



# THE OAK K

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## Band and Choir harmonize into Christmas

By Michelle Roberts

On December 10th, the Lone Oak Band put on a concert in the gym. The band played "The Christmas Song," "Greensleeves," and "A Celebration of Christmas." Also added was a performance by the color guard who sang two tunes, "Nutin' for Christmas," and "Happy Holidays/White Christmas."

The choir held its

Christmas celebration on December 16th. Instead of a concert, the group gave a Madrigal dinner. The students dressed up in period costumes for the Elizabethan style banquet. The five course meal started with hors d'oeuvres and ended with flaming plum pudding. The students entertained the guests throughout the meal with carols to fit the occasion.



## Art Department designs windows for holidays

By Sarah Williamson

Mrs. Hayden's art students have been busily working on decorating over forty windows at Lone Oak High School, as well as at the Parlor, McDonald's (Lone Oak location), and the Ritz Hotel. The window at the Parlor was designed by the sixth hour class. L.O.H.S.'s windows were designed by the remainder of the art classes. Each window was made from colored tissue paper and black construction paper, to give a stained glass effect. No more than

two students designed a window. The students chose their own holiday design.

The Art Club on November 28 and 30 painted windows at Tire Warehouse, The Trophy House, the Lone Oak McDonald's and the Ritz Hotel. The students used tempera paint to design these windows. The Tire Warehouse donated about \$65, Druther's donated about \$50, and The Trophy House donated \$50 for the art students' efforts.

## Scouts soar to Eagle

By: Robert Weber

On November 12, an Eagle Ceremony was held at Lone Oak Methodist Church for Scouts Rodney Hook and Robert Weber. At this ceremony, both Scouts received the Eagle Scout award, the highest award in Boy Scouts.

Both Rodney and Robert are members of Troop 200 which is sponsored by the Methodist Church and is led by Scoutmaster Richard Black.

The ceremony itself lasted approximately an hour and was followed by a short reception. During the ceremony, a short review of both

Scouts' scouting career was given. Five years of hard work was put in by both boys to achieve the rank of Eagle.

In addition to the twenty-one merit badges that must be earned, each Scout working for Eagle must plan, organize, and supervise an extensive project that benefits the community in some way.

Eagle Scout is a rank that is reached by only a small percentage of Scouts, but Troop 200 has been lucky to have had a large number of Eagles, Rodney and Robert being the most recent.



## "All truth in the eye of the beholder"

Music is merely a form of entertainment in which a gigantic spectrum of opinions may be involved. One might enjoy pumping his/her body to the rhythm and bass of a rap tune while another might get his thrills by frantically beating his head against a tangible object to the sound of heavy metal. There are so many influences which may outwardly affect a person's musical taste. One's peers may show feelings of strict adoration towards their type of music. At the same time they display hatred to another type of music. In reality, although they may not see it, these people merely do not understand any foreign music and they limit themselves to only a few sounds. Music is a way of expressing oneself, ridding oneself of malicious and/or mixed emotions, and enjoying oneself. The

truth of the matter is that certain select persons are inadvertently wearing socially-adept blinders; i.e. their beliefs are conservatively limited and/or they go along with the majority of their peers just to be accepted onto the social ladder. The last thing on my mind is to tell anyone what kind of music to listen to and/or what kind of music is the best. I don't have that kind of authority and the best kind of music doesn't exist (in the eyes of our entire population). All that I ask is that each individual be more understanding and show a little more flexibility, leniency, and maturity in the subject of musical opinion. ALL TRUTH LIES IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER.

--Tim Black

## Editorials

### High School means high prices!

It's very expensive to graduate from high school these days. Everywhere you look someone is trying to sell you something so you can remember the greatest years of your life. Well if you believe that, I've got some ocean front property I'll sell you in Kansas.

There are people in the world making a living off the ignorance of teenagers. Take class rings for example. 50% of the class buys one at an average price of \$70 dollars. Some one just became \$6000 dollars richer. Then comes the Senior year, and preparation for

graduation begins. Invitations, thank you cards, memorabilia books, key chains, and business cards with your name on them are just a few of the items thrown at Seniors. Then again, someone gets that revenue.

