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## A Time For Change



The Echo<br>Bland High School<br>Bland Elementary School<br>Bland, Virginia

## "'Time Busts a Move"'

With the onset of the new millennium, a lot of changes occurred at BHS. Dr. Duane AIderman became the new Superintendent of the Bland County Public Schools. In addition to a new superintendent, several new teachers were added to the faculty. Mrs. Deanna Smith accepted an English position vacated by Mrs. Christine Bird. Mr. Thomas Bird replaced Mrs. Atwell in advanced math classes. At the beginning of the year, a guidance counselor position became available with the loss of Ms. Morefield who accepted a position in Mercer County. She was replaced by Mrs.

Anna Brown. Also, with the arrival of the new year, Mr. Wagoner's science lab was totally reconstructed following an unusual fire that occurred last spring.

Bland Elementary School also experienced transition and change. Mrs. Elisabeth Johnson became the new Bland County Extension Agent, due to the retirement of Betty K. Munsey. Mrs. Barrett replaced Mrs. Johnson. Also, Mrs. Moore was replaced by Mrs. Morgan. Mr. Muncy became half-day Principal at both BES and RGES.


Mr. Wagoner's science lab before and after the spring 2000 fire.



## Bland High School Faculty

Mr. Roger Dale Thompson Principal

Mrs. Sandra Green Harman Assistant Principal, Sp. Ed.

Mr. Thomas Nelson Bird Mathematics

Mrs. Anna M. Brown Guidance Counselor

Mr. Robert Correll Band

Mr. William H. Crabtree
Agriculture

Ms. Janet B. Faulkner English 10,11,12

Ms. Jean Greer
Calculus
Mr. Richard Date Hankins P.E., Math

Ms. Jo Ellen Harless
Librarian
Mrs. Jessie Davis Kegley Business

Mrs. Tanya G. Lee Spanish 1, French 2,3


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Mr. Robert Lee Morehead U.S., World and Local History World Geography

Ms. LaMoore Muncy
P.E.

Mrs. Chrystal K. Nunley Government, World History Sociology


Mr. Alfred E. Smith Science

Mrs. Deanna B. Smith English 8,9,11 and Forensics Newspaper

Mr. John H. Wagoner

## Science

Mrs. Sylvia G. Williams
Family Relations

Ms. Harless serves both high school and elementary

## Bland Elementary Faculty And

Mr. Kenneth Muncy
Elementary Principal

Ms. Jo Ellen Harless Assistant Elementary Principal

Ms. Sue Beavers
Reading Instructional Aid

Bonnie Blankenship
Secretary/Bookkeeper High School
Joyce Cassell
Library/Instructional Aid

## Pam Gore

Elem. Secretary/Bookkeeper

Mrs. Teresa Gore
School Nurse

Ms. Marilyn Griffith
Special Education Resource
Mary Harless
Instructional Aid

Mrs. Patricia Hankins
Elem. Physical Education

Lisa Harman
Instructional Aid

Pat Johnson
Instructional Aid

## BHS/BES Support Staff



Teresa Jones
Elem. Special Education
Mrs. Barbara Justice
Chapter One Reading
Irma Havens
Bus Driver


Keith Sargent
Custodian

## Dot Tibbs

Cafeteria Manager

## The 8th Grade

Brittany Allen Kayla Anders Adam Baker Bobby Baker Chandal Bare

Kim Crusenberry Gabrielle Dean Ashley Billow Jenna Dunn Justin Dunn

Brent Emerson Madelin Harden Becky Cos Robert King Krystal McGuire Jerrod Miller Amanda Millions Lindsey Newberry Cynthia Nottingham Derek Parker

Joshua Pauley Nicholas Pautey Lesley Repass Eric Scott David Stupe

Purcella Smith Jock Sanger Angel Sparks Carmella Thompson Paul Thompson


## Class of 2005



Derek Tibbs Ashley Tickle Travis Tyeryar Billy Umbarger Jared UImbarger

Angela Walker
Steven Willoughby
Adrienne Woodie


Class Officers:
Treas./Sec.: Gabrielle Dean
President: Angela Walker V. President: Carmella Thompson

## The 9th Grade

Lee Bailey Jacob Begley Magnum Bivens Angela Blankenship Jenna Blankenship

Kelly M. Blankenship Kelly $N$. Blankenship Shaun Carroll Tara Clemons Travis Coffman

Jerrica Crabtree Matthew Dalton Christopher Dillow Melissa Foglesong Stephanie Foglesong

Amber Groseclose Kelly Harless Autumn Haynes Greg Hatcher Jeremiah Hickman

Brandon Hounshell Benjamin Johnson Daniel Johnson Jonation Kidd Chris Meadows

Jessica Melvin Justin Morehead Andy Mutter Joey Pauley Sarah Payne


## Class of 2004



Todd Scott
Shanna Simms

Adam Six
R. J. Stanley

Alice Stone

Logan Tate
Travis Thompson
Dana Umbarger
Christopher Viar
Robert Wolfe

Aaron Wright


Class Officers
Tres.: Lee Bailey
Sec.: Todd Scott
Pres.: Kelly Harless
V. Pres.: Dana Umbarger

## The 10th Grade

J.P. Agee

Keri Blankenship
Zachary Breedlove
Eugene Brunk
Mandy Call

Christina Cregger
Ashlee Drummond

Sherri Faulkner Amanda Foglesong Chris Harman

Samantha Harner Heather Justice Virginia Justus Brandon Kelley Serina Morris

David Pike
Shauna Puckett
Amanda Scott Renee Shupe Bryan Simms

Trista Six

Angel Spence
Bridget Stiltner Chris Talbert

Brandy Tate

James Thompson Kolt Walker

Brandon Webb

Jonathan White Nikki Wilson

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## Class of 2003



Kevin Wimmer
Heather Wright


Class officers for the
Sophomore Class of 2003 include Class President: Brandy Tate (right), Vice President: Sherri Faulkner (not pictured), Secretary: Trista Six (left), and
Treasurer: Kevin Wimmer (center).

