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Stephanie Cates, Lone Oak FFA member, has been named National Regional Runner-Up in competition for the FFA Horse Proficiency Award. There are only four Regions in the United States. Stephanie was represented in the Central Region of the United States.

Stephanie became eligible for the runoff in the Central Region of the National Contest when she won the \$100.00 State FFA Horse Proficiency Award sponsored by The American Morgan Horse Foundation, Inc. of Westmoreland, New York, as a special project of the National FFA Founda-

tion. She was presented the State Award and trophy earlier by the State FFA Secretary, Jeff Armstrong, on behalf of the Thoroughbred Breeders of Kentucky.

National winners will be recognized at the 51st National FFA Convention to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 7-10.

Stephanie plans to enter college next year in preparation to become a Veterinarian.

Stephanie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Meadows, 257 Pepper Lane of Paducah.



Convicts from West Kentucky Farm Center tell Lone Oak students of past experiences and results. Two of the speakers were from left, Pete Hazel and Charles Points.

Inmates Visit Lone Oak And Confess

By: Kim Stiles

Three convicts, who came to Lone Oak High School from the West Kentucky Farm Center in Fredonia to tell of their past and of life in prison, were laughing and telling jokes before they began their stories. But when they began, all students were silent.

"I was dog drunk when I done it. I beat a man to death, I didn't even have enough sense to quit hitting him", said Pete Hazel, who is serving a life sentence for murder. The two men accompanying him were Charles "Poppason" Points, serving five 21 year sentences for armed robbery in Jefferson Co. and David Wear, serving a 10 year sentence for armed robbery in Daviess Co.

Each man had his turn, telling the grim story of how his life was ruined by drugs and alcohol. Hazel said he started drinking about the age of 11 or 12 and that one can of beer ruined his life because one led to a thousand more. One night he was drunk, beat a man to death and has been locked up ever since. Hazel said, "You're a beautiful

bunch of kids and I hope to God you have enough sense to stay that way".

Charles Points told his story next. He said one time a 'friend' offered him some marijuana to help him box better, and he liked it. Later his 'friend' offered him some heroin which led to a \$250-a-day habit. "It was really the baddest mistake I ever made in my life," he confessed.

He and his friends had to turn to stealing to support their expensive habit. At 19, they robbed a gas station, got caught, and ended up in jail, having to kick the habit.

Points said, "Heroin will make you so sick that your body will ache like a giant toothache. I went for two weeks without going to sleep. I lost 17 pounds."

Wear said that when he was in high school a few years ago that all he did was get drunk and take drugs. He said at first college was very important to him but drugs and alcohol even changed his attitude concerning the importance of attending college. He decided he didn't need it and so he drop-

ped out.

David Wear said then that he was smoking 20-30 joints of marijuana per day. One day he was high and drunk and he went into a grocery store, held a gun to a girl's head and told her to hand over all the money. Wear said "I have no doubt that if I hadn't been in that condition, I never would have done that."

Wear's main topic was drug abuse and the dangers of buying drugs from others. He emphasized "When you buy a drug or pill there is no guarantee that you are getting what you are wanting." He told of some of the many things drug dealers and sellers put in the pills. He also stated that the dealers don't care what they put in it or what it may do to you, but all they are concerned about is "They have your money."

Wear said after the session, "We really hope this does some good because it really does us a lot of good."

All three inmates agreed that "If it keeps one boy or girl away from drugs then it will be worth it."



Sophomore Carolyn Davis won the drawing for a stereo after selling 10 magazines. Tammy Stewart was the Student Chairman.



Were They "The Good Ole Days"?

By: Cheri Edwards

One distinctly remembers heroic figures such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Daniel Boone but there are also many interesting people in our own community. One such person is Annie Pepper who has recollections of Lone Oak since 1885.

Annie Pepper, who recently celebrated her 93rd birthday, began her childhood in this community, at that time known as Peppers Mill. She resides now at 3441 Lovelaceville Road and is still an active member of the community. On Sunday mornings, she attends regularly the Lone Oak Methodist Church and also continues participation in church retreats.

Many things have changed since Mrs. Pepper's youth and one main factor is the population of the community. Annie's comments on this were, "I think it's nice. It's lovely. It's just getting too big for me to have the knowledge of it that I used to." There was no Sonic or Burger Queen where the teen-agers could congregate but there was Mrs. Sanderson's store. A big crowd was never a problem because only two or three at a time would meet there. The post office was in this store. Parties were a part of activities, but they didn't consist of the same ingredients as today. Various games were played, and taffy and popcorn balls were made. Other activities included public readings and group singings. There were no sororities and cliques were no problem. Mrs. Pepper said, "As I remember, we were all friends."

