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## Clubs active during the holiday

By: Derrick Courieux

The Beta Club, Art Club, Tri-Hi-Y, the Student Council, DECA, FPLA, and FFA are sharing in the Christmas Spirit by participating in many different Christmas activities this holiday season.

The Beta Club is sponsoring three Christmas activities this year. Approximately 30 volunteers donated their time to decorate the high school and the Parkview Nursing Home. Also, many students will give money, toys, and other useful items to an "adopted family."

According to Stephanie McDermott, President of the Beta Club, many people have needs, and "one club can't do it all." She stresses that other clubs need to be active in community work also.

The Art Club, sponsored by Mrs. Floyd, is painting creative drawings on the windows of the Paducah Sun and the post office on Broadway. About seven members of the club volunteered to paint the windows after the Paducah Sun called Mrs. Floyd and informed her that other schools were doing the same.

The Tri-Hi-Y is involved in a couple of activities which involve appreciation to the teachers of Lone Oak. "Teacher Pals" is the first activity in which every member of the club

chooses three teachers and puts cards or notes in their mailboxes. On the final day the students will give the teachers a larger gift. Refreshments are also being supplied by the Tri-Hi-Y to the teachers in the teachers' lounge. Kim Rushing, President of the club, feels that all clubs should get involved in something such as this.

The Student Council is also in the process of deciding what to do for Christmas, but President of the Student Council, Kim Rushing, feels that it will deal with the student body's appreciation to the teachers.

The Distributive Education Clubs of America is bringing food for a basket to be given to a needy family in the Lone Oak area. This Christmas basket will be delivered by the officers and their sponsor, Mr. Buddy Pushing.

The FPLA will also give food baskets to needy families of the area. The food will be brought by members of FPLA.

The FFA has given 16 food baskets to the elderly of the area. Their sponsor is Mr. Harold Hood.

Although many people have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas, the clubs at Lone Oak High School still know that giving is the best way to celebrate this holiday.



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Shelly Gibbs, running for National Beta Club Secretary, gives her election speech during the Beta Club Convention.

## Beta Club members compete at Convention

By: Shannon Adler

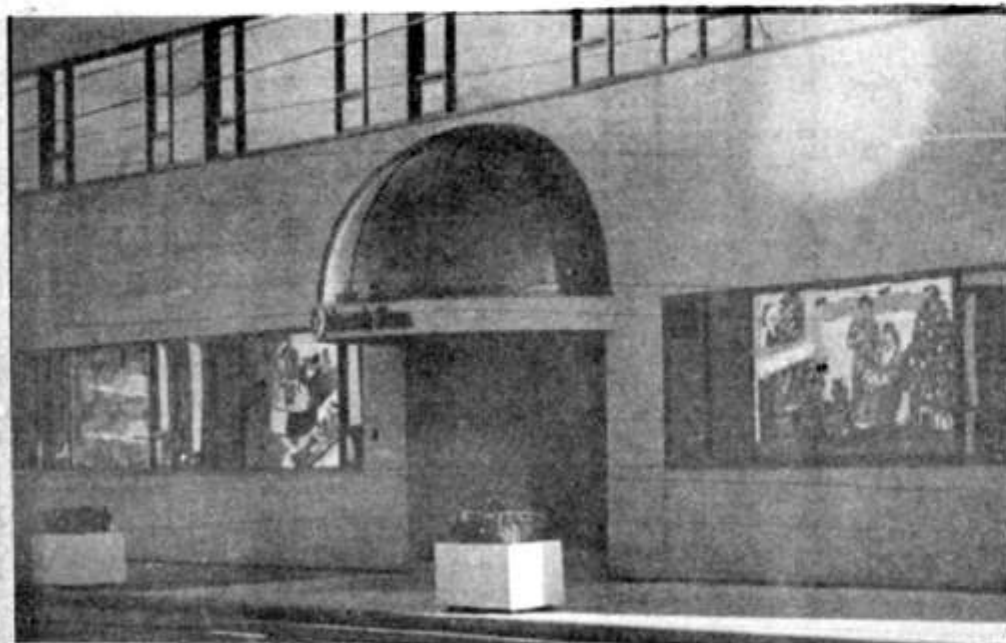
The National Beta Club Convention was held on December 5, 6, and 7 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky.

Several students, as well as advisors of the Beta Club, attended this convention. They were Karen Wooley, Melissa Jackson, Kenny Zabel, Steve Morgan, Suzy Bosch, Stephanie McDermott, Shelly Gibbs, Robert Seifert, Chris McCarthy, Shane Bradley, Natalie Black, Dee Dee Black, Mrs. Brugger, and Mrs. Richards.

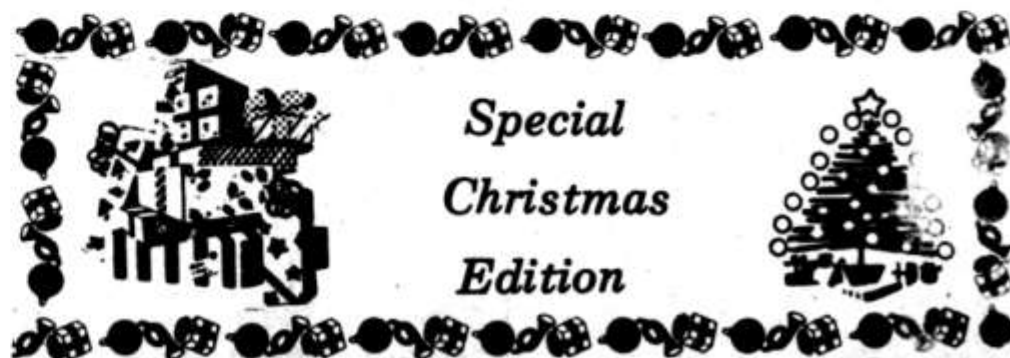
They participated in many events including dances, shopping at the Galleria, and workshops. The students chose the workshops

that they were interested in. Some of the workshops included learning about fun raising, becoming a well rounded person, and touring Kosair Children's Hospital.

