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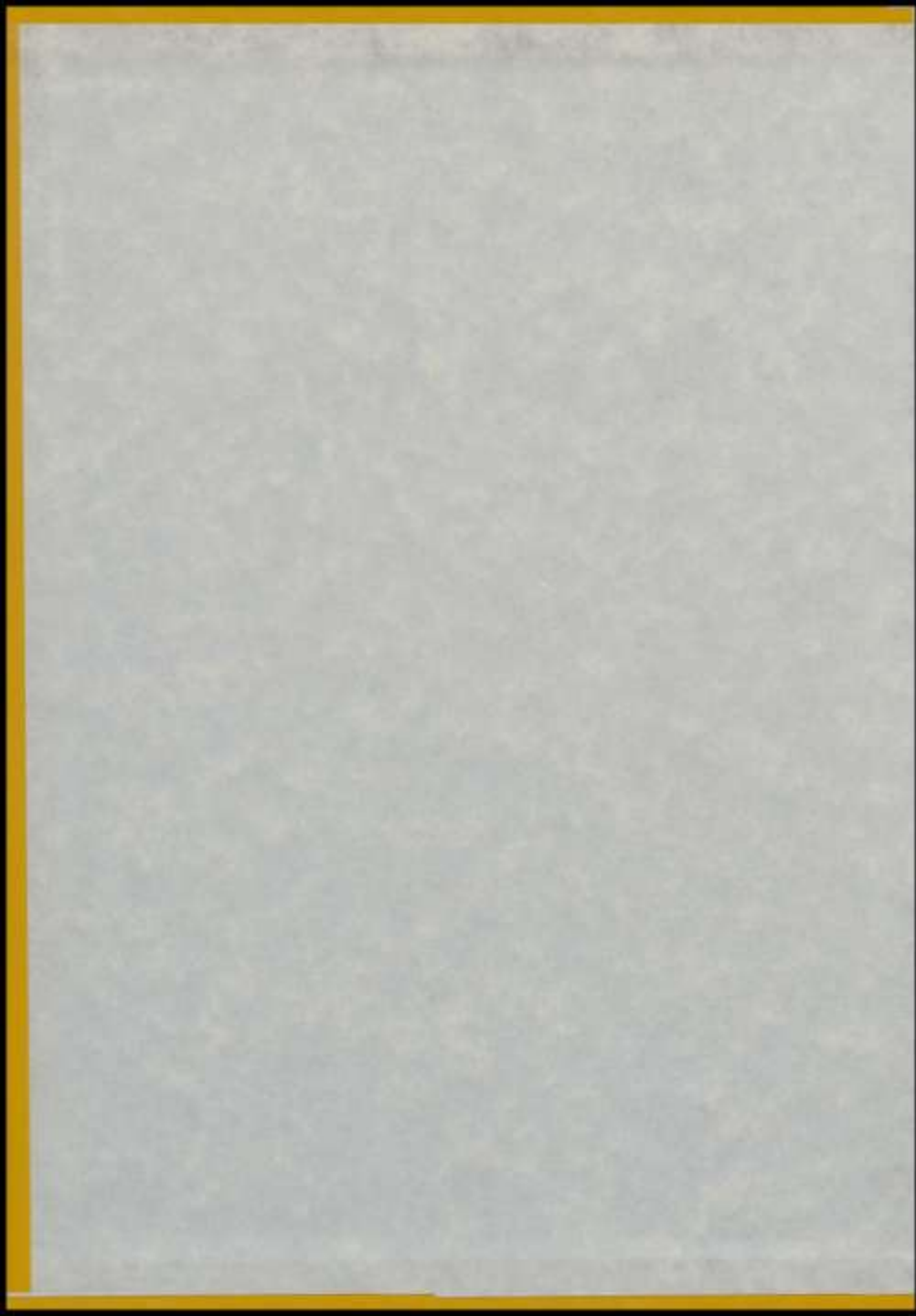
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Blanco High School
Blanco, Texas

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Journalism: An Exercise in Patience

Taking a hurry-up-and-wait attitude, the journalism class calmly assembled this year's annual, working up tremendous page spreads in a matter of minutes, hours, days, weeks, and months. It was an eclectic bunch of personalities all thrown into a room full of computers and expected to meet deadlines with perfection. Communication in class was limited to sentences that began with "But, Mr. Kirksey..." or "May I go..." Hey, but they had a really good time.

Six members of the class also revealed their talents by placing in various writing events in the UIL journalism contest.

The class would especially like to thank Mr. Boyd, Mrs. Caudell, Mrs. Spurgin, and Mrs. McLaughlin for their patience and understanding.



The 1996-97 Panther and Panther Chat Staff: (front) Holly Head, Katy Alldredge, Keisy Risinger, Brandy Milam, Sunshine Harwell, Diana Kimble, Rhonda Romero, Jessica Greenberg, (back) Jessie Launer, Tiffany Buck, Jill Wier, Aaron Stenulson, Eric Moelbert, Patrick Bernight, Bryan Weber, Genevieve Home, Lauren Elsey



Aaron, known for his journalistic pose.



Watching...waiting.



No, do it this way.



The smiles hide the tension.



Tiffany hard at work.



See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil...

School Board Members and Central Office Staff Provide District Leadership



Superintendent Mike Adkins



Mr. Adkins offers Willie Offers a congratulatory hug — and a plaque — commemorating her 29 years with Blanco Independent School District.

Central Office Staff



Business Manager — Janice Erwin



Central Office Secretary — Landa Lausberg



Clerk — Jan Scott



1996-97 School Board Members: (front) secretary Louise Koch, Mr. Adkins, Joy Brussel, (back) vice-president Matt Herden, Clayton Trotter, president Jim Pepper, Dennis Moore; not pictured — Dr. David Behrends



President Pepper lends a helping hand at Academic Honors Night.



Clayton Trotter congratulates elementary teacher Valerie Shoemaker on her three years of service to BISD.



At the end of school picnic, board members stand ready to laud the efforts of the faculty and staff.



Principal, Lynn Boyd

High School

Allen, Rosemary
Beckham, Ann



Carrer, Darren
Carrer, Karen
Caudell, Debby
Caudell, James



Coston, Steve
Emerson, Brian
Fleming, Lou
Ann
Jones, Pat



Kirkoscey, Russell
Marek, Jason
McLaughlin, Becky



Faculty



Secretary, Carol Spurgin

McLaughlin, Scotty
Nabers, Mary



Shepard, Holly
Smith, Angie
Smith,
Franciela
Spurgin, Bill



Summy, Carol
Sunderlin, Guy
Tesch, Bill
Thompson,
Kim



Vela, Tony
Walker, Tiffani
Winters, Joan



Not Pictured:
Kuebel, Perry
Schwarzlose, Jody
Thompson, Tyre
Wyarr, Bryan
Zoeller, Kim

Seniors Choose

Best All-Around



Andrea Bailey and Josh Robbins

Most Athletic



Amy Carroll and Ryan McMillian

Best Personality



Gerald Vradenburg and Rebecca Latham

Most Likely to Succeed



Carole Herbst and Shane Zercher

Their Favorites

Friendliest



Mr. Caudell gives a very grateful Arah an award at the academic awards ceremony.



Kristi Brandt and Martin Barrera



Mr. Caudell congratulates Roz for her award.



Mrs. Allen and Lindsey share a happy moment.

PROM '97





Graduation



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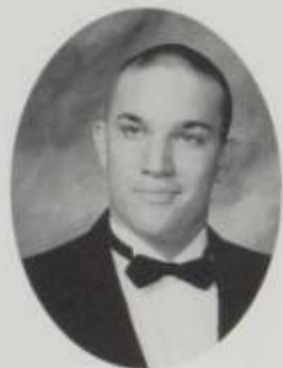
Seniors



Andrea Kim Rowley



Wesley Michael Kelzang



Daniel James Kischind



Amy Michelle Cavell



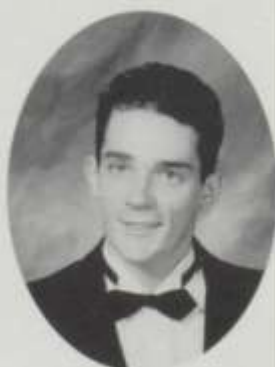
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Jesus Angel Barrera



