



# THE OAK



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## Lone Oak takes second at District Governor's Cup

By Anu Manchikanti  
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On February 10, the District Governor's Cup academic competition was held at LOHS. Participants from the four schools in the first district (Lone Oak, Tilghman, Reidland, Heath) took part in the annual competition.

The Quick Recall team placed 1st overall in the double-elimination tournament. In their first match, they defeated Tilghman. In the second match, they conquered Reidland. In the championship game, the team played Tilghman again. This match went into overtime, and Lone Oak was able to prevail with a final score of 29-28. Members of the Quick Re-

call team include **Patrick Kaufman, Paige Ruoff, Brent Turner, Anu Manchikanti, Lee Titsworth, and Cliff Jenks.**

Recognized for their outstanding performance on the written tests, the following students placed and will advance to regional competition on February 24 at Graves County: **Craig Jackson**-1st place, General Knowledge, 3rd place, Social Studies; **Wendy Wexler**-1st place, Language Arts, 4th place, General Knowledge; **Chrystal Galloway**-1st place, English Composition; **Patrick Kaufman**-4th place, Science; **Marty Rudd**-4th place, Language Arts. Lone Oak acquired enough to place 2nd overall, losing by only one point to Tilghman. Congratulations, and good luck to all!



Standing, (L to R) Paige Ruoff, Brent Turner, Cliff Jenks, and Patrick Kaufman. Sitting, (L to R) Wendy Wexler, Chrystal Galloway, Craig Jackson, and Marty Rudd.

## Beta Club improves lobby condition

By Tara Shelby  
Opinion Editor

It's a typical Friday night, and you and your friends are looking for an evening's entertainment. What sounds more supportive than going to a Lone Oak High School basketball game and demonstrating your school spirit? This

has been a traditional form of encouragement for our school and community over the years. It is also a way for the school to earn money from the community.

Recently students began noticing a problem with having so many people coming in and out of the gym lobby. It

gets very dirty. It is also being used as a storage area for old chairs and lattice work. "The school gym and lobby are the only rooms some people see of our school. It's disrespectful to invite the community to our gym when the lobby looks so disgraceful," says Paige Ruoff, president of the Beta Club. Because of the condition of the lobby,

the Beta Club has decided to clean it up. By meeting over the weekend and during flex time, the club hopes to have it clean, uncluttered, and even repainted in time for homecoming.

*Thanks guys!*



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# Youthful Impressions Strike Lone Oak Again

by Shawna R. Williams  
Assistant Editor

It is so comforting to know that the arts have not been forgotten in a generation where sports and stock markets tend to hold sway over everything else. Even here, at Lone Oak High School, this is evident in the number of art contests our students have entered in just this past year. The most recent one was the Youthful Impressions competition at the Mayfield/Graves County Art Guild. The competition was open to all Middle and High School Students in the Jackson Purchase district with only two general categories - two or three dimensional. The judging was done by James Philip Döbson, a respected decoy carver and artist.

Senior Dallin Birch won second place for his pencil drawing "Saxophone." This is

not Birch's first time in the art world. He's also had an exhibit in the Yeiser Teen Spirit show and won first place in the Women's Club competition. Junior, Kelly Sanders, well known for her basketball playing, received an Honorable Mention for her three-dimensional sculpture titled "Independent."

"I'm thrilled. This is the first time we've entered this competition, and I'm very pleased with the way we placed," said art teacher, Mrs. Hayden, who informed the students about the show and took the pieces up to Mayfield to be judged. When asked about his honor, Birch had only to say, "I'm really happy that people enjoy my work enough that I'm winning competitions."

The exhibition was on display until February 17th at the gallery.



Dallin Birch and Kelly Sanders

## Cast chosen for *Deadly Earnest*

J.R. Young  
Circulation Manager

Once again the thespian blood in Lone Oak's students is beginning to boil as the school play quickly approaches. This year's play will be *Deadly Earnest* by Donald Payton, the same author as last year's success *Rest Assured*. After a grueling two hour tryout session, the twenty-five hopeful actors and actresses were narrowed down to fourteen who received parts. For all who spent an entire night with butterflies in their stomachs waiting to discover their fate—they will soon realize the tryouts were the easy part.

