Capacity of building - 600 students
Present enrollment - 469 grades 9-12
Available features:

22 classrooms including:
2 commercial
2 English
2 social studies
1 agriculture - with laboratory and storage 1 publications
1 study hall seating 100

2 science with work rooms
1 office practice
2 mathematics
3 general purpose

1 library - office, workroom and 2 conference rooms
1 music - with 3 practice rooms, office and 3 storage rocms
1 fully equipped cafeteria kitchen
1 cafeteria-auditorium. Seats 250 as cafeteria and 400 as auditorium
1 gymnasium $97^{\prime} \times, 107^{\prime}$. Seats 1740 - playing floor $84^{\prime} \times 50^{\prime}$, folding partition divides it into girls and boys gym with courts $84^{\prime} \times 4^{\prime}$.
3 locker rooms - girls and boys varsity and gym class - equipment, storage, drying room and physical education offices
2 office suites - 2 general and 3 private offices-work room, board room and fire proof vault
1 boiler room, receiving room - several gym storage and janitor rooms.
1 health clinic
1 photographic darkroom
1 teachers lounge
1 book storage room
1 concession booth
The library, study hall, gymnasium, offices and cafeteria are centrally located. The capacity of the school can be easily increased by the addition of classrooms on either wing. The central facilities are



Thousands of people have passed through this school. It's doors opened in 1959 - before man on the moon, and before the Beatles came to America.

In the turbulent sixties it sheltered and educated a generation in a world of assasinations, wars, and riots. Education continued in the seventies, through Woodstock and Watergate. It remained a learning institution while "All in the Family", "Saturday Night Fever", "Star Wars", and the disco were strong trends. The scare of Three Mile Island, and several bomb threats have all phased the students, and yet they remained.

It has carried on into 1984, where we face yet another Presidential election, and listen to the beat of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" album or watch "Dynasty".


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Blisfield is Records and Traditions


Tradition. Blissfield High School is full of tradition. We show it through our spirit, high academic standards, and our excellence in sports and the fine arts.

We hold on to tradition strongly. Many of the traditions we maintain have been in existence since this school opened 25 years ago. Though our tradition is always prevalent, change is always welcome.

We change with the times. But
we keep the customs which make us distinctive. Blissfield has remained small enough that students are familiar with their school, and the atmosphere is very personal.

One tradition at Blissfield is to keep an extensive record of every aspect of school life. Records are kept of academics, sports, music, awards, social preferences, and attendance.


Traditions survive because people are able to use past records. Traditions are records.

BHS Thespians presented the Thornton Wilder classis Our Town to Blissfield as their fall production for the second time under Mrs. Mershon's direction. Mime and simple dialogue were used to portray one man's view on life.

## Performing Is Its Own Tradition



Dan Thompson and Chris Hogue sing "Just You and I".
The Our Town players are Keith Sauter, Lorene Howland, John Ganun, and Vicky Renner. At bottom center, Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Webb (Lorene Howland and Crystal Staup) talk about their family while stringing beans, in Our Town.
Laura Brown, Sherrie Phillips, Sonya Lombard and Chris Hogue sing "Mr. Postman"


Floatmaking. No other school in the area seems to take floatmaking so seriously. Yet every fall, for one week, Blissfield students work their tails off to make a float better than last year (excepting the bewildered and undirectable freshmen). There's the ever-present rivalry between classes to make a float to outdazzle the others for a measly $\$ 25$ first place.

Floatweek starts a week before Homecoming. A new theme is chosen by the Student Council, and some unlucky soul has volunteered his barn, garage, or whatever will hold a lot of kids, wood, and flowers for the weeks work. Wood, cardboard, thermoply, chickenwire, flour, kleenex, nails, tools, and a supply of junk food are brought in to start the work. But this is the easy part.

The next things needed are chaperones and willing workers from the class. Turf for the floor of the float, paint, posters, chairs for the floatriders, and vehicles to pull the float are all need donations.

But it pays off. BHS always puts on a beautiful homecoming parade. The queen candidates dress up and ride in sparkling cars, and the bright floats are riden by more girls from each class. The band leads the candidates and floats through town, amidst hundreds of villagers.

> No one does it better than a Royal


Biology Club, a new club started by a new biology teacher Mark Willson, build a float.


Tina Cruz adds another helping hand to the freshman float, Watchamacallit.


Coming Home is a good natured spin-off of Homecoming. Each class and some clubs set out to construct a victorious yet humorous float.

The theme chosen for the 1984 ceremonies was "farm and garden tools." While the floats are still built on a wagon, they are scaled down to one tenth the size of the Homecoming floats. However, the four candidates are portrayed as larger than life, ludicrous, seniors. During halftime of the basketball game, the floats and candidates are paraded around the gym, by a "servant" of their choice. The candidates (John Ganun, Kevon Martis, Todd Vandenbusche, and Bret Veldhoff) wait impatiently for the announcement of who won the school election for king. Todd Vandenbusche was elected, later being crowned at ceremonies conducted at the dance following the game. This is the first time steadies took both crowns.



The Bissfield J.V. Cheerleaders: Casey O'Neil, Teresa Klauda, Michelle Tipping, Sonya VanSteenkiste, Marie Gubbe, Jennifer Smith, and Brenda Holderidge.


Larry Hauser pulls Senior Coming Home float.


Mrs. Thompson returned this year as cheerleading coach, advising the girls through their countless russians, flips, high mounts, and high tension games.

This year the cheerleaders tied purple bandanas around their knees that reminded them to stay together and work as a team to make it to State competition. It helped them make it through the hours and hours of practice, the bad weather of football games, and the bruises on their knees from doing
"knee slams" on hard gym floors. They didn't place at State, but at least they made it.

The winning success of 1984 was never more emphatic than the 84 72 win over Onstead. Not only did the students become involved, but the community showed their support with record breaking attendances. Prior to the regional game the community turned out in force for a pep assembly to send off the team. Many escorted the team to Dundee where the team played De -


The Blissfield Varsity Cheerleaders are Leslie Smith, Molly O'Neil, and Jan Walters. Second row: Audra Sweeney, Tammy Hall, Shelly Brown, Cheryl Cory, and Amy Martis.

troit DePorres. The encouragement helped - the team led for three quarters before finally bowing out to the more talented Detroit team, 84-68.

The Festival of the Arts has become an increasingly popular event for BHS. The annual preChristmas event showcases the Fine Arts talent of many students. Hundreds of art pieces are exhibited, along with works from the wood shop and mechanical drawing classes.

## Fruitcakes, music and dances make up the traditional holiday.



Mr. and Mrs. Boldt, alias Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and two jr. high mistletoe elves color up the Christmas dance.


Scott Papenhagen and Karmen Wilkison enjoy a slow dance together, while Darcy Doyle and her date decide not to wait for the mistletoe elves.
Dan Garno poses proudly by his painting at the Christmas Art Show.


Sarah Peterham and Darin Wolfe sing a Christmas duet.



The evening started with presentations from both choirs. Traditional Christmas songs included "Jingle Bells through the years," The Royal Singers and Men of Accord presentation of "Fruitcake", and finally the Band \& Choirs (along with choir alumni) joined together to conclude with the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

A reception following the concert took place in the cafeteria-turned-art gallery, where punch and cookies were provided and art work displayed.

The traditional Christmas Dance developed high spirits and magical moments for those who attended. The cafeteria was transformed into a glittering winter wonderland, full of hundreds of dangling snowflakes and trees lit with Christmas lights. Two "elves" from the middle school mingled through the dancing couples, presenting mistletoe for those who wished it. Mr. \& Mrs. Clause (Mr. \& Mrs. Boldt) were on hand to have their pictures taken with all the students for free.

## Carnival and Cards Trump the



Darin Wolfe and Larry Hauser defeat Brad Klump and Chris MacRitchie in the Championship Euchre Tournament at the Super Dance.

Winter



Dave Brewer and Sonya Lombard draw numbers for cake walk.

# Aloha! 



Tom Bowman, junior president, welcomed the guests and toasted the success of the class of ' 84.


Crystal Staup and Joey Martinez propose a toast to begin their celebration at the Junior-Senior Banquet.


Cheryl Cory and Bret Veldhoff, Bonnie Brown and Shawn Milner, Renee Dusseau and Brian Mallory, Connie Barron and date.


Prom Queen Sonya Lombard and King Paul Heidbreder danced amidst the falling balloons.