Kristi Lee Brandt



Jonathan Lee Coain



Martin Estiven Barrera



Joshua Gus Branner



Karen Gayle Coain

1997



Patrick Elluce Bonnight



Robert Gary Corradini



Christopher Ray Barrington



Ryan Evan Harris



Kandlyn Nicole Cuytze



Jennifer Lynn Dowdy



Jessica Kathryn Greenberg



Ricardo E. Esquivel



Sunshine Brook Harwell



Carole Noelle Herbst



Ashi Lea Luecker



Caleb Joshua Gibbons



Rebecca Jay Latham



Rebecca Lopez



Shea Alan Lee



Charles W. Miller



Shannon Lee Lightfoot



Ryan Keith McMillan



Felician M. Mosquera



Lindsay Leanni Lee



Amber E. Milby



Doyle M. Moore



Wesley Holden Marsh



Joshua Adam Robbins



Jerry Thornton Masses



Patrick Lynn Treadwell



Aaron Austin Morris



Juan Vargas



Aaron Jay Simulson



Weldon Ross West



Tanya Laura Nalms



Gerald K. Vandenberg



Eugenio V. Tobes



David Allen Wampler



Jesse Benton Williams



Jeremy Shane Zercher



Anthony Douglas Zuercher



Valedictorian

Carole Noelle Herbst

Carole came to Blanco with her family in 1991 and began the seventh grade, immediately making the close friends with whom she still spends most of her time. She has attained a 98.34 grade average through out her Blanco high School career. She is the daughter of Lee and Dolores Temple of Blanc, Texas and the Reverend Gary and Jane Herbst of Kotzebikau, Alaska. Her older sister Diane Wilson is married and works as a paralegal in Houston while her younger siblings Austin and Erica Herbst are just beginning their academic careers.

Carole was inducted into the National Honor Society during her sophomore year and served as NHS president her senior year. She was elected by her class to be the sophomore secretary/treasurer, the senior class president, and the female "most likely to succeed". Since her sophomore year, she has been an member of the Student Council and served on the Environment and Energy Committee. She was also a member of the tennis team for three years.

Her sophomore year, Carol had the honor of attending the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Seminar. Also that year, she competed in the Future Homemakers of America Star Events. As a team Carole and Lindsey Liu won third place at the state competition presenting a plan for "Improving One's Self." As a senior, Carol placed first individually and with the team in the district UIL calculator competition. At regional, her team took second.

When not participating in extracurricular activities, Carol spends her weekends working at a local art gallery. She is also a member of the Friends of the Blanco Library and has been a student representative to the BISD Facility Planning Committee. In the fall, she plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and study business.



Salutatorian

Joshua Adam Robbins

Joshua moved to Blanco in 1987, from San Antonio, and has attained a 95.58 grade point average throughout his career at Blanco High School. Joshua is the son of William J. Brenisard and Audrey L. Robbins, who are also from San Antonio. He has two younger half-brothers, who both reside in Midwest City.

Joshua has participated in football, basketball, baseball, and track all four years of high school. He was selected to the All-District team three times in Football, once in basketball, once in baseball, and was a regional qualifier in the discus. Joshua has also been an active member of the National Honor Society since his sophomore year, and was elected Vice-President his senior year.

Joshua has been a member of the three time defending district champions of the U.I.L. academic team, and has qualified for regional competition all three years. His senior year, he competed in computer science at the state U.I.L. meet in Austin. Individually, Joshua has been the district champion of Number Sense since his sophomore year. He was also in the band his freshman and sophomore years, and competed in the area marching contest in 1994.

On the personal side, Joshua plans to pursue an aerospace engineering degree. On April 9, 1997, he signed a letter of intent to play football at the U.S. Naval Academy, a scholarship that is worth a quarter of a million dollars. After going to school for five years, he will be an ensign officer in the Navy. His long-term goals are to be successful, marry, and have children.



Class Favorites



Junior Faves: Valerie Friesenbatt and Sam Corder



Sophomore Faves: Cristina Barrera and Dennis Moore



Freshman Faves: Sarah Culpepper and Michael Renta



Ooh La La, Angel!



Farmer Caleb and Streeerwise Shea



Daniel and Bethany rest their feet after hitting the dance floor.



Someone has the munchies!



Bottoms up for students at the Madrigal Dinner.

Class Officers



Juniors: Stephanie Brown, Pamela Hardin, and Melanie Kempf



Seniors: Arah Duecker, Lindsey Lux, and Carole Herbst



Sophomores: Bethany Zercher, Lisa Gourley, and Vickie Griego



Jennifer stresses during Mr. K's class.



Freshmen: Jennifer Brown, Stacy Russell, and Charles Koch



R.G. and Felicia...we never knew!

Juniors:

Alibedig, Kory
Barber, Tiana
Bastan, Eric
Berry, Crystal
Bethke, Daniel
Boltman, Justin



Brownson, Ben
Brown, Stephanie
Chamery, Paul
Cannock, David
Carter, Sara
Gunn, Josh



Car, Gámic
Davis, Nick
Ellis, Lauren
Evans, April
Forsyth, Valerie
Gunn, Robert



Garland, Kiyanna
Gendrich, Jonathan
Gunn, Duffer
Guthrie, Mike
Hamm, Victor



Harlin, Jo
Harlin, Pamela
Harlin, Tiana
Harwell, Mary
Heald, Holly
Kempf, Melissa



Kennedy, Kait
Kraus, Chelsea
Lopez, Lucas
Martin, Owen
McGuire, Nikki
McNaney, Eric



Class of '98



Milnick, Janel
Muelber, Eric
Newhouse, Deacon
Pitts, Genevieve
Pruitt, Jake
Risher, David



Ranger, Kelsey
Rosen, Elizabeth
Sullivan, Rachel
Smith, Tasha
Snyder, Mike
Trotter, Brian



Yonke, Chris
Walter, Garrett
Wendler, Susan
Wheat, Kai
Wheat, Marissa
Willoughby, Jess



Bottom: Coy Johnson & Deacon Newhouse celebrate their intellectual victory over the navel 'o' knowledge, found in Mr. Carter's geometry class.



Top: Daniel Bethke stares longingly into the sunset trying to cope with the loss of his horse.

Junior



Snapshots





Stephanie growls at the camera.



Stephanie and Matt.



Sam and Cormac toil at their sand art.



Danny B. shows his spirit for the drill team.



Maryam and Rachel, isn't one pair enough?



Jay, big man on campus.



Stephanie, Nick, and Pamela cheer for Blanco!



Kristy, what's for lunch?



Enough said.



Eric works hard during class.



Smile, Maryam, it's not that bad.



Rachel, April, and Tessa strut their stuff.



Cormac puts on the mac.

The Class of 1999

Jason Head sports the latest from Armani on his own little runway: Mrs. Carter's class.



Avila, Patricia
Bowers, Christina
Burrus, Lacie
Buck, Tiffany



Burgon, Dilyn
Cantey, Chris
Cobb, Sean
DeLoach, Michael
De La Serna, Hina
Fuchs, Jill



Left: Dennis Moore gets some attention from Champ, the panther, at a Friday afternoon pep rally. Right: Chris Parker hurls his vicious fastball.



Veronica, Stephanie, Jacella, Torie, and Jason put their best foot forward for the camera.



Above: Beandy Milam is known for her ability to wear black, woolen gloves on her ears. Below Left: DeDe Mogavero and Lacey Neill display their love for Mrs. Naber's English class.



Elson, Paul



Grothe, Lisa
Grogg, Vicki
Hend, Jason
Hilker, Christina
Lambert, Jesse
Malington, Samantha

Martinson, Yvonne
McKerim, Jacella
Milam, Beandy
Mobby, Michael
Mogavero, DeDe
Moore, Dennis

Neil, Larry
Nelson, Matt



Parker, Chris
Parker, Chana



Pitt, Keisha
Pitt, Miranda



Pope, Mason
Riedard, Max



Raa, Mark
Ransom, Janna



Ross, Brandie
Ross, Amy
Spina, Jennifer



Bethany and Jason ham it up for the camera.

Sophomores



Keisha leads the class in the weekly pep rallies.



Bryan Weber is always cooking up something.

96-97



Samantha Malmgren acts this way...no, that way. Oh, never mind.



Sells, Ricky
Tatum, Kirby



Taylor, Nikki
Tenney, Nathan



Uhalic, Brady
Valenti, Levi



Vrackenburg,
Stephanie
Wagner, Jason



Weber, Jimmy
Wan, Julian



Williams, PJ
Zureick, Bethany

Almon, Amy
 Ayala, Olga
 Barber, Elina
 Bell, David



Berndt, Brandon
 Bialig, Stephanie
 Bonnes, Charles
 Bos, Jeremiah



Carroll, Gaby
 Carroll, Jody
 Coffin, Victoria
 Conder, Adam



Cover, Jennifer
 Coulson, Brianna
 Colapinto, Sarah
 Darrin, Jason



Paige and Michael
 party down at the
 Oscars.