Over the next six weeks, until the end of March, the cast will be practicing almost daily. Most practices will consist of two hour rehearsals after school. All these endless

days will lead up two performances given on the 29 and 30 of March.

**CAST:** Henry Gilcrest: Chris Hughes, Aunt Ethel: Julie Thrasher, Margie: Anu Manchikanti, Pumpkin: Jackie Allshouse, Jill: Erin McGavic, Gladys: Julie Sims, Aunt Stella: Lisa Jalkh, Clarissa: Molly Harper, Ernestine: Autumn Stanley, Ernie: Lee Titsworth, Mr. Bumpus: Emily Rigdon, Sleepy: Justin Young, C.E. Grimm: Travis Smith, Dr. Earnest: Danny Wood

When asked how she felt about getting a part, Emily Rigdon replied, "I'm really excited—even more than last year," when she also had a part in the school play. Ms. Underhill urges anyone who would like to help with lighting and other such matters to see her or Monica Doyle, and she hopes all will attend.

## Oh, Happy Day! Construction to begin

by Molly Harper  
Assistant Editor

**OH, HAPPY DAY!!** We have a bidding schedule, in black and white, with Wallace Adams' name on it in our possession. After a long and tiresome search, Alliance Corporation, Builders and Managers has been chosen as an agent for the McCracken County Board of Education. They've issued pre-bidding timeline, and as far as the administration knows it chronologically correct.

February 12 - 2:30pm pre-bid conference at the Board of Education with a walk-thru of the project scheduled for 3:30pm.

February 22 - 2:00pm (local time) bid opening at the Board of Education.

February 27 - Special Board meeting to approve bids.

If you're lost in all the construction jargon, don't despair. This schedule means that we are one step closer to having the school done before our grandchildren attend LOHS.

## In Order to Say Goodbye.....

by Shawna R. Williams  
Assistant Editor

Hopefully, on May 24, the 1996 senior class will be crossing that stage and throwing up their caps, ending their high school careers forever. Later that night an event will be held for the freshly graduated students to get together, maybe say their goodbyes, and most importantly, do it substance-free. It is called Project Graduation.

The senior's parents are the ones placed on the committee to handle such things as decoration, food, and entertainment. They are taking up private and business donations to pay for the costs. There is going to be a security committee that checks everyone and no one will be allowed to leave until the

next morning. The hours will be from 11:00 P.M. until 5:30 A.M. The students are allowed to bring any outside guests. Cash and donated gifts and prizes from area businesses will be awarded.

The purpose of Project Graduation is to provide an enjoyable, alcohol and drug free night for the students. In the past it seems to have been very successful with a 95% attendance of the graduating body. They are hoping for the same turnout this year. No one will be admitted that may be under the influence.

"Support Project Graduation. It is a party sponsored by parents and community!" says Mr. Rushing enthusiastically. Hope to see you there!

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# Band members travel to Louisville

by David Carmichael  
Business/Advertising Manager

On February 7, three members of the Lone Oak High School Band traveled to Louisville for the All-State High School Band Concert. **Cliff Jenks, Autumn Pate,** and **David Carmichael** represented our school in this, the highest honor for any band member. On Wednesday, the members had chair auditions, competing against each other for the highest chair placement. For the next two days, the two bands (symphonic and concert) practiced for nearly eight hours per day.

On Thursday night, the band students had the opportunity to watch the Intercollegiate

Band perform their concert. It was both a relaxing way to spend the evening and a relief to know that we weren't having to play (everyone's "chops" were dead).

Saturday afternoon, the All-State Orchestra began the show at 1:30 pm. The orchestra played many tunes, including opuses by Brahms and Dvorsak. Following them was the Symphonic Band, including **Cliff Jenks**, junior at LOHS. The Symphonic Band played *To Tame the Perilous Skies*, by David Holsinger, *The Force of Destiny*, by Verdi, and numerous others. The All-State Concert Band, including **Autumn Pate** and **David Carmichael** was next, playing *Symphony #1, Memoriam of Dresden, Variations on America*, written by Charles Ives, and *Irish*

*Tune From County Derry*, by Grainger.

