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Fifty-two years of continual Lone Oak pride and tradition.

A tradition of beautiful windows continues at LOHS

by Mary Ellen Weber

For several years the month of December has seen the front windows of LOHS turned into stunning - if temporary - works of art. This beautiful transformation is the work of the LOHS art students, who cover the windows with tissue paper designs. The effect is like that of brilliant stained glass, and the windows get a lot of attention from people in the Lone Oak - Paducah area.

To make these paper windows, students follow a process devised by Mrs. Sandy Hayden, art teacher. First they draw their designs and then cut them out of peices of black construction paper. They then cover the cut-out parts of the con-

struction paper with bright colors of tissue paper. The tissue paper is thin, so the effect is like light filtering through translucent colored glass.

This year's window designs are based on the cultures of other countries. The art students each chose a country. They studied their country's culture and religion and transferred aspects of the culture into the design of their windows.

It is hard work, and the students put a lot of time and effort into it.

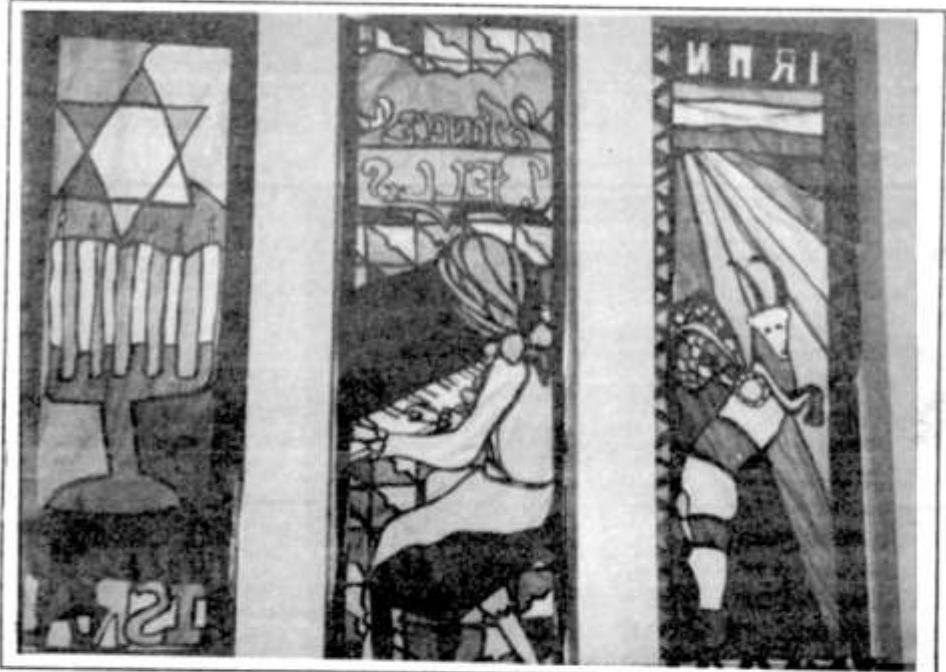
"People don't realize how much work these kids put into it. They come work on them during lunch and stay after school," said Mrs. Hayden.

It is worth it, though. From the outside at night, as the light streams through the tissue paper from the inside, the windows look remarkably like real stained glass.

Every year around Christmas people around the area make a special trip by the school at night to see them. And Mrs. Hayden said that they get a lot of compliments.

"Channed 6 News even came by one year for an interview."

The art classes have done their unique decorating for the past five years - ever since Mrs. Hayden came to LOHS. It's a tradition we hope will be carried on for many more Decembers.



Art students illuminate LOHS with their spectacular stained-glass windows.

Heflin wins High School Tennis Coach of the Year for second time



Coach Larry Heflin is the Kentucky High School Tennis Coach of the year.

by Joel Kaunisto

Winning is nothing new to tennis coach Larry Heflin. This year he won the Kentucky High School Tennis Coach of the Year award for the second time, the first coming just two years ago.

Kentucky high school tennis coaches voted on the recipient. Receiving the award presented by the Kentucky High School Coaches Association makes him eligible for the national award.

Heflin coached the boys tennis team to an 18-2 record and the girls to a 20-0 record and a state championship.

"If you continually strive for self improvement, then winning takes care of itself."

It was the first time he coached a team to a state title. He has coached two teams to second place finishes and three teams to third place finishes in his 20 years of coaching tennis at Lone Oak.

His most memorable moment in coaching was last year's dramatic win in the state finals.

