

1980 Basketball Homecoming Queen Candidates



Kerry Flood and James Feast trudge to school every day, sick or well, to keep up their record of not missing a single day in their whole school career.

## Flood, Feast Attain Perfect Attendance

By: Debbie O'Daniel

How would you like to go to school for six years, three months, one week, and one day non stop; no weekends, no holidays, no Christmas vacations, no spring breaks? We have two seniors who have done the equivalent of this over 12 years. They are Kerry Flood and James Feast who have not missed a single day of school in their 12 year school career.

Flood has attended Lone Oak schools for 12 years and has always enjoyed it. He has had this goal of perfect attendance since first grade.

"There's nothing I like better than school," remarks Flood. He

also stated that he doesn't like to do make-up work.

Feast has also attended Lone Oak schools since first grade. He doesn't really know why he has strived for this honor.

When it was discovered that he and Flood were competing, they made it into something like a contest.

Both Flood and Feast received an award in 1976 from the middle school. They were presented this award for perfect attendance by Jerry Cruse, principal at the middle school, at their eighth grade graduation.

## Overstreet Leads Beta Club

By: Debbie O'Daniel

Senior Chet Overstreet was elected as president of the Beta Club in their first meeting, held last week.

The club also chose the following as their officers: vice president, Sherri Puckett, junior; secretary, Cheri Simmons, senior; treasurer, Terri Taylor, senior; reporter,

Debbie O'Daniel, junior.

Mr. Bruce, the club's sponsor, urges anyone who was not in the club last year to become a member. Dues are \$7 per member, which pays all four years' membership fee. If you would like to join, you may attend the next meeting.

## Students Choose Attendants

By: Carla White

Linda Anderson, Sheila Bruce, Tammee Henson, Gayla Lane, Kayla Mason, and Cheri Simmons are the senior queen candidates for the 1980 basketball homecoming.

The underclassmen attendants that have been chosen include junior Cathy Jenkins, sophomore P.J. Clayton, and freshman Rachael Brinker.

Linda Anderson, daughter of Ms. Kathy Anderson and Don Anderson resides at 101 Pepper Lane. She enjoys softball, swimming, and horseback riding. She is also a member of the rifle corp, vice president of the concert band, and secretary of the senior class.

Sheila Bruce, is the daughter of Robert and Sue Bruce of Route 8, Summit Drive. Miss Bruce is the parliamentarian of D.E.C.A. and will be escorted by Scott Hartig.

Tammee Henson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Willis Henson of 100 Ken Lane will be escorted by

Richard Murphy. Miss Henson was voted Most Dependable of the senior class. She's treasurer of Key Club and F.B.L.A., captain of the flag corp and enjoys skiing.

Gayla Lane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Lane, Jr. of Route 6, Box 183. She belongs to D.E.C.A. and enjoys all outdoor sports.

Kayla Gill Mason is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gill and the wife of Kenneth Mason. Mrs. Mason lives at 3553 Clinton Road and will be escorted by Dane Fulkerson. She is a former rifle corp member and is in the Biology Club.

Cheri Simmons of 235 Charleston Avenue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Simmons. Miss Simmons is a member of the girls' tennis team and a former varsity basketball player. She was voted Most Athletic Girl of her class and secretary of Beta Club. Kevin Ezell will be her escort.

Junior attendant Cathy Jenkins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jenkins of 231 Iroquis Drive. Miss Jenkins is a varsity cheerleader, secretary of Student Council, and a member of Biology Club and Key Club. She's in Swing Choir and on the golf team. Her escort will be Doug Story.

P.J. Clayton, sophomore attendant, and her parents Glen and Betty Clayton live at 325 Boxwood Drive. Miss Clayton is a junior varsity cheerleader, a member of Biology Club, Key Club, and Phi Alpha Delta sorority.

Rachael Brinker, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Brinker of 250 Brier Wood will be the freshman attendant. Miss Brinker is in the Biology Club and Student Council. Shane Jones will serve as her escort.

The homecoming game against Symsonia and queen coronation will take place February 8, 1980. Key Club will sponsor a disco in the cafeteria after the game from 9:30 until 12:30.



1979-80 Beta Club Officers





Sammy Spear seems to enjoy the Leap Year custom as Lisa Vas-seur, Kelly Botkin and Kim Reynolds gather around. See Leap Year story.

## Ladies Love Leap Year

Modern ladies no longer need to use leap year as an excuse to propose to one's favorite beau. At one time, however, this was customary and often practiced.

It began with St. Bridget when she came to St. Patrick in tears. She told him of the anxiety of women because of the unfair custom that forbade women to propose to men. St. Patrick sympathized with Bridget and agreed to grant the ladies the right to do their own proposing for one year out of every seven. Not content, Bridget talked him into giving them one year out of every four instead.