## The 11th Grade

Brandon Anders
Wesley Armstrong Seth Baker Shanna Brown John Clemons Jodi Crabtree Amte Cregger John Dillow Ben Foglesong Casey Elliott

Eric Grey
Denita Harden
Adam Harman
Shawn Helbert

Amber Hutchins

Christina King
Corey Maddox Tonya Millirons Timothy McClothin Reggie Meadows

Anthony Newberry Tarah Pauley Travis Pauley Joshua Putnam Shawn Reed

Melissa Sadler Todd Simmons Hunter Stuart Chase Thomas Dorthy Umbarger


## Class of 2002



## Danielle Underwood

Joey Walker
Craig Winesett
D.J. Wright

Sam Wright

Not Pictured
Amanda Fisher
Jessica Hounshell
Linda Nottingham
J.R. Shewey

David Wolcott


Secretary:
Danielle Underwood Treasurer: Sam Wright President
Anthony Newberry
Vice President
Casey Elliott

## Cne LLast LLaak

The class of 2001 was a diverse grouping of young men and women. There were thirty students comprising this grade whose interests and abilities greatly varied. Fortyseven percent held part-time jobs throughout the shcool year, with one senior working three part-time jobs. Recognizing their strengths


Katie Scott pauses a moment in the empty corridor to smile for the camera.


Kristen Songer poses with Matthew Tickle in his "Yogie Bear" boxers on pajama day.
and weaknesses, this class understood the difficulties ahead of them with college, work and life issues. By spring, optimism and cooperation bloomed as graduation approached and preparations were made to move on to the next level of development.


Matthew Richardson and Charlie Stiltner on "camoflage day" during spirit week.



Top Right: Matthew Richardson.
Above: Girl talk in the hall - Samantha Bird, Sarah Pruett, Beth Lambert, Katie Scott, Ashley Strock, and Eisle Havens.

Right: Hope Melvin waits in Mr. Smiths room during study hall.


## The Seniar Class



Kristen Meagan Altizer
"The world behind me, the crossroads before me." Hymn

## Shelley Leigh Atwell

"The very substance of the ambitious is merely the shadow of a dream.'
William Shakespeare

## Samantha Louise Bird

"I had six honest serving men.
They taught me all I knew: Their names were where and what and when and why and how and who," Kipling


## Monica Lucille Havens

And the Lord said, "I won't take less than your love, sweet
love..." Tanya Tucker

## Gerald Bruce James

"The best security against
revolution is in constant
correction of abuses and the
introduction of needed
improvements." Richard Whately

## Amy Jennifer Johnson

"Stand up for what you believe
in, even if you're standing
alone." Unknown

## Albert Kelly Davis

"Boredom sets into the boring mind." Metallica

## Kari Marie Hagy

"Our little group has always
been and always will until the end." Kurt D. Cobain

Eisle Anin Havens
"I'm a normal person, I just be having crazy thoughts.
Sticky Fingaz
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## Class of 2001

Elizabeth Marie Lambert
"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." Unknown

Benjamin Heath May "'Two men please God-who serves Him with all his heart because he knows Him; who seeks Him with all his heart because he knows Him not." Nikita Ivanovich Panin

## Patricia Hope Melvin

"Let your heart guide you. It whispers, so listen closely." Unknown

## Rachel Faye Mullins

"1 just want to be wonderful.
Marilyn Monroe

## Zachary Allen Pauley

"Knowledge is nothing without imagination." Albert Einstein

## Sarah Elizabeth Pruett

"Absence makes the heart grow
fonder." Sextus Propertius

## Christopher Thomas Reese

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens." Jimi Hendrix

## Matthew Lee Richardson

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." Albert Einstein

## Jesse Martin Rudder

"The greatest glory is not in never falling. But in rising every time we fall." Anonymous

## Katie Elizabeth Scott

"Things don't just happen; they are made to happen." J.F.K.

## Kristen Leigh Ann Songer

"That which does not kill me can only make me stronger." 2PAC

## Amber Dawn Stiltner

"What you are depends on what you know." Ken Osborne


## Bland High Schaal Seniars



Senior Class Officers
Vice President: Matthew Richardson

President: Amy Johnson
Treasurer: Charlie Stiltner
Secretary: Sarah Pruett


## Seniar Snaps



Top Left: Class Officers must maintain a 2.0 GPA and be in good standing.

Top Right: Samantha Bird, one of our most versatile Seniors

Left: Erica Vanover finds an empty corridor- a rare find!