Nowadays chewing tobacco is a big fad but Annie remembers the girls dipping snuff, of which she exclaimed, "Yuck!" Some of the girls would also smoke a pipe although Mrs. Pepper never picked up any of these habits. The mode of punishment was whipping thus controlling children's behavior. Age did not determine whether a whipping was necessary because even the older children were whipped.

Mrs. Pepper attended the local school compiling of grades one through eight. After graduation, there was a Western Teachers College but Annie's mother became ill; therefore, she had to quit school and tend to her mother's needs. Her uncle, Joe Ragsdale, was the founder of Lone Oak and Heath High schools.

Everyone has heard the expression, "That was back in the good ole days" and now with this information one can decide for himself. Was it or wasn't it?

From The Asst. Principal

Thanksgiving is the season to give "thanks". We all have so much to be thankful for, and should develop the habit of being thankful to enable us to overcome our negative inclinations, and to lead us to face life with a positive and benevolent attitude.

How long has it been since you have given thanks? Thanks to express gratitude to parents, to companions, and to people who have rendered you a great personal service.

How do you say thank you? We can say "thank you" with our words. We can say "thank you" with our faces. We can say "thank you" with our deeds, and we can say "thank you" by the service we render to others. The thankful heart will find a proper form and shape for the expression of "thanks".

Wallace Adams

From The Editors

By: Connie Miller

The OAK K staff would like to encourage all clubs to advertise in the OAK K for the Booster Club Spirit Contest. A few clubs have already advertised in the school newspaper which does comply with the rules.

We would also like to encourage all students and faculty to inform us if you know someone who has achieved an honor or has done something for which they should be recognized.

We would like to remind everyone while they are enjoying their sumptuous meal and the festive occasion with their families and friends to pause a moment to reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for.

Mr. Wood Receives Kentucky Colonel

Harold Wood, Lone Oak Agriculture teacher for 17 years has been commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Julian Carroll in recognition of his contribution and valued support to the state of Kentucky.

Mr. Wood is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Murray State University with a B.S. and Masters Degree plus 30 hours. He is past Regional President of the Agriculture Teachers Association. At present, he is the Chapter and Regional Advisor to the FFA which has a total membership of 1500.

Mr. Wood raises registered Polled Hereford cattle and has been a minister for almost 20 years. At the present, he is the minister for Sunny Slope Church of Christ.

Harold, his wife, Pat, and three

children, Michael Harold, age 10, Bridgett Ann, age 8, and Ryan Frank, age 6, live on Route 5, Old Mayfield Road in Paducah.



Mr. Wood

Thanksgiving Isn't Only A Feast

By: Michelle Hendricks

Thanksgiving is not only a feast, it is a time to be thankful, and our generation has much to be thankful for.

Early settlers lived in huts made of boughs, bark, sod and thatch. Half of the settlers died of disease, and they had to contend with hostile Indians. Leisure was rare and entertainment was unknown. However, they did give thanks because they saw the chance to end their dependency.

Perhaps today's generation takes too much for granted. They

have nice homes, clothes, a car, TV, telephone, stereo and spending money. Most students intend for their parents to finance their way through college also. There is always some type of sports to play, a movie to see, and parties and discos to keep everyone entertained.

Perhaps today's generation should be thankful for all the blessings we have received this year, and in years past.

Thanksgiving is the only day of the year appointed to remember all the divine goodness and mercies upon which we have been blessed.

Kelly Siegfried Is Quad State Clarinet Soloist

By: Michelle Hendricks

Senior Kelly Siegfried has been chosen as Quad State High School Soloist of the Year.

Kelly auditioned for this honor by sending in an application and a tape of her clarinet playing ability. Band students from parts of a seven state area were eligible to audition.

She will perform her solo Friday, December 8 at Murray State University with the Murray State University Wind Ensemble accompanying her. Kelly will also be playing Sunday, December 10 as a member of the Quad State Band.

Kelly, first chair clarinet in the Colonel Band, has also received these previous honors: Scottish Rite YMCA Youth Symphonic Band for four years in Cincinnati, Ohio; All District Band her sophomore and junior years; All

State Band her junior year. She was also a soloist in the Kentucky Summer Wind Ensemble at University of Kentucky in Lexington.



Kelly Siegfried

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Ralph Emery To Host Telethon

By: Cheryl Housman

For the 3rd consecutive year, Ralph Emery of Nashville will host the WPSD Telethon of Stars. This years telethon is scheduled for November 18-19. The telethon's main beneficiary is the West Ky. Easter Seal Center.

