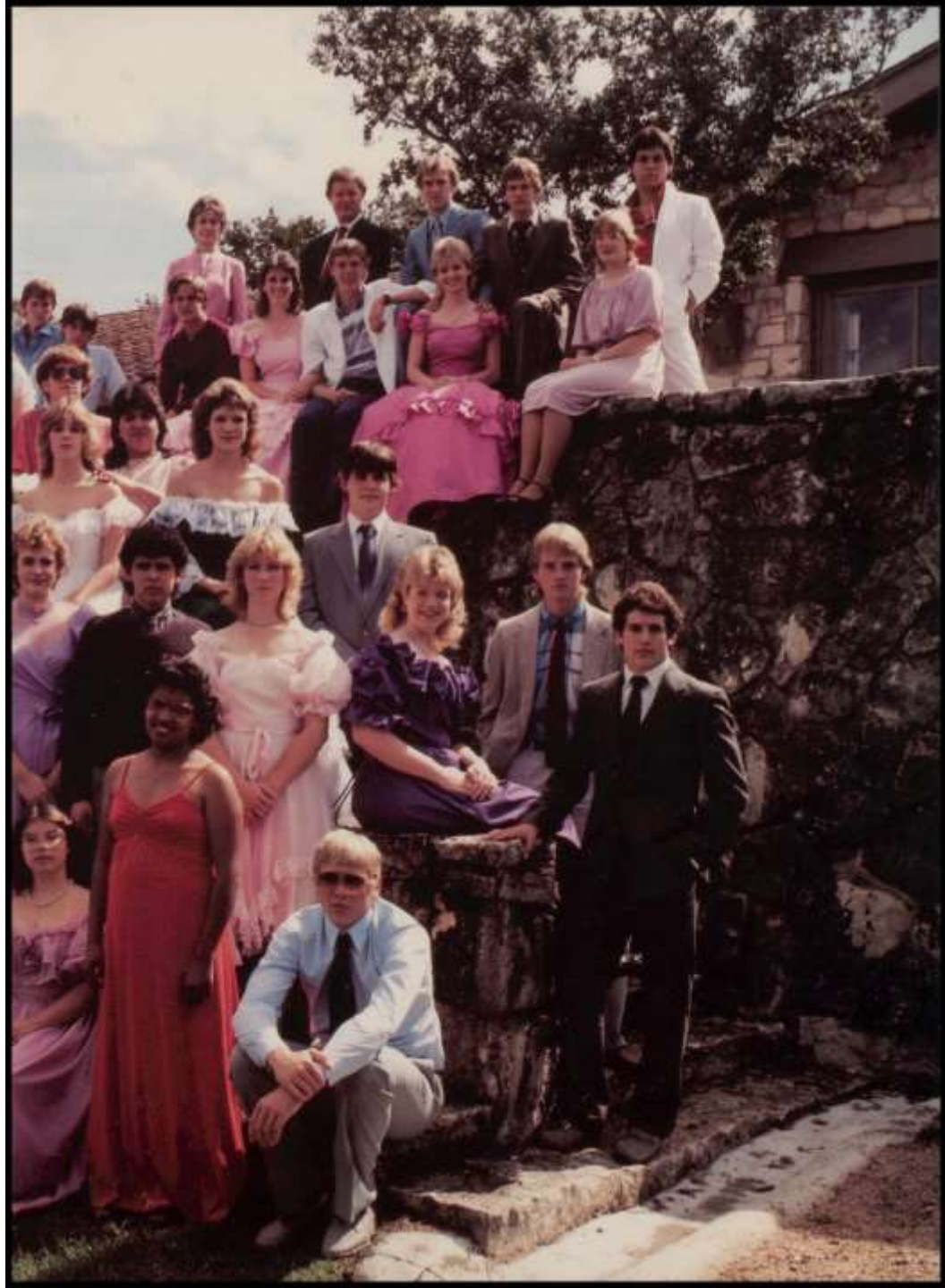


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## *Celebrating Texas Sesquicentennial*

### *150 Years of Independence*



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Taking care of the scene at Blanco High is Brian Dailey—Faculty and Sesquicentennial (front), Kenneth Hostetler—Deans Club, Band, FFA, and Art Club (top left), Amy Smith—Cheerleaders, drill team, NHS, TAGs, and UIL, and Richard Jones—Prom, FFA, Senior Officers/Best All-Around.

## Annual and Chat Staff report news during this Sesquicentennial year



### Annual Staff

**Rights:** Never letting a dull moment pass by at school is Daryl Friedrich—Football and Basketball, Randall Hassberry—Seniors/Trip, Track, Laura Treiber—Annual Staff, Student Council, Literary UIL, and Basketball (top left), and Deana Burdick—Seniors and Elementary.



**Bill Spurgin**—Advisor for the Annual and Panther Chat, **LeeAnn Blythe**—Ads, and **Debbie Brockway**—Ads and Seniors, are responsible for financing and seeing that the publication deadlines are met.



Keeping up with the school activities are Stephen Weaver—Juniors, Jr. High sports, and Tennis (front), Judy Strickland—Seniors, School Board, Superintendent, and Principals (2nd row left), Patsy Uhallo—Freshmen, Homecoming and Elementary, and Sandy Sauceda—Sophomores, Volleyball, and Elementary (top).



### Chat Staff making waves

Catching all the news and events during this Sesquicentennial year is the goal of the Annual and Chat Staff. The people pictured on these pages are the ones responsible for this yearbook and the monthly **Panther Chat**.

The **Panther Chat** is a monthly newspaper put together by the Chat Staff and published in the Blanco County News. It includes what has been happening, what has been achieved the previous month and events that will take place in the upcoming month. It informs students and interested citizens of what is going on at Blanco I.S.D.

Yearbooks are treasured in later years and the 1986 **Panther** is intent on recording everything that happens during this Sesquicentennial year.

The journalism class (Annual and Chat Staff), does the activity shots in the yearbook and newspaper. Photography is shared by most of the class, but some students have developed outstanding talent either in the darkroom, or taking photographs.

Monies that are raised to finance the publication come from the sale of the yearbook (\$13.00), picture sales, advertising, and "Computer Fun" matching sheets. So far the staff has been able to keep the yearbook cost down and the **Chat** free to all students.

A big "Thanks" goes to the advertisers and the Blanco Printing Co. who made it possible to publish this annual and monthly newspaper.

The Staff hopes that you enjoy this publication and consider it one of the best yet to come. A lot of time and effort was put into this annual, but it was all worth it once it was done.

# Texans celebrate 150 years of individuality

The seniors of '86 not only have the memory of the appearance of Haley's Comet on the year they graduate, they also have the memory of Texas celebrating its 150th Birthday.

The whole state of Texas joined in celebrating Texas' Sesquicentennial, with such events as Austin's fireworks show and Houston's laser building show.

Another way a group of proud Texans celebrated the 150th birthday of Texas was by taking a 6 month caravan of over 100 covered wagons from South Texas to El Paso and ending up in Fort Worth.

The wagon train rolled through Blanco on March 4. Over 1000 people gathered on Main Street to witness this once in a lifetime event.

Blanco Elementary really took part in celebrating Texas' Sesquicentennial. From grades K-8, the students took part in all kinds of projects such as drawing pictures and writing stories. Some of the students constructed their own covered wagons, which were displayed in the merchants' windows downtown. Six of these wagons were selected to be put on display at SWTSU.

Not only were the students involved in the elementary Sesquicentennial tribute, but parent volunteers also joined in the celebration. A six-week Sesquicentennial workshop was organized by Mary Kay Nuusbaum. Mrs. Nuusbaum would hold her workshop one day each week for grades 1 thru 3.

San Jacinto day has always been a neglected holiday. This April 21 took on special meaning because schools all over Texas took a holiday as did most banks and state government offices. The way to impress the importance of the defeat of Santa Anna's Mexican army, which gave us our independence from Mexico, is to give Texas a holiday.

The sadness of the space shuttle (Challenger), the shock of the terrorist's attacks and the fear of Russia's melt down have plagued Texans in 1986. Texans did not let these events disturb the celebration of Texas being 150 years old.

**Top Right:** Elementary prepared for the Sesquicentennial wagon train many weeks before it arrived. The second grade produced a newspaper, but for the wagon train they produced a double issue. Students from various grades wrote stories about wagons and their trek across the west. 2nd grader, Lebi Pepper presented the leather covered look to the wagon train while the train stopped on the square. Kay Smith, coordinator for Sesquicentennial events in Blanco, was extremely proud that the students were involved in the historical event.

**Right:** 2nd grader, Justin Triech was one of the many second graders who made wagons to celebrate Sesquicentennial. He definitely stuck out because of its size; his imagination was almost life-size.



As part of their celebration of the sesquicentennial, Barbara Clayton's 1st grade planted a pecan tree (the state tree) in front of the elementary surrounded by children's drawings (see state flower). Also "planted" was a time capsule which these first graders will unearth in 1997 when they are seniors.

Having friends involved in an activity brings more excitement to any event. The "old timers" of Blanco were really excited to see Milton "Hogg" Jones and his wife Helen in the parade of wagons.



**TEXAS**  
SESQUICENTENNIAL  
1836-1986

## Officers represent seniors

**Right:** Leading the Senior Class through a great year were President Daryl Friedrich (front), Vice President Mike Deibert (2nd row, left), and Secretary-Treasurer Angie Cooley (2nd row, right). Helping the Seniors make wise decisions through out the year were Senior sponsors Principal Charles Bailey (3rd row, left) and Counselor Nancy Budeker (3rd row, right). **Below:** Angie's natural ability to be friends with anyone around made her the natural choice for being selected as Senior Class Secretary.



Mike was sure to get all the girls' votes during the election for Senior Class Vice president. Here he is shown with his favorite girl, Jennifer Allen.



Daryl's ability to lead earned him the position as Senior Class President. One of Daryl's many activities is journalism and here his leadership ability shows through as he helps Mazy Robinson with the second grade monthly newspaper, "The Second Grade Parade."

## Paul and Mary make likable choices for BEST ALL AROUND



Chosen as BEST ALL AROUND for the '86 school year were Paul Elrod and Mary Jones. With their super personalities, athletic abilities, and intelligence these two Seniors graciously accepted this honor to represent how great the Class of '86 really is. (Left insert) Elected as President of the Student Council, Paul was sure to dress up for the Student Council sponsored Halloween dress-up day. (Right insert) Showing off her "moves" at the Valentine's dance, Mary's sparkling personality showed through as she really let the good times roll!

# Valedictorian

## West and Cooley earn

Julie Marie West, daughter of Arthur and Joan West, has attended Blanco schools for 13 years. Her younger brother Darroll, 16, is a sophomore at Blanco High.

Julie's involvement in a variety of organizations has brought her much satisfaction during her high school career.

In drama club for three years, she was a very



active member. During her junior year, she won the honor of being on the All-Star cast at area, and again her senior year at district level.

Her many activities included various UIL literary events, 4 years of drill team, 4 years of band, and 1 year of FFA.

During her 4 years, Julie served as President of the freshman class, vice president of the sophomore class, president of the junior class, and student council representative for the senior class. Her senior class also chose her as "Most Likely to Succeed."

Early in her junior year, Julie was honored by being inducted into the National Honor Society. Her participation in the society included secretary the first year, and president the second. Other



honors included 3 years of TAG+, where she was active in Academic English and humanities.

Besides her school activities, Julie enjoys swimming, writing, and photography. After graduation, she plans to enter Southwestern University at Georgetown to study corporate financing and accounting.

The class of 1986 have faith that Julie West and Darroll Friedrich will make the most of their individual talents and become **Most Likely to Succeed** after graduation.

# Salutatorian

## highest academic superiority



Angie Cooley and Mike Deibert are both known for their athletic ability and team spirit. Before an injury, Angie was an asset on the basketball team and her love for the sport kept her as manager. Mike loves the competition of football and baseball. This year, he earned Most Valuable Player for baseball. It is no wonder these two were selected as **Most Athletic**.

Angela Beth Cooley is the daughter of Floyd and Betty Cooley. She is the second of four children. Her old brother Michael is a 1983 BHS graduate. She also has a sister Paula, 15, and a brother David, 7.

Angie has participated in many activities throughout her high school years and enjoyed them

all. As a member of the Future Homemakers of America for 4 years she was elected Vice President of Projects her senior year. Angie was also elected senior student council representative and was on the scrapbook committee. In her second year in the National Honor Society, she was elected Vice President. Angie is also an active member of the Talented and Gifted and



Humanities programs.

In addition to these activities, Angie also participated in UIL Literary Events which included the production of "Antie Marne," the spelling competition, and the calculator competition. She played basketball for 3 years, in which she lettered twice and received an honorable mention in district before an injury halted her playing and she became manager.

Angie was in the top four of her class throughout high school and received many awards for her participation in and dedication to academics. She plans to attend Southwestern University in Georgetown to major in elementary education.

*Cesar Acosta  
Deana Jo Bindseil  
Lee Ann Blythe*



*Jennifer Marie Boren  
Deborah Lynn Brockway  
Christopher Wynnt Cage*



Life's been good,  
Life's been bad,

*(Whose Yule It?—Class Song)*



**Right:** Lee Ann rarely finds any spare time with her busy schedule, but when she does, she loves to party in her new Toyota Tercel SR5.



**Above:** Deana is a true believer in the Elmer Fudd philosophy, "Total concentration is the key to karate," as she karate chops an unsuspecting Chris Cage.

**Right:** "Get out of my way, Senior Trip awww!" Cesar heads for the front gates at Six Flags.



**Above:** Being still is definitely a rare occasion for Wild Man Chris Cage, usually he's jumping around, acting "crazy," and waiting for graduation day!

**Right:** "I can't believe we're finally home!" Joni sighs a breath of relief after the long ride home from the Senior trip.



**Above:** Selected as the Panther mascot for '85-'86, Debbie really showed off her spirit and cheering ability to make the Panthers strive for #1. Great job Debbie!





*EdUARdo CalAoncIt  
Julie Michele DeChert*



*Michael William DeChert  
Brian Neil Dudley*



All decked out in confetti and streamers, Jessi kicks up her heels and these some serious laughing to the fast paced beat of "Jump".



Being a very important asset to the volleyball team for all her years in JHS, Julie has received many honors for her ability and leadership.



Leadership and direction can make a team. Eddie's (left) fantastic pitching arm, Cassa's great fielding ability, and Mike's (standing) super catching gave our baseball squad the "stump" that was needed.



Above: Brian Dudley's superior playing and knowledge of the drums kept him and the rest of the band in step to giving a Friday night performance at every football game.

We have laughed, We have cried,  
(Winnipeg Daily News - Class Year)

*Paul Wayne Elrod  
Cody Reagan Engel  
Angelika Flock*



*Daryl Wayne Friedrich  
Clarence Ray Fuchs  
Harry Lee Goodridge*



**Above:** "Rain, rain go away, Little Daryl seems in play," was the nursery rhyme that the seniors were quoting on their trip to Six Flags in May. Ponchos and shags were the refuges for the hours that the buckets of rain fell faithfully, but spirits came alive those last 2 hours.

**Above right:** Paul thoroughly enjoys getting a break from the regular dress routine at school by portraying "the Four" on Halloween dress-up day.

