

# THE OAK

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## McIntosh to attend University of Kentucky on ROTC scholarship

By Gregg Jones

Senior Deron Lee McIntosh has been awarded a four-year Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) scholarship by the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Born in Paducah, July 16, 1966, Deron lives with his parents, Ron and Barbara McIntosh and his sister Julie, who is a freshman here at Lone Oak.

This four-year scholarship pays for tuition, books, lab fees, and uniforms. It also brings with it several obligations which must be fulfilled: Deron must serve four years in the Air Force after graduation. He will be commissioned as a second lieutenant upon entry. He must also attend ROTC class one hour per week during his freshman and sophomore years, and three hours

per week during junior and senior years.

To get the scholarship, several things were required of Deron. He had to travel to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky in order to take a physical. Also, Deron went to Nashville, Tennessee for an interview at Tennessee State University.

Other things, such as ACT score, grade point average, and extracurricular activities allowed Deron to receive the scholarship. He had an ACT score of 30 and a grade point average of 3.7. He now serves as Beta Club President and is a member of the tennis club. Deron is also a former member of the tennis team and very active at Lone Oak First Baptist Church.

When asked about his plans after his

four-year service in the Air Force, Deron mentioned a couple possibilities. "First, there's the possibility of staying in the Air Force and making it a career. Otherwise, I might go to work as an electrical engineer."

Already, Deron has registered for classes beginning next fall. His classes include Calculus, chemistry, Computer Science, English, ROTC, and U.S. history, for a total of 16 hours his freshman year.

When asked how he felt about the University of Kentucky and the Air Force, Deron responded by saying "Kentucky has an outstanding program and is highly respected nationwide. Ever since I was a little kid, I've always wanted to go there and be in the Air Force."



Deron McIntosh



Judith Helton, alias Abigail Adams

## Professional actress portrays Abigail Adams

By Joey Fosko

It wasn't the real Abigail Adams walking the halls in the colonial-style dress, but her knowledge might have fooled some people into believing she was.

Judith Helton, a Los Angeles-based actress, was brought to Western Kentucky by a joint effort of Paducah's Market House Theatre and the Western Kentucky Education Co-op to increase area students' awareness in American history. "We want to interest students more in American history," said Market House director Paul Meier.

Ms. Helton is not new to this sort of thing. She has been playing the only person to have been married to a President and the father of one for four years, mostly in California. "This

method is very popular in California," claimed Ms. Helton. "I think it's a great way to teach history to students because I feel young people today can relate to young people of any generation or period of history."

She also does a lot of stage acting in the role of Adams, using the knowledge she has acquired through eight years of research into the life of the wife of our second President, but she said she enjoys acting for classes more than stage acting. She also feels it is important to know American history. "After all, it is our heritage," said Ms. Helton.

While she was at LOHS, she performed for two social studies classes, Mr. Mizell's fifth hour U.S. History class, and Mr. Stigall's sixth hour Civics class.

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# Many seniors affected by spring illness

Attention all seniors! Have you noticed any strange feelings lately? A sense of laziness and dread toward school? If so, my diagnosis is "Senioritis?"

"Senioritis" is not a physical disease, but a mental one. It occurs when members of the graduating class start thinking about spring break, prom, summer, and graduation. With these thoughts we have the tendency to think everything is "easy going" from here on out. We have the "I don't care" attitude when it comes to school work. If you haven't noticed these symptoms yet—beware. It's becoming a school-wide epidemic. It is so contagious that if enough seniors get it, juniors, sophomores and even freshmen will catch the "laid back" syndrome too.

"Senioritis" is used as an excuse for "forgotten" homework, skipped

classes, and low grades. All of which can lead to trouble in the end rather than the good times that are expected. Remember seniors, the second semester grades will count on the final grade point average.

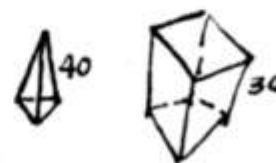
The teachers dread the yearly epidemic the most, because they have to deal directly with the victims. They have tried many techniques for a cure, but all have failed.

