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Choir Escapes To The Big Apple



Jill Seifert, Sheri Jones, Krista Gronefield and Deanna Willet, LOHS choir member, enthusiastically prepare for Showtime, which was held on March 22-23.

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

Eighteen members of the LOHS Choir went traveling to New York City, on April 11 and returned on the 15th.

The chorus sang at the Lincoln Center and performed Mozart's "Solemn Vespers" in conjunction with the world-wide celebrated Mozart Bi-Centennial Celebration. The students were able to meet and sing with other students from across the nation.

The concert was a big highlight of the trip, but the students participated in many other activities. They toured the U.N. Building, the Empire State Building, the World Trade Center, Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, Hard Rock Cafe, Time Square, Madison Square Garden, Rockefeller Center, and many other attractions.

The trip was a fun and rewarding educational experience for all of the students.

Classes Tune In To Channel One

BY DAVID BEYER

Teachers will be happy to hear that they won't have to reserve a television or VCR a month in advance anymore. Now, almost every classroom in the school has a new 19" color TV.

The new TV's are a part of The Whittle Communications "Educational Network" video system. Whittle Communications has

installed the new TV's and connected them to Channel One, a news station geared towards high school students. The ten-minute newscasts, which are shown daily, consist mainly of current events.

Also installed with the system are two VCR's. One is connected to Channel One and is programmed to record the news broadcasts when they are aired. The tape

is then played the following day. The other VCR is set up so that a tape can be played in the library and shown in any or all rooms in the school. However, with this system, only one tape can be played at a time.

The system has been installed without charge to LOHS. The school is, however, required to watch the broadcasts. Many

teachers are excited about the new system, but some questions were raised about the commercials shown on the network. Many believe that students shouldn't see commercials for consumer products during school. Even with the few objections, most teachers are eager to use the system, with or without the commercials.

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Go Team!



Mrs. Brugger looks on as Tim King, president of the Fleet Reserve, and Joe Viterist, chairman of the essay contest, present awards to juniors Macie Jones and Chad Peterson.

Televisions Promote Education

Though many secondary school principals wander in the halls trying to catch "skippers," observing that five minute period of insanity between classes, and observing teachers, LOHS principal Wallace Adams has a new worry on his hands - a television set in every classroom.

While students jump for joy at having TV's in every room, some parents and outsiders are probably muttering under their breath that the television sets will be used as "babysitters" for students

and will someday make the profession of teaching obsolete.

Those theories are actually opposite the real purpose of television sets in every room. Access to a television adds many opportunities to the classroom, such as scientific programs, historical commentaries, and many classic movies. These and other similar programs are intended to work with a teacher in order to supplement the curriculum.

The televisions will serve as a

link to the outside world, an ambassador to sights and experiences that students might never have the chance to indulge in otherwise.

It is easy to see that televisions in each classroom have many advantages. As expected, they also have their disadvantages, such as the fact that students must watch 10 minutes of specialized programming every day. This must be done because of an agreement with the company that is providing the televisions and several

VCRs free-of-charge to our school. The specialized programming consists of news segments and commercials, nothing different than a student would see while watching television in his own home.

As a high school student, I strongly support this form of advanced technology in our schools. The future of McCracken County education looks brighter every day.

--Lori Spear

Are Good Manners Obsolete?

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

"Please." "Thank you." "Excuse me." Are these words now obsolete in 1991? As I stand in a crowded discount store, patiently waiting my turn to go into an aisle, a harried woman ever so rudely runs into me, practically knocking me into a display of boxes of cotton balls. She did not say "Excuse me" or "I'm sorry." Nothing. This scenario happens to too

many people too often.

Is there not enough time to offer an apology to someone? Almost everyone, everyday is in a rush to get somewhere. But, what has happened to respect for fellow neighbors and courtesy in everyday situations?

Adults being rude to others sets a bad example for their children. Most elementary school teachers make their students use

proper niceties in the classroom. Many times this is not taught and/or practiced at home by parents or older siblings.

With the country being at a peak of patriotism and support for those in the military, the enthusiasm can be carried further to promoting good citizenship to those around us in everyday life.

People are feeling stress from existing

economic and social problems and this can put them in ill moods, especially toward others. A smiling face or a warm comment, however, can brighten someone's day.

No matter what the spirit of the country might be and what examples and teachers we have to follow, as it is with most of life, everything must begin with the individual.

