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## The Age of Computers is Here



This year saw Blissfield High School change with the times. The school acquired five PET computers and will soon offer a computer class.
Marci Earl and Mrs. Burgemeister are giving special help to Cherry Miller who was having problems with her computer.


At Left, Ted Leary, Katie Nesbit, and Mike Bussing avoid boredom by punching out their program. Right, Ken Nichols ignores the sign and takes time for a quick game of millipede.



Practicing another form of computing, Jim Martinez takes down stats as Nick Benschoter serves in an advisory position. At Right, Mr. Barger honors Mark Hoag for accomplishing a cummulative $4 . \square$ for the school year.


Kandy Knisel looks over her program before she draws up her flow chart, expected from all computer students. At Right, Business department showcases many of the business opportunities.


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## But We're Still a School



No matter what changes, Blissfield will always have school spirit. Here kids of all ages get rowdy at a home basketball game.


At left, the varsity basketball team listens to coach Brink during a well deserved rest.

At right, Dave Brewer and Rusty Averill help get things ready for play practice which helped lead to a su perb produc tion.



Karen Hauser shows pleasure at being elected this year's Homecoming Queen.


Ray Martinez stretches himself out before a track meet. Many students found time to stretch out with special activities.


## Student

 Life High School living can be hard,
## but fun too.

Above, Tom Bowman works diligently to help finish the Sopho more float while Steve Pavelka tries to celan his eyes. Below, Senior Megan Peters strikes a pretty pose for our camera-man.



Above: Brad Payne and Kevin Diver discuss a wiring problem in climate control.

Near right: Mary Knoblauch learns the important art of inoning at Vo-Tech.

Below: Mike Betz and Greg Bateson have removed a Briggs \& Stratton from a lawn mower.

Far Right: Angie Duncil, Connie Barron, Debbie Nichols and Holly Brenke watch as Barb Holdridge takes a look in Brenda Bates' mouth.


## Vo-Tec




Fixernex


Penny Johnson works diligently over her printing machine at VoTech, showing the true senior spirit.


Above, Dolores Garcia sorts through clothes in the store at Vo-Tech.

Greg Butts puts extra thought into his drafting project. His hard work helped him get a job drafting for an area business.


Candi Haynes, Wendy Pulver, and Todd Jensen work together to complete an electronic project.

Anna Gancia helps a young girl learn to count in child care.



Front Row: Kris VanNieuwenhze, Shelly Crist, Cathy Merillat, and Katie Nesbit. Second Row: Patty Waite, Robin Governo, Marci Earl, Valerie Diem, and Debbie Flores. Third Row: Chris Houge, Ann Tuckerman, Joey Martinez, Kelly Strouse, and Dave Foreman. Back Row: Brian Mallory. Tim Miller, Tim Nesbit, and Tony Crawford.

## Key Club <br> Students serving their community



How hard can Public Speaking be if the students have time to crack a smile?


Front Row: Daphne Priest, Tammy Napier, Molly Smith, and Dale Wingerd. Back Row: Advisor Mrs. Dillie, Tina Napier, Sandra Bragg, Michelle Vereecke, and Timothy Napier.

Riding in the Homecoming Parade are Business Club Vice President Tammy Napier, President Daphne Priest, and Secretary Dale Wingerd.


Business Club
supporting the LDYAL RDYAL


Gary Bartholomew leads his FFA project "Rocky" at the Lenawee County Fair. A farmer's sport is tractor pulling such as Gary demonstrates in this antique pull.

## At



## Work

FFA members for 1982-1983 were Bob Kasefang, Joe Gerten, Kurt Cooper, Jim Reno, Scott Papenhagen, Dave Goll and Mrs. Isley Second row: Ryan Roe, Randy Brenke, Mike Sheldon, Jim Brennan, Rick Gar cia, Chad Goetz, Ken Knierim, Stan Beck ey. Third row: Tim Napier, Paul Swanson, Todd Bateson, Scott Orner, Chris Jacobs, Fausto Briones, Annette Miller, Brenda Hopkins. Back row: Greg Bateson, Eric VanDuzen. Nick VanStaveren, Dave Lewis, Gary Bartholomew, Dave Woodbury, Noel Eisenmann.

FFA holds 5Dth annual banquet


1982-83 Officers: President, Kurt Cooper; Secretary, Jim Reno; Treasurer, Dave Goll; Sentinel, Scott Papenhagen; Reporter, Bob Kasefang; missing, Vice-president, Joe Garten.


At the 50th annual banquet Mr. Burdette Carroll, a charter FFA member, spoke on his youth experiences as emcee Kurt Cooper applauds.



Carrie Tipton shows her finesse as an actress while partaking in the typical Lunchroom politios, meanwhile, Kim MilIer displays that thoughtful look so common to Blissfield students.

Kim Goetz takes advantage of her lunch hour to catch up on the latest gossip about Tom Selleck.

Marci Earl lends an ear to Val Diem's Razor-like wit, while Mark Peterson and Al Miller express their unimpressedness.

## Lunch Time

Many students reture to the library during their lunch hour. Kim Luce and Paula Barrett take time out to discuss the topic of the moment.



Cindy Ehlert, an Art 4 student is working hard on one of her many fine oil paintings.
Creativity Lives
within the BHS Art Department


Instead of doing their art work these people chose to socialize which seems to be popular among high school students.

Like the other art students Donna Dusseau loves to socialize as she is taking a break in Art 3.

But when all is said and done, the art students produced beautiful products such as these stained glass windows displayed at the art show in the winter.



First Row: Anne McCormick, Shelly Lips, Patty Mitchell, Kristen Boyd, Sonya Lombard, Kelly Arquette, Marci Earl, Leslie Smith, Debbie Flores, Sylvia Martinez. Second Row: Karen Pontier, Debbie Garno, Debbie McCashen, Sandy Fisher, Ted Leary, Brenda Sherman, Megan Peters, Molly Smith, Beth Renner, Carmen Taylor, Elaine Berk, Val Diem, Kurt Cooper, Brian Loar, Sandy Eragg, Lee Ellen Knisel. Third Row: Tina Piorkowski, Paula Barrett, Kathy Zimmerman, Tamra Hull, Jim Reno, Arthur Norris, Steven Dirks, Chery Miller, Tim Allen, Bonnie Brown, Jeff Binns, Scott Crider, Dave Brewer, Pat McCormick, Bill Johnson. Fourth Row: Ann Tuckerman, Tom Bliesner, Dave Lewis.


First Row: Shelley Brown, Beth Blackburn, Andrea Fisher, Mary Topolski, Vicky Renner. Second Row: Kim Deseranno, Terri Thompson, Amy Smith, Todd Liedel, Connie Wilbur, Marie Gubbe, Pam Beagle, Jolene Mason. Third Row: Missy Durbin, Mary Warner, Sonya VanSteenkiste, Valerie Welsh, Dawn Henning, Carrie Liewert, Kyle McCashen, Doug McMullen, Jan Walters, Julie Thompson, Kristen Miller, Lorene Howland, Richard Steih. Fourth Row: Kinsey Lemley, Chad Dunbar, Noel Eisenmann, Eric Goble, Jeff Garno, Director Mr. McCormick.