**Right:** Give a senior a break after a late night out and they will catch up on the "e's" that they missed. Harry loved that auditorium floor if it was the least bit quiet!



Cody Engel and Debbie Brockway, long time members of the seniors of '86, were chosen by their classmates as MOST FRIENDLY. Speaking to others under all circumstances is a quality that many people do not have.



Excitement was high before the seniors entered Six Flags on their senior trip. Foreign Exchange Student Angelika Flock finds the mood of Americans somewhat different from her native Germany. She lived with the Bill Jones family.

Down the road,  
There are many tolls.  
(Flowers Talk 45—Clare Knapp)

*Randall Scott Handberry  
Cheri Alana Harwell*



*Kenneth Allan Hostetler  
Richard Lyle Jonas*



*Above: Aside from cheering our team on to victory at the football games, Kenneth gives an outstanding performance at the half-time shows revealing his talents and abilities as leader of his section.*

Everyone has some kind of personality. The '85 seniors think these two have outstanding personalities; they can up your spirits when things seem a little hard to take at the time. Laura and Randall were natural choices for **BEST PERSONALITY.**

**We need some guidance,  
But our aim is true.**  
(Wesley Tule 85—Class Song)



*Above: Students and their dates, along with the faculty, all enjoyed during the Grand March led by Superintendent and Mrs. Larry Stuchko at the prom in New Braunfels.*



*Left: When Rich is around, life is going on with "gunk!" He and his fellow classmates were ready for Six Flags, rain or shine.*

*Tyrone Waldon Jones  
Gloria Lynn Jones  
Mary Joyce Jones*



*Regina Wynne Jones  
Gonzalo Ortega Jr.  
Jason Skip Parker*

## Take your souls and Your goals to the top.

*(From Take Me—Class Song)*



**Above Right:** Hats mark some people; as long as Ty has been in school here at BHS he has always worn a hat. We know he enjoys welding in ag because he can wear a hat in class!

**Above:** Regina is a joy to have around. She is teased constantly, but loves every minute of it. Each senior will be missed after graduation, but a special spot will be gone from the everyday activities when "Tiger" is not there.

**Right:** Seniors really know how to get down and boogie. Here Brian and Kenneth show everyone how it's done.



Determination and desire get a person halfway up the ladder of success. Mary must be determined and desirous because no matter what she does, Mary is good and gives more than 100%—for All District honors in sports, being best all-around of her class, and always making good grades about her ability.

**Below:** When prom time comes, almost all the guys rent a "sharp looking" suit. Gonzalo looked sharp in his "talls" dancing to the music of Sunny Ridge.



This lively group of Juniors & Seniors had a blast at the Prom because they were with their friends Hosts & Hostesses' all night long.

*Lisa Marie Phillips  
Leslie Bernice Ritchie*



*Jose Angel Ruiz  
Javier Buño Sanchez*



Being a part of a team gives you tons of spirit. Leslie was an outstanding player who helped lead the volleyball team to their successful season.

What we get is what  
We make come true.  
(Wisdom Table 43—Class Spring)



Seniors always hold each other up in times of trouble. Friendships consist of clowning around and being serious, too. Jose looks prepared to fall as he rests above on Javier's apparently "not so serious" shoulders.



**Above:** TAGs Seniors Are: Amy Smith—English (front left), Amanda Sievin—Writing, Poetry, Literature, Angie Cooley—English, Julie West—English, Drama, Roy Strick—English (top), Chris Cagn—English, Speech, Acting, Math, Mary Jones—English, Lisa Weber—English, Drama.



**Left:** Upon their arrival at Six Flags, the seniors wanted to test in plundering off the bus and advancing towards the entrance gates.

Sandy Marie Saucedo  
Amanda Sue Slevin  
Amy Carol Smith



Judy Lynn Strickland  
Ray Edward Struck



On Halloween dress-up day, Amanda dressed up as a gypsy. It looks like a slug of her trusty "crystal" coke is helping her concentrate on someone's future.



Flowing easily into the groove of the mixer, Amy really looks like she is enjoying herself during this very odd song. For 8 years, she has been an asset to an outstanding group of "dancing potheaters."



Above: Although he is a real ho-man of the class, (towering at 6R4") Ray appears to be struggling to win the tug-of-war at the FFA-FFA Christmas party.

Above left: Assignments for Journalism are sometimes dangerous, proving that reporters go to extra lengths to "get the news." Judy looks a little uncertain about her next step as she climbs down from the roof of the school after taking her picture for Journalism.



Left: Promising everyone that she wouldn't get on any rides at Six Flags, Sandy looks like she is even considering whether or not she should step through the gates.

Together we stand  
We won't take faults

(Wisdom Tale II - Class Song)

Laura Elaine Treiber  
J. Warren Ward



Stephen Matthew Weaver  
Lisa Marie Weber



Our PTO carnival was very successful this year. Over \$6,000 was raised for various equipment here at the school. J. took looks at the senior fund raiser car smash that helped raise the funds.



Throughout her high school years Laura has played tennis and here she shows her determination to make the best of her final year in tennis. She was the MOST VALUABLE PLAYER in singles.



Earning the best four academic averages for their senior year are Lisa Weber (bottom), Angelika Fleck (left), Julie West, and Angie Conley (middle). We all hope that fine young ladies use their talents to make a better world for all. Everyone is proud of them and their ability to use their knowledge to the utmost.



Participation in a sport takes determination and practice. Stephen has played and practiced tennis all during high school. Qualifying for the regional tournament shows he was determined to make BHS a great tennis name.

Cause we're winners,  
And winners take all!

(Flowers Take All - Class Song)



## Seniors hit Six "FLOODS" in grand fashion

When the seniors heard that they could not leave for the senior trip until 11:30 Friday morning, they were all heartbroken; but when the bus arrived in front of the school, that is all it took. Harry Goodridge and Ty Jensen were so excited about getting away that they left all their luggage on the front steps of the high school.

Cody Engel, who was also very excited about going to Six Flags, left all his money in his car. Cody had friends that lent him money along the way, so his fun was not spoiled.

Off they went down the "lonely highway" with a bunch of ready faces. Some slept, but some were not going to miss the sights. They finally arrived in Arlington to find themselves lost. The bus driver asked directions twice before someone told him the correct place.

After checking in at the motel and some quick showers, they headed for Six Flags. At the gate, after being checked over, everyone went their separate ways. About three hours later, all were drenched by buckets of pouring rain. It continued to rain for about three more hours. Kenneth Hosteler and Leslie Ritchie were discouraged about all the rain, but they were "super" discouraged when they discovered they had both lost \$70 each. They believe it is in the water under the Shock Wave.

Due to all the rain, many of the rides were closed. This left the seniors with nothing to do but run from store to store and FREEZE. Once it finally quit raining around 12:30 a.m., everyone was eager to catch as many rides as possible for the hour and a half left.

Back at the motel, there were no big problems with the room situation because Miss Beckham had her eyes open all the time. Some of the seniors got food at Dairy's and this threw them in bed after 3:30. Needless to say, on the way back home, things were pretty still and quiet because most of the seniors were trying to get some shut eye.

The class thanks their sponsors—Charles Budy and Nancy Buhleker for making the trip a success. The class chose Ann Beckham and Bill Spurgis to accompany them on the trip. They helped in every way possible to make the trip a big hit with the senior class. The class of '86 says thanks to all four of them for making the trip a memorable part of their last year at BHS.



## Seniors together for last time





# Prom Night '86

## Fantastic

Honoring the class of '86, the Blasco High Prom witnessed seniors, juniors, their dates, and faculty rockin' the night away to the vibes of the Stoney Ridge Band at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Center in New Braunfels.

Greeting the guests at the door were the six servers elected by the junior class which included Jill Klepac, Nancy Smitherman, Wendy Baucher, Bruce Santa, Andy Crofts, and Rodney Preiss. A job well done was appreciated by all guests.

Starting off the prom with a spark was the GRAND MARCH lead by Superintendent and Mrs. Larry Moshake and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spurgis. This is the third year in a row the GRAND MARCH has started off the prom—probably a tradition in the making.

Contributing to the prom were five junior mothers which served the "nothing-but-the-best" food. This dedicated crew consisted of Rhonda Klepac, Len Ann White, Davis Phipps, Millie Kiernan, and Betta Martin. Many other parents helped prepare for this big event and a special thank you is in order for each and every one of them.

Prom Night '86 was fantastic and the class of '86, to which the prom was dedicated, would like to extend a special thank you to the junior class and their sponsors, Mary Nabers and Janet Mabry, for the "Best of Times."



## The Best of Times



Bates, Justin  
 Butts, Howard  
 DuBose, D. J.  
 Flannery, Lynnell  
 Givelle, Tamara



Fudge, Martha  
 Gillaspie, Eric  
 Goodridge, Amy  
 Gouhey, Jill  
 Hall, Jon



Holmes, Robert  
 Hughes, Jeff  
 Hunter, Duak  
 Jones, Kim  
 Jones, Carol

Kornat, Lisa  
 Klepac, Jennifer  
 Love, Linda  
 Mabry, Todd  
 Olson, Duane

## Juniors

# Partnership and participation are the power of the Juniors



Right: Officers and sponsors form the backbone of class organization and participation. They get the class going on projects to raise money and see that the work is done correctly. Leading the juniors are: President Kim Jones, Vice President Craig Phipps, Secretary/Treasurer Justin Bates, Sponsor Janet Mabry (top), and Sponsor Mary Nabers.

At the FFA FBA Christmas party, the junior girls pulled with all their might but were unable to defeat the senior girls.



The junior boys really participated in the dress-up day on Halloween. Their legs were not the best looking, but their fun-loving attitudes were appreciated by the entire student body.



Being a part of a team is a reward for Junior Robert Wood. Learning to work together is the ultimate goal of all sports activities, a part of total instruction.

Page, Kim  
Phippo, Craig  
Pisano, Cheryl



Ross, Tracy  
Sanchez, Yolanda  
Sanders, Kelly



Sarles, Mike  
Schaefer, Julie  
Steffens, Linda  
Voss, Billy



Vibela, Baltazar  
Weinich, Lori  
Wood, Robert

**Right: Junior TAG Students** Jill Gourley (bottom left)—English; Kim Jones—English; Craig Phippo—English; Lisa Kienzel—English; Lori Weirich—Science; Sheila Voss (top)—Leadership; D. J. Duhon—Leadership; Todd Mabry—Leadership; Yolanda Sanchez—Leadership; and Linda Love—World History, English.



### Cheryl and Baltazar elected class favorites

**Below:** One of the junior's main jobs during the year is raising money and organizing the Junior-Senior Prom. During that one night, they honor the seniors with a dinner and food. The GRAND MARCH starts the festivities off and gets everyone acquainted.



**Right:** Tracy's make-up job showed her talent at the Student Council Halloween dress-up day. She and most of her classmates enjoyed playing make believe for a day.



Class favorites are students that everybody loves to be around because they make things happen. Cheryl Pisano and Baltazar Vibela are favorites because everything starts "poppin'" when these two arrive.



Jill Gourley (bottom), Yolanda Sanchez, Craig Phippo (left), and Kim Jones have the best academic averages over all during the year. Craig, Kim, and Jill have been the Top 4 throughout their high school years. Yolanda is in her second year as Top 4.

Arissa, Cecelia  
Allen, Jennifer  
Anderson, Melissa  
Buecher, Brissa  
Calamini, Edwards  
Channon, Tammy

Caldrewy, Chanté  
Culley, Mark  
Davis, Travis  
Edge, Sherri  
Edmondson, Barry  
Ersel, Gerald



Fisher, Keith  
Fritzsche, Dawn  
Gonzales, Lulu  
Gourley, Joel  
Grossman, Carla  
Harris, Karen

Hudson, Jeff  
Hutton, Darrel  
Jovan, Kevin  
Jones, William  
Kryzowski, Brian  
Lowe, Robert

## Sophomores

### Beginning to see a light in the distance

The class elected these officers during September of '85. They believe these people have leadership qualities to guide them in the direction that their class needs to go. They are: Treasurer Robert Uptow (front left), Vice President Tracy Mayo, President Jeff Hudson, Sponsor James Gaudell, and Sponsor Shyela Brooks.



During 5th period on March 4th, everyone from kindergarten to seniors were let out while the Sesquicentennial wagon train was making its way through Blanco on Highway 281. These sophomores were amazed at the number of wagons in the train.



50's Bopper Neda Oren and Doctor Joey Hanson really "jacked out" on Student Council Halloween dress-up day. All sophomores who participated had lots of fun dressing up for the one day event.



The boy's tug-a-war event at the FHA-FFA Christmas party before the holidays is an important honor that all classes want to attain. The sophomore boys beat the seniors, but they could not hold ground with the juniors.

Marrin, Dean  
 Mann, Tracy  
 McIlwainy, Mary  
 Muchnik, Chris  
 Neumann, Jory



Gross, Paula  
 Perkins, Jimmy  
 Ramos, Jory  
 Ross, Sherry  
 Rogers, Todd

Sauerle, Martin  
 Stadler, Stacy  
 Struck, Paul  
 Uhlir, Norma

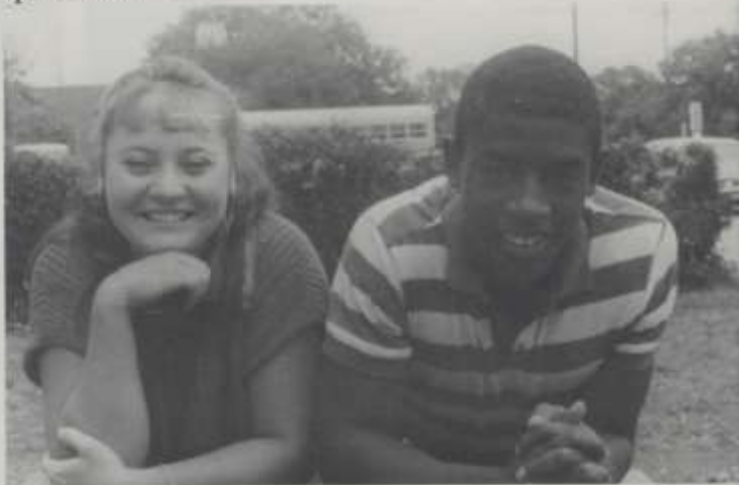


Upshaw, Robert  
 Wagner, Mitchell  
 West, David  
 Williams, Ken

## Sophomores

For two years, Tracy Mann and Robert Upshaw have been the class favorites. The sophomores have faith in these two model people. They exhibit the qualities in which they believe.

Identity  
 comes to  
 the surface  
 during  
 10th  
 year



**Far Right:** Cecilia Acosta (bottom left), Chris Muchnik, Jeff Hudson (top), and Jennifer Allen have the best academic averages for their sophomore year. Cecilia and Jeff were top four last year. Jennifer is bigger she made it this year, and Chris is pleased that he made the honor list for the first year at BHS.

**Right:** These two sophomores are ready to defend themselves as best they know. "Little" Eddie Calamusci is using his karate techniques and "Long Tall" Rostin Edmondson is ready to draw on the next victim. Student Council Dress-Up Day was a "blast" to all the participants.