# Untraditional? 

 What's new today istomorrow's traditional

The start of school always brings new fashions such as squeaky sneakers and stiff jeans. There are basically three different types of dress: preppies with their alligator shirts, argyle socks and pinstripe pants; the comfortables with their O.P. shirts, faded blue jeans, and Nikes; and New Wave. The new look includes parachute pants (with snaps on the side), skinny leather neck ties, short bright mini-skirts, and camaflouge apparel.
Along with the new wave look comes break dancing - the new trend of dancing which makes use of such moves as the moonwalk, acrobatics, body spins, and other quick steps inspired by Michael Jackson. Blissfield students may be found practicing sometimes during their lunch hour on recently waxed floors.

## Old Tradition Revived

After two succersful Superdances, the Student Council let two years pass before attempting a third one. Already firmly based in student minds as a long, fun dance, gaining support for the Muscular Dystrophy fund raiser wasn't too hard. But don't get the wrong idea Holding a 12 hour dance-a-thon, selling refreshments, and serving a meal to over 120 participants is hard. Through the efforts of Anne McCormick, Super-dance chairwoman, and many other Student Council members, $\$ 2600$ was raised for the MDA.
The evening was highlighted by D. J.'s from K100, FM104, FM103, and the band Prime Kut. Many prizes were given away, including a television set awarded to Jonelle Brown for collecting the most money.



Activities Week makes everyone untraditional



## Beasting on Frosh

One of the longest and perhaps most thoroughly enjoyed traditions is the cermony of "beasting on the freshmen." An idea as old as time itself, this practice begins as soon as the seniors gather forces and find an appropriate victim. Then punishment is neither quick nor merciful. And oftentimes treatment is not limited to seniors.

Beasting has many variations and degrees, ranging from a tipping of the books to the ultimate in humiliation, the Royal Flush.

Book tipping occurs when a freshman has incurred the rath of a senior in a minor way, such as holding his face wrong. Then, when the plebe is found walking down the hall with an armful of books, the senior heaves the freshmen's books to the floor for unrelenting unmerciful passersby.

The option to a book tipping is locker stacking. This technique, though more subtle, has a long range effect of paranoia. Upon retrieving the violators

Freshmen are naturally mouthy at the lunch table. One sure cure is to stack a bunch of lunch trays on top of each other and ask the loudmouth to return them with threat of bodily harm if he fails to do so. A variation is to place a foot in his way as he goes to the garbage cans.

But perhaps the most odious deed ever done to a frosh is the Royal Flush, or "swirly." (This is only applied to the most "flushworthy person".) The person is secured by force and drug into the bathroom, where, after eva-




## Business Club



Front row: Sandy Bragg, Teresa Bowers, Kathy Zimmerman, Advisor Mrs. Dillie, Keith Knerim, Michelle Vereecke, Molly Smith, Lynette Brown. Back row: Mike Sanders, Nick Benschoter, Rodney Lippens, Tim Napier, Dale Wingerd.

This year the business club learned how a radio station operated by touring WQTE. They held their annual secret sweetie sale which included both candy and a note. They kept many a forgetful freshman from getting in trouble by selling pencils and other school supplies. During Easter and Christmas they sold candy.

## French Club



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## Future Farmers of America



1983-1984 members of the FFA were: (front row) Mike Beagle, Dave Woodbury, Rick Garcia, Bob Kasetang, Stan Beckey and Nick VanStavern. Second row: Marc Fischer, Noel Eisenmann, Brian Ehlert, Keith Kneirim, Steve Hull, Keith Brown, Chris Marquis, Joel Davis. Third row: Tim Shephard, Todd Bateson, Kevin Luebke, Ken Knierim, Jim Brennan, Ryan Roe, Chad Goetz, Ron Crist, and Advisor Mrs. Szydzik. Back row: Tony Crawford, Jerry Frye, Gary Bartholomew, Jim Reno, Greg Bateson, Larry Hauser, Scott Papenhagen, Mike Sheldon, Tim Napier, and Fausto Briones.

Throughout the year the FFA has been very active. During the year they raised wheat, played FM 104 in a basketball game, sent delegates to state convention and had 2 meetings

Key Club


1983-1984 Key Club officers: Shelly Crist, Tim Miller, Kelly Strouse, and Brian Mallory. Second row: Karen Brieschke, Debbie Fisher, Sarah Peterham, and Kris Pate. Third row: Jeff Binns, Terri Sauer, Anne Spiegel, Kristy Miller, and Advisor Mr. Wilson. Back row: Anne McCormick, Bonnie Brown, Kurt Diver, Dennis Phillips, Tom Bowman, Randy Brenke and Tim Nesbit.

Key Club is a service organization designed to serve and meet the individual needs of the community. Working with the Kiwanis, Key Club served for the Chili supper, Pancake supper, cleaned the Senior Citizen Center, helped out at parent teacher conferences and helped out with public tasks such as cleaning windows and helping in the summer with gardens.

## Biology Club



Advisor Mr. Willson. Standing: Troy Martz, Kelly Osborn, Raechelle Priest, Robin Delano-Downey, Crystal Staup. Back Row: Amy Hood, Amy Smith, Trisha Rower, Mike Saxton, Matt Koester, Kathy Taylor.

With the addition of Mr. Willson to the faculty came an addition to the clubs. The Biology club which was made up of mostly sophomores but also open to juniors and seniors. They made both homecoming and coming home floats and were a very active first year group. They even typed their blood.

## Student Council



Front Row: 1983-1984 officers John Ganun, Shelly Crist, Sonya Lombard, and Alysa Mohr. Second Row: Karen Brieschke, Jolene Mason, Greg Spiegel, Debbie Warner, Kris Pate, Keri Gess, and Advisor Mrs. Boldt. Third Row: Anne McCormick, John Ayers, Amy Hood, Terri Thompson, Bonnie Brown, Kelly Strouse, Sonya Vansteenkiste. Fourth Row: Michelle Vereecke, Amy Handy, Keith Sauter, Dave Brewer, Rod Wahl, Brad Klump, Chris MacRitchie, Mike Sheldon and Bruce Mills.
This year's Student Council added many new activities to their traditional list. Some of the new events included a Muscular Dystrophy dance, a carnival, a euchre tournament, a drunk driving assembly, a frisbee assembly, and a family feud.


## Yearbook

Far left: Active staff members Chris MacRitchie and Kevon Martis. Left: Kandy Knisel, Rank and file editor. These and many other staff members spent countless hours both after school and on Saturdays preparing the 25th anniversary edition of the Elysium. The average page in the book takes over seven hours of work from the minute the picture is taken until it is packed and sent to the publisher.


Members of the 1983-1984 Editorial Board were: Sandy Bragg, co-editor Gary Bartholomew, sports editor Mark Hoag, co-editor Todd Vandenbusche, rank \& file editor Kandy Knisel, business editor Dale Wingerd, and copy editor Molly O'Neill. Second Row: Terri Sauer, Paul Heidbreder, Missy Durbin, Sonya Lombard, Jolene Mason, and Terri Thompson. Third Row: Debbie Sedlacek, Kelly Strouse, Anne McCormick, Kelley Garno, John Ayers, and advisor Mr. Durbin. Brad Klump, Chris MacRitchie, John Ganun, Eric Smith, Randy Brenke, Tom Bowman, and Kevon Martis.

1983 started a new school year and the 68th annual edition of the Blissfield High School Yearbook. This edition was a special one due to the fact that the Class of 1984 was the 25th class to graduate in the high school. In August Todd Vandenbusche was named editor with an editorial board of seven. Later in the year Gary Bartholomew was named a co-editor.


# Sports 

Football Golf Cross-Country Girls' Basketball Volleyball Boys' Basketball Wrestling Baseball Track Softball



The J.V. team was told to follow through with their assignments as shown here by Brian McEwan (\#14) carrying out his fake and Rod Wahl struggling for extra yards.


Eric Goble reaches out to snare a pass as the ever-present referee moves out of the way.

The J.V. Football team was coached by Warren Niemi and Wayne Heiniman, and though they didn't play many games they were readied for varsity. The team consisted of both Freshmen and Sophomores and they learned and grew together. The team paid their dues this year in hopes of future varsity football careers.