Since the agreement went into effect immediately, Bridget proposed to Patrick. He refused, however, and as a token of friendship gave Bridget a kiss and a silk dress. If you doubt this tale, you need to be reminded that up until about one century ago it was an unwritten law in Great Britain that any man who turned down a proposal must pay the lady with a silk dress.

There are also scientific explanations for leap year other than myths. As you know, leap year has 366 days instead of 365. The reason is to make the calendar year nearly the same as the solar year, which is the time required for the sun to pass the vernal equinox twice. The extra day is added to February to become that month's twenty-ninth day. Since this occurs only quad-yearly, you may ask when do people, whose birthday is February 29, celebrate their birthday when it is not leap year. Most celebrate it on March 1.

Leap year occurs every four years that can be evenly divided by four, except the years that mark the even hundreds as 1700 or 1900. The only century years that are leap years are those evenly divided by 400 as 1600 or 2000.

It makes no difference, whether fact or fiction, how leap year came about, but the important thing is that under these circumstances a guy can be swept off his feet by the girl of his dreams with no effort on his part.



1980 Homecoming Attendants: Sophomore P.J. Clayton, Freshman Rachael Brinker, and Junior Cathy Jenkins.

## What Do You Do When Out of School?

By: Kristi Lee

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a SNOWFLAKE. Once again it's time for that white, powdery substance to start falling. Just imagine six inches of snow and no school. What is a person's pastime? I asked a few people and here are some of their responses.

**What is your pastime when out of school because of snow?**

- Melanie Mueller - Play cards.
- Todd Smith - Catch up on sleep.
- Karen Houser - Just sit around and watch the snow.
- Darla Anderson - Listen to the radio and talk on the phone.
- Peggy Lee - Clean house.
- Richard O'Brian - Listen to the radio.
- Tony Whitfield - Go to Rolling Hills.

- Mike Presley - Play basketball.
- Pat Luther - Go skiing and ride snowmobiles.
- Keith Kidd - Go sliding in the car.

- Kim Hatton - Go sledding, build snowmen, eat, sleep and watch my soap operas.

- Debbie O'Daniel - Fight with my brothers and have snowball fights.

- Cheryl Burgen - Stay inside to keep warm.

- Beverly Dublin - Eat.
- Bridgette Howard - Count the lines in the paneling.

- Jim Mizell - Go hunting or run errands for my wife. I also look for people in distress.

## Bert Parks: A Tradition

By: Lauri Day

Bert Parks, the longtime host of the Miss America beauty pageant was fired in Atlantic City, N.J., the home of the beauty pageant. He has been the host for 25 consecutive pageants.

Parks was fired because he is 67 years old and the pageant wants a new image.

Thousands of post cards and letters already have reached the pageant's chief executive officer Albert A. Marks Jr.

A survey was taken among the student body and some of the responses are listed below:

**Do you feel that Bert Parks should be replaced, if so, who do you think should replace him?**

Michelle Spence - No, I feel he is still just as qualified for the job as he was in the beginning.

Clifford Clark - Yes, I think Bob Barker should replace him.

Kristi Lee - No, because he's the 'father' of the pageant.

Karen Gunter - It doesn't matter to me.

Greg Dorris - Yes, I think I could replace him!

**Do you feel that he was discriminated against because of his age? Why or Why not?**

Tracy Ligon - Yes, that is why they said they were firing him, that he was getting too old for the young girls.

Greg Dorris - Yes, he's getting too old to stay up that late at night.

Michelle Spence - Yes, I feel he was discriminated against because of his age and I feel he should continue to be the host of the Miss America Pageant.

Clifford Clark - Yes, because he's old.

Karen Gunter - Yes, because he has been doing it for twenty-five years.

Kristi Lee - Yes, because they plainly said they wanted someone younger.

Sheree Marshall - Yes, I believe that if he was still doing a good job as host that he should not have been fired and discriminated against because of his age.

## Mr. Wyatt Talks To Art Club

By: Shelly Hayden

"The art guild has a new program just for seniors in high school," explained Paducah's new art guild director, Mr. Wyatt, to the art club. Seniors can display all their projects and become participating members of the art guild for a five dollar fee.

Mr. Wyatt feels fortunate in that the schools he attended in Illinois offered art to every grade level and is trying to help achieve this opportunity for children in this area.

Developing, managing and planning art programs for young and old Paducahans is Mr. Wyatt's

chief function as the art guild director.

He studied landscape architecture but decided art history suited his personal needs best of all.

Jerry Watson and Ken Herndon were mentioned as local artists who exhibit and sell some of their art works themselves but supplement their income with other jobs.

Mr. Wyatt mentioned that the Market House needs help in making paper mache' animal heads for their coming play. For more information on this, contact Mr. Paul Myers.



