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Three Oakers Sing Their Way to All-State

Three Oakers, Anthony Cole, Bret Morris and Tabitha Wright, participated last month in All-State Choir in Louisville, Ky.

Three hundred of the best choir students from across the state helped the Kentucky Music Educators' Association celebrate their 50th anniversary at the Kentucky Center for

Performing Arts. Three days were filled with exhausting, but rewarding, rehearsals which culminated in a performance for an audience of 2,400 music educators, parents and friends.

Cole and Morris, tenors, and Wright, soprano, earned their way to All-State honors through district try outs held at Paducah

Tilghman High School. Cole's try out score was second best in the district.

This year was Cole's third trip to All-State Choir. He commented, "This was the best singing experience at All-State I've had. The director made such a difference this year. He was tremendous! The whole experience was wonderful!"



Anthony Cole

Korte Attends Golden 100



Melissa Korte

BY ROBERT WEBER

Congratulations to Melissa Korte on being selected to the Golden 100 program at Murray State University.

Kentucky's Golden 100 is a two day program for Kentucky's top 100 high school juniors. These 100 students are chosen from applicants from all over Kentucky. The essay, which each applicant must write, entitled "My Role in

Kentucky's Future," is the most decisive element of the application.

During the students' two day stay at MSU, they take a test similar to the ACT and attend one of several one-hour seminars dealing with a contemporary issue.

Even though Golden 100 is a short program, it allows Kentucky's finest juniors to see a college firsthand, meet new people and taste the independence of college life.

LOHS Fares Well at District Competition

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

On Feb. 9, LOHS hosted the annual District Governor's Cup in which Lone Oak placed third in the overall competition, and in the Quick Recall category. Paducah Tilghman won first place overall, with Heath placing a close second.

Three LOHS students who participated in the District Competition placed in the top four in the

subject area in which each competed. They were: Garland Crawford: 3rd place, science
Laura Denison: 3rd place, language arts
Tiffany Jarboe: 3rd place, English composition

These students went on to compete in the Regional Competition at Murray High School on Feb. 23, but did not qualify for the State Competition.

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Save A Dance for the Soldiers

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

Tonight a dance sponsored by Co-Ed-Y will be held to pay a special tribute to our troops. This tribute will include a spotlight on the flag and the playing of the song "Proud To Be An American." Two very special marines, Greg Lindsey and Robert Welch, will be honored.

A variety of music will be played including patriotic songs. Anyone who appears with patriotic dress will receive \$1 off the ticket cost. Also a prize will be given to the most patriotic dresser.

The cafeteria will be decorated in red, white, and blue. So save a dance for the soldiers and show your support.

Stamps Cause Post Office Congestion

As I patiently stand in line behind a grey-haired woman who is digging pennies out of her change purse, I wonder if congestion will soon become a problem here. I remember the days when one could pull out crisp dollar bills, not worrying with change, and say, "Four dollars worth, please." Now, the harried worker behind the counter says, "Sorry, it doesn't work that way anymore!" Can you guess where I am? The post office.

Yes, the post office is now a place that fills me with misery and dread. No longer can Mom hand me a five dollar bill and ask me to go get stamps. Now I

have to bring back the correct change. Why in the world did our government raise the price of stamps to \$0.29? If they wanted to raise the price, why not go ahead and raise it to \$0.30? Then at least \$3.00 would buy ten stamps. Now, thanks to the government, one has to buy 100 stamps for \$29.00 to avoid paying with change or getting back change.

Speaking of change, I wonder if new cashiers will be hired soon. Since the post office is now computerized (maybe that's the real reason for the price hike!), the new cashiers will probably be required to have a degree in computer technology. I

heard that there is supposed to be a new express lane opening up soon for those with the exact change. I bet that won't last very long. Eventually they'll have to start accepting credit cards: so, "don't leave home without it."

As if all that is not bad enough, personal checks are becoming much more common at the post office nowadays. Since no one ever has the correct change, scribbling out a check is much easier than carrying around a jingling pocketful of change as a sign that, yes, you have been to the post office today.

--LORI K. SPEAR



This U.S. stamp, along with 25¢ of additional U.S. postage, is equivalent to the 'F' stamp rate

Above: the new F-rate (29 cent) postage stamp.
Below: self-explanatory!!

If You Ask Me...

BY DAVID BEYER

I'm going to tell you a story. It's hard to believe, but it is true. The story is about an American city that, in just a few seconds, was almost completely destroyed. Unlike the recent earthquake scare we had in this area, there was no warning. However, it was no earthquake that hit this city.