There was competition in various fields and active campaigning for Shelly Gibbs, who ran for secretary. Steve Morgan won first place in the category of science. He is eligible for the national competition. Karen Wooley, one of the participants in the category of English, said, "The convention was a lot of fun. Each of us learned a lot about campaigning, meeting new people, and competing."



LOHS Art Club, along with other area high school Art Clubs, decorated the Paducah Sun's windows.





### Finals need not be required of students

Final exams, the school year's most dreaded tests, should not be required of every student. Pupils who have good grades and attendance records should be rewarded by being excused from semester tests.

If a student is absent fewer than three days during a semester, he shouldn't have to suffer the agony of finals. Attendance would surely increase throughout the year if students knew that by simply going to school every day they could free themselves from having to "cram" for exams. As attendance increases, so does the amount of money that a school receives from the government. Therefore, this system would benefit both students and administrators. It would also help teachers, because they wouldn't have to grade as many tests.



Why are students who earn above average grades each grading period required to take final exams? Finals merely quiz students on information on which they've already been tested. If a pupil has performed well throughout the semester, he obviously understands the material which he has studied. Thus, it is pointless to retest him at the end of the semester.

Final exams are difficult and bothersome. Students who have proved themselves to be dedicated and intelligent need to be rewarded for their effort and ability. Such rewards will encourage students to strive for success.

Karen Wooley

### Editorial policy

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### Christmas is the time of year for sharing your good fortune

Well, it's that time of the year again. The weather is beginning to change and at the same time the leaves have fallen. The signs are there for good cheer and giving all over the world. For many people, this time of year is when the family comes to the house and the presents pile

up under the decked tree that glows through the night. While the parents begin to sweat as the money flows out of their pockets, the children grow wide-eyed as the parents bring large bags in the back door.

As Americans, we see Christmas as a time of good fortune; but to others, it is a time of hardships and the feeling of despair for parents wanting to give their children something for Christmas, only not to have the money. That could be a story of someone familiar.

Most Americans are well taken care of, but there are those who do not even have a roof over their heads, food to eat, clothes to wear, or a life to call their own. These people are the ones who share the Christmas Wish.

To each one who reads this, the Christmas Wish can and will have its own separate meaning. The fact that one has just about everything that he could want, does not change the fact of the others who are down on their luck. We should learn to share a part of ourselves with those who need something. It doesn't matter what they may need in this world because anyone who has feelings will need love. We can also give them things that might make them happier, but we should never forget to show a person attention.

Our land is known as the "land of plenty". This alone should give us a great deal of pride. We should think of the millions of people that go to sleep without a thing to eat every night, the slums in the cities, the run down houses, and the schools that were once alive with the children of the future. We have so much; but to give it, that is a different story.

Everyday that we open the door to our nice houses, we should think of those without homes. To give a little of ourselves or time to an elderly man or woman, locked away from the world, is a small way to say "thanks". We send money and food to those in Africa. Why can't we give a little at home, on our own soil?

We need to find ways of giving something back, to our society or someone we know. We need to think of it not as something we have to do, but what we want to do. Please, help someone...

Matt Starling

### Blacks receiving the short end of the stick

As soon as General Motors announced the sale of its South African subsidiaries to local interests, the employees went on strike to express their concern about treatment under the new ownership. General Motors had followed the highest standards of fair treatment and intergration spelled out in the Sullivan Principles.

Divestiture was forced as much by the "hassle factor" in the United States as by any idea that it would advance the destruction of apartheid. What is the result? The new ownership will be much less able to refuse government requests for the sale of trucks, much more prepared to reduce the wages of black employees in recession and less committed to the higher standards of business behavior - and the workers know it.

The fact is that the words of our President on this issue are not believed, because of a widespread perception that he does not really care - or only cares about South Africa as a geopolitical issue. By contrast, when he speaks of human rights violations in the Soviet Union, the listener feels the throb of Reagan's commitment and outrage. Congress and the public have acted to fill this perceived moral vacuum with policies of divestiture, disinvestment and sanctions.

The same law of reverse effect comes into play in the American policy on sanctions. Economic sanctions will effect the mining industry. The result? Unemployment among blacks who can least afford it and minimal impact on the whites. Politically, sanctions have driven the South African government into the laager, a metaphor for a white encampment of circled wagons.

What now for the United States? A procedure for review should be created without delay. Congress should set up a practical investigation of the effects of sanctions on the blacks with a firm reporting date.

The President should invoke the spirit of Camp David and convene a meeting there of black and white leadership of South Africa to discuss a program of major reform. In addition to simply making moral pronouncements, American leadership here should produce positive gains for the blacks rather than just symbolic deeds, or actions that have the reverse affect.

Darby Holladay

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## Drinking and driving: Are the risks worth the consequences ?

By: Rusty Smith

In 1984 13,000 people from the ages of 16-21 were fatally injured in car accidents in the United States. Of this number, 5,520 (42%) were killed in alcohol related accidents.

There were 21,000 lives claimed by drunken driving in 1984, and 26% of those were minors.

In the same year 1,347,000 people were arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI). 18,858 of the people arrested were under 18.

In a poll of 329 juniors and seniors at Lone Oak High School, the numbers told the story. It

was discovered that 156 (47%) had driven after drinking, and almost all had done it more than three times. Of the 329 who had driven after drinking, 25 (8%) have been involved in wrecks after drinking. Six Lone Oak students have been ticketed for DWI, and 260 students (79%) have ridden with a driver who had been drinking.

Even in non-fatal accidents involving alcohol the effects are grim. Months in a hospital bed, rehabilitation clinics, or a lifetime in a wheelchair can be the result of a drunken wreck. When injuries are not sustained and a wreck is minor, the effects

can still be lethal.

The the penalties for DWI in Kentucky are very stiff. On the first offense, a fine of \$200 - \$500 is assessed. If the driver is over 18 years of age, he loses his license for six months. If the driver is under 18, the license is revoked until the person turns 18. A DWI service fee will cost \$150 and the court cost is \$57.50 (possibly \$10 more if the driver is picked up by county patrol). When the suspension is over, it costs \$30 for license reinstatement, and at least two days in jail can be served.