**Students wishing to take the ACT test on February 16 must have already returned the registration packet. The next ACT test date is April 12 and the registration deadline for that test is March 14.**

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Kirt Langston

## Langston is Jr. Rotarian

By: Camilla Calhoun

This month's Jr. Rotarian is senior Kirt Langston. Kirt meets with the Rotary Club every Wednesday during January for a luncheon at Broadway Methodist Church to meet the area businessmen.

Kirt has a very busy schedule at school with calculus, physics, College Prep. 12, general business, and Typing 1. Some of Kirt's activities include Physical Science Club, where he serves as President; Key Club, and Beta Club.

Kirt resides at 115 Winslow Drive with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Langston.

## Biology Club Makes Plans for '80

By: Aimee Hooker

Mr. Clark, assistant sponsor of the Biology Club, starred in the 'Management of Small Lakes and Ponds', the film shown at the Biology Club meeting. After the film the Reelfoot, Camp Energy, and Wyoming trips were discussed.

Mr. Clark had the talented role of catching a prize fish in the film. The film also told how to clean ponds and raise fish properly.

The Reelfoot trip scheduled for February gives everyone an opportunity to take a closer look at the eagle. The Camp Energy trip is February 8-10.

The members who are working their way to Wyoming and the cross-country skiing adventure are selling candy and raffle tickets for a stereo and they are still collecting for the newspaper drive.

## Ligon Presides Over Thespians

Tracy Ligon, junior, is the newly-elected president of the Thespians. The election of Miss Ligon and the other officers followed the mid-term graduation of Tammy Sills, former president.

The new officers under Miss Ligon include sophomores Gina Smith, Melissa Wyatt, and Betty Jo Hardy who will fill the positions of vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively. Junior Mark Luther will serve as reporter.

The auditions for the spring production will be open for the entire student body this year. Mrs. Cloyd, sponsor, declared, "Lone Oak High School has within its student body the talent to do dramatic productions to equal any high school in the state of Kentucky."

Mrs. Cloyd added, "For several years, the major production has been a traditional one. This year we will do a modern comedy that will be great fun for participants and audience as well."

The building formerly used as the weight room has been designated by Mr. Stephenson to be used as a drama workshop. The Thespians use this building for rehearsals, meetings, technical lighting work, setbuilding, and storage, as well as other tasks related to the production of the play.



Trey Hobgood

## Hobgood Wins FFA Contest

Trey Hobgood, Freshman FFA member is the winner of the 1979-80 District Soil Conservation Essay Contest. The announcement was made by the McCracken County Soil Conservation District.

Trey received a prize of \$5 from the McCracken County Conservation District and will receive a plaque and a prize of \$25 from the Courier Journal-Louisville Times as the regional winner. His essay was "Our Land—Why Conserve It". The essay has now been entered in the State contest with the winner to receive \$500.

Seventy-four essays were written by the Lone Oak FFA. Senior Sherry Casey was runner-up. Anita Habeck placed third.



Broadcasting club members: Charles Collins, Eddie Finley, Louis Perdue, Kirt Langston, Carla Rather, Tracy Ligon, and Renee Pittman.

## Broadcasting Club Speaks Out

By: Scott Bratton

The L.O. Broadcasting Club is now in action along with many other high school broadcasting clubs in this area. The club is sponsored by WKYX.

Each high school that participates has their members on WKYX for an hour every other Sunday night. They are 'on the air' from 7-8 p.m., 8-9 p.m., or 9-10 p.m.

The Club is designed for students who are interested in radio or television to get an inside

look at the broadcasting business and to have fun at the same time.

While on the air the student broadcasters give the news, commercials, and weather. The students help decide which records to play and also answer the request line.

Lone Oak will have its club members on the air January 20 from 9-10 P.M., February 10 from 8-9 P.M., March 2 from 7-8 P.M., March 16 from 8-9 P.M., April 13 from 8-9 P.M., and on May 4 from 7-8 P.M.

### Happy Birthday...

- 1 Debbie Dabbs
- 2 Jonna Vaden
- 4 Brian Wurth
- 5 Steve Habacker

- 6 Terry Wyatt
- Melissa Wyatt
- Cliff McNeely
- 7 Janet Hines
- 8 Erin Quinlan
- John Nelson
- Kevin Ezell

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# Cupid Ties The Knot

By: Tina Mullen

A little fellow known as Cupid is considered quite a hero in the celebration of Valentine's Day. Cupid was worshipped as a god of both love and friendship by the Greeks.

In Roman mythology Cupid was known as the God of Love. He was the son of Venus and Mercury, and was often portrayed as a beautiful winged boy carrying a bow and a quiver of arrows (the darts of love), which he used to pierce the hearts of lovers.

Psyche was a maiden so beautiful that the goddess Venus, her natural goddess, was enraged

with jealousy at the honor paid to Psyche's beauty. Venus ordered Cupid to involve the maiden with some despicable mortal. Although he tried he couldn't carry out the order, because to see Psyche is to love her. He carries her off to a secret palace where he visits her nightly, but only in darkness so that his identity is not revealed.

