** competition.

13-2014

Christian F., two-time district champion, went to U. I. L Student Congress **State** Debate and placed 5th out of 408 students.

Boys' Basketball team was runner-up at **State** competition.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Dr. Richard G. "Wick" Alexander 1954, Joseph Wm. Foran 1970.

PAL S encouraged the student body to support the United Way, resulting in \$11,722.40 raised.

Girls' Volleyball team earned their ninth **5A State Championship!**

Five Latin students received awards from Texas State Junior Classical League district competition.

Eight AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th); 10 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 34 Sandies. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 25 students receive awards certificates. At **National Junior Classical League Awards**, AHS received one 2nd Place ribbon.

AHS Speech team had six U. I. L. Regional qualifiers, four **TFA** qualifiers, and one **NFL** qualifier.

AHS Mock Trial team won the Regional Championship.

Fall play production was *Spy School*.

One act play was *Digging Up the Boys*. (District winner; alternate at Area contest. Student won "Best Sound Tech" award at district contest.)

Twelve Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed in McKinney, Santa Fe, and San Antonio with the following results: 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Hip-Hop; 1st Place, Excellent Rating in Pom (SA), Best in Category Runner-up (SF); 1st Place, Superior Rating and Best in Category in Military; 2nd Place, Superior Rating HS Solo—Senior (SA), 1st Place (SF); 1st Place, Superior Rating in HS partners (SA); 3rd Place, Excellent Rating HS Solo—Senior (SA); 5th Place, Excellent Rating HS Solo—Junior (SA); 6th Place, Excellent Rating HS Solo—Junior (SA); 3rd Place, Excellent Rating HS Solo—Junior (SA), 2nd Place (SF); 4th Place, Excellent Rating HS Solo—Junior (SA); 2nd Place, Superior Rating HS Solo—Senior (SA), 1st Place (SF). Additional honors were Sweepstakes and Judge's Award (McKinney); Sportsmanship Award (San Antonio); Sweepstakes, Judge's Award, Gassie Nell Davis Award (Santa Fe).

Five Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

14-2015

Sandies gained college credit for College Board Advanced Placement Exams: number of exams with a score of 3=209; score of 4=119; score of 5=61. AP Scholar Awards=25; AP Scholars with Honor=8; AP Scholars with Distinction=14; National AP Scholars=0.

The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings on marching, concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. competition. Non-varsity Concert Band under Scott Myers received second division for concert and first division for sight-reading.

Seven out of eight AHS choirs under the direction of Carolyn Terrell made Sweepstakes at U. I. L. Bel Canto Chorale competed in the Big "D" Classic in Dallas and earned Superior ratings and performed at Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth.

Symphony Orchestra under Nick Lopez won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Four musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played trumpet in the **All-State** 5A Symphonic Band, one played viola in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, one sang alto in the **All-State** Women's Choir, and one sang bass in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Girls' Soccer team won District 5-AAAA Girls' Soccer Championship!

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and advanced to 4A Regional Semi-Finalist.

Boys' Soccer placed second in the 11th Annual Forney Jackrabbit Classic.

AHS Wrestling placed second in the THWCA **State** 4A Dual Championship!

Sandie drumline won first place in High Plains Marching Festival.

Girls' and Boys' Soccer teams joined the athletic program.

Boys' Basketball won district championship but lost in Regional semifinals.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Pattilou Puckett Dawkins 1953, Betty Jo Roller 1951.

The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading at U. I. L. Non-varsity Concert Band under Scott Myers received second division in concert and first division in sight-reading.

Sandie Honors, Concert Women, Concert Men, Sandie Chorale, Concert Men, Bel Canto Women, Bel Canto Men, and Bel Canto Chorale won U. I. L. Sweepstakes under Carolyn Terrell. Bel Canto Chorale competed in the American Classic Festival, receiving a Superior rating in Dallas under the direction of Carolyn Terrell. The Chorale also performed at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

New Sound Singers performed over 50 gigs around the community over the course of the school year.

Symphony Orchestra under Nick Lopez won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

Three musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played trumpet in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, one sang soprano in the **All-State** Mixed Choir, and one sang soprano in the **All-State** Women's Choir.

AHS Latin Club hosted the **State Latin Convention** in Amarillo.

Twenty AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th); 27 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 35 Sandies. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 30 students receive awards certificates.

Fall play production was *Anne of Green Gables*.

One act play for contest was *Blood Wedding*, alternate at district.

Ten Sandie Steppers under Anne Moore competed in Hip-Hop, Pom-Pons, Military; individual performances included three solos and one duet. The combined scores resulted in awarding the following: McKinney: Sweepstakes, Judge's Award, Best in Category. Santa Fe: Sweepstakes, Gussie Nell Davis Award, Precision Award.