It was January 15, almost noon. It was warm

for a day in January and most workers were having their lunches outside. Little did they know that a massive tidal wave was about to strike the city. When the wave hit, it struck with such terrible force that the city's fire station was completely lifted off its foundation, drowning or crushing everyone inside. The workers having their quiet lunch were drowned where they sat. Trains were

thrown like small toys, coming to rest hundreds of feet from their tracks. One sixty-nine year old, sitting in her living room, was thrown through a window as the wave leveled her house.

In seconds, it was over. Dozens dead, hundreds injured, the ground littered with bodies. Almost half of the city was reduced to rubble.

Like I said before, this disaster gave no warning. There wasn't some flake halfway across the country telling them when it was going to happen. That was

the warning we got for our earthquake. They didn't get even that. We have ways of predicting these things. They had no way of knowing what would happen on January 15.

Did I mention it was January 15, 1919? The city was Boston, and there was absolutely no way for anyone to know that an explosion at the Purity Distilling Company would result in a flood of two million, three hundred thousand gallons...of molasses. (Taken from a book by Paul Aurandt)

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations go to Scott Caron who placed eighth in the State Swim Meet at UK, and to Tiffany Jarboe who placed second in the American History Competition at MSU.

U.S. Flag: Display Correctly

BY ROBERT WEBER

With the outbreak of war in January, patriotic Americans have proudly displayed the United States flag. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of proper flag etiquette. So here are several guidelines to follow when displaying the Stars and Stripes:

- 1) The flag should be hoisted quickly and lowered slowly.
- 2) Only all-weather flags (nylon) are allowed to be flown at night, and only

then if illuminated. Other flags should be raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset.

3) The U.S. flag should always be on the far right, its own right, when in a parade with other flags.

4) The flag should never be draped over the hood, top or sides of a vehicle, train car or boat.

5) When displayed in the crossed-staff manner, the U.S. flag should be on the right, its own right, and its staff should be in

front of the other staff.

6) If flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the U.S. flag should be raised first and lowered last. No other flag should be higher or to the right of the U.S. flag.

7) When on a speaker's platform, the flag should be behind and to the right of the speaker.

8) When flown at "half-staff," the flag should be raised to the peak for an instant then lowered half-way down the staff. When lowered, it should be raised to the

peak then lowered all the way.

9) The U.S. flag should never touch the ground.

10) The flag should be flown with the union down only as a signal of dire distress.

11) The flag should never be used as advertising. It should never be printed on napkins, handkerchiefs, paper boxes or articles of clothing.

13) When a flag is no longer fit for display, it should be burned in a private ceremony.

SAT Update

Several important changes will be made on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, also known as the SAT. These changes, which will take effect in 1993, include the following:

- 1) The math section will be only 80% multiple choice and 20% will be computations. Calculators will be allowed.
- 2) The verbal section will contain longer reading passages.
- 3) The achievement tests, which are required by some colleges, will be renamed SAT II.

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Presently, critics claim that the test is partial to white males. Hopefully the changes should make the test less biased and increase nationwide test scores. (Information from Seventeen)

Junior Rotarian

BY HEATHER BOND

The Junior Rotarian for the month of March is Deanna Willett. Deanna is involved in many school-related and extracurricular activities.

Deanna has been a member of the Biology Club for one year and Phi Alpha Delta sorority for three years. She has played softball for four years and basketball for four years. She is also a four-year member of the choir's acappella chorus.



Deanna Willett

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Mystery Students

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

Miss X is the senior Mystery Student. She is a member of Lone Oak First Baptist Church and participates in theater whenever she gets a chance. This long-haired Gemini says that a cat best describes her personality because she is lazy, but always there if someone needs her. She listens to almost every type of music, and her favorite food is pizza. If she could skip school for a day and not get in trouble, she would go to Princeton, Kentucky, to see her boyfriend. She would like to major in elementary education.

"Sprout" is the junior Mystery Student who is on the Missions Team through Bible Baptist Church. She plays softball and enjoys

shopping and spending time with her boyfriend. Her most embarrassing moment is running over the top of the sidewalk in her car at El Chico's. She says a monkey best describes her personality because monkeys are always playing around and jumping with excitement. This Aquarius listens to soft rock, country and contemporary Christian music, and her favorite type of food includes Mexican and Italian. If she could skip school for a day without getting in trouble, she would make plans with her boyfriend to go to the lake or go shopping in Nashville. She plans to attend Paducah Community College or Murray State University.

The sophomore Mystery Student participates in the academic team, swing choir and EAT. This Libra listens to country, rap and music from the '50s and '60s. His favorite food is cafeteria soybean burgers and the animal that best describes him is a hyena. If he were to skip school for a day without getting caught, he would go to the lake. The most embarrassing moment of his sophomore year is when Mr. Buckner's classes had to give presentations on their dream house. Mine was the White House with the yellow brick road leading to it. He plans to enlist in the armed services and then attend college.