Bottom row (L to R): Doyle Vollers, Adam Benschoter, Steve Andrix, Fausto Briones, Tim Bush, Esteban Garcia, Brian Milner, Troy Vandenbusche. Middle row (L to R): Steve Fisher, Scott Warner, Brian Ehlert, Brian McEwan, Kirk Arquette, Russel Mitchell, Curtis DeSeranno, John Ayers, Danny Gratz, Todd Bateson, Noel Eisenmann, Jim Raines. Top row (L to R): Terry Neyrinck, Tim Cantral, Bill Strouse, Eric Goble, Kenny Cox, Steve Piorkowski, Brian Klump, Wayne Phillips, Dennis Southwell, Todd Mitchell, Rod Wahl.


## Football Drives at Season

All League tight end Bret Veldhoff displays his technique vs. Clinton. Paul Heidbreder hands off to (31) Dan Reason who shows his ability of a hard hitting fullback while he does his job of picking up the extra yards for a first down.

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| :---: | :--- | ---: |
| We |  | They |
| 24 | Whiteford | 0 |
| 6 | Hudson | 12 |
| 7 | Ida | 12 |
| 6 | Dundee | 12 |
| 7 | Niles-Brandywine | 38 |
| 28 | Addison | 7 |
| 0 | Onsted | 16 |
| 13 | Erie Mason | 27 |



Offensive end Mike Betz (83) lives up to his reputation of being a hard hitter, by forcing his man out of the play.


Despite the disappointing 2-7 record, the Royals upheld their long standing tradition of being one of the hardest hitting teams in the league.

## Tough Season Brings Many Changes

The 1983 Blissfield Royal Football Team closed with a record of 2 wins and 7 losses. The team found its 2 wins against Addison and Whiteford. This team may not have had all the talent needed, but they never gave up and had the desire to do whatever it took. Many individuals were recognized to the all-league team.
(L-R) Kneeling: Kevin Friess, Dave Fourman, John Menchaca, Bret LaFollette, Rick Garcia, Jim Winkleman, Mike Betz, Paul Heidbreder, Shawn Milner, (Middle) P.J. O'Neill, Brent Hull, Scott Warner, Todd Vandenbusche, Jim Brennan, Brian Mallory, Chad Dunbar, Jeff Smith, Dan Reason, Asst. Coach Brian Barrus, (Back row) Nick Benschoter, Tim Miller, Brad Klump, Eric Smith, Bret Veldhoff, Mark Hoag, Scott Marietta, Chris MacRitchie, Head Coach Denny Thompson, Asst. Coach Al Diver.


Swedish Exchange student Begnt Jonevret shows the same form, used to kick the 46 yd . field goal, which was a new Blissfield record. Brent Hull (21) holds the ball.


## Golfers Take Regional Title



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## Cross-Country: the

 Tradition Runs On!|  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Royals |  |  |
| 33 | Michigan Center | 24 |
| 21 | Morenci | 35 |
| 17 | Manchester | 35 |
| 17 | Whitmore Lake | 42 |
| 26 | Ida | 30 |
| 32 | Addison | 25 |
| 30 | Erie-Mason | 27 |
| 42 | Onsted | 19 |
| 28 | Hudson | 28 |
| 23 | Morenci | 34 |
| 10 th | Hudson Invitational |  |
| 25 | Evergreen | 31 |
| 38 | Vandercook Lake | 21 |
| 42 | Clinton | 17 |
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Cross-Country is known as the loneliest sport and though most parents faithfully supported their kids the tradition lived on. The race is always started by a mad scramble (top picture) from which runners set out to distinguish themselves. Terry Duncil led the team as captain while running (above left) as well as through morale support. Freshman Casey O'Neill shows a Hudson runner (above middle) why she became the first Blissfield runner to place at state. Casey and Greg Spiegel (above middle) started their own tradition this year by helping to make the Royals a team to be reckoned with. Cross Country also continued the tradition of having foreign exchange students on the team as Onno Van't Hof (above right) and Elisabeth Hecht (far right) added foreign experience to the team. Despite their constant work for improvement we were once again able to get them to pose for a team picture.


Team members included: (left to right) Elisabeth Hecht, Casey O'Neill, Pam Beagle, Sarah Jacob,
Greg Spiegel Par O'Neill Top row Coach Brink, Greg Spiegel, Pat O'Neill. Top row: Coach Brink,
Jamey Nichols, Terry Duncil, Onno Van't Hof, Don Stawowy, Jason Gunter.


Senior Guard Kim Goetz drives to the basket for an easy lay-up.


The three leading rebounders for the Royals, Darcy Doyle, Amy Handy, and Kelly Strouse, block out and get the rebound.


Kristy Fisher, an aggressive a 15 -footer.

Brenda Barret shoots a free throw as other Royals gain position for the rebound.


uard for the Royals, sinks


A more serious look at the Royals Girls' Basketball team: back row, Kim Goetz, Amy Elliot, Darcy Doyle, Kristy Fisher, Lucy Garno, Amy Handy, Coach Betty Kohler, Michelle Verekee, Bonnie Brown, Jewel Waigle, Kelly Strouse, Terri Sauer, Kris Pate. Front row, Brenda Barrett.


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| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Royals |  | Opponents |
| 22 | Madison | 46 |
| 35 | Whiteford | 53 |
| 27 | Ida | 37 |
| 37 | Dundee | 46 |
| 46 | Clinton | 24 |
| 38 | Tecumseh | 37 |
| 44 | Addison | 45 |
| 64 | Mason | 36 |
| 37 | Onsted | 51 |
| 56 | Hudson | 28 |
| 41 | Ida | 61 |
| 53 | Dundee | 48 |
| 48 | Clinton | 30 |
| 44 | Addison | 53 |
| 30 | Onsted | 57 |
| 36 | Hudson | 33 |
| 42 | Summerfield | 36 |
| 33 | Whiteford | 50 |
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Keri Gess passes the ball inbounds to Tammy Cox after using some trickery taught to her by their coach, John McEwan, to fake out the opponents.

The team was told you have to aim high to succeed and (right) Keri Gess takes careful aim on her goal as Cheryl Crabtree and Angie Goetz follow the instructions of the coach.

Front row: Debbie Warner, Cheryl Crabtree, Keri Gess, Jennifer Joy, Cori Brown. Back row: Robin Crabtree, Shawn Sprinkle, Alysia Goetz, Lisa Hall, Angie Goetz, Tammy Cox, and coach John McEwan.


Chery Crabtree watches a rebound all the way home as the opponents converge and the ever present referee watches the lane and Alysia Goetz for any possible violations.


Sophomore Julie Thompson demonstrates that use of concentration and coordination can result in a picture perfect bump.
Freshman Debbie Warner follows through after setting up for a Royal win.



Tracy Tonnenberger bumps it as Lorene Howland and Linda Salenbien watch.
JV's Aim Toward the Future


Members of the J.V. Volleyball team are: Front row, Melissa Somes, Julie Thompson, Sarah Jacob, Tammy Knisel, Lorene Howland, Tina Cooper, Debbie Warner. Back row, Tricia Robison, Amy Smith, Tracy Tonnenberger, Angie Goetz, Linda Salenbien, Alysia Goetz, Shawn Sprinkle, Robin Crabtree, and Mrs. Camron.
Robin Crabtree makes a nice diving bump while teammates Tracy Tonnenberger, Lorene Howland, and Tammy Knisel prepare to set or spike.


Sportsmanship and
Teamwork makes the Royal Netters Winners!

This year's Varsity volleyball team, coached by Hazel Brown, ended their season with a 4-13 record, and placed 4 th in the league with a 3-7 record, tieing with Hudson. Although it was a rather disappointing season, the girls always managed to pull together and play as a team. Kim Goetz was named 1st team all-league, Darcy Doyle 2nd team all-league, and Pam Brown was named Honorable Mention.


Sitting: Miwa Suyama. Kneeling: Debbie Fisher, Brenda Barrett, Elisabeth Hecht, Karen Brieschke and Kim Goetz. Standing: Pam Brown, Kelley Garno, Bonnie Brown, Debbie Sedlacek, Darcy Doyle, Kristy Fisher and Coach Hazel Brown.


Junior Bonnie Brown leaps high into the air spiking the ball in hopes of a Royal victory.


The Royal Volleyball team was led by many seniors this year as is shown by (above) Kim Goetz, Darcy Doyle, and Miwa Suyama all doing their part in playing defense, and (right) Karen Brieschke covering-up for a teammate.