"My coaching philosophy is to try to get each and every player to strive to be the best they can be and not get caught up in the trap of comparing themselves with other people. If you continually strive for self improvement, then winning takes care of itself," said Heflin.

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*Happy Holidays from
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Watch out, girls: Peeping Toms are lurking in LOHS

by BETH CARMICHAEL

Assistant Editor

What in the world is this school coming to? Educational reforms are being activated right now in Kentucky. Something needs to be done to reform the weirdos who roam through our school ceilings every day. According to the code of conduct, one who participates in these actions could receive charges on disorderly conduct, defama-

tion and harassment. What is happening, if you girls haven't noticed, is the following:

First, a warped mind connected to a boy's body hops onto the toilets in the boys bathroom. Without falling in, they support themselves long enough to raise the drop ceiling tiles above them.

Next, this demented mind weasles his way into the top of the room and wedges his way between insulation to

the girls bathroom.

Then they position themselves up there to do who knows what. They do poke holes in the ceilings with pencils. Usually, some girl or teacher wises up to the fact that someone is poking the holes, not some kind of prehistoric canary who is dying to get out of the ceiling, and stick toilet paper in the holes to block the view. Yet, still, somehow these guys manage to pull in about 50 feet of the paper and try to

get a glimpse.

Mrs. Brugger said "They don't have much of a life."

So, get one and get out of the rafters.

PLEASE!!! This can be taken care of if the people in this school will take a little control of what goes on around here, and solve this problem. Everyone can do their part. BOYS: Stay out of the ceilings.

GIRLS: Cover the holes securely with paper. If you hear anything moving

around up there, don't stay in the bathroom. Go to the door of the boys bathroom and see who comes out. Then report them. Or better yet try meeting them over your stall with a friendly smile and tell them to remove their perverted minds from the bathroom. Then report them.

TEACHERS: Please do not let guys out of class for long periods of time, especially when going to the bathroom. It takes a while for them to get into the ceil-

ings. If they have been gone, check on them or send someone to check on them.

ADMINISTRATORS: Don't take the matter lightly. Many girls in this school are concerned. We should not have to go out of our way to stop them. The problem should be quickly resolved. Take action, no matter who the peeping tom is. It is no laughing matter.

WARNING to peeping toms: Watch out for the determined girls in this school. YOU WILL BE STOPPED.



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The newspaper attempts to inform and entertain its audience in a broad, fair and accurate manner on all subjects that affect readers. The publication seeks also to provide a forum for the opinion of students, the staff of the paper and the faculty to encourage an exchange of ideas and opinions on issues of prominence to the readers.

Final authority for the content of the paper rests in the hands of journalism students and their advisor.

Letters

The staff encourages letters as they constitute a constructive avenue for student opinion, but the writer must sign the letter to be considered for publication. Due to space limitations, not all letters can be published, and the staff reserves the right to edit all letters for placement in the paper as long as the meaning is not altered.

Editorials

Each issue of The Oak K will contain at least one staff editorial. It is the consensus of the staff, therefore it will be unsigned.

Corrections

Only major mistakes will be corrected, not misspellings.

Yea, rah!!! LOHS for a job well done

Staff Editorial

Congratulations, LOHS!!! The student body's behavior during Trooper Collins' moving presentation was exceptional. Everyone deserves a pat on the back!

The entire school sat captivated by Trooper Collins' vivid description of teenagers' deaths related to driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Collins hit home with many students because he pointed out several valid points. Teens think they are invincible. He described stereotypical teenagers who have been killed due to drinking.

It was emotionally draining because it made many realize, "Hey, that could happen to me." The program was more than beneficial because it made students reevaluate their habits.

Let's make a resolution early-that no more classes graduating from LOHS will have an empty chair. Remember to think before you act.

Jason's apology for Oak K mayhem during deadline week

Editorial Comments

by: JASON PHELPS

Beat Editor

I want to apologize to anyone who was offended by my Claire Thanksgiving story. Deadline week at the Oak K is a hectic and stressful time for all staff members. The November deadline week was no exception. When page 7 was being formed, it was discovered that there would not be enough material to fill that page. I had written an English composition, Thanksgiving for Death, and wanting to help the paper in any way I could, I offered to type it into the computer so it could be used to fill the hole.

I was not thinking; Thanksgiving for Death, was not the best choice for our high school newspaper. I did not write it for the Oak K, nor did I ever intend it to be read by anyone but Mr. Nall. While it was edited to the point where sickening our readers did not appear to be its main purpose (thank you, Sarah), it simply wasn't finished. To put it plainly, a rough draft English composition was reluctantly published as a short story filler. Sorry.