Two Paducah natives, Stann Gunn and Don Cross, will be returning this year. Others appearing this year are Rex Allen, Jr., Louise Mandrell, Ruby Falls, Ted Simmons, and Jed Allen.

Ted Simmons will be the third St. Louis baseball star to appear on the telethon. He makes his home in the St. Louis area with his wife and two sons.

Jed Allen has had several roles in television including "Days of Our Lives", "Secret Storm", "Love of Life", "Lassie", and "Celebrity Bowling". He owes much of this to his parents who were entertainers.

Rex Allen, Jr. is the son of the singing cowboy Rex Allen. In the last three years he has had seven songs in the top 10 country charts. He also has several commercial contracts such as Chevy trucks, RC cola, and Burger Chef.

Louise Mandrell began her career at an early age with her famous sister Barbara. She is now touring with her own show.

Ruby Falls started singing at a young age and after graduation became a lead singer in a road group. She has returned to Tennessee where she appears on Nashville-based TV shows.

Ralph Emery is famous for his TV show "Pop Goes the Country". He is only the second emcee to appear on the telethon at least two consecutive years. He was preceded by Ed Ames in 1965-66.

Miller Leads Journalists

By: Gaye Watson

The Quill and Scroll have recently elected their 1978-79 officers. Connie Miller will serve as President, and the Vice-president is Kim Stiles. The position of secretary was won by Shari Murphy. Kim Pleasant is the treasurer and Greta Hipp, reporter.

The Quill and Scroll is an organization for juniors and seniors interested in the field of journalism. You must be in the upper third of your class to be eligible for the club. Members of the Quill and Scroll receive a newsletter every three months. They also are eligible for scholarships sponsored by the Quill and Scroll Society.

A formal initiation dinner was held at Mrs. Foster's house for the new members. They were served a five-course Greek meal, which well suited the occasion as all the members were dressed in Togas.



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Robert Primeau Serves As Jr. Rotarian

By: Greta Hipp

High academic rank, participation in school activities, leadership qualities, and good character are the standards by which the Jr. Rotarian is chosen each month. To represent Lone Oak High School during the November meetings of the Rotary Club, Senior Robert Primeau was chosen.

Robert, who is a member of the Kentucky Colonel Band, Student Council, and Physical Science Club, remarked, "I think the

Rotary Club is a worthwhile organization. I feel it is an honor to be a Jr. Rotarian, because they try to select someone they feel will carry on their ideas."

Robert also commented that he enjoyed the occasional change from cafeteria meals to the luncheon at Griefs Restaurant, where the Rotary Club meetings are held. He also expressed his interest in the guest speakers at each meeting. "The speakers, such as area coaches and career specialists, usually cover a subject affecting Paducah."



Senior Robert Primeau after being chosen Jr. Rotarian.

FHA Attends Meeting

By: Bonnie Gleeson

The following F.H.A. officers attended a Regional Meeting at Murray State University. Shelia Hill, President; Tana Stafford, 1st vice-president; Tammy Steward, 2nd vice-president; Cheryl Housman, secretary; Tammy Tucker, treasurer; Lisa Atherton, Parliamentarian; Historian, Peggy Lee; Debbie Poat, Devotional Leader; Rhonda Watson, Song Leader; Bonnie Gleeson, Reporter; Ruth Farmer, Recreational Leader; Cindy Sullivan and Karen Beals, Members at Large.

Other officers elected were Karen Beals, Reporter; Terri Wyatt, Recreational Leader.

Other F.H.A. activities include attending the haunted house in Reidland, having a pizza party and going to the nursing home on Fridays and working as Nurses Aids. We encourage all members to get involved.

Thespians Tackle Play

By: Keith Sullivan

The Thespians are striving on one of the largest projects they have ever tackled. Their play, "Tom Jones", promises to be one of the best ever performed here.

"Tom Jones" will be presented as a dinner theatre. This will be the first theatre of this type to be performed by a high school in this area.

Two performances are scheduled to be presented on December 2 and 3. The play will follow a dinner prepared by parents of students in the Thespian Club. All tickets will be sold by reservation only.

Of The Month

- Senior Boy: Dean Hayes
- Senior Girl: Rena Latta
- Junior Boy: Mike Estes
- Junior Girl: Kim Coleman
- Sophomore Boy: Mark Bagwell
- Sophomore Girl: Diana Dodd
- Freshman Boy: Cary Carney
- Freshman Girl: Michele Spence
- Klutz: Melody Buckingham
- Goof: Shari Murphy
- Wolf: Mark Bickerstaff
- Lamb: Connie Miller
- Flirt: Marsha Dexter
- Hero: Randy Hoxworth
- Hunk: Robert Primeau
- Trip: Greta & Kim
- Donkey: Becky Buchanan
- Couple: Nancy William & Charlie Bechtold
- Speed Demon: Tammie Ross
- Group: Led Zeppelin
- Happening: L.O.H.S. Basketball
- Car: Tanya Jackson's '76 Monte Carlo
- Saying: "That's Rugged!!"
- Song: Donna Summers "Mc-Arther Park"
- Movie: "Sargent Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band"

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Choir Presents Madrigals And Concert

By: Chet Overstreet

In the traditional style of Lone Oak High School the Madrigal Singers will hold their sixth annual Madrigal Dinner.