Above: "The Big Three," Matthew Richardson, Curtis Brewer, and Matthew Tickle.


Right: Historians, Ashley Tate and April Umbarger, tell the story of the 2000 Senior Class.

Below: Salutatorian, Crystal Stiltner, delivers her speech to the assembled audience and fellow students.


The 2000 Bland Senior Class was a very dedicated one. They were proud to be the first graduating class of the new millennium. This group certainly left their mark on Bland High School.

Right: Expressions of joy following the graduation ceremony.

Note: A guy's "get together


## Awards Day at Bland High School




Above: Jonathon White, Katie Scott, Heather Morehead, Danielle Underwood, and Joey Walker show off their foreign language awards.

Left: Mom Sarah Pruett and daughter Stephanie accept an award from Mrs. Harman and Mr. Thompson

Left: The Bland County Bears receive their awards. This group of young men were successful in four of their season games. Their hard work and hours of practice paid off

## MATH \& SCIENCE



Mr. Hankins' Basic Algebra class work intently during classtime.


Jenna Dunn readily attempts to complete her math work before the bell rings.


Mr. Bird's Geometry Class avert their attention to the camera before returning to their work.


Mr. Smith's infamous stories are a welcome addition to any of his classes, as his Biology 1 students are finding out.
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Mr. Wagoner's science experiments make his classes some of the more interesting ones available to students.

## The Journey Through Languages



As the Spanish class works diligently, Mrs. Lee diverts her attention to the camera.


Mrs. Faulkner's English Class - Sophomores.


Mrs. Smith, BHS English teacher - Eighth Grade Class.


Keri Blankenship learns French through Language Tapes.


BHS Instructional Aide, Mrs. Green joins the 2000-2001 Support Staff.

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Mrs．Nunley，a very important part of the social studies learning cirriculum，takes her classes very seriously．Although her classes are fairly small，she keeps everyone focused on the task at hand．

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## Vocational and P.E.



The Elghth Grade girl's P.E. class tries tae-bo.


Home Ec. students work hard on food idenfication.


Mr. Crabtree tests out the tractor for the tractor pull.


First year Ag students take a break after cleaning up for the horse show.


David Shupe runs to first base in an old fashioned game of kick ball.

## MACC



ENGLISH Front Row: Travis Thompson, Samantha Bird, Melissa Foglesong, Gabrielle Dean, and Purcella Smith.
Back Row: Bridget Stiltner, Ashley Dillow, Keri Blankenship, Shawn Helbert.


SCIENCE Front Row: Ashley Tickle, Brandy Tate, Dana Umbarger, Amber Groseclose, and Jonathon White.
Back Row: Zachary Pauley, Shane Thompson, and Matthew Richardson


SOCIAL STUDIES Front Row: Chris Viar, Shauna Puckett, Melissa Sadler, R.J. Stanley, and Mr. Robert Morehead.
Back Row: Corey Maddox, Brandon Anders, Chase Thomas, John Dillow, and Joey Pauley


ALL AROUIND Samantha Bird, Zachary Pauley, Joey Walker, Matthew Richardson, and Shauna Puckett.


MATH Chris Dillow, David Wolcott, Joey Walker, and Chris Harman.


ORGANIZATIONS


Shane Thompson takes a glance into the past.


Chris Reese, Kristen Songer, and Heather Simpkins work to meet deadline

Photojournalism 2001

## A Production Class



Shawn Helbert and Jodi Crabtree work well as a team.


Hope, Shelley, and Amy hard at work on yearbook pages.


Band

Top Left: It's just not a football game without the Pep Band to brighten the spirits of the crowd! The Band's energetic music serves to enliven the crowd gathered at each event, and supports the players throughout the game. The Pep Band was lead by new Field Commander Adrianne Faulkner from Rocky Gap.

Top Right: The Bland County Marching Band for the year 2000-01; New officers for this year include: President Ben Leighton, a senior from Rocky Gap, and Battalion Commanders Terra Bradshaw from Rocky Gap and David Wolcott from Bland.
Front Row: Mark Gregory; Blake Stowers; Terra Bradshaw; Adrianna Faulkner; Paul Thompson; Crystal McKee; Trista Bradshaw; Mollie Neal.
Second Row: Dusty Williams; Kayla Anders; Travis Thompson; Autumn Haynes; Lesley Repass; Joey Walker; Scott Rogers.
Third Row: Ben Leighton; Josh Neal; Andrew Harless; David Wolcott; Chris Viar; William Collins; Carmella Thompson; Jerrica Crabtree; Jacob Leighton.
Back Row: Amber Groseclose; Jodi Crabtree; Denita Harden; Madeline Harden; Brittany Bowling Not Present: Tara Clemens; David Peery.

Right: Band director, Bob Correll, leads the Concert Band in the Bland High School's gymnasium. Various musical pieces are played during each concert, both classical and popular. The concert is always a favorite event among the high school and elementary students.

Bottom Right: The Fifth Grade Beginning Band serves as the starting point to many young students' musical hobbies. Fifth graders are introduced to their instruments and are taught the differences between the unique sections of the band. Although the Beginning Band starts off with simpler music, they will all soon move on to more complicated pieces.