**SOPHOMORE TAGS:**  
 Travis Davis (front left)—Science and Math; Martin Sauerle—English; Chris Muchnik—English; Gerald Elms—English and Drama; Neke Owen—English; Jeff Hudson (top)—Science, Math, and English; Jory Ramos—Speech, Drama, and U.L.L. Speaking; Cecilia Acosta—Science, Math, Computers, and English; Jennifer Allen—English; Tracy Mann—English; Sherry Edg—Leadership and English; and Robert Love—Science, Math, Computers, and English.



**Far Left:** This gal needs to share and use some "muscle." Not really, Brianna is just in the spirit of Halloween dress-up day.

**Left:** Is this one of the construction workers coming back to visit to see their handy work on our high school that they did last summer? Thanks Robert, everyone is glad you have the willingness to have fun and enjoy dress-up day.

Hickburn, Melissa  
 Buscher, Wendy  
 Calzone, Carmen  
 Calzone, Grace  
 Calzone, Jessica  
 Cooley, Paula

Cooley, Blake  
 Cox, Allison  
 Crafts, Amy  
 Culler, Jennifer  
 Davis, Brandon  
 Dilworth, Kevin

Drury, Wendt  
 Ebner, Jeffrey  
 Flannery, Robert  
 Glass, Oney  
 Halling, Deane  
 Hicks, Karen



Brook, Jeffrey  
 Brown, Michael  
 Jones, Lisa  
 Klepac, Jill  
 Latham, Caern  
 Liu, Chai

Mays, Tammy  
 Moshko, Brooke  
 Owen, Thomas  
 Palomino, Joel  
 Phillips, Douglas  
 Phillips, Shandell

Pierre, Diana  
 Pierre, Pierre  
 Prens, Rodney  
 Ramirez, Jeffrey  
 Rice, Joe David  
 Ritchie, Steve

## Freshmen

Status  
 proud



Above: Being elected a class officer is an honor—your class thinks you can get business attended to for them. The freshmen officers and sponsors are: Secretary/Treasurer Brooke Moshko (left), President Deane Halling, Vice-President Wendt Drury, Sponsor Bill Spurgin, and Sponsor Ann Beckham.

The trail ride was an exciting sight to see and these freshmen had fun walking back from the Sesqui-centennial trail ride. They were happy to have gotten out of 5th period to help celebrate Texas' 150th Birthday.



Above: Tammy Mays's pretty red cheeks helped brighten the Halloween dress-up day which the student council sponsored.

Left: Pulling against the junior girls at the FFA/FHA Christmas party was the first time the freshmen girls had to test their strength together as a team. The junior girls beat them, but it was not an easy job.

Ruiz, Jesse  
 Ruiz, Leo  
 Santa, Bruce  
 Sauer, Dorena  
 Stein, Gene  
 Smith, Laura



Southman, Nancy  
 Saylor, Robert  
 Tami, Priscilla  
 Terbor, Bryan  
 Tischer, Melissa



Uchis, Ben  
 Uchis, Herman  
 Uchis, Maria  
 Upton, Francis  
 Upton, Neil  
 Worch, Barry

Wentzen, Michelle  
 Wolf, Charles  
 Wood, Kim  
 Wright, Richard  
 Zurell, Chris

## Freshmen



Personality and participation are two qualities that class favorites must possess. Andy Crafts and Brooke Mischeke are outstanding in these traits. They are both in band and tennis, to mention a few. Their fellow classmates picked two people that represent model freshmen.



Desire, caring, and wanting to excel make up academic averages. These four freshmen (Karen Haka (front left), Brooke Mischeke, Nancy Southerman, and Andy Crafts) want to be tops in their class and they are because they have the best overall academic averages making them the TOP FOUR.



**FRESHMEN TAGS:** Jill Klepac (front left)—Math and Science; Jeff Ramirez—Science; Nancy Southerman—Band, Music, and Science; Andy Crafts (top)—Band, Music, Computers, and Science; Lisa Jones—History; and Chad Lee—Science problem solver.

## 9th grade a year of discovery



The Juniors need servants at the prom. They pick from among the freshmen who they want to serve them—an outstanding honor for a freshman. The '86 juniors picked Nancy Southerman (front left), Jill Klepac, Wendy Bushner, Rodney Price (back), Bruce Santa, and Andy Crafts.



The Freshmen treasury grew over \$200 this year due to the sale of liquid hand soap. Jeff Eary received the grand prize of \$20 because he earned the greatest effort to raise money for the class.

## Student Council

# Council responsible for new suggestions and ideas

## Working constantly for the student body

Making waves in the '85-86 school year, the Student Council attended District Commission meetings, sponsored dances and fun days, and even provided refreshments for the teachers on some holidays.

The officers of the Student Council are voted on by the student body after giving a speech about why they want to be on the Student Council; a change in the way things have been done before. The representatives are nominated and voted on by their classmates.

The membership of the Council has changed quite a bit this year. In previous years, the Council was composed of only 10 members—2 Freshmen, 2 Sophomores, 3 Juniors, and 3 Seniors. This year the Council is made up of 24 members—5 from each class and 4 officers elected at random.

A point system has been started this year to award members' trips to conventions. They gain points by attending meetings, decorating at dances, and doing special projects.

The candy machines are the Student Council's means of making money which goes towards paying the disc jockeys at the school dances which everyone enjoys.

The Student Council has been outstanding this year and deserve all the recognition they get.

Representing the Seniors on the Student Council are Richard Jonas (bottom left), Lisa Weber, Cody Engel, Angie Cooley, and Julie West (not pictured). Taking Junior ideas before the Council are Craig Phipps (top) Kim Jonas, Todd Maloy, Jill Gounley, and Linda Love.

Sponsor Glenda Dean presents an idea to the Student Council on how they could help aid U.S.A. for Africa.

Student Council Sponsor Charles Bailey seems to be missing the pleasure of the moment on Student Council Halloween dress-up day—one of the new ideas he has brought to the Council.



Left: Student Council officers are selected by the student body after each individual makes his or her campaign speech at lunch—a new idea this year. The officers are: President Paul Elrod (bottom left), Historian Deldin Brockway, Vice-President Randall Handberry (top), and Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Karnat, the only junior officer.

Below: At the February Valentine's Day Dance, Freshman Jennifer Cutler "loosened" to the rock-n-roll music by the S.A. disc jockey the Council provided.



"Bene eate' too much lately?" Actually it's just Seniors Kenneth Hunter and Junior Martha Fodge portraying the "fat couple" on Halloween dress-up day.

Making sure that Freshmen are not forgotten on the Council are Jill Klepac (bottom left), Brooke Mackie, Andy Cuth, Deane Huffing, and Brandon Davis. The Sophomores' point of view is presented by Jeff Harrison (top), Chris Moleski, Darrell Hunter, Mitchell Wagner, and Brian Kryzowski.



## Board cares about quality of education

School board members are special people. They are members of our district who care about the quality of education of the student and want to have a hand in moving forward to improve the system.

Membership on the board requires election by the voters for a job with no pay. Another stipulation from House Bill 72 and set forth by the state board of education requires that by January, 1987 all board members must have 20 hours of training as a part of the district's accreditation. After the initial 20 hours of training, 6 additional hours must be attained each year. This makes a person who decides to run for school board think hard about the position they might be assuming.

Given the factors presented, our district is continually endeavoring to maintain an education program that will help each individual student to develop personal knowledge, skills, and competence to maximum capacity, and to learn behavior patterns which will make each student a responsible member of society.

In terms of the board's rationale, they want each individual student to achieve intellectual discipline, economic and occupational competence, citizenship and political understanding, physical and environmental health, cultural appreciation and aesthetics, personal and social relations, and learning to use leisure time properly.

Our board tries to provide the place for this education to prevail and the personnel to do the job. With the help of the school administration, they are striving to meet these goals.

Some of the major decisions they have made this year to achieve their goals have been the implementation of a pre-kindergarten program, air conditioning in high school to improve the learning atmosphere, a new telephone system to improve communication between schools and the central office, a fenced-in bus area to help curb vandalism, and finishing the track around the football field for a more all-around sports program.



Top: Officers are: President Floyd Cooley (standing), Secretary Bonnie Riley (left), and Vice President Charles Hunter.

Bottom: Members are: Steve Fineshahn (front left), James Klepar, Jim Latham (standing), and Angie Smith.

## Administration affects student life

"As an administrator, I can affect more lives than being a classroom teacher," said Superintendent Larry Moehnke. "I can help the learning atmosphere, therefore helping more students than in an individual classroom."

From Mr. Moehnke's quote, one can tell the tone set by him for Blanco I.S.D. in his first year with us. He started as a high school math teacher, progressed to the principalship at Canyon High in New Braunfels—a 4A school, and is now our active head administrator.



**Superintendent Larry Moehnke**

Total instruction is his priority. He believes that academics, vocational, and extracurricular should be cohesive to reach the needs of the students. The classroom is the core around which student life is built. All other activities should build and support it so that students have a basis of growth to carry on after school.

One of the many ways that Mr. Moehnke is trying to improve overall instruction is the teacher training sessions he and the principals have given to the teachers of the district. Through these morning and afternoon meetings, they are endeavoring to make the classroom an even more exciting learning center where both student and teacher can have success.



Secretary to the Superintendent and Tax Assessor Joy Brunel is in her 22nd year with the district.



Assistant Secretary to the Superintendent Carol Spurgis has been with the district for 8 years.

## Leadership helps insure education

For 19 years, High School Principal Charles Bailey has been training to be a high school principal. He has been a teacher, basketball coach, counselor, director of a gifted/talented program, and as a Jr. High principal in Yorktown last year.

"I enjoy the atmosphere of a high school setting. I think it is exciting to see young men and women mature and grow in their 4 years of high school. I feel fortunate to be a part of the educational process, knowing that I have made a contribution to society by helping prepare our youth for success in life," said Mr. Bailey.

He tries to live by a Mark Twain quotation—"Always do right—it will please most of the people, and astonish the rest."

Mr. Bailey—with degrees from Baylor, Stephen F. Austin, and SWTSU—believes in people. His priority is to make people believe in themselves and to like

themselves. He says, "I want to make the students the best that they can possibly be."

Being pleased with Blanco High, he is impressed with the student body and with the fine faculty. He hopes that as a principal he can provide the leadership that will insure the best possible educational environment that students can have.



Principal Charles Bailey



With 20 years of service, High School Secretary Ruth Harvey assists Mr. Bailey.



## Priority is positive image

If Elementary Principal Joe Summy has a definite priority, it is building a positive image for all students and personnel.

He is constantly instructing the teachers in his building to use a systematic approach to build a positive attitude. He is reminding them always to "Catch a kid doing something right, and let them know about it."

One of the ways he is accomplishing his goal is recognizing classes whose behavior is exemplary, recognizing students who do anything outstanding, and recognizing support personnel through pictures and appreciation statements in the monthly newspaper—*Panther Chat*.

Students are usually sent to the principal's office for discipline reasons. His students are ALSO referred to him for positive reasons. Instead of calling home to solve a problem, he calls or writes about the student's good actions.

Principal Joe Summy

For 13 years previously, Mr. Summy—with degrees from SWTSU—has taught reading and history in the elementary school, started the Talented and Gifted Program, and was Administrative Assistant last year. He misses the classroom because of the daily excitement and rapport with students.

At the administrative level, he hopes he can help build not only a student but an entire student body.



Teresa Price, in her second year, is Mr. Summy's secretary.

**Right:** During the FFA Christmas party before the holidays on December 20, Business/Journalism Teacher Bill Spargin hopes he can catch the egg tossed by English Teacher Mary Nabers without it cracking. They did not win the egg toss contest, but had a lot of "goose" fun to start off the holidays.

## High School Faculty adjusts to state mandated guidelines

With a goal of statewide improvement of the educational system, the Texas Legislature passed two major reform bills, House Bills 246 and 72.

House Bill 246 created chapter 75 of the Texas Education Code which created minimum time requirements, new graduation requirements, and essential element requirements for each course or subject. House Bill 72 mandated some sweeping reforms, including no pass-no play and teacher career ladder.

The career ladder was established to reward master teachers who meet certain qualifications. Although many of our teachers meet the qualifications, funding from the state has provided for financial rewards to only a portion of the teachers. Selections of career ladder teachers is based upon classroom performance as evaluated by the administrators. At least four visits are made by the appropriate principal and the administrative assistant. The highest rating is 5 and the lowest is a 1. To remain on the career ladder, a teacher must have 51% 4's (exceed expectations) and no 2's (needs improvement) on each year's summative appraisal.

Implementation of the essential elements on the high school level was required this year. The teachers met these minimum requirements for each course taught. Gradebooks have to correlate each essential element to the grade earned, and lesson plans have to be coded with the element covered. If a teacher was doing his job well before HB 72, he was already covering the essential elements and just had to inject the number for the element covered.

For all students, but especially for a student who does not master 70% of the essential elements taught in class, tutoring sessions are offered before school.

For all teachers and administrators a competency test—Texas Examination of Current Administrators and Teachers (TECAT) is scheduled March 10. TECAT will test all teachers on reading ability, writing ability, and knowledge of certain vocabulary words. Teachers took the test in Blanco I.S.D. Cafeteria.



## Faculty meetings improve instructional skills

At faculty meetings held before and after school, Superintendent Larry Mochlke presents ways in which instruction could be improved. Topics covered were effective teaching, teaching for retention, teaching for transfer, teaching thinking, increasing motivation, and the reinforcement theory. Through group study and participation, the administration and staff are improving their skills so that a student leaving Blanco I.S.D. will be truly educated, motivated, and a better citizen.



**Stan Anderson**—Government, Economics, Art, History, Girls Basketball Coach. BS—Texas A&T. 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Gary Ashlock**—FFA Advisor, Vocational Agriculture I, II, III, IV, BS & MA—New Mexico State University. 2 yrs. in Blanco.

**Berry Beasley**—Art, History, Athletic Director, Head Football Coach and Basketball Coach. BS—SFTSU. 2 yrs. in Blanco.

**Ann Beckham**—Biology, Correlated English, 7-8th Grade Activities, H.S. Activities, Driver Education, Circulating Sponsor, Jr. High Basketball and Tennis Coach. BS—SFTSU. 20 yrs. in Blanco.

**James Candler**—Business Data Proc. Intro, Computer Prog. 75, Elem. Analysis, Geometry, Pre-Algebra, Soph. Spelling, Calculator & Number Sense. D.E. BS—SFTSU. 12 yrs. in Blanco.

**Glenda Dean**—Jr. High, H.S. Art, Jr. High, H.S. Math, Art Club Sponsor, Student Council Co-Sponsor. BS—SFTSU. 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Alma Gibson**—ESL, LA—Jr. High, H.S. Spanish, I & II. BA—SFTSU. 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Janet Mahry**—English I & II, Theatre Arts, One-Act Play Director, Jr. Spelling, Tagg and Humanities Sponsor. BA—University of Houston. 14 yrs. in Blanco.



**Mary Nabers**—English III, English II, Acad. English, Correlated Language Arts, Spanish, Junior Spanish, III, Learning Team Sponsor. BA—SFTSU. 9 yrs. in Blanco.