A major typing error was made at the last minute and could not be corrected. No reader could have possibly understood the composition. Mr. Nall has a finished unedited version.

Claire is an actual person whom I have personal contact with. She is dying of cancer from smoking. She did not spend her last Thanksgiving with her family. She spent it lying in a hospital bed bleeding and in pain. I wanted to use her tragedy as an example of what can happen to a person if they smoke cigarettes. She is real. What I have written about her is real. She never believed she would develop lung cancer. She did. It can happen to you. Don't let it happen to you.

Sorry, Jason- from Sarah

Mississippi State trooper warns LOHS of drunk driving

by: Sarah Williamson
Editor-in-Chief

A stranger who called himself crazy visited LOHS on Dec. 1. Pete Collins, a Mississippi State Trooper, captivated the student body and faculty with his booming voice and deep Mississippi accent by sharing stories on the harsh realities of drunk driving. He was sponsored by Domino's Pizza and the Kentucky State Troopers.

"I'm crazy. Over the last 20 years I've knocked 169 times, and I've told them (parents) you aren't coming home. I know what it's like to have your mother scream in my ear, pull buttons off my uniform and beat my chest," said Collins.

Collins said in the last year,

the state of Mississippi has had 113 teenage fatalities, mostly alcohol related.

"I'm not here to fuss at you. I just want you to live. You're grown now. You know it all."

"All you've got to do is have someone kill him (a teenager's father) and tell him you aren't coming home. My son's what I dream about. I'm glad he's there to pour ice cold water on me in the shower."

Collins said he almost quit speaking to high school nationally because of nonchalant reactions from high schoolers to his warnings that not everyone at that high school would graduate because of drunk driving accidents.

"Kids laughed at me in

West Virginia. I left that high school like I do a 1000 others, and a girl wrote me three weeks later."

The girl wrote him about an accident that involved the fatalities of three seniors and the paralyzation of another

girl. The girl who wrote the letter said, "There are worse things than death." She was referring to the girl's paralysis.

"I'm here because of one little girl—Patricia Ann Wooten. I didn't get a chance

to keep my promise to her."

Collins graphically described the fatalities of three siblings from Mississippi who were hit by a drunk driver on their high school's Homecoming night.

"That night I decided to quit, my wife and I went to the place in the highway where they had their wreck. All she could see was a place in the highway, but I could see it (the accident scene). Forever it has scarred my life."

Wooten asked Collins not to let her die. He promised he wouldn't let her die to console her while help came to rescue her. Unfortunately, her injuries were too serious. By the time he reached Wooten pinned in her brother's car, she was dead.

"This was the first time I ever had to tell a mother she lost her whole world . . . Patricia asked me, 'Mister what happened to me? Mister don't leave me. I'm scared I'm going to die.'"

Collins reminded the student body that driving records are permanent "until the day you die."

"Seniors—write me and tell me I lied. But I promise you my mailbox will be filled with letters when I get home that said I didn't lie."

"May I remind you this is the only body you're ever gonna have. I'm here because of an empty chair."

"If you party you can party in a group, but you die one by one. Nobody cares because it's never going to happen to you."



Trooper Pete Collins forcefully reveals drunk driving realities with his animated expressions.

Beat Business-

Organizations plan for holidays CHOIR

On Dec. 17 at 7 p.m., the LOHS choir, combined with the choir from Livingston Central High School, will perform Handel's "Messiah."

The concert, which was coordinated by Mr. Murphy and Mr. Art Deweese, the choir director from Livingston, will be held at First Baptist Church of Paducah. A full orchestra with members from Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri will be providing the mu-

sic. Along with the high school, the middle school will also perform two selections.

The tickets are \$2.00, and are available from any choir member.

DECA

DECA was responsible for the football homecoming decorations. They collected \$55 for the Lion's Club Telethon of Stars. They plan to adopt a needy family for Christmas. The annual competition will be held Jan. 27, 1993 at Murray State University.

Academic team uses brains to help community

by Mary Kate Garrett
News Editor

Imagine this: You and a partner have to stand outside the Lone Oak Super Valu for one full hour ringing bells to collect money for the Salvation Army—on a Saturday—in December. Believe it or not, some people were willing to do this. The LOHS junior varsity and varsity academic team were

out there on Dec. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sophomore Susan Bongiolatti said, "I think it's always good to do some sort of community service, especially around Christmas for people who are in need of assistance."

