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***By Blanco Annual Staff***

Blanco High School  
Blanco, Texas

## Officers Guide Seniors Through A Great Year



Above: Our Vice-President, Paul, doesn't think he can wait till lunch so he eats a straw hoping it will be a good substitute.



Above right: Rita's enactment of Mrs. Cavendish was just as efficient as her Secretary-Treasurer work for the class.



The class officers guided the class of '78' through a sensational year with lots of "gusto." Our President Severn Granberg made many important decisions with the aid of Paul Felps the Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Rita Elkins, kept the class informed on financial situations. Keeping the officers in line and in the right direction are sponsors: Coach Ronn Barr, Mrs. Tommie Payne, and Mr. Jerry McLaughlin.

Severn, our President, seems to be looking aimlessly for an answer to a tough question.



Patricia looks tired from all the cheerleading business, but her strong spirit will keep her going.



## Patricia And Severn Chosen As Best All- Around

The Senior class made two good choices for Best-All-Around. They were Severn Granberg and Patricia McDonald. Severn was chosen for his out going personality and friendly smile. He always has something nice to say about everyone. Patricia received her winning votes for her overwhelming spirit and athletic ability that she possesses. This Senior is a friend to everyone.



## Seniors Of '78

### Have Many Talents

Above: Lupe Barrera, Pam Bindseil, Leslie Blackburn.

Lower: Tom Brandt, Ronald (Pokey) Brooks, Stephanie Casanova.



Above: At the free-throw line, Stephanie's skill and concentration were always an asset on the girls' district championship team.



Right: Leslie, with the look of intelligence.



Left: Pam did a **great** job on ads for the yearbook and paper.



Above: Pokey and Rita, who always greet everyone with a smile, were chosen Most Friendly.



Left: Tom is perched in his usual place during lunch.

# Great Year For Seniors

Right: Paul's motto is "O WOW!"



Above: Howard and Lynda were chosen Best Personality because of their all around craziness and outgoing spirit.



Above: "Southpaw," Lynda gives it all she's got in tennis.

# '66 First Graders



Rita Covin  
Paul Felps

Lynda Cox  
Patricia Gomez

Cindi Dowdy  
Savern Granberg



Above: Cindi likes the idea of being a drum major when it comes to bossing people around.



Above: A little diversion helps Severn make it through the day.

Left: Pat's performances as a Patherette will be missed next year.

## Rankin Smith Is Valedictorian



Rankin has been in the Blanco Schools for his entire school years. He has been honored as a member of the top four in his class during all four years in high school. In his Freshman year Rankin was the class President. FFA saw him as a Vice-President in both his Junior and Senior years. He was an active member of FFA for four years. He has participated in Football, Basketball, Tennis, and Baseball. During his Senior year Rankin was a member of the Annual Staff and the Paper Staff.

Rankin enjoys fishing, swimming, talking with friends, and cruising the town. He also has fun in playing sports and staying active.

Rankin's family consists of three brothers, Nim, Greg, and Zane. His father, Nim, is an owner and operator of a station; his mother, Juanita, is a nurse in Johnson City.

In the fall, Rankin intends to enter Texas Tech in Lubbock. His fields of study will be computer programming and accounting.



## Laura Hostetler Is Salutatorian



Laura has attended Blanco High School for 2 years. She spent 8 years in Highlands, New Jersey and 2 years in Laredo, Texas.

She has participated in Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Tennis, collecting 3 All-Tournaments in Basketball and 2 trips to Victoria for the 440 relay in Track. Laura has been the V.P. of recreation in the F.H.A., having been a member for 2 years. She was the editor for the **Panther Chat** and on the yearbook staff. She played in the Band for 2 years and was scorekeeper for the Baseball Team.

Laura enjoys the outdoors and all sports-especially swimming, softball, skiing, and basketball. She also enjoys keeping a scrapbook and taking pictures.

Laura has 2 brothers, Willie and Kenneth and a sister, Linda. Her father, Jerry, is an airline pilot; her mother, Diane, is an active homemaker.

She is planning an education at Texas Tech University, majoring in Physical Education and minoring in Special Ed.



## Seniors Are The Future Adults Of Tomorrow



Above: Charles and Pam were chosen as Most Likely to Succeed. They participate in many school functions and still keep up their grades.

Right: Charles Jones  
Laura Klepac  
Howard Kock

Larry Kuentz  
Billy League  
Patricia McDonald

Below: Larry thinks it's really funny using the new pitching machine to make-outfielders "shag" fly balls.



Left: Howard struggles to lift a rock which will become part of a sidewalk that he and the rest of the Ag Mechanics class constructed around the picnic tables.

Below: Billy, the science fiction addict, is constantly looking for new exciting books to read.



Above: Tricia will always have fun with tennis in the years to come.

Left: As an aide for Coach Barr, Laura is kept laughing.



## We Are Super

Right: Jim-Bob shows he has a lot of spirit by sacrificing his "macho" image to play the part of a cheerleader.



Above: Bob, the high stepping VAC student, came with top hat and cane.



Above: James tries to avoid publicity by hiding battle scars of motorcycle accident.

## We Are Great We're The Class of '78



Above: Billie, who are you thinking about.



Above: Mark gives us an example of one of his better skills.



Left: Billie McMair, Mark McMair, James Meendez, Bob Moorhouse, James Nolte, and Mary Ann O'Neill.

Left: Mary Ann takes time out to day dream.

# Seniors Take Pride In Being Panthers



Right: Holly did her part to help the Seniors on dress-up day by playing the part of a farmers wife.

Below: James displays one of his many acting talents by playing a lawyer in the Christmas play.



Above: In a tight situation Ricky's quick smile will always get him out of trouble.



Above: Mr. Spurgin's busy bookkeeping keeps Dorothy's "nose" in the books.



Below: Gosh Michael, you look tired!

Below: Which Nut?



Above Left: Ricky Padilla, Michael Pape, James Perkins, Dorothy Reeves, Ramiro Romero, and Holly Shipp.

# After 12 Years Of School, Seniors Possess A Feeling Of Accomplishment

Right: Greg Smith, Suzy Smith



Left: Adella's quick pleasing smile is appreciated by everyone from kindergarten to seniors.



Above: Paul and Suzy were chosen as Most Athletic because of their great skill and talent in sports.

Right: Greg is all wrapped up in the Senior's spook house on PTO carnival night.



Above: By the look on John's face, it is easy to tell he enjoys drawing pictures for the PANTHER CHAT.



Above: Lynda decides to sit out a dance to catch a breather.



Above: Before the Homecoming Parade, Suzy fidgets like a "cat on a hot tin roof" to find a cool spot on the car.



Left: John Stauffer, Adella Uballe, and Lynda Wagner.

## Seniors-Starting On A Different Journey

Right: Stan Ward, David Wilson, Peter Wordsworth, Vernon Zuecher



Stan finds a quick and easy solution to getting out of fixing the baseball field.



The top four seniors in yearly averages are Rankin, Laura, Leslie, and Pam.



Above: Easy there Lynda.



The old adage does not apply to these musical seniors.



Above: David checks out his muscle structure on the new weight machine.



Right: Peter with a look of relief about his truck.



Left: Do you know 3 ways to spread the word? : Telephone, Telegraph, and Tele-a-Vernon.

## Senior Day At Astroworld



Above: Amid all the confusion about the picture being taken, Holly still won't let Cindi drive.

Friday, May 12 was Senior Day. The seniors left school at 11:30 full of high hopes and expectations. The trip to Astroworld with 36 seniors and 5 chaperons would be long but something to remember. Astroworld was open only for seniors all over Texas. The night would last from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday.

The excitement reached its peak when the gates opened at 6:00 and everyone rushed in to ride the "Cyclone." This ride turned out to be the most exciting ride of the night. Another ride that drew a lot of attention was the log ride because this day had to be one of the hottest days of the year. The cool water was a welcome feeling to all of the seniors. A few of the more radical seniors had a minor problem at the old timey cars. They backed up the cars all the way to the beginning to stop to take pictures.

When suppertime arrived, they had a choice of Italian, seafood, Mexican, and other assorted food places to eat. Games and disco followed. There were bands and heavy crowds. Dancing people kept them from seeing many performers.

The rides at night were a fabulous array of colors, sounds, and smells. The evening for Blanco ended at 1:30 a.m.

The ride home was filled with entertainment by the more amusing characters of the class. The trip was a blast! Mr. Bendele, Coach Barr, Mr. Mac, Mrs. Payne, and Mrs. Koch get a special award for putting up with this group of kids for more than 18 hours.