**Tammie Newman**—7th, 8th, Science, Girls Volleyball, H.S. Track, Jr. High Girls Track. BS—SFTSU. 4 yrs. in Blanco.

**Joe Smitherman**—75, 8th Math, Algebra I, Algebra II, Computer Literacy, DS & MS—SFTSU. 20 yrs. in Blanco.

**Billy Spargin**—Accounting, Typing, Personal Finance, Journalism, Fresh Spanish, Annual & Paper Staff, Bus Driver. BBA—NTSU. 20 yrs. in Blanco.

**Joe Smothers**—Personal Science, Chemistry. BS—SFTSU. 6 yrs. in Blanco.

**Carol Sumary**—Vocational Home Econ. I & II, Home Management, Food & Nutrition, Family Living, Child Development, Adult in FFA & Young Homemakers of Texas. BS & MEd—SFTSU. 13 yrs. in Blanco.

**Steve Williams**—Junior Band, Jr. High Band, 8th Band, Ind. 8th Music, Director of Music. BM—Texas of Texas. 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Bryant Wyatt**—World History, P.E., Health, Advanced Health, Head Baseball Coach, Assistant Football, BS & MEd—Anderson State Univ. 1 yr. in Blanco.

## Teaching—an avenue that

Demonstration makes education real for students. By cooking, 2nd Grade Teacher Charlene Cokerham was able to demonstrate to her class the principles of heat that are used in their homes to make life more convenient. Most accidents occur in the home with appliances at the top of the list. New respect was learned by these students for their home conveniences.



## opens the road to exploration

Visitors bring a different kind of excitement to the teaching process. They bring in a wealth of information and motivate the students with a different brand of enthusiasm. Ava Cox from Johnson City visited Carroll Bell's 3rd grade telling them about the history of Blanco County to enhance their environmental study. Her demonstration on the spinning wheel gave the students a real look into the "convivialness" of our early settlers in the Blanco region.



**Marilyn Bradley**—7th Texas History, Reading Development, 8th Am. History, 9th, 10th Social Studies, Jr. High Student Council Sponsor, President of the Blanco Classroom Teachers Association. BS—SFTSU, 6 yrs. in Blanco.

**Carroll Bell**—3rd Self-Contained, 3rd Art & Library, 3rd Grade Teacher, BS—Elementary/Kindergarten, Lamar Univ., 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Martha Botkins**—Team Leader—2nd Grade, Area Administrator, Elementary ILE Coordinator, Paper Coordinator. BS—Degree, SFTSU; MS—Degree, OLLU; 23 yrs. in Blanco.

**Barbara Chumbliss**—Kindergarten, BS—Elem. Ed., Univ. of Texas, 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Barbara Clayton**—1st Grade, BS—SFTSU, 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Charlene Cokerham**—2nd Grade, BS—SFTSU, 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Ferlie Coghill**—3rd, 4th Science, Social Studies, BS—Univ. of Houston, 2 yrs. in Blanco.

**Lada Costley**—3rd, 4th Paper, BS—SFTSU, 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Mary Felton**—5th, 6th Grade, Secretary Classroom, Teachers Assn. BS—SFTSU, 6 yrs. in Blanco.



**Donna Gibbons**—2nd grade, BS—SFTSU, 10 yrs. in Blanco.

**David Hanson**—Physical Ed., Football and Track Coach, BS—University of Houston, 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Lee McClain**—4th grade, 6 & 7 fine arts, BS—SFTSU, 22 yrs. in Blanco.

**Elaine McFarland**—Kindergarten, BS—Four Texas State University, MA—Trinity University, 10 yrs. in Blanco.

**Jerry McLaughlin**—Librarian, BS—Texas Tech, MEd—San Houston State University, 10 yrs. in Blanco.

**Norma Orr**—6th-8th Reading and Language Arts, BA—Elem. Ed. MA—Elem. Admin.—TCU, 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Doris Pennington**—Head Start, Elem. P.E., BS—SFTSU, 1 yr. in Blanco.

**Donna Reidel**—1st grade, BS—Elem. Ed. Certified in reading and Kindergarten—University of Texas, 4 yrs. in Blanco.

**Lynette Smith**—Kindergarten, BS—Texas A&M 6 yrs. in Blanco.

## Given the chance, teachers can be "characters"

Left: Art teachers should grow up and counselors should show compassion, not wear their pj's to school and be the "wicked witch of the West." Glenda Dean (left) and Nancy Boddeker can truthfully say they are out of character for a day at fun—Student Council Dress-up Day on Halloween.

Below: You can't find bigger cut-ups than teachers! During the fall fun-day, Dracula Carol Summy (left) is ready to dig her fangs into Gypsy Mary Nabers. Home Economics really takes a lot out of English if it has the chance!



## Teacher's example lives on after tragedy

Even after news of the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger, the nation and especially teachers were hoping that the news media would report the 7 member crew in orbit around the globe.

The reality shocked the nation, and every American mourned the death of the heroes as they pursued the dream of continued space flight. Flags were flown at half mast all over the nation for a week after the devastating explosion on Tuesday, January 28, 1986.

Teacher Christa McAuliffe's mission, as NASA described it, was simple. She was to "reawaken the pioneer spirit in Americans, especially students, by demonstrating that the space program was accessible to all."

At Concord High in New Hampshire, Christa McAuliffe's students genuinely cared for her because, "She taught me to respect knowledge and that it takes work to make it yours." No greater tribute could be given a teacher.

From the people in Concord came the statement, "She stood for what was best in us at a time when we wanted to believe that the American spirit was reborn. That makes her death hard."

Shuttle Commander Francis Scobee, Pilot Michael Smith, Judith Resnik, Ronald McNair, Ellison Sizuka, Gregory Jarvis, and Christa McAuliffe are real modern day heroes and heroines. They gave us all a lesson in uncommon valor.

*Frontiers mean excitement,  
Frontiers mean the unknown,  
Frontiers mean being first,  
Frontiers mean taking chances,  
Frontiers can mean death!*



## Staff supports educational progress



**Myra Knoll**—Community Ed. Coordinator, 7 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Peggy Pepper**—E.N. School Nurse, 2 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Debra Caudell**—Resource Room Aide, 3 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Linda Flannery**—Instructional Aide, 2 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Willa Olfers**—Special Ed. Aide, 19 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Olivia Ushell**—Resource Room Aide, 12 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Ida Weirich**—Migrant Aide, 20 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Shirley Weirich**—Instructional Aide, 9 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Hazel Keubel**—Lunchroom Supervisor, 2 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Zoe Greenhaw**—Lunchroom Personnel, 1 yr. in Blaine.  
**Berky McLaughlin**—Lunchroom Cashier, 4 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Doris Moore**—Lunchroom Personnel, 1 yr. in Blaine.  
**Diane Stillhem**—Lunchroom Personnel, 5 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Delores Stamp**—Lunchroom Personnel, 1 yr. in Blaine.

**Joe B. Bell**—Resource, Elm. Jr. High, 7th Math, BS—Linnear Univ. 1 yr. in Blaine.  
**Nancy Boddeker**—Counselor, Senior Sponsor & N.H.S. Sponsor, BA & MS—Dominican College, Serra Heights, 5 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Sheila Brooks**—Resource 9th-12th, Sophomore Class Sponsor, Drill Team Instructor, BSE—Abilene Christian Univ. 6 yrs. in Blaine.

**Cherie Glone**—Special Ed. High School, Jr. High, RM & BA—SFTSU, 21 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Mary Ann Hoffman**—7th Homecoming, Migrant Teacher, BS—in Home Economics, Wharton Co. Jr. College & SFTSU, 4 yrs. in Blaine.  
**Rita Ogletree**—Chap. 1 Reading 2-6, Reading Improvement 7-8, BA—Master Ed. Texas A & I Univ.



## Panthers hang tough despite hard times

Panther football in 1985 could best be described as a season of youth and inexperience yet filled with desire and enthusiasm. This year's team was composed of 27 players with 16 of these being sophomores and freshmen. There were only six returning lettermen from the 1984 playoff club. The Panthers lost some close ones that could have made the difference in the season, losing three games by 1 point and one game by five points. The team displayed fighting spirit throughout the year and were really out of only three games.

The quarterback duties were shared by Darrell Hunter and Robert Wood with both being inexperienced, but yet having some excellent moments during the year. The offense was highlighted by the running of Doak Hunter, Robert Upshaw, and Mike Dechert. Fine blocking up front

was provided by Paul Elrod, Todd Mabry, Ray Struck, and Mitchell Wagner. Doak Hunter was the leading rusher for the year with 729 yards and 4.5 yards per carry. Doak was selected 1st team All District as well as an All Centex running back. Todd Mabry was a 2nd Team All District pick at tight end. Mitchell Wagner made 2nd team on offense and Ray Struck and Robert Upshaw were chosen Honorable Mention.

The defense, despite it's youth, hung tough and played very well in a number of games. Led by Paul Elrod, Mike Dechert, Todd Mabry, Mitchell Wagner, and Doak Hunter.

Blanco beat District Champion Comfort 14-6 holding the Bobcats to 23 total yards and holding Runner-up Dripping Springs to 7 points and only 9 1st downs. All District selections on defense went to Ray Struck who was a

unanimous choice on first team while Mike Dechert, Mitchell Wagner, Paul Elrod, and Todd Mabry made 2nd team. Doak Hunter and J. Ward were Honorable Mention.

The captains for this year's team were Paul Elrod, Mike Dechert, Doak Hunter, and Todd Mabry. A special salute to those six freshmen who hung tough all year—Joe David Riba, Bruce Sarta, Mike Inman, Brandon Davis, Doug Phillips and Dean Halling.

The team started two-a-days with 27 players and finished the year with 27 players so that attests to their character and dedication. Despite injuries to key players, the Panthers hung in there and never quit trying and typified the spirit of what athletics and football is all about.



1985 Varsity Football: Joe David Riba (front left), Robert Love, Robert Upshaw, Jeff Hudson, Mike Inman, Joey Ramon, Bruce Sarta, Assistant Coach Bryan Wyatt (2nd row), Chris Mushake, Eric Gillings, Brandon Davis, Mike Dechert, Craig Phipps, Dean Halling, Baltazar Villeta, Assistant Coach Dave Hanna, Assistant Coach Stan Anderson (3rd row), Darrell Hunter, Doug Phillips, Martin Saurada, Mitchell Wagner, J. Ward, Travis Davis, Gerald Elrod Head Coach Beery Beasley, Devin Oliver (top row), Ray Struck, Todd Mabry, Doak Hunter, Robert Wood, and Paul Elrod.



Because of Mary Jones' outstanding personality and glowing smile—she was chosen as the football team's sweetheart. Presenting her with a bouquet of flowers are Captains Paul Elrod (left), Todd Mabry, Doak Hunter, and Mike Dechert. The guys were extremely happy because this was at their first district winning game with Comfort.

VARSITY SCORES		
EN		THEM
14	Liberty Hill	19
0	Marion	33
0	Marion	37
10	Linn	34
0	Jackson	7
6	Dripping Springs	7
13	Ingram	14
14	Comfort	6
2	Lake Travis	33
31	Johnson City	15





Right: Receiving district honors for their game after game struggle are: Robert Upshaw (bottom left)—Honorable Mention Offense, Doak Hunter—First Team Offense and Honorable Mention Defense, Paul Elrod—First Team Offense and Second Team Defense, and Todd Mabry—Second Team Offense and Defense.

Right: Due to Doak's ability to run hard and cover lots of yards, he was named to the All-Centex team gaining 720 yards with a 4.5 yard average per carry for the season.

# Football

A game as big as  
Texas



Four of the eight receiving district honors are: Mitchell Wagner (bottom left)—Second Team Defense and Honorable Mention Offense, Ray Struck—First Team Defense and Honorable Mention Offense, Mike Dechen—Second Team Defense, and J. Ward—Honorable Mention Defense.

Football is a game of ups and downs. Mike Dechen was tackled and brought down many times, but that never stopped him from getting back up and trying again. Football brings out the animal instinct in guys to protect themselves and also try to bring down the opposing team members.

Football  
requires  
strength  
and  
agility

# Weber wins Homecoming title

During the homecoming festivities, there were many preparations to make the night of Homecoming successful.

Students of each individual class compete to win first place in the yearly hall decoration contest. They spend many hours after school trying to make their section of the hall look outstanding.

The junior class took first place this year with the seniors running a close second. The Woodstock and Snoopy theme of the sophomores brought in a great third.

Wood hauling is big tradition passed down from year to year. It is a challenge for students to build a bonfire larger than the year before.

After gathering wood, the seniors guard the huge stack from being burned before the Thursday night lighting and pep rally. The seniors who guarded the bonfire will never forget the memorable events associated with it—caving in of tents, overheating of worn out trucks, and the oversleeping on Thursday morning, October 3.

At the well attended bonfire, the candidates for Homecoming Queen were presented with trophies, the football team was introduced, the drill team performed, the cheerleaders screamed, the band played, and the fire raged on.

Before the game on Friday night, the queen's contest was won by Lisa Weber by popular vote of the student body the day before. The team didn't win, but the spirit of Homecoming was raging.

The Homecoming dance was held the following night at Twin Sister's Hall. Old acquaintances were revived and lots of fun was experienced by students and exes.

**Left:** 1984 Homecoming Queen Dana Hils crowned 1985 Queen Lisa Weber who represented the student council.

Escorted by her brother Bobby, Deana Binsell represented the Future Farmers of America.

Julie Deibert escorted by her dad, Wesley Joe, is happy the band chose her for representation.



**Left:** The Future Homemakers of America chose their president Mary Jones, escorted by her brother Gary, to represent them in the queen's contest.

**Below:** A very obvious choice for the drill team was Lee Ann Blythe, escorted by Mr. Grobe. For four years, she has been an outstanding performer for them.



As their candidate, the football team chose Amy Smith, escorted by her dad Jerry. She has been an outstanding student for her entire school life.

The Cheerleaders picked their mascot Debbie Brackway, escorted by her dad Deibert, to be their candidate at the Homecoming festivities.





Leading the infectious Panther Spirit are the 1985-86 Cheerleaders. They are: Junior Cheryl Price (bottom left), Senior Mascot Debbie Brockway, Junior Jill Gourley, Junior Lisa Kierulff (top), Sophomore Sherri Edge, and Senior Head Lisa Weber.

Cheerleader's  
infectious  
exhilaration motivates  
Panthers to strive  
for a triumphant  
season



Panther cheerleaders back teams on the field and on the COURT. Here Lisa Weber leads the girls in a SUPER CHEER.



Left: During the Gambier game, the drill team and cheerleaders announced their team. Senior drill team Captain Amy Smith and Senior Head cheerleader Lisa Weber presented their team—Senior Drummer Brian Dudley with a gift and trophy for his outstanding devotion of keeping the sidelines roaring with excitement.

Below: Sponsor Ann Beckham devoted many hours of her time to help the Blues cheerleaders make this 1985-86 school year successful.



Left: Cheerleaders not only spread spirit on the court and field, they also spread it throughout the halls of A.H.S. Here: Jill Gourley is caught in a rush of Blue and Gold letter jackets.



**Right:** Sponsor Shyrle Brooks has been a part of the Pantherettes for three years. In that time she has helped the girls find new ways of raising money for uniforms. Here she is painting Valentine hearts on her lunch break. What DEDICATION!



