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## BLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## "The Rose of Friendship"



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## Bland High School

Bland, Virginia 24315

The rose has often been compared to love and life. Its beauty is in the eyes of the beholder - so is life. The rose must have roots and nourishment in order to survive, grow, and bloom. Its flower begins as a tiny bud and grows into the lovely, colorful, and fragrant blossom admired by most people. Thus life begins as the rose - rootbound, nourished into growth. Life too, begins as a tiny bud and grows into independent and unique persons. No two roses and no two persons are exactly alike, but each is looked upon and admired for its individuality.


FRIENDSHIP. Mark and Danny Newberry

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The best of gifts aren't always hid In gold or wrappings gay,
But in the heart of some dear friend Who loves from day to day.
For gifts are just an outward sign Of love that dwells within,
To cheer and bless and strengthen ties Of love for her or him.

It might be helpful gifts of food,
A cheery word or smile,
But all that's done with loving hearts
Is treasured and worthwhile.
The gift may cost as much or less
As a giver wants to spend,
But priceless gifts are loving hearts Of kind and thoughtful friends.



Karen Hounshell and Laura Gordon selling at the concession stand.

"Do I hear a penny?" Mr. Roger Thompson auctions new Beta slave, Linda Atwell.

FRONT ROW: Edwina Stowers, Lora Groseclose, Geneva Clark, Lucy Gray, Kim Kidd, Glenda Conley. 2ND ROW: Norman Dillow, Sheri Tolbert, Wendi Price, Pam Melvin, Lonnie Thomas, Mike Umbarger. 3RD ROW: Jo Neel, Karen Hounshell, Mark Woolwine, Dave Thomas, Mike Barker, Jimmy Harper. 4TH ROW: Todd Taylor, Laura Gordon, Johnny Sarver, Tony Lambert, Juanita Harris, Becky Conley, Mr. Janet Faulkner, sponsor. BACK ROW: Bobby Gordon, Valerie Lambert, Mark Newberry, Linda Atwell, Jeff Cassell, Donna Shelton.


And we thought your brother was MACHO! Lonnie Thomas



OFFICERS: Jeff Cassell, president; Edwina Stowers, vice-president; Karen Hounshell, secretary; Sheri Tolbert, treasurer.


When J. D. Cassell speaks, everyone listens. Jeff Cassell

## Striving to Make the Best Better



OFFICERS: Melanie Cassell, president; Mary Anne Cochran, vice-president; Joyce Alexander, secretary; Sue Smith, treasurer.

Striving to make the best better, setting goals and reaching them, scholars and examples for all students, the leaders of the school - this may all describe the Beta clubs of BHS.

The Jr. Beta Club is designed to prepare members for future activities in Sr. Beta. Jr. Betas excel in many activities such as nominating a Snow Queen, selling various items and electing officers.
Being a Sr. Beta is more of a responsibility and privilege than it is a prestige. High standards are set by the Beta sponsor and these must be met for one to stay a member. But even the "elite" of the school can have fun and this they did. The State Beta Convention in March was the setting of all this excitement. Each individual raised his/her own money for the trip. The bus full of excited Betas left BHS on Friday, March 19, and returned full of worn out, sleepy Betas on Sunday, March 20.


Junior Beta President addresses assembly. Melanie Cassell


Junior Beta has party. Melanie Cassell, Kaye Cox, Sue Smith, Winifred Foglesong.


FRONT ROW: Tammy Carroll, Tammy Cline, Donna Dalton, Kitten Richardson, Lisa Waddle, Sue Smith, Rita Lambert. 2ND ROW: Karen Asbury, Linda Ellison, Kaye Cox, Mary Anne Cochran, Anita Stowers, Delissa Miller. 3RD ROW: Melanie Cassell, Donna Lambert, Patty Smith, Lori Neal, Marcie Newberry, Debbie Warden, JoAnne Matz, Teresa Richardson. 4TH ROW: Eric Ellison, Gretchen Carlson, Winifred Foglesong, Terry Umbarger, Shawna Carr, Becky Umbarger, Regina Groseclose. BACK ROW: Bruce Shelton, David Braithwaite, Mitch Muncy, Steve Cox, Helen Hamblin, Sonja Asbury, Mrs. Nancy Gamble, sponsor, Joyce Alexander.

## "First" for Five Years

"Deadline is today, get your articles in." Such comments came from the Business Room as sponsors, Mrs. Janet Faulkner and Mrs. Jessie Kegley, tried to get the paper out on schedule.

Staff members wrote articles, planned pages, and typed a final copy. The paper was duplicated and distributed. The paper covered school events and provided articles of student interest.

Yearly The Hilltop News is entered in VHSL Publications Competition, a competition between all high schools in Virginia. It has placed first for the past five years. The paper is commended for upholding the rating even though the school is small.

The Future Business Leaders of America was organized in October of 1979. Each year since its organization, it has participated in enough activities to earn an honor chapter.

The Bland Chapter of FBLA must promote business knowledge and skills, school and community service, and financial and social activities to provide a well balanced program. Members attended regional meeting, competitive events, raised money for the March of Dimes, and held a Christmas party for handicapped children. As a money-making project, the chapter sponsored a dance, at which time the Snow Queen and King were crowned.


Todd Taylor typing and proofreading.


Editor Jimmy Harper instructs Gebie Clark.


FRONT ROW: Dreama Underwood, Regina Groseclose, Juanita Harris, Kim Kidd, Vickie Kincaid, Bridgette Wright. 2ND ROW: Debbie Warden, JoAnne Matz, Sonja Asbury, Wendi Price, Teresa Richardson, Donna Strock, Pam Melvin, Sheila Carroll. BACK ROW: Joyce Alexander, Tim Neal, Tammy Carroll. Bob Gordon, Bryan Underwood, Bruce Shelton.


SPONSORS: Mrs. Janet Faulkner and Mrs. Jessie Kegley.


PAGE EDITORS: SEATED: Rhonda Etter, Sheri Tolbert. STANDING: Jo Neel, Todd Taylor, Geneva Clark.


Lora Groseclose distributed money cans to contestants Tim Neal, Dave Thomas, Denise Umbarger, and Laura Gordon.


Bulletin board prepared by Anita Stowers and Sue Smith.


FRONT ROW: Lora Groseclose, Rhonda Etter, Sheri Tolbert, Karen Hounshell, Pam Melvin, Lucy Gray, Joey Bane. 2ND ROW: Regina Groseclose, Becky Umbarger, Donna Lambert, Lisa Sarver, Debbie Warden, Arthur Bartleson, Jimmy Harper. 3RD ROW: Sandy Bane, Linda Ellison, Tammy Cline. 4TH ROW: Anita Stowers, Rita Lambert, Kim Kidd, Mary Anne Cochran, Dreama Underwood, Jo Neel, Donna Strock, Teresa Richardson, Cindy Wright. BACK ROW: Donna Dalton, Laura Gordon, Sue Smith, Edwina Stowers, Kaye Cox, Vickie Kincaid, Juanita Harris.


OFFICERS. FRONT ROW: Lora Groseclose, president; Sheri Tolbert, vice-president; Karen Hounshell, secretary; Lucy Gray, treasurer; BACK ROW: Rhonda Etter, reporter; Pam Melvin, historian; Joey Bane, parliamentarian.


FBLAers sing during the Christmas party for the handicapped.

## Politics and Secrecy Invade Halls

"Vote for . . ." Politics invaded Bland High School as signs decorated the halls. Posters urging students to vote for this one or that one hung from the lights and plastered the walls. Candidates promised new and better things and pledged their best. By popular vote students elected those who serve as the student government, the Student Council Association.

Each year the SCA sponsors mock elections and plans the annual Christmas program. This year the program consisted of selections by the band and chorus, skits and chorus line by the dramatics class, piano selections by Mrs. Louise Bird, and a skit by the cheer-
leaders.
Secrecy was the order of the day for the yearbook staff. Plans for an outstanding cover and related theme caused much thought and speculation among the yearbook staffers. They learned new terms while preparing pictures and pages for meeting deadlines, soliciting ads, and selling yearbooks.

The highlight of the year was a trip to Delmar Printing Plant in Charlotte, N.C. Here they saw the entire printing process for the yearbook. They visited a shopping mall and were treated to pizza on the return trip.


FRONT ROW: Tammy Cline, Rita Lambert, Edwina Stowers, Laura Gordon. 2ND ROW: Karen Hounshell, Glenda Conley, Mike Umbarger, Bob Gordon. 3RD ROW: Arnie Wimmer, Sherri Wimmer, Terri Price, Patty Smith. BACK ROW: Miss Mary Greever, Linda Ellison, Becky Lambert, Delissa Miller, Larry Newberry. (Not pictured - Rhonda Etter)

LEFT: Mrs. Louise Bird perched high on the stool while rendering piano selections.
RIGHT: OFFICERS - bottom: Laura Gordon, president; Bob Gordon, vice-president; Edwina Stowers, secretary; Rita Lambert, treasurer; Patty Smith, reporter; Delissa Miller and Arnie Wimmer, sergeants-at-arms; Miss Mary Greever, sponsor.



TOP. ADS AND PROOFREADERS: Mike Umbarger, Jeff


CO-EDITORS: Geneva Clark and Edwina Stowers. Cassell, Bob Gordon. BOTTOM. SPORTS: Laura Gordon, Jimmy Harper, Norman Dillow


PAGE EDITORS: Mrs. Betsy Newberry, advisor; Lucy Gray, Larry Newberry, Rhonda Etter, Linda Atwell (Not pictured Tammy Smelser)


PHOTOGRAPHY/ART AND LAYOUT: Johnny Sarver and Jo Neel


COPY EDITORS: Sheri Tolbert and Pam Melvin


BUSINESS MANAGERS: Karen Hounshell, Dawn Newberry, Lora Groseclose

A pipe-dream became reality for French club members after spaghetti suppers, candy sales, and numerous other fund raisers brought in the needed cash. In April, 1981, members boarded a chartered bus for a week's trip to Canada. On returning a much heard comment was, "They don't speak French like we do."

The French Club tried new things. Shawna Carr, Joyce Alexander and Sue Smith were involved in the 1981-82 International Foreign Language Awards Competition, sponsored by the U.S. Achievement Academy. The IFLA is based on academic achievement, reading, writing and speaking ability of the language.

Shawna Carr and Chuck Turner, sponsored by the French Club, were the first runners-up in the 1981 Snow Court.

The major event for the Future Homemakers of America was the DaughterParent banquet at the Western Steer Steak House. Awards were presented for degrees of achievement.

As a money-making project the FHA sponsored the Miss Bland County Pageant. They also sponsored a self-defense class for girls, a Christmas party for needy children, and went on several educational field trips.