Sophomore Drew Rudd agreed, "If an hour's work will help someone have a brighter Christmas, then I

am more than willing."

Other teammates involved were junior varsity members Joel Kaunisto, Susie Streckas, Stephanie Getz, Chrystal Galloway, Shannan Sams, Laura Jarboe and Aaron Nelson. Varsity members are Adrienne Gleeson, Letia Miller, Don Presley, Shane Beubien, Jenny Beyer, Jason Hornbeak and Laura John-

son.

Also, during the week of Dec. 7-11, the Academic Team held a toy drive. Faculty and students were asked to bring in new or used - but in good condition - toys. One-half went to the Salvation Army and the other half to the Family Service Society.

Academic team competes in KMO

by Ashley Dillworth
Chief Photographer

On December 2, six LOHS academic team members competed in the 19th Knowledge Master Open, a grueling academic contest. Also competing were 50 other states, Canada, Mexico, Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. Middle school and high school students had to answer tough questions such as: Don Quixote was also

known as the Knight of the _____? Or, Which South American capital is located farthest from an ocean? (with multiple choice answers)

The Knowledge Master Open was invented to increase interest and recognition for academic accomplishments. The contest was designed to run on computers in school so that the opportunity is given to all schools to compete in a national academic competition

without the expense of traveling to one particular place.

A team consisting of the members, Adrienne Gleeson, Letia Miller, Laura Johnson, Jason Hornbeak, Shane Beaubien and Don Presley scored 1096 of 2000 possible points. A goal of 1200 points had been set but the team fell short. This score was very good, however, considering that there was only one senior on the team and it was the first time

the group had competed on this level.

This is the 15th time that LOHS has entered the Knowledge Master Open. Academic team coach, Dr. Toy said, "This competition allows them to see how they stack up with other students from not only Kentucky and the United States but from around the world. They will have three more chances at this competition before they graduate and will be looking to improve each time."

Six Colonels chosen for Ky. All-State band

by BETH CARMICHAEL
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The all district band members selected for the the All-District Freshman and senior bands on Nov. 24, 1992 at Murray State University are: Cristi Wilkerson, Leah Garrett, Jessie Ballowe, Katie Swearingen,

Kelly Williams, Donnie McNeil, Jason Hornbeak, Jeremy Modglin, Bret Morris, Don Presley, James Perry, Patrick Kaufman and Nate Hein. Alternates are: Ashley Seely, Matt Cooper and Drew Rudd.

Six students were selected to try out for the

Kentucky All-State Bands and Orchestra. They are: Kristi Wilkerson, Leah Garrett, Katie Swearingen, Bret Morris, Don Presley and James Perry.

These students competed against band students from across the Purchase Area. After two days of practice

the talented bands performed to the public. Congratulations students!

**Congratulations,
all-district mem-
bers!!**



Lights brighten up the holiday season for Paducah



Mayor Gerry Montgomery "flips the switch" to light up the downtown area at the Festival of Lights.

by Jenny Sutor
Features Editor

The holiday season was officially kicked off by the Festival of Lights. The cold, dark night was suddenly illuminated when Mayor Gerry Montgomery "flipped the switch" that connected all lighting in the downtown area.

The event took place on Nov. 28 at the gazebo at 2nd and Broadway. The idea was formed by downtown merchants and various people. Montgomery said that she hopes this will become an annual event and that the number of lights will increase.

Ooh's, aah's, screams, and clapping came from the crowd in reaction to the magical lighting. Montgomery said she "was really pleased with the number of people and that the event was something very special."

The mayor also said "I think people want our downtown area to be more lively and that they realize it is the heart of the community."

Shortly after, a tree lighting ceremony took place at the floodwall in honor of Kentucky's Bicentennial. It was given

by Paducah Civic Beautification Board. A music program was provided by the youth choir of First Presbyterian Church, directed by Elaine Shurley.

Montgomery told the crowd, "without our rivers we might not be here and the rivers are what helped to make this city." The tree can be seen by

people travelling on the Tennessee and Ohio Rivers.

"Light to me is something that is a symbol of good and life," Mayor Montgomery said.

Harper's class answers Christmas survey

by Jason Phelps
Beat Editor

Listed are some of the popular answers from our survey. The survey was taken in all Mrs. Harper's classes.