Desiring to know the appearance of her invisible lover, she lights a lamp one night while he sleeps. His amazing beauty startled her and in her excitement she let a drop of oil fall onto his shoulder, awakening Cupid. He was furious that a mortal should

disobey a god's command; therefore, he abandons her. Missing his visits, she begins searching everywhere for him, and finally stumbles into the palace of Venus, who imposes several superhuman tasks upon her. The last of these was to bring a casket of beauty from the underworld.

Psyche obtains the casket and a curiosity overtakes her, opens it despite instructions contrary to this. Venus knew she would and a deadly vapor overcomes her. Cupid appears at this time to save her. He intercedes with Jupiter, who consents to make Psyche immortal and unite her with Cupid.



1980 Valentine Sweethearts: Juniors Matt Quinlan, Leslie Rodgers; Freshmen Kevin Wheatley, Lori Pigg; Seniors Kevin Ezell, Linda Anderson; and Sophomores Richie Throgmorton, Jennie Perrin.



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Thank you for being there when I needed you. I love you, Mark!

Happy Valentine's Day, Mr. Murphy! We love you, Betty, Sara, and Marlie

To my favorite Valentines, Camilla and Cheri.

Cheerleaders, You are the Greatest!

Happy Valentine's Day, Mr. Stephenson!

Steve R., Happy Valentine's Day, Sugar! I love ya, K.C.

Steve, Hope you have a "happy" Valentine's Day. Love ya lots, Teri

I love you, Ginia. I wanna get married.

Dickie Jr., I Love You! A.J.

Happy Valentine's Day to all the "Stud's". (David, Joey, Jimmy, and Cobbo.) K & S

M.Q. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, T.S.

Dear Henry, I still do love you and willing to overlook your hatefulness. I miss you and we'll have to get together sometime. Love you, Priscilla

Happy Valentine's Day to our favorite little Hunk! Love ya, Cheri and Camilla

William Anthony, Alas, my heart doth yearn for thee, Anthony. Days and nights are endless without you. Come and let's run away to Tahiti together! Love forever, your secret French Admirer

Kathy, Happy Valentine's Day to my sepcial sweetheart. Love always, Mark

To Kim Croft, We would like to disect you! Kert, Jeff, Leon

Nous t'aimons Monsieur B! Voulez-vous aller "spelunking"? Les Quatre Redoutable

Boloney and Ferrell said Happy Valentine's Day to the Basketball team.

Clifford Clark says "Kissy, Kissy to the Thespians Club."

I love you, Ben

Camilla, I love the way you croak. You're my favorite frog. Love, G.H.

Cathy, Without you my life would just be a past time. Love you always, Doug

Dearest Buddy, We just wanted to tell you how much we appreciate your interest and concern. We hope you have a very Happy Valentine's Day! Love always, Teresa, David, Karen, Wes, Pam, Doug, Sue, Teri

Randall, Happy Valentine's Day to my star. Thanks for just being you! Love ya always, Carla

Andy, You're my star basketball player. Beth

Happy Valentine's Day to Michelle Spence. Guthrie

David, Thank you for making my high school years wonderful, I love you, Jennifer

Happy Valentine's Day to Stephanie Edwards. Guthrie

Greg, Happy Valentine's Day!! I love you, Sheree

J.W. Happy Valentine's Day! Luv Ya! "Luthien"

Chris, Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. Jaye

To all good-looking women, Happy Valentine's Day! Guthrie

Journalism class says Happy Valentine's Day to the Basketball Teams.





All State Choir Members

## Choir Heads District

By: Carla White

Seniors Eric Hall, Terri Taylor, and Julie Pirtle; juniors Randy Bennett, Keith Clark, Steve Crews and Susan Edwards; sophomores Robin Rushing and Lisa Thompson were chosen for the 1980 Kentucky All-State Chorus to be held in Owensboro, March 20, 21, and 22.

Lone Oak High School was represented by the three top

scorers in the district. In addition, L.O.H.S. had the highest number of students qualifying of any other school. Out of twelve students from L.O.H.S. to audition for the chorus, nine succeeded in making all state.

A swing choir clinic will be held February 18 at L.O.H.S. for swing choirs from other high schools. The clinic will be instructed by Mrs. Bobby Frost from McGavock High

School, Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Frost has directed several T.V. productions, works as a studio pianist and directs "I Hear America Singing" at Opryland.

The Swing Choir Clinic is a first for this geographic area. Each choir will perform three musical selections, which Mrs. Frost will critique. She will then work with each group from the standpoint of musicality and choreography.

## The Other Difference Between Boys and Girls

There is no denying it: Boys think differently from girls. This conclusion seems to stick even though recent brain research evidence is controversial.