## Band



Freshmen band members, Jeff Garno, Eric Goble, and Kyle McCashen, are so proud of their new uniforms that they carry them everywhere they go.

Band Officers, Elaine Berk; Secretary-Treasurer, Rusty Averill; President, and Patty Mitchell; Vice-President, carry out the big responsibilities of organizing pep bands.



## Early

## Morning

## Band

At 6:50 a.m., when most students are still at home, the band room is open, waiting for the devoted band members to pour in. By 7:ロロ, the students are supposed to be ready to play. Mr. McCormick almost always starts the band, but only a hand full of students are ready. After the feet are soaked through, there is a mad rush for the outlets as the girls start putting in the plugs of twenty curling irons. Braving the artic winds, freezing their lips off, and marching through mud puddles are all memories to last a life time for those who survived early morning marching band.


Music at Blissfield includes all kinds of people


Men of A Chord: Front, Dan Garno. Back, Joey Ms. Carter, who is relieving Mrs. Graham, plays Martinez, P.J. O'Neill, Tony Winkler.


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Beth Renner concentrates on her music while playing at half time festivities.


Band member Terri Thompson does further research while not participating in the marching.


Royal Singers: Front Row, Traci Bussing, Crystal Staup, Carrie Tipton. Second Row: Chris Hogue, Lora Brown, Tina Reyome, Molly Smith. Thind Row: Daphne Priest, Sonya Lombard, Karen Pontier.


Concert Choin - Front Row: Lori Jones, Lee Ann Lipp, Rachelle Priest, Arlena Gehring, Rosie Knadler. Second Row: Director Betsy Graham, Natalie Dswald, Shayna Eliot, Teresa Bowers, Mike Wilkie, Stacy Walters, Lynette Brown. Third Row: Annette Miller, Chris Coopshaw, Sarah Brown, Veronica Morgan, Shelly Ruth, Cindy Vanderbelt, Carol Drefke, Sarah Peterham. Back Row: Tim Napier, Chris Jacobs, Scott Crider, Kevon Martis, Dan Thompson, Lucy Garno, Elysia Butler, Pam Komon.


A Capella Choir - Front Row: Ginger Pulver, Chris Hogue, Chad Tipping, Claudia Harold, Tammy Hall, Jennifer Smith, Teresa Handley, Carrie Tipton, Traci Bussing, Molly D'Neill. Second Row: Director Betsy Graham, Crystal Staup, Sherry Diler, Angie Baker, Tina Reyome, Dawn Robison, Lora Brown, Daphne Priest, Edie MacBeth, Julie Sell, Amy Mattis. Third Row: Patty Waite, Amy Hood, Debbie Ehlert, Lori Gray, Holly Brenke, Debbie Nichols, Lisa Lipp, Vickie Herrick, Terri Sauer, John Ayers, Tracy Tonnenburger. Fourth Row: Keith Filipek, Miehele Shirley, John Barron, Dale Wingerd, Tim Frayer, Doug Southwell, Tim Napier, Tony Winkler, P.J. O'Neill, Tammy Napier, Terry Duncil.

## French Club and Spanish Club



French Club. Front row: President Tammy Hull, Vice-President Debbie Sedlacek, Advisor Mrs. Hawley, Treasuren Tina Piorkowski, Secretary Beth Renner, and Public Relations Alysa Mohr. Second row: Debbie Kerentoff, Missy Durbin, Natalie VanStavern, Mary Warner, Bill Johnson. Third row: Lora Brown, Traci Bussing, Mary Topolski, Audra Sweeney, Lori Rogers, Sherrie Phillips. Fourth row. Jennifer Smith, Vickie Renner, Kristen Miller, Dawn Henning, Julie Norris, Doug McMullen, Lance Kleinsmith. Fifth row: Karen Brieschke, Linda Salenbien, Terri Thompson, Alysia Goetz, Terri Sauer, Sonya Lombard.


Spanish Club. Front Row: Dory Garcia, Sylvia Martines, Advisor Phil Nino. Second row: LeAnn Lipp, Lorene Howland, Tracy Tonneburger, Ginny Vandenberg. Pat D'Neill, Donna Dusseau, Andrea Fischer. Third row: Rick Garcia, Lance Kleinsmith, Jackie Martinez, Connie Wilbur, Brenda Hopkins, Annette Miller, Phil Tremble. Fourth row: James Martinez, Kevon Martis, Jim Raines, Amy Hood, Rick Niemi, Lynette Brown, Trisha Reese.

## Student Council voice of the students



Front row: President Cathy Merillat, Vice-President John Ganun, Secretary Alysa Mohr, Treasurer Karen Pontier. Second Row: Shelly Crist, Tammy Knisel, Amy Mattis, Audra Sweeney, Kim Goetz, Matt Koester. Third Row: Patti Waite, Kelly Strouse, Anne McCormick, Ann Tuckerman, Karen Hauser, Sonya Lombard. Fourth Row: Chris MacRitchie, Todd Vandenbusche, Bret Veldhoff, Bryan Hull, Brad Klump, Bruce Mills. Tom Bliesner.


Student Council members Karen Hauser and Sonya Lombard found a way to get rid of their extra popcorn.


Student Council President Cathy Merillat's smile always brightens the council meetings.

## Yearbook

 making ends meet meeting deadlines working togetherThe Elysium '83 staff had many Saturday work sessions this year, since no class is offered to work on the Yearbook. Usually out at Mr. Durbin's home, members of the staff worked and played while eating pizza or something prepared by Mrs. Durbin. The staff would like to thank the Durbin farmily for their time and patience. Thanks also goes to those who put the extra effort into this book, such as Marci Earl, Alysa Mohr, Rusty Averill, and Molly D'Neill, who practically typed the whole book.


Yearbook staff: Thomas Bliesner, Edie MacBeth, John Ganun, Gary Bartholomew. Second row: Alysa Mohr, Candi Haynes, Anna Garcia, Tamara Hull, Debora Kerentoff, and Molly D'Neill. Third row: Todd Vandenbusche, Marci Earl, Kandy Knisel, Crystal Staup, Sandra Bragg, and Kristen Boyd. Fourth row: advisor Mr. Durbin, Brent Hull, Bradley Klump, Randy Brenke, Kelley Garno, and Kelly Strouse. Last row: Chris MacRitchie, Bret Veldhoff, Mark Hoag, Amy Handy, Kevon Martis, Rusty Averill, and Jewel Waigle.


The Yearbook ladder was changed many times throughout the year and served it's purpose well. Drganizing thoughts and ideas, it also referred the right pages to the right topics, which helped a lot.


Todd Vandenbusche and Kelly Strouse seem to enjoy working together.


Staff members Rusty Averill and Marci Earl very hard at work, trying to meet the deadline. As one can see, they were the workhorses of the staff.


Brousing in the library, Steve Parrot takes advantage of the many magazines, encyclopedias, and books available. The library also serves as a meeting place for many groups.
Laughter and livelihood help break monotony of school life.

Seniors Cathy Merillat, Katie Nesbit, Ann Tuckerman, Greg Brown, Ken Nichols, Rusty Averill, Laurie Gess, Chris Waite, and Bryan Hull take a quick break to laugh in Physics.



Freshmen in Mrs. Burgermeister's English 9 class have differing moods.