The Dinner will be held in the high school cafeteria on December 8 and 9. Each ticket will be \$5.00 and can be obtained from any choir student.

The "dinner" will consist of Wassil, Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potatoes, Orange Glazed Carrots, Relish Dish, Rolls and Butter, Flaming Plum Pudding, Coffee, Iced Tea,

and Mints.

The Lone Oak High School Choir will also present a Christmas concert. The selection the Choir will perform is Handel's Messiah. The program will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church on December 21.

In an attempt to raise money for the choir and for a proposed trip, the Choir Parents Association will be selling Christmas candy. A five and one-half ounce peppermint stick will cost 50c. A Christmas boot with 24 green or red peppermint sticks will be \$1.25.



Mrs. Brugger, left, and Mr. Wells, center, rest a moment before continuing the Biology Club hike in the LBL area.

Student Council Keeps Active

By: Greta Hipp

Have you noticed several students busily running around collecting for the Lions Club telethon, and preparing for the Homecoming dance and game? Who are these diligent people? They are Student Council members.

The 1978-79 Student Council is keeping busy with problem-solving, student body activities, and putting ideas into effect. Any problem needing a solution should be brought to the attention of a representative or alternate.

Biology Club Enjoys Trip To LBL

By: Stephanie Cates

The first backpacking trip this year for the Biology Club took place during the first weekend in November. Twenty-two students, and three sponsors, Mrs. Brugger, Mr. Wells, and Coach McGroarty, departed from the school by bus at 4:00 Friday afternoon.

Camp was made Friday night in the "Twin Lakes" area. The night passed quickly as it was full of woodland education, and recreation.

The hike began at 10:00 Satur-

day morning and covered eight miles. At rest stops, and during lunch break, demonstrations were given on various woodland skills. An acorn decorating contest was held which helped the students develop their imaginations and helped them to recognize the adaptability of the natural resources. A compass reading lecture and demonstration on how to estimate suntime, helped the backpackers to learn more outdoor skills.

Saturday night camp was made in a cove near Pisgah Bay. The night began with a demonstration on the safe way to build a fire. A floating fire was constructed, and enjoyed by all from the shore.

A study of unusual insects proved interesting and informative and an independent nature study was organized. This exercise helped to develop self-consciousness and appreciation of the woods by the students. The packers' senses were sharpened by the many fragrances, strange sounds and the adjustment of the backpackers' eyes to the darkness. Even though light was unavailable, the animal sounds added to the excitement. By putting all stereo-type ideas aside about the "dangers, and evils of the night," all minds were put at ease by the beautiful star-lit sky through the tree-tops, the fish jumping in the lake, and the rustle of the leaves on the forest floor.

When the observers returned to

the fire, they held a group discussion of their feelings and thoughts while on their own in the woods. Soon the discussion turned to ghost stories, and strange tales of the past inhabitants of the LBL region. Stories of The Night Riders, the Headless Horseman, and others were exchanged.

The highlight of the night was the nocturnal audio-visual hike. A hike was taken through the darkness, allowing all eyes to become adjusted to the night. The backpackers were made aware of the many sounds and sights occurring around them. A study of stars and constellations was conducted in an open field, and many meteorites were sighted.

After a short church service Sunday, more lectures and demonstrations took place. Direction finding by two different methods of using the sun and sticks, and a review of what had been learned so far was discussed.

A few of the benefits of this trip were physical fitness, a lesson in Christian appreciation, history of this region and of its ancestors, a feeling of pride in themselves for they had accomplished a challenging assignment. They had learned

about many different subjects, about their companions, and mostly about themselves.

Mrs. Brugger and Mr. Wells were presented a token of appreciation from the Biology Club, for their contribution, and participation in Club activities.



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Senior Kim Pleasant models a navy blue velour shirt by Male and jeans by Viceroy.



Senior Kris Houser looks sporty in a brown - beige and rust dress shirt by Le Man coordinated with tan corduroy pants by Male.



What is catching Senior Johnny Lamar's view while he looks handsome in a beige outfit by Male?