On a second offense DWI, the

penalties are greater. The fine will be from around \$350 - \$500, the service fee holds at \$150 dollars, and the court cost rises \$10 to \$67.50 (add \$10 more for county patrol). The suspension of license will increase to twelve months, and anywhere from 7-30 days can be served in jail.

A third offense DWI is the most severe. The fine can be between \$500 - \$1,000, the service fee is still \$150, and the court cost climbs to \$77.50 (still add \$10 more for county). A jail sentence from 30 days to 6 months will be levied, and a two year period or license revocation is assessed.

## Group attends 'Cats' at St. Louis, Mo.

By: Derrick Gourieux and Carolyn Kerins

Forty-three students and four chaperones traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, Saturday, November 22, where they toured the Union Station Mall and afterward saw the major Broadway production "Cats" at the Fox Theater.

The group left the Lone Oak High School parking lot at 8:00 A.M. and arrived at the Union Station Mall at approximately 10:30 A.M. They then had an opportunity to shop and eat before leaving for the Fox Theater. One shop of special interest was the Fudgery, where singers sang and danced.

Today "The Fox" is the second largest theater in the United States; The Radio City Music Hall in New York is the largest. The theatre is built to resemble a circus tent with sculptures of various circus animals carved in the walls. Winding, spiral staircases lead to both the men's and women's lounges. There are five floors of dressing rooms in use back stage and a seating capacity of 4,665.

The bus arrived at the theater about 20 minutes before the beginning of the musical, allowing many people to look

around or buy souvenirs. After watching "Cats," the group boarded the bus and departed for Lone Oak.

The two and a half hour production, which consisted of two parts and an intermission, was based on a book of short poems by T. S. Elliot entitled Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats. The music was written by Andrew Lloyd Webber in the late 1970's, and was performed by a live orchestra.

The "Cats" company was made up of 32 dancers and several other stand-bys and understudies. At the beginning of the play, the cats ran out into the audience, coming up to some of the students and flashing green lights in their eyes. "Cats" contained many acts and much singing and dancing. Two of the student's favorite acts were "Rum Tum Tugger" and "Grizabella."

The response from most students to "Cats" was positive. Many students felt that, although amusing, the production had an important message. Sophomore English teacher, Jim Toy, said that it was impossible to explain how great "Cats" was to someone who has never seen it. "It can't be put into words," he replied.

One aspect of "Cats" that

Toy found most interesting was seeing how Andrew Lloyd Webber took Elliot's view of cats in the 1930's and adapted it to a modern musical.

Toy sponsored and organized the trip to St. Louis because he saw a lack of opportunities for high school students to see productions of this kind. He feels that seeing a major production such as "Cats" is very worthwhile and educational. According to Toy, trips such as this inspired some students to get involved in the performing arts.

Toy would like to "create an interest" in this type of activity by taking more trips in the future. "Biloxi Blues" and "Pygmalion" are two possibilities, he said. He will also be providing tickets for those who would like to see "Cats" at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (T.P.A.C.) in Nashville in May.

## LOHS students express opinions of arms control

By: Julie McIntosh

The arms situation in Iran is stirring up various emotions in the United States and around the world. Several Lone Oak High School students expressed their opinions of the Iranian situation

in various history classes. The questions and responses are as follows:

Have you been keeping up with the arms situation in Iran?  
20%-yes, 80%-no

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## Play Review

**'Cats' production is purr-fect for all types**

By: Karen Wooley

"Cats," a musical based on T.S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, is an unforgettable play. It may be seen in major U.S. cities throughout the year and is sure to be enjoyed by all who attend it.

Although the storyline appears simplistic on the surface (a description of various felines and their personalities), it has depth and is filled with symbolism. Each cat represents a specific type of person or idea. The animals form a society which strongly resembles our own, showing both the positive and the negative areas of human nature.

Everyone, from the connoisseur of Broadway musicals to the high

school headbanger, can appreciate the music of "Cats." From "Jellicle Cats" to "Memory", the music is performed so excellently that the live performance is indistinguishable from the soundtrack.

The dance scenes in "Cats" are remarkable. The actors' movements are almost identical to those of real cats. Their endurance is equally impressive. After leaping vigorously across the stage, the cast sings beautifully, never pausing to catch their breath.

"Cats" is excellent from start to finish. The dancing, singing, and acting are flawless. Seeing the play is a memorable experience and well worth the ticket price.

**LO students are upward bound**

By: Darin Jett

Four students from Lone Oak High School attended the Upward Bound program at Murray State University. Jeff Cossiboom, Brian Carter, Julie Hampton, and Darin Jett spent six weeks taking advanced classes on the university campus.

Upward Bound is a program for high school students in the Jackson Purchase area. Students from all area high schools except

Heath attend yearly. The program consists of two parts. The first part is made up of two monthly meetings during the school year. The second is the summer unit. For six weeks at MSU, the students take five classes a day, four days a week. Such classes as pre-biology, pre-advanced math, and career knowledge are offered.

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**Holifield chosen Junior Rotarian**

By: Brian Denker

Joey Holifield has been chosen as the December Junior Rotarian by the Lone Oak High School faculty and staff for his academic ability and achievements.

Joey is the recipient of many academic honors including Outstanding Student, Youth Salute, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Also, he was chosen to attend the Kentucky Rotary Spoke Conference in Lexington.

Joey actively participates in the Beta Club, Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Writer's Club, and Student Council. Also, he is a member of the Basketball and Baseball teams.

Joey plans to attend either the University of Louisville or the University of Kentucky, and major in marketing and advertisement.

When asked how he felt about being chosen as Junior Rotarian, Joey responded, "I am deeply thrilled to receive such a prestigious honor."

**Of the month...**

Car: Steve Arant's '86 GT

Flirt: Bill Coleman

Song: "The Santa Bear Song" by: The Bear and Trixx

Couple: Renee Mitchell and David Hobbs

Event: Christmas break

Tragedy: Semester tests

**Bishops heal wounds**

By: Darby Holladay

Just in case American bishops had any doubts about who was boss, Pope John Paul II spelled it out: "You are, and must always be, in full communion with the successor of Peter," he wrote in an extraordinary message to the bishops when they convened in Washington, D.C., for their stormiest annual meeting in history. The bishops decided not to challenge the Vatican's hotly debated crackdown on Seattle's liberal Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen.