If they give us more homework to do,

we think there's no way we can possibly get it all done, consequently making the "illness" worse. If they cut down on the amount of work, we think maybe the teachers are slacking off too. So what can be done to control a class full of seniors? Nothing. Just leave us alone and sooner or later—probably later—we'll return to normal. Just think, we've only got two months until graduation and we'll be gone!

Believe me, I know about this. I'm a senior, and I've got it bad!!!

This cartoon is Dedicated to all who have ever tried to work a reading problem...



Q. Betty Lou is in a car going 50 mph, her sister Loleta is taking a train that averages 60 mph. Both girls are going to the same place to buy 5 apples at 50 cents apiece. How old was Giselda in 1974?

A. 8 years old... in order to determine Giselda's exact age - add the sides of the square and the triangle:  $40 + 36 = 76$ , divide the answer by 2:  $76 \div 2 = 38$  and pick the largest number: 8

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## Two views on recent article

Within the last month, the Paducah community has encountered some very unfavorable press concerning the loitering of teens at public places.

From the publicity, it is likely that local merchants will impose some very strict rules regarding the congregating of teenagers around their premises. These measures could easily result in the creation of even more tension between "teens on the loose" and security police who are responsible for controlling the crowds.

Even now, you often can't pull into Cardinal Point to go to Heavenly Yogurt or go bowling without having a full-scale search conducted on your car and personal belongings.

If you remain in Show Biz Pizza Place for more than a few minutes without presenting a pizza ticket or be-

ing involved in video game play, a security guard will politely escort you to the door.

Go to somebody's house and play cards? Chances are good that a policeman will stroll in uninvited and threaten to tow away all the cars parked on the road.

And it's not just the troublemakers who are receiving the punishment. Everybody is feeling the consequences of a few people's wrongdoings. That's what makes the whole situation so unfair. We understand that there are a few people who are behaving immaturely and have been justifiably reprimanded; we as teenagers are only asking that chastisement not be dumped on everybody but only on the few who are causing the problems.

Recent complaints have been directed at Paducah's teenagers for loitering around the Kentucky Oaks Mall and other area stores.

The main reason for the store owners' agitation is the congregating of teenagers close to their places of business..

The store owners claim that property is being damaged and customers are being driven away. We fail to see the basis for a lot of their complaints.

In regard to the Mall store owners, a couple of the businesses who expressed dislike in teenager's "loitering" in the mall get much of their business from teenagers, specifically, the restaurants and record stores.

Water pistol fights and other "games" in the Executive Inn have produced antagonism towards teenagers. Sources at the Executive Inn indicate that the majority of these "horrible" games are not even being played by local teenagers, but by children who are staying at the hotel. If this is the case, it shouldn't be blamed on the children, but on parents who fail to control their children.

As for teenagers just "hanging around" at the Executive Inn, who is to say who is loitering and who is not? This is just an example of adult stereotyping teenagers as a group of degenerates.

Show Biz Pizza Place is the only

place that we see justification of a complaint. Not only are some of the teenagers running off older paying customers, but they are drinking, vandalizing, and being generally obnoxious. Broken windows and fighting have been reporting to have occurred in Show Biz. Still, from what we've seen, the majority of the teenage crowd that frequents Show Biz acts decently. The simple solution is to increase police supervision. Another solution is to report a defiant teenagers action's to his or her parents.

While requiring some attention, this "teens on the loose" situation has been blown completely out of proportion. After all, teenagers are people, too.

**Seniors: Graduation has been set for June 1. School will be in session Monday, May 28, Memorial Day.**

## THE OAK K

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# JUNIORS



Junior honor students are, first row: Mark Nelson, Eric Thomas, Brian Owens, Jeff Mudd; second row: Sheri Knott, Leigh Ann Akin, Renee Thompson, Sheryl Elkins, Kathy Batcher, Mindy Spees; third row: Laura Dibert, Amy Grimes, Cathy Thweatt, Dana Johnson, Dana Shannon; fourth row: Greg Yates, Amy Dunker, Jill Blackburn, Sonja Wilson, Amy Lynch, Jill Thompson; fifth row: Alan Joiner, Wes Jones, Danny Krueger; sixth row: John Rudolph. Not pictured is Ben Black.