Susan's Styles

By: Susan Darnell

Jeans have taken on a new appearance within the last year. This look is more interesting and eye-

catching for both guys and girls.

Manufacturers seem to concentrate on pockets since this sets off the "main effect" for jeans. This is what attracts most shoppers, whether the jeans are flare or straight-legged.

Pockets may be trimmed with lace, satin, or satin inlays, "piping", and leather.

Pleated pockets with satin or other fabric inlays paired with a matching blouse may even substitute for dress pants.

So if you've got a semi-casual occasion coming up, but still want be comfortable, run out and buy a pair of snazzy jeans and a matching blouse or dress shirt. You'll still come out on top!!



Junior Linda Anderson takes a moment out of her busy schedule to pose in a maroon, white and beige velour outfit created by Doll Rags.

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The Class of '79 Seemed To Come Out Fine

By: Kim Pleasant

Looking into the future is exciting and looking back into the past brings back many of our fondest memories. This story pertains to the Senior class, the great class of '79.

Think back now to all our parties, Prom, homecomings, etc...Remember how much fun they were and all the really crazy things we did. It was all fantastic. And if you could, wouldn't you do it all again—just the same?

Now think into the future a bit, Class Night, Graduation, and that wonderful last trip to Florida most seniors are going on. After Florida everyone will come back, start getting ready for college and that fall everyone will go their separate ways. Just think, after 12 years of seeing all your friends almost every day of your life you'll go off to a college and will have to just about start all over. But, they say life that isn't full of surprises and new acquaintances isn't life at all. It will be fun and probably the best thing that ever happened to some of us.

Now think into the future again, after everyone has graduated from college and some or most have even married.

What will it be like at our 10 year class reunion? Well it may be a mind blower, but I have figured some of them out.

Here we are at good ole Lone Oak High, 7 p.m., and everything

is decorated for our class. About 7:15 beautiful sleek limousines start pulling up at the front of the school.

The first to enter is Miss Kim Beasley. I'm sure you've heard of her good fortune, she has become the new replacement for Cheryl Tieggs and is now the top model for Vogue Magazine.

The next to enter is Miss Greta Hipp, she seems to have come into a lot of money these last few years. She now owns what used to be O'Hara Airport. Now it is called O'Hipp International. I'm sure you've heard their slogan "Fly the floppy skies of O'Hipp International." Greta is accompanied by Mona Beyer, who is now the top airline pilot at O'Hipp International, and Kim Pleasant and Nancy Williams are also employed at O'Hipp as top airline stewardesses.

Here comes Miss Waian Dixon, who just bought a patent on Jean-jonja Hair Care Products, a new line of products to make your hair as beautiful as hers. We were all "dying" to know how she kept her hair so lovely.

Next on the walkway is that great baseball player Dean Hayes. As you know he replaced Graig Nettles, the third baseman for the New York Yankees. Dean is accompanied by Daryl Hobbs. Daryl has become involved in show business. He is the new replace-

ment of "Shaggy" on Scooby Doo.

This is a mind blower, so hold on to your hats. Here comes Kris Houser and Dickie Englert. Kris just replaced Carroll Hubbard as congressman, and, are you ready? Dickie has just been elected as Mayor of Paducah!!!

Oh yes, now Mr. Freddy Hunt comes strolling in, he has just taken the title of World Heavyweight champ from Leon Spinks and yet he can sing as well as Lou Rawls. You see he sings and dances while he takes his opponent down with one mighty blow.

Next up is Miss Stephanie Meadows, she has been the newly elected Miss FFA of the universe.

Beth Denton has had some good luck too. She inherited the Gallery of Homes International Real Estate Co.

But nevertheless a quietness fills the room as Jay Jeffery con-man and owner of illegal gambling casinos all over the U.S. and Johnny Lamar alias Disco John Travolta stroll in very stud-like.

The reunion livens up a bit when Kevin Johnson, replacement for David Brenner and Chuck Walters, replacement for Chevy Chase come in telling some of the canniest jokes that have ever been told.

And of course you remember Connie Miller and Shari Murphy. Connie is a housewife and mother now, and I do mean mother. 10 kids and she's constantly got her hair in rollers. Shari, well she's made it pretty big too. You remember back in High School, Shari's name was on just about every by-line in the newspaper. Shari is now the leading journalist and owner of the New York Times.

You all remember Daniel Reynolds I'm sure—Mr. Cool I mean he was! Well now he's a lumberjack like—you know, Paul Bunyon.

Watch out, clear the road, it looks like Roger Decoster the great motorcycle racer but no it's Ronnie Sills. He's supposed to race Decoster Sunday and I'll put my money on Ronnie.