Above: The "Dexter Freebish Electric Roller Ride" was the "mini-Texas Cyclone" enjoyed by the seniors.



Left: When riding the bamboo shoot, you get the "Nes-tea plunge."



Above: A ride on a "bus" down a bumpy road make it necessary for lots of stops.



Above: So many to lift him up, and they still couldn't fit him in the trash can.

## Juniors Of '78 Are Rising At A High Rate

Shown below are the ones responsible for starting the Juniors on their way to the top. They are Nelda Stewart—President, Michael Lindeman—Vice-President, and Tammy Kneupper—Secretary-Treasurer. Their sponsors were Mrs. Nabors and Mrs. Mabey. This class, with their car wash and Bar-B-Que, raised over \$1,400 for the Junior-Senior Prom. The Juniors had lots of help from their room mothers Mrs. Stahl and Mrs. Weirich.



## Nelda And Mike Are Class Favorites

The Class Favorites were selected by the members in a November meeting. They selected the President (Nelda Stewart) and Vice-President (Michael Lindeman). These two people have worked hard for the class and are great representatives of the Juniors.

Also pictured on this page is the first 20 members of the Junior class. They are from (l to r) Eric Ashley, Damon Barker, Charlotte Calhoun, Sharon Coffee, Jeff Covin, Frances Covington, Chesley Elkins, Bart Evans, Nannette Farrell, Nancy Gilchrest, Virginia Hallenberger, Thomas Howe, Troy Immsel, Penny Jones, Donna Kennedy, Jackie Klepac, Tammy Kneupper, Michael Krenek, Freddy Laurer, and Caterina League.



# Juniors Gave Seniors Some Saturday Night Fever

Right: Kelly is ready to eat some of the delicious buffet treats during the Prom.

Below: The Texas Straw Dogs provided the music for the Prom.



Left: Laurie and Bailey enjoyed all the action at the Prom.

The Junior class on April 29, hosted the Junior Senior Prom and buffet at the new city building. "Saturday Night Fever" was chosen for this year's theme. The class, with their helpful mothers and sponsors, worked extra hard to make this prom a success. The servers were Marilyn Klepac, Debra Jones, Luther Day, and Jeff Smith.

The Senior prophecies were read by Margie Stahl, and something new this year, Senior Songs were read by Wayne Young. The Junior wills were read by James Perkins.

Shown on the opposite page are the last 20 juniors. They are: Mike Lindeman, David Meurer, Connie Morgan, Kelly Neuman, Peggy Offers, Irene O'Neill, Dennis Page, Laurie Payne, Mary Romero, Larry Smith, Steve Smitherman, Margie Stahl, Nelda Stewart, Laura Upshaw, Raysha Wagner, Norman Weaner, Ricky Wierwick, Lauren Wilkins, Chris Wordsworth, and Wayne Young.



Above: Mrs. Mabry and Mrs. Nabers worked hard seeing that the Prom went according to plans.

Above: The top four in the Junior class are Tammy, Connie, Raysha, and Kelly.



Mrs. Neuman, one of the many mothers, who prepared the buffet.



Wayne and Margie read the prophecies and songs at the Prom.

# Sophomores Of '78 Are Moving And Grooving



The Sophomores of '78 show much eagerness and are in many activities. Shown on this page are the class favorites. They are John and Linda. These two were chosen for their cheerful smiles, sense of humor and their outgoing personalities.

The students from left to right are: Elise Ashley, Sandra Behn, Beth Berger, Lori Calhoun, Donna Casanova, Paul Clay, Lydia Cox, Gidget Duke, John Ellis, Kirk Felps, Susie Fudge, Arlene Gamez, Evie Gamez, Tracie Graves, Dana Hale, James Jackson, Landa Jones and Linda Hostetler.





## Two Down; Two To Go



Zane works hard to win the sack race at the FHA/FFA Christmas Party.



Elise was a good Sneazy for FHA dress-up day.



David proves that he isn't always civilized in biology.

Michelle learns it takes coordination to win sackraces.



Robbie decides he would have remembered the answer yesterday.



Tracy demonstrates new make-up techniques for FHA week.

## Sophomores Are Catching Up In The Race For The Top

To add money to their treasury, the sophomores sold candy bars and chocolate almonds. They made about \$150 by working on the project.

The students with the top academic averages were Zane, Terri, Beth, and Lynette. This is the second year these same four have been the students with the top academic averages.

Pictured on the opposite page are the remaining members of the 1978 sophomore class. They are (L to R) Lisa Lane, Jose Lobo, Lynette Love, Lynn Maly, Chris Nabers, Anita Padilla, Karen Preiss, Robbie Riley, Terri Roberts, Tina Romero, Danny Smith, Zane Smith, Michelle Tatum, Santano Uballe, Darrel Wagner, David Wagner, Michelle Wagner, and Karen Wilson.



Beth, Lynette, Zane, and Terri are the tops in their studies again.

## 4 Year Trip To The Top



During their four years trip in high school, the freshmen class of '77 will have many experiences that will last a life time. Betty Fudge got her first experience in acting in the Christmas play—**Assignment—Christmas Spirit**. Brenda McDonald got her first experiences in decorating for the Student Council dance. All the other experiences during their four year trip will add up to being a total high school student.

To lead the class in working together is President Rod Culton, Vice-President Terry Love, and Secretary-Treasurer Janice Flugrath. Miss Beckham and Mr. Spurgin helped the class through their Freshmen experiences. Dorothy Triesch and Grace Flugrath were the hardworking room-mothers.

Pictured below from left to right are Craig Banks, Sabra Barker, Bill Berger, Lance Calhoun, Angie Cervantes, Juan Cervantes, Mary Covin, Rod Culton, Luther Day, Claire Dickey, John Ferguson, Janice Flugrath, Betty Fudge, Juli Germany, Carol Gillespie, Bruce Granberg, Peggy Heckel, Carol Houser, Bruce Howe, and Debra Jones.

Pictured below are the Freshman favorites, Marilyn Klepac and Rod Culton. Their work for the class is appreciated.



# Freshmen Get A Taste Of It All Their First Year

Vickie, Janice, Juli, and Peggy have the top averages for their freshman year. These top 4 are putting their best foot forward in their studies.



Susan is one of the 6 freshman girls in the last game Drill Team "Hoe Down" show, which got lots of praise and laughs.



Marilyn's arms are full of the popcorn jars the freshmen sold which raised over \$500 for their treasury.

Pictured from left to right are Tracey Kelly, Marilyn Klepac, Norma Longoria, Terry Love, Brenda McDonald, Kenny Morgan, Penny Nolte, Billy Perkins, Max Reinhard, Liz Rider, Rosalinda Romero, Gustavo Sanchez, Trina Shipp, Jeff Smith, Wendy Stauffer, Susan Triesch, Victoria Vause, Teresa Wagner, Wade Wagner, and Sheila West.



Wendy is one of the freshman girls taking Ag.



Sabra is all smiles because she is finally in high school and getting to do some of the things that she saw the upper classmen do for 8 years.



Kenny, as all the other freshmen, dressed up as clowns on FHA dress-up day and really had a good time "acting" as a clown.

John, also a "Chat" editor, saved many headaches for the other editors with his "quick" drawings.

# '78 Paper And Annual Staff



Mr. Spurgin, Annual and "Chat" advisor, and the "Panther Chat" editors, Rita, Holly, and Laura are busily getting the paper organized.



Rankin's devilish smiles and good work enable him to have an outstanding Senior section in the yearbook.



The Annual and Paper Staffs consist of members of the Typing II class. These hard working students produce both the Annual and Paper. Our paper, the "Panther Chat", is printed monthly by Blanco Office Supply and is free to the students because of our faithful supporters. This is the third year of circulation.

At the bottom of the page are all the members of the Annual Staff with the section of the yearbook they were responsible for listed by their name. Lupe Barrera—FHA, Pam Bindseil—Annual Staff and ads, Lynda Cox—Freshman, Cindi Dowdy—Band and Elementary, Rita Elkins—Annual Staff, Pat Gomez—Seniors, Laura Hostetler—Volleyball and Basketball (Girls), Laura Klepac—Seniors and Student Council, Billy League—Elementary Sports, James Nolte—FFA, Micheal Pape—Basketball (Boys), and Track (Boys & Girls), Laurie Payne—Drill Team/Pep Squad, Dorothy Reeves—Elementary and ads, Holly Shipp—Band, Rankin Smith—Seniors, John Stauffer—Elementary Sport, Nelda Stewart—Juniors, Adella Ubalde—FHA, Lynda Wagner—Baseball, and David Wilson—Football.



Lynda W., James, Laura, and Lynda C. seem to have the "knack" for photography.