At this time, schooling and testing discriminate against both male and female, ignoring the differences that have been noticed by parents and educators for years. Boys suffer in elementary school classrooms, which are

geared for the way girls think. Girls suffer later, when they must take scholarship tests that are geared for male performance.

Evidence from recent brain research indicates that the traditionally believed stereotypes are not true. But, that the differences are in brain functioning and are biologically inherent and unlikely to be changed by cultural factors alone.

One clue to these brain differences was observed in infants. One study discovered that shortly after birth females are more sensitive to certain types of sounds, particularly to a mother's voice. Whereas males seemed to be unaware of the voice.

It is also thought that there are different brain organizations between the sexes. In boys, verbal and spatial abilities seem to be "packaged" in different hemispheres. The right hemisphere for non-verbal tasks, the left for verbal tasks. But in girls non-verbal and verbal are usually found on both sides of the brain.

Female infants speak sooner, have larger vocabularies, read sooner, and learn foreign languages more easily. In contrast, boys show an early visual superiority, but are also clumsier. Male infants perform poorly at something like arranging a row of beads, but excel at different activities which call for the use of total body coordination.

It's important to keep in mind that one sex is not superior or inferior to the other. The studies are statistical and don't uncover a lot about individuals.

## FBLA Elects Waggoner

Stephanie Waggoner is serving as president of F.B.L.A. Other officers are Lisa Green, Vice-President; Lucinda Hawkins, Secretary; Tammee Henson, Treasurer; Cindy Johnson, Reporter; Jeff Abell, Parliamentarian; Sandy

Hawes, Historian; and Laurie McKinney, Sargent-at-arms.

On Thanksgiving, the F.B.L.A. sent a turkey to a needy family and at Christmas presents were bought for learning disability children at Lone Oak Elementary.

## Science Club Plans UK Trip

A trip to Lexington, Kentucky, to attend the "University of Kentucky Engineering Day" is on schedule for the physical science club. The trip will be on Saturday, February 23. A chartered Brooks Bus will leave Lone Oak High School that morning at 5:00 a.m., not 6:00 a.m. as was previously announced.

In order to qualify to go, one must pick up a permission slip from Mr. Sensing, and have it signed by your parents, and returned by January 25. The bus will return to Lone Oak High School sometime after 9:00 p.m. the same night. For other details, see Mr. Sensing.

Mr. Sensing, club sponsor, has stated that only 39 spots on the bus are open. It will be a first come, first serve basis. Thirty five of the spots are open to club members only, and the remaining four spots are open to any senior who wants to go. Those going who aren't club members will be made "Honorary Members of the Science Club".

Sister Mary Leon Rhiney, science teacher at St. Mary High School, was the guest speaker for the January meeting. She lectured on science fair projects. Many of her students have been state and regional finalists in science fairs over the past years. In exchange for her help, Mr. Sensing is to present a computer programing lecture at St. Mary's.

### Happy Birthday...

- 9 Sabrina D'Haillecourt
- Ken Jones
- Donna Batts
- 11 Kevin Latta
- 12 Tony Keeling

- 13 Robin Webb
- Shawn Strickland
- Lori Richards
- Diane Randle
- 14 Lisa Lockman
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Junior Tim Hayden shows us a great accessory for the remaining cold weather months. The multi-colored goose down jacket by Weather Wear can be unzipped at the arms to make a great looking vest.



Senior Randall Cruse could really impress his sweetheart on Valentines Day in these pants by Rifle Industries Ltd. and Arnold Palmer sweater. His shoes are by Weejuns.

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# Teenage Suicide: An 'Accidental' Epidemic

By: Tina Mullen

Harry, 17, arrived at the University of Missouri last fall to begin his freshman year. His parents dropped him off on a Saturday and left on vacation—and Harry promptly asked his new roommates about an easy way to commit suicide. They jokingly suggested that he throw himself in front of a train or get himself a gun. Four days later, Harry left a handwritten note in his chemistry notebook saying he was having "a hard time adjusting" and just wanted to "rest in peace". Then he went out and placed his head on the railroad tracks in front of a freight train. Neither his family nor his roommates had any idea that Harry was disturbed or depressed.

Harry is one of 5,000 young Americans a year who commit suicide. Suicide is now the third leading cause of death following accidents and homicides. Some, like Harry are college students away from home for the first time.

Most, however, are from various backgrounds.

There are many reasons that may cause a person to commit suicide. Without strong support from the family or friends, young people may not be able to handle the emotions inside themselves. Suicide with teenagers is usually impulsive and not always successful. Many more attempts occur than the numbers show. They are usually caused by just not being able to handle or straighten out their life.

Women attempt suicide three times as often as men but succeed less often than men. Therefore the male suicide rate is four times as high as the female rate. Women use weaker methods such as pills while men tend to favor guns.