Bottom Left: Sixth and Seventh graders move past the Beginning Band and into the Elementary Intermediate Band. During the two years students are placed in this band, they are introduced to more complicated music. All of these students will make welcome additions to the Bland County High School Band, starting their Eighth grade year.


Future Farmers of America


First year students prepare to clean up for the horse show.


Kevin Wimmer and Adam Six plane some boards for the community


Second and third year students refuel thereselves at Ryans after the trip to Virginia Tech.


First year students particapate in the games at Virginia Tech.


Ag students examine the tractor for the tractor pull during the fair.

## BHS FCCLA Club



## At Work Before Class



TOP GROUPFront: Officers-Sarah Pruett, Rachel Mullins, Shawn Helbert, Shanna Brown, Kelly Harless, Amanda Foglesong, Ashley Strock, and Erin Pruett. Ind: Kim Crusenberry, Sarina Morris, Jerrica Crabtree, Amanda Scott, Kelly Blankenship, Jessica Melvin, Vada Ramsey, Shelley Atwell, and Laura Bridges. 3rd: Eric Scott, Matthew Richardson, Kristen Songer, Katie Scott, Krystal McGuire, Adrianne Woody, Mandy Call, Brittany Allen, and Lindsey Newberry. Back: James Williams, Matthew Tickle, Charlie Stiltner, Curtis Brewer, Brian Simms, Eric Gray, Jonathan Kidd, Derek Parker, and Kelly Blankenship.

## 4-H - School and Community



Cloverbud 4 -H'ers bike along route 604 as their end of the year treat.


Bland County's delegation to the 2000 Virginia 4-H Club Congress.


Senior 4-H members meet with Delegate Tom Jackson (center) and Senator Philip Puckett at the State Capitol.


Seventh grade 4-H members participate in a mock trial under the leadership of Clint Kegely (foreground), Bland County's Assistant Commonwealth's
Attorney.

## Forensics



Top-Forensics-Front: Zach Pauley, Ashley Strock, Samantha Bird, Laura Bridges, Shauna Puckett, Sam Harner, and Heather Wright. 2nd: Christina King, Amber Hutchins, Tarah Pauley, Danielle Underwood, Melissa Sadler, and Brandy Tate. Back: Mrs. Smith, Sponsor; Alice Stone, Melissa Foglesong, Amber Giroseclose, Jodi Crabtree, Shawn Helbert, and Mrs. Nunley. Sponsor.
Above-Newspaper-Front: Christina King, Amber Hutchins, Tarah Pauley, Danielle Underwood, and Melissa Sadler Back: Amie Cregger, John Dillow, Shauna Puckett, Shawn Helbert, Jodi Crabtree, and Mrs. Smith, Sponsor.

## Senior Beta



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The Bland High Senior Beta consisted of 26 members. Its officers were: President- Samantha Bird; Vice PresidentAmy Johnson; Secretary/Treasurer- Ashley Strock. The Beta Program is reserved for students with a GPA of 90 or above. Members competed on state and national levels and have been awarded many times for their Scrapbook and various banners. Beta has been one of the strongest extra-curricular clubs in the school. This academic club sponsors one dance per year and has traveled extensively throughout the years. It is our hope that Beta remain traditionally strong at Bland High School.

## Beta Sponsor Janet Faulkner



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Front: Shanna Simms, Samantha Harner, and Bridget Stiltner. Back: Seth Baker and Chase Thomas.

Front: Samantha Harner, Samantha Bird, Amber Hutchins, and Heather Wright. 2nd: Brandy Tate, Sarah Pruett, Melissa Sadler, Danielle Underwood, Katie Scott, and Christina King. Back: John Dillow, J.P. Agee, Zachary Pauley, Zachary Breedlove, Brandon Kelley, and Joey Walker.

## FBLA



## FBLA Pizza Party



Top: Front- Officers - Laura Bridges; Shauna Puckett; Samantha Harner; Tarah Pauley; Heather Wright; and Samantha Bird.
Second-Christina King; Amber Hutchins; Brandy Tate; Danielle Underwood; Melissa Sadler; and Bridget Stiltner.
Back- David Pike; Rachel Mullins; Zachary Pauley; Joey Walker; and John Dillow.


STUDENT LIFE

The Bland High School Junior-Senior Prom 2000 was held at the Holiday Inn in Bluefleld, West Virginia. The action began at 7:00 p.m. The excitement had built during the school week as tuxedos were ordered and dresses were purchased. Students were transformed into elegant men and women. Socializing and dancing were the highlights of the prom. An enjoyable time was had by all

Right: Prom King and Queen, Aaron Pauley and Susan Stanley.


Below: Chris "Crisqo" Reese gets down to the "Thong Song.

Right: Slow dances are always favorites.


Above: Ben May and Jessica Kidd on the dance floor.

Right: There is always time for "table talk.


## 2000 FOOTBALL HOMECOMING



2000 Homecoming Queen Laura Bridges



Top: Brandy Tate; Hope Harless escorted by Joe Jackson; Nada Lathrop escorted by Justin Musick; Laura Bridges, Samantha Bird, Kara Perkins, Danielle Underwood, and Angela Nunn escorted by Jason Musick.


## BHS Basketball Homecoming



Top Left: Bland Homecoming Court.

Top Right: Princess Sarah Pruett escorted by Ben May.

Left: Homecoming King and Queen Matthew Richardson and Amy Johnson.