**Right:** Captains for the Pantherettes this year are Seniors Mary Jones and Amy Smith. These girls have been members of the drill team for all four years of high school. Here Amy, 1985 Miss Pantherette, presents Mary with the honor of 1985 Miss Pantherette.



## Pantherettes exuberant display of showmanship makes for glittering performances



**Right:** Since 1982, twelve members of the class of 1986 have been active members of the drillteam. This 1985-86 school year these four SENIORS, Julie West, Mary Jones, Lee Ann Blythe, and Amy Smith are the only SUPER SURVIVORS of the STRUTTERS.



Super strutters for the 1985-86 school year are: (bottom left) Senior Captain Mary Jones, Sponsor Shyrle Brooks, Junior Lt. Laine Martin, and Senior Captain Amy Smith. (middle left) Jennifer Klopac, Nancy Southerman, Senior Julie West, Senior Lee Ann Blythe, Amy Goodridge, Robin Snyder, and Jill Klopac. (top left) Manager Patie Ullade, Tammy Mayo, Allison Cox, Wendi Baucher, Jennifer Colton, Wendi Drury, and manager Kim Wood.



Here Julie West goes in a spangled uniform to the dynamic music BABY I'M A STAR. Check out that smile.



In drill team many props are used in the routines. Here Lee Ann Blythe is on her knees shaking her pom poms to the snappy beat Bar Bar Bar, Bar Barbara Ann.

# Best year yet for Volleyball

## Varsity Scores

Patton Lee	Won
Burnet	Won
Burnet	Won
San Marcos Academy	Won
Luling	Lost
Patton Lee	Won
Shiner	Lost
Dripping Springs	Won
Wegman	Won
Northwest Academy	Won
Herde Park	Won
Hill Country Christian	Won
*Concord	Won
Belton	Lost
Burnet	Lost
Liberty Hill	Won
*Lake Travis	Won
*Johnson City	Won
*Concord	Won
*Dripping Springs	Won
*Johnson City	Won
*Lake Travis	Lost
*Lake Travis	Won
Bi-District	Won
Leite	Won
Area	Lost
Poeh	Lost



1985 Varsity Volleyball—Lori Weitch (bottom left), Kim Jones, Jill Goulety, Lisa Kerran (middle), Judy Schaefer, Sandy Sussoria, Shelly Vest, Leslie Richie, Coach Tammy Newman (top), Julie DeChert, and Mary Jones.

## Bi-District Championship— A Blanco FIRST

Everyone involved in the 1985 Volleyball season had an exciting experience. It began with the goal set in 1984—to win district in 1985.

Made up of 10 players, the varsity squad began workouts on August 12, and continued with determination until the exciting season ended.

Nothing worth having comes without hard work. At times, it was wondered if going on was worth the work and pain, but continued practice after school and on Saturdays attained the goal.

Once district began, all knew it would not end there. Our team became the opponents that must be beat. Only once in district was defeat seen. Some believed that because of our winning that the team became arrogant, but being the best was the goal.

A good team must have leadership, and thanks goes to Coach Tammy Newman who put up with all the foolishness but taught the team how to believe in themselves.

The season was filled with ups and downs. Although the area game with Poeh was lost, the tradition will hopefully be continued to go even higher.

Entertaining the fans was part of the excitement. Many people began to take notice of the team who had not in the past. Thanks truly goes out to all those who encouraged the team by being in the stands. The fans, as well as the players, enjoyed the excitement of a winning season.

All four out-going seniors wish the remaining team "Good Luck and always remember . . . WE BELIEVE."



Coach Tammy Newman's pep talks were one of the team's secrets to winning bi-district. Here Leslie Richie and Lisa Kerran get a little of the talk from the "boss" that gets the winning spirit back.



1985 All-District Player's—Senior Leslie Richie—Honorable Mention (Bottom Left), Junior Judy Schaefer—2nd team All District, Junior Shelly Vest—2nd team All District, Senior Julie DeChert, (top) 1st team All District, Senior Mary Jones—Most Valuable Player, and Senior Sandy Sussoria—1st team All District.



1985 Junior Varsity Volleyball—Tracy Mayo (bottom left), Manager Tammy Mayo, Melissa Blackburn,endi Druez, (middle) Stacy Stadler, Beak Muehike, Jennifer Allen, Carrie Latham, Coach Tammy Newman (top) Jamie Kustin, Shondell Phillips, and Jill Klepac.

## J.V. Scores

Burnet	Lost
Burnet	Lost
San Marcos Academy	Won
Dripping Springs	Lost
Ingram	Lost
Concord	Won
Belton	Lost
Burnet	Lost
Liberty Hill	Lost
Lake Travis	Won
Johnson City	Won
Lake Travis	Lost

## Twenty-one wins highlights season



First team All-District Senior guard, Daryl Friedrich was the floor general for the Panther squad this season. Daryl was also chosen to the All-Center team and the All-Region third team. Daryl was also a Captain.

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL: Robert Upshaw (bottom left), Coach Berry Beasley, Eddie Calzonec, J. Ward (standing), Randall Handberry, Kelly Sanders, Duak Hunter, D. J. Dullos, Todd Maloy, Daryl Friedrich, Robert Wood, and Darrell Hunter.



## Three lettermen return

The 1985-86 Basketball season could be described as good, even though it fell short of previous years. For the 1st time in 5 years, the Panthers failed to make the playoffs. Nevertheless, the Panther season had to be considered good due to the lack of experience and overall youth of the team.

There were only three returning lettermen from the super squad of '85 that went to regional finals before losing to Temple Academy. Two of these three were Seniors while the rest of the squad were underclassmen who had been on the J.V. last year. The two Seniors were Daryl Friedrich and Randall Handberry, and these two were Captains as well as the leading scorers and rebounders for the year. The other returning letterman was Duak Hunter who was hurt in early season and didn't get into playing form until district rolled around.

The Panthers played well early in the year as they had a 16-6 non-district record with many wins over larger schools. Included in this was a 1st place at the Johnson City tournament and a 2nd place at the Marble Falls tournament. Entering district play the Panthers were picked 3rd behind Dripping Springs and Comfort. The team opened with a win at Johnson City but fell to Dripping Springs and In-

gram in the 1st round. The 2nd round of play, the Panthers fell to Johnson City but rebounded to score a big win at Ingram in one of their best performances. The Panthers again fell to Dripping Springs after playing a great first half to finish district play with a 6-4 record. This left the Panthers a game out of the playoffs as they finished 3rd behind Dripping Springs and Ingram.

Despite the failure to make the playoffs, the team reached the 20 game plateau as they had a season record of 21 wins and 10 losses. In addition, the 21 wins gave the Panthers 120 total wins in the 5 years under Coach Berry Beasley.

Daryl Friedrich and Randall Handberry made first team all-district with Duak Hunter and Kelly Sanders selected as honorable mention choices. Daryl Friedrich was also selected as All-Center as well as being picked All-Region 3rd team. This marked five consecutive years Blanco has had a player selected to the All-Region team. Coach Beasley summed up the year by saying "A couple of wins in district would have put us in the playoffs again and I feel we had a good year considering our youth and lack of experience."

Coach Berry Beasley

Senior forward and Captain Randall Handberry was named to the First team All-District squad. Handball led the Panthers in scoring this season. Handball poured in a career high 34 points against Ingram.



JUNIOR VARSITY: Rodney Priss (bottom left), Neil Upshaw, Joey Ramon, Baltasar Villola, Coach Berry Beasley (top), Tim Green, Chris Moshko, and Cecilio Acosta.

### Varsity Scores

Us	Them
57	Smithson Valley 58
43	Burnet 56
41	Lago Vista 31
63	Llano 33
37	SMA 59
54	Kerrville 51
58	Lago Vista 27
53	Johnson City 42
88	Harper 20
67	Liberty Hill 48
50	Smithson Valley 53
63	Marble Falls 34
66	Marble Falls 62
45	Hays 66
60	Burnet 59
48	Hyde Park 54
58	Luling 45
45	Lago Vista 35
53	Lampasas 45
75	Llano 46
51	SMA 40
60	*Johnson City 59
47	*Ingram 61
38	*Dripping Springs 68
65	*Lake Travis 34
54	*Comfort 39
50	*Johnson City 54
67	*Ingram 60
48	*Dripping Springs 72
61	*Lake Travis 41
74	*Comfort 56

\*District games

### Junior Varsity Scores

Us	Them
42	Smithson Valley 56
29	Burnet 42
25	Lago Vista 27
22	Llano 18
23	SMA 24
34	Marble Falls 38
35	Luling 34
35	Lampasas 38
40	Llano 28
45	SMA 14
51	Johnson City 26
43	Dripping Springs 59
46	Johnson City 39
40	Ingram 44
41	Lake Travis 28

## Girls endure tough season

This year's girls basketball team won 8 ball games and lost 18. We had quite a few close games that could have turned a few ball games our way. I feel like we gave it a 100% all of the time, but still it would have been nice to win a few more. We will miss the two seniors that played for us this year. I hope we will have players to step in as leaders and take up where those two left off.

Next year I would like to have more to come out for basketball. We need more numbers so we can run a good J.V. schedule.

Coch Stan Anderson

**Right:** Taking it to the hoop, Senior Forward Mary Jones was picked to the All-District First Team. Mary drew a crowd every time her hands touched the ball this season. She was a joy to watch because of her outstanding ability. She led the Panthers in scoring.



## Girls Basketball

**VARISITY GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Cheryl Preiss (front left), Mary Jones—1st Team All-District, Leslie Ritchie, Lisa Kierust, Lisa Weber—2nd Team All-District (top), Jodye Schaefer, Kim Pagn, and Coach Stan Anderson.



Due to her outside shooting ability Jodye Schaefer was able to bust the zone defenses. Jodye is a junior and is proving that she will be an outstanding asset in next year's team.

Varsity		
Us		Them
22	Marion	36
48	San Marcos A.	47
42	Lago Vista	48
30	Llano	34
27	Dripping Springs	36
31	Lake Travis	18
30	Neuces Canyon	31
21	Harper	32
24	Brady	32
32	Smithson Valley	53
42	Ingram	56
47	Lake Travis	19
31	Johnson City	44
38	Lago Vista	16
31	Lago Vista	35
21	Marion	58
50	Lake Travis	28
27	Comfort	19
25	Johnson City	33
34	Ingram	35
38	Dripping Springs	57
32	Lake Travis	31
45	Comfort	33
28	Johnson City	32
33	Ingram	48
36	Dripping Springs	50

Junior Varsity		
US		THEM
14	Marion	38
12	Llano	62
17	Smithson Valley	35
10	Marion	23
30	Lake Travis	16

**JUNIOR VARSITY:** Nancy Smitherman (front left), Francis Upshaw, Tamara Cristito, Coach Stan Anderson (top), Stacy Stauffer, Jill Klepac, and Neda Onn.

**Girls Track:** Mary Jones (Bottom Left)—Long Jump 4th, 400 M. Dash 3rd, 400 M. Relay 4th, 100 M. Dash 2nd REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Wesli Drury—800 M. Relay 4th; Judy Schaefer—800 M. Run 2nd, 1600 M. Run 3rd, REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Melissa Roberts—Triple Jump, 100 M. Intermediate Hurdles, 200 M. Dash (Top)—Discus 6th; Linda Love—1600 M. Run 2nd, 3200 M. Run 2nd, REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Jill Gourley—400 M. Relay 4th, 800 M. Relay 4th; Lisa Kernal—400 M. Relay 4th, 800 M. Relay 4th; Lisa Weber—400 M. Relay 4th, 100 M. Dash 4th, 200 M. Dash 3rd.



**Boys Track:** Michael Dechert (Bottom Left)—110 Hurdles 6th, 300 Intermediate Hurdles 4th, 400 M. Relay 6th; Paul Elmal—400 M. Dash 4th, 1600 M. Relay 1st, REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Randall Handberry—400 M. Relay 6th, 200 M. Dash 4th, 1600 M. Relay 1st, REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Ray Struck (2nd Row) Discus, Shotput; Darris Oliver—Discus 6th; Shotput; Todd Mabry—Shotput; Bahamar Vilela—Shotput 4th; Kelly Sanders—(3rd Row) Shotput 3rd; Joe Hall—Shotput 1st; Doak Hunter—800 M. Run 1st, 1600 M. Run 1st, 1600 M. Relay 1st, REGIONAL QUALIFIER; William Jones—Long Jump 3rd, 100 M. Dash, 400 M. Relay 6th; Robert Upshaw—400 M. Relay 6th, Long Jump, 1600 M. Relay 1st, REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Darrel Hunter—3200 M. Run 1st, 1600 M. Run 4th, REGIONAL QUALIFIER; Dean Halling—(Back) 300 Intermediate Hurdles; Chris Muehke—100 M. Dash, 200 M. Dash; Robert Love—Pole Vault, 100 M. Dash; Jeff Hudson—Pole Vault 4th, 400 M. Dash; Mitchell Wagner—Shotput 3rd; Discus; Pierre Penn—300 M. Run, 400 M. Dash.

# Hunter wins state again

## Gold

For 1600 m. again  
Adds 800 m. to  
career

After having won state last year in the 1600 M. Run, Doak Hunter realized what he had to accomplish this year. He knew that it would take every bit of sweat he had to take the gold again this year at the state meet in Austin.

But this year he had to work extra hard because he not only went to state in the 1600 M. Run, but also went in the 800 M. Run. Realizing what he had to do to win both of these races, Doak was mentally prepared ever since the district meet.

Doak went to Regional after District and won both the 800 M. Run and the 1600 M. Run. He set a new record at the Regional Meet in the 1600 M. Run. Doak was the only one to advance from Regionals to the State Meet.

Doak then had only two weeks to practice and get ready to bring home two gold medals. Then the big day came for Doak to go and show what he had been working for the whole track season. Doak won the State Championship in the 1600 M. Run (4:27.20) and also won the State Championship in the 800 M. Run (1:56.80). Everyone from Blanco High is very proud of what Doak has achieved.

Congratulations

Doak

You've made us  
proud!



Physical exercise is not the only thing in playing tennis.

Ivan Lendl



**VARSITY DOUBLES:** Jill Gourby (front left), Lori Weirich, Amy Smith, Julie Dechert, Robert Ujahaw (back), Brian Krzywonaki, Cady Engel, Eddie Calzoncit, and Stephen Weaner.



Courts in optimum condition can be instrumental in a tennis match. Coach Ann Beckham and the entire team work on the surface so players worry about their ability only.



**VARSITY SINGLES:** Jill Klepac, Harry Cambridge, and Laura Treiber. Not pictured is Kenneth Houtley.



Left: If the first serve is executed correctly, the odds of the opponent returning the ball are less likely. Senior Cady Engel's serve improved daily during practice and all the tennis tournaments.

## Calzoncit and Weaner advance to regional doubles

Led by 5 returning lettermen, the '86 tennis team ended their season by advancing the varsity boys' doubles team, Eddie and Stephen, to the regional meet in Victoria.

These 22 young men and women discovered that determination and enthusiasm aren't the only requirement; it also takes pace, coordination, rhythm, ability, stamina, and lots of practice. Above all else, effort put the 1986 tennis team in contest with vigorous matches, and devastating opponents.