At Left, Kim Deseranno doesn't seem too amused about English 10.

Sophomore Mary Topolski concentrates in Reading On Your Dwn.
ENGLISH

A varying degree of enthusiasm for trig is demonstrated in Elissfield. A new aspect of trig, much to Mr . Smith's disappointment, is the trig party, although not all people expressed desire to be connected with the enterprise.

## Trig

Parties
students find resourceful
ways of
studying


Alysa Mohr, right, and Kelley Garno, enjoy the typical atmosphere at the "study sessions."

Down the street at the Senior trig party, the ever-present staff photographer catches Debbie Garno, Debbie McCashen, and Bill Johnson.

But the end result in Trigonometry is good, hard work, which all the trig partiers in the world won't replace.



Business Practices encompass students with a variety of accounting and computing skills. Here, seniors Mike, Ann, Cathy and Katie are pictured in one of their rare moments, hard at work.

Mr. Thompson takes time out to prepare his 3rd hour history class for another one of his infamous essay tests.

Kevin Barnett, like most others, has to constantly recheck his figures.





At far left. Al debugs his program while Marci advises.

Donna and Sandy are both exhausted after a long program.
CDMPUTERS
taught along
with the basics

## We've Got

## Style

 Some people have worried about the conformity of Blissfield High, or complain that students are pressured to dress and act within unwritten laws. Not so. From a survey given to the entire student body, the '83 Elysium discovered how varied and nonuniform the school really is. The results are varied, and sometimes funny - just imagine. The results given are the popular, printable views.

Fashions at Blissfield High are very important to many students. To some, what you wear is what you are. A pair of Levi's and a t-shirt are still the favorite, but radicals like Cathy Merillat, Debbie Flores, Marci Earl, and Katie Nesbit sometimes "punk out." The school has its' share of "preppies. burnouts, and everything in between."

Students hated homework most about school, and seeing their friends was their favorite reason for coming to school. Many guys came to school just to look at the girls (vise versa). Pictured at left is one of the many collaged lockers containing members of the opposite sex.

Given the choice of three goals - to find Mr./Mrs. Right, to work in favorite career, or to be wealthy, most students desired to work in the career they liked best. Incidentally, many of them have chosen computers as a major area of study and future occupation. At right is Hectar Valderas, exchange student from Spain, working on one of the new PET computers.



Pat Benetar was unanimously selected favorite singer. Olivia New-ton-John, Dzzy Osborn, and all the others were wiped out.


Df course, the most popular music to listen to was good ol' rock n' roll, but second choices ranged from classical to soul to contemporary Christian. A surprisingly large number of students enjoyed country music, which came in second.
Repeating last years survey, Sally Field was favorite actress, Journey was favorite band, and Richard Pryor was favorite comedian. Burt Reynolds replaced Tom Selleck as favorite actor, and Men at Work's debut album Business as Usual was selected Favorite alburm. The answers for favorite song were so many, that one could not be picked.


Dn more serious questions, opinions and views on the survey became even more varied. Although most students considered themselves physically and mentally fit, $41 \%$ decided not to go to college, but financial need was a major reason for this. Many students said they might evade the draft, and felt nuclear war was the worst problem in the world today. But even more so than nuclear war, the economy is what troubled the students most.
"You should have seen some of the answers to 'Describe a successful date'!"


## Activities

The following ten pages contain various fall and winter activities; six of the pages in full color. From the beautiful traditions of Homecoming to the good will and spirit of Christmas to the rollicking fun of Coming Home.



## Homecoming - Totally Awesome!



Lorene Howland and Tammy Knisel join Pac Man aboard the victorious Freshman float



Dave Berry and Katie Nesbit savor a few quiet minutes together.

Left - Queen Karen Hauser reigns over the Homecoming Dance.


Above - Court member Elaine Berk shares the Queen's dance with her date.

Jackie Nighswander and Dean Kastle dance the night away to the music of Jam Pact.


Tina Piorkowski, drama director, explains the importance of Shakespeare to students, Stacey Walters and Carrie Tipton.

At right, half of the wild wonderful stage crew, Marci Earland, Debbie Flores.

Below Jerry Spurgeon gives his opinion as the rest of the students, Debbie Garno, John Ganun, Dawn MoMullen and Natalie VanStavern, unenthusiastically listen. Very few sets and props were used in the play, which allowed the actors to practice their improvisation.

## Accomplishment

The Fall play, Get Bill Shakespeare off the Stage, didn't make headlines in the local paper, and wasn't the main topic of discussion in school, but it was an accomplishment. Working with a small amount of time, a sound system that didn't want to cooperate, and a relatively small stage crew, the thespians of this play had a lot of work to do. CWe won't say that they didn't even horse around). Mrs. Mershon, director of the play, led the actors through a script of Shakespearean scenes, both serious and comical, involving subplots of student-teacher and studentparent relationships. The actors of the play entertained the audience with enjoyment and laughter, an accomplishment at any rate.


## Christmas Time!



Enjoying the Christmas spirit are some dancers at the Christmas Dance, held by the Student Council. Students danced to the sounds of the band Redline, while dancing among Christmas trees and under snowflakes. There were also two little elves whose persistence with their mistletoe made the evening even more spirited.


Santa Claus (Mr. Bruce) has the good fortune of his elf, Debbie Flores.


Pastel, paint, and pencil projects exhibited by Art 3 students at The Festival of the Arts.

## Gift Wrapped Spirit

Christmas changes students and faculty in many different ways

Lead singer Bev Bateson of Redline in her senior year at Blissfield High.



Christmas found Blissfield High in good spinits. Above are the cheerleaders at a pep assembly featuring "Twas the Night Before the Big Game" starring the Royal Basketball players: Debbie McCashen, Molly O'Neill, Lori Coomer, Anne McCormick, Cheryl, Cory, Shelly Brown, Audra Sweeny, Pam Beagle, Amy Mattis. At right are the choir and band performing at the Festival of the Arts held just before Christmas break.


## Chess <br> Tournament The First Year

Blissfield High held its First Chess Tournament in February. Although interest declined in chess awhile back, an increased popularity of the game brought underway an organized tournament. Bryan Hull was chairman of the Student Council event, and a luring $\$ 25.00$ was offered for first place. Junior Jeff Seegert won the tournament, with Mark Hoag taking second. Shown below is Mark and Jeff in the final round of tournament play. They have been playing chess together for many years and have about the same skill as each other. Jeff claimed he would play Mark again, but not for the \$25.00.


## Heart

## to

## Heart

Heart to Heart is a computer service which matched students with ten other students of the opposite sex who they were most compatible with. Students were matched within the school, and all grades participated. Some people hated their results, and some people just didn't care (or so they said!)


Above: Lisa Deseranno and Pam Brown have doubts about the boys on their lists. Maybe next year.

Left: Tracy Tonnenburger and Steve Betz enjoy the "Computer Dance." Students were given a discount off the price of the admission if they bought their lists.

Right: Sonya Lomband seems to be in joy or disbelief of her proposed mates. In either case, the lists created a lot of excitement.

Below: Claudia Harold takes time out to chuckle at her list. Being an exchange student, the list might have been a great help. At least $2 / 3$ of the students bought their lists from the Student Council, for $\$ 1.50$. A dance was held at the end of the week, but there was a poor attendance - probably because many were out with their new acquaintances.