Freshmen



Davis, Lauren
 Dean, Taylor
 De Los Santos,
 Jonathan
 Doern, Marissa



Evans, Sarah
 Garcia, Shilina
 Gay, April
 Gilbre, Ashley



Gilbre, Matt
 Gonsky, Ty
 Gonsky, Thomas
 Gonsky, Joseph



Hunt, Jessica
 Hunt, Amy Jo
 Hunt, Larry
 Hufford, Tiffany



Young men ponder their
 plans: make it to the
 10th grade.

Jordan, Alex
Johnson, Matthew
Kane, Brandon
Kerble, Julia



Keele, Charles
Marriguan, Lorenna
McGuire, Trevor
McNabbey, Katie



Mason, Brent
Nelson, Sara
Nichols, Melissa
Odom, Camacha



Peltonen, Maru
Peltonen, Travis
Poulsen, Benjamin
Pittell, James



Fish flop around in the cafeteria — you'd think that it's Halloween.



Primo, Paige
Reed, Tawana
Rynn, Michael
Ryan, Tanya



Ross, Leslie
Ross, Wanda
Rovos, Dawn
Rucke, Laura



Rumano, J.R.
Russell, Stacy
Salant, Krystal
Seid, Tanya



Somers, Kariba
Tapi, Abel
Waight, Daniel
Webb, Shelby



Gee, Kendra, don't freak!
It's only a camera —
Freshmen!

The high school academic team scored an incredible 484 points to bring home yet another sweepstakes trophy at the District 29 AA academic tournament held March 25-27. Randolph High School finished a distant second with 261 points. LBJ High School was third with 180.

Nearly everyone who competed finished in the top six. In News Writing Jessica Greenberg took third place. Diana Kimble won fourth place in Editorial Writing. In Feature Writing Jessie Laumer took fourth place. In Headline Writing Holly Head came out on top with first place. Bryan Weber took second place, and Lauren Eisey was third. Ready Writing Pamela Hardin took fifth place.

Placing in the speaking events were Informative Speakers Eisey, Marianna Dennis, and Landie Brenner, placing first, third, and fourth respectively. The Persuasive speakers fared well also. Pamela Hardin placed first and Taylor Deats placed third. In Lincoln/Douglas, Dennis took the bronze and Katy Alldredge picked up fourth place. Poetry interpreters Lacey Hayes, Jody Dowlearn, and Lacey Kibbe won first, third and fifth. Prose contestants Weber and Sarah Culpepper earned the gold and bronze.

In the Science contest Diana Pavlov won fourth place, and in Computer Science R.G. Corradini took second, Josh Robbins took third, and Josh Corren won sixth. In Mathematics Jessi Wallstrop won fourth while Rhonda Romero took fifth. In Calculator Carole Herbst won the gold, Esther Garza took second place, Lindsey Lux won third place, and Romero took fifth place. The team advanced to the regional contest. Robbins got the gold medal for Number Sense while Daniel Bethke took third and Brett Mouser won fifth. They also advanced to the regional contest as a team.

Kimble won first place. Genevieve Howe took second place, and Dowlearn took fourth place in Literary Criticism as well as winning points as the team. In Spelling Vickie Griego took second place. Mouser took sixth and Head got seventh. This team advanced to regionals as well. All the coaches were very proud of their prodigies. UIL coordinator James Caudell succinctly summed up the incredibly successful work of contestants: "We won!"

UIL Team Wins Big



UIL regional competitors show their stuff.



Sarah, Josh, and R.G. advance to STATE!

One-Act Play — District Champs with "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man In The Moon Marigolds"



Jennifer and Stacey discuss important matters.



Get off the phone, Lacey!



A little nervous, Katy!



CX Johnson, Kato, Pige, Pamela, Holly, Brett, and Bryan give a week before thanking their supporters.



Holly wins for the tallest trash tower.



Smile for the camera, Taylor!



Marianna stares blankly into space as she watches over her "castle."

ACADEMIC



Scholarship winners (top row): Ryan Barris, Shane Zercher, Wesley Muterah, Wes Beltzung, Josh Robbins, Aaron Seemulson (middle) Diana Kimble, Karen Covin, Carole Herbst, Felicia Mogavero, Roz Crytzer (bottom) Lindsey Lux, & Arah Duecker



Brett Mosser, Elissa Barker, Lacey Hayes, & Charles Koch were the four freshmen who received the citizenship award.



Josh Robbins, Lindsey Lux, Carole Herbst, and Sunshine Harwell received top four honors and the citizenship award.



Top four award was presented to juniors Nikki McGuire, Lauren Elsey, Melanie Kempf, & Eric Bastien (not pictured).



Sophomore Citizenship Award winners were Dennis Moore, Bryan Weber, Michael Mobley, & DeDe Mogavero.



Freshmen citizenship award winners were Charles Koch, Brett Mosser, Lacey Hayes, and Sarah Culpepper.



Citizenship award goes to sophomores Dennis Moore, Bryan Weber, Diana Pavlov, & DeDe Mogavero.



Juniors awarded the citizenship award were Nikki McGuire, Aubrey Knoll, Escher Garza, & Eric Bastien (not pictured).



AWARDS

National Honor Society



1997-1998 NHS Members. Bottom Row: Rei Crytzer, Shannon Lightfoot, Erin McNabney, Punmy Harlin, Aubrey Knoll, Shelia Granberg, Bethany Zercher, Diana Pavlov. Second Row: Nikki McGuire, Lindsey Lux, Esther Garza, Carole Herbst, Laurin Eley, Holly Head, Tuesday Smith, DeDe Magavern, Rhonda Romero, Jonathan Schutz, Bryan Weber, Dennis Moore. Top Row: Mirey Graham, Melanie Kempf, Josh Robbins, Anthony Zaercher, Wes Belzung, Ryan Burns, R.G. Caradine, Jennifer Dowdy, Arah Duucker, Michael Mobley, Eric Bussen.



Halia: "Hey there Buffalo, one slice at a time will do ya."



New NHS Members. Bottom Row: Bethany Zercher, Diana Pavlov, Rhonda Romero, DeDe Magavern. Second Row: Arah Duucker, Jennifer Dowdy, Lindsey Lux, Bryan Weber, Dennis Moore, Jonathan Schutz. Top Row: Wes Belzung, Anthony Zaercher, Michael Mobley, Eric Bussen.



Josh to Arah: "How about me and you's pick up a burger or two after this shiebang?"

STUDENT



1996-97 Officers from left to right: Secretary/Treasurer Tuesday Smith, President Holly Head, & Vice President Melanie Kempf.



Senior Members from left to right: Carole Herbst, Lindsey Lux, Rebecca Latham, & Arah Duucker.



Junior Members from left to right: Esther Garza, Shelia Granberg, Pamela Hardin, & Erin McNabney.



Freshmen Members Top Row: Charles Koch, Jessi Haas, & Stacey Russell. Bottom Row: Sarah Calpepper, Marianna Dennis, & Brett Mouser.

COUNCIL

Sophomore Members: (pictured) Landie Brenner (not pictured) Jason Head, Bryan Weber, Michael Mobley, & Brandy Milam.



Panther Band 1996-97



Bottom row: Ursula Higgs, Taylor Deats, Leslie Rios, Dalcyce Burgess, Diana Winters, Candice Cole, Michelle Emery. 2nd row: Jennifer Zercher, Stephanie Brown, Eric Bastien, Melissa aaaaaa, Cole Deats, Lacey Hayes. 3rd row: Patrick Treadwell, Olga Avila, Denet Riviera, Vickie Coffee. Standing: Megan Seymanowski, Aaron Norris.



Lacey Hayes and Jessie Haas lead the french horn section in a musical tune.



Bottom: 8th grade Rep., Megan Seymanowski, Band President Taylor Deats. Top: Freshman Rep. Lacey Hayes, Junior Rep., Eric Bastien, Drum Major Aaron Norris.



The band plays during the Pep Rally to help psych the football players up for the big game against the St. Michael's Crusaders.



Aaron Norris plays the drums for the band while pepping up the football players for the big game against St. Michaels.



Jessi Haas greets her parents with a flower in the middle of the field for parents' night. Smile big now!



The band plays a tune for the crowd to jam out on while enjoying watching the Panthers dominate the other team.

Future Homemakers

Mrs. Carol Summy,
Advisor



Star Events Teams: Bottom Left, Roz Crytzer, Jerry Musser, Krissi Kennedy with Entrepreneurship placing 2nd at region, Below, Jessi Haas, Vicki Coffee, Taylor Deats with Chapter Service placing 2nd at region and also 2nd at state, Top, Jessie Laumer, Brandy Milam, Tiffany Buck with Chapter Showcase placing 3rd at region.



of America



Presidents: Right — Felicia Mogavero 1996-1997; Left — Aubrey Knoll 1997-1998



FHA members take a moment out of their busy schedules to strike a pose.