This Pisces freshman Mystery Student is an active member of Paducah

First Baptist Church and participates in many activities there. She likes any kind of Italian food and enjoys listening to Wilson Phillips and Phil Collins. When asked what kind of animal would describe her best, she replied, "a cat because I'm quiet when I want to be, but when I'm angry, I let people know that I am, and when I'm happy, people can tell!" If she could skip school for a day and not get in trouble, she would visit Paducah Tilghman High School "to see how rough it really is!" She eventually plans to attend Belmont College and possibly go into counseling or communications.

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"Beware the Ides of March"

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

March 15th is a holiday, believe it or not. It is yet the ever popular and glorious Ides of March. Many wonder what kind of holiday this is, or yet how in the world was it started. Well, I'll offer you a few suggestions to pick from and then you decide what really happened.

1. On a cold, stormy night in March, 1812, Dr. Winslow Ide made an

overwhelming discovery. He found that on this very 15th of March that all of the people in the world could see the moon at the same time. Even though this is beyond popular belief Dr. Ide believed it true. Thus, we celebrate the moon on this day.

2. In the ancient civilization of Chinsaua the people celebrated the earth every day. On March the 15th the people celebrated the Ides, which

was what we would call our spring. The coming of the Ides meant peace and prosperity for them. The celebration included dancing and rituals to the nature god. Thus this celebration has been carried down to now as a celebration of spring.

3. The Ides of March was a trading day in ancient Rome. Flowers were brought to the market area and the Roman gods were adorned with them. Games

of all kinds took place on this festival day. The famous Julius Ceasar was assassinated on the Ides of March. People today do not usually celebrate this holiday of ancient times.

Well if you believe the true story is number 3, you are correct. Since we are able to celebrate holidays as we wish, why not have your parents give Ides of March presents? Otherwise it's just another ordinary day.

Art Students Win Awards at MSU

BY CHRISTINA MCCUNE

The Kentucky Art Association's 7th Annual Art Competition took place at Murry State University on Feb. 22, 1991. Twelve high schools participated in the competition, including Lone Oak. Ten LOHS

students recieved awards as follows:

Painting: Jason Neihoff, 3rd place
Ink Drawing: Dwight Pepper, 1st place
Mixed Media: Sheila Downey, 3rd place

Printmaking: Chad Ames, 2nd place; Kaare Mongstad, 3rd place

Graphic Design: Jason Neihoff, honorable mention
Textile Design: Jimmy Dorris, 3rd place
Photography: Jamie Woodall

These entries were selected as winners from over the 400 works submitted.

The Regional Show was on exhibit in the upper gallery of the Clara Eagle Gallery Feb. 26 through March 9.

DECA Participates in State Conference

BY HEATHER BOND

DECA participated in a state conference which was held on March 7-9 in Louisville. The following LOHS students participated:

Job Interview:

Carrie Hopper

Advertising:

Rhonda Reid

DECA Creed:

Scott Coovert

Delegates:

Shannon Wallis

Ellen Sweatt

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FBLA Attends Regional Competition

The Lone Oak FBLA will participate in regional competition at Murry State University on Wednesday, March 20. The following is a list of the entrants of each event:

Accounting I:
Jamie McDaniel
Accounting II:
Heath Bowling
Business Calculations:
Aaron Clarkson
Business English:
Peggy Kirby

Business Law:

Shari Terry

Business Math:

Stacy Perry

Computer Concepts:

Laura Cope

Entrepreneurship:

Mark Chumbler

Amy Newton

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Spring Fashion Reflects Economic Conditions

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

The spring fashions for 1991 reflect the country's economic condition. Many things are red, white and blue, although there are not many drastic changes in the overall look of the spring fashions. Most styles are nostalgic, ranging anywhere from the '50s to the '70s.

Flower print dresses (especially blue and white) with scooped-necks and off-the-shoulder sleeves reflect the look of the '50s housewife. Tent or trapeze shirts worn with

leggings and wide headbands bring back memories of the late '60s and early '70s.

T-shirts are monochromatic or are sometimes two colors to coordinate with printed leggings. This type of outfit is comfortable for school or going out with friends.

Mood rings, energy stones and crystals are the newest pieces of jewelry to show one's true feelings. Energy stones and crystals can be worn in rings, bracelets and necklaces.

Prom dresses also reflect

past designs of the '50s. Pastels dresses made of chiffon material make a unique statement. Many of the strapless dresses have a very feminine flower design and the material almost reaches the collar bone. Many of the dresses are solid colors, especially wintry colors based on black with a hint of red, blue or green. Formal shoes for prom have many varieties of accessories for the toe. Bows, flowers and other designs can add a special something to a simple shoe.



Wearing of the Green

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

Green with envy is not the feeling on March 17th. Instead, green is a symbol of luck for Saint Patrick's Day.

