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McIntosh Crowned Kentucky Teen



Jennifer McIntosh

by Sarah Williamson

Jennifer McIntosh, a Junior at LOHS, was crowned Miss Kentucky Teen on September 22, 1990, in Louisville, Kentucky.

There were five areas of competition. They were talent or speech, evening gown presentation, scholastic achievement, personal interview and volunteer service.

McIntosh performed a jazz dance to a mix of rock songs for the talent competition, which she won. She won the formal presentation as well as most photogenic. Also, she was the runner-up in the personal interview. With 378 hours of community service, she also won in the volunteer service category.

Some of the prizes Jennifer won were college scholarships and an expense-paid trip to the National Miss Teen Pageant in Kansas City, Missouri, November 17-27.

Jennifer stated, "The experience of winning proves that you can achieve anything with work and self-discipline, and your dreams will become a reality."

Quayle Visits Paducah

by Robert Weber

Paducah rolled out the red carpet on Monday, October 22 for a very important guest, Vice President Dan Quayle. Quayle arrived at Barkley Regional Airport aboard "Air Force 2" for a short two and a half hour visit. The visit, arranged by Senator Mitch McConnell, consisted of a brief tour of Paducah's Gaseous Diffusion plant and a fund-raiser at a Paducah residence.

Quayle was met by a handful of Democratic demonstrators who disapproved of his visit calling it "purely political." But Quayle, seemingly unbothered by the demonstrators, went on to the Martin Marietta facilities for a tour.

During the tour, he assessed the plant's qualifications for receiving the new AVLIS technology, the latest method of enriching Uranium. At least 1500 jobs depend on the installment of AVLIS in Paducah. At an impromptu press conference, Quayle stated that Paducah's bid will get fair consideration and a good deal of attention. He also credited Sen. McConnell with being a great advocate of Paducah's need and desire for AVLIS.

After his Martin Marietta visit, Quayle traveled to Paducah residence where he was met by about 150 people who had gathered for the fund-raiser for McConnell's re-election campaign.



Member of the drama cast and crew take a break (no pun intended, Jay!) during rehearsals of Painted Face. (photo by Christina McCune)

Drama Class Presents Play

by Chris Holland

The LOHS drama class is putting on a play called Painted Face. It is the story of a young girl named Khaki Manders. She is pretty, popular, smart and very talented. But she is also depressed.

The play is directed by Mr. Jim Toy. Kelli Bailey plays the part of Khaki Manders. The cast also includes Jeff Weber,

Jennifer Wehmeier, Krista Gronefield, Tim Story, Chris Holland, and Charwan Walraven. The business department includes Robyn Watkins, Louis Tick, and Shawna Burcham. The technological crew consists of Matt Davis, Skip Hansen, and Tim Story.

The play lasts a little over an hour. Ticket information can be obtained from Mr. Toy in room D-102.

Monthly Menus Help

Monthly school lunch menus are very helpful to many students. They allow students to know what is being served before facing it on their plates.

Although the menu for each day is printed on the announcement sheet, which is distributed during second hour, not all teachers make their sheet accessible to students. Therefore, a posted menu for the month does not pose a problem to either

students or teachers.

Additionally, students can decide beforehand exactly what they want to eat for lunch. They may bring their lunch or choose from a variety of fine foods— sandwiches, homestyle plate lunches or snacks.

Monthly menus help cut down on confusion throughout the lunch period and allow students to plan their meals ahead of time.

—Lori K. Spear



Editor's Mailbox

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
I really appreciated your editorial in the school paper last month; however, it obviously didn't have much impact with the people who are in charge of setting the thermostats around the school. I'm tired of freezing to death in my classes. It's hard to concentrate on learning anything when you're in a classroom that feels more like an igloo.

Thanks for letting me voice my opinion, and thanks for giving out the newspaper free this year. I really appreciate that.

Sincerely,
Brittiany Walter

Parking Problems Relieved

by Lori Spear

When the little blue and white plastic tags were handed out to students who planned to drive to school during the 1989-90 year, many questioned whether or not the students would cooperate well enough for the assigned parking space program to work.