Suicide among young people is most often a way of getting attention. There are many more attempts than successful suicides because the person is full of indecision. Instead of really killing themselves they psychologically only intend to gain some control and attention. Even with 10-14 year olds the rate is also climbing.

With both groups they really don't want so much to die but they see no alternative. In some cases of the younger (10-14) suicides, they may not realize death is permanent.

Experts stress the importance to family and friends that they must not ignore the warning signs: fatigue, loss of sleep, sudden loss of appetite, mood changes, a significant decline in schoolwork, heavy smoking, writing lots of letters to friends, an increase in drug or alcohol use, and giving away prized possessions.

There are places offering help to individuals in these situations. There are institutions, doctors and in some cases voluntary or involuntary hospitalization of the patient.

The juvenile suicide rate can be reduced if nonprofessionals can be taught to recognize warning signs. The person can then be aided with professional care.

A doctor of the National Institute of Mental Health states, "That is likely to be a long, slow process, and the unhappy fact is that the suicide rate is likely to go up still more."



Freshman Science Class prepare to launch hot air balloon.

## OAK K Adds Ads

Need a job? Gotta job to give? Do you have something to sell? Would you like to buy something special? The OAK K Staff has devoted a special section for classified ads. The price is fifty cents for thirty words and five cents for each word thereafter.

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Paducah's "10", Libby Williams

### Libby Williams Ranks '10'

Libby Williams was crowned Paducah's '10', on a scale of 1 to 10, in a contest sponsored by Bright's Junior Directions and the Columbia Theater. The contest was in conjunction with the movie '10'.

Ms. Williams, 23, was chosen from a field of 10 finalists. She was crowned by Steve Bright and awarded an outfit "suitable for '10'" from Bright's Junior Directions.

Robin Thompson, sophomore, was selected as one of the 10 finalists.

The movie '10' is about a middle-aged man who is fascinated with a young woman he gave a rating of '10'.

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Tanya Peck points to "Silas Marner's house" that she and Sheila Powell constructed while reading *Silas Marner* in Mrs. Foster's first period sophomore English class. Savonna Gilbert and Sue Miller made a hit with the class when they displayed their project which was interesting and also edible!



Vicki Parks manages a smile as she diligently works on the faculty section of the OAK LEAVES.

## Taking A Drink...

### Is It Worth The 'Kicks'?

By: Karen Houser

"Taking a drink" is virtually a rite of passage for adolescents in this country, but while kids once drank for kicks and because it seemed cool, alarming numbers now frankly set out to stupefy themselves.

"We're seeing a growing number of kids who are alienated and using alcohol to escape from other problems," explains Loran Archer, acting director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) in Washington. "And if they are starting younger they are more likely to get into heavy drinking in later life."

Teenage drinking is perceived to be such a problem that millions of dollars are being allocated for

counseling and prevention programs and the alcoholic-beverage industry itself is starting to sponsor alcohol awareness ads.

At issue is a new style of teenage drinking. More kids are drinking these days, they're doing it more frequently and more often to the point of drunkenness, and more are chasing alcohol with drugs. Drinking is still heaviest among youngsters in the North-East and on the West Coast. But according to some studies, teenagers in the South and Mid-west are catching up, and the drinking habits of girls nearly match those of boys. Kids are also drinking at a younger age. According to NIAAA, the average age at which children take their first drink dropped from 13.6 years in 1965 to

12.9 in 1975, and an estimated 40 percent have tested alcohol by the age of 10.

Who are the young problem drinkers? "The group with the highest risk of having future alcohol problems are children of alcoholics," explains NIAAA's Archer. "Whether its' hereditary, alcohol problems seem to run in families." The highest proportion of drinkers are youngsters from upper income families, but the rate of abuse is greatest among young American Indians. The lowest proportion of heavy drinkers is found among young blacks, even though in later years they have a far higher death rate than whites from cirrhosis of the liver.

The reasons why teenagers abuse alcohol are countless. Peer pressure is still a strong factor. More recent studies suggest that even though the peer group may provide an encouraging setting, it is the parents who are the stronger influence. Although the highest proportion of problem drinkers are children of alcoholics, experts now say that their drinking problems are not merely a result of imitative behavior but because their relationship with their parents are usually poor. The increase in adolescent alcohol abuse is also an indication of the stress and permissiveness of the times.

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Freshman Boy: Tim Siegfried  
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Flirt: Kelly Botkin  
Hunk: Mark Bickerstaff  
Car: Jenny Yates' white Opel GT

## Braggin' On Band

By: Carla White

"Washington D.C.!...Us!..." were the thoughts in the minds of the Kentucky Colonel band members when they were informed of their planned trip coming up in the spring.

The band will compete in Class A marching competition and also concert band. The group is to leave March 25 and will tour Lincoln Memorial, the U.S. Capital, Smithsonian Institute and many other historical sights while in Washington. The planned return of the Colonels is March 30.

### FIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN U.T. MARTIN BAND

Charles Collins and Laura Peavler, seniors; David Read and Mary Jane Rouse, juniors; and Todd Dowdy, sophomore, have been selected to attend an honor

band at U.T. Martin, January 24-26.

The honor band was chosen by auditions from Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. The group will rehearse three days on campus under the direction of Dr. James Furgeson, director of bands at University of Alabama. The selected band will give a concert January 26 at U.T. Martin.

### BAND TO SPONSOR FLIGHT 602

The band and its boosters will sponsor Flight 602 with Terry Mike Jeffrey in concert February 2.

The concert will be held in the gym. Tickets will be five dollars in advance and six dollars at the door and can be obtained from any band member.

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# Oakers Finish Second in Christmas Tourney

By: Scott Bratton

Paducah Tilghman defeated the Oakers in a closely fought game by a score of 76-68. The win gave Tilghman its own Christmas tournament championship while the Oakers finished runner-up.

Tilghman then hit a free throw and field goal to give the Blue Tornado a 64-62 lead. After an Oaker turnover Tilghman hit a free throw, stole the ball, and then had a dunk to give Tilghman a 67-62 lead.

throws. Bickerstaff also had a productive night with 14 points. Junior Wes Hagan and Baker had 9 and 8 points respectively. Cruse, Sophomore Jeff Reed, and Senior Randall Cruse chipped in with 6, 4, and 2 points.

The game was tied 59-all with 4:49 left in the game when senior forward Mark Bickerstaff hit a field goal. After Tilghman's time out, Tilghman scored to go up by two.

Tilghman went into a stall and Lone Oak was forced to foul. The Blue Tornado hit 9 of 10 free throws over the final minute and a half to seal the victory.

Tilghman hit 29 of 56 field goal attempts for 52 percent while Lone Oak hit 27 of 56 for 48 percent. Tilghman hit 18 of 25 freethrows for 72 percent while Lone Oak hit 14 of 20 for 70 percent.

Junior Mark Cruse then hit a free throw and Senior Jerry Baker hit a field goal to give the Flash a 62-61 lead with 3:03 remaining.

Senior Stan Shuemaker was the game's high scorer with 25 points, including 7 of 8 free



Senior Mark Bickerstaff fights off a Marshall County defender in the first round of the Tilghman Christmas Tournament.

## Flash to Battle Tornado

By: Cheri Simmons

The Lone Oak Purple Flash will face their top district rival, Paducah Tilghman, on Tilghman's home court tomorrow night. The game will be the third confrontation between the two teams this season.

seniors Greg Overstreet, guard; Larry Beard, forward; and David Lambert, forward. Troy York, at center, and David Davis, playing guard, are both juniors. Beard and York are their leading scorers.

Tilghman began this week with a 14-3 record, before playing Lowes Tuesday night. Their only losses up to this point have been to Carlisle County twice, and a 73-61 loss to Cape Girardeau Central last week.

Lone Oak met Tilghman last in the finals of the Christmas Tournament. The Flash were defeated by a score of 76-68.

The varsity game will follow Tilghman homecoming festivities, while the JV game will begin at 6:30 tomorrow night.

Hey  
Flash  
  
Beat  
Tilghman

## Varsities Soar to Double Victory

By: Cheri Simmons

Lone Oak soared in varsity action with a double victory over the Reidland Greyhounds. Lone Oak's Varsity Boys smothered a Reidland comeback 73-65. In the girl's game, the Lady Flash won by a decisive 68-36 margin.

points. Kim Moore and Tammy Tracy Burton and Tina Mullen Burton added 14 and 13 points each scored 6 points. Lisa respectively. Kathy Bechtold Downey chipped in 3; Jonna Vaden added 2.

**Varsity Boys**  
Lone Oak 73 Reidland 65

Reidland edged to within three points in the final quarter before Lone Oak scored its last seven points from the foul line.

The Flash hit 14 of 20 free throws in the fourth period after only a 3-5 showing in the first three quarters.

Reidland was also 17-25 from the charity strip, but out-rebounded Lone Oak 39-32.

Oaker Stan Shuemaker had a game-high 29 points. Mark Bickerstaff tallied 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Wes Hagan added 14 points.

Randall Cruse contributed 6 points; Jerry Baker tossed in 2.

**Varsity Girls**  
Lone Oak 68 Reidland 36

Lady Flash Coach Cliff Owen used the entire bench as the Oakers romped over the Reidland Greyhounds.

Balanced scoring was a key factor for the Lady Flash, who placed four players in double figures.

Karen Herndon poured in 16

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## Flashes Stun Vikings

By: Kevin Ezell

The Lone Oak Purple Flash boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams won two very exciting and close games from the St. Mary Vikings.

