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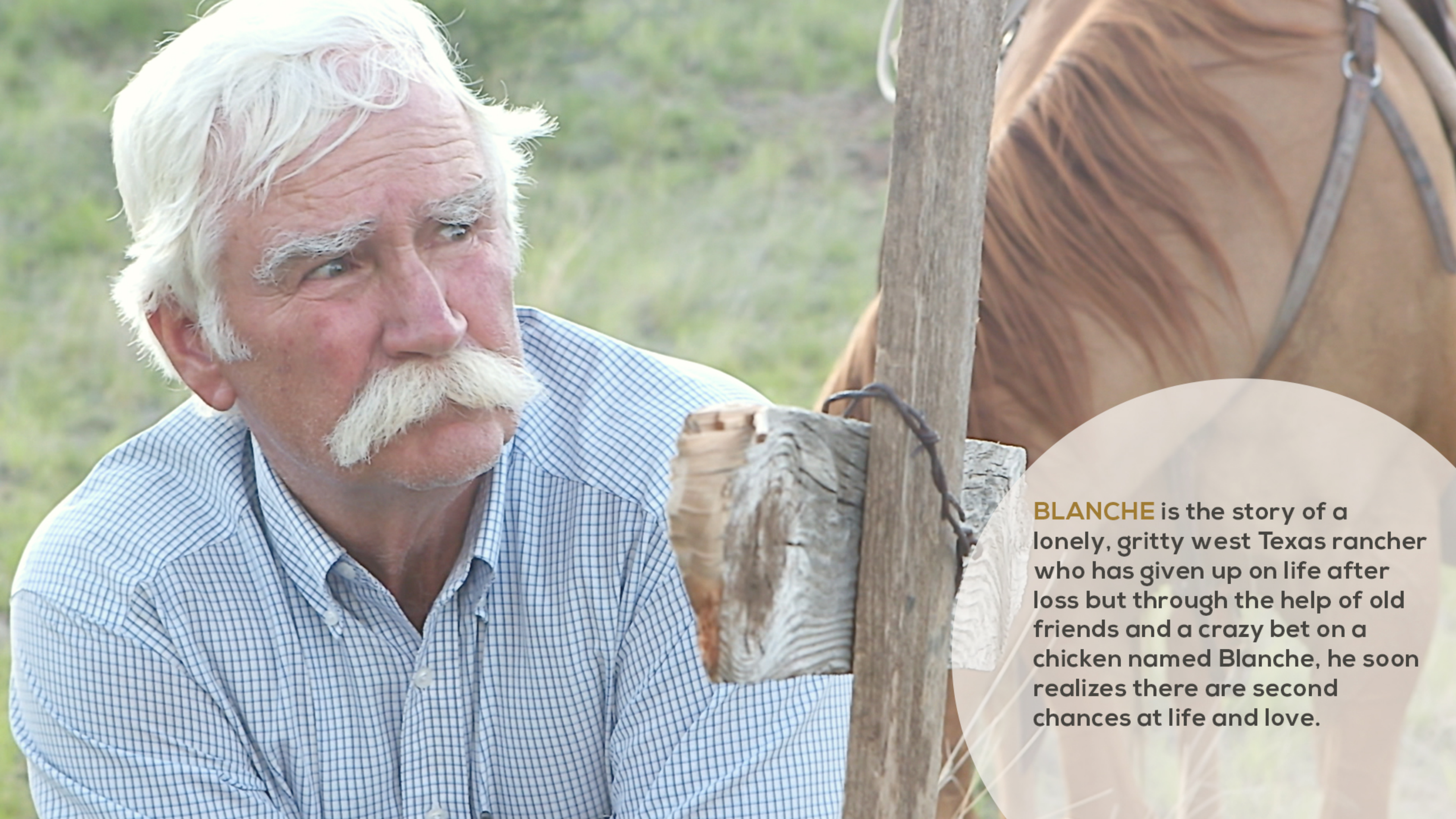
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SYNOPSIS

Blanche is a heartwarming, humorous story about old friendships and new beginnings. A lonely, gritty west Texas rancher has disengaged from life after loss but an old compadre masterminds a crazy bet on a chicken named Blanche to help Tommy realize there are second chances at life and love. This captivating Texas tale was inspired by a true bet.