Oh, but jump back, here he comes, it's Big Daddy Rich, you know him, it's Robert Primeau and he's making it big! He has just become the owner and President of Taylor Publishing Company (Balfour). I can remember back when I was a Senior and we were ordering our invitations and he said—"The owner of Balfour has got to be rich. Think how much money he makes on high school kids—rings, invitations, keys, etc. The guy has to be a millionaire." Now look who has all that money - I guess he met his goal! Lucky guy!

Wait a minute, what's this? "Left, left, left, right, left." It sounds like an army! No - It's Fred Watkins. He's a Sargent in the Marines now!

Now here comes Mr. David Yancy! Don't you remember all he did to help the USSR and the U.S. become great friends? He won the

Nobel Peace Prize last year for that great deed.

What's this, another quietness fills the room. Many "ooh's" and "aah's" are heard. Who's that good looking guy with all the muscles? It's Terry Quinlan, didn't you see the Sports Spectacular Show when Terry was crowned "Mr. Universe"! Who would miss it?!

The next to come strolling in (with golf club in hand), is Mr. Mark Page. He just won the Bing Crosby, Jackie Gleason and the U.S. Open Golf Tournaments. Next spring they're going to bring in a line of slacks, shirts, jackets, etc...called Mark Page Casuals! I know they will be a hole in one (get it)!

Here comes some lady who keeps asking everyone, "where are all the guys who used to play on L.O.'s basketball team?" Surely you remember Carol Freeman. She is now the editor of Sports Illustrated. She probably just wants the basketball players so she can write a **BIG** story on them!!!

Watch out someone is doing back arials down the hall and they're coming this way. Wait, I think—no—yes, it's Gayla Griggs. She won 10 gold medals in the Olympics for gymnastics.

Now, I think I see two beautifully dressed women, yes, it's Kim Harper owner of "Tiffanys" in New York, and Rena Latta, she is

now the new replacement of "Maggie" on Days Of Our Lives.

What is this? Some guy has just walked in with a paper sack on his head. Who is it? No one knows. But wait, he's telling jokes. I know who it is, it's Bruce Dreher. I could always recognize him by the stupid dry jokes he always tells. He is now the new Unknown Comic (too bad we know who he is, he may have gotten a laugh from some of us, actually only the deaf.)

It sounds like there's a football game going on outside this door, no it's those three girls we always heard yelling at school ten years ago, Patty Souder, Leisa Neihoff, and Susan Miller. They are now three of the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders.

Now here come our last two people, everyone's favorite football players, John Rinella, who now looks, acts, and thinks like John Bulushi (constant toga), and Randy Hoxworth, who just had a duel on guitars with Jimmy Page and beat him badly. Now Randy is the lead guitarist in Led Zepplin.

Well I'm afraid we're going to have to go back to November of '78 now! It was fun looking into the future. Maybe some of my predictions won't come true, but maybe some of them will! I'll come back in 10 years and let you know how everything turns out!

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New Season Greet New Coaches

By: Cheri Edwards
 "Play defense! Run those offenses!" will not be the familiar voice of Albert Norris during the boys varsity basketball games this season. There has been a major alteration made for the 1978-79 season and it was the appointment of a new head coach. Don Butler was chosen for this position and he has been instructing the players on the important aspects of playing basketball, as he views them.

Don Butler went to high school in Symsonia, Ky. where he played basketball and was a starter for three years. After graduation he gained valuable experience by playing college basketball for four years while he continued his education at Paducah Community College and Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn. Butler graduated from Bethel in 1965; thus, he landed his first teaching job at Hickman County. There he was the junior high school principal and coach.

This lasted one year, and for 12 consecutive years after, he was the head coach at Symsonia High School. During his reign at Symsonia his teams won the district three times and went to Regionals six years. At Regionals his teams reached the semi-finals three years and entered the finals once. Butler was named the All-Purchase Coach of the Year for the years of 1976 and 1977. When asked what he liked best about coaching, he dwelled on being able to deal with high school age students. Butler currently resides with his wife, Judy, and three children in the Symsonia area.

By: Tina Mullen

The old grind of basketball season has begun again. This year though there is a new face on the boys coaching staff. The new assistant coach and guidance counselor is Tom Smithmier.

In 1965 he graduated from South Marshall High School and in 1972 he graduated from Mur-

ray State. Between the time he finished college and arrived as Lone Oak's new coach he has held many positions. The first position was the freshman coach at North Marshall. He held this position for one year and had a record of 7-6.

The next year found him as the head coach and Athletic Director at Chesbrough, Louisiana. He coached this team to a record of 14-11, nine of the eleven were lost by only 3 points or less, and to a trip to the state tournament.