Carrying out the vegetable theme, Tim Nesbit (alias the Scarecrow) pulls the victorious sophomore float across the gym floor

## Another Successful Year



Following in his firefighting Fathers footsteps, Bryan Hull races across the floor in his 240-mobile.

Although Teresa Handley looks a bit embarrassed, Rusty Averill seems to enjoy modeling his hog hat. Rusty was later named King of the event and was crowned after the basketball game.


Receiving kisses from volleyball captains, Kris VanNieuwenhze and Dawn Cory, Rusty Averill rules with Septor in hand.



Donna Dusseau has made use of modern technology by having King candidate Tom Bliesner cloned.

## Second Annual Coming Home

## Spoofing the Beauties



Pulling class and club floats were Jamey
Nichols, Tim Nesbit, John
Ganun,
Chris Waite, and Tracy Papenhagen. At left is Katie
Nesbit,
pulling Italion
Stallion
Mark
Peterson.


Receiving honors for Fall Sports are Jeff Snyder - All League, Paul Fries - All County, All League, Rick Niemi - MVP Golf, and Laurie Gess - All League. Not pictured is Anne Tuckerman, who received All League and All County

## Fall Sports

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## Fall Sports




Kim Goetz, a hussler on the team, shows her quickness and aggressiveness.

Kris VanNieuwenhze receives a pass and tries to dribble out of trouble.


Teamwork from four of the J.V. players: Kelly Strouse, Kristy Fisher, Terri Sauer and Jewel Waigle, against Onsted's man to man defense. Right: Darcy Doyle, number 32, played sixth man adding team spinit and drive.
Ready for the rebound are Amy Handy and Laurie Gess, \#40. Kris VanNieuwenhze, \#34, is waiting for the outlet.


Ann Tuckerman scores again adding two more points to her high average.



## Girls Varsity Basketball

team was the 82-83 LCAA champs!

## Girls Basketball

J.V. and Varsity have good year with Varsity taking the league championship

The Girls Varsity Basketball team had a great year, finishing with a $9-1$ record in the league and 12-7 overall. Coaching the girls to a legue championship was Miss Bette Kohler. It was the first time since Blissfield joined the LCAA, that they have won a league championship.
The Girls J.V. Basketball team had a good season also, though not as good as the Varsity. They finished the season with a $7-3$ record in the league and 11-7 overall, with the help of Coach McEwan.


Kneeling - Teresa Snyder, Pam Brown, Brenda Barrett, Kris VanNieuwenhze, Kim Goetz. Standing - Darcy Doyle, Tracy Papenhagen, Laurie Gess, Ann Tuckerman, Amy Handy, Virginia Garza, Coach Bette Kohler.


Kneeling - Marie Gubbe, Tammy Knisel, Kris Pate, Judy Shannon, Terri Sauer, Robin Crabtree, Coach John McEwan. Standing - Alysa Goetz, Bonnie Brown, Lucy Garno, Michelle Vereecke, Jewel Waigle, Kristy Fisher, Kelly Stouse.


Varsity and J.V. Cheerleaders, proving hard work and practice pay off, cheer at the homecoming game.


Cheering on the Varsity squad are Donna Dusseau, Lori Coomer, Elaine Berk, Debbie McCashen, Anne McCormick and Molly D'Neill.


Jan Walters, Tammy Hall, Amy Mattis, Shelly Brown, Cheryl Cory, Audra Sweeny, and Pam Beagle cheer on the J.V. squad.

## J. V. Season Highlighted by First defeat of Hudson in eleven years

The Varsity Football team, coached by Denny Thompson, had a respectable year. Plagued by injuries, the Royals managed to finish with a $3-5$ record. Highlighting the season was the 24-0 victory over Manchester, but also being crushed by Detroit Country Day, 9-42. Jeff Snyder and Paul Freiss were named to the LCAA first team, and Freiss also received All-County first team honors.



Top - Bryan Hull stiff arms to avoid Viking tack lers. Below - Co-Captains Friess and Peterson greet officials and Dundee Co-Captains.


Todd Vandenbusche assists Bud Honn, showing how awesome the defense can be.


Coach Denny Thompson assisted by Coach Al Diver discuss their strategy for the next play.



1982 BHS Vansity Football Team members are Robin Osborn, Mark Bastian, Tom Bliesner, Brad Payne, Mike Bussing, Paul Friess, Steve Betz, Mark Peterson and Bryan Hull. Second row: Todd Vandenbusche, Steve Winkelman, Pat D'Neill, Bret Veldhoff, Darin Wolfe, and Kevin Diver. Third row: manager, Phil Kerbawy, Dan Reason, Mark Hoag, Art Norris, Jeff Smith, Mike Betz, Manny Cruz, George Jacques, and Greg Brown. Top row: head coach, Denny Thompson; assistant coach Al Diver; assistant coach Brian Barrus, Lawrence Hauser, Jim Winkelman, Paul Heidbreder, Bud Honn, and Jeff Schneider.


1982 BHS J.V. Football Team members are Coach Warren Niemi, Dave Fourman, Joel Davis, Rick Garcia, Chad Dunbar, and Dave Woodbury. Second row: Chris MacRitchie, Tom Bowman, Brad Slomski, Steve Pavelka, Tim Nesbit, and John Jacobs. Third row, Nick Benschoter, Eric Smith, Dan Cruz, Jim Martinez, Dave Cruz, and Tom Miller. Fourth row: John Menchaca, Brian Mallory, Kurt Diver, Brad Klump, Brent Hull, Bret Lafollette, and coach Dick Clark.


1982 Freshmen Football Team members are Tim Bush, Fausto Briones, Todd Phipps, Doyle Vollers, Vinney Martinez, and Terry Neyrinck. Second row: Troy Vandenbusche, Jim Raines, Kyle McCashen, John Ayers, and Dennis Southwell. Third row: Brian Salsbury, Kevin Friess, Eric Goble, Bill Strouse, Jim Paradine, and Ron Schmidt. Back row: Coach Greg Jackson, Jeff Garno, Steve Piorkowski, Alan Woodbury, Ferdinand Villegas, Scott Warner, and Coach Wayne Heiniman. Missing from picture are John Baron and Noel Eisenmann.


All members of the golf team work together and here they are: front row - David Gigax, Doug McMullen, Toby Shambarger, Barry Loar, Brian Gschwind, Brian Loar, and coach Bob Biglin. Second row - Lee Ellen Knisel, Mark Gigax, Kelley Garno, Randy Brenke, Rick Niemi, Brian Duckworth. Absent were Dave Brew er, Chad Goetz and Kevin Leubke.

Randy Brenke tees off seriously as his teammates are showing the lighter side of golf.

## "Golf goes Co-ed"



Coach Biglin instructs Dave Brewer on the art of teeing off.
Co-Captain Rick Niemi, on his third shot wedges the ball on to the green.




A CRDSS CDUNTRY CRUISE Katie Nesbit, a standout on the girls' team, crosses the finish line after the grueling 3 mile run.

Above Right, Terri Tomsic, Patty Waite, Steve Dirks and Terry Duncil, are given strategic advice for the upcoming race by Coach Paula Witt.