Above: Mrs. Smith gladly hands Sherri Faulkner her bouquet of flowers.


## I Will Remember You



Top Left: Erica Vanover-Erica attends WCC for most of the school day. She is a rare sight at BHS!

Top Right: Teachers use office counterspace as a work/congregation area.


Left: Ben May completes written assignment in the Home Ec. room.

Above: Sarah Pruett appears solemn.

## Random Moments at Bland High School



Kristen, Shanna, and Shelley work diligently in Photo Journalism.


Mrs. Faulkner's English class

Matt Dalton and Derek Parker practice tying a tie.
A blast from the past - Shane Thompson


The Box Boys - Chris Harman, Ben Johnson, and Brandon Hounshell



Front: Laura Bridges
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Second: Sherri Faulkner,
Serina Morris, Jodi Crabtree, and Bridget Stiltner.

Back: Amber Stiltner,
Shauna Puckett,
Samantha Harner, Brandy
Tate, and Denita Harden.


With one senior, Laura Bridges, the '00 Varsity girls looked for a successful season. With three wins, these girls had alot to be proud of. Even when they knew the game was out of reach, they still played to the best of their abilities. Coached by Kevin Johnson, the girls managed to complete the season with honor and dignity.
Three of these young ladies will return to the team as seniors in the year 2001-2002. They hope to continue their hard work and dedication to BHS Girl's Basketball Team.


Samantha Harner attempts the shot for two.

BHS girls have good defense.


Amber makes a sweet pass to Laura.

## JV ROCKETTES



The JV Rockettes were coached by Scotty Vaught. They managed to snatch five victories and, all in all, this was a very successful season. Through the whole year, they stayed dedicated to the game and worked extremely hard.

Left: Angela Blankenship and Kelly Harless double up to gain possession of the ball.


Vada in bounds the ball.


The JV girls in action.


Front: Carmella Thompson and Gabrielle Dean.
Second: Dana (Imbarger, Madeline Harden, Erin Pruett, Vada Ramsey, and Leslie Ramsey.
Back: Coach Scott Vaught, Ashley Dillow, Angela Blankenship, Kelly Harless, Stephanie
Foglesong, Jenna Blankenship, and Alice Stone.

## Varisty Basketball



## Going Pro



Above: First Row: Seth Baker, Anthony Newberry, Ben May, Hunter Stuart, Casey Elliot. Back Row: Brandon Anders, Reggie Meadows, Joey Walker, Ben Foglesong, Cory Maddox.

Bottom: Reggie Meadows gains control of the loose ball.

## Junior Varisty Basketball



## Our Future Varisty



[^0]Front Row:
Daniel King
Jared Umbarger
Eric Scott
Phillip Henson
Robert Faulkner
Back Row:
Justin Dunn
Hunter Ramano
Kyle Foglesong
Nicholas Pauley
Brent Emerson
Coached by:
Scottie Vaught

Justin Dunn brings the ball up the court for the Rockets.


Kyle Foglesong waits for the rebound.


Phillip Henson with the freethrow.


Brent Emerson takes the ball from a Galax defender.

## 2000-2001 Golf Team



David Pike perfects his swing and technique.
Reggie Meadows focuses in preparation for a putt.


Back: Brandon Anders, Corey Maddox, Chris Dillow, John Dilow, Joey Walker, David Pike Front: Justin Dunn, Robert Faulkner, Adam Baker, Coach: Roger Thompson Not Pictured: Reggie Meadows.


Chris Dillow makes an honest effort to sink his putt.


Brandon Anders diverts his attention for the camera.

## Boy's Tennis Team



Back-Row: Chase Thomas, Curtis Brewer, Seth Baker, Joey Walker, Brandon Anders, Front-Row: Shane Thompson and Brandon Kelly

Seth Baker prepares to deliver a wicked forehand.


Seth Baker and Curtis Brewer load up for the playoffs.

## 1999-2000 Girl's Tennis Team



Front Row: Sherri Faulkner, Heather Wright, and Shauna Puckett. Back Row: Kelli Hall, Ashley Strock, Susan Stanley, and Samantha Harner.
The girl's tennis team faced a challenging year. With the loss of 4 seniors, the team had a lot of work ahead of them. However, they overcame their challenge by defeating Pocahontas and Ft. Chiswell twice. First seed, Sam Harner, did well in district play - losing in singles - but made it to the final round in doubles.


Kelli Hall makes the game look easy.


Samantha Harner gets ready for a killer backhand.


Shauna Puckett reverts to the Statute of Liberty play.

## Varsity Volleyball



## Let The Game Begin



Top: Front Row: Bridget Stiltner, Rachel Mullins, Beth Lambert. Second Row: Kristen Songer, Laura Bridges. Back Row: Brandy Tate, Amber Hutchins, Melissa Sadler. Not Pictured: Coaches;Tina Brown, Mandy Castle.
Bottom: Melissa Sadler prepares to slam the ball on the opposing team.

## J.V. Volleyball



Top: Front Row: Purcella Smith. Second Row: Gabrielle Dean, Carmella Thompson, Madeline Harden. Third Row: Dana Umbarger, Tara Clemons. Fourth Row: Kayla Anders, Vada Ramsey, Lesley Repass. Back Row: Jenna Dunn, Kelly Harless, Angela Blankenship, Shanna Simms, Lindsey Newberry, Angela Walker. Not Pictured: Jenna Blankinship, Jerrica Crabtree, Alice Stone. Coach: Kevin Johnson. Bottom: Dana Umbarger prepares to deliver the ball back over the net.