## Canadian Trip Became Reality



Touring Old Quebec. FRONT ROW: Bryan Underwood, Todd Taylor, Teresa Green. 2ND ROW: Barry Underwood, Johnny Sarver, Mrs. Cheryl Umberger, Mr. Terry Mullens. BACK ROW: Lonnie Thomas, Harry Millirons, Jo Neel.


Enjoying free time in Quebec. FRONT ROW: Wendi Price, Todd Taylor, Mary Lynn Pruett. 2ND ROW: Linda Atwell, Lonnie Thomas, Randy Strock. BACK ROW: Donna Strock, Bryan Underwood, Barry Underwood.


FRONT ROW: Shawna Carr, Melba Clemons, Rita Lambert, Anita Stowers, Winifred Foglesong. 2ND ROW: Melanie Cassell, Joanne Matz, Sue Smith, Kaye Cox, Gretchen Carlson. BACK ROW: Chuck Turner, Joyce Alexander, Mary Anne Cochran, Donna Dalton.


OFFICERS: Melanie Cassell, treasurer; Shawna Carr, secretary; Sue Smith, vice-president; Anita Stowers, president; Ms. Diane Rowe, sponsor.


OFFICERS. FRONT ROW: Carla Morehead, president; Sylvia Ramsey, 1st vice-president; Kim Kidd, 2nd vicepresident; Stina Roseberry, secretary; Glenda Conley, treasurer. BACK ROW: Donna Lambert, recreation leader; Rita Lambert and Becky Conley, historians; Connie Millirons, reporter; Mrs. Betty Munsey, sponsor.


Karate experts, father and daughter: Mary Anne Cochran and Mr. Mickey Cochran.


FRONT ROW: Teresa Richardson, Tracy Wolfe, Teresa Miller, Barbara Ramsey, Kitten Richardson, Kim Kidd, Kim Boardwine, Angela Strock. 2ND ROW: Mary Anne Cochran, Rita Lambert, Carla Morehead, Lechia Hager, Becky Conley, Teresa Morehead, Sylvia Ramsey, Connie Millirons. 3RD ROW: Lori Neal, Patty Smith, Donna Dalton, Dawn Morehead, Glenda Conley, Becky Lambert, Donna Shelton, Kathy Melvin. 4TH ROW: Valerie Lambert, Renee Thompson, Stina Roseberry, Winifred Foglesong, Charlotte Harris, Sherry Conley, Debbie Umbarger, Helen Hamblin. 5TH ROW: Cindy Wright, Becky Hanshew, Donna Lambert, Melanie Cassell, Debbie Simmons, Karen Wright, Sonja Asbury, Joyce Alexander. BACK ROW: Annette King, Tonia Burcham, Tammy Wolfe, Melanie Morehead, Julie Clemons, Lisa King, Sharon Simmons, Bridgette Wright, Vickie Kincaid, Donna Strock.


Santa visits FHA party.


Officers installed at banquet: Andrea Cassell, Lechia Hager, Rita Lambert, Sylvia Ramsey, Carla Morehead.


OFFICERS - FRONT ROW: Mark Newberry president; Joey Bane, vice-president; Terry Umbarger, 2nd vice-president; Tony Lambert, secretary; BACK ROW: Larry Newberry, treasurer; Kaye Cox, reporter; Steve Cox, sentinel; Mr. William Crabtree, advisor.


SECOND THROUGH FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS - FRONT ROW: Artie Wolfe, Brian Mustard, Cliff Pauley, Matt Harmon, Jeff Shelton, Lonnie Clemons, Mike Perkins, Terry Umbarger. SECOND ROW: Tony Lambert, Arthur Bartleson, Steve Cox, Larry Newberry, Eric Ellison, Mike Smelser, Tim Neal, Kaye Cox, Paula Mustard, Sandy Bane, Cathy Morehead, Anna Tate. THIRD ROW: Joey Crockett, Mike Umbarger, Thomas Stowers, Sammy Groseclose, Cecil Compton, Gary Nelson, Harvey Pruett, Dreama Cox, Delisa Miller, Arnie Wimmer, Mitch Muncy. FOURTH ROW: John Farlow, Rex Winesett, Bobby Fulford, Tracy Hylton, Geoff Fanning, Doug Farlow, Marty McPeak. FIFTH ROW: Wesley Wright, Billy Tolbert, Joey Bane, Mark Newberry, Joey Newberry, Ricky Pruitt, C.W. Havens, John Dillow, Packy Morehead. SIXTH ROW: Danny Newberry, Laymond Barger, Mark King, Tonnie Carver, Eddie Baxley, Jeff Vineyard.

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS - FRONT ROW: Billy Ramsey, Martin Wright, Bob Martin, Greg Davis, Ben Dillow, Denise Umbarger, Kenny Brooks, Mike Shelton. SECOND ROW: Jimmy Harden, Chris Tickle, Robbie Wynn, Becky Lambert, Paula Austin, Gene Lambert, Stephen Foglesong, T.J. Roseberry. THIRD ROW: Norman Cox, Shawn Neel, Wendell Parker, Timmy Davis, Jeff Cox, Roger Etter, Ronnie Clemons. FOURTH ROW: Johnny Umbarger, Joe Dewilde, Todd Parker, David Blankenship, Richard Turner, Sammy King.


Terry Umbarger and Richard Turner unload citrus delivery.


## Candy and Citrus Boost Treasuries

Candy and tupperware gave setting experience to club members and added greatly needed funds to the library club treasury. Book fairs and movies were also used as fund raisers while contributing to the pleasure and education of students. Assisting Mrs. Betsy Newberry, the members helped to maintain an efficient library for faculty and students.

The Ninety-eight member Bland Chapter Future Farm-
ers were led through citrus sales and fairground work by Mr. William Crabtree. In his fourth year at Bland, Mr. Crabtree and his future farmers participated in several judging contests, state convention, and various money making projects. Parents and members alike enjoyed the annual banquet and awards presentation which capped the years activities.


FRONT ROW: Johnny Sarver, Rhonda Etter, Lucy Gray, Bob Gordon, Sherri Wimmer, Jeri Mustard, Mary Anne Cochran, Connie Millirons. 2ND ROW: Dawn Newberry, Linda Atwell, Wanda Bevil, Joyce Harper, Joanne Matz, Teresa Richardson, Debbie Warden, Kaye Cox, Antia Stowers, Rita Lambert. BACK ROW: Bryan Underwood, Lisa Sarver, Todd Taylor, Tammy Cline, Pam Melvin, Tracy Kegley, Sandy Bane, Kim Kidd, Linda Ellison, Lynn Tate, Tommy Clark, Barry Underwood.


OFFICERS - SEATED: Lucy Gray, Vice-president; Rhonda Etter, President; Todd Taylor, Secretary; STANDING: Kaye Cox, Treasurer; Mrs. Betsy Newberry, Sponsor; Rita Lambert, Reporter.


Library Club members received candy to sell. Mrs. Betsy Newberry tallied as Rhonda Etter, Linda Atwell, and Joanne Matz picked up boxes of candy.

## Career Growth and Citizenship

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America is a national organization. There are 13,000 clubs which involve over 300,000 students and teachers. It is a member of American and Virginia Vocational Associations (AVA, VVA) and National and Virginia Associations of Trade and Industrial Education (NATIE, VATIE).

VICA promotes career growth, citizenship, and independence. It provides leadership development, dignity of work, and realistic vocational goals. VICA prepares members for leadership in the world of

Each spring, VICA holds a regional competition. Members compete in the U.S. Skills Olympics in their vocational area.

There were 20 beginning band members. They had five concerts. The second year band members prepared to join the high school band next year. Attendance was up for all of the bands.

Safety patrols are chosen for their dependability and academic achievement. Their duties include assisting students in loading and unloading buses and crossing streets. work.


OFFICERS: Debbie Atwell, president; Sharon Conley, vice-president; Terri Price, secretary; Thomas Keith Dillow, treasurer; Todd Taylor, reporter; Dawn Newberry, parliamentarian.



SAFETY PATROL. FRONT ROW: Carrie Shelton, Idette King, Therasa Blank, Brian Townley, Freda Davis, Angela Atwell, Lisa Gravely, Lori Nelson. 2ND ROW: Lisa Davis, Tammy Mustard, Elizabeth Umbarger, Todd Steffey, Bob Hylton, Michael Hounshell, Ritchie Havens. 3RD ROW: Kim Danner, LaMoore Muncy, Tammy Haga, Lyle Muncy, Hope Townley, Timmy Thompson, Steve Fanning, George Cann. 4TH ROW: Ronnie King, Janet Millirons, Mike Townley, Ernie Shelton, Phillip Bogle, Todd Turner, Eric Strock. BACK ROW: Mrs. Janet Scott, sponsor, Samantha Hylton, Amy Drummond, Dawn Pruitt, Denise King, Donna Richardson, Carla Pauley, Regina Parris.


BEGINNING BAND. FRONT ROW: Ronnie King, Jennifer Stafford, Jennifer Cann, Roberta Kegley, Dawn Dillow, Donna Warden. BACK ROW: Gerhard Schoenthal, Angela Atwell, Todd Steffey, Brian Townley, Billy Burton, Bradley Davis, Shannon King, Jennifer Greever, Robert Lambert, Wayne Davis. STANDING: Ritchie Havens.


SECOND YEAR BAND: Lyle Muncy, Samantha Hylton, Ernie Shelton, Lisa Davis, Todd Turner.

1981 Spring Concert with Mrs. Karen Green, Band Director.

The chorus kept busy. They gave six concerts and sang at Miss Echo Day. Singing the Hallelujah Chorus, a difficult piece, for the Christmas program was their big achievement.
Individual members took part in all-regional chorus. Laura Cochran was first alto and Becky Melvin was 20th alto out of 90 people.
The band had a busy year also. They marched in two parades, held six concerts, and played at the fair. The band will double its membership in a few years.
Individuals participated in all-regional band. Shawna Carr was first chair clarinet out of 25 people.

Fund raising is the only way to keep the band and chorus functioning. Mrs. Green would like to thank everyone that has helped over the year.


ALL-REGIONAL CHORUS: Becky Melvin and Laura Cochran.


FRONT ROW: Lechia Hager, Helen Hamblin, Annette King, Tammy Wolfe, Sheila Wright, Becky Melvin, Sharon Wright, Marcie Asbury, Betty Tibbs, Rhonda Etter, Joyce Harper. 2ND ROW: Cathy Morehead, Angie Thompson, Sylvia Ramsey, Teresa Morehead, Laura Cochran, Norma Harden, Cindy Wright, Wanda Bevil. BACK ROW: John Farlow, Barry Underwood, Sammy King, Bryan Underwood - pianist.


Wanda Bevil and Joyce Harper turned in sales money to Mrs. Karen Green.


OFFICERS: Cindy Wright, president; Rhonda Etter, vicepresident; Bryan Underwood, reporter; Sharon Wright, secretary.