Improving both mentally and physically during the year, they won 4th in the Varsity district tournament and 1st in J.V.

Individual showings were: varsity boys' doubles, Eddie and Stephen placed 1st; girls' doubles, Julie and Amy placed 3rd; J.V. girls' singles, Nancy Smitherman placed 1st; boys' doubles, Todd and Rodney placed 1st and Bruce and Andy placed 2nd.

In her 20th year as Tennis Coach, Ann Beckham and the team compiled 76 overall victories in the '86 season. Even though they are moving into a new district next year, Coach Ann Beckham will have some fine returning athletes with a lot of potential and determination. Good Luck in the years to come!!



**JUNIOR VARSITY:** Jennifer Klepac (bottom left), Carrie Lathan, Shondell Phillips, Brooks Muelnik, Nancy Smitherman, Rusty Weirich (top left), Andy Coffin, Bruce Sama, Rodney Preiss, and Todd Rodgers.

## Tradition

kept  
alive



Earning a letter this year, Senior Cesar Acosta played left field or coached first base. Instructions from Coach Wyatt were relayed through him to the runners—an important job for a team.



By guarding home plate and taking all the heat, Senior Catcher Mike Dechert earned a place on the 2nd All-District Team. For 2 years straight, Mike has been on the all-district team proving that he is an outstanding athlete. He was also named Most Valuable Player at the sports award assembly.

For three years, Junior Justin Bues (1st Team All-District Infield) has been on the teams that advanced to the playoffs. The team wanted to keep this tradition alive and went on to the playoffs for the 4th year in a row.



## Baseball sports new scoreboard

Above: Neil Uptaw (bottom left), Chris Machoke, Paul Struck, Robert Uptaw—2nd Team All-District Infield, "Little" Eddie Calosset, Joey Hanson, Pierre Perez, Bodree Press, Coach Bryan Wyatt (top), Travis Bues—2nd Team All-District Outfield, Brian Krywoski, Robert Wood, Mike Dechert, Eddie Calosset, Cesar Acosta, Justin Bues, and Mitchell Wagner.



Ability and desire are two of the main ingredients of a good baseball player. Eddie has all these qualities and therefore earned 1st Team All-District Pitcher and 2nd Team Infield All-District.



Stressing that "little things win the game and that 90% of baseball sits on your shoulders" Coach Bryan Wyatt and team were number two in the district earning them a playoff berth with Lytle.

By	Team	Team
3	Burnie	13
6	Luling	14
6	Southwest Valley	1
15	Mason	3
11	Westlake J.V.	8
9	Kentville Twp	10
9	Liberty Hill	10
0	Burnie	10
6	Lytle	11
2	Llano	8
20	Lampasas	11
5	*Dripping Springs	6
5	*Hogans	10
9	*Gardner	8
3	*Lake Travis	7
11	*Johnson City	6
10	*Hogans	6
14	*Lake Travis	9
3	*Johnson City	14
2	*Dripping Springs	8
12	*Gardner	6
	1st-DISTRICT	
4	Lytle	14



Bringing honors to Blanco at the district meet at Lake Travis are Daryl Friedrich, winning 3rd in Headline writing and Briana Buscher, taking 3rd in Spelling. Both advanced to the Regional meet in Victoria. Briana wasn't able to make the meet because of a prior commitment in FFA. Daryl made a good showing with the 23 other district qualifiers in our region but did not make it to the state meet.



For 76 years, University Interscholastic League has offered contests to literary students and athletic programs over Texas so that uniformity exists at all levels.

The object of UIL includes the enhancement of the students' educational experience so they are prepared for citizenship after graduation through interschool competition.

UIL does not offer an activity for every student in the school—no activity does that—but for students who desire fair competition, the contests are available.

New literary contests are being added each year to meet more needs. Thirty students from BHS competed on two different days at Lake Travis.

On Wednesday, March 19, the Journalism events, which include Headlines, Features, Newswriting, and Editorials, took place along with Readywriting and Debate.

On Saturday, April 5, Poetry Interpretation, Prose Interpretation, Typing, Calculator, Science, Informative Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Spelling, and Number Sense took place.

All students who participated in the UIL events did a fine job and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

**NIGHTS JOURNALISM EVENTS:** Randall Handberry (front)—Headline writing; Debbie Brockway (2nd row left)—Feature writing; Amy Smith—Newswriting; Judy Strickland—Editorial writing; Lee Ann Blythe—Editorial writing; Laura Treiber—(3rd row)—Headlines and Newswriting; Kenneth Huestler—Feature writing and Standard Debate; Brian Dudley (top)—Newswriting; and Deana Binsell—Feature and Editorial writing.



The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government.

## Buscher and Friedrich qualify for UIL literary regional meet in Victoria

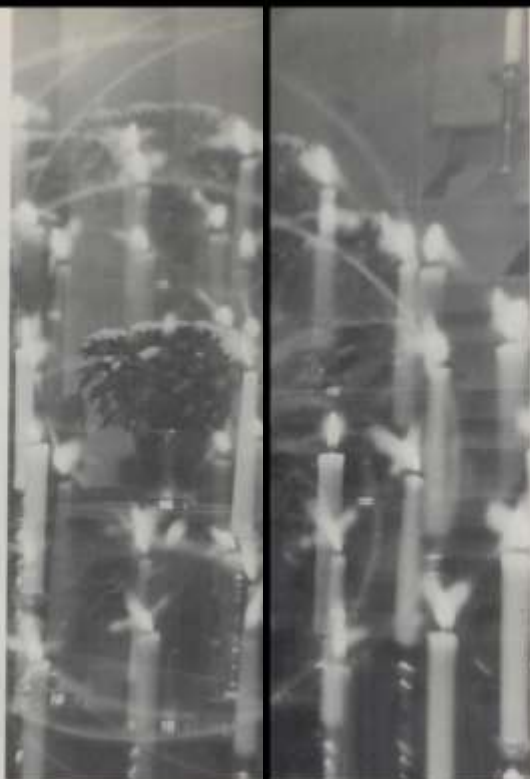
**MATH, SCIENCE, SPELLING, & TYPING EVENTS:** Craig Phipps (bottom left)—Science; Angie Gately—Spelling and Calculator; Chris Cagn—Calculator; Mike Nelson—Number Sense and Science; Chris Meebake (2nd row left)—Spelling; Robert Love—Calculator; Number Sense, and Science; and Leslie Ritchie—Standard Debate. Not pictured—Cecilia Asato—Number Sense; Robert Hahma—Science; Cassi Jouis and Martha Fudge—Typing.



**SPEAKING EVENTS:** Brooke Maeluke (bottom left)—Poetry Interpretation; Neils Orm—Persuasive Speaking and Poetry Interpretation; Julie West—Poetry Interpretation and Science; Jeff Hudson—Persuasive Speaking and Ready Writing; Amanda Stevin (2nd row left)—Prose Interpretation; Lisa Weber—Prose Interpretation; and D. J. Dohse—Persuasive Speaking. Not pictured—Lisa Kierulff—Informative Speaking and Brian Kryzewski—Ready Writing.

## 2nd year of NHS glows

Senior Lisa Wether (front left), Junior Lisa Kierulff, Junior Kim Jones, Junior Jill Gonsley, Junior Craig Phipps, Senior Mary Jones (back), Senior President Julie West, Senior Vice President Angie Casley, and Secretary Amy Smith have all maintained their 90 or above overall average to stay in NHS their second year. None of these have had warnings about their character or public service therefore insuring their membership.



## 9 new members inducted

After their grades were averaged and the teacher council approved them, these nine students were inducted into NHS on May 29 held at the Blaine Methodist Church. They are: Sophomores Jeff Hubson (front left), Sophomores Cecilia Arzeta, Sophomores Chris Muehler, Sophomores Neela Otter, Junior Yolanda Sanchez (back), Junior Robert Holmes, Senior Paul Elrod, Senior Laura Treiber, and Junior Linda Laws.



**Right:** After lighting a candle and signing the National Honor Society register, Senior Laura Treiber is extremely proud that she was asked to join the elite society of NHS.

## An elite group of 18



Four sophomores were inducted into the society on May 29. They will try to keep their overall averages at 90 or above and keep their integrity and character above average. Sophomore Cecilia Arzeta is honored to sign his name to the dignified register.



When the new members complete their induction, President Julie West had all the members recite the creed which encourages them to be above average students in school and life. The high purposes of the society include outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, and character. On a graduating senior's diploma, the NHS insignia is stamped. They also wear NHS regalia on their graduation gowns.

Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character

# Drama. It's the world of make believe!

Right: Chris Cagg's "wily" personality brings out the true character of the "Jack in the Box" from the *Tin Soldier*. He also participated in the UIL play.



Above: Mrs. Janet Mabry is the backbone behind the drama department at BHS. She not only teaches the students how to act but she also participates in acting at practices, takes students to outside plays, and decides what actors play what parts the best. Her talents aren't only in English; with the help of Mrs. Mabry the drama department of Blasen High is moving up.

Right: With Erik's unspeakable talent, the *Tin Soldier* came off with a "boom." Even with his eyes closed, Erik puts on a spectacular performance.



Above: The Cast and Crew for the 1985-86 UIL play, *Auntie Mame*, are (sitting) Andy Crofts, Lisa Kierst, and Rusty Weirich (kneeling) Brandon Davis, Hattane Villein, and Jill Klepac (standing) Jeff Ramirez, Joey Ramon, Julie West, and Lisa Weber (back) Todd Mabry, Angie Cooley, Paul Elrod, and D. J. Dubois

Not pictured are Chris Cagg, Gerald Elrod, Lori Weirich, Jill Grouley, Shelly Vest, and Brian Busher.

Left: Senior Hary Goodrich plays a father in "The Tin Soldier" with much help from Mrs. Mabry.



## Band—displays leadership through team work.

Christmas is a time of joy and giving. Here the band displays their talents by performing Christmas melodies in living in the cheer.



Hard work always seems to pay off. Selected for their outstanding abilities in music and popularity with other band members Seniors Julie Dehest and Brian Dudley were awarded with Mr. and Miss Panther Band.

Leading the band with extra effort this year was Lori Weirich—Assistant Drum Major (left), Steve Williamson—Band Director, and Julie Dehest—Drum Major.



Leadership in the band requires a lot of time and effort. Adjustment to a new band director for younger students is a big step, along with others that come with being a band member. Seniors are a great asset to any band, but these seniors show more than just leadership; they showed caring to all band members.

## Band begins with the young

Being Band Director is not an easy job, not only do you just have to direct the band, but you also have to know many other things like knowing how to play all the instruments. Director Steve Williamson really worked hard with the band this past year and it shows. We as the band students all wish him the best of luck in his future career in music.

Some of the tunes played at the Spring Concert were: Jambata, Truly Beach Boys Medley, Back To The Future, and Kyrie Eleison.



The Trombone section is very important in any band. Here Carla Greenhaw, Deana Sawyer, and Blake Carley play the trombone for the Spring Concert which many enjoyed. Lots of work is involved in playing an instrument but the trombone is especially hard to learn just ask Steve Williamson, he too plays the trombone.



Personality, being a friend to all, and musical ability helped the band choose Julie Decker as their homecoming queen. She was also chosen as BEST GHI, and received the John Philip Sousa Award. Chosen as BEST SERFS were Leonard Robinson and Kay Kisch.

Brian Dudley's talent was not only a help to the high school varsity band, but he also helped the younger bands. This was a big gift of his being chosen as BEST BOY.



Youth is the key to any talent. All band members start at an early age and work their way up to high school to achieve bigger and better goals. Band is just as important in the lower grades as it is to the high school members. Practice makes perfect; maybe not perfect, but it sure does make the difference between a novice and professional.



## The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds—achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such

knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so—for others as well as myself, in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.



FFA challenges members to constantly learn new skills



FFA is not only concerned with leadership and farm programs; they are concerned with helping their members function more efficiently in the future. And, it is also a way to save on auto repairs which even Senior Cody Engel can accomplish with practice.



The main job after instruction is answering questions of inquiring students. Advisor Gary Aslock's mechanical ingenuity comes out as all members, especially Jody Scharfer, are understood.



Officers for the 1985-86 year are: Vice President Todd Mahay (bottom left), Secretary Lesha Sedgem, President Justin Bates, Treasurer Doug Hunter (top), Sentinel Jon Hall, Advisor Kelly Sanders, and Reporter Howard Bottles.



In a close run-off for FFA Sweetheart, Senior Julie Decker was chosen by the chapter membership. She will represent Blaine Future Farmers of America at the district banquet in April at Emberskating.

## With planning and design FHA earns regional titles

**Right:** Young Homemakers of Texas and FHA worked together to promote cycling safety and skills on Saturday, April 10. Sophomore Cecile Azota and YHT member Shari Finch brief Katy Knoll on correct procedure before she completed the signaling phase of her test.

**Below:** As Proficiency Team Leader, Lulu Gonzalez and team members Richard Jones, Tracy Mayo, Briana Buscher, and William Jones planned and designed the Region V 1st place display entitled FHA, WE'RE MOVING UP. Blaine's FHA's leadership programs and projects for the past year were featured on the award winning display. They competed at state representing Blaine's FHA and Region V.



Constant involvement, work, and advice with the members is the role of Advisor Carol Summy. She helps others realize their goals, thereby ensuring success for all concerned.



Cancer is a threat to everyone; our FHA chapter is concerned about the continued good health of all its members and the members of their community. Missie Marie Washer signed the proclamation declaring "Truth Against Cancer" week in November. They got on the nationwide "hambogin" to "Stamp Out Cancer in Your Lifetime."

Fulfilling their projects of involving youth with the elderly, the chapter had a large party at the Live Oak Medical Center. They have numerous projects throughout the year with all age groups in the school and community.

Officers for 1985-86 are: President Mary Jones (front left), Vice President of Programs Briana Buscher, Power of One Debra Brockway, VP of Projects Angie Corley, VP of Publicity Lue Weber, VP of Recreation William Jones (not pictured), VP of Proficiency Events Richard Jones (back), Secretary Cheryl Priddy, Treasurer Cecile Azota (not pictured), Historian Lulu Gonzalez, and Pianist Tracy Mayo. Mary Jones was VP of Projects for Region V for 1983-84; Briana Buscher was elected Region V President for 1986-87 at the leadership conference held in San Antonio last February.

# Art Club

Many art projects were done in Art Club but the set Clubs biggest money maker project was glass sand blasting. The Art Club used this glass art for a Valentines day money project. Brian Dudley was a big help in making this project a success.

## Art Club Brings Art to All



Below: 1985-86 Art Club officers are (bottom left) Kenneth Hostetler—vice-president, Gonzalo Ortega—president, Ray Struck—secretary, (top) Glenda Dean—sponsor, Michael Sanders—treasurer.



Below: A hard make-up job, so this is Kenneth Hostetler donating his face to one of the many activities that the Art Club did. This form of Art is called a Death Mask. A Mask of a dead person was made with plaster and then molded with clay. The Art Club decided why not try it on a live person. Straws and lots of vaseline did the trick and a perfect mask was accomplished. Chris Cage also participated in this activity. Masks were displayed at the Blanco County Art Show.