# SOPHOMORES

Sophomore honor students are, first row: Kris Kelso, Russell Adams, James Hayden, Julie Brugger; second row: Marie Ciciarelli, Jason Banister, Leslie McKinney, Lori Borderdorp, Juliana Mobley; third row: LaDonna Smith, Julie Elliot, Lisa Andrews, Melanie Foshee; fourth row: Amy Walker, Tim Edwards, Alan Foster, Lynn Zimmerman; fifth row: Tommy Robinson, Holly Carter, and Camille Clark. Not pictured is Michelle Moubray.

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At right, all are ready and excited for the evening. Seniors Jill Dallas and Darall Harris look exchanging with Jill in her pink dress layered entirely in ruffles worn with a three-bone hoop. Darall is in white "tails" with pink cummerbund and bow tie.



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At left, Junior Jana Herzog and Senior Jimmy Pierce are ready for the big night in their formal wear. Jana wears a light pink dress with a dark pink overlay made of light weight taffeta. Jimmy wears a black blazer and pants with a pleated front shirt, and pink cummerbund and bow tie.

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"Southern Nights" is the theme for this year's Junior/Senior Prom to be held Saturday, April 28, at the Paducah J. C. Civic Center.

For your listening and dancing enjoyment will be the Weekend Millionaires. They played at the 1983 Prom.

The environment will be that of garden scenery with grass, spring flowers and white columns. Tom McCarthy will be taking pictures.

Photo By Ken Thompson





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Above, Junior Melody Smith and Senior Jimmy Hart make an adorable couple for this special evening. Melody's dress is white taffeta with bows accented on this dress. Blue flowers are in the middle of each bow and also on the full ruffle across the shoulders. Her blue parasol completes the dress for a "southern belle" look. Jimmy is dashing in his light blue tux with vest and bow tie to match.

At left, Senior Lori Spillman looks elegant in this strapless red dress. The top is overlaid in embroidered taffeta and a wide ruffle around the bottom. The sash ties in a bow at the back to complete the dress. Her escort, Jimmy Pierce, wears a white dinner jacket with black pants and a pleated front shirt with wing-tipped collars. His red cummerbund and bow tie match Lori's dress.

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# RECORD REVIEW

*Ken gives 'Footloose,'  
'Crusader' good marks*



By Ken McKinney

"Footloose," the motion picture soundtrack, is by far the best various artists albums to be released in recent years. "Footloose" contains many musically and vocally talented artists such as Bonnie Tyler, Shalamar, Kenny Loggins, and Deniece Williams. The album appeals to almost every musical taste. It offers everything from Heavy Metal to Soul.

Even if you haven't seen the movie, the sound track is both inspirational and exhilarating. I found every song, including "The Girl Gets Around" by Sammy Hagar, enjoyable. If you have seen the movie I'm sure you'll agree how well the songs fit the theme.

I thought the movie was tremendous and the "Footloose" soundtrack

should be an essential part of your record collection.

I really don't know what's happening to me. "Crusader" by Saxon is the second Heavy Metal album I've liked. It's amazing that a band of Saxon's musical persuasion can produce such an explosive album.

I found Saxon's glorification of God is a respectable alternative to Motely Crue's and Black Sabbath's obvious Satanic implications. "Crusader" is one of the few Metal albums that have an honest, true-to-life message.

Not only are the lyrics excellent, but the music is exceptional. The use of the guitars, bass and drums are performed with extreme accuracy. Talent pours out of Saxon and "Crusader." I heartily recommend "Crusader."

## Business department receives student teacher

By Cathy Williams

Miss Glenda Farmer, a native of Metropolis, Illinois, is currently student teaching in Lone Oak's business

department, under the supervision of Mrs. Wilma Rucker. A senior at Murray State, Miss Farmer is also employed part time at Meis and teaches word processing at Shawnee Junior College.