AHS Speech team had one **TFA** qualifier for State in US Extemporaneous Speaking, one **NFL** qualifier went to Nationals, and three qualified for U. I. L. Regionals (one was a finalist). One

Sandie was second place winner at **State** for Texas Association of Pupil Transportation Bus Speech.

Three Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Sandies gained college credit for College Board Advanced Placement Exams: number of exams with a score of 3=252; score of 4=167; score of 5=86. AP Scholar Awards=41; AP Scholars with Honor=16; AP Scholars with Distinction=25; National AP Scholars=2.

Girls' Soccer team won Bi-District Championship!

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and advanced all the way to 6A Regional Finalist.

AHS's Science Bowl team won second place in the Regional contest.

15-2016

Amarillo ISD Music Department was named by the **National Music Merchants Association** as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education."

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Gene Shelburne 1957, Coach Johnny Stidger 1935.

AHS Orchestra received a new director, Miss Alejandra Alderete.

The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Scott Myers received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Sandie Chorale, Bel Canto Chorale, Bel Canto Women, and Bel Canto Men won U. I. L.

Sweepstakes under the direction of Carolyn Terrell. Concert Women under Lauren Smith received a division one rating in sight-reading at U. I. L. competition.

Bel Canto Chorale competed in the Big "D" Classic Festival in Dallas, receiving a Superior rating and were awarded "Best in Class," under Carolyn Terrell. They also sang at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Arlington.

New Sound Singers performed over 50 gigs around the community over the course of the school year.

The AHS choirs produced the Sandie Revue.

AHS Orchestras received Sweepstakes for Non-Varsity, Varsity, and Full Orchestra Varsity under Alejandra Alderete.

Five musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played clarinet in the **All-State** Symphonic Band, three sopranos sang in the **All-State** Women's Choir, and one bass sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir.

Fall musical production was *West Side Story*. The musical chosen to emphasize gang rivalry, *West Side Story*, was staged by Amarillo High and Tascosa students to add some 'realism' to the conflicts.

One act play was *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. (Won at district contest. Alternate at Bi-district. At district: a student won the "Best Sound Tech" award)

AHS Speech team had four U. I. L. Regional qualifiers (one became a finalist), four **TFA** qualifiers, and one **NFL** qualifier in debate. AHS won the Regional Mock Trial competition and advanced to **State**.

Eleven AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th); 17 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 34 Sandies. AHS received the 9th place Sweepstakes trophy at **State**. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 34 students receive awards certificates. Three Sandies received awards on the **National Myth Exam**. At **National Junior Classical League Awards**, AHS received one 3rd Place ribbon and two certificates.

Economics class raised money for a water well in Ethiopia through the Adera Foundation.

Students looked for communications that are electronic such as SnapChat, Twitter, and Instagram.

Boys' Basketball placed third in District but won Bi-District only to lose at Regional Quarterfinals.

Americorps students went to local elementary schools to help students with reading and study skills.

P.E.A.C.E. Club prepared peers to be encouraging and cooperating with everyone.

Science Bowl and Culinary Arts were added to the curricula.

AHS's Science Bowl team won Regional contest and advanced to the **National** competition.

Cross Country Sandie Butare R. won second place in Individual at Regionals and an individual first place at **State**.

Ten Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Sandies gained college credit for College Board Advanced Placement Exams: number of exams with a score of 3=216; score of 4=169; score of 5=93. AP Scholar Awards=60; AP Scholars with Honor=21; AP Scholars with Distinction=25; National AP Scholars=5.

Boys' Track team had nine Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and advanced to 6A Bi-District under Coach Daily.

From the speech department Malachi W. qualified for U. I. L. **State** Congress Competition.

Thirty-eight Sandie musicians qualified for Area Band, one student qualified for **All-State**

Band, and fifty-seven solo and ensemble performers qualified for **State** contests.

16-2017

AHS's Science Bowl team won Regional contest and advanced to national competition. AHS Science Bowl team competed in Washington, D. C., at **National Science Bowl**, a Jeopardy-style science competition.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Jeff Frazer 1980, Bob Sanders 1953.

Three Sandie artists advanced to **State** in the Visual Art Scholastic Event.

Sandie Steppers won sweepstakes, best in category for all three dances, a special judges award, and a Circle of Championship award, which entitled the girls to perform in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade or the Citrus Bowl Halftime.

Twelve AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th); 16 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 37 Sandies. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 34 students receive awards certificates. At **National Junior Classical League Awards**, AHS received one 1st Place ribbon and one certificate.

Boys' Basketball won district but lost in Regional Quarterfinals.

Fall play production was *The Election Day*.