Wayland Rios, Jason Davis and Sean Cole sell football programs and build up people's spirits before the game.



1996-1997 seniors left; Kristi Brandt; Felicia Mogavero, Akram Weusi, Lindsey Lux, Carol Herbst, Amber Milby, Shannon Lightfoot, Roz Crytzer, Karen Covin.



1996-1997 and 1997-1998 Officers: Left: Crystal Barry, Esther Garza, Tiffany Buck, Felicia Mogavero, Aubrey Knoll, Stephanie Vradersburg, Maryam Weusi, Jacella McKenzie, Stacey Weatherly, Paul Flores.

FFA



1996-97 Blanco FFA Chapter Officers:
 Front row: Valerie Friesenbahr, Rachel Sacksky, Stacie Granberg,
 Nicole McGuire. Back row: Advisor Jason Marek, Jacob Prince,
 Benjamin Brotzman, Robert Corradini, Amy Carroll



1996-97 Blanco FFA

1st row (l-r): Cory Johnson, Cody Carroll, Nicole McGuire, Paige Prince, Stacy Russell, Jessi Willitrop, Cory McMair, Lesi Vuhner, Ryan Gomez. 2nd row: Chris Parker, Shelée Granberg, Crystal Barry, Kai Weber, Eric Moulbert, Cassie Owens, Lauren Davis, Lucio Lopez. 3rd row: Travis Palmer, K.G. Corradini, Ross West, Ben Brotzman, Ashley Gillett, Trevor McGuire, Matt Johnson, Jody Carroll. 4th row: Arshy Bailey, Jake Prince, Laura Rocha, Shelly Wolfe, Mark Rios, Tell Finch, Marcus Pope, Michael DeKoch. 5th row: Ryan Butris, Jennifer Dowdy, Matt Gillett, Charlie Miller, David Mungrove



This year several of the FFA teams did very well.
 Livestock team—3rd at state and qualified for nationals in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
 Public Relations team—1st in Area VII and 4th place at state.
 Ag Issues team—1st in hill district and 3rd in Area VII.
 Jr. Chapter Conducting—placed 1st in hill district and 8th in Area VII.
 Quiz team—4th in hill district.
 Radio team—7th in hill district.
 Livestock team—1st at Tarleton State University Invitational and in the top 20% at San Antonio, Victoria, SWTSU, Hill District, and Area VII.
 Range team—6th hill district and 9th Area VII.
 Dairy team—8th in hill district.



Everyone has a good time at the petting zoo during the week of the young child.



Lisa Gourley gets ready to brush down her pig.



Shelée checks out the competition before brushing down her hog for the show.



Niki shows Burgo the mysterious down the neat chicken that she found on the way over.



Mr. Marek and Trevor McGuire have a good time shaving a pig.



Niki explains about this fancy bed.

The Best in BHS Athletics

Most Valuable Players

Volleyball



Amy Carroll (with Andy Bailey)

Football



Defense — Ross West and Ryan McMillian; Offense — Martin Barrera (Rows not pictured)

Boys and Girls Basketball



Martin Barrera and Mary Graham

Softball and Baseball



Travis Hardin, Coy Johnson, and Holly Head

Track



Anthony Zuercher and Amy Carroll

Tennis



Andrea Bailey and Erik Muelbert



Most Valuable All-Around



Joshua Robbins, Mary Graham and Amy Carroll

Varsity Football



First Row: Coach Marek, Coach Odom, Matt Petersen, Bryan Weber, Dennis Moon, Gilbert Escobedo, Wes Belzung, Coach Mouser. Second Row: David Comeaux, Travis Hardin, Akram Weust, Jason Head, Lucio Lopez, Ryan McMillian. Third Row: Coach Jackson, Jonathan Schuertz, Mark Rios, Josh Cotten, Jay Harden, Macho Barrera, Sam Corder, Shane Zercher, Coach Emerson, Coach Rogers. Fourth Row: Coach Tesch, Jon Covin, Josh Robbins, Jared Mikeska, Anthony Zuercher, Ross West, Alex Jenkins.



Jason Head holds the pigskin steady for big Josh Robbins during an extra point attempt.



The Panther defensive line crushes the opposition with explosive power.

Junior Varsity



First Row: Jason Davis, Charles Brenner, Ben Ploughman, Coxy Catoll, Michael Rentz, Matt Gillett, Riley Tatum, Matt Johnson. Second Row: Brandon Karas, Chris Venable, Kai Weber, Tell Finch, Chris Andrews, Marcus Pope, Eddie Kroll, Shane Baker. Third Row: Jody Carroll, Jasen Wells, Trevor McGuire, Wayland Rios, Travis Palmer, Brett Mouser. Fourth Row: Coach Odom, Coach Jackson, Coach Tesch, Nick Davis, Michael DeKoch, David Bell, Eric Basrien, Jeremiah Burr, Byron Trotter, Sean Cole, Ben Brotzman, Coach Rodgers, Coach Emerson, Coach Mouser.



Right: Macho Barrera breaks through St. Michael's defensive line for a big gain. Above: Ross West rolls right while looking over the defense for an open receiver.





Queen Kristi Lee Brandt represented the Future Homemakers of America. She is the daughter of Irene and Steve Foster. She has been a three-year member of the Future Homemakers of America. Kristi plans to attend ITT Technical Institute and study computer-aided drafting.



Former queen Natalie Boyd and Principal Lynn Boyd hand over the crown to Kristi.

1996 Homecoming Queen Candidates



Left to right: Escort Joe Haas, Rozalyn Crytzer, A.A. Duecker, Arnh Duecker, Jerry Bailey, Andrea Bailey, Arlin Dowdy, Jennifer Dowdy, Jim Latham, Rebecca Latham, Carole Herbst, Lee Temple, Amy Carroll, Lindsey Lux, Kristi Brandt, Abel Romero.



Drill Team
Andrea Bailey
Escorted by Jerry Bailey



FFA
Amy Carroll
Escorted by Wayne Carroll



Blanco Panther Band
Rozalyn Crytzer
Escorted by Joe Haas



Blanco Varsity Football
Jennifer Dowdy
Escorted by Arlin Dowdy



Varsity Cheerleaders
Arnh Duecker
Escorted by A.A. Duecker



Blanco Student Council
Lindsey Lux
Escorted by Dale Lux



Lady Panther Volleyball
Rebecca Latham
Escorted by Jim Latham



National Honor Society
Carole Herbst
Escorted by Lee Temple

Cheerleaders



Varsity: From Left to Right: Lisa Gourley, Keisha Petri (top) Shelee Granberg, Erin McNabney, Melanie Kempf, Stacey Russell (middle) Stephanie Vradenburg, Holly Head (bottom)

Junior Varsity: From Left to Right: Lauren Davis, Sarah Culpepper (top) Paige Prince, Katie McNabney (middle) Jennifer Cortez, Beidgett Boling, Jaime Pribyl



1996-1997 Pantherettes



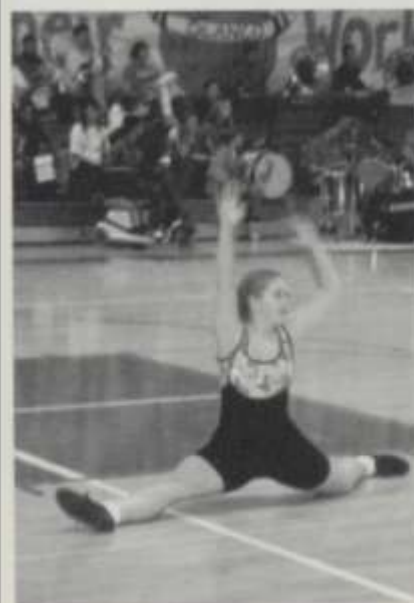
Top Left: Nicole Ridner, Tanya Reed, Lacey Hayes, Leslie Rios, Jessie Laurmer, Shelly Wolfe. Middle Left: Melissa Garcia, Amy Harris, Tiffany Hufford, Olga Avlia, Danet Rivera, Vickie Coffee. Bottom Left: Stephanie Brown, Kiyanna Garland, Tuesday Smith.



The Cheerleaders and the Drill Team combine their spirits to make each football game a memorable one, no matter what the scoreboard says at the end of the game.



Smiles abound! The drill team always seems to bring out the spirit in the home crowd whenever they perform, no matter what the theme!



Left: Tuesday splits it up for the crowd at a home game pep rally.

