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Oakers attend Governor's Scholars

This summer Stephen Borders, Julie Foster, and Julie Walker attended the Governor's Scholars program at Murray State University and Centre University. Borders and Walker attended at Murray State University and Foster attended at Centre University. The Governor's Scholars program is an enrichment program for gifted and talented students in Kentucky between their junior and senior years of high school.

Mr. McGroarty and Mr. Sensing were two teachers at Governor's Scholars. Mr. McGroarty taught

Advanced Biology and Anatomy and Physiology classes. Mr. Sensing taught Chemistry and Physics classes. Governor's Scholars teachers are chosen by completing numerous applications and many interviews.

Students who are chosen to participate in the program are first nominated by the administration in their school. Some of the factors in being nominated are participation in extra-curricular activities, G.P.A., and available ACT and

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Seminar honors Youth Salute winners

By Stephen Borders

On September 3 and 4, over 250 seniors from schools across the region attended the Youth Salute Winner's Seminar. The seminar was hosted by Tom McCarthy Studios and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Watkins.

The guest speaker for the seminar was Carole Harder of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This was the eleventh year of the Winner's Seminar and Carole's sixth year as guest speaker.

The main purpose of the program was to recognize students for academic and leadership accomplishments. The seminar also dealt with self-esteem, motivation, goal-setting, and discipline.

While attending the seminar, the students participated in many different activities. Some of the activities were listening to

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Students experience state government

Twelve seniors from Lone Oak High School attended Boy's State and Girl's State at Morehead University, Morehead, Kentucky. The six boys attended from June 11-16, and the six girls attended from June 17-23. The boys who participated were

Tim Adams, Eric Brown, Chad Hawes, Dan McDermott, Brad Stubblefield, and Kevin Toon. The girls were Kim Burnett, Tammy Crump, Amy Elbon, Le Tonia Jones, Patricia Jones, and Amy Rushing.

The girls and

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Editorials

Chemicals destroy the environment

Everyday people hear about what's happening to the environment. Scientists now believe there is a second hole in the ozone layer. Certain chemicals, Styrofoams, and plastics are a few of the causes for the deteriorating environment. The holes in the ozone will eventually cause more harmful

sun rays to penetrate through the earth. In time, temperatures rising a few degrees will melt the polar ice regions causing cities like Miami, Florida, and other coastal cities to be under water.

Many wonder how the environment can be protected. One can start by purchasing

bio-degradable products, using non-aerosol sprays, and encouraging restaurants to discontinue usage of Styrofoam products.

Bio-degradable garbage bags are now available to the public. Research is being conducted on bio-degradable diapers. Congress is still debating

on an affirmative direction in legislation on this problem.

There are certain organizations that can be contacted about saving the environment. With cooperation from everyone, maybe the decline of the environment can eventually be altered.

Sarah Williamson

Student participation benefits everyone

Feeling alone? You just don't seem to fit in? Well, look no further my friends, as Lone Oak High School has the answer to all these problems.

To fit in at Lone Oak and be a part of the best years of your lives, get involved. You need to get involved in extracurricular

activities and clubs and the school needs your involvement. Those who don't get involved miss the chance of meeting new friends, and

being more of a part of the school. Your ideas may be just what a particular group needs. By giving of yourself, others

get to know you better.

Those students joining one of the various clubs, can look forward to doing projects, taking trips, and again meeting new friends. If the freshman class doesn't get involved, it will effect the school in the years ahead.

Your years at

Lone Oak will pass quicker than you think, and before you know it, your class will be seniors.

Your help is urgently needed for the continued spirit and support LOHS needs. Have a great school years and don't forget to get involved!

Robert Wagner

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The Oak K is adding an advice column as a regular feature in the paper this year. The column is called "Aunt Bertha"

"Aunt Bertha's" advice column is open to anyone who has a problem that he/she needs help with. Any student who has a question for "Aunt Bertha" may submit it to the box in the library. Please keep questions under twenty-five words if possible. It is not necessary for a student to sign his/her real name.

Lawrence coaches summer cheerleading camps

By Lori Spear

Senior Brittany Lawrence won the prestigious Team All American award at Murray State University's cheerleading camp this past summer. Brittany was chosen for this honor out of the entire senior division based on her motions and cheering and tumbling ability.

An individual

competition held in Nashville during the month of December is something for which Brittany will put forth much energy, hard work, and talent. She will be competing against 200 or 200 other cheerleaders from across the nation.

Because of the Team All American award, Brittany was also recommended to

be an instructor at the ICF cheerleading camps. She began her instructing career during the months of July and August in Virginia and New York. Her main responsibility was teaching classes. According to Brittany, it was a great experience and she thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it.