An even pace and long stride keep Ray Martinez one step in front of his opponents.

Cross-
Country
Runs in the Front All
Season



A good start gives the Royal Harriers confidence to defeat their opponents.

Kneeling: Beth Blackburn, Kristen Boyd, DaphnePriest, Karen Hauser, Patty Waite, Katie Nesbit. Standing: Ray Martinez, Terry Duncil, Stephan Dirks, Scott Marietta, Ryan Roe, Chico Martinez and Coach Witt. Terri Tomsic, Megan Peters. Debbie Garno and Jamie Nichols are not pictured.


Freshman Basketball

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| 71 | Manchester | 61 |
| 70 | Addison | 49 |
| 84 | Evergreen | 63 |
| 72 | Dundee | 34 |
| 77 | Clinton | 52 |
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| 63 | Onsted | 104 |
| 75 | Manchester | 56 |
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Varsity Volleyball

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Brenda Barrett sets the ball high for a teammate to spike.


After hours of practice, Kelly Strouse demonstrates her ability to control the ball with a successful bump.

## JV Girls show promise \& skill in

Our young "J.V. dinkers" Performed with great agility through-out the season ending up with an 11 . 1 record. With continued hard work and practice our "J.V. dinkers" will soon become our "Varsity Spikers."


When the game is intense, netters will do anything to keep the ball in play as proven by Terri Sauer.


Kneeling: Patty Waite, Brenda Barrett, Lorene Howland, Julie Thompson, Debbie Fischer. Standing: Kelly Strouse, Debbie Sedlaceck, Linda Salenbien, Bonnie Brown, Terri Sauer, Robin Crabtree, Coach Hazel Brown.


The awesome display of Royal teamwork put terrified looks on the faces of many worthy opponents.

## Volleying to Victory

The girls volleyball team finished above .500 in the 82-83 season. They finished 11-10 overall and $8-4$ in league play. Coaching the girls was Miss Betty Kohler. The team went to Predistricts to defeat Summerfield. They then moved on up to Districts only to be beaten by Ida.


Ann Tuckerman burns another one past Ida's front line defenders.


One of the Royals many outstanding servers, Dory Garcia concentrates on her form.


Teresa Snyder, a key player in the Royal attack, bumps the ball back to the net setting up another score.


Kneeling: Kim Goetz, Karen Brieschke, Karen Bierman, Dory Garcia, Dawn Cory, Darcy Doyle. Standing: Teresa Snyder, Pam Brown, Laurie Gess, Ann Tuckerman, Kelley Garno, Kris VanNieuwenhze, Coach Kohler.

Rick Tattersall gets a reversal and works to pin his Dundee opponent. Below: First row: Tim Bush, Rick Tattersall, Chris Thomas, Fausto Briones. Second row: Chico Martinez, John Ayers, Ferd Villegas, Todd Southward. Third Row: Nick Riley, P.J. D'Neill, Eric Crider, Chris MacRitchie, Dennis Southwell, Noel Eisenmann, Coach Terry Jensen. Right Center: Chris MacRitchie psyches out his opponent before the match.


Above: First row: Val Diem, Daphne Priest, Tina Pirokowski, Chris Hogue, Lisa Street, Megan Peters. Second row: Advisor Paula Witt, Deb Nichols, Wendy Pulver, Karen Hauser, Carrie Tipton. Right: Ferd Villegas seems to be on top of the situation. Far Right: Rick Tattersall's opponent shoots in for a take down while Rick fights to stay on his feet.


## Inexperience $\mathcal{E}$. Injuries plague wrestlers

Without a wealth of experience on the squad, the wrestling team finished the season with a disappointing $1-13$ record. Terry Jensen who replaced Ron Huskins in midseason had to deal with injuries and dying team spirit. One bright spot in the Royal line up was M. V.P. P.J. D'Neill who placed in every tounnament.


Captain P.J. O'Neill gives fellow wrestlers tips during a meet.


Scott Warner and Kyle McCashen play a tough Royal defense.


Dave Gigax brings the ball up court in hopes of two more points.


Eric Goble gets rid of the ball as he drives to the basket.


Freshmen basketball team members: Ken Macßeth, Jeff Garno, Troy Vandenbusche, Brian Gschwind, Todd Phipps, Todd Bateson. Back row: Coach Denny Thompson, Kyle McCashen, Jamie Nichols, Dave Gigax, Ron Schmidt, Steve Piorkowski, Jay Dates, Bill Strouse, Eric Goble, Scott Warner, Kevin Freiss.


While Tim Miller shoots a free throw, other J.V. players attempt to get positioning for the rebound. 64


Jay Oates makes a follow up shot.


Kyle McCashen drives in for a left hand layup.


Brad Klump skies for another easy basket.


Eric Smith with another nice turn around jump shot.

J.V. Basketball players: Kurt Diver, Tom Bowman, Joel Davis, Brian Mallory, Rick Garcia, Buff Hull. Back: Coach Warren Niemi, Tim Miller, Tim Nesbit, Steve Pavelka, Eric Smith, Tony Crawford, Brad Klump.

## J.V. and

## Freshmen

## Basketball

## Second In League

## Basketball

The Royals Varsity Basketball team had an excellent season this year losing only two league games to Dnsted, and the rest of the losses to non-league teams. They ended the season with a record of 11 wins and 7 losses. The Royals will lose only three seniors, Tom Bliesner, Greg Brown, and Ken Nichols, who were the team's tricaptains.



Top Row: Mgr. Dave Taylor, Greg Brown, Mark Hoag, Dan Garno, Bret Veldhoff, Ken Nichols, Dan Thompson, Gary Brink. Bottom Row: Mgr. Greg Butts, Todd Vandenbusche, Rick Niemi, Tom Bliesner, Darin Wolfe, Paul Heidbreder, Dan Reason, Mgr. Terry Duncil.


Skying for another jump ball is Junior Dan Garno.

Receiving to outlet pass from Hoag. Todd Vandenbusche dribbles down the floor



Jim Winkleman and Wayne Braun struggle in the tug-o-war event of Fun Week '83.

P.J. O'Neill, Pat O'Neill, Amy Smith, Lorene Howland, Kristy Fischer, participate in Simon says led by Mr. Diver.


Above, Juniors display their winning form in the egg drop. Left, Seniors shuffle through the results of locker clean-up day.



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The audience of proud parents and honor students were served a dinner of stuffed pork chops and cottage potatoes. before the awands ceremony.

Pat D'Neill receives a varsity letter certifying his outstanding academic achievement.


Cathy Merillat carefully avoids poking Mark Gigax as she pins on his boutenier. Many preparations were made for the arrival of Lt. Govennor Martha Griffiths, only to be disappointed due to her cancellation.

## Top

Students Honored at B.H.S.

Academic Honor Society Banquet held April 21
Superintendent Larry Wilson delivered an excellent speech on "Passports to the Future."


Mr. Barger comended the students for their high standards of academic excellence.

Ken Nichols and Patty Mitchell, seated at the head table, were host and hostess for the evening.


Another Musical, Another Success

Blissfield's repeated success in musicals was upheld this year by the acting, singing, and dancing of the talented cast. Added to this was beautiful scenery and the expertise of the directors and accompanists.