Below: The drill team works hard to remember steps, keep rhythm, and kick high. (Don't forget to smile!)



Record

Harper win
 Fredricksberg loss
 Luling win
 Cole win
 Marble Falls win
 Hyde Park win
 Marble Falls win
 Fredricksberg win
 Burnet 1 win
 Burnet 2 win
 Liberry Hill loss
 Medina win
 Medina win
 Johnson City win
 Lago Vista loss
 Comfort win
 Alumni win
 Manor loss
 Lago Vista loss
 Center Point win
 Burnet win
 Johnson City loss
 Hill Country Christian loss
 Wimberly loss
 Comfort win
 Liberry Hill loss
 Center Point win
 Johnson City win
 Jarrell loss

Varsity Volleyball



Top row: Jennifer Dowdy, Andy Bailey, Melanie Kernf. Middle row: Coach Isbell, Jillian Wier, Rebecca Latham, Coach Walker. Floor: Mary Graham, Aubrey Knoll, Amy Carroll.



Mary pushes the ball over the net and through the opponents' hands.



Mary sets up a team mate for a spike in an exciting win over Johnson City.

Blanco Defeats Johnson City for the District Title!



Melanie Kernf shows the Blanco fans what she is all about. Reaching over the net, she hits the ball through the Medina Robcats paws.

Amy Carroll was selected the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star team performing at her best. She was 1 of the 24 in the whole state of Texas chosen for it. All of Blanco is proud of her. She was the first one ever out of Blanco to make it. Congratulations Amy!



All-Tournament Players — (l-r) Jillian Wier, Sarah Culpepper, Valerie Friesenhabn, Holly Head, Keendra Summy, Amy Carroll



Left: Amy and Aubrey sacrifice their bodies for the team.



Right: Amy and Melanie keep the ball on the other side of the net.

J.V. and Freshman Volleyball



Setting: Jennifer Spear, Kneeling: Jacella McKenzie, Claudia Calambit, Brandy Milam, Valerie Friesenhabn. Standing: Coach Isbell, Holly Head, Maryam Wizan, Lisa Gourley, Delyse Burgess, Niki Taylor, Tuesday Smith, Jessica Romero, Coach Walker. Top: Shelo Greenberg, Vicky Grigo, Keisha Perry.



Kneeling: Brandy Burchell, Stacy Russell, Jesse Hain, Leslie Ross, Jamie Pribyl. Standing: Coach Isbell, Keendra Summy, Lauren Davis, Cassie Owens, Jennifer Cortez, Sarah Culpepper, Katy McNabney, Coach Walker.

Girls Varsity Basketball



Top: Bethany Zercher, Holly Head, Keisha Petri. Middle: Mary Graham, Brenda Esquivel, Amy Carroll. Bottom: Coach Walker, Katie McNaboy, Lauren Davis, Coach Isbell.



Amy Carroll makes the steal and the point for the Panther team.



Left to right: Stacy Russell, Kendra Summy, Sarah Culpepper, Cassie Owen, Cristina Barrera, Laura Rocha, Paige Prince, Bridgette Boling. Bottom: Coach Tiffani Walker.



Keisha Petri rebounds the ball from the opponent and makes the shoot.



Girls JV Basketball

Varsity Boys Basketball



Wes Belzung, Josh Brenner, Josh Robbins, Michael Mobley, Anthony Zuercher, Row West, D.J. Boskind, Wes Murrell, Deacon Newhouse, Akram Weusi, Martin Baretta

Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball



Charles Koch, Brenner, Jason Head, Erik Moelbert, Jared Mikeska, Sean Cole, Dennis Moore, Chris Tyre, Brett Mouser, Coach Tesch



Macho takes his opponent to the hole.



Josh Robbins battles for the rebound to help bring the Panthers to victory!



Anthony fakes the funk with his fly moves while schooling his opponent to help lead that Panther posse to victory.





Holly throws a strike!

Shouldn't you listen to coach instead of fixing your hair, Mary?



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Softball finishes the season with the area title and a lot of pride.

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Pamela takes time out for a smile while waiting to bat.



Amy gets a few pointers from Coach between innings.

Even when running Sarah always has a smile on her face.



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Is that Michael Johnson? Oh no, it's just Alex.



Jill, what are you looking at?



The girls work hard on their starts.

JV Softball



Cornac works on his Fosberry Flop.



TENNIS



VARSITY: (front) Pamela Hardin, Aubrey Knoll, Andrea Bailey, Krisha Petri, (back) Coach Isbell, Charles Koch, Erik Moelbert, Sean Cole, Arah Duecker, Lindsey Lux



JUNIOR VARSITY: (front) Leslie Rios, Jessi Haas, Shelly Wolfe (back) Coach Isbell, Travis Palmer, Bethany Zercher, Garrett Waller, Kendra Summy, Trevor McGuire



Panther Baseballers



Varsity Boys. Bottom Row: Jason Head, Michael Stroker, Ryan Burris, Juan Vargas, Akram Weiss. Second Row: Coach Jason Marek, Josh Robbins, Caleb Gibbons, Ross West, Travis Hardin, Coy Johnson, Ryan McMillian, Coach Bryan Wyatt.



First baseman Josh Robbins stretches southward for the throw to first in the Johnson City tournament.



Catcher Ryan McMillian flashes the signal and reaches himself for the throw-down.

Make State Playoffs

All-District

First Team:

Travis Hardin Pitcher
 Josh Robbins Infield
 Juan Vargas Infield
 Mike Stroker Infield
 Coy Johnson Outfield

Second Team:

Caleb Gibbons Outfield
 Ross West Outfield
 Ryan McMillian Infield

Honorable Mention:

Ryan Burris Infield



Junior Varsity Boys. Bottom Row: Charles Brenner, Chris Tyre, Cody Carroll, Jody Carroll, Brett Mouser, Abel Tupia. Second Row: Sean Cole, Ben Brotzman, Bryan Weber, Ky Weber, Marcus Pope, David Mungrove, Alex Jenkins. Top Row: Coach Jason Marek, Jared Mikeska, Nick Davis, Matt Petersen, Michael Mobley, Michael DeKoch, Coach Bryan Wyatt.



Left: Strikeout King Travis "Juice" Hardin winds up for yet another 137 mile-per-hour fastball. Right: Chris Andrews takes a "Healthy Boy" cut in a warm afternoon practice.



Middle School Faculty



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Debbie Martinez



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Jennifer Seales
Susie Kneese



Craig Jackson
Bill Mouser
Robert Rice



Kurt Shoemaker
Gail Hellums



Pam Klepac
Pam Nabers



*There is only one good, knowledge,
and one evil, ignorance.*

Middle School

Top Four

8th Grade



Aurlie Crytzer, Amanda Moore, Garrett Granberg,
Tristan Weber,

7th Grade



Candice Belzung, Candice Minjures, Drake Mikoska,
Tiffany Heckel.

6th Grade



Ashleigh Greathouse



Garlyn Schwarzlow



Jesse Stratton



Shelly Taylor

Awards

Citizenship

Panther Award



Garrett Granberg and Amanda Moore

7th and 8th



8th: Mario Chalico, Tristan Weber, Garrett Granberg,
Raquel Garcia; 7th: Kimberly Romero, Rebecca
Lambdin, Tiffany Heckel, Drake Mikoska (not
pictured)

6th Grade



Jason Smith



Shelly Taylor



Kelsey Wirtkohl



Eva Wolchover

Middle School Cheerleaders



Top: Amanda Moore, Jennifer Kempf, Veronica Stewart, Kristen Castillo Bottom: Megan McNabney, Candace Minjares, Jacquie Warner, and Mary Cox.



Cheerleaders work hard to get the crowd motivated.



Keeping spirits high, the girls use their skills and their strength to perform for the crowd.



Brandon Culton shows how to cut a lobster.



Chris Fowler and his father make a presentation to his class.



Kord Weber and Robert Flores help improve our environment at Blanco I.S.D. Great Job Guys!



8th Grade Football. Bottom Row: Jeff Allredge, Jeremy Ernst, Mario Chulico, Dustin Weber, Alan Barrington, Travis Walker, Johnny Garza, Corey Boling. Middle Row: Garrett Granburg, Frank Kennedy, Garrett Escobedo, John Flores, Josh Matthews, David Lopez, Coach Bryan Wyatt. Top Row: Coach Jason Marek, Taylor Baumgartner, Jason Cox, Ashton Edwards, Marlin Edger, Ricky Trotter, Patrick Garrett, Trenton Weber, Coach Bill Mosser.