The archbishop was ordered in September to surrender much of his authority because of complaints that he has permitted reproductive sterilizations in Catholic hospitals, allowed homosexuals to hold a mass in the cathedral and widely used general absolution instead of individual confession.

Such a curb on his powers from Rome "deserves our respect and confidence," the 300-member National Conference of Catholic Bishops declared last week after two days of closed-door talks, citing the Vatican's authority to discipline bishops. But conservatives were disappointed that language calling the papal action "just and reasonable" was dropped.

Many theologians viewed the punitive step against Hunthausen as "a warning shot across the bow" for the entire church in the United States. But because the Pope has power over his bishops, "I would have been shocked to see the conference do anything different," said Gerald Fogarty, a University of Virginia church historian and a Jesuit priest.

Almost lost amid the Hunthausen controversy was the bishops' plea for a radical restructuring of the U.S. economy. Calling poverty in the U.S. a "social and moral scandal," they urged government and businesses to provide more jobs and to expand aid for the poor. William Simon, a Catholic layman and former Treasury Secretary who opposed the bishops' ideas, argued that "private economic initiative, and not the state, is the source of wealth in our country."

The conference selected moderate Bishops John Jay of St. Louis and Daniel Pilarczyk of Cincinnati as president and vice president, respectively.

With the controversies disposed of, American Catholics hoped to heal the wounds before the Pontiff's visit to the United States next September.



# Merry Christmas



from  
the Oak K staff

## Where did Christmas traditions originate?

By: Kristi Harned

The Christmas spirit is in the air. Many things are associated with Christmas, but where did these ideas come from?

Everyone thinks of presents at Christmas. This tradition probably began in Ancient Rome and northern Europe where people gave each other small gifts as part of their year-end celebration. Then there are cards. At first, people sent hand-written personal notes. Then the first Christmas card was created in 1843, and from then that tradition grew into what it is today. Of course, there is Christmas dinner. This usually features a turkey, potatoes, yams, dressing, and cranberry sauce for the family's celebration.

Legend tells how the first Christmas tree was shown through a miracle to an English missionary named Winfrid. He traveled through northern Germany 1200 years ago. One day he found a group of heathens at an oak tree. They were preparing to sacrifice little Prince Asulf to the god Thor. Winfrid stopped

the sacrifice and cut down the "blood oak". As the oak fell, a young fir tree appeared. Winfrid told the people the fir was the tree of life, representing Christ.

One popular tradition of Christmas is caroling. This is performed by a group of people of any age doing a good deed for the holiday. The word "carol" comes from a Greek dance called a choraulin, which was accompanied by flute music.

The one thing everyone thinks of when they hear about Christmas is Santa Claus. The idea of Santa Claus developed from stories about a real person named Saint Nicholas. Santa's appearance is generally credited by Henry Langston through his very popular poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas".

Many may wonder why everyone uses red and green in their decorations for this holiday. Green represents the continuance of life through the winter and the Christian belief in eternal life through Christ. Red symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed at Crucifixion.

## Oak K solves Christmas worries

By: Carolyn Kerins

It is the holiday season again, and for many people, shopping season has begun. Many may have a hard time shopping for that "special someone" or maybe even their best friend. Whatever the case may be, looking around and getting opinions from friends and family may be a good policy to adopt before buying anything.

For most girls, it is often difficult to decide on something to get their boyfriends or fathers. Getting them something in the line of cologne or aftershave could be a good decision. Polo is still a popular choice, but there are many others, such as, Halston, Lagerfeld, Machebelli, Grey Flannel, or Chaps. Girls who don't trust their judgement in choosing a cologne, might look for shirts, sweaters, scarves, or tapes, such as, Ratt's "Dancing Undercover", Bruce Springsteen's "1975-1985 Live", or Bon Jovi's "Slippery When Wet".

Homemade gifts add a personal touch. Brownies, cookies, gingerbread houses, raffy, and

fudge are popular food items. Some easy-to-make crafts include a decorated ornament, box, basket, or tin. A scented sachet, a decorated wreath, an embroidered pillow sham or pillow, or a dressed up teddy bear are also inexpensive gifts to make.

Since girls have a variety of tastes, choosing gifts for them should be easy. They need anything given to them. Some ideas are sweaters, shirts, jewelry, scarves, pocket calendars, gift certificates, tapes, or perfume.

Ties, socks, dress shirts, and jogging suits are suitable gifts for Dad. For Mom, there is jewelry, blouses, gloves, sweaters, bathrobes, perfume, stationery, or gift certificates to her favorite department store or styling salon.

No matter what, use good judgement and consider the receiver's tastes, so they will enjoy the gift and avoid making the statement "It is more blessed to give than to receive" true. Have a happy Christmas.

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Senior Superlatives are: sitting (from left to right) Melissa Moorehead-Best All Around and Stephanie Carney-Miss Senior, Kneeling (from left to right) Kenny Zabel-Most Talented and Steve Morgan-Most Studious, Standing (from left to right) Lee Tolar-Most Likely to Succeed, Ellen Rushing-Miss LOHS, and Most Dependable, Shane Bradley-Mr. Senior and Most Likely to Succeed, Dale Reid-Most Dependable, Brent Denker-Mr. LOHS and Best All Around, Stephanie McDermott-Most Talented, and Suzy Bosch-Most Studious.

Other Superlatives are: sitting (from left to right) Lori Lee-Most Courteous, Ginny Shaffer-Most Athletic, Rachelle Throgmorton-Most School Spirit, Stephanie Carney-Most Attractive, and Janece Franklin-Most Creative, kneeling (from left to right) Marc Murray-Friendliest, Shawn Hayes-Most Catching Smile, Jeff Coleman-Most Athletic, and Bryan Womack-Most Attractive, back row (from left to right) Ronda Harding-Most Catching Smile, Mike Shepherd-Most Courteous, Rusty Banks-Most School Spirited, Jeff Cashion-Most Creative, and Kim Rushing-Friendliest.