1. If you could give one Christmas gift, one thing, anything, to anyone what and who would it be?

The ability to be nice to everyone, to everyone
The guy I love happiness

2. What Christmas present would you ask for for yourself if God were sending gifts?

Nothing, he has already given me everything

A chance to tell my

dead loved ones that I love them

The meaning of life
True Love

3. If you had the power to change the world for Christmas, you would.....

Rid the world of prejudice and hate

Make everyone in the world a Christian. Then everyone would know how to love and treat each other

Cure AIDS because my 12 year old cousin is dying now

4. What Christmas tradition or activity or feeling or any aspect of Christmas is most important to you?

Time with family without weekday stress
Getting things

The family meal
5. What is the most hideous gift you have ever received; what is the story behind it?

A poodle made of yarn things

My step uncle, who makes about as much money as Ross Perot (not exactly) gave me a pair of socks with rubber tracks on the bottom

My grandmother made me a sweatshirt of one of those Wizard of Oz characters; my mother makes me wear it every time grandma comes over.

I have to tell her how nice it is and how often I wear it.

I got an electric candle three years ago. I sat it by the Christmas tree, and it caught on fire and burnt down my house.

Basket of mixed fruit and nuts

I opened a matching bra and panty set in front of my entire family

Socks and fuzzy yarn houseshoes

One year I got five different kinds of cologne from my family. It was a subtle way to tell me I stink (never give someone a gift that suggests that they need improvement)

Matching pink bunny shirt and socks set

6. What is the best Christmas gift you have ever received?

My dog
Gold necklace from parents

Love
My mother coming home from the hospital

A ring my boyfriend saved up months to afford

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apparently has it all, but that's what Christmas gifts are for.

Guys usually get horrid ties, socks or sweaters from Aunt Sally. The look of pain crosses their face as they try to force a smile when they open the perfectly wrapped package in front of their dear, sweet aunt.

Girls receive earrings that would not match a patchwork quilt, make-up that would only be proper for stage performances or another addressbook and calendar. Bless Aunt Sally. She, too, had to fight crazed





Editor's Comments "Do you like it?" Christmas surprises in a box.

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crowds at the jammed-packed mall to find her nieces and nephews their surprise in a box.

Many people don't want to ask others what they want for Christmas or birthdays because it won't be a surprise. Most adolescents I know sneak and purposefully try to find gifts, so basically an attempt to surprise a teenager is futile.

How about money? Cash or checks are easy to put in a card. It's about the easiest gift to give. Etiquette books used to say that money was

an improper gift. Now, etiquette books of the 90's say it's perfectly acceptable to give money.

If Aunt Sally still won't give money, politely hand her a list. Here are some easy, practical gift ideas for Aunt Sally's nieces and nephews:

1) CD's or tapes: be specific. Give her the name of the group and album name. Surely a nice salesclerk will help her.

2) Gloves, scarves or any harmless clothing items. Be specific on brands and col-

December signals variety of celebrations world-wide

by Ashley Dillworth
Chief Photographer

December holds a lot of different holidays for a lot of different people. Of course there is Christmas but there is Hanukkah, Ysyakh, Togi,

Kwanza and Holy Innocent's Day. Those are only a few of the many holidays celebrated around the world.

Christmas is a Christian holiday that celebrates Jesus Christ's birthday. It is on the 25th of December every year. People celebrate by giving gifts to loved ones and friends and sharing meals with family. Colored

lights and Christmas trees are used for decorations. It is the most celebrated holiday in the United States throughout the year.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday which is celebrated around the same time each year but it does not have a set date. In Israel, Hanukkah is a national holiday. It is a great public festival and the spirit of the Maccabees is everywhere. Students have parties, present plays and sing Hanukkah songs to welcome the holiday. During Hanukkah, schools close, menorahs are lit on top of buildings and there are parties everywhere. The highlight of the celebration is a relay race from Modin. One runner begins in Modin, and carrying a burning torch, reaches a certain place and passes the torch along to

someone else. This goes on until the torch reaches the Jerusalem Western Wall. There the torch is given to the chief rabbi who uses it to light the first light of the giant hanukkiyyah.

In Russia, Ysyakh is celebrated by feasting and dancing in the arctic night. Boiled beef and fermented mare's milk are the favorite dishes. After the feasting, the fun begins. Men and boys run foot races and everyone joins in the dancing. For one dance called the Hitching Post, a horse is tethered to a post in the middle of an open space. Men and women form a circle around the horse and begin to move about the circle in dancing steps. They often sing about their joy at having good health, good friends and at just being

alive. They don't have a clear answer as to why the horse is in the middle. This dancing and feasting lasts long into the night.