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| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Royals | Opponents |  |
| 65 | Summerfield | 54 |
| 64 | Ida | 42 |
| 70 | Clinton | 56 |
| 65 | Whiteford | 59 |
| 61 | Hudson | 59 |
| 84 | Onsted | 72 |
| 69 | Evergreen | 66 |
| 71 | Addison | 44 |
| 71 | Erie-Mason | 57 |
| 44 | Dundee | 46 |
| 59 | Evergreen | 57 |
| 68 | Summerfield | 66 |
| 75 | Clinton | 44 |
| 66 | Tecumseh | 50 |
| 81 | Hudson | 39 |
| 79 | Onsted | 64 |
| 72 | Erie-Mason | 53 |
| 57 | Ida | 44 |
| 64 | Addison | 57 |
| 53 | Dundee | 48 |
| 75 | Districts |  |
| 62 | Erie-Mason | 59 |
| 74 | Flat Rock | 57 |
| 68 | Ida | Regionals |
|  | DePorres | 57 |
|  |  | 81 |
|  |  |  |




Co-captain Bret Veldhoff leads the team in spirit and rebounds and contributes his share of points per game.


Dan Garno, the leading scorer for the Royals, is without a doubt most consistent on the team. His consistency won him 1st team all-state honors.


The level of intensity is as high for the players on the bench as it is for the ones on the floor.

Brad Klump makes his contribution to the team as a rebounder.


## Intensity! That was the team motto! and it was shown by Garno's First Team All-State Selection

The varsity basketball team started the season with high expectations of a very good season, possibly an undefeated season. Some factors of the team's optimism were the great amount of talent on the team, and the leadership of the new Coach Al Diver.
With intensity as the theme of the year, the Royals started right off and went 9 games and rated 4 th in the State before they fell to Dundee. Then they went 13 straight wins, which is a new record, including the LCAA and District Championships, before losing to Detroit DePorres, ranked \#2 in the State, in Regional action.
The Royals received many awards including Al Diver as Coach of the year. Kurt Diver, Dennis Phillips, and Dan Reason were selected Honorable Mention all-league; Bret Veldhoff, all-league and 2nd team all-county; Dan Garno, all-league, All-County, All State and WABJ-WLEN player of the year.

Intense man-to-man defense, as shown here by Darin Wolfe, became the trademark of the Royal team.

Coach Al Diver demands the attention of all players during time-outs which is essential for a winning team.



Scott Warner follows through on his shot which helped seal another victory for the record setting JV's.

| Royals |  | Opponents |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 52 | Erie Mason | 32 |
| 50 | Madison | 30 |
| 44 | Evergreen | 46 |
| 49 | Dundee | 26 |
| 45 | Adrian | 63 |
| 55 | Erie Mason | 38 |
| 78 | New Boston Huron | 58 |
| 42 | Sand Creek | 27 |
| 67 | New Boston Huron | 46 |
| 57 | Evergreen | 41 |
| 57 | Dundee | 39 |
| 44 | Adrian | 46 |
| 46 | Sand Creek | 47 |
| 57 | Madison | 39 |
| 57 | Monroe C.C. | 67 |

Bryan Klump tries to pass inside to a teammate, which is where the Freshmen team picked up most of its points.



Ken Cox goes up strong to deposit another two for the freshman team as Steve Nichols, fresh after recovering from a football injury, closes in to secure the basket.


| J.V. BASKETBALL |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Royals |  |  |
| 47 | Summerfield | Opponents |
| 54 | Ida | 20 |
| 49 | Clinton | 41 |
| 37 | Whiteford | 25 |
| 63 | Hudson | 31 |
| 44 | Onsted | 38 |
| 45 | Evergreen | 55 |
| 53 | Addison | 49 |
| 63 | Erie Mason | 44 |
| 41 | Dundee | 47 |
| 43 | Evergreen | 40 |
| 33 | Summerfield | 40 |
| 49 | Clinton | 26 |
| 54 | Tecumseh | 33 |
| 48 | Hudson | 39 |
| 41 | Onsted | 42 |
| 70 | Erie Mason | 58 |
| 48 | Ida | 56 |
| 66 | Addison | 50 |
| 68 | Dundee | 54 |

The Blissfield J.V. basketball team finished with an overall 16 wins and 4 losses. They finished second in the L.C.A.A. with a 8-2 record behind first place Onsted.
The leading scorers for the team were Ron Schmidt, Jamey Nichols and Scott Warner. The same trio led the team in rebounding. Warner led the team in both steals and assists.

Coach Niemi explains the individual assignments of each player and gives the members of the team the desire to play up to their potential.


Troy Vandenbusche, Kyle McCashen, Matt Garno, Kevin Friess, Jamey Nichols, Steve Piorkowski, Ron Schmidt, Scott Warner, Todd Bateson, Jeff Garno, and Coach Warren Niemi in front of the ball.


Top row: Brian Milner, Scott Ricker, Steve Nichols, John Billington, Ken Cox, Bryan Klump, Phil Gritzmaker, Rod Wahl, Steve Sauer, Scott Jones, Steve Andrix, Adam Benschoter, Eric Midura, Brian McEwan.


The morale boosting matmaids were Chris Hogue, Julie Sell, Crystal Staup, Natalie VanStavern and not present was Candi Speigel.

Coach Greg Betz preparing Blissfield's heavyweight Tim Cottrill before his match.


Front row, from left to right, Tim Thomas, Esteban Garcia, Chico Martinez, Chris Thomas, Rick Tattersall, Bill Ayers, Noel Eisenmann, Rick Vanduzen, Dennis Southwell, Rick Garcia, Chris MacRitchie, John Ayers, P.J. O'Neill and Tim Cottrill. Second row, starting from left, Roger Butts, Scott Whitman, Steve Fisher, Clinton Peters, Marc Fischer, John Barron, Brad Slomski, Nick Benschoter, Wayne Phillips, Paul Miller and Coach Betz.


Just one of Tim Thomas's many pins over the season. Tim had the second highest number of pins.


## WRESTLING

Opponents
Flat Rock ..... 54
Wood Haven ..... 50
Jefferson ..... 59
Clinton ..... 46
Hudson ..... 33
Carlson ..... 42
Onsted ..... 35
Michigan Center ..... 44
Jonesville ..... 24
Dansville ..... 33
Ida ..... 35
Addison ..... 63
Dundee ..... 54
Monroe CC ..... 54
Morenci ..... 45
Morenci ..... 33
Delta ..... 59
Manchester ..... 23

## Chris MacRitchie leads the Royal Wrestlers back

 into contention, and next year . . .The Royals have a lot of young prospects, including new Coach Greg Betz. Coach Betz wrestled for Blissfield and is looking forward to a good next year.

Chris MacRitchie, the first wrestler from Blissfield to ever win All-County, celebrates after pinning another opponent.


## JV's Best Three-Year Record with 11-5

The J.V. Team finished the year $3-1$ in the league, winding up in 1 st place. The year contained one 4 game win streak and two 3 game winning streaks. Leading pitchers for the team were Bucky Garno (5-1) and Brian Gschwind (4-2). Power hitting was supplied by Eric Goble and Dave Gigax. Brian Gschwind led the team in batting average. Defensively Glen Koons led the team playing behind the plate.

FRESHMEN BASEBALL We
5 Monroe CC 4
11 Monroe Jefferson 13
6 Adrian
4
11 Monroe CC 1
1 Summerfield JV 6
7 Sand Creek JV 0
6 Britton JV 4
1 Toledo CC 13
7 Toledo St. John 4
0 Monroe High 6
10 Toledo CC
6 Britton JV 4
7 Sand Creek JV 0
2 Monroe Jefferson 0


First row: Rod Wahl, Sonny Rose, Marc Fischer, Sean Mulligan, Scott Jones, Tim Thomas, Adam Benschoter; Second row: Coach Heineman, Scott Woerner, Bill Ayers, Clint Peters, Scott Ricker, Phil Gritzmaker and Scott Whitman; Top row: Jon Billington, Paul Miller, Ken Cox, Joe Nicolai, Kirk Arquette, Marc Grabow, and Eric Midura.

J.V. Baseball team: Terry Neyrinck, Brian Gschwind, Glen Koons, Mike Baird, Todd Phipps Second row: Kyle McCashen, Vincent Martinez, Dave Gigax, Bucky Garno, Jeff Garno; Top row: Coach Dick Clark, Bill Strouse, Eric Goble, and Scott W arner.
Coach Clark gives some last minute strategy to his J.V. players.