What it boils down to is this, self-idealism. These items are fine to get if you are the one who wants them, not your friends. If these years were great, hold on to them. If not, then head out for your own golden years. It's your life, not their's.

by Chad Young

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As a freshman of LOHS, I feel it is my responsibility to express any feelings concerning school publications.

THE OAK K as I see it is a poor form of high school ability. As a part of the LOMS Journalism class, we had the responsibility of proofreading an article at least three times, checking for spelling, and any grammatical errors. I believe this should be corrected.

Also, I would like to comment on the yearbook.

I feel it is very well constructed, but getting last year's memories the following year is not a good idea. Seniors have to make arrangements back to school just to pick up their annual. Also, you aren't able to get autographs from all of your friends from last year.

I feel that both of these publications could be better if more effort is given. Thank you for letting me express my, as well as others' thoughts.

Beth Carmichael

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## BURTON IS "SPECIAL" STUDENT TEACHER

By Jennifer Snow

Lisa Burton, student teacher under Mrs. Richards is a student at Murray State University. Mrs. Burton has been pursuing a degree in elementary and special education.

The Louisville native chose her particular field of study because of the time she spent substitute teaching. "While substituting, I found that I enjoyed seeing the students move forward. It gives them such feelings of accomplishment," she stated. Earlier in her college career, she had

planned to major in history and physical education, but "seeing children break through physical barriers helped to change what I wanted to do," she continued.

In time out of the classroom, Mrs. Burton enjoys being with her husband, Darrell, and her four year old daughter, Lauren.

She received her Bachelor's degree on December 15 and hopes now to find a teaching position in any of the McCracken County Schools.

## Roving Reporter

By Michelle Roberts

This month's question deals with the tri-level diploma. Just out of curiosity, the Oak K staff wanted to find out how many people knew how to spell the name of their chosen diploma and if they knew what it meant. Here are a few of the comments from the students.

A good one- a good one  
Eddie Bromley 12th

Standard- a standard level diploma.

Earline Adams 12th

Comprehensive- the best one.

Kelly Roberts 9th

Comprehensive- tough

Holly Holland 9th

According to a poll of 76 students, 71% want the comprehensive diploma. 10% of those students did not know how to spell it and 24% did not know the meaning.

24% want the enrichment

diploma. 45% of those students did not know how to spell it and 13% did not know the meaning.

5% want the standard diploma. 1.3% did not know how to spell it and 0% did not know the meaning.

These percentages raise the question, should a person take the more difficult courses required for the higher diploma when he/she cannot even spell it, or should a person take the easier courses and improve his/her GPA?

## Janet's Hairstyling

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By Melinda Purvis  
Dear Aunt Bertha,

There is this girl at school I like a lot. We enjoy the same type of music and everything. However, she insists on going out with this long-haired bum. I also have this rare non-contagious disease. I just have to touch her lips once before the end.- Almost Dead

Dear Almost,

Just explain to the bum that your dying wish is to go out with his girlfriend. If that doesn't work, tie him up and stuff him in your locker. Then all you have to do is kidnap the girl.

Dear Aunt Bertha,

The guy I like just got a new puppy for his birthday. The puppy is adorable. He even named it after me. The problem is that we were supposed to go out this weekend, but, he went out and

## Aunt Bertha

bought a doggie toy and a poodle sweater. Then he didn't have any money. Do I ditch him over the dog?- 2nd Fiddle to Fido

Dear 2nd Fiddle,

Explain to your boyfriend that you know that he likes his dog, but you need some attention too. If he still insists on spending all of his money on the dog, tear up all of his socks. Then you can blame it on the dog.

Dear Aunt Bertha,

I was looking in my closet the other day and found a skeleton. Should I report it to the police or should I just bury it?-Old Bones

Dear Old Bones,

Why don't you dress it up and hang it on your wall? Your friends will be really jealous. However, you could also hang it in the refrigerator.







Brian Eller and Tim Black tune up their guitars as they prepare for the skit competition



Photo by Robert Wagner

## Betas invade

by Stephen Borders

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Chris Gish and Rodney Hook performed "Stairway to Heaven" at Louisville Beta Club Convention.