After the first few days, when everyone was

squinting to read those little yellow numbers painted on the parking lot, students cooperated extremely well. Except for those who got stuck with a space that was closer to Minit Mart than to the school, students seemed to be satisfied with the new program.

Assigned parking spaces, like everything else, have

good and bad points. Seniors are granted with the privilege of parking closest to the school while juniors and co-op students must park farther away.

Very little has changed concerning parking for the 1990-90 year except that students have new and improved red and white plastic tags instead of blue ones. Maybe next year we could use purple and incorporate some school spirit.



Honor Roll Rewards Success

Sometimes, it's the simple things that are overlooked... like an academic honor roll. Honor rolls are computed in most schools, but not at LOHS. They should be in place here.

Academic excellence should be rewarded and quarterly recognition would be a simple way of doing just that. Lists of those students who made the honor roll could be posted throughout the school and

published in both the school and city papers.

Now that a computer is in place in the office for scheduling, perhaps computing the honor roll would be less complicated.

Short-term goals are often easier to set and to achieve than are long-term goals. Instead of working for an honor plaque at the end of the school year, students may be more challenged to achieve honor roll status each quarter.

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College Night Prepares Students

by Heather Bond

College night will take place on November 6, at the Executive Inn, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of college night is to help seniors and juniors choose a field of study or to think about

a field to go into and to let them know what colleges have to offer them. There will be about fifty colleges there, some of which will be PCC, Murray State, Western, U of L, and Shawnee.

Rotary Honors 4-H'ers

by Beth Carmichael

On October 10, 1990 several LOHS students were invited to receive awards and have lunch with the Paducah Rotary Club.

Those asked to attend were: Beth Carmichael, Ellen Carmichael, Kim Caron, Scott Caron, Scott

Covert, Heather Meunier, Amy Newton, Daniel Rushing, Tim Schneider, Jill Walker, Summer Wallis and Heather Williams.

These students received award certificates for their activity and involvement in the 4-H program.

Junior Rotarian

by Christina McCune

Junior Rotarian for the month of October is Mark Chumbler. A senior at LOHS, Chumbler is the president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and vice president of Beta Club. He enjoys playing basketball and golf.

Chumbler plans to attend either Union University or Georgetown College after graduation. Although he is undecided about his major course of studies, he plans to go into the ministry after college.



Mark Chumbler

Being chosen as Junior Rotarian has helped Chumbler understand more about the Rotary organization. He felt honored to be chosen to represent his school.



Oak K staffers attended the SISPA workshop at SIU-Carbondale this month. They are Lori Spear, Beth Carmichael, David Beyer, Sarah Williamson, Christina McCune and Heather Bond.

The Oak K Staffers Visit SIU

by Lori Spear

On October 1, The Oak K staff attended a workshop at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

The seven students who attended participated in individualized classes

taught by university staff members as well as various high school teachers.

The workshop, in its 34th year, was sponsored by the Southern Illinois School Press Association.

Annual Staff Tours Plant

by Lori Spear

The 1990-1991 Oak Leaves staff toured the Jostens yearbook publishing plant on Tuesday, October 9.

The 15 staff members and advisor Janice Foster learned how the yearbook is actually produced after it reaches the plant. They learned helpful guidelines that they will use to improve this year's annual.

Junior staff member Ellen Sweatt said, "I was really impressed by the way things worked and it helped me to understand how the yearbook was formed."

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Preparation Is The Key To Survival

by Sarah Williamson

Living near the New Madrid Fault and other major faults, one never knows when a major or minor earthquake will strike. Preparation is the key to surviving an earthquake in any circumstances. Here are some tips in preparing for an emergency situation.