Miss Farmer will be teaching typing, general business, secretarial office procedure, and accounting during her 8-week stay at Lone Oak. She will graduate from Murray on May 12, 1984, after which she would like to teach at a local high school and complete her master's degree which would enable her to teach at a junior college.

Miss Farmer spends her spare time playing tennis, swimming, and running.

She has found Lone Oak High School to have a friendly atmosphere. "The students are nice and all the teachers have been helpful," she stated. "I especially appreciate the help Mrs. Rucker and Mr. Stephenson have given me."

Her reason's for becoming a business teacher, according to Miss Farmer, are that she has always liked to learn and business has always been a favorite subject. Her advice to students considering a career in education is to decide on a major and stick with it: "Start out by putting your best foot forward."



Freshmen honor students are, first row: Jason Adams, Tina Austin, Stephanie Stacy, Deanna Kirlan, Steven Housman; second row: Natalie Black, Kim Rushing, Melissa Morehead, Melissa Egner, Dee Dee Black, Milinda Murrin, Laura Allison, Will Jones; third row: Lee Tolar, Suzy Bosch, Edwinna Lambert, Karen McMunn, Lora Dixon, Ellen Rushing; fourth row: Steven Morgan, Brett Hayes, Shawn Hayes, Steve Jones, Kevin Boggess, David Hobbs; fifth row: Dale Reid, Shane Bradley, John Biles. Not pictured are Brian Carter, Joey Holifield, Tara Lambert, Stephanie McDermott, and Jamie Walker.

## Academic Team marches toward regional tournament

By Joey Fosko

The upcoming Western Kentucky Academic Association tournament has many area teams preparing for it by participating in triangular matches with other schools. Some schools are staging, and others hoping to, tournaments for eight or 16 teams.

The LOHS team participated in a 16-team tournament at Cape Central High School in Cape Girardeau, MO. The team defeated South Pemiscot High School 280-125. After that match, Lone Oak met Heath. LOHS held their own for one-half before Heath took the lead and won 275-140.

taking advantage of the fact that Lone Oak's top two players, seniors Kevin Clark and Peter Besold, could not attend.

On March 15 Lone Oak participated in a triangular match with Crittenden County and Reidland. LOHS beat Reidland 385-60 and Crittenden County 70-35 in a match that lasted for only one half.

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# Lady Flash softball team prepares for new season

By Gregg Jones

Coming off a 5-11 record last year, the 1984 Lone Oak Lady Flash softball team will be looking to better that record with the return of five starters.

Even though this year's team will be without the services of Tammy Burton and Carol Habeck, Coach Steve Speed seems optimistic saying, "I think this year's record could be better than last year's." Lone Oak will have several players returning, five of which started last year. They are: Ann Denton, Amy Grimes, Dana Johnson, Shelly Livada, Rhonda McGregor, Michelle Neihoff, and Lori Spillman.

Other team members are: Krisa Clark, Melanie Foshee, Tammy Hammonds, Leslie McKinney, Cynthia Neihoff, Kim Norris, Melinda Rogers,

Tori Rust, Shawnee Saffer, Genny Shaffer, and Michele Whaley.

"Pitching will be our biggest problem," says Coach Speed who explained that getting used to slow pitch will be necessary since Khoury League softball uses fast pitch.

Two of the most talented teams on Lone Oak's schedule will be Marshall County and Reidland. According to Coach Speed, "You can pretty much tell what kind of softball team the school will have by its basketball team." The Lady Flash's first test will be here against Marshall Co., April 3. Due to the fact that many of Marshall's players are involved with the state basketball tournament, the Lady Marshals haven't had a lot of practice.