Marching band in Wytheville Christmas Parade.


OFFICERS: Shawna Carr, president; Gretchen Carlson, vice-president; David Braithwaite, secretary; Chuck Turner, reporter.


FRONT ROW: Shawna Carr, Gnetchen Carlson, Angie Thompson, Brian Perkins, Karen Carlson. 2ND ROW: Chuck Turner, David Braithwaite, Pam Davis, John Dillow, Ryland Wade. BACK ROW: LeAnna Mustard, Martin Wright, Joe DeWilde.


In concert for the Bland County Fair.


OFFICERS. FRONT ROW: Danny Newberry, president; Jo Neel, vice-president; Dave Thomas, secretary. BACK ROW: Barry Underwood, Larry Newberry, sergeants-at-arms; Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor; Mark Newberry, treasurer; Norman Dillow, reporter.


FRONT ROW: Paul Lucas, Eric Taylor, Glen Davis, Cliff Pauley; 2ND ROW: Danny Newberry, Dave Thomas, Johnny Sarver, Lynn Tate, Mark Woolwine, Jeri Lynn Mustard; 3RD ROW: Wendi Price, Sheri Tolbert, Wanda Bevil, Jo Neel, Lisa Sarver, Bryan Underwood, Mark Newberry, Linda Atwell, Tammy Wolfe, Tanya Burcham, Annette King; BACK ROW: Barry Underwood, Norman, Dillow, Joyce Harper, Larry Newberry.

Dramatics gave their rendition of TV commercials. LEFT: Larry Newberry and Jo Neel. RIGHT: Lynn Tate and Eric Taylor.


## Entertainment Boosted Spirit

One act plays, forensics, contests, commercial take offs, and a lot of hard work kept Drama students busy. The Dramatics club entertained the student body at Echo Day with their versions of well known TV advertisements. Again at the SCA Christmas program the members were to take the spotlight as they were transformed into princesses, kings, goats, and even frogs in "The Gala New Musical Frog Review." A highlight of the year was the nomination of 10 students for the National Speech and Drama Award.

A large number of the enthusiastic Rockets filled the gym on Nov. 18, 1981 to elect officers and start a full year of activities for the Rowdies Pep Club. The pep club assisted the Cheerleaders and boosted a lively spirit among students both at home and at away games. With the use of Pep buses the Rowdies invaded the opponent's territory to shake enemy confidence and encourage the Rockets.


FRONT ROW: Bryan Underwood, Rhonda Etter, Johnny Sarver, Jo Neel, Larry Newberry, Mr. Tommy Bird, sponsor. 2ND ROW: Glenda Conley, Lori Neal, Patty Smith, Kim Kidd, Lisa Waddle, Kitten Richardson, Connie Nelson, Donna Shelton, Sherri Wimmer. 3RD ROW: Sandy Bane, Tammy Cline, Tracy Kegley, Barry Dillow, Ben Dillow, Dawn Newberry, Delisa Miller, Stina Roseberry, Dreama Cox, Karen Hounshell, Laura Gordon, Edwina Stowers. 4TH ROW: Debbie Warden, Teresa Richardson, Helen Hamblin, Lynn Tate, Jeri Mustard, Angela Strock, Jimmy Harper, Sheri Tolbert, Vickie Kincaid, Donna Strock, Mike Barker. 5TH ROW: Angie Thompson, Shauun Neel, Kenny Froy, Pam Melvin, Becky Umbarger, Dreama Underwood, Gretchen Carlson, Shawna Carr, Gary Nelson, Regina Groseclose. 6TH ROW: Ricky Pruitt, Laura Cochran, Brian Pauley, Mark Woolwine, Lisa Sarver, Joyce Harper, Wanda Bevil, Linda Atwell, Mitch Munsey, Wesley Wright, Linda Ellison, Donna Lambert. BACK ROW: Richard Turner, Ronnie Dillow, Matt Harman, John Dillow, David Etter, Eric Taylor, Martin Wright, Barry Underwood, Anita Stowers, Rita Lambert.


OFFICERS - FRONT ROW: Jo Neel, vice-president; Larry Newberry, president. BACK ROW: Johnny Sarver, secretary; Rhonda Etter, treasurer; Bryan Underwood, reporter.


Interest and excitement rated high during a home ball game.

## A Year of New Beginnings

A year of new beginnings, new friends and yes, new clubs. Bland High School added a Science Club to the list in 1981. The club was made up of members from the Earth and Physical Science, Biology, Physics, and Chemistry classes with Mrs. Debbie Anderson as sponsor and Karen Hounshell as charter president. Several goals the club set up included a county Science Fair and trips to Virginia Tech.

What makes us smile? It could have been looking at some of the paintings and drawings by the elementary kids. These kids contributed their masterpieces to the Art Club's contest entitled, "What Makes Me Smile." Students were asked to enter their opinion of what causes smiles. Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor, along with the artists of the school, used the contest as their main project of the year.


ART CLUB. FRONT ROW: Lisa Waddle, Joanne Matz, Debbie Warden, Marcie Newberry, Teresa Richardson, Tracy Kegley, Jo Neel, Sammy King, Jeff Vineyard. 2ND ROW: Joyce Harper, Wanda Bevil, Chris Tickle, Everett Baxley, Glen Davis, Bridget Wright, Sharon Simmons, Lisa Smallwood, Glenda Conley. BACK ROW: Becky Umbarger, Sherri Wimmer, Tammy Carroll, Rusty Wright, Karen Asbury, Paul Lucas, Sherry Conley, Martin Wright.


OFFICERS: Jo Neel, president; Joyce Harper, vice-president; Sherri Wimmer, secretary; Becky Umbarger, treasurer; Teresa Richardson, report; Wanda Bevil, recreation leader; Mrs. Christine Bird, sponsor.


SCIENCE CLUB OFFICERS: Karen Hounshell, president; Bruce Shelton, vice-president; Lynn Tate, secretary-treasurer.


SCIENCE CLUB. FRONT ROW: Tracy Kegley, Wendi Price, Geneva Clark, Debbie Warden, Teresa Richardson, Lisa Waddle, Sherri Wimmer, Jeri Lynn Mustard. 2ND ROW: Norman Dillow, Sheri Tolbert, Karen Carlson, Marcie Newberry, Lynn Tate, Glen Davis, Laura Cochran. 3RD ROW: Becky Conley, Jo Neel, Becky McPeak, Tammy Carroll, Rusty Wright, Bruce Shelton, Chuck Turner, David Braithwaite, David Blankenship. 4TH ROW: Donna Shelton, Linda Atwell, Mark Newberry, Gary Nelson, Jimmy Harper, Everett Baxley. BACK ROW: Danny Newberry, Mrs. Debbie Anderson, Barry Underwood, Karen Hounshell, Laura Gordon, Richard Bartleson, Paul Lucas.

Here is a rose of friendship
I give, dear friend, to you,
For your inspiring comfort
And the kindly things you do.
This rose of red petals,
Like the sun's bright flare,
Sends the fragrance of the Heavens
That we can always share.
I adore this rose so dearly
With its buds of red and gold;

It is the greatest of all treasures
That man can ever hold.
Why, if ever I feel lonely,
And many times I do,
I seek the rose of friendship
Then I never more feel blue.
So let's strive to give to others
The sweetness of this rose;
And life will be so peaceful
And man will have no foes.
Jack Virnstein


ATHLETICS


Someone moved the water! Mark Newberry BELOW: Joanne makes a successful run in the 440. Joanne Matz, Mr. Cantrell, Mr. Crabtree


Patty Smith won the running broad jump hands down. BELOW: Charlie Brown clears the bar by a nose.



Patty, that's not a balance beam. Patty Smith


Leroy Hamblin competes in the broad jump.

## Third Straight Win



No one lighted a torch, no one received a gold medal; but the third annual Bland County Field Day was just as important as the Olympics. Early morning high school participants and spectators gathered on the fairgrounds May 14, 1981. The Bland Athletes took first place in overall competition. Bland competitors held first in the following events: boys' high jump, boys' 440 , girls' 440, girls' softball throw, boys' shotput (Bland took all four places), girls' shotput, girls' running broad jump, and boys' 100 yard dash. The mile run was also won for Bland.


ABOVE: Ervin Sparks shows his skills in the high jump.
"We told you not to call them that." Bob Atwell, Ricky Burcham


The winners! Elbert Shelton, Juanita Harris, Mr. Cantrell, Sarah Wynn, Richard Bartleson, Charlie Brown, Mrs. Mabe, Ricky Burcham, Billy Talbert.

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| BLAND | 3 | Auburn |



FRONT ROW: Ricky Burcham, Tommy Clark, Cecil Compton, Barry Underwood, Gary Nelson. BACK ROW: Mrs. Kaye Mabe, coach, Todd Taylor, Charlie Brown, Dave Thomas, Randy Strock, Joe Bane.


Dave Thomas


Charlie Brown


Tommy Clark


Gary Nelson


Cecil Compton


Barry Underwood

## Boys Get First Win

"Winning isn't everything." Right? Well,
 losing isn't all that wonderful. The 1981 Tennis teams, unfortunately, know the agony and heartbreak of defeat. The boys won one game (the first in six years) for the season and the girls almost evened it out with a 5-4 record. The spirit was always there, however. The teams never gave up. Young, strong athletes went into every game with determination in their hearts and on their minds along with hopes that, "This one - we'll win." Kay Mabe, boy's coach and Trish Compton, girl's coach, kept up the hard work and didn't let the kids get down. They, along with every tennis player, deserve a standing ovation for a job well done (if not in play but in spirit).

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Geneva Clark


Rita Lambert


Karen Harden


Sue Smith


Kim Kidd


Patty Hylton

"Foul, are you crazy?" Coach Cantrell, Coach Collins and varsity members Karen Hounshell, senior, Dawn Newberry, senior, Wanda Bevil and Patty Smith.


Laura Gordon sank two points against arch county rival Rocky Gap.


Mary Anne Cochran and Blue Devil opponent played kill the referee.


Varsity members patiently waited while JV went in a huddle with Coaches Cantrell and Collins standing by.


Sandy Bane with a fast break against Mt. Rogers is backed up by Delissa Miller.

## Second Year - Second Place



VOLLEYBALL TEAM MEMBERS - FRONT ROW: Mary Lynn Pruitt, Sarah Wynn, Gebie Clark, Sue Smith, Anita Stowers, Debbie Dillow. BACK ROW: Edwina Stowers, Dawn Newberry, Mary Anne Cochran, Kaye Cox, Laura Gordon, Rita Lambert. Not pictured: Coach Marvin Cantrell and Patty Hylton.

The volleyball team worked hard. They stayed after school to practice. They had the determination to be the best they could be.