BLANCHE is the story of a lonely, gritty west Texas rancher who has given up on life after loss but through the help of old friends and a crazy bet on a chicken named Blanche, he soon realizes there are second chances at life and love.

COMMENTS

FROM WRITER-PRODUCER
SAM PFIESTER



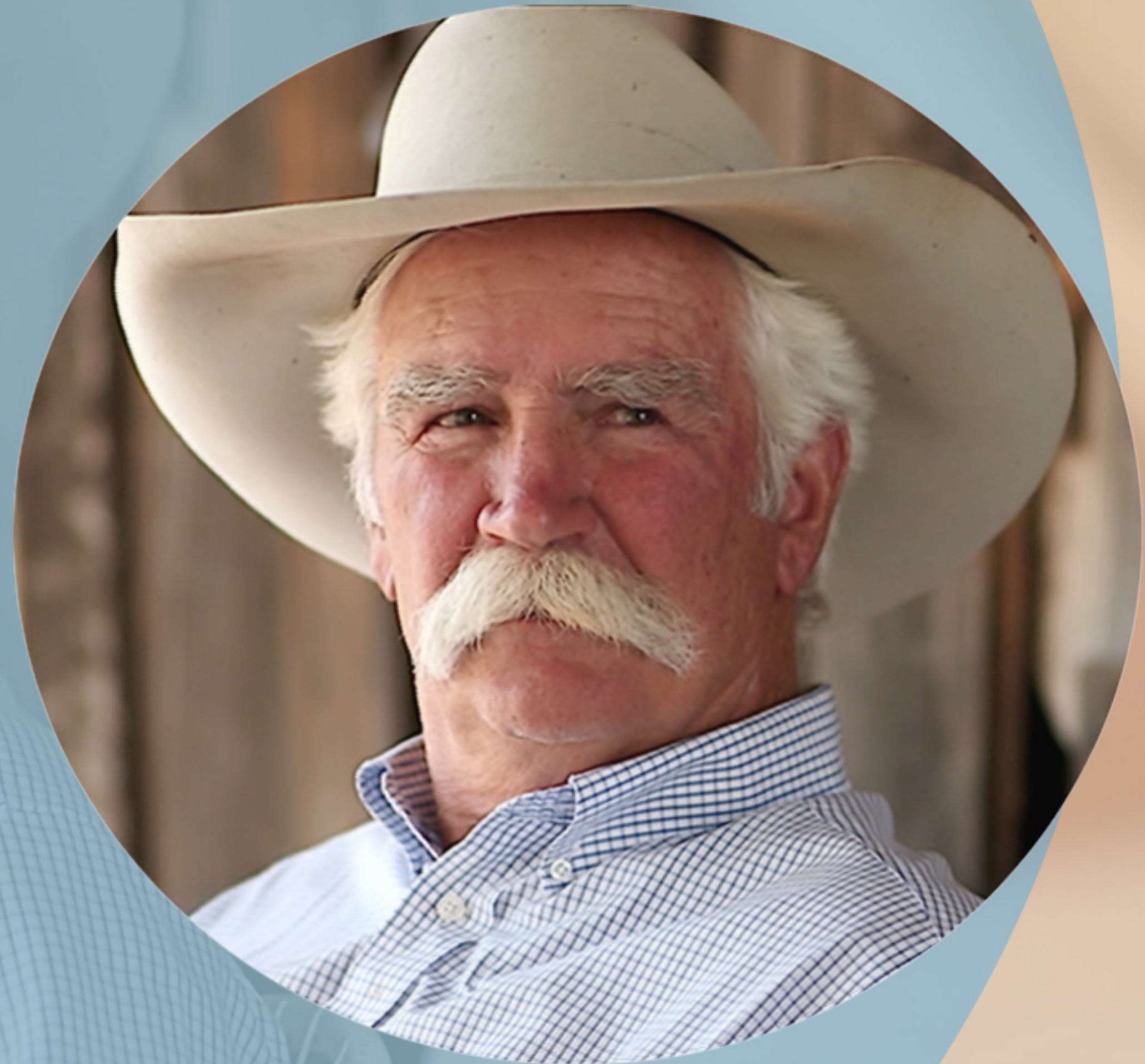
A STORY OF FRIENDSHIPS

Blanche is a journey in which three lifelong friends have grown up together, loved each other and then gone their separate ways as life brought hardship, heartbreak and loss. It's a story of hope of finding our way again when life's road has taken us to unexpected places.