At Left, P.J. D'Neill, Crystal Staup, Chris Hogue, and Carrie Tipton rejoice in the climatic ending of the play.

Above, Kevon Martis and Carrie Tipton lead the chorus in the show stopper, "Honeybun."

## South Pacific



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The Spring Musical, "South Pacific" was presented at Blissfield High School to packed audience April 28, 29, and 30. Such performances as Sonya Lombard's mistic singing of "Bali Hai" and Kevon Martis' "Honeybun" spoof brought audiences to extending applause and laughter. Nor will they ever forget Nucklehead Nelli (Carrie Tipton), Emile DeBecque (Р.J. D'Neill), on any of the other fine portrayals brought to the stage by the cast. Director for the show was Mrs. Betsy Carter, choreographer was Mrs. Cathy Heckart, and Carol Topolski and Mary Ann Hogue were the pianists.

Lee Ellen Knisel, Daphne Priest, Carrie Tipton, Molly Smith, Megan Peters, Carol Drefke, and Amy Smith joyously sing "I'm in
 Love With a Wonderful Guy! "

## RDMANCE, THE ESSENCE DF . . .



Held May 14, the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet was again a successful undertaking. The seniors, guests of the junior class, were served a buffet style dinner of sliced beef, turkey, augraitin potatoes and salad free of charge. Juniors and invited guests were charged a $\$ 5.50$ cover fee for the evening of food and entertainment. The evening's musical entertainment, enjoyed by all, was provided by Jump Start.

Above: David Hogue, Tammy Knisel, Rusty Averill, and Teresa Handley serve themselves at the abundant buffet. While some guests enjoyed dinner, Tracy Papenhagen found nibbling on date Steve Betz's ean more appetizing.

. . . A NIGHT ON THE TOWN


Marty Lewis, Elisa Schreiner, Marie Armstrong, Kevin Fischer, and Joe Martinez wait patiently in the endless picture line with the city skyline in the background.


Ken Nichols and Ann Tuckerman reign as King and Queen for the evening.

Laurie Gess and Greg Brown prove close dancing is still in style.

## A Night to

## Remember

Lee Ellen Knisel and Steve Piorkowski enjoy the dancing music provided by Jump Start.


Mr. Boldt shows Anne McCormick and Kelley Garno how the "old folks" boogie.


The juniors transformed an ordinary Saturday night into an evening no one will soon forget.


# more opinions from Few Words Before We Leave 

Except for ashtray odors, I'm really gonna miss this school. I'm actually going to graduate! A few people in my class ought to stay a few more years, to GRDW பP.

High School. Dur peers say it's the most memorable time of our lives, but is it? Do we want to remember all those failing grades? the dirty looks and comments from fellow students? or the Friday nights we sat home alone? I don't!

These quotes came from a survey issued by the Elysium in the winter. They reflect the attitudes and feelings of certain students of the school, and their authors are kept confidential.

It seems that the time is going really fast. I have accomplished many things, but now I have new goals, new dreams ...

I think school!?@\#! But I admit it is important to finish High School for your diploma. Life is pretty good, I guess!

School is getting to be a real drag. No more assemblies or fun things to do. Nobody raises havoc any more.

I feel this school is full of little groups of people who are xerox copies of each other. Why can't people be themselves instead of each other?

How does tefflon stick to the pan? A word to the wise: Don't let your mother brush your hair when she's mad at your dad.

I just know one thing. "I will never forget this experience that I am having here, and I will always be thankful for everything that each one of you have done for me . . . I thank God for the opportunity that he gave to me, to be here, and to get to know new people, and make many friends. This has helped me to learn more about myself, about others, and especially I leanned to love all of you!

## The Day Had Come




## graduation ceremonies held June 5

Though slightly windy, the weather for the outdoor graduation ceremony was beautiful. Superintendent Larry Wilson, assisted by Principal Jack Barger, presented the diplomas to the graduating class. The speaker for the day was The Honorable Judge Natalia Koselka, who gave the speech, "The Final Exam." The chosen colors for the event were blue and white, and the platform on which the seniors received their diplomas displayed a sign which read, "Thanks, Mom and Dad.
The class had waited a long time for the day they would graduate. Through years of homework and dances, lunch room and hall shuffles, teamwork and club participations, and lasting friendships, the thought of graduation had always been in their minds. And finally, as they received their diplomas, they realized the day had come.

Left: Bryan Hull gladly receives his diploma. Below: Tracy Papenhagen gives Supt. Wilson a kiss upon receiving her diploma.



Selected as M.V.P.'s for their designated sports were Al Miller, boys' track; Elaine Berk, girls' track; Dolores Garcia, varsity softball; and Eric Grabow, varsity baseball.



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Sitting: Molly O'Neill, Tracy Lips, Pam Beagle, Kris VanNieuwehnze, Karen Hauser, Elaine Berk, Jan Walters, Angie Duncil, Tammy Knisel. Kneeling: Tina Napier, Natalie VanStavern, Kristen Boyd, Daphne Priest, Ann Tuckerman, Katie Nesbit, Paula Komon, Amy Handy, Renee Dusseau, Marie Gubbe. Standing: Coach Hazel Brown, Sarah Brown, Ginny Vandenburg, Debbie Snead, Lori Rogers, Terri Tomsic, Pam Brown, Kelley Garno, Patti Waite, Bonnie Brown, Dawn McMullen, Asst. Coach Mrs. Camron.

## Spikes, Sprints

 \& CindersDave Hogue turns in another successful outing in the High Jump.

Elaine Berk sails easily over the hurdles while Al Miller prefers to run through them.



Sitting: Danin Wolfe, Al Miller, Dave Hogue, Mark Bastian, Mark Peterson, Doyle Vollers. Kneeling: Shawn Milner, Terry Duncil, Jeff Smith, Joe Gerten, Jimmie Raines, Ray Martinez, Don Stawowy. Standing: Ken Nichols, Steve Piorkowski, Mark Hoag, Steve Dirks, Rob Dsborn, Scott Marietta, Brian Miller, Eric Smith, Coach McEwan.


Tri-Captain Mark M. Bastian takes first place with another hefty put.


Elaine Berk and Tammy Knisel execute a perfect handoff in the 880 relay.


Mark Peterson practices flying for Superman IV.

## ROYALS \#1

The Royals Girls Track team had an excellent season this year, winning 8 and losing only one to Onsted. The girls also won Grass Lake Invitational, League meet, and Regionals. The girls qualifying for State were Amy Handy, high jump; Elaine Berk, long jump; Renee Dusseau, 100 -meter dash; and the 800- and 400-meter relay teams consisting of Renee Dusseau, Debbie Snead, Tammy Knisel and Elaine Berk. New School records established this year were Amy Handy in the high jump with a jump of five foot four and one-half inches, Karen Hauser in the 330 hurdles with a time of 50.2, and Tracy Lips in the 2 -mile with a time of $12: 52$. The Boys Track team was hurt by injuries and dwindling numbers this year. Their overall record was 6 wins, 3 losses, and one tie with Hudson. Despite everything, they still finished second in the league. Among those qualifying for State were Darin Wolfe, long jump; Dave Hogue, 400-meter dash; Ken Nichols, 800-meter run; Al Miller, $120-m e t e r$ high hurdles; 400-meter relay team consisting of Wolfe, Miller, Mark Peterson, and Jeff Smith, and the 8OO-meter relay team consisting of Wolfe, Miller, Peterson and Hogue. The only school record broken this year was the 120-meter hurdles, by Al Miller with a time of 15.0 . This was the oldest standing school recond.