## 2000 Varsity Baseball



Front: J. P. Agee and Matthew Tickle. 2nd: Chris Talbert and John Dillow. Back: Chris Harmon. Not pictured: Reggie Meadows, Casey Elliott, Rob Kegley. Brandon Faulkner and Brian Faulkner


Matthew Tickle is advised to stop at first base by Coach Norman Dillow.

J. P. Agee rounds 3rd base and is congratulated by Coach Roger Thompson after a big hit.


## 2000 Baseball On The Field

The 2000 Varsity Baseball Team consisted of three Seniors, one Junior, three Sophomores and three Freshmen. This relatively young team remained optimistic throughout the season. Overall, the team had a
very successful year. They learned a lot and gained some valuable experience.

Left: Reggie Meadows sends a line drive down the third base line.


Left: Coach Roger Thompson gives team pointers.

Below: Coach keeps a watchful eye.



Left: The team celebrates after a Above: Brandon Faulkner takes a home run.
swing as the team looks on.

## Varsity Football

First Row: James Thompson, Brandon Kelly, Sam Wright, Casey Elliot, Eugene Brunk, Brandon Blessing. Christian Simpkins,and Hunter Stuart
Second Row: Shawn Reed, Richard Willis, John Phillips, Terrance Gore, Darrell Stanley, Karl Williams, and John Darby
Third Row: Matthew Richardson, Adam Goforth, Charlie Stiltner Ben Leighton, and Curtis Brewer.
Coached by: Anthony Kidd, Riley O'neill, Dan Tibbs, and Stephen Kelly


## Junior Varsity Football

Front Row: Brandon Morris, Dustin Carter, Matt Dalton, Derrick Parker, and Robbie Wolfe.
Second Row: Eric Scott, Jason Munson, Matthew Mckee, Jarod Sadler, and Josh Nelll.
Third Row: Dewayne Flack, Dustin Riggins, Roger Richards, and Nathan Bowling.
Coached by: Riley O'Neill and Anthony Kidd.


## Football Candids




Curtis Brewer


Ben
May


Matthew Richardson


Charlie Stiltner


Matthew Tickle

## J.V. and Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders



Varsity Cheerleaders Front: Brandy Tate, and Ashley Strock. Back: Amber Hutchins, Samantha Harner, Bridget Stiltner, and Sherri Faulkner.

J.V. Basketball Cheerleaders

Front: Purcella Smith, Shauna Puckett, and Kayla Anders.
Back: Angela Walker, Angela Blankenship, Kelly Harless, and Ashley Dillow.

J.V. Cheerleaders raise their arms in hopes of a victory.


Bridget Stiltner gets a "pick-me-up" before the game.


Kelly Harless, Angela Walker, and Angela Blankenship lead the crowd with a cheer.


Bland County Varsity Cheerleaders.


Bland County Junior Varsity Cheerleaders.

The Bland County Varsity and J.V. Cheerleaders were a great asset to the football team. Their supportive attitudes and peppy spirits psyched the players during the games.


## BHS Gets Physical



Top Left: Football Moms Trish Carroll, Cindy Wright and Arlene Brewer proudly watch their sons play.

Top Right: The Bland County Cheerleaders try to get the crowd into the game.

Bottom Left: Defensive Coach, Justin Eaton, has an expression of anxiety on his face as he watches his players on the football field.

Bottom Right: Casey Elliott runs with all his might in the game against the Eastern Montgomery Mustangs.


ELEMENTARY




Mrs. Diana Tibbs
Gavin Blankenship Kayla Clemons

Brenna Collins Ashley Cox

Keith Dalton Tiffany Davidson Christina Billow Brandon Faulkner

Jason Henson
Phillip Henson
Stephanie Johnson Randy Miller

Trey Morehead Zachary Neal Robert Rigging Michael Rogers

Joseph Stowers
Joshua Thompson William Turner Shane Ulmbarger

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Mrs. Rachelle Nelson

Samantha Arney Joey Cole


Adrianne Cox
Ashley Davis
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Jeffery Dillow
Josh Dillow
April Doss
Sondra Harman

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Chelsea Havens
Shane Kincaid
Anna May
Amy McPeak
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Laura Peery
Heather Rhondes
Kendell Stuart


Not pictured:
Christopher Hicks
Eli Quigg, and Joshua
Shelton


Mrs. Laura Redford
Kate Bailey
Elizabeth Bossman


Josh May
Justin May
Patrick Limpkins Erin Stiltner

Josh Talbert
Justin Webb
Jamie White

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Anne Cline
Jason Crider

Samantha Foglesong
Kathryn Green
Morgan Harless
Zeke Herman

Kimberly Herman Maxie Hopkins
Adam Hutchins
M.J. Mallory

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## Mrs. Becky Umbarger’s



Mrs. Becky Ulmbarger


Sarah Collins

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Brandon Bailey


Glenn Davis


John Goss


Matthew Hounshell


John Brunk


Jessica Dillow


Samantha Gray


Adrianna Hutchins


Geneva Earls


Coleman Hamilton


Farah Hopkins


Andrew Jarvis


## 5th Grade Class



Daniell May


Ethan Reed


Brandi Walker


Anna Michael


Michael Smith


Stevie Wolfe


Jessica Mitchell


Careena Surratt


Jerry Woodie


Cari Neal


Casey Tate


Tasha Woolwine


Victor Pope


Seth Tibbs


Heather Wright

William Arney
Jonathan Baker

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## Bland Elementary Students



Mrs. Vicars' first grade class enjoys learning.