The bond between these three friends is strong and true. I chose to tell this story of love and friendship because I'm a believer that open hearts truly can find second chances.

TOMMY

TOMMY is a man of quiet strength and right at home far from the modern conveniences on his ranch in west Texas. Grieving the loss of his dear wife, he spends his time riding the rim of the Davis Mountains on horseback, tending to his cattle and reminiscing about Liz. His sweet friend Suzanne gave Tommy an Orpington hen to keep him company on the ranch. After a couple of visits from Clifford, Tommy winds up being a reluctant participant in another one of Clifford's crazy schemes. Out here, where the stakes are high and the odds are long, even the best of friends can't pass up a good bet.





CAROLYN

CAROLYN is a woman who treasures family and friends. She grew up in a small west Texas town with her two best friends, Tommy and Clifford. They had the best of times and were inseparable. She loved both of them dearly but life took Carolyn in a different direction; marriage, children and a broken marriage. But she's a survivor and grateful for the journey. The joy of her life are her children and grandchildren. She's intrigued when Clifford shows up with news about Tommy and can't resist the invitation to take a road trip to Marfa. Though her life has had ups and downs, one thing has never changed. Carolyn cares deeply for her friends and when a friend is in need you can count on her.

CLIFFORD

CLIFFORD is a gambling man and can't resist any opportunity to wager. His childhood buddies, Carolyn and Tommy, could always count on Clifford to dream up some hair-brained idea to stir up trouble. But it's all for fun, of course. To Clifford, life is just a bet. So you might as well take a chance and live. If anyone knows about beating the odds it's Clifford. After going through hard times and divorce, his luck turned around and he remarried his wife ten years later. Whenever Clifford shows up, Tommy and Carolyn are sure to have some fun because life doesn't get much better than having good old friends around.



WEST TEXAS

We chose to set Blanche on an 8,000 acre ranch in west Texas because this rugged piece of land is quite a character as well.

In July and August the landscape was bursting with color on this high plateau, in the Chihuahuah Desert, with the Davis Mountains to the north and the Chisos Mountains to the south. We wanted the film to show the contrasting beauty and ancient jagged volcanic rocks along the rim of the mountains to reflect Tommy's grit and rugged, independent nature. He's right at home in the wild outdoors and the simple life suits him just fine.

The wide open western sky was a beautiful backdrop for the characters, creating a sense of hope and new beginnings on the horizon.



COMMENTS

FROM DIRECTOR-COMPOSER

TWILA LABAR



MOVING ON

With this film I wanted to capture how the bond of lifelong friendship and connection has the power to mend broken hearts. These friends had many miles behind them but they also have memories yet to be made. Blanche is a story about experiencing loss and with the help of caring friends, Tommy finds courage to hope and strength to move on. In spite of heartbreak or loss these friends have learned what living really means, moving on through the pain.

As I composed songs for the film, I wanted the emotion of the music to create a sense of moving forward. Tommy's vintage '65 Chevy truck was the perfect vehicle to carry their story from the past to the present and on to new adventures ahead.

CAST

Tommy *Tommy Mangrem*
Carolyn *Carolyn Mangrem*
Clifford *Clifford Hardwick*
Suzanne *Suzanne O'Bryan*
Don *Don Pfiester*
Liz *Liz Sibley*
Mady *Mady Gorman*
Constable Jim *Jim O'Bryan*
Mr. Pfiester *Ed Pfiester*
Ms. Rogers *Liz Rogers*
Judge Billy Ray *Judge Billy Ray Stubblefield*
Rick *Rick Ruiz*
Theresa *Theresa Chambers Stolte*
Mr. Kauffman *Al Kauffman*
Ms. Richardson *Jody Richardson*

CREW

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Editing *Twila LaBar*
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