One act play was *Dark Road*. (Won at District, Bi-District, and Area. Took 45th place at Regionals.

District awards: Best Actress, one **All-Star** cast award, one Honorable Mention, **All-Star** Cast award, Best lighting Tech. Bi-District awards: one **All-Star** cast; One Honorable Mention, **All-Star** cast. Area awards: two **All-Star** cast awards; one Honorable Mention, **All-Star** cast; Best Sound Tech)

Girls' Volleyball team won their tenth **5A State Volleyball Championship**. Jan Barker was awarded the 2016 American Volleyball Coaches Assn. High School Co-Coach of the Year, was inducted into the **Texas Girls Coaches Assn. Hall of Fame**, was 178th inductee in the **Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame**, and named **2017 Amarillo Woman of the Year**.

Girls' Basketball advanced to playoffs.

Three Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Sandies gained college credit for College Board Advanced Placement Exams: number of exams with a score of 3=289; score of 4=216; score of 5=96. AP Scholar Awards=67; AP Scholars with Honor=28; AP Scholars with Distinction=44; National AP Scholars=11.

Four Sandie swimmers advanced to **State** meet.

Boys' Track team had ten Sandies qualify for Regionals.

Trackster Butare R. ran the 800 in 1:53:27 and the 3200 in 9:20.83 to become a **State Champion** in both races.

The Golden Sandie Band under Bruce and Julie Collins received first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. Non-varsity Concert Band under Bruce Collins received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Seven musical Sandies went to **All-State**: one played clarinet and one played trumpet in the **All-State** 5A Symphonic Band, one played violin in the **All-State** Symphony Orchestra, one soprano sang in the **All-State** Mixed Choir, one alto sang in the **All-State** Treble Choir, and two guys sang in the **All-State** Tenor-Bass Choir.

Bel Canto Chorale was invited by Dr. Z. Randall Stroope of Oklahoma State University to sing with the OSU Concert Chorale and other choirs at the prestigious "First Lady of OSU" Concert, hosted by the wife of the President of OSU.

Three choirs made Sweepstakes and three choirs received first division ratings.

Choir students created several acts for the Sandie Revue.

AHS Choir under Carolyn Terrell won first place and "Best in Class" Non-Varsity Mixed Choir at the Greater Southwest Music Festival.

Bel Canto Chorale travelled to DFW to sing and serve at Mission Arlington and sang at Rosen Heights Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

New Sound Singers performed over 50 gigs around the community over the course of the year.

Amarillo High School Band, Choir, and Orchestra earned Sweepstakes in UIL Concert and Sight-reading; congratulations to Bruce and Julie Collins, Carolyn Terrell, and Alejandra Alderete.

AHS Jazz Band under Scott Myers won first place in Greater Southwest Music Festival.

AHS Speech team had four U. I. L. Regional qualifiers (one 4-year champion), five **TFA** qualifiers (one won seventh at State in Prose), and five **NFL** qualifiers. Two AHS students qualified for **State** competition for Texas Association of Pupil Transportation Bus Speech. AHS Mock Trial team won Regionals and advanced to **State**.

Mellessa Denny, AHS speech teacher, won the **U. I. L. Sponsor Excellence Award**.

AHS Tennis team went to **State** competition but settled for runner up status.

Boys' Soccer won District Championship and advanced to 5A Area Round.

David Daily received honors as **Coach of the Year** in soccer in 2008, 2011, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

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Amarillo students began a new year ranked in one of the top 10 school districts in the nation for high achievement among low-income students; more than two thirds of the district's 33,000 students fall into this category. The Education Equality Index looked at data from 55,000 schools in forty-five states and determined the Amarillo ISD students ranked sixth in the nation. Mr. David Vincent became principal at AHS.

The AHS Hall of Fame inducted two more alumni: Major Nathan William Anderson 1998, Dr. Bo Brock, DVM 1982.

In the September issue of *Texas Highways* magazine, E. Dan Klepper's article entitled "Hallway Inspiration: The Amarillo High School Art Collection" made AHS a destination visit for many people from around the state who wanted to tour the collection." The article closed with a quotation from an AHS junior artist about his view of the art collection in his school: "Any time I need inspiration I can come here and find it."

Girls' Basketball team won 5A **State Championship!**

Boys' Basketball won district but lost in Regional Finals.

Jan Barker was awarded the Amarillo Women's Network Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mrs. Alejandra Attebury continued direction of the AHS Orchestra. All four orchestras from AHS (Varsity Full Orchestra, Varsity Chamber Orchestra, Sub Non-Varsity Philharmonic Orchestra, and Non-Varsity Camerata Orchestra) won Sweepstakes at U. I. L. competition.