Mrs. Maxfield's second grade class practices new spelling words.


Bland Elementary Dare students.


Mrs. Lambert and students enjoy the academic fair.


Mrs. Radford's class participates by showing their ability to work in front of the class.

## At Work and Play



Students receive awards for different activities during Elementary Awards


Fifth graders concentrate on their assignments.


Sixth graders on their bus ride to Williamsburg.


Third graders in Mrs. Dunford's class are "camera ready.


Seventh graders in Mrs. Tibbs' class participate in group activities.

## Field Day K-3 and 4-7




Top Left: Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Pruett. Picture perfect!

Top Right: Skip Dillow looks on as Katie Tate throws the softball.

Center Left: Kayla Dillow, Booker Fritz and Justin Hounshell make an effort for the finish line.

Center Right: Mrs. Lambert's 1st grade class wait in line for their turn at the basketball shoot.

Right: And they're off! Dorthy Umbarger watches the 3 rd graders run for the finish line!


Center: 6 th and 7th grade guys take a well deserved Above: 4 th grade girls get their turn to smile for the snack break. camera!

Left: Ashley Dillow flies through the air in the stand ing long jump!

Below: Katie Green and Jessica Davis wait for the next event.


Above: Sondra Harman finds a nice seat on a playground tire.

## Elementary Sweetheart Dance

The Sweetheart Dance was held on March 10, 2000. This was a time for the elementary students to get together and polish their social skills. Each class raised money for the dance, and the class that raised the most money had a Prince, Princess, King and Queen elected. Mrs. Nelson's Class was victorious in their efforts.

Their King and Queen were Gavin Blankinship and Tonya Wright. Mrs. Scott's class raised the most money in the primary grades. The Prince and Princess were Zachary Melvin and Kelsey Dinger. The Sweetheart Dance was indeed a memorable night for all.


Above: Samantha Arney shares a dance with brother, Tyler.

Center Right: 2000 Sweetheart Court: Erica Jones, Terry Dutton, Carolyn Tickle, Steven Mustard, Sasha Ulmbarger, Michael Sojka, Alexia Frazier, J. D. Atwell, Ashley Mustard, Isaac Repass, Lindsey Hylton, Jakob Haun, Kelsey Dinger, and Zachary Melvin.


Above: King, Gavin Blankenship and Queen, Tonya Wright

Right: Prince, Zachary Melvin and Princess, Kelsey Dinger


## Sixth and Seventh Grade Prom



The prom, held on May 27, 2000, was an exciting event for the sixth and seventh graders. This was the first year elementary students were given a prom. The theme was "A Dream For Cls" and the colors were light blue and silver. The students spent the evening dancing to the music played by Johnny Goins and enjoying the refreshments.

Above: Clockwise around the table: Adam Baker, Jessica Davis, Chelsea Wright, Brent Emerson, Aimee Tate, Stephanie Johnson, Logan Tate, Ashley Davis, Robert Faulkner, and Hunter Ramano.


Center: Everyone enjoyed the refreshments served by Cherry Tickle.

Left: No prom is complete without the traditional slow dance. The dance floor fills with students.

## Elementary Beauty Pageant

The 2000 Bland Elementary Beauty Pageant was held on May 19 at Wagner Auditorium. Many little beauties were adorned in their gowns as proud parents watched eagerly. As the excitement mount-
ed there were many nervous giggles, hugs, and tears as winners were chosen. This annual event has been a profitable fund-raiser for both elementary and high school clubs.


Above: Miss BES, Stephanie Johnson; 1st Runner-Up, Purcella Smith; 2nd Runner-Up, Carmella Thompson.

Right: Anna Michaels is Junior Miss BES.


Little Miss BES, Alexia Frazier; 1st Runner-Up, Lindsey Hylton; 2nd Runner-Up, Kristen Hylton.


Ashley Davis and Chelsea Wright crowns Alexia Frazier, Miss BES 2000

Elementary Music Program


For the third year in a row, Mrs. Celia Jarvis and her elementary music students put on a show for their eager parents. The children gladly sang their hearts out, but with a little something different. This year, Mrs. Jarvis recruited high school students to create backdrops for the kids. Mr. Crabtree and his Agriculture classes gladly donated his tools and time for the larger picture frames required for the background pictures. The kids loved singing with Puff the Magic Dragon and the Yellow Submarine on stage with them. The children were instantly anxious to begin planning for next year's program, with even more elaborate decorations and exciting songs.
Above: All of the students come together for the big finale: Puff the Magic Dragon.

Left: Mrs. Carver's second grade class sings one of their favorite songs: Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

## Elementary Activities



6th graders involved in the Dare Program are taught the harmful effects of drugs, and are introduced to the importance of a drug free environment. At the end of the program, students are presented with $t$-shirts representative of the Dare Philosophy.