Brittany has

been cheering since the first grade, when she was a little league cheerleader. She continued that until the third grade, and didn't start cheering again until middle school. She claims to enjoy cheerleading because of the gymnastics it includes and being in front of an excited crowd.

Student speak out on assigned parking issue

By Michelle Roberts

This month, the Roving Reporter took the liberty of going around the school and asking students how they felt about the assigned parking spaces. Of the fifty students who were polled, this is a sampling of what they thought:

Dan Clark, senior- I think it does not help. Half of the time, someone else is parking in your

parking space anyway.

Shannon Pittman, senior- It does not help much. The first day of school, someone was in my space and the office told me there was nothing they could do.

Tim Black, junior- I think it is like a totally cool idea. It is a little different, but otherwise it is a happening idea.

Amy Newton, junior- I do not

like student parking spaces because I have to park way out. It is not good to get to your space. It should be first come, first serve.

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What is new in the office is actually historical

By Robert Wagner

As one steps across the threshold of the school's office, some may feel as though they have taken a step back in time and they would be correct. They have traveled back to the time before the "great fire".

During the summer, the office was redecorated. There are some interesting pieces of furniture that were part of the old office which was destroyed by the fire back in February, 1972.

The desk was the principal John Robinson's desk used during 40's, 50's, and 60's. The desk only received smoke damage during the fire, which was started in D wing side. The desk has been refinished and is in the front part of the office.

The old clock is another item that used to hang in the office before the fire. It was damaged in the fire, but has been restored, except for the bell, which is missing. Once again, the old clock ticks away

the minutes of the school day.

The shiny old fire bell is the one that was used in early school days of the former Lone Oak School. Mike Clark, a teacher at Lone Oak, refinished the bell during the summer.

Throughout the summer, Mr. Rushing has been gathering information about the Lone Oak school system. Mr. Rushing has found some interesting facts about the old school dating back to the 1900's.

It is interesting to note that this

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LOHS welcomes four new faculty members

By Clay Wagner
Lone Oak High School has four new faculty members on staff.

Our new librarian, Mrs. Gipson, is a graduate of Western Kentucky University. She loves Lone Oak High School and she says the student body has been very friendly and has really made her feel welcome. She enjoys working with the students who have good attitudes and nothing pleases her more than to have a library full of kids.

Her goal is for the library at LOHS to be the best in the county and for every student to have the adequate resources for their term papers, reports, and pleasure reading.

Mrs. Thompson is our new English 12 and English 10 teacher. She received her B.A. from Georgetown College and her

M.A. from Murray State University and has been teaching for twelve years. She's been in the McCracken County school system for four and one half years, with the half year at Lone Oak several years ago. She went into the educational field because she enjoys working with young people and for the variety of experience that is available. Her goals as a teacher are to be a good instructor, a good moral person, and a good citizen of the school and community. Mrs. Thompson quotes, "The student body and faculty are above average and I am glad to be back."

The new science teacher is Mr. Wallace. He attended PCC for two years and is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Education. He likes

Lone Oak and couldn't ask for a better place to begin his teaching career. He enjoys helping students accomplish things they often feel they could not do. His idea of a good student is one that works hard, pays attention, and tries to succeed. He is currently teaching four General Science classes and one Integrated science class.

Mr. Whitley is another new science teacher. He is a graduate of Berea College and has been teaching for seven years. He decided to go into the educational field because he enjoys helping students improve. His idea of a good student is someone who works at learning a subject

close to their potential. He is currently teaching ICP and Chemistry.

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Donna Brugger receives writing grant this year

By Michelle Roberts
Mrs. Brugger, along with two other teachers, has been given a writing grant by the Board of Education. The grant will allow the teachers to share their experience in teaching creative writing with other McCracken County teachers.

This is the second time Mrs. Brugger has requested the

grant. Last year, she and Sue Rudolf, a teacher at Reidland High, wrote a grant that would include high school, middle school, and elementary school teachers. The teachers did not receive the grant. This year, however, they joined with Reidland Middle School teacher, Nancy White. The teachers wrote another grant, asking for slightly

less money, and were given the chance to set up workshops for only high school and middle school teachers.

The workshops are a volunteer project. No one has to attend them, and the teachers do not have to be

English teachers. They will play the role of students and wrote papers, then they will read and critique each

others' work. There will be no grading, just a sharing of ideas to help each paper be the best it can.

Mrs. Brugger looks forward to working with her fellow teachers. "It is exciting and I am nervous, but it is exciting to be able to share this knowledge that I have that I went to school over the summer to obtain."

Band tunes up for performance season

By Michelle Roberts
This summer, the Lone Oak "Kentucky Colonel" Band attended band camp at Lambuth University in Jackson Tennessee.