BELVEDERE

by George Crenshaw



"I THINK WE'D BETTER SWITCH TRAINERS ON THIS DOG."

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Students Should Choose "Teacher of the Year"

With the end of school comes the "awards" season. LOHS' own People's Choice. The purpose of many of the awards given is to reward those who work hard and to encourage others to work hard for similar rewards. One such award is "Teacher

of the Year."

This award is voted on by teachers. The students, however, should be the ones to vote since the students are the ones who are in these teachers' classes each day. Granted, not all students have the

opportunity to learn from all the teachers on staff, but most students can honestly tell which teachers have had the most positive impact on their lives.

If teachers are voting for other teachers, how can

they make the best choice when teachers do not have the opportunity to witness other teachers in action? Students do.

The system needs to be changed to truly reflect the real "Teacher of the Year"!!

If You Ask Me . . .

BY DAVID BEYER

Just one more week. Seven days until that four letter word that everyone looks forward to all their lives. No, not that. I mean Prom.

It's the one thing that people look forward to for so long and either always remember or spend the rest

of their lives trying to forget.

Now, for juniors, especially the guys, this prom is the first. Junior guys don't have to worry too much. If they screw up this year, you've got another chance next year.

For seniors, on the other hand, this is it.

This is the one you're supposed to still be thinking of forty years from now.

Seniors also have to think about this: right after prom comes graduation, and then we're in the "real world." You know, that world where your parents tell you that you

won't make it unless you study and act your age.

Whether you're a senior or a junior, it still means your high school days are getting short. Enjoy them while you can. One of these days you may actually have to do work or something.

Juniors Participate In APES

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

Ten juniors were selected to participate in the American Private Enterprise (APES) on March 20 and 27.

These students were: Mike Keeney, Blair Tolar, Melissa Korte, Jason Jones, John Cason, Mark Gillihan, Chad Peterson, Chrissy Whitelock, Christl Carroll and Keith Ballard. They were chosen by their grade point average rankings.

Two of the objectives of the program were to

increase the participants' knowledge of the American Free Enterprise System and to encourage young adults to participate in business systems.

Scholarships were awarded to select students throughout the state of Kentucky. The sponsors were Paducah Bank, Citizens Bank, Peoples Bank, the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce and the 4-H University of Kentucky

Cooperative Extension Office.



Mrs. Wallace and DECA members Rhonda Reid, Carrie Hopper, Ellen Sweatt, Shannon Wallis and Scottie Covert prepare to depart in style for the state convention in Louisville.

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Recycling Preserves Future

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

Eighty percent of the U.S. landfills will be closing in twenty years. Each American produces approximately four pounds of trash daily. Seventy-three percent of America's trash is buried in landfills. The problem is, where will all the trash go once the landfills close? One way to reduce the output of trash is to recycle.

Paper, newspaper, glass, plastic and aluminum are the most common recyclable

products. LOHS EAT accepts all of these items and has been successful in recycling approximately three tons of materials since Oct. 1 with the cooperation and participation of the students and faculty of LOHS.

Another aspect to recycling is to learn how to utilize products in an environmental manner throughout the household. Making compost piles, reusing plastic containers, purchasing products made

from partially recycled products and purchasing products with as little packaging as possible greatly aid in the reduction of waste.

One of the more controversial subjects dealing with recycling and the environment is the disposable diaper dilemma. It has raised many questions from environmentalists and scientists, as well as from parents. Studies have found that disposables use more raw materials and

generate more waste, yet cloth diapers consume more energy to run the washing machines and delivery trucks and use more water and detergent in the process. Cloth diapers might be the more environmentally sound, if high-efficient washing machines and fuel efficient delivery trucks are used.

As of June 1, The Paducah Sun, in conjunction with a troop of Boy Scouts from Metropolis, Illinois, will be accepting newspapers to be recycled.

Drought Patrol Goes On The Prowl

BY HEATHER BOND

Although some people may not take water shortages very seriously, there have been many serious cases throughout America in recent years.

One extremely serious case of water shortage is in Santa Barbara, California, where drought

officers have to patrol certain areas to crack down on water abusers.

One solution to the Santa Barbara water shortage was to import water from Canada by supertankers. A permit process, however, has held up the delivery of the water.

The water will have to be brought in soon before their reservoir, Lake Cachuma, goes dry. If the lake dries up, there will only be enough water for urban use. That means all agriculture would have to be cut off, which in turn means millions of dollars would be lost. The project

bringing in the water is estimated to cost up to \$22.5 million each year.