# Oakers swing into action

By Leigh Ann Akin

This year's varsity boys and girls golf team features a number of returning golfers. They are Rick Webster, senior; Mike Shepard, freshman; Todd Walton, freshman; and Wes Jones, junior. Also Dena Giacone, senior; Rebecca Throgmorton, junior; Rachell Throgmorton, freshman; Amy Lippert, freshman, and Cheri Mullen, eight grade.

Coach Tom Pandolfi had a good turnout this year. We had 20 boys and 10 girls try out. He selected 12 boys and 8 girls to make up the Lone Oak golf teams.

Their first match is April 2. Coach Pandolfi said, "I am looking forward to an excellent season."

# Runners take their mark

By Leigh Ann Akin

This years track team has many returning lettermen. They are David McGriff, Mark Lawrence, Tim Raney, Jeff Perry, and Dave Thompson. Also Jeff Cossiboom, Bobby Danby, Brent Adams, Ethan Taylor, Cindy Jenkins, Karen Langston, Juliana Mobley, and Penny Neckel.

The Teams consist of 53 boys and 14 girls. According to coach Mike Clark, "They are very strong in the long distance events but very weak in the sprint and relays."

When asked how this year's team compares to last years, Coach Clark replied, "It is probably a little weaker because we lost several men to graduation. This year we are using several eight grade boys and girls in order to complete the team. Last year we were county champs and I would like to repeat that again this year."



Finished product of art classes' sculpture art

# Clubs plan activities for March and April

By Cathy Williams

## Art Club

The Art Club saw a film on "Careers in Art" at its last meeting. Plans were also made for a trip to St. Louis on Saturday, May 19. While in St. Louis, the club plans to visit the Gateway Arch and the Museum of Art.

## FBLA

Eighteen club members will be entering competition at the Regional Conference at Murray State University on April 3. First, second, and third place winners will be eligible for competition at the State Conference on April 26-28.

## DECA

DECA members Benji Butler, Todd

Faugno, Charles Waddel, and Mark Lawrence attended the state DECA Conference in Louisville, March 8-10. Each placed in his respective contest and Todd Faugno qualified to compete in the national conference to be held in May. Club members are also preparing to elect officers for next year so they can go the Officer's Training Camp.

## Physical Science

The Physical Science club had a speaker from Comcast Cable who spoke on the Comcast system now and in the future years.

## Tennis Club

The team members received their jackets and wish to express their ap-

preciation to Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Cruse for their contributions.

On February 17-20, 28 members of the Biology Club took a trip to Boone, North Carolina. Due to the lack of snow, their original plans of both Cross-Country and Down-Hill skiing, were limited to just Down-Hill. The members also enjoyed a brief Sunday morning hike into the mountains before heading back to the slopes.

The members were accompanied by club sponsors, Donna Brugger, Carol Richards, Norris Wells, and Tony McGroarty.

The club has already begun plans for a back-packing trip later this Spring.