Togi is the period observed in many shrines throughout Japan. This marks the time when the days grow longer and the nights shorter. The day brings particular joy to farmers because the sun grows warmer and makes plants grow. Some traditional customs observed in rural areas are taking citrus baths, eating pumpkins for good luck, taking a break from work, giving offerings to ancestors and giving servants a holiday. Shrines have great bonfires to encourage the coming of the spring season.

The Kwanza custom was started in California in 1966 as a distinctly Afro-Ameri-

can holiday and is now celebrated in Canada. A seven-pronged candle is lit, one candle the first night, two the second, and so on until the seventh and last day of Kwanza. Each day represents one of the seven principles of Kwanza: unity, self-determination, working together, sharing, purpose, creativity and faith.

Holy Innocents' Day, celebrated in Spain, is a time when fires are lit in town gateways and tolls levied on those who enter. A mock mayor is chosen, who forces people to clean up the streets and imposes a fine which pays for a feast.

These holidays may not seem as important as others but to each country or city, these celebrations are very important as being part of their culture and background.

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Kentucky Colonels march in annual Christmas parade.

Comments cont.

She can even order out of catalogs.

3) Things for college (this would apply for older teens): Aunt Sally would have a field day looking for umbrellas, trash cans, laundry baskets, pencil holders, bedspreads, etc. Don't be afraid to tell her the store, price, style, color and brand.

Hopefully with a few minor changes, Aunt Sally will get you something pleasurable and useful, not something to stick in the back of the closet. If not, there's always the day after Christmas to exchange everything. Again, it is the thought that counts. These are just a few suggestions to make Christmas more enjoyable for everyone involved in gift-giving.

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Civil War soldier visits LOHS history classes



Robert Weber, LOHS graduate and student at Walbush College, gives a Civil War presentation for Mr. Baker's history class.

by MARY ELLEN WEBER

Circulation Manager

A Civil War Veteran came and spoke to three of Mr. Baker's history classes on Nov. 25. WHAT?! A CIVIL WAR VETERAN?! Yes, well, actually it was Rober Weber impersonating Sam Watkins, a Civil War soldier who fought under General Stonewall Jackson.

Weber graduated from LOHS in 1991 and is now attending Wabash College in Crawfordsville, IN. He reenacts the Civil War with the 3rd Kentucky reenactment group as a hobby. Some of the major reenactments he has

been to are Franklin and Perryville.

Weber stood in front of the class dressed in a Confederate uniform and began reminiscing about the War Between the States.

"Yes," he began after a short video showing scenes of Civil War camp life, "I remember the Civil War. I remember it all too well, in fact."

He then told about how at the beginning of the war all the men and boys were afraid the war would be over before they could get in on the fun. Before long, though, they learned the cruel reality of war.

"War isn't all the glory of the ladies waving

hankchiefs while men bravely paraded off to whip the enemy."

Weber told horror stories of men suffering and dying. He talked about Watkins' friends dying and about body strewn battlefields and creeks running red with blood. It may sound gross and morbid, but Weber definitely got the horror and fear that the soldiers faced across to the students.

He did not talk about death only, though. He also talked about camp life - the lighter side of war.

"Most of the time during the Civil War was spent in camp," said Weber.

Camp life could get

pretty boring, but the soldiers came up with many ways to pass the time. They played poker and other card games, but one of the more creative things they did was have louse races. After all, lice were easy enough to find; everyone had them.

Weber also showed slides that were taken at battle reenactments, explained how to load his musket and told what all of his equipment was used for.

It was a great learning experience for the classes; text books do not give students such an insight to history. It gave them a greater understanding of a soldier's life during the Civil War.

"I'm going to come back here"



Carolina Haleen

by MARY KATE GARROTT
News Editor

Carolina Haleen, an 18-year-old from Uppsala, Sweden, is LOHS' newest exchange student. She has just transferred from Reidland High School.

The senior says that life is basically the same in the United States as in Sweden, except some little things that make a difference. School in America is a lighter load because in Sweden, students have 12 subjects per week, including four languages.

Haleen said, "Sweden is the most expensive country in the world," so prices here are to her benefit. Also, the United States has more crime and is "junkier" as she describes it.

When asked what the worst thing here was, she replied, "Knowing that I'm on the other side of the world, far away from my family and friends."

On a positive note, she says she really is having

fun here and likes America a lot... so much so that she hopes to return one day and join the Air Force.