Sprinting out of the blocks is Junior Darin Wolfe, one of the Royals' top sprinters.

## Miller shatters oldest school record!



Pam Brown warms up, in order to give her best effort in the shot put.

Waiting for the hurdles to begin are Steve Piorkowski, Karen Hauser, Kristen Boyd, Elaine Berk, and Dawn McMullen.



Freshman Baseball team included: top row, Coach Wayne Heineman, Bill Strouse, Eric Goble, Ron Schmidt, Kevin Friess, David Gigax, Scott Warner, and Terry Nerick. Second row: Jamey Nichols, Todd Bateson, Ken MacBeth, Glenn Koons, Kyle McCashen, Vince Martinez, and Jim Paradine. Bottom row: Jeff Garno, Mike Baird, Pat D'Neill, Brian Gschwind, Fausto Briones, Todd Phipps.


Jamey Nichols rounds third for another Royal run.


Kyle McCashen eyes the ball and sends it for another Royal hit.


Ron Schmidt, playing freshman, J.V., and Varsity ball this year, heats up for another strike.


Buff Hull tags out the opponent coming back to 3rd.


## JR Varsity

The J.V. baseball team, led by Coach Clark, put together a fine 7 wins and 4 losses season. Most of the players will move up and help to try to improve the varsity team that won districts this year.


Kurt Diver grits his teeth for the Royal's winning run.

Pitcher Steve Pavelka looking the ball in and throws to first for the Royal's Brd out.

Back now: Coach Dick Clark, Paul Swanson, Kurt Diver, Joel Davis, Scott Papenhagen, Steve Pavelka, Jim Erennan, Jim Martinez, Dan Reason. Second Row: John Menchaca, Buff Hull, Bret LaFollette, Rick Garcia, Dave Cruz, Chad Dunbar.



## District

Above: Senior Greg Brown dives back to third base. Right: Tri-Captain Mike Bussing gets his lead off second base. Below: Third baseman Danny Thompson gets set to field anything that comes his way.





The 1983 Royal Baseball team. Left to Right, Front Row: Tim Bush, Greg Bateson, Jeff Seegert, Bryan Hull, Mike Eussing, Tom Bliesner, Kevin Diver, Hank Martinez, Scott Merillat, Manuel Cruz, and Mike Wilkie. Back Row: Coach Larry Tuttle, Paul Freiss, Steve Betz, Danny Thompson, Dan Garno, Bret Veldhoff, Greg Brown, Randy Brenke, Eric Grabow, Bud Honn, Coach Bud Freiss, and Joe Wingerd.

## Champs

Bud Honn, Steve Betz, Bret Veldhoff, and Randy Brenke concentrate on another Royal victory.


Diamondettes were Kandy Knisel, Kelly Strouse, Julie Sell, Anne McCromick, Karen Brieschke, Amy Mattis, Tina Piorkowski, Kathy Zimmerman, and advisor Mrs. Greenwald.


Those loyal fans who came out to watch no matter how cold it was. Meanwhile Gary Bartholomew, Amy Mattis, and Anne McCormick keep the fans posted on the scoring of the game.


The photographer caught the force of Dan Ganno's pitch.


Dory Garcia, ace of the pitching staff shows her rotation on the ball.


Junion Kim Goetz fields a "hot" ground ball as Anne Spiegel plays the all important role of back-up.

## Varsity Softball

Members of the 1983 Varsity Softball Team included Coach Bette Kohler, Lisa Street, Anne Spiegel, Teresa Snyder, Laurie Gess, Kristy Fischer, Debbie Sedlacek, Darcy Doyle, and Coach Joanne Dunning. Front row: Brenda Barrett, Dory Garcia, Mary Snyder, Kim Miller, Kim Goetz, Anna Garcia, and Amy Somes.



Above: Senior Teresa Snyder laces another Royal basehit. Left: Kristy Fischer concentrates on the ball before going to first. Right: Anna Garcia scoops up a grounder, then throws to first.


## J.V. Softball players spend year learning skills



Front row: Kristy Miller, Tracy Tonnenberger, Dawn Henning, Kris Pate, Shelly Wilcox, Hally Brown. Back row: Lucy Garno, Linda Salenbien, Alysia Goetz, Debbie Fisher, Ann Spiegel, Robin Crabtree, Coach Bob Ford.


Kristy Miller with another excellent delivery to plate chalks up a win for the Royal softball team.

Debbie Fisher and Lucy Garno, Eattery mates, warm up in hope of late inning relief.


## Superintendent's Corner

William R. Beattie suggest that when we are showered with negative happenings we often respond with discouragement rather than courage. Some people will become cynical, some despondent, and some will rush around with no real purpose or plan. But, some will recover their courage and do as quickly as possible everything that should be done.

It might be well for all of us to remember the prayer of Oliver J. Hart: "Give me the fortitude to endure the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Physical courage will make men brave in one way, and moral courage will make men brave in another. Both types of courage are important and have their place; but to constitute a great man, both are necessary.
"Courage, " observed Samuel Johnson, "is the greatest of all the virtues." And, when asked why, he answered, "Because if you haven't courage, you may not have an opportunity to use any of the others."

It takes courage to carry responsibility. It takes courage to make decisions. It also takes courage to accept criticism from those who won't share the risk, the weight, on the worry in the performance. A great deal of talent is lost in this world for the want of a little courage.

Business, economic, social and world conditions have recently grown very puzzling in their complexity to many of us. Although changes have been vast, we can remain absolutely sure of one thing - that there is no substitute for the world-old commonplace qualities of truth, justice, courage, thrift, industry, common sense, and genuine sympathy for the feelings of others. Things will not be so puzzling to us when the majority of us make these qualities more commonplace today, concluded Beattie.

To see what is right and not do do it, is want of COURAGE.

- Confucius

Have a Good Day!
Larry C. Wilson, Superintendent


Working hard on solving school problems are the members of the school board. They are Mr. Ted Delzieth, Mr. Tom Billington, Mrs. Joyce Goetz, Dr. Larry Wilson, Mr. Dean Porter, Dr. Harold Berk, Mr. Brian Papenhagen and Mr. Victor Hogue.

DR. LARRY WILSON AND


Superintendent, Dr. Larry Wilson.


Mrs. Mary Lou McAlpine, secretary to the superintendent.


Mr. Richard lott, comptroller


Principal Jack Barger busily tries to schedule extra curricular activities and keep all the teachers happy.


Pat Farnsel, secretary to Mr. Barger is an essential part in running the office.


Judy Beagle filled in during Mrs.
Farnsel's stay at the hospital.


Sharon Cambal, secretary to Mr. Reaume is in charge of attendence records.


## Real People

Assistant Principal Richard Reaume is a favorite to students because he is in charge of school cancellations and delays.


David Thompson, Athletic Director, is in charge of all sports events, not to mention strictly enforcing the athletic code.