Team was very proud of their accomplishments. At the closing of the season, the team was in second place in the Mt. Empire district for the second consecutive year. They have represented our team well.

All members will be returning. Hopefully, Bland will have an even more successful volleyball team next year.


Laura Gordon sends the ball over the net
"Always remember: Bump, Set, Spike!" Instructed Coach Cantrell. against Fort Chiswell.

## End of season

 Brought Unexpected Victories"Oh, no!" The cry rippled through the crowd as senior star, Laura Gordon, fell to the floor in agony and had to be carried from the court - an injury that removed her from playing for the season. The loss of her shooting accuracy did not daunt the Rockettes for long, and they fought back with quickness, patience, and persistence. Nearing the season's end district teams may have felt some unease as the Rockettes brought about some unexpected and spectacular victories on the opponents' courts.

Shortness of height and experience did not phase the JV Rockettes as they proved they could match some of the best in quickness and ability. With six of the team returning, next year is one for which to look forward.

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| Bland | 28 | Auburn | 24 |
| Bland | 38 | Rich Valley | 53 |
| Bland | 28 | Shawsville | 52 |
| Bland | $50(01)$ | Floyd | 53 |
| Bland | 51 | Fries | 33 |
| Bland | 48 | Mt. Rogers | 24 |
| Bland | 48 | Rocky Gap | 70 |
| Bland | 58 | Independence | 72 |
| Bland | 35 | Auburn | 42 |
| Bland | 37 | Shawsville | 41 |
| Bland | 45 | Floyd | 42 |
| Bland | 28 | Rural Retreat | 39 |
| Bland | 36 | Fries | 22 |
| Bland | 67 | Mt. Rogers | 41 |
| Bland | 32 | Rural Retreat | 41 |
| Bland | 22 | Ft. Chiswell | 41 |
| Bland | 22 | Rich Valley | 53 |
| Bland | 47 | Rocky Gap | 41 |
| Bland | 44 | Independence | 32 |
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VARSITY ROCKETTES: Coach Marvin Cantrell, Valerie Lambert, Laura Gordon, Karen Hounshell, Rita Lambert, Wanda Bevil, Edwina Stowers, Anita Stowers, Sue Smith, Patty Smith, Dawn Newberry, Kaye Cox, Coach Gary Collins.


Coach Cantrell and Coach Collins give instructions to Laura Gordon and Sue Smith as other varsity team members look on.


Senior Laura Gordon drives in for an easy two points against Mt. Rogers.


Senior Edwina Stowers dishes off a pass.


JV ROCKETTES - FRONT ROW: Mary Anne Cochran, Sandy Bane. BACK ROW: Coach Dan Viers, Becky Umbarger, Tracy Kegley, Delisa Miller, Becky Melvin, Teresa Richardson, Sheri Wimmer.

| Bland | 12 | Auburn | 15 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bland | 21 | Rich Valley | 28 |
| Bland | 11 | Shawsville | 27 |
| Bland | 15 | Floyd | 36 |
| Bland | 40 | Fries | 25 |
| Bland | 20 | Mt. Rogers | 10 |
| Bland | 23 | Ft. Chiswell | 30 |
| Bland | 18 | Rocky Gap | 15 |
| Bland | 36 | Independence | 43 |
| Bland | 17 | Auburn | 16 |
| Bland | 12 | Shawsville | 27 |
| Bland | 15 | Floyd | 24 |
| Bland | 16 | Rural Retreat | 24 |
| Bland | 20 | Fries | 22 |
| Bland | 18 | Mt. Rogers | 21 |
| Bland | 24 | Rural Retreat | 27 |
| Bland | 19 | Ft. Chiswell | 23 |
| Bland | 24 | Rich Valley | 30 |
| Bland | 30 | Rocky Gap | 18 |
| Bland | 16 | Independence | 38 |

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## Spirit Boosters Have Busy Year

As busy as bees, never stopping, always on the move, spirited, peppy. Who could this describe? The BHS cheerleaders - of course! The year 1981-82 for the school's spirit boosters turned out to be the busiest year ever.

Changes occur in everyday life but for the cheerleaders some were major and sometimes mind-boggling. A sponsor of three years left and a new one came. The varsity girls experienced a camp for each individual's first time. Cheerleaders marched in the parade. A new style of cheering and pep rallies came into being. The 1982 Homecoming was an experience in itself. Posters and decorations had to be made, corsages ordered, and new and better cheers prepared for the game. Through all this activity, the cheerleaders never gave up, they pushed forward and strove to be the "Best yet!"


LEFT, - Sheri Tolbert - Captain, third year. CENTER. BOTTOM Linda Atwell - first year; Jo Neel - third year; Tammy Cline second year; Wendi Price - second year; Kim Kidd - third year; RIGHT - Geneva Clark - fourth year, Captain.


BOTTOM - Mary Anne Cochran, Drema Underwood, Kaye Cox; TOP — Stina Roseberry, Donna Dalton, Delisa Miller.


Varsity cheerleaders surround


Tammy Cline and Wendi Price learn new formations from the ground up.


Rockettes during introductions.
Varsity and J.V. cheerleaders march in Wytheville Christmas Parade.

| Bland 24 | Rich Valley | 29 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Bland 27 | Rich Valley | 41 |
| Bland 36 | Fries | 6 |
| Bland 36 | Independence | 43 |
| Bland 29 | Floyd | 37 |
| Bland 33 | Shawsville | 44 |
| Bland 45 | Fries | 12 |
| Bland 37 | Auburn | 46 |
| Bland 53 | Independence | 34 |
| Bland 32 | Ft. Chiswell | 33 |
| Bland 28 | Rocky Gap | 40 |
| Bland 26 | Ft. Chiswell | 52 |



EIGHTH GRADE ROCKETS. FRONT ROW: Shauun Neel, Martin Wright, Kenny Froy, Eric Taylor, Barry Dillow, Ben Dillow. BACK ROW: Coach Tommy Bird, Ryland Wade, Roger Etter, Jeff Cox, David Blankenship, Gene Lambert, Wendell Parker, Manager Sammy King


Roger Etter goes high for the jump ball.


Fancy footwork ... Kenny Froy and Blue Devil opponent.


Ben Dillow shoots a jump shot over opponent.


Barry Dillow takes it to the hoop against Independence

## New Coaches, New Players

New coaches, new players and upcoming prospects all described the 8th grade and junior varsity teams.

Dan Viars took over the reins of coaching and helped guide the JV team to a 6-11 record. The starting lineup for the Rockets consisted of three freshman and two sophomores which showed a young and upcoming team. The team suffered the loss of forward Ronnie Dillow due to a foot injury he received in the Homecoming game which resulted in him missing the remainder of the season.

Tommy Bird led the up and coming 8 th grade team to a $8-14$ record. All eighth grade team members should move to the JV team next year.

Neither the Eighth Grade nor the JV team came out on top in the Mt. Empire District, but both teams deserve a big hand for a job well done.

| Bland 37 | Rich Valley | 32 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bland 28 | Rich Valley | 22 |
| Bland 31 | Pocohontas | 33 |
| Bland 65 | Mt. Rogers | 29 |
| Bland 52 | Fries | 38 |
| Bland 30 | Independence | 41 |
| Bland 48 | Floyd | 46 |
| Bland 35 | Rocky Gap | 42 |
| Bland 39 | Ft. Chiswell | 50 |
| Bland 29 | Auburn | 30 |
| Bland 34 | Shawsville | 51 |
| Bland 29 | Mt. Rogers | 33 |
| Bland 37 | Fries | 36 |
| Bland 36 | Independence | 44 |
| Bland 26 | Pocohontas | 28 |
| Bland 27 | Ft. Chiswell | 39 |
| Bland 27 | Rocky Gap | 26 |



JV ROCKETS. FRONT ROW - Matt Harmon, Terry Umbarger, Gary Nelson, Artie Wolfe. Middle Row - Arnie Wimmer, Ronnie Dillow, Cecil Compton, Tim Neal, Mike Smelser. BACK ROW - Richard Turner, Joey Newberry, Ricky Pruitt, Eddie Baxley, Coach Dan Viars.


Richard Turner blocks out Blue Devil opponent for a rebound.


Cecil Compton drives in for two against Independence.

"The Devil Made Me Do It," Mike Smelser defenses Blue Devil opponent.

"In your Face", Ronnie Dillow shoots for two against Independence.

## A Time for Joy, a Time for Tears

A time for joy and a time for tears. The above statement could have very well described the 198182 varsity basketball season at BHS. The boys pretty well evened out their record.

A new coach was added to the line-up. Gary Collins, a graduate from Emory and Henry College, joined head coach Marvin Cantrell as assistant coach. Four of the starting five plus five others played their last year of basketball at BHS. Those nine Seniors deserve a big hand from everyone.

In any team sport, team unity and a united effort unvariably bring success. This year's Rockets at times showed greatness and at other times mediocrity. It was not the year we wanted it to be, but it was a year we will certainly remember.


SCOREKEEPERS: from top to bottom; Barry Underwood, Lonnie Thomas, Laura Gordon, and Sue Smith.


Jeff Cassell awaits rebound.


BOTTOM ROW: Lonnie Thomas, Mark Woolwine, Dave Thomas, Todd Hoge. SECOND ROW: John Farlow manager, Tracy Hylton, Norman Dillow, Bobby Fulford, Billy Tolbert, Paul Dillow. THIRD ROW: Mr. Gary Collins ast. coach, Barry Underwood, Joey Bane, Jeff Cassell, Mark Newberry, Geof Fanning, Mr. Marvin Cantrell coach.


Mark Newberry shoots over opponent.


Jeff Cassell gets easy bucket.


Lonnie Thomas and Blue Devils wait on ball to come down.


Todd Hoge and Mark Newberry lead the Rockets into battle.


Paul Dillow and Mark Newberry takin' it on the run.

| Bland | 52 | Rich Valley | 65 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bland | 36 | Rich Valley | 42 |
| Bland | 65 | Pocahontas | 62 |
| Bland | 89 | Mt. Rogers | 83 |
| Bland | 67 | Fries | 60 |
| Bland | 60 | Independence | 50 |
| Bland | 67 | Floyd | 71 |
| Bland | 54 | Rocky Gap | 69 |
| Bland | 53 | Shawsville | 87 |
| Bland | 51 | Fries | 52 |
| Bland | 49 | Auburn | 75 |
| Bland | 56 | Independence | 50 |
| Bland | 65 | Ft. Chiswell | 63 |
| Bland | 56 | Pocahontas | 61 |
| Bland | 57 | Mt. Rogers | 41 |
| Bland | 35 | Ft. Chiswell | 46 |
| Bland | 47 | Rocky Gap | 59 |



Coach Cantrell plans the strategy for the game.


Jeff Cassell Battles for rebound.


Mark Newberry powers his way inside for an easy two.