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## Spirit of Christmas comes from within

Has anyone given any thought nowadays to just what Christmas really means? To most people, it's a time to get out of school and to receive presents, but is that all there is to it? It has somehow become attached to material goods, and that in itself is wrong. Christmas is a holiday of hope, of forgiveness, and of love, so why

doesn't anybody remember that? With all the troubles in the world it seems as if society has lost sight of the real meaning behind this holiday. True Christmas spirit doesn't come from presents; it comes from inside, and that is, perhaps, the best present of all.

Laura Ernstberger

## Thefts at LOHS

By Sarah Williamson

Does this sound familiar? A student opens his locker to find a special leather jacket belonging to him is missing. This has happened to several students, mainly freshmen, at Lone Oak High School. Other articles reported missing have been gym bags with shoes and clothing, several lightweight jackets, and two leather jackets. As a result of these thefts, teachers are keeping a log of the names of students who leave the classroom each period. The thefts have

been occurring during class periods throughout the day.

Students can prevent items from being stolen by putting locks on lockers, locking cars, not bringing valuables to school, and reporting any suspicious activity.

The Student Code of Conduct states the punishment for thefts could range from verbal warning to referral to proper law enforcement authorities.



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## Eric Grogan chosen as Junior Rotarian

By Heather Williams

Eric Grogan, son of Ed and Carolyn Grogan, was chosen as this month's Junior Rotarian.

Eric is active in many activities here at school. He is the vice-president of Beta Club, vice-president of Tennis Club, and the treasurer of Student Council. Some of his hobbies include tennis, ping-pong, raquetball, and swimming. He attends church at the Lone Oak Church of Christ.

Eric was chosen along with Stephen Borders, by Mr. Sensing to attend the Murray State University Chemistry Tournament that was held on November 16. Fifty counties entered the

tournament.

His plans for the future are to go to medical school and become a doctor. He hopes to attend David Lipscomb University and major in pre-med.

Eric felt very honored being chosen as the Junior Rotarian for the month of December.



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# Flash flattened by Tornado

By: Robert Weber

On December 5, the Lone Oak Boys Varsity basketball team took a short trip across town to take on the Tilghman Tornados. This was the second game of the season for the Oakers.

Lone Oak jumped to an early lead when sophomore Matt Wallis scored the first basket of the game. But by the middle of the second quarter, Tilghman had gained control and had built a lead over the Flashes of eight points. Tilghman increased its lead and went into half-time well ahead of the smaller, slower Lone Oak squad.

During the third quarter, Lone Oak's fate was sealed. The Blue Tornado outscored the Flash 31-8 in the next to last stanza, but the Flash kept fighting, trying to show their pride. But it was not

enough, at the final buzzer the score stood Tilghman 79, Lone Oak 40.

Other early season scores:

## Boys Varsity

Lone Oak 63  
Murray 83

## Girls Varsity

Lone Oak 40  
Calloway Co. 53

Lone Oak 52  
Murray 56

## Boys J.V.

Lone Oak 33  
Tilghman 44

## Freshman Boys

Lone Oak 43  
Murray 39

Lone Oak 42  
Tilghman 40



Donna Brookshire works on her defense at basketball practice

Photo by Todd Walter

## Box Score Summary

### Boys' Varsity

**LONE OAK (63)** - Hawes 4-10 5-7 13, Brown 1-3 2-2 4, Adams 0-0 4-4 4, M. Wallis 6-12 2-3 14, Gibson 2-4 1-2 5, Chumber 4-5 2-3 10, Barrett 3-7 5-9 11, Middleton 1-2 0-1 2, Neihoff 0-0 0-1 0, Kelly 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Lovelace 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-45 21-33 63.

**Murray High (83)** - Danner 0, Cheany 9 2's (7 3's) 11-12 50, Sowerby 6 2-2 14, Bailey 0-0 2-2 2, Walls 2,

Gordon 5 3-4 13, Joseph 2, Hansen 0-1 0, Crum 0, Johnson 0.

Halftime Lone Oak 29, Murray 45. 3-point goals Murray, Cheany 7  
Rebounds Lone Oak (22)

### Girls' Varsity

#### Lone Oak (52)

Brookshire 16, L. Jones 3, P. Jones 21, Hooker 5, A. Jones 2, Burnette 5.