Congratulation to these participants who represented LOHS.

On February 22-24, nineteen members of the Lone Oak High School Band were selected for Quad-State Band; four members of the band made alternates for one of the three bands. Those who were selected were: juniors **Greg Hosfield, Leigh Ann Mullen, Erin Powell, Cliff Jenks** and **Jennifer Atherton**. From the sophomore class: **Julie Sims, Jackie Allshouse, Autumn Pate, David Carmichael, Trey Swacker,** and **Tim Followell**. Freshmen bandsmen included: **Lorrie Keeling, Sarah Walker, Josh McGuire, Nola Goehman, William Mills, Jonathan Light,** and **Elizabeth Rigdon.**

The event took place at Murray State University. The students practiced for three days, performing at 2:00 p.m. for everyone who wanted to come in. The directors of the three bands (Symphonic, Blue, and Gold) were **James Croft**, of Florida State University; **Frank Cipolla**, a retired director of State University New York in Buffalo; and, **John Fannin**, assistant director of Murray State University.

On Friday, all students were given the chance to hear the MSU Wind Ensemble at their concert, featuring Heath High School's **Stephanie Lovett** as Quad-State Soloist of the Year.

Congratulations, again, to all that attended.

# DECA members head to Murray

By Ashley Small  
Opinion Writer

On January 29th ten students from Lone Oak's DECA club went to Murray State University to the Regional Distributive Education Conference. This was an all day event in which students from fifteen schools in the surrounding counties tested their marketing skills against each other. Students ranging from 9th grade to 12th grade

and Michael Hughs.

These students along with many others competed in numerous test, in the areas of General Marketing, Finance and Credit services, Hospitality and Tourism, Restaurant Management, Advertising Layout, and Job Interviews. Out of all the students who competed, **Sarah Steele** placed first in Advertising Layout and **Mark Wilson** received



Proud DECA Winners Mark Wilson and Sarah Steele

were allowed to participate in this event. The students who attended were **Jarred Lampe, Jessika Small, Carrie Rushing, Sarah Steele, Angie McCune, John Fusco, Mark Wilson, Michael Priddy, Kristie Garrett,**

first place in Job Interviews. Both Sarah and Mark will attend the state competition which will be held in Louisville on March 7, 8, and 9. Good Luck!

# Data match strikes again

By Chrystal Galloway  
Editor-in-Chief

Some of the results were happy, some were horrible, some were hysterical - but all were very revealing. Yes, thanks to Key Club and WLOH, all of the students at LOHS now know who their perfect mate is. Love Match has struck again. The results came back on Thursday, February 15. Earlier this month, students filled out questionnaires which recorded their tastes in music, politics, and lifestyle. The answers were then sent off to DataMatch and students with similar tastes were put together. When students got their results, they were given the names of the students whose answers most matched theirs. The results cost

\$2 for names just in one's grade, and \$3 for names in the whole school.

This is the second year that Key Club and WLOH have done the DataMatch fundraiser. It has proven very successful. So far they have raised almost a thousand dollars. Key Club President **Anu Manchikanti** said, "I'm really happy that we have such a profitable fundraiser that everyone enjoys so much." Students were talking about their perfect matches all day Thursday, and some of the results were pretty funny. **Paige Ruoff** and **Lee Titsworth** were each others number one partners, which is rather sweet since they are dating. The weirdest if not the most poetic match up was definitely **Mr. Toy** and **Mr. Baker** - obviously two souls made for each other.



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## "Does your skirt touch the floor?"

Tara Shelby  
Opinion Editor

During his State of the Union Address, President Clinton expressed his opinion that public schools should be given the right to enforce a school uniform policy if the students' safety is in question. It has been discussed by both students and faculty that maybe Lone Oak High School would be better off if students were required to wear uniforms. I personally disagree with the whole idea.