While in Paducah, she likes to go to the mall and movies, but when at home in Sweden, she enjoys going to parties, discos and playing sports. She has traveled all around Europe - to England, France, Germany, Scotland, Spain and Poland.

Haleen's host family is the Kosters.

Mizell returns to LOHS from surgery

by: JASON PHELPS
Beat Editor

On Oct. 13 Mr. Jim Mizell, a history teacher,

left LOHS to have a non-malignant sist removed from the third ventricle of his brain. Mizell had vision problems early in Sept. and went to an eye doctor expecting a prescription for glasses. Instead, the doctor ordered a cat scan which uncovered the sist. Mizell then went to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville to undergo a 6 1/2 hour operation to remove the sist. Mizell quickly recovered from the post surgery disorientation and returned to teaching Dec. 9. Mizell said he felt great about returning to teaching.

Ms. Jackson came to LOHS on Oct. 13, 1992 to

temporarily fill in for Mizell. At the close of her substitution, Jackson said, "I have enjoyed every minute I have been here at LOHS. I am happy working in my chosen field."

Mizell commented, "Mrs. Jackson seems to have done a good job. I appreciate her keeping me informed."

Carilla Wallis, a student in Jackson's sixth hour world civilization class said, "I learned a great deal while she was here. I am glad to see Mr. Mizell returning. It was a nice change to have her teaching us for a while."

Remember
others
during the
holidays



Junior Rotarian

by GINA DOUGHTY
Circulation Manager

Shane Beaubien, son of Robert and June Beaubien, has been chosen as Junior Rotarian for the month of December.

Beaubien was a member of the JV golf team his freshmen year, a student council representative and was a member of the Physical Science Club for two years. Last year Beaubien received the Woodman of the World Award for Proficiency and has been named an Outstanding Student and Honor Student for his entire high school career.

During the summer he was a Boys' State delegate at Moorehead University. This year he is on the LOHS Academic team. Beaubien is an excellent choice for Junior Rotarian because his integrity shines through. "Keeping my word is one of the most important things to me because if I can't do that, I can't do anything. It's a foundation to build on... my first success."

Beaubien's hobbies include hunting, rock skipping and hanging out with



Shane Beaubien, senior

his friends at the Melber One-Stop. He also works at Wendy's and attends St. John's Catholic Church. Beaubien says that he would never pass up a good cause just to have some extra free time.



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Lone Oak boys take tournament for second year

by: **Garland Crawford**
Co-Sports Editor

Once again this year the Lone Oak boy's basketball team hosted the McDonald's Invitational Tournament. And once again Lone Oak walked away with the championship trophy.

Lone Oak's first game in the tournament sent the Flash up against county rivals, the Reidland Grayhounds. Reidland took the lead early with a

first quarter score of 22 to 18. Lone Oak came back and went in at half-time with a one point lead.

In the third quarter the Flash managed to rack-up twenty-three points while holding Reidland to only nine.

The fourth quarter held a late surprise for Lone Oak. Reidland's John Riley led a fourth quarter, team rally that brought the team to within four points of Lone Oak. The

Flash ended the game with a 71 to 67 win.

Fulton City took on the Purple Flash for their second and final game of the tournament. Fulton City showed themselves to be no match for Coach McKamey's boys as Lone Oak sent them home with a 70 to 49 loss.

Lone Oak contributed more players than any other team to the All-Tournament Team. Seniors John Griffith, Rick

Alexander, Jack Meece and junior Chris Golightly earned a place on the team due to an "outstanding performance," as stated by Coach McKamey. Griffith also earned the title of tournament MVP. Junior SheRon Minter was named as an honorary member of the All-Tournament Team by his fellow teammates.



#25 Ryan Bivin hangs in mid-air to catch the ball from Reidland.

Flash wins game against state champs in OT

by: **Garland Crawford**
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Those that were in attendance agreed almost unanimously that the game between the Lone Oak Purple Flash and last year's state champions, the University Heights Blazers, was one of the most exciting games that has been witnessed in Lone Oak history.

Many expected a close game, but talk of a win

was almost unheard. Lone Oak pulled ahead early with a pair of three-pointers that brought a surprise wake-up to the Blazers. The Blazers had to get warm real fast to keep up with the Flash as they hustled up and down the court and played a strong game of fundamental basketball.