The job he took next was as sophomore coach at Christian County with a record of 27-1 over two years. The first year he was there the Varsity team had a record of 30-4 and went to the state semi-finals. His second year at Christian, the Varsity went 28-6 and played in the finals of the state tourney.

He next went back to Murray State University to earn his Masters. He graduated in 1977 and became the junior varsity coach at Wheaton-Warrentville. This team had a successful record of 18-6 for the year. They also were the Dupage Valley Conference Champions which was the first time in the history of the school for this. They traveled to the state play but lost in the first round.

With such experience and successful teams in the past Coach Butler and Coach Smithmier should prove to be a great help to the Flash's basketball teams having a winning season.

Flash Fights Braves

By: Cheri Edwards

The Purple Flash fought a close battle with Union County trying to clinch a tie for the 3A conference title but results ended with Union winning 8-6.

The first quarter of the game consisted of one touchdown, which was acquired by the Braves during the second series performed by them. Then the Braves added a two-point conversion which turned out to be the deciding factor of the game.

The Flash tallied six points in the second quarter on a one-yard plunge by John Paul Felker. The pass conversion then failed and this ended the scoring of either side for the remainder of the game.

JV Grabs Two

By: Cheri Edwards

Football season is now over and not only has the varsity football team worked hard but also the junior varsity team. The JV team has accumulated only two wins but many games were very evenly matched.

The JV lost their first two contests against rivals Heath and Marshall County, 21-7 and 21-14 respectively. The Heath game ended the first half with the score board showing Heath winning by only one point, 8-7. Four fumbles, within the Heath five yard line by the Flashes, enabled Heath to grasp the ball. The game was so close and yet so far, meaning the talent was competent to one another but errors withheld the scoring from Lone Oak.


To counteract the losses, the Flash tangled fiercely with the Metropolis Trojans and Reidland Greyhounds and collected two victories. In the rumble with Metropolis, Sophomore Rod Yewell scored two touchdowns in the first half, one touchdown on a

12 yard run and the other on a 20 yard run, pushing the Flashes ahead 14-0. The second half consisted of another Flash touchdown by Sophomore Mike Hartig. David Dodd, a sophomore, added extra points in every case. The final score was Lone Oak 21 and Metro 14.

The Flashes next attack was against Reidland and the Flashes won 18-6. Sam Boss, a sophomore scored in the first half and as the players headed for the locker rooms at half, the Flashes held the lead 6-0. The second half was the host of two Flash touchdowns performed by Junior Randall Cruse and Freshman Shane Jones. Cruse tallied on a 35 yard pass and Jones executed with a quarterback sneak.

Coach Mizell commented on this year's Junior Varsity team's record with this statement, "The talent of our team was equal or better than our opponents but faults caused us to lose many games that we shouldn't have."

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Hancock And Crissman Win Athlete Of The Month

By: Cheri Edwards & Tina Mullen

In any sport one always seems to note a certain athlete who is giving his best effort for a victory. The spectators felt this way after watching the performance of seniors Ken Hancock and Bobby Crissman on the football field.

The month of September found Ken Hancock deserving the title of Athlete of the Month. He played for only four games before being injured, but Coach Gibson felt his leadership was outstanding along with his defense and offense. After his injury, Ken continued his attendance at practice and encouraged the players tremendously. Gibson also feels Ken is college potential because of his size and ability.

Bobby Crissman worked fervently during October enabling him to obtain the Athlete of the Month. Gibson chose Bobby because he sets examples by doing rather than saying. In other words, "He doesn't holler; he

does his work with his shoulder pads and his helmet." Bobby has improved since the first of the season and highlighted the game against Heath with 27 defensive hits.

The purpose of Athlete of the Month is to reward those athletes that have elevated themselves to the maximum of their capabilities. We urge every athlete in any sport to exert his best effort; thus, there will be a feeling of enthusiasm in everyone.

Sports Flash

- Nov. 18 Tilghman Jamboree 6:30 A
- 22-25 St. Mary Tourney VB A
- Dec. 1 Reidland VB-VG A
- 5 Ballard VB-BG A
- 11 Marshall Co. VG-JVG A
- 12 Brookport VB-JVB H
- 14 Reidland JVB-FB H



1978-79 Lady Flash Basketball Team.

Girls Gain Semi's

By: Carol Freeman

Lone Oak 59 Carlisle Co. 40

The Lady Flash demolished the Comets in the St. Mary Tournament opener to earn a berth in the semifinals of the tourney. The Flash led at all stops with the greatest point spread being the final score. Theresa Bearden led Lone Oak in scoring with 12

points, while Kathy Bechtold, Kim Moore, and LaDonna Powers turned in 10 points apiece. Sheri Smith and Cheri Simmons added 9 and 8 points, respectively.