## Frosh Field a 10-5 Record

The Freshman Baseball Team rounded out Blissfield's excellence in baseball with a $10-5$ record that included a strong finish with a four game winning streak. Highlight of the year was a 10 to 7 victory over Toledo Catholic Central. Anchoring the pitching staff were Paul Miller, Kirk Arquette, and Jon Billington. Miller and Arquette both pitched 2 hit shutouts. Leading hitters were Adam Benschoter, Miller, and Eric Midura. Midura steadied the team behind the plate, fielding well.

Scott Ricker slides in safely to third.


Dave Gigax demonstrates the proper form for throwing to first.


Marc Fisher takes a healthy cut at a low outside pitch.


Dennis Phillips receives congratulations after hitting another one of his home runs. Dennis spent most of the season chasing Dave Pagel's home run record.

The Blissfield fans who attended in high numbers in 1984 were treated to the fact that the Royals lost at home only once.


Co-captain Hank Martinez goes down to get another hard shot.


## Royals take League

1984 was a season that the team defied the experts. Prior to the season the experts said the team could not live up to the long-standing tradition of deminant Blissfield baseball teams. Rick Garcia led the county most of the season in three categories: walks, stolen bases, and runs scored. Dennis Phillips and Dan Thompson led the county in home runs and runs batted in.


Members of the 1984 Varsity Baseball Team were: front row: Dave Gigax, John Menchaca, Hank Martinez, Kurt Diver, Rick Garcia, Scott Warner, Kevin Friess, Dan Reason, and Brent Hull. Back row: Coach Larry Tuttle, Ron Schmidt, Eric Goble, Dan Thompson, Dan Garno, Randy Brenke, Ken Cox, Dennis Phillips, Tim Miller, Jeff Seegert, Paul Swanson, and Coach Joel Dass.
Sophomore hopefuls Ron Schmidt and Kevin Friess go over what they plan to pitch the next hitter.

VARSITY BASEBALL
Tecumseh
Onsted
Clinton
Gibralter-Carlson \#1
Gibralter-Carlson \#2
Gibralter-Carlson
Monroe Catholic Central
Willow Run
Hudson
Adrian \#1
Adrian \#2
Dundee
Onsted
Milan
Clinton
Addison
Monroe High
Hudson
Mundee Catholic Central \#1
Monroe Catholic Central \#1
Monroe Catholic Central \#2 Ann Arbor Gabrial Richard Addison



Royal Discus thrower P.J. O'Neill lets another good one go.


A good run...


A good jump


Blissfield distance runners sprint out to the early lead over their opponents.


An arched back ...


Makes a state high jumper.


Freshman Casey O'Neill broke two school records for the girls track team this spring: the mile in 5:20.9 and the two mile in 11.49.55.
Hard work, and alot of drive, have to be the attitude of distance runners, Molly O'Neill and Pam Beagle.

## Jib Monsters take League and Region

The Blissfield Girls' Track Team had a perfect season this year with a record of 5-0 in the league and 8-0 overall. Known as the Jib Monsters, they finished no lower than second in any invitational meet.
Highlights of the year were beating Onsted 76-52, winning Grass Lake Invitational, and remaining LCAA and Regional Champions for the second consecutive year.
Three new records were established. Bonnie Brown sailed over the 330 hurdles in 50.08 and Casey O'Neill shattered the mile and two-mile records with 5:20.9 and 11:49.55 consecutively and won the two-mile at state.
Nine girls qualified for state. In the Regional meet, Amy Handy won the high jump, Renee Dusseau won the 100-yard dash, and Casey O'Neill won both the mile and two-mile runs. Other qualifiers were Kristen Boyd and Bonnie Brown in the 110 hurdles; Lisa Hall, 220-yard dash; and the two-mile relay team of Jennifer Joy, Karman Wilkison, Molly and Casey O'Neill. Tracy Lips filled in at state for Jennifer who was ill.


Front row: Molly O'Neill, Connie Barron, Pam Brown, Renee Dusseau, Amy Handy. Kelley Garno, Paula Komon, Beth Renner, Miwa Suyama. Second row: Casey O'Neill, Tracy Lips, Tammy Knisel, Lynn Norris, Kim Roessler, Teresa Klauda, Debbie Warner, Beth Sncad, Tricia Robison. Third row: Kim Johnson, Pam Beagle. Sarah Jacob, Bonnie Brown, Kristen Boyd, Lisa Hall, Brenda Hall, Tina Napier, assistant coach, Sue Camron.

Front row: Brian Mallory, Steve Garcia, Doyle Vollers, Greg Speigel, Brian McEwan, Pat O'Neill, Dan Gratz. Second row: Jamic Nichols, Chad Dunbar, Darin Wolfe, PJ. O'Neill, Gerald Cosme, Steve Nichols, Allan Woodbury, Dave Brewer. Third row: Coach Mark Wilson. Jeff Smith, Tim Cottrill, Bengt Jonevret, Scott Marietta, Mark Hoag, Steve Piorkowski, Eric Smith, Tom Bowman and
Coach John McEwan. Coach John McEwan


Darin Wolfe and Mark Hoag were co-captains. Darin jumped $20^{\prime} 4^{\prime \prime}$ in the long jump and qualified for the state meet. P.J. O'Neill also qualified for state in the shot put with a personal best at Regionals. Greg Spiegel and Gerald Cosme lead the crew of underclassmen.

Left: Third baseman Debbie Fisher and shortstop Kim Goetz both anxiously await a putout as they take the ready position. Right: Junior pitcher Debbie Sedlacek releases the ball in hopes of another strikeout. Below: Shortstop Kim Goetz hustles for yet another put out.


## Varsity Sweeps the League

The 1984 Royal Sofball Season was one full of close and exciting games. They began their season with a win against Onsted and ended up league champs with a record of $8-2$ in the league and 14-7 overall.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| We | VARSITY SOFTBALL |  |
| 9 | Onsted | They |
| 9 | Clinton | 8 |
| 16 | Hudson | 4 |
| 21 | Morenci | 18 |
| 2 | Morenci | 1 |
| 11 | Concord | 7 |
| 30 | Morenci | 2 |
| 11 | Flat Rock | 4 |
| 21 | Erie Mason | 7 |
| 19 | Dundee | 16 |
| 16 | Onsted | 15 |
| 5 | Ida | 2 |
| 5 | Clinton | 14 |
| 9 | Adison | 8 |
| 13 | Erie Mason | 4 |
| 9 | Huddon | 2 |
| 5 | Dundee | 4 |
| 5 | Adthview | 0 |
| 13 | Addison | 1 |
| 13 | Summerfield | 3 |
| 10 | Ida | 0 |
| 10 |  | 3 |

Right: The 1984 Royal Softball Team. Left to right, front row: Manager Cori Kastel, Brenda Barrett, Kim Goetz, Anna Garcia, and Debbie Fisher. Second row: Debbie Sedlacek, Keri Gess, Anne Spiegel, Darcy Doyle, and Mary Snyder. Back row: Coach Bette Kohler, Assistant Coach Joanne Dunning, Lucy Garno, Kelly Strouse and Kristy Fischer.


## JV's Show Talent in a 6-3 Record



Freshman Cheryl Crabtree displays the perfect balance and control a softball pitcher needs.

## J.V. SOFTBALL

We
32
10
14
3
9
28
20
23
3
Tecumseh
Adrian
Erie Mason
Dundee
Ida
Erie Mason $\quad 15$
Erie Mason
Adrian 19
Dundee
Ida
21
4


1984 J.V. Softball team members were: Cheryl Crabtree, Keri Marvin, Jennifer Bates, Tammy Cox, Kristy Miller, Holly Brown, and Coach Sherry Siering. Second row: Shara Beaver, Lori Staup, Jill Lorenz, Angie Goetz, Robin Crabtree, Holly Brown, Sara Brown.


Freshman Tammy Cox follows through on her swing ready to run to first base.

## 1983 - Sports Records - 1984

Randy Brenke Golf: All-league.
Rick Niemi Golf: All-league.
Brian Gschwind Golf: All-league.
Barry Loar -
Golf: All-league honorable mention.
P.J. O'Neill Football: All-county honorable mention, All-league.
Dan Reason -
Football: All-county honorable mention, All-league and honorable mention.
Rick Garcia Football: All-league honorable mention.
Mark Hoag
Football: All-league honorable mention.
Scott Warner Football: All-league honorable mention.
Bret Veldhoff -
Football: All-league.
Mike Betz -
Football: All-league honorable mention.
Ben Jonevret -
Football: All-league honorable mention.
Jim Winkleman -
Football: All-league
honorable mention.
Casey O'Neill -
Cross Country: 9th in State.
Kim Goetz -
Basketball: All-league.