Joey Bane battles with opponent for basketball.


Ordering class rings, decorating and pom pon routines highlighted the week preceding the 1982 Homecoming.

## Homecoming Week Exciting

The janitor's nightmare. Yes, that is exactly what one could call Homecoming Week at BHS. SCA members, cheerleaders, pep club members, and ball-players cluttered the halls with everything from crepe paper streamers to sticky pieces of tape stuck everywhere. The Seniors of BHS added 2 days to Homecoming Week. Monday was designed Hat and Shades Day. Tuesday, January 26 was called Prep Day. Students decked out in their duds for Western Day on Wednesday. The "oldie but goodie" 50's Day was set on Thursday. Maroon and Gold could be seen everywhere on Friday as this day was Rock Day. As the halls were finally cleared the janitors settled back for a long summer's rest-until the next Homecoming, that is.


Students are indulged in the truck pull contest.


Many School spirited students participated in Rocket Day.

Larry Newberry decks the Halls!, (Right) - Participants display Western Attire!

(Left) - Students practice first aid in the library. (Right) — In your face Collins!


The priceless plant of friendship
Takes joy and tears to nourish.
It needs our benevolent care
To blossom and to flourish.
The priceless chain of friendship Joins numerous links of gold It takes many rings of memories To fashion and mold.

The blessed tie of friendship
Is a mutual tie that binds
In a fellowship the human spirit
Of kindred hearts and minds.
The priceless book of friendship
Has pages that unfold
The caring for each other;
It's the sweetest story told.
-Signe Wigby

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Instructor Mrs. Lola Davis observed Lisa King in cosmetology


Tammy Smelser gave client a trim

## Preparation for

 World of WorkThe world of work and preparation to enter it have come to the front at BHS. Each year has seen more students entering the ICT program and working part-time, more students taking vocational classes at Wytheville, and more students taking agriculture and home economics.
The opportunities in these fields are practically limitless. They offer on-the-job training and give students valuable work experience which can be used to acquire a better job after graduation.


Dorie Catterton gave her poinsettias a drink in horticulture.



Tommy Clark behind the counter at Counts Drugs


Dawn Newberry waited to fill order at
Steak House


Bobby King bagged groceries at Mick-or-Mack


CERAMICS. SEATED: Marsha Agee, Mrs. Jean Bradberry, Lola Blevins. STANDING: Charlotte Harris, Lynn Banes, Becky Lambert, Tammy Blevins, Donna Shelton, Connie Millirons


Mrs. Betty Munsey discussed consumer products with Kitten Richardson, Cindy Wright, Lori Neel, Donna Lambert and Tania Burcham


AGRICULTURE: Brian Mustard, Paula Mustard, Cecil Compton, Terry Umbarger, Mike Smelser, David Etter, Steve Cox, Delisa Miller


GEOMETRY. FRONT ROW: Linda Ellison, Tammy Cline, Joey Bane, Winifred Foglesong, Mrs. Kay Mabe. BACK ROW: Steve Cox, Eddie Baxley, Melanie Cassell.

## Stages and Formulas

Stages and formulas set the pace for students in dramatics, math, and science. Drama once again became a part of the curriculum. Students became involved in acting and gained valualbe experience in public speaking. They gained self-confidence and improved their oral grammar-a useful tool in the future for both college bound students and students seeking jobs.
$\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{X}=2+\mathrm{Y}, E=M C^{2}, A=L \times W$ were only a few of the formulas students had to know to make the goal of learning possible in mathematics and science. Progressing from simple formulas to complex ones and practicing with chemicals occupied much of a student's class time. Whether college bound or just plain interest, students gained a working knowledge of the world in which they live.


Paul Lucas dreamed through dramatics.


PRE-ALGEBRA. FRONT ROW: Angie Thompson, Denise Umbarger, David Blankenship. BACK ROW: T. J. Roseberry, Roger Etter, Laura Cochran, Mr. Tommy Bird.


PHYSICS. Johnny Sarver, Gebie Clark, Jeff Cassell


CHEMISTRY. Jo Neel, Barry Underwood, Jimmy Harper, Danny Newberry


8TH GRADE SCIENCE. Melanie Morehead, Gary Mustard, Paula Austin, Jeff Kincaid, Johnny Umbarger


OFFICE PRACTICE. Pam Melvin, Edwina Stowers, Juanita Harris


TYPING II: Donna Lambert, Glenda Conley, Melanie Cassell, Tammy Cline

$1 S T$ YEAR TYPING observed Mr. Mike Cash in a demonstration of an electronic typewriter. Steve Cox, Linda Ellison, Donna Dalton, Anita Stowers, Sue Smith, Mary Anne Cochran, Kaye Cox, Rita Lambert, Sandy Bane


ACCOUNTING: Lora Groseclose and Kim Kidd


JENERAL BUSINESS-FRONT ROW: Teresa Richardson, Debbie Warden. MIDDLE ROW: Becky Umbarger, Stina Roseberry, Delisa Miller, Tony Lambert. BACK ROW: Patty Smith, Lori Neal


MRS. JANET FAULKNER'S 8TH GRADE ENGLISH CLASS: FRONT ROW: Sammy Lambert. 2ND ROW: T. J. Roseberry, Tina Putnam, Eddie Price. BACK ROW: Chris Tickle, Eric Taylor, Lynn Tate, Mike Shelton


MISS DIANE ROWE'S FRENCH CLASS. FRONT ROW: Chuck Turner, Donna Dalton, Miss Diane Rowe. BACK ROW: Kaye Cox, Sue Smith, Mary Anne Cochran, Gretchen Carlson <br> \section*{English Language <br> \section*{English Language as baffling as as baffling as Shorthand and Shorthand and French} French}

Asdf;lkj! No, it's not a new lan-guage-it's beginning typewriting. There were other strange characters seen in the business room as shorthand, and strange words seen in the student activity room which were called French. They not only looked strange, but sounded strange as students guided by Miss Diane Rowe spoke these "funny" words. Mrs. Jessie Kegley led business students through those awkward first steps of typing and shorthand. In rooms one and three Miss Mary Greever and Mrs. Janet Faulkner pushed for perfection in writing and speaking the English language (some students thought this as baffling as shorthand and French).

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## Flicks Enhanced

## Learning for Social Studies

Flicks, today (and yesterday and tomorrow)! Motion pictures greatly enhanced the learning process of students in social studies. Pictures, textbooks, and lectures from Mrs. Nancy Gamble, Mr. Richard Havens, and Mr. Fred Beamer took students through the good and bad of the political world, the cultural arts, and taught them how to cope in an ever-changing society.


GEOGRAPHY - FRONT ROW: Sammy Lambert, Jeff Cox, Gene Lamert, Tim Davis, Rita Gusler, Angela Strock. MIDDLE ROW: Jeri Mustard, Sarah Gilliam, Roger Etter. BACK ROW: Stina Roseberry, Becky Hanshew, Ben Dillow, David Blankenship, Wendell Parker.


SOCIOLOGY - FRONT: Lynn Banes, Clif Pauley, Sonja Asbury. BACK: Vickie Kincaid, Rita Wright, Melissa Havens, Nancy Strauss, Marsha Agee, Mark Woolwine, Lisa Sarver.

U.S. HISTORY: Winifred Foglesong, Lechia Hager, Kandy Kert, Sharon Simmons, Tammy Cline, Rita Wright, Linda Ellison, Donna Shelton.


GOVERNMENT: Terri Price, Juanita Harris, Bill Tolbert.

Flourishing friendships often grow
From microscopic seeds we sow;
For love scattered along life's way,
The thoughtful things we do and say, Quite unobstrusively takes root

And eventually bears fruit.

When cultivated, friendship grows
Until it blossoms like a rose;
And soon the fragrance of its bloom
Will fill two lives with its perfume.
Our gardening is not in vain;
For just as plants respond to rain,
When love is sown in fertile ground,
Flowering friendships soon abound.
—Donita M. Dyer


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FLAG GIRLS-Lisa Sarver and Rhonda Etter.


HONOR BAR STUDENTS-Lonnie Thomas, Linda Atwell, Laura Gordon, Geneva Clark.


OFFICE WORKERS-Connie Millirons, Laura Gordon, Sharon Conley, Terri Price, Lora Groseclose.


DAR RECIPIENT AND DOUBLE BAR STUDENT-Jeff Cassell.


THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS-FRONT ROW: Lonnie Thomas, Becky Conley, Wendi Price, Geneva Clark. BACK ROW: Linda Atwell, Jeff Cassell, Laura Gordon.


HONOR LETTER STUDENTS-FRONT ROW: Melanie Cassell, Riat Lambert, Linda Ellison, Sue Smith. BACK ROW: Mary Anne Cochran, Kaye Cox, Donna Dalton, Anita Stowers.

## Royalty And Elite Prevail



1981 Snow Queen and King Patty Smith and Bob Gordon

Royalty can be anywhere. Anywhere, U.S.A. in this case happened to be Bland, Virginia. The Snow King and Queen of 1981 were the royalty. The Bland Chapter FBLA introduced the idea to students as a penny vote campaign. The couple who earned the most money was crowned King and Queen. Bobby Gordon and Patty Smith, of the SCA, were bestowed this honor.

Every school must have its elite. Bland's select group consists of such persons as those in Daughters of the American Revolution, The Society of Distinguished American High School Students, and honor students. The Society of Distinguished Students is the highest honor any upperclassman can receive. Also included in the group are office workers, and flag girls. Each and every student who received one of these honors for the school year 198182 can consider themselves as part of the "elite."


Dancers swayed to the music.


The King and Queen admired their trophies while slow dancing.


Students socialized as they danced.

## Homecoming - Week of Celebrations

Next to Christmas, Homecoming at BHS is the most exciting time of the year. Homecoming week ran January 2529; the 29th being the Big Day. Friday, January 29, the Bland Rockets met the Independence Blue Devils in a head to head clash. The Rockets, fired up after a whole week of celebrations, came out on top. The Devils were defeated 56-50. Immediately following the game, the 7Q D.J.'s moved into the gym to set up for the dance. Perhaps those most anxious for the dance to begin were the Homecoming Queen Candidates. But for one, the anxiety turned into ecstasy, Jo Neel was crowned Homecoming Queen 1982. Homecoming 1982 will long be remembered by most as a very beautiful, enchanting evening.


Weeks of practice paid off as the Varsity and JV cheerleaders performed their Pom-Pon routine.


Homecoming Queen 1982 - Jo Neel and escort David Bane


HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES AND ESCORTS: Paula Austin, Mike Umbarger, Stina Roseberry, Barry Underwood, Sandy Bane, Jeff Cassell, Wanda Bevil, Mike Smelser, Gebie Clark, Jon Braithwaite, Nancy Strauss, Frankie Newberry, Jo Neel, David Bane, Kim Kidd, Todd Taylor, Mary Anne Cochran, Todd Hoge, Patty Smith, Dave Thomas, Ricky Pruit, Sherri Wimmer


Couples took time to catch their breath as the mood of the music became more subdued.