A water shortage can happen anytime, anywhere, so here are two things you can do to help conserve water: turn off the water while brushing your teeth, and try doing full loads of laundry only one or two days out of the week.

The Forests Are Dying

BY ROBERT WEBER

Forty years ago, 25 percent of the earth's surface was covered by forests. By 1973, this figure was reduced to 20 percent. The five percent is more alarming when it is translated to 7.7 million square miles. At this rate, only 14 percent of

the earth's surface will be forested by the year 2020. That is only thirty years away!

Tropical forests suffer the most destruction due to the numerous social, political and economical demands. Countries like Japan and the United States import the vast majority of

their plywood manufacturing wood from Indonesia and Malaysia.

By robbing the planet of its tropical forests, we are robbing it, as well as ourselves, of many things, both tangible and intangible. The tropical forests protect tropical soils and the waters of the

world; they moderate the climate, and just recently, a cancer fighting substance has been discovered in the plants of tropical forests.

If the tropical forests of the world are ever destroyed life as we know it and health as we know it may take a major change for the worse.

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Ozone? Oh Boy!

BY DAVID BEYER

Several years ago, experts discovered a "rather large" hole in the ozone layer above Antarctica. When the experts said rather large, they weren't kidding. The hole is said to be twice the size of Antarctica itself, and growing.

Now the questions start. What is the hole? Where did it come from? Who cares?

First, the "hole" is not really a hole at all. It is just an area the size of

a continent where the ozone level drops below half the normal amount once every year. Nothing to worry about, right? Wrong.

Where the hole came from is not a simple question. Many things contribute to ozone loss. Everything from foam rubber, to styrofoam, to a car's air conditioner have substances that harm the ozone. All of these things contain harmful elements known as chlorofluorocarbons. These are man-made substances that mix with the ozone

layer several miles above the earth and literally eat it.

Now, for the last question, who cares, or maybe why should we care? What the ozone layer does is to keep out harmful ultra-violet rays. In areas where the ozone is thin and more UV rays get through, rates of skin cancer, cataracts, and weak immune systems are all higher than normal. Imagine if there were no ozone at all, there wouldn't be any "fun in the

sun." Exposure to the sun would actually be fatal.

Efforts are now being made to stop the loss of ozone. Output of CFC's are being cut in factories, styrofoam is being replaced, and even car air conditioners are being made safer.

Will the ozone layer be saved, or is it already too late? Either our children will have parents who saved the world, or we'll have children who will be afraid of the sun. Only time will tell.

Fast Food Packaging Supports The Environment

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

Believe it or not fast food restaurants do care. Across the nation this popular business is taking a step toward a better environment.

Most of the food bought

at a fast food restaurant comes in a plastic container. Now the industry is leaning towards paper supplies to wrap up the burgers. Many restaurants use papers with double-print which allows

the use for various types of sandwiches. Burger King uses 100% recyclable material for their boxes. Still many places rely on the plastic boxes to contain the messier or larger foods.

Scientists are busy developing a biodegradable plastic that will be able to be used in the restaurants. Until they come up with a good solution to the packaging problem, just ask for your Big Mac in paper.

Cars Pollute The Environment

BY HEATHER BOND

"The automobile is to the environment what the cigarette is to the lungs." This quote came from the April 1991 issue of Consumer Reports Magazine.

Cars pollute the air and

end up decomposing in landfills. Most people do not know this, but the leftover parts on cars, such as the battery and the tires, can be recycled. The air conditioner, which most people use on those hot

summer days, uses chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's), which destroy the earth's ozone layer.

If you are one of those concerned consumers, then carpool with friends, or walk or ride a bicycle if

you are going a short distance.

Though many people are aware that lung cancer is caused by smoking cigarettes, a little-known but equally important cause of lung cancer is pollution from automobiles.



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Mystery Students

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

Rico Suave, or the name the senior Mystery Student wishes he had, enjoys water-skiing, playing church league basketball and working at Dairy Queen. His favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because "that's when my mom fixes the best meal of the year." His car of choice would be a black BMW convertible. His dream vacation is flying to Boston to see the

Celtics play and to be able to sit next to Larry Bird on the bench.