Smiles and hardwork are necessary for ad editor, Dorothy.

# American Homes Are Strengthened By F.H.A.

F.H.A. is an organization that is concerned with the homes of America. By being a member of F.H.A., it is hoped that the American home will become even stronger.

To lead the F.H.A. in the right direction, officers are elected. The officers are: Pres.—Tammy; Program chairmen—Dorothy; Encounter chairmen—Patricia; Projects—Nelda; Recreation—Laura; Publicity—Lynette; Secretary—Sharon; Treasurer—Donna; Parliamentarian—Stephanie; Historian—Rita; Pianist—Cindi; Advisor—Mrs. Summy.

Dorothy Reeves was chosen as Young Homemakers of

Texas Little Sister. She has been Treasurer and Vice-President of Programs. Dorothy has been in F.H.A. for 4 years.

Charles Jones was elected as the F.H.A. beau. He was chosen because of his outstanding work in Future Farmers of America—Our brother organization.

Our projects this year have been selecting articles to be sent to the State School in Austin for Christmas, and also a Christmas party for the school and nursing homes, attended the Area meeting, went to San Antonio Stockshow and Rodeo, and Easter egg hunt.



**Learning to do,  
Doing to learn,  
Earning to live,  
Living to serve.**

## *FFA—Golden Past And A Brighter Future*



Officers are the backbone of an organization.

Terri smiles at the satisfaction of the accomplishment of being elected sweetheart by the voting FFA members.



Charles is really trying to convince the judge that his sheep is the best.

Meetings—where ideas come together.



The Blanco Chapter of the Future Farmers of America is composed of 62 members and was founded in 1938. President Severn Granberg, Vice-President Rankin Smith, Treasurer Charles Jones, Secretary Ronald Brooks, Reporter Paul Felps, Sentinel Jim Melendez, and Advisor Mr. Bendele led the organization through a successful year.

Terri Roberts was chosen by the FFA members to be their Chapter Sweetheart. The other nominees were Senior Rita Elkins, Junior Nelda Stewart, and Freshman Janice Flugrath. All of these girls were presented at the fall banquet.



These three Lone Star farmers are proud of their hard earned degree.



President Severn Granberg can't decide which billfold is the best—his old one or the one he got for Christmas from the FFA members.

# Each Year, The Band Gets A Step Closer to Sweepstakes

The Panther Band did super well starting off the year with a I in Marching contest. While on the march, the Panther Band was lead by Cindi Dowdy—drum major, Holly Shipp—head twirler, Sharon Coffee—twirler, & Tammy Kneupper—twirler. They are pictured right. Assistant drum major was Ricky Weirich.

During Concert season, the band brought home a I in Sight Reading and a II in Concert contest. They came mighty close to a Sweepstakes, but they feel that with a lot of hard work and determination, they will make it next year.

Don't let the trombones blow ya' away, Mr. Cresswell.



It takes a lot of wind to blow a tuba.

Pictured at the bottom center is the entire spirited Panther Band. Our enthusiastic band director, Mr. Cresswell, has worked hard to encourage the talent that the Panther Band possesses.

Other outstanding individuals are the section leaders. They are Juli Germany & Raysha Wagner—flutes, Beth Berger & Sharon Coffee—clarinets, Holly Waxler—French horns, Holly Shipp—alto sax, Lynnette Love—tenor sax, Bruce Granberg & Trina Shipp—trumpets, Ricky Weirich—trombones, Wayne Young—baritone, Steve Smitherman—bass, and Sheila West—percussion.

Even twirlers like Kool-aid have to take breaks now and then.



Only an early bird can get a picture of Terri.

A soda water can help head twirler Holly make it through a contest.



Real proud of 'em, aren't ya'.



Mr. & Miss Panther Band were chosen during football season. Mr. Panther Band is the one and only Troy Immel. Miss Panther Band is our president, Kelly Neuman. Troy not only plays the trombone, but is also a member of the football, track, tennis, & baseball teams. Kelly plays the trumpet in the band and is a member of the basketball and track teams. These two celebrities are pictured bottom left. Below are the Band Officers pictured with Mr. Cresswell, Ricky Weirich—Equipment Mgr., Lynnette Love—Librarian, Raysha Wagner—Uniform Mgr., Lauren Wilkens—Historian, Kelly Neuman—President, David Wagner—Vice President, Connie Morgan—Secretary, and Beth Berger—Treasurer. The Panther Band owes a special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Cresswell for their work and devotion that has aided in making the band what it is today.



Accidents on band buses even happen to Laura H.

Are you sure that's what you asked for Cindi?



## Student Council Is Making It Better For BHS

To make school life better the student council came up with two new ideas—Christmas Dance and beautifying the school grounds. On December 21, the Christmas Dance was held in the cafetorium with music provided by the Berry Brothers. The charge was \$1.00 per couples and \$.75 for singles. To help beautify our grounds, pansies were planted along the front walk of the High School. These two new activities were added to the annual walk-a-thon and candy machines maintenance.

To better represent the entire student body, the 8th grade was asked to elect two students to voice their opinions at the meetings and take part in affair planning. The more input the council has, the better it can serve the student body.



The twelve members shown below are Stephanie Casanova—Senior class and Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Jones—Senior class, Laura Klepac—Senior class and Reporter, Connie Morgan—Junior class, Margie Stahl—Junior class, Chris Wordsworth—Junior class and President, Kirk Felps—Sophomore class, Terri Roberts—Sophomore class, Lance Calhoun—Freshman class, Juli Germany—Freshman class, Michael Berger—8th grade, Doyle Byler—8th grade.



Mr. Bendele (alias Kojak with hair) is the hard working sponsor.





The Pantherettes, our drill team, on the bottom row are Donna Casanova—2nd Lt., Laurie Payne—Captain, and Jackie Klepac—1st Lt. On the second row is Marilyn Klepac, Sandra Behn, Elise Ashley, Susan Triesch, Thresa Wagner, and Pat Immel—sponsor. Standing is Claire Dickey, Sabra Barker, Pat Gomez, Suzie Fudge, Charlotte Calhoun, Lori Calhoun, Lydia Cox, and Karen Wilson.



For being the most out-going Pantherette, Sandra Behn was awarded by Captain Laurie Payne on Parent's Night the honor of being "Miss Pantherette."



Pat Gomez, the only senior Pantherette, put forth lots of effort for herself and drill team.

## Routines And Cheers

### Keep Panther Spirit Moving



Cheerleaders (l to r) are Suzy Smith, Patricia McDonald, Terri Roberts—Head, Laura Upshaw, and Stephanie Casanova. "Patches"—Linda Hostetler—adds spirit and antics.



Pep rallies at B.H.S. show cheerleaders must have spirit, fun, and strong backs.



Pep squad members (l to r) on the first row are Francisca Caizoncit, Tina Romero, and Wendy Stauffer. Seated on the second row is Mary Romero—VP, Rosalinda Romero, Adella Uballe—Sec., and Beverly Pape. On the top row is Donna Kennedy—Pres., Miss Beckham—sponsor, Karen Press, Tracey Kelly, and Virginia Hallenberger.

Bob Klepac is a horticulturist and President of the Board.

## School Board—Community Representatives Of The People Of Blanco

Our school board is composed of seven individuals who are elected by the voters of the district. The school board meets monthly to establish policy and set goals to keep our school running smoothly and providing the environment for learning.



Charles Jones owns a local retail business in the city of Blanco.



Joe B. Wagner is a farmer, rancher, and runs the local freight service.



Left: Kenny Moore runs a local hardware business and is Vice-President of the Board.



Right: Pat Immel is Secretary of the Board. She is a homemaker and directs our drill team.



Left: Dorsey Smith operates a local plumbing and electrical service company.

Right: John L. Dechert is a farmer and rancher.

## **Proper Administration Is Vital To Successful Education**

Proper administration of our school is most vital to a successful educational program. The general purpose of the administration is to coordinate and supervise, under the policies of the School Board, the creation and operation of an environment in which students learn most effectively.

Our administration is led by Superintendent Bobby L. Roberts. He is in his second year as chief executive officer of our school system. His degrees come from SWTSU.

Mr. Roberts has been very busy this year. The self-evaluation of the schools with the Texas Education Agency and the state financial changes have been top priorities.



The Assessor-Collector of taxes assumes responsibility for the assessing and collecting of taxes due the school district in accordance with Texas ad valorem statutes and consistent with board policy. She must be able to furnish bond, to be paid by the District.

To assume these responsibilities and many others is Mrs. Joy Brussel. Mrs. Brussel has been with the school system for 14 years.