The Golden Sandie Band extended its streak of first divisions in U. I. L. marching contest to forty-six. Under the direction of Bruce and Julie Collins the band received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading also at U. I. L. Non-varsity Concert Band under Scott Myers received first division ratings in concert and sight-reading.

Bel Canto Chorale sang at the historical Cathedral Guadalupe in Dallas and at Mission Arlington. New Sound Singers performed over 50 gigs around the community over the course of the year. Seven out of seven choirs earned Sweepstakes at U. I. L. contest.

AHS Sandie Band had fifty Sandies selected for All-Region Band at Randall High School.

Ten Sandie musicians advanced to **All-State** Choir (4), Orchestra (1) and Band (5). Two other Sandies were alternates.

AHS Jazz Band won Best in Class at the Greater Southwest Music Festival. The Amarillo Symphony absorbed the Greater Southwest Music Festival on July 1 to continue the competition which draws over eight thousand young musicians.

AHS Swim Team sent record number of swimmers to Regionals in Lubbock; five swimmers advanced to State Meet.

At Showtime International competition the Sandie Steppers under Rebecca Harwell won Sweepstakes, Judge's Award, Best in Class for their pom routine.

At American Dance and Drill competition the Sandie Steppers under Rebecca Harwell earned a Double Division 1 rating, runner-up for Best in Class, and three dancers placed for their solos. One dancer earned 1st Place in her solo division and two dancers tied for 1st runner-up in the same division.

Two AHS wrestlers advanced to **State** Meet.

Numerous AHS art students received awards and scholarships at the Texas Panhandle Student Art Show at the Amarillo Museum of Art. Since 2010, twenty Sandies received "Best of Show" awards.

Amarillo High Theater Company under Brent McFarland produced and performed *Our Town*. One act contest play was *The Dark Tower*. (Won at Zone and made alternate at district. Zone Awards: One Best Actor award; three **All-Star** cast awards; two Honorable Mention, **All-Star** cast. District Awards: one **All-Star** cast; one Honorable Mention, **All-Star** cast.)

Fifty AHS band members were selected for All-Region Band held at Randall High School.

Sandie footballers advanced to playoffs.

AISD purchased the old Hastings building to convert it into a district athletic center with indoor pool, meeting rooms, and gym for wrestling meets and courts for other sports.

AHS Speech team had ten U. I. L. Regional qualifiers (six qualified for State), six **TFA** Regional qualifiers, and three **NFL** qualifiers. Grant D. won second place at State in the Texas Association of Pupil Transportation Bus Speech. AHS Mock Trial team won the Regional competition and advanced to **State**.

Boys' Soccer won third place in District play and advanced to Bi-District under Coach Daily.

AHS's Science Bowl team won third place in the Regional contest.

Tennis Men's Single won **State Championship**. Tennis team was State Runner-Up.

Track Long Jump won **State Championship**.

Baseball was one win away from making it to the **State** tournament.

Valedictorian GPA: 103.353; Salutatorian GPA: 103.113

Scholarships Granted to Sandies: Over \$6.5 million

National Merit Scholars awarded to three Sandies.

Eleven Sandies received the **International Baccalaureate Diploma**.

Sandies gained college credit for College Board Advanced Placement Exams: number of exams with a score of 3=384; score of 4=232; score of 5=141. AP Scholar Awards=87; AP Scholars with Honor=28; AP Scholars with Distinction=58; National AP Scholars=16. Twenty AHS Latin students received **State** Ribbons (1st-5th); 17 received **State** Certificates (6th-10th); **State** Pentathlon Certificates (for high scorers) went to 51 Sandies. On the **National Latin Exam** AHS had 40 students receive awards certificates. At **National Junior Classical League Awards**, AHS received one 2nd Place ribbon.

Sources: *The Cap Rock*, *The Sandstorm*, *La Airosa*, "A Brief History of Amarillo High School" by Pauline Durrett Robertson, TMEA website, and "History 101: A Timeline" in *AHS 2006 Alumni Directory* (pp. 15-24). I could not have produced this history without the cooperation and contributions of the following people for whom I am most grateful: Alejandra Attebury, Sheila Barker, Amy Burchett, Gregg Clear, Bruce and Julie Collins, David Daily, Mellessa Denny, Michaela Dodson, Kathy Fishburn, Kyle Hallett, Rebecca Harwell, Benjamin Hausen, Susan Hinrichs, Janie Irlbeck, Brent McFarland, Connie McKee, Phil Miller, Anne Moore, Cindy Moseley, Cody Myers, Denise Olson, Jason Pillion, Kay Sherwood, Carolyn Terrell, Kevin Ufford, David Vincent, Skylar Walden, and Ron Wells.