7th Grade boys Football. Bottom Row: Jacob Venable, Kurt Weber, Robert Flores, Tomas Garcia, Joey Garcia, Travis Sadio, Bryan Mummie. Middle Row: John David Ullall, Ben Brenner, Deake Mikoska, Muhammad Weusi, Josh Mann, Houston Baumgartner, Matt Davis. Top Row: James Schwisch, Jeremy Brenner, Josh Way, Joseph Mann, Juan Jones, Orlando Hernandez, Jacob Cooper.



8th Grade Boys Basketball. Bottom Row: Mario Chulico, Garrett Granburg, Dustin Weber, Corey Boling, Alan Barrington, Jeremy Ernst, Randall Vransburg, Brandon Wolf, Frank Kennedy. Top Row: Ricky Trotter, Patrick Bennett, Josh Matthews, Garrett Escobedo, Trenton Weber, Marlin Edger, John Flores, Taylor Baumgartner.



7th Grade Boys Basketball. Bottom Row: Robert Flores, Joey Garcia, Jobeathan Wagner, Jesus Chulico, Muhammad Weusi, Gabe Garcia. Middle Row: John David Ullall, Ben Brenner, Brandon Zeigenshoen, Joseph Perez, Deake Mikoska, Josh Mann, Matt Davis. Top Row: Jeremy Brenner, Jacob Cooper, Daniel Myrow, Joseph Mann, Curtis Rust, Houston Baumgartner.



Boys Track. Bottom Row: Dustin Weber, Muhammad Weusi, Robert Flores, Corey Boling, Joey Garcia, John David Ullall, Cole Dean, Carlos Manriquez. Second Row: Frank Kennedy, Brandon Wolf, Mario Chulico, Daniel Myrow, Garrett Granburg, Joseph Mann, Joshua Mann, Matt Davis, Orlando Hernandez. Top Row: Houston Baumgartner, Curtis Rust, Ricky Trotter, Ashton Edwards, Josh Matthews, Jason Cox.



M I D D L E S C H O O L



8th Grade Volleyball. Bottom Row: Sarah Romero, Jennifer Kempf, Shannon Foster, Candice Bethke, Michelle Mobley. Middle Row: Veronica Stewart, Courtney Hughes, Kitt Trial, Tracy Hardin, Aurie Cryzer, Kandice Cole, Kristin Castillo. Top Row: Coach Beale Tolbert, Megan Symonowski, Kim Weber, Bonnie Frantzen, Jennifer Zuercher, Diana Winters, Lani Matsumura, Stephanie Jones, Amanda Moore.



7th Grade Volleyball. Front: Coach Beale Tolbert. Bottom row: Alicia Jones, Jann Barrien, Amber Newby, Kehey McClure. Middle Row: Mary Cox, Tiffany Felps, Candice Belzung, Jessica McLachlan, Maria Moore, Jessica Esquivel, Raquel Barrera, Megan McNabney. Top Row: Kimberly Romero, Tiffany Heckle, Emily Bucklin, Tuesday Flores, Megan Hildebrandt, Whitney Lawson, Jacque Warner, Megan Jones.



8th Grade Girls Basketball. Bottom Row: Megan Symonowski, Veronica Stewart, Kristin Castillo, Stephanie Smith. Middle Row: Amanda Moore, Jennifer Kempf, Amanda Kenay, Amanda Morgan, Michelle Mobley, Tracy Hardin, Asha Garcia, Belinda Salazar, Rachel Garcia. Top Row: Sarah Romero, Aurie Cryzer, Jennifer Falzone, Courtney Hughes, Ashley McCalmeter, Jennifer Zuercher, Diana Winters, Kandice Cole, Shannon Foster, Candice Bethke, Kitt Trial.



7th Grade Girls Basketball. Bottom Row: Amber Newby, Jessica McLachlan, TAm Page, Kehey McClure. Middle Row: Mary Cox, Tiffany Felps, Jessica Esquivel, Crystal Covin, Candice Belzung, Alaha Jones, Kimberly Romero, Megan McNabney. Top Row: Coach Brian Emerson, Jara Barrien, Jacque Warner, Rebecca Lambdin, Megan Hildebrandt, Jessica Berhensh, Emily Bucklin, Tiffany Heckle, Tuesday Flores.



Girls Track. Bottom Row: Tuesday Flores, Kristin Williams, Tiffany Felps, Megan McNabney, Amanda Moore, Kitt Trial, Kimberly Romero, Rebecca Lambdin, Diana Winters. Second Row: Jessica McLachlan, Bona Arrecho, Jen Vargas, Kristin Castillo, Ross Stewart, Sarah Romero, Stephanie Smith, Megan Symonowski, A.K. Kenay. Top Row: Jennifer Falzone, Ashley McCalmeter, Shannon Foster, Candice Bethke, Amanda Morgan, Jennifer Kempf, Tracy Hardin, Aurie Cryzer, Jennifer Zuercher.

Middle School UIL



Middle School UIL Participants: Front: (From Left) Randi Stewart, Ashlee Tatum, Alex Fortune. 1st Row: James Gatewood, Lauren Dowling, Jessie Stratten, Marco Vazquez, Jason Smith, Zachary Kezar, Laird Frantzen, Anthony Sidell. 2nd Row: Joseph Garrett, Ashleigh Greathouse, Kristina Wangler, Brandon Culton, Jose Zepeda. 3rd Row: Jacob Cooper, Jacquie Warner, Tomas Garcia, Amber Newby, Jessie Prince, Garlyn Schwarzlose, Vanessa Hernandez. 4th Row: Candice Belzung, Candace Minjares, Joey Garcia, Tiffany Felps, Mary Cox, Jessica McLachlin, Kelsey McClure, Eva Wolchover, Kelsey Wittkohl, Amber Reed. 5th Row: Bryan Mummy, Drake Mikeska, Sarah Romero, Matt Davis, Jennifer Kempf, Janna Bastien, Tiffany Heckel, Tiffany Belzung, Rebecca Lambdin, Jessica Beherends. 6th Row: Garrett Granberg, Corey Boling, Brandon Wolf, Bonnie Frantzen, Diana Winters, Jeremy Earnst, Tristan Weber, Houston Bumgartner. On the side: Ronnie Stewart, Taylor Bumgartner, Jason Cox. Not Pictured: Aurie Crytzer, Alan Barrington, Jessica Ezquivel, Orlando Hernandez, Johnny Garza, Robert Flores.

Elementary UIL



Elementary UIL: Back Row: Jace Yates, Nolan Tidwell, Blake Mouser, Aaron Lux, Derek Dollahite, Alyx Fisher. 6th Row: Deborah Avants, Toni Martinez, Meagan Weber, Zoe Smedley, Kaleigh Emerson, Brittney Phillip, Brody Herr. 5th row: John Stahl, Michael Williams, Jonathon Waller, Dana Burgess, Natalie Wolchover, Nichole Lockwood. 4th Row: Leigh Ann Weaver, Calen McNett, Michael Krusinsky, Patrick Rodgers, Zane Schwarzlose, James Busch, Tristan Sierra, Dane Culton. 3rd Row: Nick Uballe, Brittany Milam, Jessica Petersen, Josh Tidwell, Nathan Wilson, Kyle Immel, Tanner Willbanks, Mallory Wyatt. 2nd Row: Allison Lux, Amber Cote, Jamie Felps, Brendon Feagans, John Wayne Ingram, Arna Sylvester, Rebecca Miller, Christina Behrends, Ainsley Behn. 1st Row: Hannah Blackburn, Zachary Hall, Alice Yu.

Sixth Grade

Adleron, Maline
Baker, Cole
Barrington, Jason
Belong, Emma
Belger, Bryan
Bevil, Chris
Buckler, Dan



Calamita, Simon
Chenang, Tasha
Coxon, Adam
Cullen, Brandon
Dowlat, Lauren
Edger, Elizabeth
Edwards, Carlie



Eland, Justin
Edger, Jonathan
Felps, Jennifer
Fisch, Wyatt
Forman, Alexander
Foster, Chris
Frazier, Laird



Game, Joseph
Gans, Ezekiel
Gawwood, James
Gonzalez, Juan
Gonzalez, Rebekah
Guy, Brian
Hass, Richi



Hernandez, Yvonne
Hildebrandt, Malloy
Hughes, Carrie
Huser, Ryan
Jasen, Buck



Middle School band shows their musical talent at the Christmas concert.



Justin Kreyer enjoys himself at the Safety Day Party.

Sixth Graders leave the past behind to begin life in the Middle School.