### Varsity Boys

Lone Oak 65 St. Mary 64

The varsity men squeezed by the Vikings with a 65-64 come-from-behind victory. The score was very close throughout the game. Late in the fourth quarter, the Vikings scored six straight points to grab a 62-57 advantage with 1:38 remaining.

The Oakers then began their tremendous come-back surge. The Flashes full-court press added a great deal to their defensive pressure. The Oakers managed to get within one point and to have possession of the ball.

With no time remaining, senior Ben McIntosh was sent to the line for two pressure-packed free

throws. McIntosh calmly sank both shots to give the Flash another thrilling victory.

Senior Stan Shuemaker led the Flash in scoring with 19 points. Seniors Mark Bickerstaff and McIntosh added a great deal to the Flashes' offensive attack, scoring 18 and 10 points. Junior Wes Hagan and Sophomore center Jeff Reed threw in 6 and 12 points respectively.

### Varsity Girls

Lone Oak 56 St. Mary 45

The Lady Oakers were surprisingly out-scored by six points from the field by the Lady Vikings. But due to outstanding shooting from the line, the Lady Flash came out a winner, 56-45.

The Lady Flash were led by junior Kathy Bechtold and sophomore Karen Herndon. They combined for 23 points and grabbed 26 rebounds.

## Oakers Rip Symsonia

By: Scott Bratton

Senior forward Mark Bickerstaff, junior guard Wes Hagan, and senior guard Stan Shuemaker led the Oakers to a 74-51 win over Symsonia.

Bickerstaff was the game's high scorer with 22 points. Hagan and Shuemaker also had productive nights with 17 and 16 points respectively. Senior Ben McIntosh scored six, junior Clifford Clark had four, and junior Mark Cruse had four also. Junior Sammy Freeman, sophomore Jeff Reed, and freshman Andy Gilland chipped in with 1, 2, and 2 points respectively. Senior Jerry Baker, senior Randall Cruse, and junior

Tim Hayden also participated in the game but did not score.

At the end of the first quarter Lone Oak was ahead 20-0. In the second quarter Symsonia started finding the basket and outscored the Oakers 26-16 to make the score at half time 36-26 in favor of the Oakers. The third quarter ended with the Oakers on top 51-37. In the fourth quarter Lone Oak didn't let up and the final score was Lone Oak 74 Symsonia 51.

The Flash outshot Symsonia from the field 47 percent to only 32 percent. The Oakers having 32 of 68 field goals hit while Symsonia had 19 of 51 finding the basket.

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## "B" Team Roundup

### J.V. Boys

The record for the Junior Varsity boy's basketball team is 4-6. The key players for the team include sophomore Cary Carney, juniors Tim Hayden, Clifford Clark, Sam Freeman, and Mark Cruse, and freshman Andy Gilland. The JV has defeated Reidland twice, Brookport and Symsonia.

### Freshman Boys

The Lone Oak freshman basketball team has compiled a 4-4 record. They have recorded victories over Ballard, Heath, and have beaten Reidland twice.

The Oakers start at center Andy Gilland. Gilland is the only member of the freshman squad that dresses out on the varsity team. Starting as forwards for the

team are Kevin Wheatly and Roger Hagan. Mike Presley and Kevin Shannon start at the guard positions for the Oakers.

### J.V. Girls

Lone Oak's Junior Varsity Girls sport a 4-1 record so far this season. Flash victims include Tilghman, Ballard, Symsonia, and Lyon County. The girl's only loss was to Marshall County early this year.

Starting for the JV Lady Flash are juniors Sheri Smith, Tina Mullen, and Lisa Jones; sophomore Dooper Winstead; and freshman Carol Habeck. All the JV starters have also seen much varsity action.

Freshmen Lisa Mick and Rhonda Hooper plus sophomores Jonna Vaden and Sara Spahr, round out the JV squad.

## Sports Trivia

The first person to answer all the questions and turn in his answers to Mrs. Foster will win a prize.

1. What high school team did Coach Norris play basketball for?
2. What sport has been at Lone Oak the longest?
3. Who is the varsity golf coach?
4. What grade are the freshman cheerleaders in?
5. How many Basketball coaches has Lone Oak had in the past three years?
6. What sport did Mr. Stephenson play when he was a student at L.O.H.S.?
7. Who is the only person from Lone Oak to win a state championship in golf?
8. What girl on the girls' tennis team is the defending regional champion?
9. What schools did Mr. Stephenson play basketball at on a scholarship?
10. Who was Lone Oak beaten by in last year's regional basketball tournament?
11. When is the basketball homecoming?
12. Who is the boys' track coach?
13. Who does Lone Oak play for homecoming?
14. What basketball player hurt his leg dancing?
15. What school did Coach Pandolfi come from?

## UK Wildcats

By: Cheri Simmons  
UK Basketball Schedule

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