This holiday is based upon a religious event of Ireland for the mighty Saint Patrick. In Ireland, families attended special services, family and community gatherings and wearing shamrocks.

Shamrocks were used by Saint Patrick as an explanation of Trinity. Thus, the four-leafed

clover was considered rare and lucky.

The first Saint Patrick's Day observed in the U.S. was in Boston in 1737. Today many still wear the lucky shamrock or the color green on St. Patrick's Day. More than one hundred cities now hold parades for the holiday, the largest being in New York City.

So prepare for a year of good luck by wearing green this Saint Patrick's Day. If not, you may get pinched!



LOHS cheerleaders competed at Calloway County High School for the district cheerleading competition last month. The entire squad is to be commended for their hardwork and tremendous spirit.

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Spring Sports Jump Into Action

BY ROBERT WEBER

The spring sports season is just around the corner and many of the schedules are already set. So everyone at LOHS can support our teams, here are the schedules for the spring:

Baseball

Mar. 29	Tilghman	A
30	Shawnee	H
Apr. 1	Heath	A
2	Reidland	A
3	Cairo	H
4	Union City	H
6	Round Robin	H
8	Calloway Co.	H
9	Murray	A
10	Carlisle Co.	H
11	Heath	H
12	Graves Co.	H
15	Marshall Co.	H
16	Marshall Co.	A
17	Tilghman	H
18	Mayfield	H
19	Dyersburg	
20	Tournament	A
22	Graves Co.	A
23	St. Mary	A
24	Massac Co.	A
25	St. Mary	H
26	Ballard Co.	A
29	Vienna	A
30	Livingston	A
May 1	Martin	
	Westview	A
3	Massac Co.	H
6	Mayfield	A
7	Livingston	H
8	Calloway Co.	A
9	Murray	H
10	Ballard Co.	H

Comment from Coach Mizell: "It's going to be an interesting season. We are very, very young, but we don't look at rebuilding, we look at reloading."

Softball

Mar. 28	Heath	A
Apr. 8	Reidland	H
10	Calloway Co.	A
11	Murray	H
12	Mayfield	A
15	Reidland	A
16	St. Mary	H
17	Ballard Co.	A
18	Mayfield	H
19	St. Mary	A
22	Marshall Co.	H
23	Tilghman	A
25	Ballard Co.	H
29	Graves Co.	H
30	Tilghman	H
May 1	Heath	H
3	Calloway Co.	H

Comment from Mrs. Jones: "I lost quite a few girls from last year, but I have quality girls to choose from this year. I expect a great season--the girls expect a great season."

Track

Apr. 11	Ballard Co.
16	St. Mary
18	Ballard Co.
23	Quad Meet @ Murray State
30	Heath
May 7	Heath



Francine Stearns and Nichole Jackson "grin and bear" their conditioning work-out for track.

SPORTLIGHT

LOHS Supports Troops

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

Coach McGroarty and some LOHS students are combining their ideas in order to show support for the troops in Saudi.

This group made the poster that now hangs in the cafeteria. Also they handed out free flags at the Homecoming basketball game.

Truly they are showing their patriotism and are hoping to show the troops how much they care. The group would like to hear any ideas that students have in order to help our brave soldiers.

Meetings are held in order to activate ideas at various times. If you are intrested in joining the team or if you have ideas, see Coach McGroarty.

Mystery Student Answers

The Mystery Students for the month of March are senior Kelli Bailey, junior Michelle Henley, sophomore Sean Herzog and freshman Shannon Hurt.



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LOHS Rappers Release Video

BY DAVID BEYER

"Yo! Listen up, I got a message to tell ya." That's what Derek Wilson says on the new anti-drug video recently released on Comcast Cable. Nine Lone Oak students, supervised by Mr. Toy, got together and made the video for a new anti-drug campaign sponsored by Comcast Cable. The rap used in the video was written and performed by Wilson. The other stars of the video are Sarah

Adams, Martina Fields, Craig Herzog, Nicole Jackson, Tracy Lindsey, Jennifer McIntosh, Rhonda Reid and Nicole Wayne.

The video is shown primarily on MTV but can also be seen on other Comcast stations.

Mr. Toy and the students involved had to put quite a bit of hard work into the creation of the video. Toy says, "I was very impressed."

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And just one of the many in cigarettes.

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Soldiers Request Donations

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

The Purchase Area Family Support Group has requested help from the McCracken County schools to obtain items for our troops in Saudi Arabia. A list of the needed items can be found at the office. A drop box is also there for the collection of

materials. Once the donations are collected, they will be taken to Fort Campbell and then shipped to Saudi Arabia. If you wish to write the soldiers, the letters can also be placed in the drop box. Please support the troops by purchasing the items requested.



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