There are a few important items to keep at home in a large waterproof container for emergency situations:

- * first aid kits and first aid information
- * portable radio with extra batteries
- * multi-purpose fire extinguisher

- * non-perishable food
- * eating utensils
- * purified water (at least three gallons per person for a 72-hour period)
- * medications or special foods for babies and those on limited diets
- * tools to turnoff gas and water mains, also a hammer, nails, saw and ax
- * extra sets of clothing and shoes
- * blankets
- * matches
- * tent
- * copy of social security numbers others important documents
- * money
- * extra car keys
- * whistle

- * soap
- * pet food
- * candles
- * garbage bags
- * workgloves

Some steps to prepare the home for an earthquake are:

- * bolt tall furniture to the wall
- * remove heavy objects from high places
- * secure water heaters to the wall
- * install locks on cabinets
- * secure hanging plants tightly to the ceiling
- * install flexible gas hoses
- * every family member should know how to shut off the gas, electricity and

water

- * purchase earthquake insurance
- * heavy appliances need to be secured

Every family member should know where to go in each room during an earthquake.

While indoors, get under a heavy desk or table. Stay away from mirrors, hanging objects, and unsecured furniture. If outside, get away from buildings, power lines and trees. When in a car, pull to the side of the road and stop the car. Do not attempt to cross a bridge or overpass if the earthquake has been severe.

Quake Shakes LOHS

The rumble was low, but unmistakable. Students sat frozen for a few seconds before shouts of "Earthquake!" rang out. On September 26 at 8:19 a.m., Lone Oak High School had its first taste of reality amid the earthquake mania that has swept the area.

The buildings were cleared and everyone was drilled in what to do should a stronger quake occur.

School officials are taking steps to better prepare students and

faculty for the predicted "big one" in December.

Faculty members have been assigned specific duties such as turning off gas and electricity, supervising designated areas of the school, searching the building, and administering first aid.

Medical help from Lourdes Hospital will be made available immediately in case of a disaster. Food and water provisions, as well as medical supplies, are being stocked here at the school.

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"The Big Quake": Don't Lose Any Sleep

by David Beyer

One little earthquake measuring 4.6 on the Richter scale and a scientist half-way across the country saying there's going to be another earthquake and everyone goes berzerk. Now everyone is in an earthquake frenzy; buying out the bottled water and canned food at their local supermarket getting ready for the "big quake." Seriously, you can buy your dried prunes and earthquake-resistant Spam but if there's an

earthquake, it may not do you any good. Many of the people stocking up for the earthquake are putting the stored up food in their house. After a 7+ Richter scale earthquake it'll be hard to eat your dried prunes without removing the rubble of your house off of them first.

The September 26 earthquake had quite an effect on the people of this area. Besides shaking seven different states at the same time, the earthquake gave many 'quake

than an authority on earthquakes.

skeptics a real belief in the possibility of a major earthquake. I'll also bet church attendance was way up the following Sunday.

As for Iben Browning, the guy that started all this, he isn't even a seismologist (an earthquake doctor) at all, he's a climatologist. He doesn't study the earth's crust; he goes out and sees how much rain we had the night before. He's more like one of Cal's Weather Watchers

As far as I'm concerned, whether there's going to be an earthquake or not is up to someone a little bit higher up than an A l b u q u e r q u e Weather-Watcher. I'm not saying he couldn't be right. But, I'm not packing my bags and leaving town for a week just because Iben says I should. If December 3rd rolls around and we do have the earthquake, Iben can tell me "I told you so" when he pulls my body out of the rubble.

Will The Quake Hit?

by Lori Spear

Do you think there will be an earthquake? When? Why?

Jessica Housman (11): "More than likely yes because of the tidal waves of the sun and moon around December 2."

Jason Griffith (9): "Yes, there's definitely going to be an earthquake. I don't know when or why, but I have a really good feeling about it."

Shane Beaubien (10): "Yes, it could happen at anytime. We live in an area that is right near a fault line."

Amy Leidecker (11): "Yes, sometime in the next few years because the forces will be great enough to cause one."

Mr. Toy: "Yes- no one knows."