## WINTER

Dan Garno -
Basketball: All-league, All-county, All-state, WLEN \& WABJ player of year.
Chris MacRitchie Wrestling: 2nd in LCAA, 1st in county.
Bret Veldhoff Basketball: All-league, 2nd team All-county, All-state honorable mention.
Kurt Diver -
Basketball: All-league honorable mention.
Dennis Phillips -
Basketball: All-league honorable mention.
Dan Reason -
Basketball: All-league honorable mention.
Kim Goetz Volleyball: All-league.
Darcy Doyle Volleyball: All-league.
Pam Brown Volleyball: All-league honorable mention.

## SPRING

Kim Goetz -
Softball: All-league.
Darcy Doyle -
Softball: All-league.
Keri Gess -
Softball: All-league honorable mention.
Amy Handy -
Track: All-league,
All-county.
Renee Dusseau -
Track: All-league, All-county.
Lisa Hall -
Track: All-league.
Casey O'Neill -
Track: All-league, All-county, All-state.
Darin Wolfe -
Track: All-league.
Randy Brenke -
Baseball: All-league
Dan Garno -
Baseball: All-league
Kevin Friess -
Baseball: All-league
Dan Thompson -
Baseball: All-league
Rick Garcia -
Baseball: All-league
Hank Martinez Baseball: honorable mention All-league
Dennis Phillips -
Baseball: honorable mention All-league, All-state.
Scott Warner -
Baseball: honorable mention All-league

Bliesner-Kohler Award
Kim Goetz
Burgermeister Award
Randy Brenke

## Academics at Blissfield Has 103 Year Record of Excellence

Consolidated with several one room school districts in 1957 under Supt. Floyd Strayer, the Blissfield Community School system now approaches the 21st century with its oldest building, the high school, only 25 years old.

## High School Celebrates its Silver Jubilee

While the new middle school was under construction (1977 to 1979), the high school served as the educational building for both junior and senior high school students. Each day began at 7:00 a.m. for high school students and came to a close at noon. But the split session day continued with the junior high in session from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Grades 1-12 are now housed in 3 modern buildings on a 60 acre site with plenty of room for Ag . lab fields and athletic practice and game fields.


Construction of the modern concrete Middle School and the tearing down of the old building
brought Blissfield schools to a position to ready students for the ? Isr century brought Blissfield schools to a position to ready students for the 21 st century.



The bell rings at 7:50 a.m. to start the school day at Blissfield High. Most of the students have barely made it to class, while others (despite their running and dodging abilities) have not. These are the students who have to go to the office for a tardy slip, and everyone finds themselves in this situation at least once in their four years here.
As each of the late students heads towards class he/she is frantically thinking of a legitimate excuse. In most cases the truth is not acceptable. The truth may be one of the following:

1) The student has spent a little too long on his/her daily circuit, visiting the many groups clustered in the halls;
2) The student has spent too long at his girlfriend's locker; 3) The student ran out of gas on the way to the high school;
3) The student got up at $7: 40$ a.m.

The teachers have barely finished taking roll when Mr. Barger or Mr. Reaume ring the popularly despised chimes starting the announcements. This is when students hear of the already known score of last night's game, the upcoming dance, or a review of school policy - which is usually forgotten by last hour.
The office aide makes his usual round, picking up the absence slips and stopping at those rooms where teachers haven't put out theirs. Now the school day really begins. The teacher starts the lesson for the day, discussing the assigned reading, handing out yesterday's graded tests, or a nauseating pop quiz. For some the first hour drags on, forever, until finally the bell rings, and the teacher is shouting his last instructions while the students gather their books and start the stampede to the door. It started when we were freshmen taking Algebra 1 from


Brenda Sherman, wearing a Symphony Band uniform for picture taking, troops in the empty halls to the office for a session with Mrs. Cambal for a late slip.

"Today is Friday, March 2nd. The announcements for today are . . ."


Cathy Sherman sleepily waits for Mrs. Cambal to finish writing out her tardy slip at 7:54. Four tardies means a detention served after school.

Mr. Smith. A new class called Calculus was announced as being available when we became seniors - if we met the requirements. In order to take the class we had to double up our schedules our sophomore year, taking Geometry and Advanced Algebra at the same time. We struggled through the year, some not able to cope with the overload. Then came the challenge of Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus in our Junior year with the upperclassmen. Many of us banded together to form Trig parties, battling Mr. Smith's infamous weekend Take Home Tests. Some of those who had braved double math courses their sophomore year became burnouts and dropped Trig.

## Always a challenge for even the best

Fifteen of 40 finally made it to Calculus, two dropping after the first semester. So there we are, 13 people not too much alike: an exchange student, athletes in almost all sports, participants in plays, Student Council, and many with jobs. We aspire to be math teachers, engineers, maybe an architect, nurses, and primarily undecided. We aren't necessarily the smartest, or the most outgoing, or the most persistent students of the school. We can simply say, "We did it!"


Mark Hoag is seen studying in calculus class.


Humanities books \& Garfield notebooks become the cushion for tired feet \& frustrated minds.


Kevon Martis, Julie Norris, Tamra Hull, Kandy Knisel, LeeEllen Knisel, and student aid Dan Garno take a few leisurely moments to relax from the intensity of Calculus class.

Math is one class where a day out is deadly. It's very important to keep up with the day by day assignments. Even though it is a course where the book is taught page by page, chapter by chapter, nothing can be skipped. Every new concept builds on all those that come before. Kandy Knisel placed in the upper $4 \%$ of 12,000 students in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.
For the first time in five years there have been new additions to the faculty. Art Brewer resigned after 22 years as biology teacher and Donald Bruce resigned after 9 years as Chemistry/Physics teacher. They have been replaced by Mark Willson, who comes to us as a beginning teacher from Adrian College, and Charles Howland, who comes to us from our middle school. Chemistry and Physics students are taught not only how the material applies to their everyday life but also to the study of a 69 Chrysler.


New teachers bring in new ideas as well as new methods. Biology teacher Mark Willson started a biology club.


Mr. Willson holds up a hall pass to the


Mr. Howland calls test scores for Physics students.
library. On the desk can be seen his Word for the Day calender.


Mary Warner waits for her library pass from biology.



Good, analytically minded Jeff Binns
gonfalon (gon' fə lən) n. 1. a banner suspended from a crossbar 2. a medieval Italian standard The convention hall was decked out with posters and gonfalons.


The infamous ' 69 Chrysler which became the example for Physics and Chemistry.

## "Granted."

Another new teacher was Rona Szydzik who took over Ag classes for one year. She replaced Laurie Isley who took a maternity leave. In January Mrs. Szydzik organized a basketball game with the FM 104 players. Even though they were well coached by her husband, they fell to defeat by a score of 49-41. They scored a major victory, though, for the Lenawee Humane Society by raising over 300 dollars. The FFA decided not to go into PIK and instead drilled wheat. Several BHS students take Farm Power or co-op through Vo-Tech.

## "Hit the door!"



The FM 104 Fox mimes the zebra and at the same time, both bothers the ref and entertains the audience.

Randy Brenke discs up the nine acre FFA plot west and south of the middle school.



Clark Carncross, Jim Vandenburg, Richard Roe, Kevin Fischer, Jim Reno, and Mike Beagle, at Farm Power, where there is practical hands-on experience with Ag mechanics.



Kim Desaranno, Wanda Spaulding, and Pam Robertson in Health.


Computer Programming: the Komon sisters and Chad Dunbar.

Electronics: (seated) Terry Duncil, Todd Jensen, Chris Berry. Standing are Candi Haynes and Chad Tipping



Auto Mechanics: Jerry Prikle, Jeff Smith, Mike Sheldon, David Lewis, Scott Marietta, and Steve Sampson.
Cooking Class: Annette Lozano, Anna Garcia, Shelly Wilcox, (bottom) Michele Shirley, Andrea Fischer, and Mary Beth Topolski.


Good afternoon. Lenawee Vo-Tech. May I help you?


Sandy Bragg is the receptionist for the Vo-Tech.
Sixty-eight students attend the Vo-Tech center in Adrian, a 30 -minute bus ride from Blissfield. Vo-Tech offers vocational training in 18 different areas for those students who have taken the first step in their career decision. Though the students only have three hours of high school instruction per day, they are learning valuable skills in areas such as child care, auto-body, dental and health occupations, and electronics. Students are also offered on-the-job training through the cooperative extension at the Vo-Tech center.