It was a productive week and the band was able to learn the entire field show in three days, in spite of the rain that fell every night. This year's show has a Latin American feel to it added to the cleaner, sharper marching style the band is using this year.

Many band members feel that this year's marching season will be better than last year's performance of "The

Wizard of Oz". They have confidence in themselves and feel that they will walk away with top honors.

The band students give the credit of their progress partly to the fact that they left home for camp this year. It was the first time in six years that the Colonels have done so.

On September 16, the band was allowed the opportunity to test their show on this year's competition. The Colonels hosted the thirteenth annual Lone Oak Invitational. A total of eleven

bands attended, among them were Reidland, Heath, and Marshall County.

After scoping out the competition, the Colonels are not worried.





Amy Rushing

Senior Spotlight

By Sharon Gordon
This month's Senior Spotlight is on Amy Rushing. Amy is the first of nine seniors to be selected throughout the school year to attend Rotary Club luncheons at the Irvin Cobb ballroom as a junior participant. Teachers select students based on their achievements, grade point average, and scholastic ability. When asked how she felt about her first meeting, Amy replied, "It was very interesting to meet people from other schools and the local businesspeople who

attended." McCracken County Superintendent Larry Harper and grocery store owner Bill Gore were among speakers for the luncheons during the month of September.

Amy was a girl's state delegate, won fifth place for the state in FBLA public speaking, and won third place in the 4-H talk meet. She plans to go into either the field of communications/broadcasting or education, but, as of yet, she doesn't know which college she will attend.

U.S. News this month

By Jennifer Snow
During the month of September...

* Voyager 2 reached its final destination, photographing the never-seen-before face of Neptune, the eighth planet in our solar system. The astounding discoveries made by the satellite include that of a moon more than 27,000 times the size of the Earth. Scientists have concluded from Voyager's evidence that the moon may once have been a planet suitable for organisms to live.

* A poll was released stating the opinions of Americans on Pete

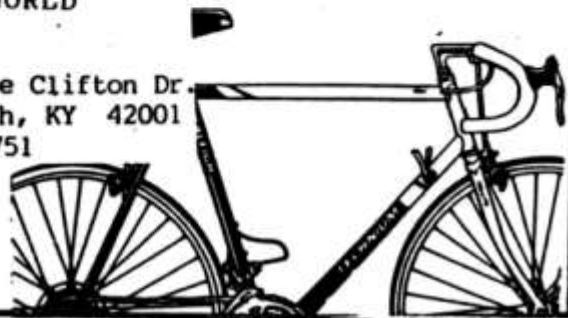
Rose's punishment after he was found to have gambled frequently. 39% thought Rose should be readmitted to baseball after one year, 11% thought two years was more appropriate, 13% felt that five years was adequate while a large 20% of those responding said that Rose should never play again.

* During the first week in September, a 16 year-old blackyouth was murdered in New York City by a group of white teenagers. Yusef Hawkins died in Bensonhurst, a neighborhood in

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Bush warns students of drug dangers

By Michelle Roberts

On September 12, 1989, President Bush gave a live address from the White House to the students of America. The president stressed the issue of substance abuse among young Americans.

Mr. Baker's fourth hour class was one of many across the nation who watched the hour long report. The president spoke of the many unfortunate cases of young children being involved with drugs. He asked the students to try to imagine being a teenager who was addicted to drugs, or a young student arrested for selling crack, or a young boy who witnessed a person being killed in a drug bust.

These questions had the power to grab the attention of the many students who watched the program. They also stirred questions and ideas in the minds of students in schools who were able to that were able to speak with people who were there to give their views and ideas. The people were famous stars of

television, sports, and music who spoke of how their professions could help. Several students interviewed thought the president was not strict enough. They asked how he could know what it is like in their part of the country when he was as far as another coast. Some thought it was good that the president was concerned, but they also thought it was too late to correct the problem. They said if all the concern over the drug problem had come about a few years ago, then maybe there would be a chance.

Many students felt that the president's address was little more than a pep talk, and had no real value. Some disagreed altogether. Certain schools may soon be starting mandatory drug testing of athletes and some of all students. Many feel that this is an invasion of privacy, and others think it is the only way to weed out the users from the school.

The president's address, sadly, is

one that may not be taken to heart, even though it is about one of the

most important issues facing students today.

FBLA NEWS

Membership certainly has its privileges for participation in FBLA. Students who belong to FBLA are now eligible to compete for a trip, scholarships, and money while they learn to invest in the stock market, without using any of their own money!

AT & T is sponsoring this "Wall Street" competition. The student who winds up with the most money in his account when the competition closes in February, will win \$1000 and a trip for two to the Bahamas. The top ten will each receive \$1000 cash scholarships. The

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