To assist her is Mrs. Lenona Felps. This is Mrs. Felps second year to help Mrs. Brussel for a half day.



## **High School Principal**



Our two principals work directly under the Superintendent and are responsible to him for the administration of their assigned school. Their basic responsibility is to direct and coordinate the activities of the faculty and students of the school that are consistent with the policies of the School Board and the regulations of the Texas Education Agency.

The responsibility of the high school is directed by Mr. Bob Bendele. This is Mr. Bendele's first year here. His degrees come from Howard Payne and SWTSU.



The responsibility of the elementary school is directed by Mr. Billy Gloor. Mr. Gloor has taught in Blanco for 29 years and has served as principal for 8½ years. Besides his principal duties, he teaches a 7th grade Texas history. Mr. Gloor's degree also comes from SWTSU.



In her 12th year of service is Mrs. Ruth Harvey. She is secretary for both principals and also keeps up their attendance records.

## **Elementary Principal**

Mrs. Summy's FHA meetings are filled with ideas and ways and means of making the organization grow.

Janet E. Mabry—English 8th Reading, UIL One Act Play, Junior Sponsor. BA—Univ. of Houston. 6 yrs. in Blanco.

Mary M. Nabors—English, Spanish, Junior Sponsor, UIL Literary. BA—SWTSU. 1 yr. in Blanco.

Mr. Spurgin seems to always be working on typewriters. If a machine is used, it usually needs adjustment from time to time.



## Students And Their Learning Is The Joy Of Teaching

Billy D. Spurgin—Business Education, Annual Staff, Bus Driver, UIL Typing. BBA—North Texas State Univ. 12 yrs. in Blanco.

Joe P. Sumner, Jr.—High School Science, UIL Science. BS—SWTSU. 1 yr. in Blanco.



Joe W. Smitherman—Algebra I and II, 7th math, Bus Driver. BA and MA—SWTSU. 25 yrs. in Blanco.

James W. Caudell—High school and Jr. High Math, Sophomore Sponsor, 8th History, UIL Number Sense. BA—SWTSU. 4 yrs. in Blanco.

Left: Carol G. Summy—Home Economics, FHA Advisor. BA—SWTSU. 7 yrs. in Blanco.

Right: Henry G. Bendele—Vocational Agriculture, FFA Advisor. BA—Texas A&I. MA—Texas A&M. 25 yrs. in Blanco.

### Education— Constantly Changing And Improving

That morning cup of coffee helps Mrs. Nabors make it through the day in the lounge.



Ronn G. Barr—Athletic Dir., Soc. Studies, Sr. spon., Head Football, "B" Boys Bskt., Head Track, UIL Sports. BA—Baylor Univ., 2 yrs. in Blanco.



Larry R. Davis—Jr. Hi. Eng., Asst. Football, Head Baseball. BS and ME—East Tex. State. 2 yrs. in Blanco.



S. Ann Beckham—Girls P.E., Bio., Jr. Hi. Bskt., Tennis, Pep Squad, Girls Track, Driver's Ed. BA—SWTSU. 12 yrs. in Blanco.



David L. McKinney—Soc. Studies, Jr. High Boys Sports, 8th grade spon. BAT—Sam Houston State. 1 yr. in Blanco.



Louis A. Rech—7th Science and Reading, 7th spon., High school Boys and Girls Bskt., Jr. High P.E. BA—SWTSU. 9 yrs. in Blanco.



Jerry P. McLaughlin—Librarian, Sr. Spon. BS—Tex. Tech Univ., MLS—Sam Houston Univ. 2 yrs. in Blanco.

Herbert F. Cresswell—Band, Music Director, UIL Music. BA—SWTSU. 6 yrs. in Blanco.



## Education Only Begins In The Classroom

Coach Barr's spirited words at the pep rallies gave encouragement to players, student body, band, drill team, pep squad, and fans.

Joe G. Summy—4th and 6th Reading, 4th Science, Health, Social Studies, 7th Texas History. BS & ME—SWTSU. 6 yrs. in Blanco.



Beatrice D. Ellison—3rd Grade. BA—SWTSU. 19 yrs. in Blanco.

Below: Donna C. Gibbons—2nd Grade. BA—SWTSU. 4 yrs. in Blanco.

Left: Mr. Mac tried to win the most spirited class honor for the seniors at a pep rally. Mr. Caudell was first to sink his pencil in the soda water bottle. The sophomores were happy they won that week.



Martha C. Bethke—2nd Grade. BA—SWTSU. 17 yrs. in Blanco.



H. Otto Twidwell—4th, 5th, 6th Math, 5th Social Studies, 5th Science. BS—SWTSU. 10 yrs. in Blanco.

Mrs. Gibbons is happy because her copies are coming out correctly from the machine that is used most by teachers.

E. Lee McClain—4th, 5th, 6th, 7th English, 5th Reading, 6th Social Studies. BA—SWTSU. 15 yrs. in Blanco.



B. Claire Gloor—Self-contained Special Education. BA & BMED—SWTSU. 14 yrs. in Blanco.



Tommie R. Payne—High School Resource Teacher, UIL Literary. BA—Texas A&I. MS—Texas A&I. 3 yrs. in Blanco.



Patricia A. Roberts—Elementary Resource Teacher. BS—SWTSU. 2 yrs. in Blanco.



Mary M. Harrell—Title I Remedial Reading. BS—SWTSU. 1 yr. in Blanco.



Diana R. Luna—Title I Math. BS—Univ. of Maine. 1 yr. in Blanco.



Clare C. Martin—Migrant Teacher. BS—Univ. of Wisconsin. MA—Univ. of Texas. 1½ yrs. in Blanco.



Bonnie J. Bendele—1st grade. BA—Texas A&I. 24 yrs. in Blanco.



Jeanne H. Cox—1st grade. BS—Stephen F. Austin. 1 yr. in Blanco.



Marilyn R. Burns—Kindergarten. BS—Oklahoma State. 1 yr. in Blanco.



**Education Is Fun And Full Of Experiences For Both Teachers And Students**



Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Bob Bendele, and Miss Beckham can testify that the Homecoming fire was HOT!!!



Olivia Urbale—Title I aide. 4 yrs. in Blanco.  
Ida Weirich—Title I aide. 12 yrs. in Blanco.



Shirley Weirich—Elementary aide. 1 yr. in Blanco.  
Willie Offers—Special Education aide. 11 yrs. in Blanco.



Mary Covin—Lunchroom supervisor. 7 yrs. in Blanco.  
Maxine Byler—Lunchroom Personnel. 2 yrs. in Blanco.



Yvonne Treisch—Lunchroom Personnel. 2 yrs. in Blanco.  
Bertha Page—Lunchroom Personnel. 2 yrs. at Blanco.



Doris Moore and Norma Felps are lunchroom personnel that are not pictured.

Mrs. Cox says, "Kids say the darndest things." She is living proof that they do, especially some things first graders say.

# '77 Football Squad Never Gave Up Hope



The coaches of the '77 Football squad are shown on the right. Kneeling is Head Coach Barr; he coaches mainly the line. Beside him is Coach McKinney; he scouts for the team. Behind Coach Barr is Coach Davis; he is the backfield coach. Beside him is Coach Rech; he coaches the ends and receivers.

Above is Patricia McDonald, senior cheerleader, beside Howard Koch. Patricia, by vote of the squad, was selected as Football Sweetheart at the Stockdale game—Parent's Night.

In the top right is the new weight machine. This was a great addition to the athletic program. It adds strength and endurance to future Panther athletes in whatever sport they wish to pursue.



US		THEM
0	Boerne	40
12	Johnson City	0
3	Burton	6
6	Bandera	30
0	Nixon	36
0	Marion	31
3	Comfort	28
3	Tx. School for Deaf	19
6	Stockdale	41
0	LaVernia	14

# A Season Of Constructing A New Team



In the team picture above are the mighty fighting Panthers of 1977. Bottom row (l to r) is Bill Berger—Manager, Damon Barker, Howard Koch, Ramiro (Medo) Romero, Alan Haas, Kirk Felps, Chris Wordsworth, Stan Ward, and Terry Love. In the middle row is Coach Rech, Coach Davis, Robbie Riley, James Perkins, Jim-Bob Melendez, Lynn Maly, Jeff Covin, Mike Lindeman, Peter Wordsworth, Coach McKinney, and Head Coach Barr. Pictured in the top row is Greg Smith, Chesley Elkins, David Meurer, David Wilson, Paul Felps, Max Reinhard, Charles Jones, and Eric Ashley.