Lone Oak 46 Heath 52

Heath raced to a 10-0 lead before the Oakers made a field goal, and the Pirates were ahead 18-5 at the end of the first quarter. "Then we played three good quarters," stated Coach Cliff Owen. The Flash outscored the Pirates in the last three quarters.

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Frosh End Season

By: Tina Mullen

The freshman football program ended on a high note as they won their last game. The previous game against Heath left the Flash determined to win their battle against Metropolis.

The Pirates defeated the Flash 35-16. The men in purple had a tough time against Heath because of their size and quickness. The Frosh however managed to obtain a touchdown in the second period by Carey Carney and in the fourth quarter by Brian Arnold.

In their last game they played the Metropolis Trojans. This time the Flash was ready for a victory. The end of the game found them the winner by a score of 28-16. Lone Oak's points were scored by Carey Carney and Jeff Reed. Coach McGroarty commented, "They were tough but we prevailed."

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Tigers Defeat Flash

By: Tina Mullen

Friday night on the third of November the varsity football team traveled to Caldwell County to play their last game. The Flash scored well but couldn't stop the Tigers from scoring even better and therefore returned home with a 42-14 loss.

pick up 13 points. In the second period, however, the Oakers scored on a 5-yard pass from Junior Mike Rust to Scott Hartig, also a junior. The Tigers gained 14 more points to take the half-time lead of 27-6.

In the third quarter Caldwell came up with the only touchdown. Then in the fourth quarter Lone Oak again came through with another six pointer. This came from an 85-yard kick-off return by Sophomore Mike Hartig. Lone Oak then went for the two point conversion and made it on a pass from Shane Jones, freshman, to Randy Hoxworth, senior. But again the Tigers scored nine more points to stretch their win further.

The game ended with Caldwell County winning and the Flash ended their season with a record of 3-8.

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Leaf & Stem
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By: Carol Freeman
 The Lone Oak Varsity Boy's Basketball Team debuts tomorrow night in the Tilghman Jamboree. The team boasts two returning starters, Senior Bruce Dreher and Junior Stan Shuemaker, from last year's squad which won the St. Mary Thanksgiving and District Tournaments, and went to the finals in the Regional Tournament.

last year. According to Butler, Hobbs is probably the most aggressive person that the team has and also the best team defensive player. Houser, a 5'9 guard, averaged 12 points a game in JV action last year. He has gained quite a bit of varsity playing experience over the last two years.

Mark Bickerstaff, Randall Cruse, Dane Fulkerson, and Ronnie Overton are the other juniors on the team besides Shuemaker. "Mark is quick and he moves well inside. Randall also has much quickness," noted Butler. "Dane is strong inside and Ronnie is a good outside shooter," he added.

Mark Cruse and Wes Hagan are the only sophomores on the team. "Mark is 6'3 and he has a lot of basketball talent. Also all Wes needs is a little varsity experience," said Butler. Hagan averaged 25 points a game on the freshman team last year.

Shuemaker stated about the team's chances this season, "I think we can have another good year if everyone stays healthy and we get on the boards." "I hope our fans continue their enthusiasm and support for us this year," commented Dreher.

Dreher, a 6'1/2 forward, pumped in 10 points a game with a 56% shooting percentage. Shuemaker, a 5'11 guard, won the Most Assists Trophy and the Free Throw Award with an 89% free throw percentage. He averaged 12.5 points a game.

Seniors on this team besides Dreher include Shane Ellington, Ken Hancock, Daryl Hobbs, and Kris Houser. Ellington, a 6'4 center, moved into the Lone Oak area from the Reidland vicinity. "We'll depend on Shane to control the boards and work the inside," said Coach Don Butler. Hancock, a 6'3 1/2 forward, scored 17 points and grabbed 8 rebounds in a varsity game that he started

Flash Defend St. Mary Title

By: Carol Freeman

The Flash defend their St. Mary Tourney Championship in this year's tourney opener next Wednesday night. Lone Oak is matched against Lowes, while Carlisle County and Symsonia battle in the nightcap. The lower bracket action on Wednesday night pits Ballard County against Livingston Central. Then Heath and St. Mary skirmish in the final first round action. Coach Butler feels that the tournament is well-matched; however, he feels that Carlisle, Livingston, and St. Mary should be the strongest in the field. Carlisle sports four returning starters from a team which the Flash beat 75-66 last year. The Oakers squeaked past Livingston in last year's St. Mary Tourney finals 72-71. However, Lone Oak breezed past the Cards 89-77 near the end of the season. The Flash downed St. Mary 71-60 during last year's district opener held at St. Mary High School.

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