#### ay (56)

infield 13, Parker Bogard 2, Fairbanks 0, Vanover 13, Bell 0, Wooldridge 8, Hornbuckle 0.

Halftime: Lone Oak 24, Murray 33. Technicals: Greenfield. 3pt: 1 Burnette(L0), 1 Parker(M).

### Freshman Boys'

#### Lone Oak (43)

Thompson 12, Griffith 10, Alexander 6, Meece 9, Thurman 6, Sims (0).

#### Murray (39)

Thomas 11, Adkins 12, Carr 1, Johnson 3, Green 6, Gant 4, Norsworby 2. Halftime: Lone Oak 24, Murray 22. Technicals: Thompson. 3pt FG: 1 Alexander (L0).

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## Battle from the past invades the future

By: Robert Weber

On Sunday, December 3, the afternoon silence in Franklin, TN was broken by the roar of cannon and the rattle of musketry just as it was 125 years ago.

On the weekend of Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, 4,000 Confederate and 3,000 Federal re-enactors converged on the small town to re-create the bloody Battle of Franklin. The battle re-enactment, which lasted approximately one hour, was historically correct in troop movements and percentage of casualties.

In the original battle of 1864, the ragged but determined Confederates under Gen. John B. Hood were ordered to assault Federal fortifications. The much better equipped Federals had erected

lines of breastworks on the outskirts of Franklin hundreds of yards long. Hood found it necessary to take these works in order to achieve his goal of recapturing Nashville.

In the three assaults that ensued, the Confederate Army of Tennessee was cut to pieces. In thirty short minutes 4,500 soldiers were killed, including thirteen generals.

The modern version of this battle went much the same way. The descendants of the brave Confederates charged into a withering storm of fire from the Federals. And after the raging battle subsided and the sputtering rifle fire died down, a lone bugler stood atop the breastworks and played taps in honor of the dead, Federal and Confederate alike.

## News in Brief

By Clay Wagner

On December 9, several students accompanied by Mr. Toy, travelled to St. Louis to see Starlight Express a rather unusual play. The play features an awesome display of lights, special effects, and sound. The play was compared to a modern day rock concert. the students commented that this play was like no other play they have ever seen.

After the play, the students went to the local mall to shop and eat.

The Key Club's Christmas dance, which was postponed due to snow, will be held tonight in the cafeteria. Advance tickets may still be purchased from any SADD or Key Club member at \$3 single, \$5 couple, or at the door for \$4 and \$6.



## Club News

By Eddie Bromley

FBLA is having a Christmas party for the residents of Parkview nursing home on December the fifth.

FCA will select families to help and buy gifts for during the holiday season.

FHA will be filling stockings for the Salvation Army. They will also have a Christmas party and collect items for the spouse abuse center.

Tri-Hi-Y will visit a nursing home during December, clean house for the elderly who are unable, collect toys for needy children, give a party for the Resource class, and finally have a Christmas party for themselves.

ART Club will decorate the school and several local businesses for the holidays. They just finished volunteer work for the Right Angle, and next month will sponsor a dance.

## Campbell's Pet Peeve

As long as there have been schools, I suppose that students have tried to get away with breaking school rules. It must be the sport and the challenge that makes this activity so popular. Students at LOHS, however, are not only trying to break school rules, but are doing so blatantly and with utter disregard to the consequences. I am referring specifically to students having and using certain prohibited items at school - gum, candy, and sodas.

It is not unusual for me, during the course of a regular school day, to confiscate cold drinks from students, not only before the school day starts, but also in between classes. I suppose students think that a drink from the water fountain is not sufficient for quenching

one's thirst. The floors in the hallways and classrooms are littered with candy wrappers and gum wrappers. An occasional piece of ABC (already been chewed) gum is stuck on stair bannisters (in the exact spot where I place my hand, no less) and even thrown on the floor. And while I'm talking about stuff found on the floor, who hasn't seen tobacco juice spit carelessly on the floors of the halls this year? Not only do students disregard the rule for but they don't care enough to dispose of the litter properly. The situation is past the ridiculous. It is out of hand, literally!! The least that students of a school can do to show pride is to clean up their own mess!!