Our team will be losing ten seniors this year. We hope Greg, David, Paul, Charles, James, Jim-Bob, Peter, Howard, Ramiro, and Stan continue to be assets in whatever they do after graduation.



Charles was happy to receive the all-district lineman honor. His hard work and effort really paid off for the squad.



The bonfire, the beginning of homecoming activities.

## Blanco Fighting Panthers



Football unites and excites a community like nothing else in our society today. Moms and Dads, Bands and Drill teams, Cheerleaders and Pep squads, macho fans, and especially rugged individuals, the players, come together in what can be called the true **American Classic**.

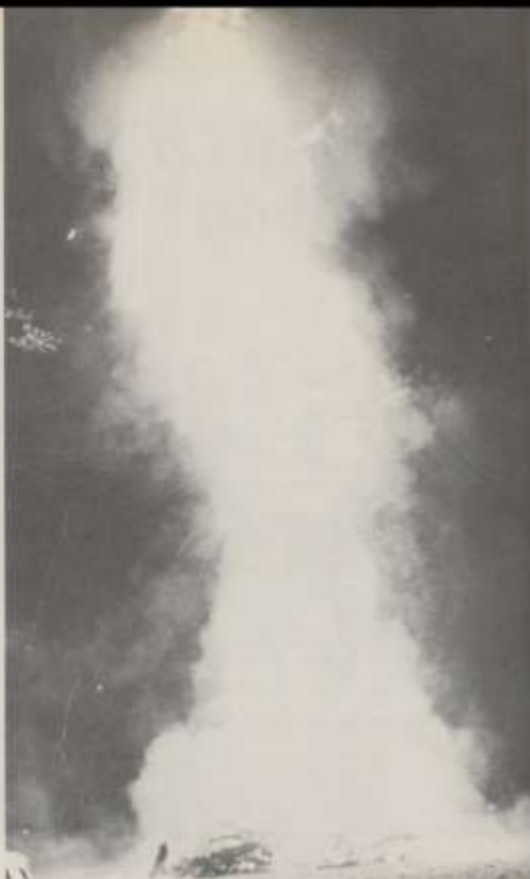
Players are faced with many challenges as they match strength, skills, determination and poise against each other. Players learn to cooperate, depend upon, associate, and work with other people. Players learn that if they are willing to work, reach down a little deeper, respect the opponent, and rise to the occasion when the opportunity happens, that not only success, but self-assurance will follow them through out life.

Football is drama, music, dignity and sorrow. It is also humor, and at times, comedy. It's a teams traditional battle cry: "GO PANTHERS," or "PANTHERS FIGHT AND NEVER DIE!"

By Coach Barr

Above: Paul's quarterbacking ability made it possible for Panther plays to be executed.

Left: Eric's punts on 4th down helped the team.



## "B" Team Won 5 And Tied 1



The Junior Varsity for the year was indeed outstanding. These guys are going to be a real asset to the team next year. Their experience on Junior Varsity shows next year when they are the varsity.

On the top row (l to r) is Lance Calhoun, Dennis Page, Chris Nabers, Coach Davis, Wayne "Bootsie" Young, Paul Clay, and Danny Smith, John Ellis, Zane Smith, Robert Brockway, Freddie Laumer, Darrell Wagner, Craig Banks, and Larry Smith are standing behind Manager Bill Berger.

In the lower left is Peter Wordsworth. Peter, a senior back, was injured in the Burton game. He was showing great promise, but being injured in the fourth game really hurt the team. It took him about two months to fully recover from his injured knee.



US		THEM
6	T.S.D.	0
28	Johnson City	0
28	Navarro	0
51	Johnson City	0
6	Comfort	6
16	T.S.D.	14

# Hard Work And Determination Built Our District Champion Girls Varsity Team

Laura runs for the ball with Jackaritus close behind.



Good blocking out Trish.



With a little bit of talent and a whole lot of determination, the 1977-1978 Varsity girls basketball team proved to be "CHAMPIONS." They succeeded in being the best team that Blanco High School has ever seen. They compiled an impressive 34-3 seasonal record and an unsurpassed 14-0 record in district. The team will lose seven seniors this year and this will hurt a little bit. Next year, the girls hope to come back and win more than this year and maybe take a trip to Victoria.

A tough game, huh Suzy?



I can't believe Coach let me shoot it!



Kneeling: Laura U., Jackie K., Sharon C., Charlotte C., Kelly N.  
Standing: Laura H., Laura K., Suzy S., Billie M., Tricia M.,  
Stephanie C., Lynda W., Coach Rech.



Oh my goodness, I'm getting stuffed!



Wow! Klepac can really jump.



Go ahead Steph, try just one more time.

## VARSITY

83	Lago Verde	23
79	Medina	22
83	Johnson City	46
81	Drapping Springs	36
57	Johnson City	55
53	Medina	22
47	Central Point	26
82	Medina	14
51	Junction	49
46	Fredricksburg	44
33	Umatilla	25
88	Central Point	57
40	Johnson City	36
58	Medina	27
53	Lafayette	37
43	Hess	30
71	T.S.D.	12
56	Loring	57
87	S.A. Christian	1
43	Drapping Springs	32
73	Nixon	57
76	Stockton	19
83	T.S.D.	20
59	Gresham	58
83	Lackland	54
52	Mason	40
56	Lafayette	25
71	Nixon	14
77	Stockton	19
52	T.S.D.	5
42	Gresham	59
79	Lackland	26
59	Mason	36
32	St. Helens	55
46	Seaside	41
40	Jarvis	44
81	Junction	46

## FIRST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

Stephanie Cassanova  
Suzy Smith  
Patricia McDermis  
Laura Lyndon

## "B" Girls Try Something New

A mighty, mighty crew (Coach Rech, Laura, Steph) with a super Statistician (Holly).

This year's B Team experienced a totally new situation. These girls had a taste of full-court basketball. Most of the team members enjoyed this game and felt as though it was more of a challenge. But many were just not able to handle the pressures of this new game. Full court ball will ultimately eliminate the out-of-shapes, non athletes and the lazy ones. Although the girls had a new learning experience, the team fared quite well and finished up the season with a 9-5 record. There were also two different teams playing; a freshman team and a J.V. team.



Looks pretty good, Laura.

Marilyn and Sabra



t.—Marilyn K., Linda H., Terri R., Nancy G., Lori C., Sabra B.; m.—Irene Janice F., Peggy O., Sheila W., Connie M.; b.—Theresa W., Trina S., Susie T., Mary C., Juli G., Betty F.

## Shooting The Hoop In '78



Paul eyeballs the shot hoping it will fall through the hoop.

Pape and Ashley are hoping it will go through the hoop for 2 points.



Above l to r: (top) Steve S., Paul C., Robbie R., Chris N., Dennis P., (middle) John E., Terry L., Kirk F., Ricky W., Zane S., (bottom) Jose L., Doug M., and Billy P.

Terry, Steve, and Kirk will be adding strength to the Varsity team next year.



Kelly; Future A Team leader.

# "RoundBallers" Of '78

The 1977-78 Blanco Panther Basketball team had a good year. Their seasonal record of 16-13 and their district record of 6-8 was above average. They collected one second place tournament trophy at the Medina tourney and also were honored with two all-tournament players—Paul Felps at Medina and Michael Pape at Medina and Harper. Michael Pape also made the second team all-district and Paul Felps made honorable mention. The team loses five seniors this year, but will be coming back next year with many experienced players.



Seniors leaving are Charles, Paul, Vernon, Ramiro and Michael.



Charles appears to be directing traffic on the court.



Above l to r: (top) Larry K.—Mgr., Eric A., Max R., Michael P., Paul F., and Coach Rechs. (bottom) Charles J., Damon B., Lance C., Ramiro R., and Vernon Z.



Left: Michael's height enabled him to make the most of a jump ball.



## "A" Team Scores

US		THEM
50	Lago Vista	37
41	Medina	37
53	Johnson City	46
45	Dripping Springs	53
59	Johnson City	34
47	Medina	31
62	Center Point	29
36	Medina	37
38	Marion	24
49	Johnson City	41
38	Medina	55
39	La Vernia	45
38	Hays Consolidated	41
60	T.S.D.	46
31	St. Stephens	39
52	S. A. Christian	45
41	Dripping Springs	40
36	Nixon	60
38	Stockdale	32
65	T.S.D.	43
53	Comfort	49
45	Lackland	53
40	Marion	51
36	La Vernia	41
51	Nixon	79
55	Stockdale	49
47	T.S.D.	51
50	Comfort	48
40	Lackland	81



Above: To execute a good jump shot Eric had to use his Panther power.