Mr. Thompson's secretary Vicki Tonneberger takes a break from her work to look up at the camera.



The History teachers of BHS are Mr. Al Diver, Mrs. Carol Greenwald, and Mr. Dave Thompson. Mr. Diver teaches World History, Current Events, and Phys. Ed. He is also the assistant Varsity football coach as well as the Varsity basketball coach at Deerfield. Mrs. Greenwald "just loves" teaching Civics, American History and Economics. She is also the Diamondette Advisor. Mr. Thompson teaches United States History in the morning and spends the afternoon scheduling sports events.

After a hectic day, instructors of the English and Foreign language departments - Mrs. Gould - various English courses including Mythology, Psychology, Sociology and also Senior class advisor. Ms. Kovach - Librarian and Freshman class advisor. Mrs. Brown - head of girls Phys. Ed. department. Mrs. Hawley - French, Research, English 10. Mr. Durbin several English courses and yearbook advisor. Mr. Clark - English courses preparing graduates for college, Reading and Writing for College and Advanced Placement. Mr. Nino - Spanish and English teacher enjoy the peaceful surroundings of the library.

The students in Mrs. Greenwald's History class were assigned to do a project related to the Civil War. The large picture of President Lincoln was drawn by our foreign exchange student Claudia Harold.



Smiling as they contemplate the future of the world, are math and science teachers - Mr. Tuttle General Math, Phys. Ed. and Sophomore class advisor. Mr. Brink - Geometry, Advanced Algebra and Driver's Ed. Mr. Bruce - Chemistry and Physics. Mr. Smith - Algebra, Trigonometry and PreCalculus. Mr. Brewer - Biology and Sophomore class advisor.



Mr. Staup is kept busy scheduling classes, screening Vo-Tech applicants, and counseling students concerning future plans.


Aside from her regular work load, Mrs. Mills schedules classes at Siena Heights College for zealous high school seniors.


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Directors of the Way:

## to the

Future


Mr. Bruce McCormick, director of bands; Mr. John McEwan, Industrial Arts; Mr. Ralph Staup, Counselor; Mrs. Betsy Graham, choir director; Mrs. Judy Mershon, English teacher and Drama.


Although each teacher at Blissfield High has his own field, many teachers are needed to teach classes in other fields. One field in whichall teachers will have to come to know in the near future is the field of computers. Above are shown some teachers in the old computer room which wasn't big enough for the new computers.

Mrs. Karen Dillie, Typing; Mrs. Libby Boldt, Home Economics; Mrs. May, Resource Instructor; Mrs. Carol Burgermeister, Business Practices; Mrs. Lori Isley, Agriculture; Mr. James Boldt, Art instructor.

## Helping Hands



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Bus Drivers: Cathy Sheldon, Elaine Winzeler, Mr. Wood, Jo Ann Snyder, Lori Bienman, Juanita Mitchell, Barb Goddyn, Arlene Bierman, Ardith Pooley, Donna Porter, Betty Miller, Big Ed, Russ Bierman and Mary Lemley.

## Nowhere to be found

The janitors at BHS are always so busy that this is the only one we could find to take a picture of. As one can see even he is on the run.


# Putting up with it all 



Ardith Pooley and Mary Ellen Sayler can say that driving a school bus of rowdy kids is quite a challenge.


Taking a break from the heat of the kitchen are Cooks Mrs. Konieczny, Mrs. Demey, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Ehlert.

Virginia Alamia John Ayers Michael Baird Deanna Barnett John Barron Todd Bateson

Pamela Beagle Randy Beeckman Trevor Biddix Teresa Bowers Fausto Briones Jeffrey Brown

Lynette Brown Sarah Brown Steve Bruesch Lawrence Bush Roger Butts Fick Coopshaw


Class officers: Lorene Howland, treasurer; Jamie Nichols, president; Tammy Knisel, vice-president; Alysia Goetz, secretary; and Ms. Kovach, advisor, help start the freshmen off on the right foot.

Robin Crabtree Ronald Crist John Dashner James Dearth
Brian Duckworth Melissa Durbin

Deborah Ehlert Shayna Elliott Michael Forche Kevin Friess Jeffrey Garno Arlena Gehring

David Gigax Eric Goble Alysia Goetz Chad Goetz Brian Gschwind Marie Gubbe



Jason Gunter
Dawn Henning
Robert Herrick Amy Hood
Brenda Hopkins Lorene Howland

Rosella Knadler Kenneth Knierim Tammy Knisel Matt Koester Glen Koons Carrie Liewert

LeAnn Lipp
Tracy Lips
Kevin Luebke Kenneth Macbeth Craig Marietta Andy Marsh

Jacqueline Martinez Vincent Martinez Eric Martis Jolene Mason Amy Mattis Kyle McCashen


Doug McMullen
Kristen Miller
Bruce Mills Tim Napier Terry Neyrinck James Nichols

Phillip Nichols Lynn Norris Patrick O'Neill Kellie Osborn James Paradine Sarah Peterham

Todd Phipps Steve Piorkowski Jimmie Raines Victoria Renner Trisha Ries Lori Rogers

Shielah Saenz Linda Salenbien Brian Salsbury Michael Saxton Ronald Schmidt Toby Shambarger


Jamie Nichols, a budding cross country star, takes a breather after a tough race.

Amy Smith Jennifer Smith Dennis Southwell

Donald Stawowy Leslie Street William Strouse

Audra Sweeney Hugh Taylor Julie Thompson

Terri Thompson Tracy Tonneberger Virginia Vandenberg

Troy Vandenbusche Natalie Vanstaveren Sonya Vansteenkiste

Ferdinard Villegas Doyle Vollers Janira Walters

Mary Warner Scott Warner Jodi White

Michael Wilkie Anthony Winkler Alan Woodbury


## Sophomores

## Shine

Sophomore Kelly Strouse and Junior Darcy Doyle share a locker, proving that a difference in age makes no difference in friendship.


Elisa Butler Janet Chittendan Cheryl Cory

Gerald Cosme Michelle Crist Daniel Cruz
Frank Alamia John Bachman Brenda Barrett

Michael Beagle Dennis Beaver Stanley Beckey

Cheryl Belanger Nick Benschoter Beth Blackburn

Thomas Bowman Kristen Boyd James Brennan

Bonnie Brown Lora Brown Michelle Brown


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The seniors had fun outside during lunch, wearing their caps and tassles made for graduation. Though most of them complained about homework and school in general, each must feel some loss, some regret.

Below left, anchor woman Debbie Sedlacek and Kris Slusarski pull for the sophomore victory in the tug-owar. The other picture captures the senior girls in the tug-o-war, before they lost.


Shawn

## It's the end

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## School is closed, and ...



In the 1982-83 school year, new diesel busses were purchased and the xerox machine, previously being rented, was bought. Brian Papenhagen and Ted Delzeith were elected to the school board and Dean Porter became President. Lower enrollment and budget cuts forced four teachers, Bob Biglin, Gerald Sampson, Harriet Devantier, and Bette Kohler, to be shifted to other schools in Blissfield. Along with the new computers, three disc drives and two printers were purchased, to complete a sizable hardware and software collection in the computen room. Blissfield is advancing.

## the seniors are gone.




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