Keller, Tina
Kerr, Zachary
Kerr, Brian
Lammert, Liberty
Liles, Tyler
Liles, Devin
Lutz, Damon



Martens, Lisa
Miller, Kelli
Morgan, Isabel
Nall, Tamara
Pfeiffer, Kaye
Pinner, Jessica
Ramos, Terese



Rand, Amber
Rivers, Glenda
Rosen, Catherine
Rosen, Philip
Rosa, Richard
Schmitt, William
Schwaninger, Garlen



Schiff, Anthony
Smith, Jason
Sosa, Javier
Stewart, Rachel
Strasser, John
Tatum, Arthur
Taylor, Shelby



Taney, Kaitlyn
Vargas, Joette
Vargas, Maria
Wagner, Kristina
White, Rachel
Winters, Sarah
Witzkiel, Kelley



Widmann, Eva
Young, Kim
Zuercher, Jacqueline





Principal
Joe Summy

Booth, Donna
Burgess, Mallissa
Corley, Lula
Cox, Sharon



Dowdy, Allison
Edwards, Ann
Engbrenson, Kevin
Evans, Claude



Horn, Jamie
Kirksey, Laurie
Marple, Laurie
Marshall, Kristan



McClure, Mike
McNert, Shelia
Mikeska, Camille
Miller, Linda



Faculty



Moore, Pat
Moore, Robin
Mouser, Bobbi
Olfers, Willie



Parker, Laurie
Pepper, Peggy
Rochester, Kathy
Romero, Sharon



Smith, Melissa
Stevenson, Holly
Shoemaker, Valerie
Thomson, Krissie



Wyatt, Lisa
Walters, Mark

It's Elementary, Dr. Watson, elementary!



Elementary kids take a break from school work.



Mrs. Evans' first graders smile for the camera after playing in the snow.



The little ones get together to talk politics and enjoy a nutritious meal.



After the meal they return to work on saving the planet.



The "K" Class

Fifth Grade

Avon, Deborah
 Ayala, Cole
 Behrens, David
 Baumgartner, Brady
 Belling, Bobby
 Bradford, Trey
 Burgess, Dana
 Byan, Shawn
 Byan, Yana
 Cameron, Abby
 Carter, Yanna
 Carlin, Eric
 Deltano, Derek
 Emmons, Kaleigh
 Escobedo, Bernarke
 Filipi, Britney
 Flinn, Amanda
 Flinn, Tawatha
 Haas, Cheryl
 Harwell, Tim
 Hultsack, Lindsay
 Hernandez, Derek
 Hernandez, Juan
 Hirt, Brady
 Kroll, Brian
 Lockwood, Nichole
 Lou, Aaron
 Mancos, Maricela
 Mann, Andy
 Maritzke, Tim
 Mirzadeh, Dana
 Moser, Erika
 Mousse, Bridget
 Navarro, Angustin
 Ramirez, Ismael
 Rice, Michael
 Rodriguez, Brandon
 Flores, Crystal
 Sogomon, Patrick
 Solbach, Keyon
 Stahl, John
 Thompson, Lauren
 Tolson, Nolan
 Torres, Alina
 Wagner, Ashley
 Waller, Jonathan
 Way, Shanna
 White, Galy



White, Megan
 White, Nathan
 Wilchusen, Nicole
 Yant, Jay

Fourth Grade



Arroyo, Karisma
 Barba, Philip
 Barrera, Dana
 Bauli, James
 Casas, Sebastian
 Casas, Alexandra
 Gilman, Dore
 Dillmore, Bryan
 Evans, Rebekah
 Flores, Angelica
 Garcia, Seth
 Gonzalez, Maricela
 Harbin, Nathan
 Hays, Adrian
 Jones, Ben
 Jones, Devina
 Jones, Travis
 Kopp, Michelle
 Krenham, Lena
 Krey, Richard
 Kuzarski, Michael
 Launier, Jonathan
 Lockwood, Alexander
 Marcha, Pepe
 Martinez, Allen
 Math, Lisa
 McNam, Gaben
 Michael, Tinsin
 Milan, Bracey
 Mirra, Francisco
 Nicks, Gary
 O'Hill, Kelley
 Olivanti, Joseph
 Paredes, Jessica
 Pina, Eddie
 Rainey, Samantha
 Ramirez, Gabriel
 Ramirez, Jesse
 Rodriguez, Patrick
 Schmitt, Theresa
 Schwabacher, Zach
 Tamm, Paul
 Tomashy, Brady
 Trevino, Michael
 Ushak, Nicholas
 Upshaw, Kimberly
 Vaughn, Lucas
 Williamson, Brian

Wasson, Leigh Ann
 Yoon, Dalena

Second Graders



Amely Peter
Christina
Deborah

Clifford Brown,
Harold Matthews,
Kathleen Steiner,
Lisa Rogers, Ryan
Shawley, Brandon
Shawley, Jennifer
Bak, Mary
Edwards, Cole
Lagunas, Karl Clark

Justin Lee, Jay
Collins, Mike Lee,
Julian Davis,
Nathan Dickinson,
Sam Odoms,
Jason Odoms,
Aasha Shaw, Kala
Latham, Patricia
Edwards

Calvin P.H. Ashby,
Hannah, Sam
Hanson, Brian
Hansen, Brian
Jensen, Sam Jones,
Marilyn Kram,
Michael Kram,
Kendrick Larson,
Katie Larson

Nate Lee, Josh
McCulloch, Eli
Wright, Monica
Mason,
Thompson Mason,
Walter Miller,
Kali Smith,
George White, Steve
White, Roger
White

Eric Steiner, Josh
Stark, Ted Stark,
Christopher Ray,
Samuel Ray,
Candice Sanders,
Taylor Sanders,
Morgan Shaver,
Robert Shaver,
Wesley Thomas

Ante Vaughan,
Alexander Yee,
Bridget Wagner,
Thomas Wright,
Austin Wilson,
Jonathan Wolf, Alan
Yu, Sarah Zide



Third Graders



Daniel Aiguo, James
Ahn, Arturo Ayo,
Elizabeth Barrios,
Robin Benson

Leo Phao, Megan
Bruegg, Samuel
Castillo, Ashton Cox,
Trey Cox, Brandon
Ferguson, Jason Polp,
Chase Rivers, Adrian
Gao

Trevyn Greenidge,
Charles Harvey, Bryan
Heller, Sekka Hogg,
Raul Hinojos, William
Honey, Austin
Howerler, Kyle Inwood,
John Inwood

Donk Jones, Cody
Jordan, Kate Kiser,
Dana Kruger, Steven
Larson, Jeremy Liles,
Adrian Lopez, Gilbert
Lopez, Allison Lee

Archer Malagon,
Christina Martinez,
Suzanna Martinez,
Ellie Mathewson,
Matthew McMan,
Victoria Miller, Dana
Mungo, Troy Nasser,
Janice Pilmer

Chely Pons, Maria
Rios, Victoria Rivers,
Lizeth Rodriguez, Erica
Salazar, Christopher San
Miguel, Ryan Sanders,
Jennifer Schmidt,
Tinaisha Seals

Weldon Smith, Dana
Sosa, John Starbuck,
Anna Sylvester, Triston
Thomson, Joshua
Tobwell, Justin Tracy,
Jose Vico, Angelina
Villanov

Allen Vilgas,
Britany Way, Stuart
Wagner, Tanner
Wibacka, Nathan
Wilson, Malley
Wynn, Arissa Zepeda



First

Algris, Alicia
Almon, Tami
Anna, Dina
Armstrong, Galin
Ayala, Mariela
Ayres, Amber
Baum, Caitlin



Barrera, Camille
Blackburn, Emily
Boyd, Ariel
Brucke, Kayla
Bruggeman, Jami
Cady, Addison
Carruth, Amanda



Cruz, Chelsea
Czappper, Daniel
Daniel, Parker
DeBary, Lisa
Duke, Courtney
Emanuel, Kyle
Fajal, Richard



Filip, Barbara
Fischer, Rosemarie
Flora, Joana
Gallardo, Inel
Garcia, Brandon
Gao, Daniel
Gonzalez, Chelsea



Gonzalez, Ali
Gonzalez, Juan
Hass, Nelli
Holliman, Loren
Honey, Cindy
Hunt, James
Hurl, Megan



Hughes, Maury
Ingram, Jose
Jandberg, Sarah
Jarama, Fabian



Kindergarten

Atiles, Angelica
Ayres, Breanna
Baker, Kaito
Barba, Kerby
Barrera, Joshua
Beard, Timothy
Beyrhold, Tyler



Gardi, John
Calancia, Rachel
Cassell, Ashlee
Cota, Amy
Cotto, Delma
Delba, Kevin
DeLara, Austin



Grade



Johnson, Micaela
Kamon, Rebecca
Lang, Isaac
Lara, Brian
Lockwood, Camie
Lopez, Enrique
Manrique, Randy



Mey, Mickey
Maljowicz, Christopher
McMan, Macy
Mason, Dallas
Mullins, Helen
Pena, Guillermo
Perron, Brittany



Pena, Jennifer
Ramirez, Christian
Ramirez, Jacoby
Rogers, Christopher
Rau, Samantha
Schaeferkranz, Stephanie
Schmidt, Ashley



Schwartz, Traci
Taran, Nalani
Thomas, Crystal
Thompson, Annie
Toro, Raul
Ullrich, Adriana
Ullrich, Alexandra



Ullrich, Amanda
Upton, Chantel
Villareal, Cynthia
Walls, Andrew
Way, Amanda
Wells, Elio
Wells, Kristin



Welling, Sarah
Wills, Alyssa
Winst, Julie
Yoon, Amber

Class of 2010!!