# Tennis—A Life Time Sport



Coach Beckham (above) works hard in making the tennis team into a sport for now and a lifetime.

The Junior Division (upper right) are freshmen who are progressing up from Junior High ranks to become the tennis stars of coming years. They are Claire Dickey, Vickie Vause, Susan Triesch, Juli Germany, Lance Calhoun, Kenny Morgan, Trina Shipp, Sheila West, Brenda McDonald (who won 1st at district singles), Theresa Wagner, Jeff Smith, and Marilyn Klepac.

The Klepac sisters—Laura and Jackie (pictured at the right)—were happy when they qualified at the district meet in New Braunfels. They were defeated by a doubles team from Woodsboro 7-6, 6-4 in Victoria at the regional meet.



Above: Kneeling—Doubles team of Lydia and Lynda Cox, Patricia McDonald and Stephanie Cassanova, and Laura and Jackie Klepac. Standing—Sharon Coffee and Raysha Wagner, Damon Barker and Jim-Bob Melendez, Rankin Smith and Chris Wordsworth, Steve Smitherman and David Meurer, and Coach Beckham.



The singles' players shown kneeling are Holly Shipp, Suzie Smith, Elise Ashley, and Laura Upshaw. Standing is Zane Smith, Troy Immel, Rick Weirich, and Coach Beckham.

## Boy's Track On The Road To Improvement



Top: Coach Barr, Paul C., Lynn M., Michael P., Paul F., Wayne Y. Middle: Mike L., Chesley E., Thomas H., Gustavo Bottom: Troy I., Chris N., Freddy L., Darrel W.



The boys track team is getting better each year. Next year, the new track will be completed and then the boys will be ready to compete and win. The Panthers will lose two seniors this year, Paul Felps and Michael Pape. Paul ran in the 100 yd. dash and the 440 relay; Michael ran in the 880 yd. dash. **GOOD LUCK NEW YEAR PANTHERS!!**



In Jr. Varsity track are (standing) Rod C., Lance C., Coach Barr, Terry L., Kirk F., (sitting) Craig B., Max R., Danny S., and Robbie R.

## Another "Victorious" Year



Laura on her last leg in the 440 relay at regional.

The 1978 Girls Track Team had another sensational year. They placed 2nd as a team in the Utopia and Marion track meets. Also they placed 4th at the District meet. The 440 relay team had another terrific year, too. Adding only one new member, Debra Jones, they again traveled the familiar road to Victoria. This team placed 1st at the Utopia meet and 2nd at Marion and 1st at the District meet. Laura Upshaw went to Regional for the Triple Jump and Debra Jones for the Broad Jump.

The team will be losing only one senior this year, Laura Hostetler. This will leave a dent in the team as she participated in the Shot put, Discus, 100 yd. dash, 880 yd. relay and 440 relay team.s

The 1979 track team will be back again next year, just a little stronger and more determined. Much talent will be needed and some work so we can send even more tracksters to Regional again.

**CONGRATULATIONS, FOR A FANTASTIC SEASON!!!**



Look, I don't make the rules I have to run the what? girls!!



top: Raysha, Sharon, Laura, Jackie, Michelle, Connie, Kelly. 3rd: Lydia, Beth, Linda, Tracy, Karen. 2nd: Beckham, Mary, Marilyn, Brenda, Tracy, Debra, Sheila, Laura. Bottom: Terri-mgr., Betty, Donna, Birdie, Tammy-mgr.



The end of a 3 day tour of Victoria finds Laura, Beckham, Debra, Linda, Sheila, and Laura happy and satisfied.

# Volleyball '78

## JUNIOR VARSITY

Kneeling: Raysha W., Michelle T., and Penny J. Second row: Coach Beckham, Manager Lynda W., Tracy G., Michelle W., Mary R., and Manager Rita E. Third row: Karen W., and Linda H. Fourth row is Elise A.



That's the way to keep 'em on their toes, Laura!

## J.V. SCORES

Dripping Springs	lost
Hays	won
Johnson City	lost
Marion	lost
Lago Vista	lost
Comfort	won

2-4 seasonal

## FRESHMAN

Kneeling: Sheila W. and Rosalinda R. Second row is Manager Rita E., Marilyn K., Janice F., and Manager Lynda W. Third row: Coach Beckham, Juli G., Liz R., and Trina S.



# A Steady Uphill Climb



Kneeling: Kelly N., Lauren W., Raysha W., Terri R., Sitting: Laura U., Connie M., Nancy G., Jackie K., Coach Beckham, Standing: Manager Lynda W., Laura K., Laura H., and Manager Rita E.

## Freshman Scores

Dripping Springs	lost
Marion	lost
Johnson City	won
Comfort	won
Lackland	won
Lago Vista	won

4-2 seasonal

The girls Volleyball team is improving year after year. They will only lose two seniors next year, Laura Hostetler and Laur Klepac. Returning to the court with much experience and desire, their goal will be "district champs" and to beat this years 8-4 record.



C'mon Klepac, you can do it!

## VARSITY SCORES

Dripping Springs	lost
Hays	won
Marion	won
Johnson City	won
Dripping Springs	lost
Johnson City	won
Marion	won
Lago Vista	won
Comfort	lost
Comfort	lost
Lackland	won
Lago Vista	won

## DISTRICT TOURNEY

Nixon	lost
Lackland	lost

## '78 Baseball—Season Of Pride And Determination

Blanco's baseball season was not the best, but the team put out an overwhelming amount of work and spirit.

Laura Hostetler (scorekeeper) and Marilyn Klepac (bat-girl) were new additions to the team.

The returning Panther baseball team will never forget this year's tough season, and the members of the team that will no longer be with them.



Jim-Bob, don't stand there, do something.



To get the bunt right, Michael has to twist his mouth.



Coach Davis, we know the new pitching machine was a great asset to the team, but don't you have to plug it in first?



Greg waiting for fly balls to be hit.



Ranking, an asset with the help of his tongue movements.



Above are the members of our '78' Baseball Team, they are: Top row: Rankin S., Michael L., Troy I., Jim-Bob M., Eric A., Michael P., Paul F., Greg S., Chesley E., and Coach Davis. Bottom row: Chris N., Robbie R., Kirk F., John E., Paul C., Danny S., and Gustavo S.

WE

THEY

12	Navarro	0
0	Bandera	14
8	Comfort	3
2	Fredericksburg	12
8	Boerne	7
2	St. Anthony	9
9	St. Anthony	4
7	Navarro	8
4	Johnson City	0
5	Johnson City	8
4	Boerne	6

### ST. ANTHONY TOURNAMENT

1	St. Stephens	5
7	TMI	6
2	St. Anthony	5
6	Leander	9
9	Johnson City	0
5	Marion	9
2	LaVernia	9
12	Marion	2
10	Comfort	7
2	LaVernia	12
0	Comfort	10



Paul, you need to bend your back a little more.



Captain Mike Lindeman helps out by doing a little work before a game.



JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

WE	THEY	WE	THEY
4	24	6	26
22	16	12	10
8	12	8	12
14	16		8

# Junior High Sports



The girls leading the Junior High spirit for the '77-78' school year (not pictured) were: Vicki Coffee, Pam Flugrath, Melodie Kneupper, and Becky Neuman. These girls really showed their spirit this year.

EIGHTH GRADE SCORES

WE	THEY
31	34
26	16
22	20
25	20
21	17
31	42
26	24
24	48
17	47
17	21
43	59
26	25
22	21
27	18
53	23
25	48
32	33



SEVENTH GRADE SCORES

WE	THEY
4	44
20	20
23	25
21	25
10	24
10	12
13	24
13	23
22	42
25	30
7	16
13	27
25	27
21	16



## Our Strong Junior High Program Develop Future Athletes



SIXTH GRADE SCORES

WE	THEY
3	35
2	22
14	29
7	21
4	27
6	18
17	18
12	32
6	17
8	17
14	30

EIGHTH GRADE SCORES

WE	THEY
8	35
15	41
13	23
19	47
16	5
11	24
23	15
19	16
18	32
23	8
16	33
18	35
15	28

Barco Toured: Win 1 Loss 2  
 Drapping Springs: Win 2 Loss 1



## *Eighth Grade—Ain't Nobody Gonna Stop Us Now*

Acosta, Theresa  
Barry, Bart  
Behn, John  
Berger, Michael  
Byler, Doyle  
Calzoncit, Apolonia



Calzoncit, Francisca  
Deckert, Janet  
Dickey, Chris  
Dowdy, Gordon  
Dowdy, Jo  
Flugrath, Pam



Gamez, Roland  
Graves, Danny  
Garcia, Elsie  
Haas, Ellen  
Jonas, Denise  
Jones, Lucille