Everybody boogied down to the sounds of $7 Q$.


Mrs. Mabe's class, while visiting the fair grounds, posed with Chip Bird and his entry.


A typical lunchtime scene. Stina Roseberry, Betty Tobbs, Marty McPeak, Joey Crockett, Delisa Miller, Marcie Asbury


Jimmy Blevins, Mrs. Newberry, Michael Fanning, Kathy Kidd


Decisions, decisions. Bear Baker


Mr. Thompson opposes Mark Newberry.


Candy sales have returned! Mrs. King's third grade.


Sandy Mabe, Larry Newberry, Jo Neel, David Bane


HELP! Randy Strock, Mr. Cantrell, John Muncy in Faculty-Student Basketball.

"Orange juice fresh from Florida." Dramatics - Danny Newberry


Linda Ellison, MISS ECHO 1982; Terry Umbarger, escort.

"A bit tipsy." Dramatics - Paul Lucas

## Linda Ellison Crowned Miss Echo

The crowning of Miss Echo is as much a tradition as frying chicken on Sundays. Each fall finds five girls from grades 8-12 vying for the coveted Miss Echo title. Hard work and getting there first with the most (yearbook sales) determines the winner. Amid suspense-filled moments and crossed fingers, Miss Echo 1982 was crowned on October 8 in the Bland gym. Linda Ellison was bestowed this honor for selling 124 annuals out of a total 425. Miss Echo and her court each received a charm engraved with their initials.
Lively entertainment was provided by Dramatics, Band, Chorus, P.E. classes, Larry Newberry nad Linda Atwell, Laura Cochran, and Tracy and Roberta Kegley. Mistresses of ceremony were Edwina Stowers and Sheri Tolbert.



MISS ECHO COURT. SEATED-Linda Ellison, Terry Umbarger. STANDING-Lisa Smallwood, Todd Parker, Kim Kidd, Bob Gordon, Lucy Gray, Jeff Cassell, Sherri Wimmer, Joey Bane.


DRAMATICS. Linda Atwell, Barry Underwood


The Kegley sisters in a routine to "Celebration" - Roberta and Tracy.


PE CLASSES. BOTTOM ROW-Teresa Richardson, Patty Smith, Karen Asbury, Melanie Morehead. 2ND ROW-Joanne Matz, Julie Clemons, Tina Fulford. 3RD ROW-Dreama Underwood, Becky Umbarger. TOP-Debbie Warden.

## One Thing After Another

One thing after another took place in the halls and surrounding grounds of Bland High School. From the first day the school doors opened these areas abounded with action.

Each period in the day found students carrying oversize rocks, shovels, and filling wheelbarrows with
dirt. The reason? turning a muddy, slippery, sticky path into a stone and gravel walkway.
Preparing bulletin boards, making and hanging posters that bopped one's head while treading the hall mazes, shaking in your shoes during all those public appearances, the end-
less attempts to raise money, and tormenting those poor souls known as "Faculty" kept students busy. Once in a great while (when they weren't involved in club activities or sports) they even found the time to study.


Autographs were spread quickly on a page following the arrival of the new yearbooks.


Halls were made for this? Anita Stowers, Kaye
Mr. Viars' third period class got a lesson in auto mechanCox, Donna Dalton, Rita Lambert, Mary Anne ics. Cochran


Takin' it easy in the shade. Sonja Asbury, Barbara Ramsey, Dawn Morehead, Tina Fulford, Joyce Alexander.


The Wythe County Sheriff's Dept. presented a program on drugs to the elementary.


As usual, "Gruby" was sitting down on the job. Bob Fulford, Joey Newberry, Mark King, Mr. Crabtree, Thomas Dillow.

Before . . . The mud path was reconstructed by Mrs. Diane Umberger's science classes.

Science class hard at work. Delisa Miller, Todd Porter, Jimmy Mac Brown, Sarah Wynn, Lonnie Clemons.


## Suspended In Time

All day preparations had been made for what would be the "most wonderful night" of the year. Young ladies endured the torture of the hairdresser and afterwards were afraid to move lest a curl should stray from its hiding. Five hours before "Prom" time they nervously paced the floor making sure that beautiful new gown was a reality and not a dream. However, the ladies were not the only nervous ones. Young men sped along (with a prayer of "Lord, don't let me get a ticket today") to pick up that tuxedo, and then homeward. With a jolting brake, he retreaded those five miles back to town. "Oh, horrors, I almost forgot the flowers."

The long awaited euphoria of romance, dancing, and dazzling lights at the 1981 Prom took place May 16 at the Wytheville Recreation Center. The theme "Suspended In Time" was supported by glimmering red columns and a shiny silver gazebo.

A Wytheville night club, The Office, provided the disco sound for the evening. Larry Anderson, Perry Coe, and Dale Warden served as disc jockeys.


King Mike Sarver and Queen Patty Hylton reigned over the 1981 Junior-Senior Prom.


The theme, "Suspended In Time", was displayed in a banner of cerise and silver


Paul Dillow boogied down.

Paul Lucas and Cindy Wright were entranced by Prom magic.



Calvin Davis, Kathy Havens, Norman Dillow and Sheri Tolbert danced to their heart's content.


Everyone awaited the crowning of the king and queen.


Jo Neel and Lora Groseclose welcomed everyone to the gala festivities.


Darrell Tibbs sat contented at the table with Joy Tibbs and Lucy Gray.


Couples danced to the slow sound of midnight romance.


Karen Hounshell and Sheri Tolbert presented John Muncy with a senior gift.


The crowd listened as senior prophecies were read.


Prom goers participated in a line dance.

Nerves on edge, clammy hands, chattering teeth all made up the setting for the Miss Bland County Beauty Pageant held on April 3-4, 1981, in the Bland gym. The theme of the contest was "Beyond New Horizons." A new feature of the pageant was the presentation of past Miss Bland County winners. Mrs. Marie Crocket, Miss Bland County 1934, of Kansas was the very first winner, but could not attend the pageant. The second Miss Bland County, Mrs. Ruth Thomas of Ceres, did attend and was recognized. Also featured were FFA members modeling clothes from the past.

The judges' final ballots showed Becky Bird as Little Miss Bland County 1981 and Junior Miss 1981 was Tammy Beavers. The second division of the 9-14 age groups, Senior Miss, was won by Stina Roseberry. Wendi Price won the coveted title of Miss Bland County 1981. Marvin Cantrell and Bill Crabtree served as Masters of Ceremony.
Another dance and another queen - this time it was the May Dance and the queen was Roberta Young. The dance was held on May 2, 1981, at Bland High School, sponsored by the band and chorus.
A \& R Productions presented a light show and disco boogie sounds for the evening.


Mrs. Ruth Thomas, Miss Bland County 1935. and Miss Sherri Woody, Miss Bland County 1980, wait to crown the new queen.

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## New Horizons



2nd runner-up, Patty Hylton; Miss Bland County 1981, Wendi Price; 1st runner-up, Debbie Dillow.


1st runner-up, Dreama Underwood; Senior Miss Bland County 1981, Stina Roseberry; 2nd runner-up, Angie Thompson.


1st runner-up, Angel Underwood; Little Miss Bland County 1981, Becky Bird; 2nd runner-up, Hope Pike.


Dancing is for all ages.


1981 MAY QUEEN Roberta Young escorted by Donald Pauley.

CANDIDATES AND ESCORTS. Tracey Walker, Kevin Cox, Gretchen Carlson, Jimmy Barker, Teresa Morehead, Richard Starling, Mary Anne Cochran, Paul Dillow, Roberta Young, Donald Pauley.


Never failing energy. Kevin Cox, Debbie Dillow, Donald Pauley. Lucy Muncy.


Changing to a slow pace. Marq Newberry and Jeri Mustard.



Matching mood and beat. Kevin Cox, Tracey Walk er.

Rules must be kept (NO SHOES)! Craig Gusler, Linda Ellison.

## Second Annual Citizenship Day

The second annual Citizenship Day was held on May 2, 1981.
Adults and children crowded around the block to see the parade, which consisted of floats, horses, marching units and the Bland County Band. The marching units included American Indians, children on bicycles, miniature majorettes, old-time cars, and many other groups as everyone showed their willingness to participate.

Following the parade, the Citizenship Day program was held on the courthouse lawn. The chorus performed several selections followed by the guest speakers. After the events food was available on the Fair grounds.


Father and Daughters of the 1900's - Elmer Chewning, Pam Chewning and Heather Smith.


Miss Bland County, Wendi Price, and her runners-up, Patty Hylton and Debbie Dillow, adorned the FHA float.


The Bland Twirlers, a mini-majorettes group, strutted their stuff.


Mrs. Bird's fourth grade represented a host of American Indians.


Cycling for Citizenship


Legionnaires Charlie Muncy, Faye Lambert, and Davis Kirby led the parade, followed by the Bland County Marching Band.


Senator Danny Bird spoke to the citizens of Bland County.


RIGHT-The old timers with shiny fenders and hoods came out of hibernation.
Snyder - WCC President Dr. G. B. Kegley, and Dr. Carl Stark appraised the gathering of Bland County citizens.


LEFT-Traveling on the trail was William Wampler; riding shotgun was Bob Hylton.

RIGHT-Jeff Vineyard and Tracey Walker rode along in the parade.

## Sounds From The Gymnasium

Swish, swish, tat-tat-tat-tat . . . These and other sounds were heard in the gym on April 3, 1981. P.E. students were in the throes of jumping rope, individually and collectively. Twenty-five cents sponsored a student to jump rope for one hour and the total proceeds of approximately $\$ 1,000$ went to the heart fund. Each participant received a "Jump-a-thon" tee shirt while the school hall now sports an honorary heart fund plaque.
Excitement, laughter, suspense, and tears came to the gymnasium on May 29, 1981. Commencement speeches by the seniors and underclass awards made up the day's program. Competition was tough and only a select few made the top honors.

Squeals of delight and laughter were heard from elementary students May 15, 1981, when the Wythe County Sheriff's Department presented a puppet show on the use of drugs.


All by myself- Happy Dave Thomas


Active (and inactive) jumpers on April 3 Jump-a-thon.


Triple jumping-Jane Banes looked on as Jeannie Mallory, Tammy Gravley, and Regina Stansell prepared to clear the rope.


Sheila Wright, Tracey Walker and Becky Lambert observed Connie Nelson as she jumped for the next turn of the rope.


Darrell Tibbs went high over an almost straight line.


Tommy Clark gave a giant leap to clear the line.


Brenda Phillips, Clinch Valley, bestowed the third place regional essay award to Linda Ellison.