April Keeling (12): "I don't think there's going to be an earthquake. Everyone is just making too big of a deal about the whole thing."

Tim Brown (9): "Yes, his theory is rather logical."

Kevin Austin (10): "Yes, sometime in the near future; there hasn't been

one for awhile and it's about time."

Elizabeth Palmer (12): "I think there will be an earthquake because we live on the New Madrid fault. I'm not sure when it will be, though. People shouldn't count on it being the days predicted."

Mrs. Gipson: "Yes, sometime in the near (or far) future."

Tony Thompson (11): "No, because it's being predicted by a psychic. Who can believe a psychic? Maybe later in the 90's."

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Sarah Noonan from Australia and Kaare Mongstad from Norway are exchange students attending LOHS this year. Noonan was featured in an article in last month's paper. (photo by Christina McCune)

Norwegian Student

by Heather Bond

Kaare Mongstad is a 17 year old exchange student from Bergen, Norway. He will be attending LOHS the entire school year and staying with the Slatick family of Paducah until July 1991.

One of the differences between Norwegian schools and American schools that

Attends LOHS

Kaare Mongstad has noticed is that at the Norwegian schools students have more flexibility in attending class, much like attending college here.

Kaare Mongstad said "The people in Kentucky seem very nice. They are always willing to help me if I have a problem.

Construction Sparks Interest

by Heather Bond

The continual road construction on Lone Oak Road has sparked the interest of many area residents. The road was paved this summer, but apparently something went awry.

The road must be repaved because the liquid asphalt in the pavement rose to the top. This resulted in the roadway becoming very slick and dangerous for motorists.

The highway department has not yet come to an exact conclusion as to why the liquid asphalt rose to the surface, but they speculate it is either from the extreme heat this summer or from letting motorists drive on the surface too soon.

The road will be repaved next spring when the weather improves.

E.A.T. Recycles School-wide

by Sarah Williamson

The LOHS Environmental Action Team is now recycling within the school.

The recyclable items are glass containers, soft plastic containers, newspapers, aluminium cans, and high-grade paper, i.e., computer and xerox paper. Anyone who has any of the items, please bring them to D-102 or by the entrance from the student parking lot in the gym. Place the items in the appropriately marked BFI containers, except high-grade paper

which should be brought to D-102, Mr. Toy's room. Any teacher who would like a box for high-grade paper, please notify Mr. Toy.

Take these simple steps before turning in these items. Please remove the lid to the glass and soft plastic containers. Then rinse the containers and aluminium cans. Flatten the plastic and cans; do not break the glass. Insecticide and motor oil containers and any glass that is not a container are not recyclable.

Halloween Originates From Ancient Customs

by Sarah Williamson

Halloween is a holiday that represents candy, decorations and costumes to most people. How did the tradition of Halloween begin?

The Halloween tradition began with the Celtic order of Druids, or priests, honoring Samhain, the lord of the dead, on the evening of October 31 and the day of November 1 over 2,000 years ago. An ancient Celtic legend stated that since Samhain could control the spirits of the dead, this determined how the souls would rest. During the Vigil of Samhain, souls

were put into bodies of animals to pay for their sins. This is how goblins, fortune-telling, magic, black cats and evil spirits are affiliated with Halloween.

During the Middle Ages, participants in witchcraft mocked the Roman Catholic Church's festival of All Saints' Day on November 1 by performing unholy acts.

Many countries around the world celebrate Halloween generally in the same way, depending on cultural tradition, making Halloween a special holiday for everyone.



Senior Homecoming Queen candidates were Christy Alderson, Cassie Mason, Shannon Stroud, Keri Pierce, Laura Cope, Krista Gronefield and Julie Wilson. Class representatives were Amy Burnette, Julie Grogan and Charwan Walraven. (photo by Gene Boaz)



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Junior class officers are Clay Wagner, reporter; Staci Sanderson, secretary; Jennifer McIntish, president; Scott Covert, vice president and (not pictured) Leigh Ann Alderson, treasurer. (photo by Christina McCune)



Sophomore class officers are Scott Kopetz, treasurer; Kelli Rudisill, reporter; Julie Grogan, president; Brittany Rushing, secretary; and Ricky Alexander, vice president. (photo by Christina McCune)



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90's Fashion New Look

by Sarah Williamson and Beth Carmichael

The new fall fashions for women of the 1990's have their own distinctive look. General comfort is being emphasized for the first time.