Jones, Vance  
Kneupper, Melodie  
League, Delinda  
Love, Richard  
Moore, John  
Moore, Kennan



Morgan, Doug  
Nixon, Samuel  
Padilla, Becky  
Padilla, Ruben  
Richardson, Charles  
Riley, Clint



Sanchez, Olga  
Smith, Tammy  
Smith, Steve  
Salinas, Doris  
Sauceda, Rita  
Smitherman, Gary



Tamayo, Jonathon  
Trevino, David  
Uballo, Richard  
Upshaw, Mark  
Villerreal, Jose  
Wagner, Nancy



Waxler, Holly  
Weaner, Mary  
Wegner, Dorothy  
Williamson, Reed  
Wood, Kathy



## *Seventh Grade—We May Never Pass This Way Again*



Acosta, Gabriela  
Barker, Scott  
Barry, Bonnie  
Brockway, James  
Calzoncit, Magdalena



Cervantez, Lydia  
Coffee, Vickie  
Coldeway, Lester  
Cooley, Michael  
Didway, Gayla



Dowdy, Clinton  
Farrell, Gennette  
Freeman, Michael  
Gillespie, Becky  
Handberry, Rhonda



Jonas, Krissie  
Jones, Robert  
Jones, Sandra  
Klepac, Jimmy  
Keubel, Perry



Lindeman, Sharon  
Lux, Penny  
Maly, Nickey  
Moore, Troy  
Neuman, Becky



Pacheco, Rosa  
Preiss, Ricky  
Romero, Mary  
Salinas, JoAnn  
Sanders, Rhonda



Smith, Kay  
Swartz, Elizabeth  
Tatum, Leighton  
Vause, Elizabeth  
Villerreal, Linda



Wagner, Bradley  
West, Neil  
West, Randall  
Wolf, Lance  
Wright, Kevin

## Sixth Grade—We've Got To Go Through This Again

Altwein, Clarence  
Berger, Margaret  
Bindseil, Kimberly  
Byler, Terrel  
Calzoncit, Jesus Jr.  
Calzoncit, Veronica



Carnes, Tina  
Cox, Andy  
Davis, Renee  
Day, Richard  
Deckert, Carolyn  
Deckert, Marilyn



Edmondson, Russell  
Felps, Colby  
Fox, Charles  
Garcia, Jo  
Germany, Jill  
Hostetler, William



Hunter, Deron  
Jonas, Karen  
Jones, Bart  
Kuhn, Harry  
Lane, Erik  
Meyer, Russell



Pina, Patricia  
Mayfield, Carol  
Riba, Lanae  
Roberts, Bubba  
Ruiz, Maria  
Ruiz, Roberto



Sanchez, Mario  
Schaefer, Quinton  
Smith, Richard  
Smith, Rosemary  
Stauffer, Tina  
Stewart, Leland



Tamayo, Cecilia  
Trevino, Irene  
Twidwell, Lea  
Upshaw, Linda  
Walker, Lisa  
Wolf, Debra



Wordsworth, Sheila



## Fifth Grade—I Think We Can Make It

Acosta, Poncho  
Byler, Traci  
Calzoncit, Flor  
Coldewey, Keith  
Davenport, Lori



Deckert, Sheila  
Engel, Allison  
Flugrath, Laurie  
Gourley, Amy  
Handberry, Troy



Jones, Gary  
Kneupper, Pam  
Kuebel, Larry  
Lathan, Jeff  
Mabry, Lori



Moore, Kenneth  
Moore, Robert  
Moore, Tracy  
Nabers, Mathew  
Padilla, Joe



Perkins, Patrick  
Phipps, Brad  
Riba, Dana  
Rider, Amy  
Ruiz, Joe



Ruiz, Nelly  
Salinas, Joe  
Slevin, Stephen  
Stauffer, Robin  
Treibler, David



Uecker, Mark  
Upshaw, Paul  
Upshaw, Pauline  
Villerreal, Francis  
Wagner, Michele



Wood, Gene



## Fourth Grade—Work Your Fingers To The Bone

Acosta, Cesar  
Barr, Carrie  
Bindseil, Deana  
Bottenfield, Brett  
Brockway, Deborah  
Brown, Mathrew



Calzonci, Edward  
Conaway, David  
Cooley, Angela  
Deckert, Julie  
Deckert, Michael  
Engel, Cody



Friedrich, Daryl  
Fuchs, Clarence  
Handberry, Randall  
Hostetler, Kenneth  
Jonas, Tyrone  
Jones, Mary



Jones, Regina  
Orr, Charles  
Sauceda, Sandy  
Sevin, Amanda  
Smith, Amy  
Smith, Teresa



Strickland, Judy  
Treiber, Laura  
Ubalie, Patsy  
Weaner, Stephen  
Weber, Lisa  
West, Julie



Not pictured is Susan Devald

### Special Education

Jones, Glenda  
Jones, Gloria  
Kneese, Peggy  
Pape, Beverly



Barrera, Tirso  
Ubalie, Russell  
Sanchez, Xavier  
Smith, Nim Rod



## Third Grade Up, Up, And Away



Barrera, Irma  
Bates, Justin  
Bottles, Howard  
Conaway, James  
Flannery, Lynell



Fudge, Martha  
Gant, Paul  
Gourley, Jill  
Hadaway, Ray  
Harvell, Amanda



Hurter, Doak  
Jonas, Kim  
Jones, William  
Klepac, Jennifer  
Krenek, Angela



Love, Linda  
Mabry, Todd  
Page, Kim  
Phipps, Craig  
Preiss, Cheryl



Royal, Samuel  
Sanchez, Yolanda  
Schaefer, Jodye  
Smith, Oscar  
Stichem, Leshia



Trieber, Bryan  
Ubalie, Norma  
Upshaw, Francis  
Vest, Shelly  
Weirich, Lori



Wright, Jun

## Second Grade—Don't Worry, It'll Pass

Acosta, Celio  
Brown, David  
Brown, Elizabeth  
Calzoncit, Gracie  
Calzoncit, Juanita



Coldewey, Chanta  
Dusek, Lee Allen  
Edge, Sherry  
Edmondson, Ronny  
Fiscus, Tammy



Gourley, Joel  
Greenhaw, Carla  
Herrdon, Donna  
Herrin, Karen  
Hunter, Darrel



Jaskinia, Debbie  
Johnson, Yolanda  
Jonas, Kevin  
Love, Robert  
Meras, Abdullia



Moore, Michael  
Moore, Shannon  
Ruiz, Jessie  
Ruiz, Leo  
Ruiz, Olga



Russell, Robert  
Salinas, Neomi  
Salinas, Pater  
Sauceda, Martin  
Sharpe, Michelle



Stauffer, Stacy  
Uballe, Abran  
Uballe, Herrman  
Uballe, Leticia  
Upshaw, Robert



Wagner, Mitchell  
West, Darrel



## First Grade Feels Like The First Time



Barrera, Crespin  
Blackburn, Melissa  
Cain, Dewayne  
Calzoncit, Carmen  
Cardenas, Gloria  
Cooley, Paula



Cox, Allison  
Croft, Andrew  
Eisey, Jeff  
Flannery, Robert  
Gant, Michael  
Garcia, Luis  
Gourley, Sara  
Greenhaw, Daymon



Hernandez, Juan  
Howes, Jason  
Johnson, Charles  
Jordon, Candy



Juarez, Joe  
Klepac, Jill  
Latham, Carrie  
Lopez, Adon  
Lux, Chad  
Norsworthy, Laura



Priess, Rodney  
Riba, Joe  
Romero, Ignacio  
Russell, Darlene  
Schindler, Brenda  
Slevin, Gene  
Smitherman, Nancy



Triber, Melissa  
Trevino, Jonathan  
Uballe, Betty  
Uballe, Daniel Jr.  
Uballe, Maria  
Uballe, Rudy  
Upshaw, Neil  
Vause, Michael  
Walker, Christopher



Weirich, Russel  
Wertheim, Michelle  
Wolf, Charlie  
Wright, Richard



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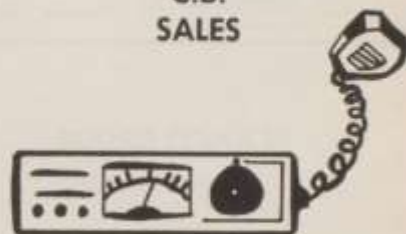
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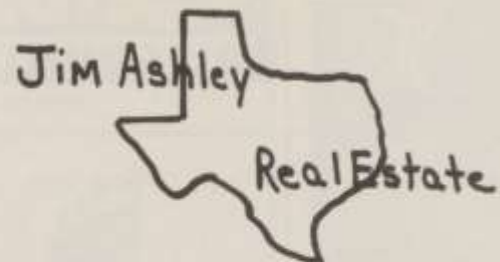
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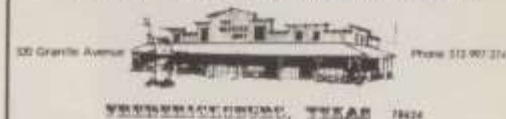
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Above: The cop here sure does have pretty golden locks.