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Other Superlatives include: first row (left to right) Niki Runyon-Class flirt, Jamie Tinsley-Most Fashionable, and Natalie Black-Most Outgoing, second row (left to right) Mary Kay Wright-Most Unforgettable, Kim Norris-Miss Witty, Charlotte Wallace-Most Unforgettable, standing (from left to right) Eugene Wooten-Most Unforgettable, Scott Thomas-Most Fashionable, Mark Allen-Mr. Witty, Daniel Kirkwood-Class Flirt, Jeff Garner-Most Outgoing, and Tim Reynolds-Most Popular.



Freshman Class Favorites are: sitting (from left to right) Holly Earhart, Callie Davies, and Jenny Moore, standing (from left to right) Chad Hawes, Trippe DuPerrieu and Chris Clark.



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Sophomore Class Favorites are: sitting (from left to right) Amy Gordon, Trin Davis, Chad Dowdy, and Alex Thomas, standing (from left to right) Kelly Vaughn and Lisa Stinson.



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Junior Class Favorites are: sitting (left to right), Stephanie Luther, Cherie Mullen, Doug Raney, and Shelly Gibbs, standing (left to right), Jason Hartig and Martin Hughes.



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Class Favorites

## LO students chosen for All-State and District

By: Vickie Brucker  
 All-District and All-State Band tryouts were held on Thursday, November 20, at Calloway County High School. Sixteen LOHS band members were chosen to become members of the All-District Band. Eighteen LOHS band members were recommended to the second cut of All-State Band.

The sixteen students chosen to both All-District Band and to the second cut of All-State band are Shelly Gibbs, flute; Patty Elbon, oboe; Natalie Black, clarinet; Jamie Walker, Laynie Hudson, and Christy Peterson, bass clarinet; Glenn Shaffer, Jennie Church, Kenny Zabel, Jennie DiSilvestro, and Steve Morgan, trumpet; Rebekah Lewis and Will Jones,

trombone; Kevin Boggess, tuba; Trevor Lambert, snare drum; and Krystal McMurtry, mallets.

Natalie Black, Jamie Walker, Glenn Shaffer, Trevor Lambert, and Krystal McMurtry were selected as section leaders for their instruments in All-District Band. Amy Elbon (oboe) and David Adams (alto saxophone) were also selected to the second cut of All-State Band.

Students were given about two months to practice the prepared tryout music. Mr. Joe Stites, LOHS band director, said, "These folks had to audition for District Band on All-State level music so we are especially proud of their accomplishments!"



The sixteen students chosen for All-District Band are: front row (left to right)-Patty Elbon, Natalie Black, Jennie DiSilvestro, and Shelly Gibbs, second row (left to right)-Laynie Hudson, Rebekah Lewis, Jennie Church, and Krystal McMurtry, back row (left to right)-Trevor Lambert, Keith Boggess, Will Jones, Glenn Shaffer, and Kenny Zabel.

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## Review

### Douglas and Lancaster are back for more

By: Darin Jett  
 Two men, aged sixty-seven and seventy-two, are released from prison after thirty years and try to cope with life after crime. Sounds boring, right? Wrong! "Tough Guys", now showing at Kentucky Oaks 10 Theaters, makes a good comedy out of a sleepy storyline.

Harry Doyle, age sixty-seven, and Archie Long, seventy-two, are two of the most famous robbers of the twentieth century. They are paroled after thirty years and find that it is very hard to live the active life they used to have.

However, they do have some

excitement to get them started in their new lifestyles. For example, Harry meets a nymphomaniac the first day he is out and Archie becomes a 'disruptive influence' in his retirement home. Meanwhile, a half-blind man is chasing them down with a double-barrel shotgun.

Kirk Douglas and Burt Lancaster fit their roles perfectly. The whole movie seems to click as one thing leads to a joke which leads to another. By the way, if you want to find out what Harry and the nympho do, chuck up the four dollars and go see the movie.

### 'Whiplash Frown' makes for a better title

By: Rusty Smith  
 Billy Idol's newest album is now out. "Whiplash Smile" is the name of Idol's fourth album. "Whiplash Smile" is highlighted by "To Be A Lover", the first single from the new album.

Originally Billy Idol was a punker, but recently he has been moving more to new wave. His rude ways and crude remarks have often found him opposed by church groups and other righteous censors. They claimed his style was too sexist, too demeaning, and too vulgar for everybody else to see or hear. He changed his video and his music style to accommodate these people.

On this new album, Idol has tried to switch his style to a

slower more instrumental type of music. The fastpaced songs like "White Wedding", "Rebel Yell", "Flesh for Fantasy", and "Dancing With Myself", have been replaced with "Soul Standing By", "Beyond Belief", and "Fatal Charm", songs with a sound closely related to that of "Eyes Without A Face".

Although not bad, "Whiplash Smile" is rather disappointing. Billy Idol fans will have a hard time enjoying this album, and it is apparent that this new album won't win him any fans. The album is worth buying, if it can be bought for under the standard price; because if it can't 'Whiplash' won't cause many smiles.







photo by Lechelle Yates

J.F. (Doc) Hicks carefully places baby Jesus in the manger of Hick's newest Christmas decoration, a nativity scene. Hick's, a 1938 graduate of LOHS, has been decorating his yard for 14 years and adds a new scene or character each year.

### Academic team places 9 in state competition

By: Darby Holladay

The Lone Oak High School Academic Team competed in the 4th annual Murray State Academic Tournament December 2. The A-team drew Tilghman for the first round. The A-team lost to Tilghman 46 to 40 in a very close match.

In other action December 1, the team traveled to Ballard County High School and played the bombers and Mayfield. Lone Oak lost both matches. Ballard won 40-39, and Mayfield won 43-27. Shane Bradley got the most questions with 8, followed by Darby Holladay with 4, Steve Morgan with 3, David Hobbs with 3, Patrick Carbonel with 1, and Anee Meyers with 1.

The A team participated in a computer contest with 500 other schools across the nation. They placed 9th in the state of Kentucky and 72d in the nation with 1402 score out of a possible 2000.

### C'est la vie! Life has embarrassments

By: Carolyn Kerins

Has there ever been a moment in your life when you wished the ground would open up and swallow you? Well, all of us have probably had this happen to us at some time or another. How would you deal with situations like these:

You decided to impress your camp's hiking instructor by picking up the leaf you find for him to sample, then finding out that it was poison ivy?