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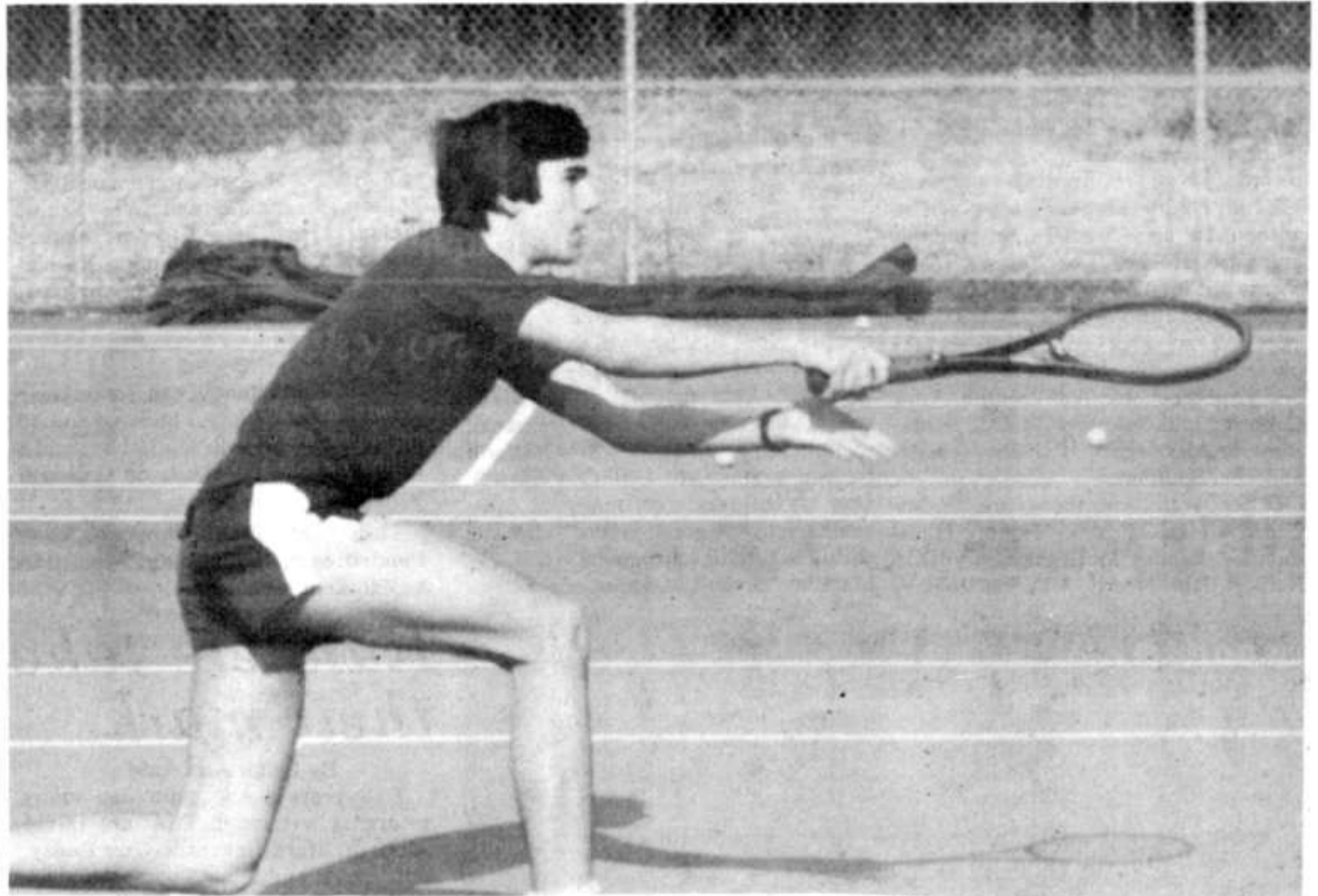
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# Girls tennis team begins defense of regional title

Senior Peter Besold practices his over hand serve.



By Leigh Ann Akin

Tennis anyone? Now that spring is here and warm weather is on the way this is a frequently heard phrase. Even more so if you are a member of the Lone Oak tennis team, which is preparing to get its season bouncing.

In early fall the girls' and boys' teams began practicing and playing each other for the top positions. The top six seeds, as a result of a round robin tournament held last fall, are, in order, Cathy Thweatt, junior; Dana Shannon, junior; Stacie Whaley, sophomore; Dawn Alexander, senior; Leigh Ann Akin, junior; and Lechelle Yates, eighth grade. Also, for the boys' team, Jeff Simmons, senior; Tyler Prince, junior; Chris Dallas, sophomore; Tim Edwards, sophomore;

Troy Duncan, sophomore; Ben Harwood, sophomore.

With their first match coming soon, practice has begun again for all team members. The boys' team practices on Monday and Wednesday and the girls' team practices on Tuesday and Thursday at the Lone Oak tennis courts. On Friday the top eight seeds on both teams work out.

Coach Larry Heflin has a positive attitude about both his teams. He noted, "The girls are coming into the season with a 45-match winning streak. We are not expected to dominate as in the previous years. Our goal is to steadily improve with regionals in mind. Both teams are young and inexperienced, but I expect good things at the end of the year."

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