Mrs. Cheryl Umberger conferred a French award to Lonnie Thomas.


Gymnastics on the outside: Brenda Davis. Cindy Blevins, Billie French, Wayne Colley and Mrs. Sandra Mobe.


Elementary students were absorbed in Wythe County Sheriff's Department puppet show.

'81 Seniors in song at graduation.

## Life's Petals From Yesterday

Once again Bland High School has lost some of its finest students. The Class of ' 81 said their goodbyes on May 29, 1981, in the Bland gymnasium.

Teresa Tolbert served the class as valedictorian. Dr. Maynard R. Joyce, school superintendent, was the guest speaker for the 1981 Graduation.


Seniors get special attention for lunch.


Teresa Tolbert gave the valedictory speech.


Kim Townley received most valuable player plaque from Mr. Sammy Hardy.


Adjustments had to be made! Mike Sarver and Bob Atwell.


SCA member Becky McPeak served Seniors.


Ms. Brenda Phillips presented 1st place honor certificates in Clinch Valley district essay contest to Susan Kegley and 2nd place in district and state to Phil Peery.


## Out of friendship's garden

Came a single rose to me.
One day when all was dark and gray
And the sun I could not see.
It brought a ray of sunlight
In its little heart of gold
And showed unspoken words of love
As its petals did unfold.

-Barnum


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## Ever-changing World For Seniors

From the beginning of their school days, seniors found many ups and downs; They gained and lost teachers, classmates, and administrators and found pleasures and beauty in their ever-changing world.

Memories of basketball victories and those nerve-charged almostwon games, of proms and homecoming dances, of special dates and times have all been tucked away to be recaptured at some distant time. Long to be remembered are those aching feet and sticky fingers acquired while selling food at the fair. Those long tiring hours paid off when they left Bland for four fun-filled days on the senior trip.

The Seniors of 1982 have survived the joys and horrors of their high school years. Many will yearn for lost friendships and lost memories, but there is no need to cry. It is not the end . . . it is only the beginning.


Totally absorbed! Lucy Gray, Jo Neel, Mrs. Kegley, Karen Hounshell, Juanita Harris.

"You've eaten all our profits!" Todd Hoge and Richard Bartleson.


Becky Conley makes wise use of spare minutes.


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Larry Newberry and his brother, Cliff.



Deborah Renee Atwell "Debbie"

Joseph Foster Bane "Joey"

Jane Nevada Banes "Jane"

Robert Darrell Banes
"Darrell"

Michael Thomas Barker "Mike"

Richard Joseph Bartleson "Richard"

Sheila Denise Carroll "Sheila"

Jeffrey Dirk Cassell "Jeff"

Dora Annette Catterton
"Dora"

Geneva Diane Clark "Gebie"

Mark Dwayne Compton "Munchkin"

Rebecca Yvonne Conley "Becky"

Sharon Allen Conley "Sharon"

Joseph Mark Crockett "Joey"

Anthony Paul Dillow
"Paul"

David Norman Dillow
"Norman"

Rhonda Gayle Etter
"Rhonda"
Robert Edward Fulford
"Bobby"

Laura Evelyn Gordon
"Laura"
Stella Lucille Gray
"Lucy"
Lora Machel Groseclose
"Lora"

Juanita Ann Boyd Harman "Juanita"

James Henry Harper "Jimmy"

Teresa Juanita Harris
"Juanita"



Edward Todd Hoge "Todd"

Karen Virginia Hounshell "Karen"

Lisa Mechele King "Lisa"

Mark Keith King
"Snorky"
Robert Carson King
"Bobby"
Rebecca Kay Lambert
"Becky"

Paul Allan Lucas
"Paul"
Pamela Kaye Melvin
"Pam"
Connie Marie Millirons
"Connie"

Carla Denise Morehead
"Carla"
Teresa Ann Morehead
"Teresa"
Kamela Jo Ann Neal "Jo"

Daniel Allen Newberry "Danny"

Dawn Elizabeth Newberry "Dawn"

Jeffrey Marquis Newberry "Marq"

Larry Crockett Newberry "Larry"

Mark Young Newberry
"Mark"
Ward Clifton Pauley
"Clif" '

Terri Laine Price
"Terri"
Wendi Gail Price
"Terri"
Sylvia Lake Ramsey
"Sylvia"

Johnathan Lester Sarver
"Johnny"
Tammy Diane Smelser
"Tammy"
Andreia Edwina Stowers
"Edwina"



Thomas Lynn Stowers
"Thomas"

Dave Allen Thomas
"Dave"

Sheri Ann Tolbert
"Sheri"

William Wallace Tolbert "Billy"

Lewis Michael Umbarger "Mike"

Rex Lee Winesett
"Rex"


Christopher Wayne Wright "Chris"

Eric Perry Wright
"Eric"

Troy Dwayne Wright
"Troy"


William Russell Wright
"Rusty"

## Junior Class Participated in Money-Making Activities

Desperately in need of money for the prom, the Junior Class participated in many money-making activities throughout the year. Their first project was Junior Junk, which is a conglamoration of baseball helmets, rubik's cubes, key chains, necklaces, ' 82, ' 83 pins, and many other things. To further their goal, scented soap was also sold.

The prom was not the only thing for which the Junior Class needed money. When they ordered class rings, the little understood theory of inflation really hit hard; however, a class ring is something to be cherished for the rest of one's life, so most people bought them regardless of the cost.

While the class of ' 83 was not earning money, they could be found studying for their PSAT and SAT's. In between studying and earning money, they found a little time to relax and have fun.


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Wanda Beoll



Tony Lambert
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Becky McPeak
Connie Nelson

Brian Pauley
Harvey Pruett
Wallace Rankin
Lisa Sarver

Donna Shelton
Elbert Shelton
Anna Tate
Todd Taylor

Lonnie Thomas
Sandy Tolbert
Debbie Umbarger
Barry Underwood

Bryan Underwood
Tracey Walker
Mark Woolwine
Cindy Wright

## Sophomores On Right Track

Moving up to the Varsity team, turkey tickets, and learners' permits are all a part of a sophomore's life. Led by Mrs. Deborah Anderson and Mr. Fred Beamer, the sophomores have constructed plans for their future years as Juniors and Seniors and proms and Senior trips.

The 1982 Sophomores have led an exciting year. Many have joined new clubs where they have begun to take over important roles in the decision making. Sophomores seem to be on the right track for successful lives.


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Joyce Alexander
Sonja Asbury
Sandy Bane

Lynn Banes
Laymond Barger
Eddie Baxley
Tonnie Carver

Andrea Cassell
Melanie Cassell
Melba Clemons
Dee Clemons

Tammy Cline
Mary Cochran
Cecil Compton

Sherry Conley




## Kathy Melvin

Dawn Morehead

Cathy Morehead

Brian Mustard

Paula Mustard
Tim Neal

Gary Nelson
Todd Parker

Ricky Pruitt
Sarah Pruitt

## Barbara Ramsey

Sharon Simmons

Mike Smelser
Sue Smith
Anita Stowers
Donna Strock

Renee Thompson
Beth Tibbs
Terry Umbarger
Jeff Vinyard


Shan Simmons


Bridget Wright
Dwayne Wright
Sheila Wright

Working in the office at lunch time?! Anita Stowers, Sue Smith, Kaye Cox, Rita Lambert.

## A Step Up The Ladder

## For Freshman

Just not being an eighth grader anymore was even a bigger step up the ladder than becoming a high schooler. Ninth graders were all excited about finally being a real part of student life. Freshman are special people . . . they are right in between the big kids and the young kids. Excelling in several sports, new clubs, and lots of hard work took up much of ninth graders time.



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Lonnie Clemons Matt Clemons

Dreama Cox
Greg Davis

Ronnie Dillow
Doug Farlow
Ricky Faulkner
Tina Fulford

Regina Groseclose
Helen Hamblin
Norma Harden
Matt Harman

Charlotte Harris
Marty Hutchins Jeff Kincaid Annette King

Sammy King
Jeannie Mallory Bobby Martin Joanne Matz

Vanessa McKinney
Marty McPeak
Delisa Miller
Lisa Morehead

Packy Morehead
Mitch Munsey
Lori Neel
Joey Newberry

Regina Groseclose
Charlotte Harris




Marcie Newberry
Mike Perkins
Kitten Richardson
Teresa Richardson

Stina Roseberry
Bruce Shelton
Jeff Shelton
Debbie Simmons

## Lisa Smallwood

Patty Smith
Regina Stansell
Betty Tibbs

Chuck Turner
Richard Turner
Becky Umbarger
Susan Umbarger

Dreama Underwood
Lisa Waddle
Debbie Warden
Arnie Wimmer


Artie Wolfe
Tammy Wolfe
Wesley Wright

Becky Umbarger, Patty Smith, Joanne Matz, Delisa Miller, Lori Neel, Mitch Munsey, Lonnie Clemons, Sarah Wynn, Jimmy Mack Brown.

## Eighth Became Involved

They always ran, never walked. Silence was a sin in their lives. To be afraid was an embarrassment. Their eyes were usually wide with wonder. Who were these creatures? What else, but eighth graders.

Eighth graders were involved in sports, club activities, and changing classes. The class of 1986 were on the road to success and were determined to get there.

Donna Alexander Marcie Asbury

Paula Austin Everett Baxley David Blankenship Kim Boardwine

Karen Carlson Ronnie Clemons Laura Cochran Jeff Cox

Norma Cox
Glenn Davis
Pam Davis
Timmy Davis

Butch DeWilde
Barry Dillow
Ben Dillow
John Dillow


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Sammy Lambert
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Teresa Miller
Melanie Morehead

Gary Mustard Jerri Mustard LeAnne Mustard Terry Mustard

Billy Mutter
Shaunn Neel Wendell Parker Brian Perkins

Eddie Price Tina Putnam Billy Ramsey T. J. Roseberry

Ervin Sparks
Mike Shelton Angela Strock Lynn Tate

Eric Taylor
Angie Thompson
Chris Tickle
Lisa Tolbert

Denise Umbarger Johnny Umbarger Ryland Wade Sherri Wimmer

Tracy Wolfe
Karen Wright
Martin Wright
Sharon Wright

Robert Wynn

It's hard to understand why anyone would study during lunch! Mitch Munsey, Becky Melvin, Karen Carlson, Tracy Kegley.


OFFICERS: Mike Townley, treasurer; Lyle Muncy, secretary; Eric Strock, vice-president; Tim Thompson, president.

## Final Elementary Year

Seventh graders thought they were really special. They had made it to their final year of elementary school. They grew and learned to be responsible. They were allowed to attend school dances and pep rallies. They became active in safety patrol. They enjoyed the year, but they are now looking forward to high school.


Sixth and sixth-seventh graders felt more adult than ever before. They changed classes and were permitted to work in groups. They sang songs, learned to square dance, participated in 4-H and band, and enjoyed the year.