The junior Mystery Student plays the saxophone in the Kentucky Colonel Band and enjoys wrecking his Fiero GT. If he could have a different name, it would be Dave Mustaine. His favorite holiday is Christmas because "I get a reason to spend money." Cancun would be his dream vacation spot. His

favorite car is an Acura NSX.

Miss X, sophomore, enjoys reading and listening to almost every type of music. Her favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because "it gives you an excuse to pig out." Her dream vacation is spending two weeks in Jamaica. If she could drive any kind of car, it would be a Mercury Capri convertible. Her favorite

season is summer.

The freshman Mystery Student plays on the football team and enjoys hunting, fishing and playing baseball. His favorite holiday is Christmas so "I can get some new clothes." His favorite car is a 300 ZX. He plans to spend his summer "away from Kentucky" and fishing, playing football and going places with friends.

Students Live In Hog Heaven

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

Most people have cats or dogs or even horses for pets, but two LOHS students have very unusual pets. Sophomore Jody Vandergriff and freshman Melissa Yancy have, in addition to their "normal" pets, pigs for pets.

Jody's pig, Porkchop, (P.C. for short) is a white sow who is nine months old and weighs 250 pounds. Jody said, "I knew pigs were really intelligent and I thought it would be interesting to have one as

a pet." In addition to P.C., the Vandergriffs own two birds, four dogs, two cats, one rabbit, and three fish. Similar to dogs, P.C. likes to have her stomach rubbed, enjoys being around people and gets lonely when not given adequate attention. Ironically, her favorite food is pork, but Jody says, "she'll eat most anything, though."

P.C. lives in a barn in Jody's backyard. Hay keeps her warm in the winter, and mud cools her in the summer.

Vandergriff said, "Our neighbors love to feed Porkchop. One time she got out of our back yard and roamed the neighborhood for at least an hour. We had all the neighbors chasing after her. She went in and out of everyone's garages and ate the dog and cat food she found on the porches."

Melissa Yancy's porker is a 400 pound white sow named Whinnie. Melissa says, "Whinnie is basically similar to a dog, only larger. It acts the same. Pigs are much cleaner than

dogs."

The Yancys own two cats, two dogs and a cocktiel. Whinnie likes to eat corn, pig feed and occasional leftovers. She lives in a special pen in the backyard that has a roof over it to protect her from the weather. There is mud in the yard to keep her cool.

Yancy says, "The neighbors don't really mind (Whinnie) because our houses are so far apart. She has gotten loose a couple of times and neighbors have called to inform us."



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Jodi Vandergriff's pig P.C. enjoys a relaxing day on the farm.

FFA Wins Awards At Regional Competition

BY SARAH WILLIAMSON

The LOHS FFA won 16 superior ratings at Murray State University Regional FFA Day on March 19, 1991. Of this number, eight were regional first place champions, five were regional reserve champions, and three received excellent ratings. The group entered a total of 19 contests.

Superior first place championships are as follows:

Parliamentary Procedure Team:

Ryan Wood, Bobby Adams, Josh Moore, Gary Shaffer, Daryl Thompson, Bobby Swain, Mike Smith, Aaron Wilson, Greg Koch and Jill Walker

Public Speaking:

Ryan Wood

Horse Impromptu Speaking:

Bobby Adams

FFA Quiz Contest:

Julia Hines

Individual Music Contest:

Ryan Wood

Swine Proficiency:

Eric Gross

Treasurers Book Contest:

Gary Shaffer

Home and Farmstead Improvement Proficiency:

Ryan Wood

Superior second place reserve championships are as follows:

Chapter Music Team:

Mike Smith, Josh Moore, Greg Koch and Ryan Wood

Beef Proficiency Contest:

Ryan Wood

Secretary Book:

Roger Reeves

Tobacco Essay:

Jason Rodgers

Nursery Operations

Proficiency Contest:

Jason Rodgers

Superior ratings are as follows:

Creed Speaking:

Greg Koch

Dairy Speaking:

Jill Walker

Swine Speaking:

Daryl Thompson

Excellent ratings are as follows:

Sheep Speaking:

Bobby Swain

Crop Speaking:

Mike King

Horticulture Speaking:

Gary Shaffer

"WE'RE NUMBER 1!"

Oakers Compete In Math

BY LORI SPEAR

Several outstanding math students took a day out of their busy schedules to represent LOHS at Murray State University's Regional Math Competition on Tuesday, March 26, 1991. The following students competed:

ALGEBRA I

Ryan Bivins

Susan Bongiolotti

Susan Kopetz

Joel Kaunisto

Tim Hoover

GEOMETRY

Jason Hornbeak

Laura Johnston

Nathan Turner

Clay Davis

Laura Denison (alt.)