Above: This Halloween carnival is something else.

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**HOWARD RAY KOCH**  
 Attended 12 yrs., FFA 4 yrs.—Reporter Jr. Yr., Football 4 yrs.—Honorable Mention Sr. Yr.

**LARRY MICHAEL KUENTZ**  
 Attended 2 1/2 yrs., FFA 4 yrs., Pres. 2 yrs., Football 2 yrs., Basketball 2 yrs., MGR. 1 yr., Baseball 2 yrs., Track MGR. 1 yr.

**BILLY GENE LEAGUE**  
 Attended 2 yrs., FFA 1 yr., Annual Staff—Paper Staff Sr. yr.

**PATRICIA LOUISE McDONALD**  
 Attended 6 yrs., Basketball 4 yrs.—Let. 3 yrs., MVP Guard Soph. Yr., All-Dist. Guard Sr. Yr., Tennis 4 yrs.—Let. 2 yrs., Track 2 yrs., Let. 2 yrs., FHA 4 yrs., 2nd Vice Pres. 2 yrs., Soph. Pres., Student Council

Soph. Yr., Homecoming Nominee, Football Sweetheart, Cheerleader 2 yrs., Head Soph. Yr.

**BILLIE LYNN MCMAIN**  
 Attended 11 yrs., Basketball 3 yrs.—Let. 3 yrs., Track 1 yr.—Let. 1 yr., Pop Squad 1 yr.

**MARK HAMILTON MCMAIN**  
 Attended 11 yrs., FFA 4 yrs., Tennis 2 yrs.

**JAMES MICHAEL MELLENZ**  
 Attended 3 1/2 yrs., Football 2 yrs.—Let. 2 yrs., Basketball 2 yrs., Baseball 3 yrs.—Let. 2 yrs., Tennis 3 yrs.—Let. 2 yrs., FFA 2 1/2 yrs.—Sectional Sr. Yr.

**ROBERT WILLIAM MOOREHOUSE**  
 Attended 5 yrs., VAC.

**JAMES GLEN NOLTE**  
 Attended 3 yrs., FFA 1 yr., Track 1 yr., Baseball 1 yr., Annual Staff—Paper Staff Sr. yr.

**MARY ANN O'NEILL**  
 Attended 1 yr., VFW 1 yr., Christmas Play Sr. Yr., Honor Roll.

**RICKY RUBEN PADILLA**  
 Attended 3 yrs., FFA 3 yrs.

**MICHAEL WAYNE PAPE**  
 Attended 8 yrs., Football 2 yrs.—Let. 1 yr., Basketball 4 yrs.—Let. 3 yrs., 2nd Team All-Dist., MVP Basketball Sr. Yr., Track 3 yrs.—Basketball 1 yr.—Let. 1 yr., Junior Class Favorite, Annual Staff—Paper Staff Sr. yr.

**JAMES LOUIS PERKINS JR.**  
 Attended 4 yrs., Football 4 yrs.—FFA 4 yrs., UIL one act play 2 yrs., Honorable Mention, All Star Cast Dist., UIL Play Contest.

**DOROTHY ANN REEVES**  
 Attended 12 yrs., FHA 4 yrs.—Treas. 1 yr., Vice Pres. 1 yr., Young Homemakers Little Sister, Pop Squad 1 yr., Annual Staff—Paper Staff Sr. yr.

**RAMIRO ROMERO**  
 Attended 11 yrs., FFA 4 yrs., Football 4 yrs.—Let. 2 yrs., Basketball 2 yrs.—Let. 1 yr., Track 2 yrs.—Let. 1 yr.

**HOLLY DEE SHIPP**  
 Attended 8 yrs., Band 4 yrs.—Section leader 2 yrs., Head Twirler 3 yrs., FHA 4 yrs., Tennis 4 yrs.—Let. 2 yrs., Basketball 1 yr., Basketball Bookkeeper 1 yr., Editor of Panther Chat, Annual Staff—Paper Staff Sr. yr.

**GREGORY FRANK SMITH**  
 Attended 12 yrs., Football 4 yrs.—Let. 1 yr., 2nd Team Dist., Tennis 3 yrs., FFA 4 yrs.

**ROBERT RANKIN SMITH**  
 Attended 12 yrs., FFA 4 yrs.—Vice Pres. 2 yrs., Football 2 yrs., Basketball 3 yrs., Tennis 4 yrs.—Let. 4 yrs., MVP Tennis 76, Jr. Class Pres., Annual Staff—Paper Staff Sr. yr.

**SUSAN OWEN SMITH**  
 Attended 12 yrs., Band 2 yrs.—Twirler 1 yr., FHA 4 yrs., Basketball 4 yrs.—Let. 4 yrs., 1st Team Dist. Tennis 4 yrs.—Let. 4 yrs., Regional 77, MVP Tennis 77, Track 2 yrs.—Regional 76—Let. 2 yrs., FFA Sweetheart, Homecoming Nominee, Cheerleader 2 yrs.

**JOHN MICHAEL STAUFFER**  
 Attended 2 yrs., FFA 2 yrs., Annual Staff—Paper Staff Sr. yr.

**ADELLA USALLE**  
 Attended 12 yrs., FHA 4 yrs., Pop Squad 4 yrs.—Sec. 1 yr., Annual Staff—Paper Staff Sr. yr.

**LYNDA LYNETTE WADNER**  
 Attended 12 yrs., FHA 4 yrs., Basketball 3 yrs.—Let. 3 yrs., Cheerleader Jr. Yr., Pop Squad 2 yrs., Volleyball MGR., Annual Staff—Paper Staff Sr. yr.

**STANLEY GENE WARD**  
 Attended 2 1/2 yrs., Football 2 1/2 yrs., Baseball 1 yr., Track 1 yr., FFA 2 yrs., FFA Roder 2 yrs.

**DAVID THOMAS WILSON**  
 Attended 6 yrs., Football 4 yrs., FFA 4 yrs., Annual Staff Sr. yr.

**PETER JOSEPH WORDSWORTH**  
 Attended 2 1/2 yrs., Football 1 yr.—Let. 1 yr., Track 1 yr., FFA 1 yr.

**VERNON JESSE ZUERCHER JR.**  
 Attended 6 yrs., Basketball 3 yrs., Track 2 yrs., FFA 4 yrs.—Reporter.



# Yearbook Staff Dedicates 1978 Panther To Mr. B, Ag Teacher And Friend

Right: Some of the fun stories told at the faculty party honoring Mr. Bendele were enjoyed by all.



Above: Mrs. Bendele and Bonnie Sue are proud of their Mr. B.

Right: Carroll Smith, fellow retired teacher, enlightened the gathering with his historical biography of Mr. B. The "Potsey" story was beautiful.



A fine man, friend, teacher, husband, and father are but a few of Mr. Henry Bendele's roles. He has been with us here in Blanco for 25 years. He has earned his retirement by the many thousands of hours he has put into serving all the school, town, and individuals here as an advisor to FFA and Young Farmers, as a member of Lions Club, and as a dedicated member of the Methodist Church.

Before coming to Blanco in 1953, Mr. B., as we all know him, was a teacher in Premont. He started there after graduating from

Texas A&I in 1940, which was an eventful year because after receiving his teaching position, he married Bonnie Schroeder. From 1941-45, he served in the Army in World War II and ended his service career as a captain. During his service years, Charles, his first child, was born. In 1947, Mary Joyce his first daughter, was born. In 1949, Mr. B received his master's degree from Texas A&M. In 1953, he and Mrs. Bendele started teaching here. Three years later, Bonnie Sue, his youngest daughter, was born. Charles, who is presently running a

dairy, is the father of four; Mary Joyce is teaching in Victoria and the mother of one; Bonnie Sue is a 1978 honor graduate of Texas A&M.

Not enough can be said for all Mr. B has done for everyone in and out of school. If you want work done, ask Mr. B and you will get that kind face, happy smile, and helping hand that are ever present.

His presence will be missed. No program will be quite complete without him. The campus will go at a slower pace because no one could move faster than our Mr. B.