Hooded-shirts and jackets with a drawstring waist, paired with stirrup pants, are hot items. Stirrup pants come in mainly polyester blends with various solids or prints.

Catsuits are one of the newest fashions for the new decade. Some catsuits are made of a lycra/spandex blend, and some are cotton. They are extremely form-fitting, and often impractical because they are difficult to put on and take off.

Jumpsuits are the less form-fitting version of the catsuit that have been a part of the fashion world for some time, undergoing various changes. The latest style of the jumpsuit is a very "childish" appearance. These are generally available with puffy sleeves, baggy legs stopping above the ankles, undefined waistbands and feminine prints.

A '90's suit for women has more of a tailored, classic look, rather than

the business-influence. Romantic white blouses will give a suit an elegant effect. Velvet dresses are simple, yet accomodate any special occasion.

In a current interest of recycling, men's recycled jackets are available in the women's and junior's departments. Short and long waisted jackets are popular, especially the ones with a flaired waist.

The traditional fashion for guys is still name-brands. But guy's fashion has also focused much on comfort. Rayon is one of the most popular fabrics for shirts. Big slouchy jerseys are in, as well as college sweat-shirts, all made of comfortable materials. Jeans are generally worn in casual to semi-casual wear with the brand's known style. Sweaters are available in cardigan and pull-over styles with traditional patterns and designs, with the latest in fall colors like plum, mustard and rust. One of the most stylish prints for the season is paisley.

For special occasions, some new looks are the double-breasted V-shaped jackets with coordinating dress pants. Most are also made of comfortable cotton/polyester blends.

Board Reinstates Policy

Policy regulating student attendance is once again in place in McCracken County schools. At a September board meeting the school board voted to set standards for tardies and absences and to punish violators of the policy with Saturday school.

Since corporal punishment has been banned in county schools, the board decided some type of punishment for certain offenses was needed; therefore, Saturday school has been implemented as a

way to curtail student tardies and absences.

Any unexcused absence from school will result in the student being sent to Saturday school.

Students are allowed three tardies per semester. Upon the fourth and subsequent unexcused tardies, the student must attend Saturday school.

"A policy was definitely needed," says faculty member Mrs. Campbell. "Learning to be prompt and present are part of learning responsibility."



1990-91 Varsity Academic Team members are John Cason, Eric Roberts, Blair Tolar and Scott Kopetz. Not pictured are Mike Keeney and Aaron Clarkson. (photo by Christina McCune)

Academic Team Rises Early

by Lori Spear

At 7:00 every weekday morning, while many students are still in bed asleep, the LOHS varsity academic team is already at school practicing diligently for their upcoming matches.

This very dedicated team consists of senior Chris Cash; juniors Mike Keeney, Eric Roberts, Aaron Clarkson, John Cason, Blair Tolar and Jason Jones and sophomores Jeff Webber and Scott Kopetz. Jim Toy, sophomore English teacher, has been coaching the team for four years. Toy says that he is looking forward to the season and that "the team is very enjoyable to work with because of their attitudes."

The team's goals for the 1990-1991 school year include being listed as one of the top 20 teams statewide, winning 2nd District in the West Kentucky Academic Bowl and setting a school record on the Knowledge Master Open National Computer Competition.

The team's scores are as follows:

***Sept. 17**
Heath, win, 29-7
Crittendon Co., win, 21-13
***Sept. 24**
St. Mary, win
Hickman, loss
***Oct. 1**
Murray, win, 16-12
Mayfield, loss, 19-15
***Oct. 8**
Tilghman, win, 20-19
Ballard, win, 15-11