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Tim Black

Aaron Meredith

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John Cason

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Varsity Tennis Schedule

April 4	Baylor	A	May 1	Tilghman	A
5-	Rotary Tournament		2	Mayfield	A
7	Chattanooga, TN		4	LOHS Team	
9	Tilghman	H		Tournament	
10	Heath	H	6	Reidland	A
12	Elizabethtown	A	7	Murray	H
13	Lex. Henry Clay	A	8	Christian Co.	H
15	Marshall Co.	H	9	Heath	A
16	Murray	A	9	Calloway Co.	A
17	Cape (Boys)	H	11-	County	
18	MBA & Knox. Webb	A	12	Tournament	
19-	Nashville Team		15-	Regional	
21	Tournament		19	Tournament	
22	Calloway Co.	H	30-	State	
23	Christian Co.	A	June 2	Tournament	
24	Reidland	H			
25	Henderson Co.	A			
26	Evansville Mem.				
	High (Girls)	H			
30	Cape (Boys)	H			

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Anyone?**

Spring Break Makes or Breaks Great Memories

BY CHRISTINA McCUNE

Wouldn't it have been great if:

... every minute of vacation went exactly as planned?

... that nasty sunburn turned into a deep, dark tan?

... you could have bought all those neat souvenirs you thought you couldn't live without?

... it were possible to swim in the ocean without getting salt in your eyes?

... you could plan a day at the lake and it didn't rain?

... the map showed you exactly where to go?

... your hotel room was right across from the beach?

Unfortunately, things usually go something like

this:

You get all dressed up for a night on the town and your mother gets sun poisoning and insists that you stay home.

You get your wisdom teeth cut out the day before Spring Break and you look like a chipmunk all week.

As you're proudly flaunting your sharp new

swimsuit on the beach, your worst enemy shows up on the same beach in the exact same swimsuit.

You go camping and get caught in the middle of a tornado.

You arrive home tired and cranky, set your alarm for 6:00 AM, and, upon waking the next morning, realize that it is only Saturday!

Band Marches To Washington



Tina Lambert and Leah Garret, Kentucky Colonel band members, practice for their trip to Washington, D.C.

BY BETH CARMICHAEL

The LOHS Kentucky Colonel Band took Washington D.C. by storm on April 12th. They began their journey on the 11th and arrived in Tennessee to rest for the night. They woke early in the morning and continued traveling towards Richmond, Virginia.

Here they competed against several other bands in concert and marching competitions. The guard also participated in a guard and flags competition.

They then travelled on to northern Virginia and stopped by Monticello for a visit. Finally they reached their destination, a hotel for rest!

But, not for long. They went on a night tour of many of the presidential

monuments. Afterwards they continued to the hotel and got a good rest for the morning.

The following days were also action packed. They continued to see the sights of Washington, including the Smithsonian and the Hard Rock Cafe.

The band also participated in giving a wreath at the Monument of the Unknown Soldier and watched the changing of the guard.

On Monday the students prepared for the long trip home. They continued driving all night long and arrived back at the high school in the mid-afternoon. The trip was a fun and rewarding experience for all of the students.

Junior Rotarian

BY HEATHER BOND

The Junior Rotarian for the month of April is Pierre Middleton. Pierre resides at 4079 Dogwood Lane. He lives with his mother Marsha, his father Adres and his sister Monica. Some of Pierre's hobbies are listening to music, and playing basketball and tennis. He has played high school basketball for four years and has run track for seven years. He also has been a member of the Biology Club for two years. Pierre plans to attend Kentucky State University in Frankfort to major in business or computer science.



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Clubs Tour Chicago

BY CHRISTINA McCUNE

On April 20, 1991, the Art Club and Physical Science Club plan to travel to Chicago, Illinois, for an educational sight-seeing trip. While on their visit there, the students will tour the Field Museum of Natural History, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Museum of Contemporary

Art. They will conclude their visit with an excursion to the Adler Planetarium.

The students and faculty will be staying at the historic Congress Hotel on Michigan Avenue.

This rewarding educational and cultural experience will be one to remember.

BELVEDERE

by George Crenshaw



"NEXT TIME, I'LL PACK THE FOOD!"