Above: 1985-86 Art Club members are (bottom left) Ray Struck, Kenneth Hostetler, Linda Love, Gonzalo Ortega, Michael Sanders, Glenda Dean—Sponsor, (top left) Chris Cage, Robert Holmes, Paula Cowley, Grace Calanmitt, Betty Uhallo.



Fundamentals and personal abilities explored on Junior High field and court



Junior High Football

- Mason
- Llano
- Junction
- Dripping Springs
- Ingram
- Comfort
- Lake Travis
- Johnson City

Patrick Jones (bottom left), Matt Malone, Brian Sarna, Cory Stillern, C. J. Yarr, Rusty Fritsche, Tim Romero (middle), Mark Felner, Shane Johnson, Dal Hunter, Jerry Smith, Coach Stan Anderson (top), Leonard Robinson, Troy Phipps, Charles Riley, Darrell Fishbeck, and Billy Gray. Coach Bryan Wyatt not pictured.



Junior High Basketball

- Wimberley
- Lake Travis
- Mt. Valley Tourney
- Dripping Springs
- Johnson City
- Mt. Valley
- Dripping Springs
- Wimberley
- Johnson City
- Mt. Valley
- Lake Travis

Mark Felner (bottom left), C. J. Yarr, Matt Malone, Patrick Jones, Cory Stillern, Brian Sarna, Tim Romero (top), Leonard Robinson, Dal Hunter, Charles Riley, Billy Gray, Darrell Fishbeck, and Jerry Smith.



Keeping the Panther energy going at all the Junior High games are the Junior High Cheerleaders—PATCHES Aimee Wagner (front), Raquel Ethridge (middle left), Julie Cain, Jennifer Genser, and Allison Kierat (top).

Junior High 8th Basketball

Us	Them	Them
18	Wimberley	52
8	Lake Travis	43
17	Dripping Springs	11
8	Johnson City	11
19	Mt. Valley	16
32	Dripping Springs	5
12	Wimberley	23
12	Johnson City	2
31	Mt. Valley	19
28	Lake Travis	24

Manager Lisa Allen, Coach Ann Beckham, Kristie Karian (top), Allison Kierat, April Coleman, Julie Cain, Shannon Buck, Lisa Howdenbell, Leisa Wagner, Aimee Wagner, and Patricia Phillips.

Junior High 7th Basketball

Us	Them	Them
14	Wimberley	55
0	Lake Travis	43
6	Dripping Springs	27
14	Johnson City	24
9	Dripping Springs	36
3	Wimberley	48
7	Johnson City	30
0	Lake Travis	42

Coach Ann Beckham, Raquel Ethridge (left), Sybil Jones, Danna Fuchs, Dawn Phillips, Melissa Abbott, Debbie Mayo, Brandi Yargo, and Lisa Hallenberger.

*In the grand old state of Texas*

**8th Grade**

Allen, Lisa  
Ashlock, Shane  
Barrera, Crispa  
Blackburn, Max  
Buck, Shannon  
Cain, Julie



Calamit, Greg  
Cardenas, Margarita  
Cardenas, Gloria  
Castillo, Maximo  
Covey, Larissa  
Cox, Crystal



Dueck, Lee Allen  
Feltner, Mark  
Fidbeck, Darrell  
Fisher, Kenny  
Gala, Carlos  
Greenwidge, George



Howdshell, Lisa  
Jonas, Patrick  
Jordan, Carly  
Kiermas, Alison  
Kosmet, Rebecca



Koch, Kay  
Kosmecker, Tracy  
Malone, Matthew  
Milled, B. J.  
Moore, Larissa  
Phillips, Paul

Phelps, Troy  
Prosko, Billy  
Riley, Charles  
Robinson, Leonard  
Romero, Tito  
Sanchez, Carmen

Shrein, Iris  
Smith, Jerry  
Spencer, Tracy  
Uhalde, Daniel  
Van Orman, Danny  
Venegas, Dara

Wagner, Aimee  
Wagner, Laina  
Wagner, Wayne  
Walker, Chris  
Williams, Timothy

*beneath fair southern skies*

**7th Grade**

Abbott, Melissa  
Ashlock, Sarah  
Calks, Edward  
Edge, Sophia  
Edridge, Raquel  
Ferrell, Gwendolyn



Ferrell, Charlotte  
Frische, Rusty  
Fuchs, Dayna  
Fulge, Elaine  
Gomez, Jennifer  
Gray, Billy



Greenhaw, Daymon  
Gregory, Heather  
Guzman, Juan  
Guzardo, Conayla  
Hallenburger, Lisa  
Homer, Dal



Johnson, Shane  
Jones, Shanrocco  
Jonta, Sybil  
Lopez, Juanita  
Martinez, Lisa  
Mays, Debbie

Moore, Sabrina  
Nichols, Dawn  
Phillips, Dawn  
Reed, Joe  
Sams, Brian  
Sharon, Sunny

Swan, Darrell  
Stam, Richard  
Sweet, Melissa  
Steinberg, Joel  
Stidham, Cory  
Tort, Christopher

Tyrell, Steven  
Upshaw, Rosemary  
Urrut, Marvin



Wardham, Polly  
Wood, Clint  
Yargo, Brand

## Elementary and Junior High Students Strive for excellence



Bottom Left: Participants and winners in the UIL contest this year are: Melissa Abbott—Oral Reading, Teresa Knight—Ready Writing and Spelling and Plain Writing, Clint Wood—6th Impromptu Speaking, Todd Las—Spelling and Plain Writing, Kelly McLaughlin—Oral Reading, Lori Baker—Spelling and Plain Writing, Missy Mays—Number Sense, Katy Oren—Number Sense, Becky Ludwig—Ready Writing Alt., Josh Steinberg—Impromptu Speaking, Top Left: Aimee Wagner—Spelling and Plain Writing 2nd, Irla Slavia—6th Impromptu Speaking, Leonard Robinson—Spelling and Plain Writing, Darrel Faldbeck—Number Sense, Julie Cain—Oral Reading Alt., Max Blackburn—4th Number Sense, Patrick Jones—5th Spelling and Plain Writing, Mark Feltner—6th Oral Reading and 6th Number Sense.



Bottom Left: Christina Brown—3rd Picture Memory, Sibia Gale—Reading Writing, Lety Gonzalez—Ready Writing, Carissa Mahone—1st Story Telling, Jason Jones, Story Telling Alt., Jeremy Pope—6th Story Telling, Courtney Koch—5th Story Telling, Roger Games—Story Telling, Matt Williams—3rd Picture Memory, Top Left: Tara Summy—Story Telling, Will Ernie—5th Picture Memory, Jennifer Cain—Ready Writing, Libby Neill—Oral Reading, Tina Radke—5th Picture Memory, David Gray—5th Picture Memory, and Number Sense, Jennifer Kreges—Ready Writing Alt., Gavin Smith—3rd Picture Memory Alt., Rhonda Leick—3rd Picture Memory.

## you'll find some lads and lasies

## 6th grade

Alexander, Trey  
Baker, Lori  
Barrera, Antonio  
Barrera, Virginia  
Bhasko, Bhansinh  
Bradford, Page



Bucher, Tammy  
Castillo, Max  
Coker, April  
Crofts, Jennifer  
Edmondson, Tracy  
Elsal, Robert



Gibson, Heath  
Greenwell, Cody  
Greenwell, Wanda  
Hicks, Steve  
Inman, Dana  
Jones, Kuba



Knight, Teresa  
Kreges, Joana  
Lopez, Cruz  
Losa, Carol  
Ludwig, Becky  
Liu, Todd



Martinez, Alma  
Mays, Missy  
McMicken, Allen  
McLaughlin, Kelly  
Nosh, Peter  
Oliver, Sandy



Oren, Amanda  
Oren, Kay  
Proskers, Royce  
Prosko, Gary  
Rudarte, Laura  
Ruin, Joanna

Stroh, Kenneth  
Stump, Nathan  
Treich, Brent



Treich, Cody  
Vargas, Rudy  
Widman, Patrick

*In who love and honor lie* **5th Grade**

Blakis, Blavna  
Calameli, Blaise  
Castillo, Juana  
Castillo, Lucy  
Castillo, Colton  
Cortez, Chris



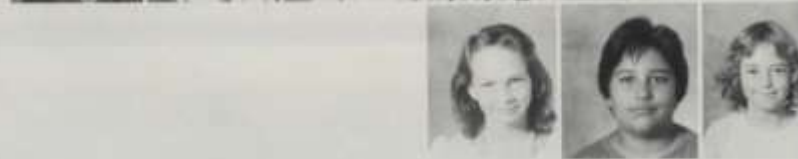
Cox, Letrice  
Edgo, Helen  
Ernst, Will  
Fritone, Luke  
Fuchs, Cory  
Gallbraith, Jason



Galligan, Roland  
Gorman, Judy  
Gray, David  
Gray, Juan  
Guerrero, Penelope  
Hart, Chris



Hugh, Stephanie  
Hill, Larry  
Jones, Amanda



Lopez, Maria  
Lynch, Kenneth  
Martin, Jennifer  
McMillan, Tammy  
Morgan, Zeb



Morish, Matt  
Neill, Libby  
Pepper, Chris  
Rader, Tina  
Sanchez, Estrella  
Sanston, Silvia



Schmitt, Kenny  
Stinson, Tasha  
Smith, Tamara  
Van Orsland, Matt  
Villgas, Horacio  
Viloria, Rosemary



Wagnisher, Jason  
Wesert, Lanna  
West, Clor  
Willington, Christy

*We are gay and free and happy* **4th Grade**

Adkins, Frank  
Barrera, Roger  
Brown, Christine  
Cain, Jennifer  
Calameli, Yanyia  
Dowdy, Chris



Fisch, Shari  
Fisher, Eric  
Fraschetti, Nancy  
Gallbraith, Mary  
Gale, Sylvia  
Gray, Lannie



Guerrero, Maria  
Harwell, Curtis  
Henderson, Henry  
Hill, Carlo  
Hood, Misty  
Iglesias, Marshall



Jones, Mary  
Jung, Katherine  
Kuzmowski, Tina  
Lambly, Steve  
Lark, Rhonda  
Millard, Thelma

Mancha, Laura  
Martinez, Joanne  
Muhia, Karie  
McLaughlin, Katie  
Nichols, Ian  
Pate, Cole



Pope, Clay  
Richardson, Clifton  
Riosera, Linda  
Ruiz, Robert  
Sauter, Veronica  
Sawada, Samantha



Smith, Gavin  
Spivey, Michael  
Stamps, Bradley  
Tapia, Mark  
Tapia, Victor  
Tyrell, Christy



Villagas, Christina  
Wagner, Melissa  
Walker, Chauxory  
Wood, Ricky  
Williams, Matthew

*and courage we do hold* **3rd Grade**

Baker, Jamie  
Baskin, Aashah  
Calson, Ricky  
Cortes, Tony  
Coursy, Jennifer  
Doney, Farrah



Forsythe, Melinda  
Gale, Yari  
Gonzalez, Larry  
Gray, Monte  
Hallenberger, Marlene  
Hart, John



Henry, Ross  
Hornes, Leon  
Karnes, Roger  
Kreger, Jennifer  
Kutner, Kevin  
Ludwig, Jennifer



Malone, Carissa  
Mayo, Michael  
McKinney, Brian



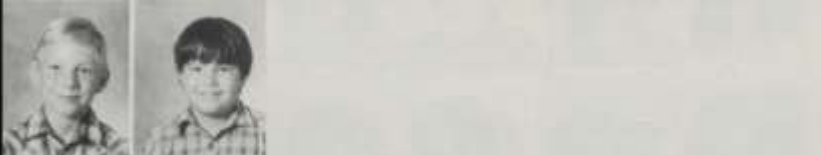
McMillan, April  
Morgan, Joseph  
Morgan, Krista  
Morgan, Zach  
O'Brien, Noah  
Pepper, Ladd



Prentiss, Michael  
Rutky, Allison  
Riosera, Abel  
Sewry, Melissa  
Smoyer, Charles  
Steinberg, Jani



Stewart, James  
Summy, Tara  
Torti, Dominick  
Wagner, James  
Weisler, Lisa  
Westheim, Stephen



Werner, Bobby  
Willingham, Brent

*for we're the true defenders* **2nd Grade**

Barrera, Alfredo  
Birdwell, William  
Bivins, Shane  
Bohler, Jacob  
Borrego, Dallas  
Byran, Herby



Burns, Dallas  
Calmont, Subvador  
Castillo, Freddie  
Caudill, Carillon  
Cawley, David  
Calpepper, Rachel

De La Garza, Gabriel  
Fortson, John  
Gomez, Roger  
Gourley, Craig  
Greenhaw, Jani  
Guerron, Rhale



Hanus, Joseph  
Hernandez, Cesar  
Holder, Jenny  
Johnson, Jeremiah  
Johnson, Trevor  
Jones, Jason



Kaull, Katy  
Kath, Courtney  
Kosowicka, Jared  
Kutner, Misty  
Lambert, Blake  
Lansley, Latrice



Lawson, Christopher  
McKeein, Jason



Mauer, Jeremy  
Moehs, Craig  
Marrak, Wesley  
Nelson, Kimberly  
Norris, Faith  
Papa, Jeremy



Robinson, Melissa  
Rosens, Roxanne  
Rarrt, Jaclyn  
Ransyn, Garrey  
Sadowsky, Nathan  
Sanchez, Sarah



Sawey, Cassandra  
Stewart, Latos  
Tobert, Hugo  
Truett, Justin  
Vargas, Jose  
Walker, Timmy



Weinstauson, Carson  
West, Sarah  
Wright, Jimmy

*Of the blue and the gold* **1st Grade**

Barron, Jesse  
Barron, Rebecca  
Belang, Whitney  
Boson, Cary  
Chandler, Jason  
Carradino, Robert



Covin, Karen  
Dufrenoy, Michelle  
Dowdy, Jessie  
Dowdy, Jennifer  
Duncker, Ash  
Dunsmbeck, Allison



Ehrlich, Natalie  
Gibson, Caleb  
Guzardo, Juan Carlos  
Guzardo, Virginia  
Harwell, Sunshine  
Herrera, Roberto



Jett, Katherine  
Kasow, Clifton  
Katz, Shawn  
Kreger, Joseph  
Latham, Rebecca



Lux, Lindsey  
Luz, Shea Allen  
Martinez, Carlos  
Martinez, Christopher  
Mathis, Krystal  
McMillan, Ryan



Mauer, Paul  
Mogavero, Felicia  
Moore, Doyle  
Norris, Aaron  
Peters, Shannon  
Ruhoff, Tanya



Serra, James  
Simpson, Israel  
Tobert, Engoron  
Talbott, Alison  
Uffman, Amber  
Vandenburg, Gerald



Walker, Misty  
Ward, Candace  
West, Rose  
Willstrup, Heather  
Zuercher, Anthony

## Panthers fight, Panthers fight Kindergarten

Albot, Troy  
Alldridge, Kathleen  
Allen, VanVelum,  
Crystal  
Baker, Shane  
Berkus, Daniel  
Brennam, Michelle



Brown, Stephanie  
Bunn, Penelope  
Carter, Sam  
Cortez, Ryan  
Davis, Nicholas  
Elsy, Lauren L.