## I love my Seniors (but don't tell my juniors)



Kelly Strouse works through another multiple choice test.


Who hasn't enjoyed the antics of Mrs. Greenwald in her History class?


The history department is no different than any other department in the school. There is a variety of teaching techniques used, but all history teachers use outside information to explain and help students to learn about our history. Mrs. Greenwald takes her civics class to court each semester to learn of various cases and solutions. (See top photo) History classes are not only studies of the past, but also of Current Events. Time magazine is used basically as the text book in this class taught by Mr. Diver.
"Pick one of the three presidents from the Progressive Era and analyze his administration discussing significant legislation and events of the times. In addition, evaluate your choices as president."

David Thompson

Essay exams are part of Mr . Thompson's trademark. They not only instantly tell him who really knows the material, but also they serve as a carry over of the skills learned in English classes.
English at Blissfield has the largest variety of any of the subject areas offered. The English program at BHS begins with two required courses: English 9, taught by Mr. Durbin and Mrs. Brown. Other English department members are Mrs. Mershon (Drama, English 10, Public Speaking, Creative Writing), Mr. Clark (Great Novels, Advanced Placement, Critical R \& R, Reading Techniques), and Mrs. Gould (Phase I, Mythology). Mrs. Gould retired at the end of the first semester after teaching for 23 years.
Bi-lingual language teachers are Mrs. Hawley (French, Research, Phase II), and Mr. Nino (Spanish).


Terri Sauer, Dave Fourman, and Janet Chittenden work through the essay (see left).


It sometimes seems to be the easiest going, like Mr. Thompson, who zing the worst essays.


## Mrs. Gould: "Who took my Cycle World magazine?"

Mrs. Gould taught in one room schools with grades one through eight before finishing her masters and teaching at Blissfield High School for the last 23 years. An active, useful person, she enjoys motorcycling and it is well known that her small size was never to be taken as a weakness.



Row 1: Miss Thomas, Tina Napier, Raechelle Priest, Jennifer Smith, Amy Mattis, Dan Garno, Lucy Garno, Molly O'Neill, Crystal Staup, Kathy Taylor, Carol Drefke, Chris Coopshaw. Row 2: Lori Gray, Michele Shirley, Tracy Tonnenberger, Wanda Spaulding, Chris Jacobs, Dale Wingerd, Tim Napier, Keith Filipek, Dave Nichols, Dan Thompson, Amy Hood, Sherrie Phillips, Lora Brown. Row 3: Vickie Herrick, Holly Brenke, Julie Sell, Pam Komon, Mike Wilkie, Doug Southwell, Eric Blackburn, Tony Winkler, John Ayers, Kristen Goetz, Jody Stutzman, Sarah Peterham, LeAnn Lipp.


Row 1: Miss Thomas, Vickie Marsh, Ida Baker, Shelly Tipping, Rosie Knadler, Liz Valdez, Heather Brenke, Sarah Brown, Lori Vergote, Tara Clement, Arlena Gehring, Teresa Bowers, Lynette Brown. Row 2: Toni Burdick, Angie Bowers, Mary Barnett, Shayna Elliott, Angie Duncil, Jennifer Smith, Jo Nell Brown, Cheryl Snyder, Danny Bowls, Tim Thomas, Lori Staup, Kendra Ruth, Jill Lorenz. Row 3: Cheli Ruth, Carla Carncross, Keri Marvin, Todd Burdick, Robert Brenke, Tony Crawford, Matthew Garno, Joel Davis, Phil Gritzmaker, Bill Leary, Terri Sauer, Debbie Sedlacek, Tammie Braun, Lisa Wright.


Row 1: Sarah Jacob, Sarah Peterham, Vicki Renner, Tricia Rower, Shara Beaver, Lori Wilcox, Tina Cruz. Row 2: Kris Kovach, Missy Durbin, Sonya VanSteenkistee, Pam Hopkins, Kristen Goetz, Stephanie Parker, Brian Duckworth, Joe Nicolai, Lora Boggs, Marie Gubbe. Row 3: Kim Roessler, Michelle Mattox, Steve Hull, Dawn Henning, Kent Loar, Angie Goetz, Doug McMullen, Kyle McCashen, Clint Peters, Lisa Wright, Shaun Sprinkle, Alysia Ybarra, Brian Ehlert, Chris Winkler. Row 4: Noel Eisenmann, Jeff Garno, Mr. McCormick.


Row 1: Karen Pointier, Tina Piorkowski, Anne McCormick, Dristen Boyd, Sonya Lombard, Leslie Smith, Andrea Fisher, Dawn McMullen, Mary Topolski. Row 2: Mary Warner, Terri Thompson, Shelley Brown, Brenda Sherman, Amy Smith, Molly Smith, Beth Renner, Pam Beagle, Jolene Mason, Lee Ellen Knisel. Row 3: Beth Blackburn, Sandy Fisher, Kim DeSeranno, Kathy Zimmerman, Tammy Hull, Bonnie Brown, Kelley Garno, Kristy Miller, Chery Miller, Julie Thompson, Jan Walters, Lorene Howland, Richard Steih, Ken MacBeth, Dave Brewer. Row 4: Jim Reno, Eric Goble, Jim Raines, Mr. McCormick.


The traditional ending for Christmas concerts is the combined Hallelujah Chorus.


Royal Singers: Matt Garno, Tony Winkler, Dave Nichols, Dan Garno, P.J. O'Neill, Keith Filipek, Dale Wingerd, and Joey Martinez. (First) Miss Thomas, Crystal Staup, Sonya Lombard, Lucy Garno, Kristen Goetz, and Jodi Stutzman.



Field director: Karen Pontier.
As literature is one of the arts, so is music. Band, chorus, and art are among classes offered at BHS in the field of arts. Other artistic talents are molded by James Boldt in room 26. Four years of art are offered.

Band officers: Karen Pontier, field director; Kelley Garno, secretary; Anne McCormick, treasurer; and Sonya Lombard, president.

Continuing arts are taught by E. Boldt in cooking, sewing, child Psych, and interior design. J. McEwan works with wood working, metals, and mechanical drawing.
Two of the credits students need for graduation are in phys. ed. Modern health education no longer consists of only soccer and softball. Blissfield now participates in a nationally accredited program of physical and health education. All students now receive two weeks of instruction on the truths and facts of substance abuse in ninth grade English. This is supplemented with the addition of a new health class teacher, Mr. Willson.

# Up! Two! Down! 

Physical Education now has a new look with cardio-vascular drills done three times weekly and manual resistance done twice weekly. These are done before any games are played. The old practice was to just play games, but it has been shown that games don't condition all the proper parts of the body. Manual resistance, for instance, is a method of toning muscles with a partner, eliminating the need for costly equipment. The partner restricts the exerciser's movement to develop specific muscles. And cardio-vascular drills are designed to strengthen the heart and respiratory system through running and other demanding activities. Through these a very thorough conditioning of the whole body can be achieved.


Scott Jones has blood drawn by Mrs. Al Diver, R.N. for cholesterol test.


Mrs. Pat Beagle completes the cardio physical by taking Craig Marietta's blood pressure.


# People 

Board of Education Superintendent Principal
Assistant Principal Faculty
Support Staff Seniors
Juniors
Sophomores Freshmen

## Board of Education



Blissfield School Board: Dr. Dwight Klump (trustee), Dr. Harold Berk (trustee), Mrs. Joyce Goetz (secretary), Supt. Wilson, Dean Porter (pres.), Vic Hogue (treasurer), Brian Papenhagen (vice-pres.), and Don Neuroth (trustee).


Dick Iott


Mary Lou McAlpine Secretary to Dr. Wilson


Vicky Tonnenberger Secretary to Athletic Director


## Goals

As we reflect on the past, it is important to remember that public education has served and will continue to serve as one of the most important foundations upon which our country is formed. But as we focus on the future, the everincreasing complexity of our society will require us to expand the educational opportunities to meet the needs of the up-coming generations.

The emphasis of the Blissfield Community Schools has been and will continue to be on the basic skills necessary to survive in the 1980's and 90's. A continued effort will be made to improve and expand this curriculum to meet the individual needs of our students, thus providing the opportunities for each student to achieve at the maximum of their ability.