## Feeling Like Adults

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Lori Nelson
Carla Pauley

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Brian Townley

Enjoying gymnastics in P. E.


Jimmy Blevins Junior Blevins Tiffany Bowen Sonya Chewning Kevin Cox

David Danner
Santa Fe Davis
Tammy Davis
Randy Dillow
Michael Fanning

Cheryl Graham
Charmin Gravley
Nora Newberry
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Heath Muncy
Michael Nelson
Patricia Nelson

Shawn Nelson
Aaron Newberry
Kari Paciga
Julie Pauley
Lori Perkins

Sammy Simmons
Tonya Smith
John Stafford
Sarah Strock
Tammy Swanson

Robbie Waddle Ellis Wade
Rusty Warden Scott Wellman Clara Winter



Fourth graders working at their desks.

Fourth graders were very active this year. For the first time in their school lives they could join 4-H and be on the Honor Roll.

Fifth graders felt very important. They could join band as well as the activities they enjoyed as fourth graders.


Julie Baxley
Kevin Blank
Doug Boardwine Jason Cann
Alan Cassell

Chad Chandler
Mrs. Louise Bird BS - Radford U.
Ruthie Dunn
Mary Ruth Echols

Jimmy Graham
Amy Haga
Brian Hall

Rachel Havens
Dusty King
Eugene King
Donna Lambert
Tonya Looney

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April Newberry
Allan Newberry
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Patrick Smith
Sammy Steffey Patricia Stowers

Crystal Tibbs
Brian Toler
Angel Underwood
Kathy Wynn


## David Strock




CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Tanya Ferguson, Shannon Atwell, Donna Wiley, Angela Stowers, Jeana Dalton, Cheryl Hall, Hope Pike, Ginger Dillow, Sarah Thompson, Heather Burton.

## Confidence in Doing

The third graders were completely comfortable in the school environment. They worked hard and learned many things. They learned the days of the week, the months, and how to divide.

The second graders started to school with confidence this year. Being used to the school routine, they were sure they would have no problems. The year was reserved for learning, growing, and having fun. They learned cursive writing, began multiplication tables, and read stories. They had good times playing games with classmates who became good friends.


Elizabeth Bell Christopher Bowles Kenneth Bowles Sheree Burton

Michael Cochran Patricia Corder Emory Davis Rachel Davis Sammy Dent

James Dunn Arthur Ellison Michael Ellison Jeremiah Gibson Mary Margaret Gibson

Stephanie Goins Mrs. June Miller B.A. - King College Tracy Hall Pamela Harden

Rebecca Mallory Bradley Martin Chad Morehead

Matthew Newberry Leila Paciga Kevin Pauley Bridgette Penley Nathan Romano

Robert Sexton Travis Simmons Jimmy Sparks Jason Stafford Stacy Tibbs



Crystal Thompson
Marcia Travis
Christina Wellman
Douglas Wiley


## School Now "Old-hat."

Going to school is now "old hat" to a First-grader. He has learned to count, write, read, add and subtract, and also learned some things about his environment and his body. Along with learning were the fun times of playing with classmates, using his creativity, and sharing parties at most holidays.

The life of a Kindergartener may seem simple to all except a Kindergartener. He had to rise early, leave his favorite TV programs behind, board a bus with a lot of "big" people, and learn to count and write. These made growth in each child and helped him on the road to independency.


Detria Agee Beth Bridges Eric Brooks Robert Davis Brian Dent

Donnie Dillow
Kristina Dillow
Mrs. Katherine Reynolds
(B.S. - Radford University)

Brook Dillow

Tawny Dillow
Aaron Faulkner
Stacey Kidd

Crystal King
Kevin King Jennie Lambert Angel Mitchem Sandra Nelson

Stuart Newberry
Misty Pauley
Molly Richardson
Christina Schepers
Amie Simmons

## Fun Promoted Learning Skills

Cynthia Blevins

Wayne Colley
Mr. Hampton Atkinson
Roscoe Davis

Teddy Davis
Kevin Dent

Tony Dent
Billie French
Jeff Gwyn
Leroy Hamblin

Emmett Kelly
Mrs. Sandra Mabe
Michael Paul McPeak

David Mutter
Patty Mutter

Henry Nash
Regina Ramsey
Sean Thornsberry Judy Umbarger



I'm very glad our lives have touched If just this little while;
I'm thankful for each word of love, Each warm and friendly smile.
You brought such gladness to my heart,
The sunshine to my day;
And just because we two have met,
I've known a brighter way.
I'm glad our lives have touched,
That we have come to meet.
I'm glad for every dream we shared,
The bitter and the sweet.
And years cannot erase the joy,
The gladnesses sublime;
Dear friend, please know within my heart I'm glad your life touched mine.

- Garnett Ann Schultz

Mr. Atkinson giving individual help to Judy Umbarger.
Mark Woolwine and Mr. Beamer pause during class for a mug shot.


## Faculty Found Time To Teach

Mr. Roger Thompson, Principal; B.S.-V.P.I., M.S.-Radford U.

Mr. Richard Havens, Assistant Principal; Social Studies; Business; Senior Class Sponsor; B.S.-Bluefield State College.
Mrs. Debbie Anderson, Science; Assistant Sophomore Class Sponsor; Science Club Sponsor; B.A.-V.P.I.

Mrs. Carolyn Bane, ICT; VICA Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-Radford U.
Mr. Fred Beamer, Social Studies; B.S./M.S.-V.P.I.

Mrs. Christine Bird, Dramatics; Art; English; Home Economics; B.S.Radford $U$.

Mr. Tommy Bird, Mathematics; Coach-Boy's Tennis; B.S.-Radford $U$.
Mr. Marvin Cantrell, Physical Education; Coach-Boy's and Girl's Basketball; Girl's Volleyball; B.S.-Appalachian State U.
Mr. William Crabtree, Agriculture; General Mechanics; FFA Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-V.P.I.

Mr. Gary Collins, Physical Education; Science; Assistant CoachBoy's and Girl's Basketball; B.A.Emory \& Henry.
Mrs. Janet Faulkner, English; Beta Sponsor; Newspaper Sponsor; Assistant Senior Class Sponsor; B.S./M.S.-Radford U.

Dr. David Foltz, Behavior Consultant; B.A.-Roanoke College, M.A.Kean College, N.J., Ph.D.-Southern Illinois $U$.


Feeding hungry minds and finding aids to boost those not so hungry kept faculty busy. Among the tasks of filling out reports, attending meetings, sponsoring clubs and classes, trying to find new ways to earn money, taking your life in your hands to separate fighting duos, grading papers and making lesson plans, faculty members actually found some time to teach. In between jobs, they could occasionally be found resting in the lounge while consuming snacks and cokes.


Wayne Davis throws shot put as Mr. Marvin Cantrell scores the throw.


Mrs. Nancy Gamble, Guidance Counselor; B.S./M.S.-Radford U.
Mrs. Karen Green, Band and Chorus; B.S.-Radford U.

Miss Mary Greever, English; SCA Sponsor; Assistant Freshman Sponsor; A.B.-Lenoir Rhyne.

Mrs. Jessie Kegley, Business; Assistant Junior Class Sponsor; FBLA Sponsor; Newspaper Sponsor; B.S.-East Tennessee U.

Mrs. Kay Mabe, Mathematics; Junior Class Sponsor; B.S.-Radford U.
Mrs. Betty Munsey, Home Economics; FHA Sponsor; B.S./M.S.V.P.I.

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Ms. Diane Rowe, English; French; B.A.-Emory \& Henry.

Mr. Dan Viars, Special Education; Coach-JV Boy's and Girl's Basketball; Coach-Girl's Tennis; B.S.Radford $U$.

## To Be Or Not To Be

To be or not to be was the question for Title I Reading in 1981-82. By re-routing an aide we kept the program and aided children needing remedial reading.

Aides do much more than grade papers. Their assistance to teachers and students is invaluable. Probably the greatest contribution has been in helping students to "catch up."

Mrs. Violet Bird, First and Fourth Grade Aide
Mrs. Helen Blankenship, Special Education Aide and Transportation person.
Mrs. Joyce Cassell, Third and Fifth Grade Aide.

Mrs. Oma Farmer, Title I Reading Aide.
Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle, Title I Reading Aide.
Mrs. Ruth Wimmer, Kindergarten Aide.
 BS-Radford U., MA-Ball State U.
 Mrs. Rae Honaker,
Resource LD/ MR; BS-Bluefield State College.
Mrs. Diane Phipps, Title I Reading;



Mrs. Oma Farmer monitors Kevin Dent's reading progress.


Mrs. Helen Blankenship assists Sean Thornsberry as Michael McPeak does art work.


Mr. Charlie Muncy, Head Custodian


Mr. Roby Cregar, Custodian


Mrs. Nancy Stockner, Media Assistant


Mr. Paul Burge, Custodian
Mrs. Marie Lambert, Secretary-Bookkeeper


LUNCHROOM WORKERS: Doris Tibbs, Hazel Ellison and Mary Melvin

BUS DRIVERS: Margaret Miller, Brenda Pike, Carmella Sarver, Becky Harris, Eugene Mustard, Frankie Warden, Mark Harris, David Bane.

## Active Faculty

Anyone more active than BHS faculty had to be the students. Laying aside busy schedules of teaching, paper grading, counseling, testing, coaching, and sponsoring, faculty found time to play volleyball and basketball against those formidable foes "the students."


Mrs. Nancy Gamble assembled materials.


Mr. Gary Collins surprised by the camera was flanked by Tina Fulford, Missy Lewis, and Ronnie Clemons.


Mr. Marvin Cantrell observed Mr. Richard Havens battling at the net with Joey Bane and Mark Newberry.


Faculty cheerleaders - Mrs. Margie Powers, Mrs. Ruth Havens, and Miss Libby Smith


Comparing notes during faculty meeting were Mrs. Chris Bird and Mrs. Carolyn Bane.


Mrs. Kay Mabe did her thing at the volleyball net


Lunch break for Mrs. Jessie Kegley


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## SEED OF FRIENDSHIP

To cultivate a friendship Is a very special art, That starts with an upturning In a corner of the heart. The tiny seed of living Must be deeply planted there, And nutured with the sunshine Of warm and tender care.

Add a touch of humor
Just to help the plant along, Lightly water it with teardrops To make it grow more strong. Soon the buds will start appearing On each tiny stem and vine And shall bloom into a friendship Of two hearts that interwine.

This flower we have portrayed through the pages ot this book, is a symbol to show how much a special friend and teacher can mean to each of us. As years go by and memories linger on, Bland High School will be a "Rose" to us all. Each page of this book is a rose of time, with friendship of students and teachers. May each one of you that follow behold and nurture these memories we leave behind.




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