Kopinski, Deonda  
Krusch, Michael  
Freesman, Mariah  
Friesenbalm, Valerie  
Gansberg, Sheree  
Gutman, Seth



Harwell, Misty  
Hann, Violet  
Holder, Christina  
Johnson, Cory  
Katra, Justin  
Kelly, Glenda



Kennedy, Kristi  
Kiser, Jeri D'Lyn  
Kroll, Aubrey J.



Kuris, Clifton  
Kreger, Jarrod  
Lopez, Lucio  
Martin, Deony  
McCarthy, Heather  
McGuire, Nikki



Morgan, Patrick  
Nelson, Carly  
Page, Jessica  
Perrino, Michelle  
Prison, Jacob  
Rafner, Daniel



Ramirez, Lisa Marie  
Risinger, Kristi  
Rumens, Rhonda  
Ruiz, Miguel  
Schultz, Jonathan  
Sokolosky, Rachel



Smart, Joel  
Stinson, Deanna Marie  
Talbott, Suzanne  
Trevino, Leah R.  
Willingham, Karrie  
Wilstrap, Jessie



Woodham, Phillip  
Woodham, Timothy  
Paul  
Wright, Jonathan  
Not Pictured:  
Dixon, Newhease

## Future seniors of 1999 Pre-Kindergarten

Avila, Patricia  
Bischoff, Karen  
Buck, Tiffany  
Calomotti, Claudia  
Cain, Scott  
De Los Santos, Elias



Frenell, April  
Flores, Fernando  
Gray, James M.  
Gutierrez, Melissa



McKenzie, Jacilla  
Norris, Crystal  
Palomares, Martin  
Page, Marissa  
Rivers, Dawn  
Romero, Jessica



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Tapis, Abel  
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Neil quit looking at me like that. Lee Ann Blythe



Is this when you were skinny? Richard Jones



What you got on you girl? Deana Binstell



From three wheels to four wheeling. Brian Doolley



I was even catching them when I was a babe. Randall Handberry

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I promise soon, I don't have it! Debbie Brockway

Hey Big Betty! What did you wish for? Laura Trierber

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Pop, you forgot your hat! Lisa Weber

Hey! Tiger, where's A. I.? Regine Jones





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Hey, Mom! He won't bite me! Julie Dehart

Hi! Does anyone want a ride? Julie West

You'll never guess what I'm up to! Jennifer Brown

A little bit country and a little bit rock & roll! Kenneth Houston





What happened to this ANGEL? Gody Engel



Wait, where are we going? Lisa Phillips



Hurry up and take the picture. My new issue of GO came in. Gonzalo Ortega



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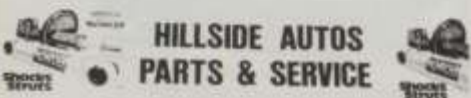
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Did somebody say WET?

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Don't talk about my dress!

Hoisting hands and marching!

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Our dreams are limited only by how far our thoughts will take us.

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**Cesar Acosta**  
Attended 13 yrs., Baseball 2, Lettered 1, Merit Award, Plans: College

**Deana Jo Bindseil**  
Attended 13 yrs., FHA 1, Drill Team 2, 3rd Lieut., Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Tennis 2, Lettered 2, District Qualifier 2, Freshman Class Favorite, UIL Feature & Editorial Writing, Homecoming Nominee FFA, National Honor Society 1, Tag Plus 1, Plans: College

**Lee Ann Blythe**  
Attended 5 yrs., FHA 2, Drill Team 4, Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Track 1, UIL Editorials, Homecoming Nominee Drill Team, Merit Award, Plans: College & Work

**Jennifer Marie Boren**  
Attended 13 yrs., FFA 1, FFA Sweetheart 1, Plans: Attend Business College in Accounting and later school of Cosmetology

**Deborah Lynne Brockway**  
Attended 11 yrs., FHA 4, Vice Pres. of Encounter, State Qualifier in Illustrated Talks for Proficiency Events, and Voting Delegate for Region and State, Student Council 2, Historian, Drill Team 3, Cheerleading 1, Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Band 1, Track 1, District Qualifier 1, Most Friendly Sr. Year, UIL Prose, Feature Writing, Regional Qualifier Soph. Yr. in Prose, Pep Squad 1, Basketball State 4, President's Academic Fitness Award, Plans: College

**Christopher Wyatt Cage**  
Attended 2 1/2 yrs., Drama 1, UIL Prose, Calculator, One Act Play, 3rd in Prose District, Trig. Elementary Analysis, Art, Theater Arts Achievement Awards, Louise White Art Scholarship

**Eduardo Calzonci**  
Attended 12 yrs., FHA 1, Baseball 3, Lettered 2, Tennis 4, Lettered 3, District Qualifier 3, Regional Qualifier 3, Tennis MVP 85-86

**Angela Beth Cooley, Salutatorian**  
Attended 12 yrs., FHA 4, Vice-President of Projects, Drama 1, Student Council 1, Basketball 2, Lettered 2, Honorable Mention 1, Junior Class Secretary & Treasurer, Senior Class Secretary & Treasurer, Salutatorian, Most Athletic, UIL Drama, Calculator, Spelling, National Honor Society 2, Vice-President 1, Tag Plus English Humanities 4, Top 4 Academically 3, Merit Award, English IV, Govt./Economics Achievement Awards, Citizenship Award, President's Academic Fitness Award, Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship, Plans: College

**Julie Michele Dechert**  
Attended 12 yrs., FFA 4, Secretary, Band 4, Volleyball 4, Lettered 3, All-District 2 and Honorable Mention 1, Tennis 3, Lettered 2, District Qualifier 2, Track 1, FFA Sweetheart, Miss Panther Band 1, Vocational Ag IV Achievement Award, Outstanding Band Senior Member, Homecoming Nominee for FFA, John Phillips Sousa Award, Plans: College at Howard Payne University

**Michael William Dechert**

Attended 13 yrs., FFA 4, Football 2, Lettered 2, 2nd Team All-District, Honorable Mention, Baseball 4, Lettered 4, 1st Team All-District, Track 2, Lettered District Qualifier 2, Senior Vice-President, Most Athletic Senior Year, MVP Baseball 1986, Plans: College Baseball

**Brian Neil Dudley**  
Attended 2, FFA 1, Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Band 2, Equipment Manager, Section Leader, Senior Representative, Tennis 1, Mr. Panther Band, Football Bean 1, UIL & State in Solo and Ensemble, Tag Plus Band and History, Outstanding Sr. Band Member, Plans: Band at UT

**Paul Wayne Elrod**  
Attended 4 yrs., Drama 3, Student Council, Parliamentarian Soph. yr., Treasurer Jr. yr., President Sr. yr., Football 3, Lettered 2, 1st Team All-District 2, 2nd Team All-District 2, Track 4, Lettered District Qualifier 2, Regional Qualifier 2, Weight Lifting 1, MVP Football Defense 1986, Freshman Class Favorite, Best All-Round Sr. yr., UIL One-Act Play & Informative Speaking, Honorable Mention District 2, All-Star Cast 1, All-Region Cast 1, Regional Qualifier in Informative Speaking 1, Academic Top 4, Citizenship Award, Boys State Nominee, Most Outstanding Sr. Athlete, National Honor Society 1, President's Academic Fitness Award, Mark Uecker Scholarship, Plans: Colorado School of Mines

**Cody Reagan Engel**  
Attended 13 yrs., FFA 4 Vice-President 1, Student Council 1, Tennis 1, Lettered 1, Most Friendly Sr. yr., President's Academic Fitness Award

**Angelika Fleck**  
Attended 1, Biology Award, Top 4 Sr. yr., Plans: Going back to Germany and go to school for one more year. Then I want to come back and live in Austin and become a Translator

**Daryl Wayne Friedrich**  
Attended 10 yrs., FFA 1, Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Basketball 3, Lettered 3, 1st Team All-District 2, All-Region 3rd Team 1, Honorable Mention All-Centex 1, Track 1, Lettered 1, District Qualifier 1, MVP Basketball 1986, Sr. Class President, Most Likely to Succeed Sr. yr., UIL and Regional Qualifier Headlines, Journalism Achievement Award, President's Academic Fitness Award, Plans: Basketball at McMurry in Abilene

**Clarence Ray Fuchs**  
Attended 10 yrs., FFA 3, VAC 2, Plans: Work

**Harry Lee Goodridge**  
Attended 3 yrs., FHA 1, Tennis 1, Lettered 1, Plans: College

**Randall Scott Handberry**  
Attended 11 yrs., Student Council 2, Vice-President 1, Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Football 2, Lettered 2, 1st Team All-District 1, Basketball 3, Lettered 3, 1st Team All-District 1, Track 3, Lettered 3, District Qualifier 3, Regional Qualifier 2, Soph. Class Favorite, Jr. Class Favorite, Best Personality Sr. yr., UIL Headlines, Plans: McMurry College in Abilene

**Kenneth Allan Hostetler**  
Attended 10 yrs., Student Council 1, Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Band 4, President Sr. yr., Tennis 3, Lettered 2, District Qualifier 2, Track 1, UIL Prose, Typing, Editorials, Debate, Regional Qualifier Typing, Quarter 1st Division President's Academic Fitness Award

**Richard Lyle Jones**  
Attended 5 yrs., FHA 4, Treasurer Jr. yr., Vice-President of Proficiency Sr. yr., Soph. Class President, FHA Proficiency Event Team for Regional and State

**Gloria Lynn Jones**  
Attended 12 yrs., Plans: Work

**Mary Joyce Jones**  
Attended 13 yrs., FHA 4, Vice-President of Projects 2, President, Regional Vice-President of Projects, Drama 2, Student Council 1, Drill Team 4, Band 2, Volleyball 3, Lettered 2, All-District 2, Basketball 4, Lettered 4, 1st Team All-District 2, Track 3, Lettered District Qualifier 3, Regional Qualifier 1, MVP in Basketball and Volleyball 1982 & 1986, Jr. Class Favorite, Best All-Round Sr. yr., Football Sweetheart, Miss Panthelette, UIL One-Act Play, Regional Qualifier, FHA Homecoming Nominee, MVP Volleyball CO, MVP Basketball, Outstanding Sr. Athlete, President's Academic Fitness Award, Centennial Scholarship, Plans: College

**Regina Wynne Jones**  
Attended 12 yrs., FHA 4

**Liza Marie Phillips**  
Attended 4 yrs., Band 1, President's Academic Fitness Award, Plans: College & Work in San Antonio

**Leslie Bernice Ritchie**  
Attended 2 yrs., Volleyball 2, Lettered 2, Honorable Mention 1, Basketball 1, Lettered 1, UIL Informative Speaking, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Standard Debate Regional Qualifier in Informative Speaking and Lincoln Douglas Debate, President's Academic Fitness Award, Plans: Tarleton State University

**Joe Angel Ruiz**  
Attended 12 yrs., FFA 1, FHA 3, Plans: Air Force

**Javier Bueno Sanchez**  
Attended 12 yrs., FHA 1, Football 3, Baseball 1, Track 3, Lettered 3, Regional Qualifier 3, State Qualifier 1

**Sandy Marie Saucedo**  
Attended 13 yrs., FHA 1, Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Volleyball 3, Lettered 3, All-District 1st & 2nd Team, Plans: Business School & Work

**Amanda Sue Slevin**  
Attended 9 yrs., Band 1, UIL Prose, Tag Plus 2

**Amy Carol Smith**  
Attended 9 yrs., FHA 1, Drama 1, Drill Team 4, Capt. 3, Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Band 1, Freshman Representative, Volleyball manager Tennis 3, Lettered 2, District Qualifier 2, 1983 Miss Panthelette, Football Nominee For Homecoming, Freshman

Secretary-Treasurer, Junior Secretary-Treasurer, UIL, News Writing, Spelling, 1983-84 PEC Contest Winner, Trip to Washington D.C. National Honor Society 2, Tag Plus 4 yrs, President's Academic Fitness Award

**Judy Lynn Strickland**  
Attended 11 yrs., Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Band 2, UIL Editorials

**Ray Edward Struck**  
Attended 6 yrs., Art 1, Football 1, Lettered 1, All-District 1st Team Defense, Honorable Mention Offense, Achievement Award in Computer Data Processing and Spanish II, President's Academic Fitness Award

**Laura Elaine Treiber**  
Attended 13 yrs., FHA 2, Drill Team 2, 2nd Lieutenant, Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Tennis 4, Lettered 3, District Qualifier 4, Best Personality Sr. year, UIL Newswriting & Headlines, Top Four Sophomore yr., Tennis MVP in Singles, National Honor Society 1, PTO Scholarship, Plans: Attend Durham-Nixon Clay Business College to major in Business Management

**Stephen Matthew Weaner**  
Attended 13 yrs., Annual Staff 1, Chat Staff 1, Band 3, Tennis 4, Lettered 4, District Qualifier 4, Regional Qualifier 3, 1984-85 & 1985-86 MVP in Boys Doubles, Achievement Award in Correlative English IV, UIL Solo & Ensemble, State Qualifier, Plans: Work for the summer. Then go into the United States Air Force

**Lisa Marie Weber**  
Attended 12 yrs., FHA 4, Secretary, Vice-President Publicity, Drama 3, Student Council 4, Vice-President, Drill Team 3, 1st Lieutenant, Cheerleading 2, Head 1, Band 2, Librarian, Band Council, Basketball 4, Lettered 3, All-District 2nd Team, Track 3, Lettered 3, Homecoming Nominee, Miss Panthelette, UIL One Act Play, Prose, Debate, Regional Qualifier One Act Play, Prose, Debate, Homecoming Nominee Student Council, Achievement Award in Speech, Top 4 Basketball Co-MVP, Averaged 3rd in Class, National Honor Society 2, Who's Who Among High School Students, Tag Plus Drama, English, Humanities, President's Academic Fitness Award, PTO Scholarship

**Julie Marie West, Valedictorian**  
Attended 13 yrs., FFA 1, President, Drama 4, Band 4, Secretary 2, Junior Representative 1, Freshman President, Sophomore Vice-President, Junior President, Most Likely to Succeed Sr. Yr., UIL Poetry, One Act Play, Ready Writing, Arou All Star Cast, District All Star Cast, 2nd Place District Ready Writing, 3rd Place Poetry, Achievement Award in Accounting, Top 4, Valedictorian, Trip to Washington D.C., Tag Plus-English, Humanities, 4, National Honor Society 2, President's Academic Fitness Award, Plans: Attend Southwestern University in Georgetown to major in Accounting & Corp. Financing

## Life taken, but not forgotten



Life is precious. Melinda Karol Dudley was a 5'3" blonde 8th grader here at Blanco Junior High School. She was the youngest of three children; she has two older brothers—Robert Dudley, a private in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany and ME, a senior at Blanco High School. Melinda's life was precious to me.

On the way home from the Homecoming Football game, an accident occurred which took five lives, two of which were my father and sister.

Being around her friends and people in general was Melinda's greatest joy in her fun-loving life. She wasn't involved in any sports or special activities, but she was a supporter of the Panthers always.

I would like to give a personal thank you for all the people who were there to help me out. I know that Melinda will be missed by everybody, and she thought very highly of all her friends in Blanco.

Melinda, your mom and brothers love you truly. Our lives will be changed without you, but you gave us a tremendous amount during your 14 years!

By Brian Dudley