You and a group of friends spent the night at your best friend's house, and you decided to show everyone how at home you were. So when your hostess says to help yourself to the food, you reach into the fruit bowl and pull off a grape, pop it into your mouth, then to discover that it was plastic?

The most gorgeous guy in the school is jogging around your block and stops at your house for some water, and you ask him to come in. You go over to the dishwasher to get a glass, and you notice that they are all dirty?

One day the guy of your dreams decides you're normal after all and plans to ask you out. Just as he approaches, your big sister in sorority reminds you that while you're pledging, you have to do everything she says, so she makes you get on all fours and bark at the guy?

You are at a very formal dance (such as Prom) and you were in the middle of the dance floor, surrounded by tons of people, and your slip fell off?

Guys, what would you do in this situation:

How does a person deal with embarrassing situations? You can't run or hide. (Well, you could, but the situation would still be there.) Perhaps you should just admit you goofed and join in on the laughter, if there is any. Then, you should pray that nothing else happens to you.

### FHA attends STAR

By: Shannon Adler

The Future Homemakers of America represented Lone Oak at the STAR Events on November 20 at the Executive Inn Convention Center.

STAR stands for Students Taking Action with Recognition. The winners were determined by who received the highest grade in each category. The following students won in their various events: FHA Fact Test, 1st, Kerry Schenk; Job Interview, 1st, Michelle Powley; Illustrated Talk, 1st, Christi Thromorton; Parliamentary Procedure, 2nd, Ronda Harding; and Product Comparison, 2nd, Kim Larrison.

Kerry Schenk said, "I think that everyone tried hard and had fun, too. I studied every possible chance I got and it paid."

All first place winners will compete at the state meeting in April.

### The Christmas season greets you all

One of our favorite Christmas decorations for many years has been mistletoe. It is seen the world over in the yuletide season.

This popular evergreen has wax-like berries and grayish-green leaves and belongs to the laurel family. It is sometimes called the "tree thief" since it is a parasite and grows without touching the ground.

Mistletoe is used also for some very interesting things. The Romans considered it to be a symbol of hope and peace. Therefore, when enemies met under it, they laid aside their weapons, kissed each other and

declared a truce until the next day. Other early people also observed such a custom, believing that only happiness could exist under peace and friendship with kisses. This may have been the origin of the kissing custom under this plant.

#### Who do you want under the mistletoe?

- Kelly Vaughn - Rusty Banks
- Janece Franklin - Tom Cruise
- Heather Alexander - Brent Denker
- Lee Tolar - Brad Housman
- Brent Gaines - Karen Vaughn
- Rick Hill - Julie Vaughn
- Chris Titsworth - Noon Zappa
- Lisa Reid - Jeff Wallace

### LO Tennis Association formed at LOHS

By Lechelle Yates

Tennis coach Larry Heflin, tennis team members and their families have formed an organization known as the Lone Oak Tennis Association here at LOHS because of the need to promote and maintain a comprehensive tennis program at LOHS and the Lone Oak community.

The Association's first project will be the raising of \$10,000, the amount needed to resurface the Lone Oak tennis courts. Contributions, proceeds

from a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lone Oak Kiwanis Club scheduled for February, and a concession stand at the WPSD warehouse sale in April.

Mr. Allen Seabaugh is president, Mrs. Rita Stroud is secretary, and Jerry Cruse is treasurer of this new organization.



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### FBLA

FBLA members will sell candy at all home basketball games. They are making Christmas baskets for needy families. A bake sale was held on November 15 to raise money to help runaways and missing children.

### Medical Explorers

Medical Explorers club will meet on December 16 at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Beyer, McCracken County Coroner, will be the guest speaker. All students and teachers are invited to attend and learn more about this organization. Refreshments will be served.

Clinical rotations will be available throughout Christmas vacation. Members are encouraged to schedule rotations during this time period.

Explorers are working to help Lourdes Hospital's pediatrics floor obtain a new computer.

### Video Scouts

The Video Scouts have chosen Anee Meyers as their new president and Terri Ligon as secretary. "Teen Time," the club's own television show, is still being produced. The next episode will focus on Reidland High School. Scouts are working on the show "Reflections," and are responsible for directing and operating cameras and audio equipment. Anyone interested in the video world is welcome to join.

### Video Science

Video Science club members will tape all home basketball games this year.

## Arms...

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Do you think that arms shipment to Iran is reasonable?  
13%-yes, 87%-no

Do you think it is wise to negotiate with terrorism advocating nations?  
6%-yes, 94%-no

Do you still support President Reagan?  
56%-yes, 44%-no

Senior Ronda Harding said, "To my understanding, the arms shipment was sent in exchange for the American hostages. Any exchange of one that will possibly save American lives is reasonable."

## Poet's Corner

### Thank you, friend

During high school, you worry about grades,  
You need grades for college and jobs.

You worry about the clothes you wear;  
If they are "in" or "out."

But even if your grades are good and your clothes are in,  
Unless you have someone to confide in,  
Someone to trust with your darkest secrets,  
Your life doesn't feel complete.

Best friends care about you and your feelings,  
You care about them and the way they feel.

They are like a sister or a brother,  
And you care about them in that way.

Thank you, Friend, for being there;

As a shoulder to cry on, when I was down,

As someone to be crazy with me when I was happy.

You show you care, Best Friend,  
Whenever we are together.

Dee Dee Black

### Christmas is love!

By: Jan Wilkins

Christmas, some say,  
Is just for kids,  
For fruitcakes, presents  
And candy tidbits.

I say Christmas is love!

Shoppers are frantic  
And kids are delighted.  
Merchants are gloating  
And candles are lighted.

## Upward Bound...

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nights a week. These include water balloon battles, Family Feud, and dances. The rest of the week is free for the student. At the end of the summer program, all students take a trip with the program. These trips have included in the past such places as Panama City, Chicago, and the World's Fair at Knoxville.

The program is free of charge and spending money is given out weekly. For more information, contact Mrs. Jones or one of the students listed above.

But I say Christmas is love!