The Blazers went in at the half with a two point lead and it looked as if the

lead was going to be widened as the visiting team put up several points at the onset of the third quarter. Lone Oak managed to hold them to within eight points at the end of the third quarter. Seniors John Griffith and Rick Alexander teamed up to score eighteen points in the fourth quarter. The Flash held the lead until at the last second a three point shot by the Blazers

brought the game to a tie and sent both teams into a three minute overtime.

University Heights sealed their own fate by committing several fouls that brought Griffith to the foul line. Griffith scored all of Lone Oak's points in overtime and gave the Flash a 62 to 59 win and brought their overall record to three wins and no losses.

Girls Basketball Scores

Reidland 78
Lone Oak 45
Scoring: Robin Midyett 12, Melanie Sims 11, Caroline Steele 9, Heather Krebs 4, Eileen Johnston 4, Tracy Jones 3, Jennifer Bristoe 2

Heath 52
Lone Oak 50
Scoring: Melanie Sims 14, Caroline Steele 10,

Tracy Jones 9, Robin Midyett 9, Eileen Johnston 4, Heather Krebs 4

Ballard 59
Lone Oak 43
Scoring: Melanie Sims 19, Robin Midyett 11, Caroline Steele 5, Eileen Johnston 4, Jennifer Bristoe 3, Tracy Jones 1

Go Flash

Lady Flash fights for new beginning to new season



#32 Tracy Jones tries to catch the ball from Lady Tornadoes. The Flash beat Tilghman by one point..

he has coached golf, track, cross country, softball and boys basketball for 18 years.

He is joined on the coaching staff by fellow newcomers to the team Dan Pope, assistant coach, and Mike Nall, freshman girls coach.

Hopper expects juniors Caroline Steele, the lone returning starter from last year, and Melanie Sims to provide leadership for the team.

He also commented, "This

year's team will take several hard knocks early, but will become a strong contender by late February. We look forward to watching them grow as a team."

They already have taken some hard knocks with opening the season at the round-robin Reidland High School tournament, where they

finished fourth. They lost the first game to Reidland 78-45 and the second game to Heath 52-50. In the final game, they lost to Ballard 59-43.

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by: **Joel Kaunsito**
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Along with being a first year head coach, Larry Hopper also has to

worry about having only one returning starter from last year's 8-17 team.

This is Hopper's first year of coaching girls

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Aaron Harper displays a maid's nightmare at The Galt House.



LOHS Betas participate in skit for Justin Durham's campaign.



Michael Ceglinski and Eddie Church recover from their weekend on the ride home.

Beta Oakers storm Lousiville for annual convention

by: GARLAND CRAWFORD

Co-Sports Editor

On Friday, Dec. 11th, the LOHS Beta Club was out of school and on their way to the state convention in Louisville.

Upon arriving in Louisville, the club members spent an excess of time trying to check into their rooms at The Galt House. By the time the rooms were checked into and everyone got settled in, it was time to go to the campaign room and attempt to stir up interest in their candidate.

Junior Justin Durham ran for the state office of vice-president. While campaigning, the Beta Club members exchanged key chains, flyers, business cards, flowers, yo-yo's, pencils, campaign promises, names and room numbers with different Beta Clubs from across the state.

After the time to campaign had ended, the members had some personal time to enjoy a city that actually has things to do in it. Some people went to the Galleria or went shopping in the many stores that lined the streets. Others thought to try new things like ice-skating. Most of those same people limped off about an hour later swearing that they will never set foot on the ice again. Others left just swearing.

Later that night everyone met in the convention hall with 3000 other Beta Club members to listen to campaign speeches and watch the skits. The skits that were performed involved everything from men in drag to a 70's flashback to Wayne's World. After the session had been adjourned, most of the people went to the dance sponsored by the convention.

Saturday brought with it the election of the state officers and a second general session. During this session the Beta Clubs listened to words of wisdom from a ministry student from Duke University. The intensity in the room got so high that people got out of their seats and began dancing around the convention hall.

During the afternoon on Saturday, Lone Oak competed against people from across the state in various areas of academics, including math, science, social studies, English, creative writing, spelling and a quick recall team. Those students that weren't competing in the tests took this time to meet people and make new friends.

Saturday night included a third general session. The members witnessed the swearing in of the new state officers and saw the finals in the talent competitions. Those students who didn't speed back to their room to catch the opening tip-off of the Kentucky-Louisville game hung around and went to the annual last night dance.

A lot of good-byes set the scene for Sunday morning. Students were out of bed all too early to say farewell to all of their new friends and head home.

"I enjoyed the opportunity to run for a state office," commented Durham. "I learned a lot about what it takes to run a campaign."

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