Superintendent Dr. Larry Wilson


## Blissfield

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Dr. Larry C. Wilson Superintendent
Jack J. Barger
Principal
Richard Reaume Ass't Principal

David Thompson Athletic Director

James Sharp
Supt. Building \& Grounds

Mr. Jack J. Barger, Principal


## Mr. Richard Reaume, Assistant Principal




Mrs. Hazel Brown teaches phys. ed. and English 9. She also coaches girls' volleyball and track. Below is Mrs. Paula Kawalki with Dan Reason in Room 9. Mrs. Kawalki replaced Mrs. Gould.


Mrs. Elizabeth Boldt teaches Home Ec., Foods, Interior Design and is the Student Council Advisor.

Mr. James Boldt teaches Art, Earth Science and is the Senior Class Advisor.
Mr. Gary Brink teaches Geometry, Advanced Algebra, Calculus, Driver's Ed and coaches Cross Country.

Mrs. Carol Burgermeister teaches Business Practices Computer Programming and Careers.

Mr. Richard Clark teaches Grear Novels, Reading Techniques, Advanced Placement, and Reading and Writing for College.


Mrs. Karen Dillie teaches Typing I, II, and III, and Bookkeeping. She is also the Business Club Advisor.
Mr. Allen Diver teaches Phys. Ed., Current Events, and World History. He is also the Varsity Basketball Coach and Assistant Coach for Varsity Football.

Mr. Peter Durbin teaches Freshman English, Humanities, and Contemporary Problems. He is also the Yearbook Advisor.

Mrs. Carol Greenwald teaches History, Economics, General Business and Civics. She is also the Diamondette Advisor.

Mrs. Irene Hawley teaches French, Research, and Phase II. She is also the Advisor of the French Club.

Mr. Charles Howland teaches Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science.

Miss Terry Kovach is the High School Librarian. She is also the Sophomore Class Advisor.
Mrs. Verna May is the Special Education teacher.



Mrs. Margaret Gould retired at the end of the first semester of the 83-84 school year after 30 years of duty to the service of teaching, 23 of which were spent at Blissfield. In these 23 years she had been class
advisor and yearbook advisor along with a teacher in the area of English.


Mr. Bruce McCormick is the Band Teacher.

Mr. John McEwan teaches Metals, Woodshop, and Mech. Drawing. He also coaches girls J.V. Basketball and Track.

Mrs. Judy Mershon teaches English 10, Public Speaking, Creative Writing, and Drama. She is also the director of the Fall Play.

Mr. Phillip Nino teaches Spanish I, II and is the Freshman Class Advisor.


Mr. John Smith teaches Algebra, Trig., Pre-Cal. and Geometry.
Mr. Ralph Staup is the counselor at Blissfield High School.

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Mr. David Thompson teaches American History and Driver's Ed. He is also the Athletic Director.

Mr. Mark Willson teaches Biology, Health, and IIS Biology. He is also the Advisor of the Biology and Key Clubs.

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Jim Shepard takes a short break from the never ending job of being a custodian.


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## Are You Witin It?



## Seniors

## Class Motto

## The moment is temporary but the memory is forever

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Stan Beckey looks less than thrilled about the fact that he is about to put away another peach.

Stan Becky
Cheryl Balanger
Nick Benscoter
Thomas Bowman
Jewel Waigle and a crew of Juniors fluff flowers for their winning flat.

Frank Alamia
John Bachman Brenda Barrett
Mike Beagle
Dennis Beaver


Tammy Hall at '83 homecoming game.

## Juniors

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Shelly Brown Janet Chittenden Cheryl Cory

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EATING LUNCH
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VARSITY LETTER
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Black
Red
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Blue
Brown
Green
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Left Handed
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CLOSEST TO SCHOOL
9th Ken and Tammy Cox
10th Pam Beagle
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FURTHEST FROM SCHOOL 9th Sonny Rose 10th Missy Durbin

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10th June

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RAREST BIRTH MONTH
    9th July
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10th Steve Piorkowski $6^{\prime} 3^{\prime}$

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SHORTEST MALE
9th Tim Templeton 5'0'
10th Roger Butts 5'0"
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TALLEST FEMALE
9th Shawn Sprinkle $5^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$
10th Terri Thompson $5^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$

## Sophomores



Virginia Alamia John Ayers Deana Barnett Michael Baird John Barron Todd Bateson Pamela Beagle

Teresa Bowers Fauste Briones Holly Brown Jeff Brown Lynette Brown Sara Broan Gregory Butler

Roger Butts Christine Coopshaw Robin Crabtree Ronald Crist John Dashner Brian Duckworth Melissa Durbin

Deborah Ehlert Noel Eisenmann Shayna Elliott Michael Forche Kevin Freiss Jeffrey Garno Mathew Garno

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

Dawn Henning Robert Herrick Amy Hood Lorene Howland Rosella Knadler Kenneth Knierim Tammy Knisel


Lorene Howland prepares for the fall play "Our Town" directed by Mrs. Mershon.

A new float added to the Homecoming Parade is that of the Biology Club. Shown here is Pat O'Neill working diligently.


Amy Mattis pins a boutonniere on P.J. O'Neill at the Homecoming dance, which is common for this dance, being formal.


Sophomore Ron Schmidt elected by his classmates to pull the class' coming home float. This year's theme was Farm and Garden tools.

Matt Koester Glen Koons Leann Lipp Tracy Lips Jill Lorenz Kevin Luebke Ken MacBeth

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

Doug McMullen Annette Miller Kristen Miller Bruce Mills Tina Napier Terry Neyrinck Todd Neyrinck

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

Todd Phipps Steve Piorkowski Jim Raines Victoria Renner Trisha Ries Lori Rogers Richelle Ruth

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


Sophomores

Jamey Nichols lies comfortable knowing that shortly a sharp object will protrude his arm.



Tracy Lips takes a breather from biology to pose for a picture.


Sonya Kohler, Julie Thompson, and Kristy Miller combine the three basic fundamentals of school: eating, talking and studying during lunch hour.

## Freshmen

Brian Bates, Greg Spiegel, Clint Peters with Tobin MacBeth learn the fine art of skirt building for homecoming floats.


Freshmen Cori Brown, Karman Wilkison, and Marc Grabow stand in line to buy one of alternate selections to cafeteria food; subs, cheeseburgers, burritos, ice cream, or milk.

## David Austin William Ayers Ida Baker Mary Barnett Brian Bates Jennifer Bates Shara Beaver

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## Freshmen

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Trisha Rower Kendra Ruth Lorri Sampson Steve Sauer Richard Shepard Mark Shirley Jennifer Smith

Barbara Snead Beth Snead Cheryl Snyder Melissa Somes Candi Speigel Greg Spiegel Shawn Sprinkle


Greg Spiegel and Shelly Tipping take time from making up their General Business test to look up at the camera.

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It all adds up to Traditions.


\# 1 Break Dancers take a break at the school dance.
\#3 Cheryl Bellanger, Virginia Alamia, and Annette Lozano.


\#2 Greg Speigel participates in the Super dance.
\#4 Raechele Priest works in horticulture class.


And the top tradition for the Scholars: Honor Society



[^0]:    Members of the 1983-1984 French club officers are Tamra Hull, Crystal Staup, Beth Renner, Leslie Street, and Terri Thompson. Second Row: Robin Delano-Downey, Kim Johnson, Trisha Robison, Vicki Renner, Mary Warner, Missy Durbin, Julie Norris, and advisor Mrs. Hawley. Third Row: Carla Carncross, Debbie Snead, Sarah Jacob, Jennifer Smith, Dawn Robison, Sonya Lombard, Sonya Vansteenkiste, Dan Bowles. Back Row: Kendra Ruth, Laurie Wilcox, Keri Vergote, Heather Brenke, Alysia Goetz, Linda Salenbien, Alan Woodbury.
    This year the French club worked very hard to raise enough money to go to a French restaurant in May. They held a bake sale at a basketball game. They also had a French cafe at the carnival. Over Easter vacation Mrs. Hawley took a group of nineteen French students to various parts of France and Switzerland.

[^1]:    Back row, L-R, Coach Lyle Camron, Dave Brewer, Lee Ellem Knise, Barry Loar, Kelley Garno, Randy Brenke Pam Brown, David Gigax, Kinsey Lemley. Toby Shambarger. Front row, L-R, Riek Niemi, Mike Wilkie, Chad Goeta; Doug McMullen, Eric Garbers, Brian Gschwind, Kevin Lutebke.