Trees are trimmed  
And stockings hung.  
Presents are wrapped  
And carols are sung.

Truly, Christmas is love!

For long ago  
On Christmas Day,  
A child was born  
To lead the way.

Yes, Christmas is love!

The Son of God  
In a manger lay,  
Without a tree  
On Christmas Day.

I still say, Christmas is love!

He didn't cry.  
Oh no! He smiled.  
For He loved all  
Though but a child.

Yea, Christmas is love!

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## Your shining light

By the light I can see;  
Clouds of doubt around thee.  
Though they try to extinguish  
your lights;  
You always shine through the  
clouds of night;  
With a spirit that shines like  
the dawn.  
With a spirit that flies through  
the sky.  
Hope is your everlasting friend.  
Through the darkness deep and  
cold;  
The light of your spirit lights  
and warms us all.

Jason Butler

## "Nightmares"

By: Julie McIntosh

Last night as I lay in bed asleep, a great bolt of terror flashed through my imagination. With my hair standing on end, and my heart pounding like a jackhammer in my chest, I imagined a monster with huge yellow eyes and steam pouring from it's nostrils, was kneeling at my bedside, pleading that I marry him and be the mother of his children! I pinched myself to be sure that I was not dreaming; but, I felt nothing. It was either a dream, or I was totally numb from shock.

After pleading with me for several moments, the monster, who called himself Elvi, began to cry. Though I was still full of terror, I began to actually began to feel sorry for him.

A stage of total blackness filled my mind. It was as if I had fainted. The next thing I knew, I was walking down a church aisle in a beautiful white gown. The church was decorated with fresh, pink flowers and Jeffrey Osborne was singing "The Greatest Love Affair." This was the wedding I had dreamed of my entire life. With my father at

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Imagine, if you will, meeting some stranger who does not know English; yet, you still communicate. Aside from your mouth, eyes can speak of joy and pride; they can reveal warmth and friendship, tenderness, and compassion.

Let your eyes do some of the talking for you. Smile and keep smiling with your eyes, and your face will look its handsome best. Put your best face forward every day.

**Christmas is...**

- C - Christ's birthday
- H - holly
- R - Rudolph
- I - icicles
- S - Santa
- T - tinsel
- M - mistletoe
- A - Angles
- S - stockings

**Semester Test Schedule**

Wednesday, December 17

- 7:50 - 8:25.....Regular First Hour Class
- 8:30 - 8:35.....Homeroom
- 8:40 - 9:15.....Regular Second Hour Class
- 9:20 -10:50.....THIRD HOUR CLASS SEMESTER TEST
- 10:50-12:20.....Regular Fourth Hour Class and Lunch
- 12:25-12:50.....Regular Fifth Hour Class
- 12:55- 2:25.....SIXTH HOUR CLASS SEMESTER TEST

Thursday, December 18.

- 7:50 - 8:25.....Regular First Hour Class
- 8:30 - 8:35.....Homeroom
- 8:40 - 9:15.....Regular Third Hour Class
- 9:20 -10:50.....SECOND HOUR CLASS SEMESTER TEST
- 10:50-12:20.....Regular Fourth Hour Class and Lunch
- 12:25-12:50.....Regular Sixth Hour Class
- 12:55- 2:25.....FIFTH HOUR CLASS SEMESTER TEST

Friday, December 19

- 7:50 - 8:25.....Regular Second Hour Class
- 8:30 - 8:35.....Homeroom
- 8:40 - 9:15.....Regular Third Hour Class
- 9:20 -10:50.....FIRST HOUR CLASS SEMESTER TEST
- 10:50-12:20.....Regular Fourth Hour Class and Lunch
- 12:25-12:50.....Regular Sixth Hour Class
- 12:55- 2:25.....FOURTH HOUR CLASS SEMESTER TEST

**Read 'em or eat 'em**

By: Darin Jett

In this world of fast cars, faster women, and even faster food, I have found the answer to spending big bucks on nourishment. The answer to this expensive problem is eating books.

It all started when I was a small child. My mother gave me fantasy books with which to learn to read. She forgot to feed me, and I found the nearest thing to eat. Fantasy books are now one of my favorite types of books to eat because of the exotic and wild things in them.

I then journeyed on to science-fiction books. However, these books were soon left on shelves because they were too chunky with metal from spaceships.

Now I am able to eat any book made of paper. However, there are some types of books that disgust me. Historical books are one of those types. They bore me to death and are hard to digest, especially those with cannons and guns.

My least favorite are textbooks, especially higher math. The subjects are often boring, or in the case of math, hard to understand like calculus.

However, my favorite books are romance novels. The main reason for this is that the contents are always hot and juicy. I now lust for these books.

When was the last time you ate a book? If not lately, then go to your nearest library and see what's cooking.

**Nightmares...**

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my side, I gracefully walked down the long aisle. As I approached the altar, something seemed different about the groom. It was not Glenn, the man I had loved all of my life. It was Elvi! Oh my heavens, what is happening?! Where is my groom?! I barely made it to the altar; and when I did, the minister began to speak in a language that I had never heard before. I began to panic, so my first instinct was to scream. I opened my eyes and saw my mother, who was shaking me, above my bed. She exclaimed, "Honey, are you all right?" Thank goodness it was only a dream! At that very moment I vowed to myself to never again eat pizza and drink a six pack of beer before bed!

**Everybody knows...**

... Not to go to Massac County cemetery

... Not to leave possessions in Fulton County's classrooms

... Freshmen have to clean out their lockers

... Coach Dodd is Coach Mizell Jr.

... Derrick Gourieux is a fast tivist

**Christmas desires**

- Mary Kay Wright- to eat, drink, and be merry
- Brent Denker- The turkeys back from coach Mizell
- Lynnette Clark- I'll never tell
- Jeff Garner- To win Tilghman's Christmas tournament
- Michelle Craig- a new car
- Jason Ricks- to ride in Michelle's new car
- Brent Gaines- Karen Vaughn
- Amy Gordon- Rutch Clinard
- Callie Davis- diamonds
- Mr. Chumbler- a new car that won't roll in the ditch



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# Sports



## Flash open season at tournament

LONE OAK 69, REIDLAND 74

By: Laura Wallis

Lone Oak Purple Flash took on Reidland Greyhounds for their first game of the season on December 1, in the St. Mary's tournament.