Dallan, Devin
Duke, Edie
Evel, Henry
Flora, Terra
Flowers, Josef
Fragile, Katherine
Fuchs, Clayton



Gibson, Caitlin
Gonzales, Erica
Gonzales, Jody
Gonzales, Vicky
Goy, Mariah
Gonzalez, Troy
Greenidge, Suzanne

Garrett, Yvonne
Hatcher, Kacie
Hobbs, Taylor
Hosler, David
Hudson, Zachary
Jain, Ryan
Jain, Yashvi



Jain, Victoria
Jain, Whitney
Jordan, Cyle
Klyce, Claire
Kraminski, James
Ladson, John
Leland, Michelle



Langston, Leslie
Lynn, John-Paul
Marrigan, Angeline
Marrigan, Amanda
Merritt, Carla
Merritt, Chase
Math, Wanda



Money, Kaitlyn
McCamill, Sydney
Meyers, Emily
Minick, Elizabeth
Moore, Serenity



Pre

Archer, Jonathan
Archer, Magdalena
Brownell, Aaron
Brubaker, Keith
Caulberry, Daniel



Crowder, Roger
Dale, Ashleigh
Garron, Andrew
Gray, Austin
Guzon, Anthony



Early

Algren, Taranee
Foster, Callie
Hess, Karen
Hill, William
Humphrey, Austin



Moore, Shelby
Moore, Shelby
Pappas, John
Parr, Robert
Rogerson, Kaiti
Roth, Jonathan
Rothman, James



Ryan, Lizabeth
Sain, Eddie
Satcher, Valera
Savage, Lauren
Schubert, Krysten
Smith, Alyssa
Smith, Austin



Spivey, Caleb
Tucki, Derek
Tubert, Hillary
Upshaw, Adam
Vaughan, Hannah
Vick, Anthony
Wilson, Savannah



Kindergarten



Higgins, Vanessa
Lendon, Lekeisha
Merritt, Dana
Nixon, Jose
Rice, Ruth



Sandus, Rosemary
Schilli, Ricky
Terry, William
Wolf, Michelle

Childhood



Jones, Abbie
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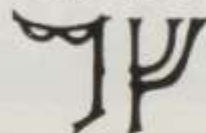
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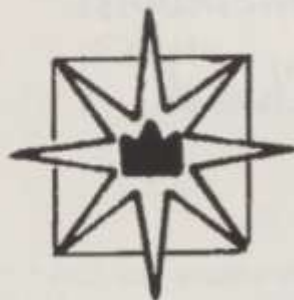
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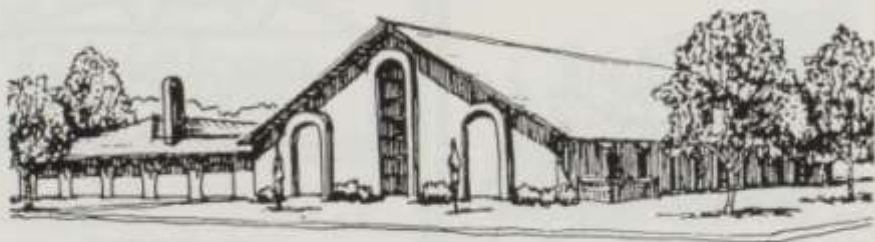
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The Year in Review

"Show me the money!" When Cuba Gooding, Jr. shouted those words at Tom Cruise in the movie *Jerry Maguire*, he not only earned himself an Oscar, but he introduced the catchphrase of the 1996-97 school year as well, framing many of its events.

Relatives of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman said, "Show me the money!" A jury did. Despite acquiring O.J. Simpson on criminal charges in his wife's brutal murder, they found him guilty of civil charges and ordered him to fork over millions. Every lawyer, judge, witness, and courtroom justice involved in the trial of the century told America's publishing houses "Show me the money!" They did, and the public parted with millions more for a barrage of books in search of some sordid fact or detail that the *Esquire* might have missed.

Ironically and tragically, America showed that it could administer justice quickly and fairly without turning the process into a capitalistic circus. Timothy McVeigh, after being charged with bombing the Alfred Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, was tried and convicted expeditiously and without the "Show me the money!" atmosphere that occurred in the Brown-Goldman-Simpson trial. McVeigh was convicted of the worst case of terrorism ever committed on American soil.

The Democratic National Committee said "Show me the money!" According to the Republicans, everyone did, from Chinese businessmen with paranoid agendas to dead people with untraceable agendas. While Congress is still investigating, the Democrats won the elections of 1996, and President Bill Clinton began his second term in the White House with the economy booming and crime and unemployment plummeting faster than he could tumble down Greg Norman's steps. President Clinton's won garden was not so easy, however, as with Hillary had to share center stage with alleged former one-afternoon stand Paula Jones. Everyone began to wonder whether media-shielded daughter Chelsea, the class of '97's most famous graduate, could actually talk. Chelsea, of course, has refused to comment, but that has not been a problem for Paula.

Our own Josh Robbins said, "Show me the money!" The United States Naval Academy did, offering him a free five-year ride in exchange for his considerable academic and football talent. As a result, he became Blanco High School's most famous graduate of 1997, and, as most of us can attest, Josh can talk. Five years from now, Josh will be on a ship keeping the world safe for democracy. Let's hope it's a big ship.

Four years ago, softball coach Tiffany Walker said, "Show me the money (or at least the coaching stipend)!" The BHS athletic department did, and this year her Panthers showed they were no longer beginners by winning the district and area championship before losing in the regional tournament in Brownwood. Riding consistent team hitting, strong infield play by Jill Wier and Amy Carroll, the determined arm of Holly Head, and some funky dugout chants, the softball team provided the athletic highlight of the year. Of course, the Lady Panthers did not completely overshadow the rest of the sports world. The Panther baseball team, behind the strong right arm of Travis Hardin and the amazing baring eye of Coy Johnson, made the playoffs.

Golfer Tiger Woods, at age twenty, won the Masters and said, "Show me the money!" America's athletic-marketing complex will, since his textbook swing and musing-bowl generalia make him a natural as Michael Jordan's heir. The Green Bay Packers won the Super Bowl when our beloved Cowboys could not keep everyone out of the hospital, the gossip columns, and jail long enough to be competitive. Maybe next year's draft will yield a better lawyer. In the year's ultimate "Show me the money!" scenario, the University of Kentucky's Rick Pitino won the NCAA basketball title and took \$70 million from the Celtics to coach them. I wonder if the Celtics told him they play in the NBA — with Michael Jordan.

Not to be outdone, the UIL academic team said, "Show us the money!" Well, the endorsement contracts and grants are still in the works. I am told, but Blanco brains provided some highlights anyway. While the rest of the country was learning from the year's top film, *Fargo*, that small town culture consists of Joe Feliciano at the Radisson lounge, talking about the weather, and saying "yuh" constantly, BHS was proving village life much more versatile. Holly Head and Patricia Hardin — accompanied by Bryan Weber and Brent Monser — qualified for the quarter finals in the state debate tournament. Josh Robbins and R.G. Conradin continued the computer science class' dynasty at the state level, and bright young talent Sarah Colpepper hinted at her future by making it to the state meet as a freshman in prose interpretation. BHS returned to its rural roots by sending its land judging team to the National Land Judging Competition in Oklahoma City. The Future Homemakers of America won just about everything they entered at their state contests.

Okay, so maybe America does not always recognize talent. After all, this is the same country that, this year, made Biggie Small a star, shot him, and then made him a cultural icon. It is also the same country that thinks Jim Carrey is funny. On the other hand, we also found a place on the radio dial for Fiona Apple's sultry voice and the Foo Fighters' not-so-sultry voices. We continued to watch *Seinfeld* while finally laying *Married with Children* to rest. In 1996-97 talent was in the eye of the money-holder. Which brings me to this essay. Hey, show me the money!