Left: The 6th grade students are accompanied by their Daft officers.

Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Radford's 6 th grade class was enthusiastic before their departure for Williamsburg. This trip gave students an opportunity to visit Colonial Williamsburg. This field trip required hard work from teachers, parents, and students. The Williamsburg trip is the highlight of the 6 th grade.

Right: Students are ready for departure.


Each year elementary students participate in an Academic Fair. This provides students an opportunity to exhibit theif work and share their interests with others. This event is held in Wagoner Auditorium. Parents, teachers, and staff enjoyed the interesting displays exhibited throughout the day.

Left: Academic Fair exhibit draws a crowd of "on-lookers

## High School Beauty Pageants



Miss BHS, Laura Bridges; 1st Runner-Up, Miranda Foley; 2nd Runner-Up, Susan Stanley.


Ashley Strock waits patiently for final line-ups.


Shane Thompson (Sha-na-na) flashes a smile for the audience before answering his question.


Jessica Kidd during the pageant.


Crystal Blue Bell (Chris Viar) and her favorite pet.


Matthew Richardson — a.k.a. - "Foxie Roxie" strikes a pose for the camera.


When it gets to be late in the day, some students just can't cut it anymore.


Amy Johnson is a hard working girl that any man would be lucky to have!


Shane Thompson reclines for some much needed rest in Mrs. Harman's Photojournalism Class.


Travis Pauley takes his work very seriously


Rachel Mullins just having one of those days.


## Bland County Fair E Horse Show



Logan Tate competes for the win in the tractor driving competition on the Bland fairgrounds.


Shanna Brown is enjoying her day at the horse show as Ringmaster


Tractor driver Chris Reese trying to gain an edge in the driving contest.


Krystal McGuire and Brittany Bowling serve as ribbon marshalls in the horse show.


Ben and Kristen Dillow enjoy a nice stick horse ride.

## FESTIVAL OF LEAVES



A mass gathering of youth bike riders trek through Bland County.


Some of Bland County's finest, compete in the slowest tractor competition


Festival goers stand proud as they honor the flag raising.


The Darnell Miller Band, 'just a pickin' and a grinnin'."


Adriana Faulkner directs the band in playing showtunes for the festival audience.

## Students' Social Lives



Josh, Bear, and Shelley have the "munchies" in home-ec.


John Dillow and Amy Crigger are busy with the copy machine.

Everyone looks at the camera during trigonometry.


Chase Thomas just being Chase.


Mandy Call and Heather Justice.


David Pike is ready to "tee off" in his golf hat.


The "Pumpkin Boy" Travis Tyeryar, wins the Halloween competition.

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## Hangin' Out



Elizabeth Blankenship, Todd Simmons, Bryan Simms, and Angel Spence.


Ag. students on their trip to Virginia Tech.


Eighth graders practicing math skills.


Students in the hall between classes.

Students in their costume on Halloween.


Shanna Brown looking stunning in her snake skin.


Stephanie Foglesong shoots a foul shot.



Top Left: The BHS Faculty having their daily gathering.

Top Right: Matt Dalton in tie tying 101

Left: One last look at the charred remains of Mr. Wagoner's science lab.

Above: Shanna and Josh breeze through an open-book test.



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Love, Mommy and Daddy


## Matthew Lee Tickle



Matthew, You have given us 17 years of love and laughter. We are so proud of you and know that you will have a happy and successful future. We love you, Mom and Dad (Nate too!)


## Benjamin Heath May



To: Our Mr. Big Stuff, Big Kisses, Big Hats, Big Dunks, Big Smiles and Big Drinks. God and your family looks foward to a Big Man. Love, Mom E Dad



## ONE LAST LOOK BACK



Front: J.R. Shewey, Ben May, Matthew Richardson, and Albert Davis. 2nd: Ashley Strock, Samantha Bird, Kari Hagy, Kristen Songer, and Tonya Millirons. 3rd: Laura Bridges, Shane Thompson, Shelley Atwell, Charlie Stiltner, Erica Vanover, and John Clemons. Back: Katie Scott, Kirstie Meadows, Matthew Tickle, Josh Putnam, and Mrs. Reynolds.

Senior year came quickly to a close, and we wondered where the year had actually gone. We started the year in mid-August with senior pictures, schedules, and football. Before we knew it, Christmas had come and gone. The basketball season was behind us, and we were faced with decisions, decisions, decisions. Which colleges would we attend? What jobs would be accept? Where would we live, and what were our future plans? With many of these questions unanswered, graduation was upon us and our emotions were understandably a mixed bag of confusion, excitement, fear, and joy. We'd been a group since 1988-1989 and suddenly we were going our separate ways! What could be said? How could we part? The message we conveyed to one another was this:
"God be with you 'til we meet again."

AUTOGRAPHS


[^0]:    Above: Front Row: Jerod Miller, David Pike, Zachary Breedlove, Chris Harman, Robbie Wolf, Adam Baker. Back Row: Chad Brewer Ast. Coach, Dustin Riggins, Todd Scott, Chris Tolbert, J. P. Agee, Brandon Kelly, Coach Jeremiah Tate. Bottom: Brandon Kelly scores two pions for his team under intense deffensive pressure.