Starting for Lone Oak were seniors, Todd Walton and Joev Holifield at guard, Jeff Garner and Shawn Hayes at forward, and junior, John Beyer at center. These five went into the game ready to play hard and win. At the end of the first quarter the score stood at 15-14, Lone Oak's favor. Before the half was over, junior, Jason Picks came in to

add to the scoreboard for Lone Oak, but it was not enough to keep the Greyhounds from having a seven point lead at halftime.

Back onto the floor, Lone Oak made their best effort to catch up. Even with their good shooting and defense, the score at the end of the third quarter was still ten points in Reidland's favor. The Flash had some trouble getting the ball inside, and therefore had to rely on Jason Ricks for 29 points from the outside. The final score ended up 69-74, with Reidland winning the first game of the tournament.

## Lady Flash gains experience

LONE OAK 26, MAYFIELD 57

On December 3, the Lady Flash opened their season at the Saint Mary's Holiday Tournament playing the Mayfield Cardinals.

Lone Oak went into the game ready to work hard to win. However, one senior and four sophomores could not beat Mayfield's #10 ranked team. Sophomore Laura Wallis said, "We were ready to play, but our inexperience caused us to commit too many unforced errors."

Lone Oak's Ginny Shaffer was the leading scorer with twelve points. Stacy Payne, from Mayfield, was taken out of the game in the third quarter with a

leading scorer with 17 points.

LONE OAK 47, MURRAY 58

On December 8, the Varsity girls' basketball team played host to Murray in their second game of the season.

Lone Oak's man-to-man defense and full-court press couldn't seem to keep Murray from getting enough fast breaks to end the game with eleven points in their favor.

Sophomore Shari Brantley led the team in scoring with fourteen points, and senior Ginny Shaffer scored twelve. Angela Reach added ten points, Shawn Huffine scored six, and Laura Wallis with five.

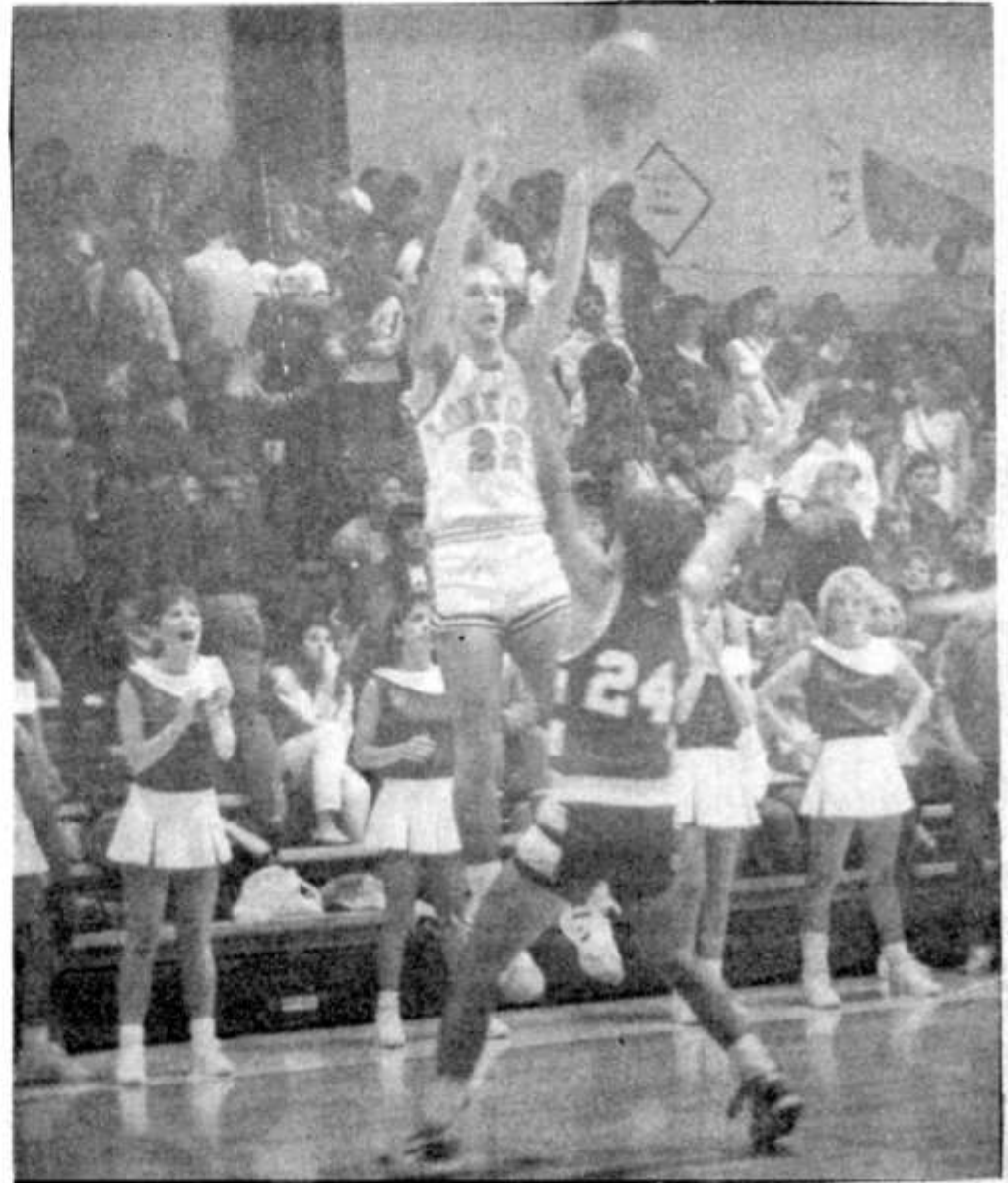


photo by Julie McIntosh

**Shawn Hayes goes for the jumpshot during the first game of the season against Reidland.**



**Shari Brantley shoots a free throw during the girl's exhibition game Saturday morning, November 22. A country ham breakfast sponsored by the Lone Oak Booster Club coincided with the exhibition games.**