First of all, not wearing nice clothes is not going to prevent someone from being beat up or killed at Lone Oak High School. I understand that if someone is beat up while wearing a nice jacket, they probably won't have the jacket when it is all over, but that doesn't mean that the person would have been all right if he/she hadn't been wearing it. Students can be made to dress alike, but it is naive to think that this will solve the violence problem. If a student isn't mistreated because of what he wears, then he will be because of how he talks, where he lives, or the name of his second cousin twice removed. The violent people of this world aren't going to get control of their violent tendencies by wearing a uniform to school. Some people are going to be cruel to other people just because they think it is fun, or they want to fit in with their "tough" friends. Uniforms have nothing to do with it.

If no one is allowed to express their own individuality then creativity will suffer. Learning who you are is a big part of growing up, and since so much of our time is spent at school, this is where much of that maturing takes place.

I know that people sometimes get themselves into trouble by the clothes they wear, even in a small western Kentucky school like Lone Oak, but a strict uniform policy is not the answer. Maybe in some of the larger inner city schools this would help to keep students safe, but it won't make any difference in our school. If Lone Oak wants to cut down on the violence in our school, that's fine, but school uniforms is not the answer to everything.

Molly Harper  
Assistant Editor

When you may think of school uniforms, you think of ancient, ruler-wielding nuns swooping in on blissfully unaware students sleeping through Latin. The connection between Parochial Schools and icky uniforms is inevitable. The reason these schools enforce the wearing of uniforms is to keep vanity and fashion-consciousness from distracting the students. It also saves the priests the hassle of those annoying "Does-Your-Skirt-Touch-The-Floor" tests.

Now, inner-city public schools are having to deal with the prospect of uniforms. President Clinton proposes that public schools should be given the right to enforce uniforms if deemed necessary for the safety of the students. I agree that in areas with high crime rates, school uniforms are a good idea. (For once, I am taking the conservative side of the issue. *Gasp.*) I'm not saying that all public schools should slap khakis and tartan plaid skirts on us. That would be over-reacting. However, if the students' safety is in question, the school has every right to enforce uniforms.

I think that uniforms are generally uncomfortable and quell a kid's sense of individuality. GUESS WHAT!? Students spend all of six and a half hours in school. That leaves approximately eighteen hours to be as fashionably creative and individual as you want. Having control of your life doesn't depend on whether you get to choose what clothes you wear for a fraction of the day. Spending less time worrying about what you look like might even make school a less stressful place to be. The point is, no matter how much we complain and protest against uniforms, they probably aren't as horrible as we'd like to think they are.

So, sit back in your Gap jeans, prop your Doc Martens up on the desk in front of you, relax and erase all thoughts of wool and tartan plaid from your mind.

## Ain't no cure for the Overtime Blues

Ashley Small  
Opinion Writer

After School Jobs- some of us go gladly, while others of us practically go kicking and screaming. Depending on numerous factors, maybe it's the desire for a car, maybe you were forced by parents, or maybe you just want out of the house, regardless of the reason for most teenagers an after school job appears to be the end result.

It seems that more and more teenagers are plunging into the work force. As a matter of fact, according to Mr. Griffith almost 45% to 50% of all seniors Co-Op and that doesn't count the number that work after a full day of school. There is also a number of

Juniors, Sophmores, and even Freshman that hold part-time jobs. If any of them are anything like me, they really had a bit of a distorted vision of what working life would be like. I soon found that standing on your feet for five hours, several nights a week, going to bed late and having to rise early really began to take it's toll on me. I soon found that my grades were dropping and my additude was less than desirable.

I know that there are many opponents to students working after school and to be truth ful it's a tough call. I have definetly seen the not so postive signs of working for myself, but I have also been able to have a car and of course

the money, however small the paycheck may be, is nice.

I think in the end it comes down to who you are and how you handle pressure. If you tend to procrastinate and push school assignments off to the last minute even without a job, then you might soon realize that finding time to complete school work with a job is more than you can handle.

Though I may be more tired and a little more irretable than some of my fellow classmates who are without a job, I really don't feel that my work is in vain. Though there are times that I feel like eating those words, all in all I feel like I have reaped the benefits of a part-time job.



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# The Hermit on the Mountain

by **Shawna R Williams**  
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"I'm going to live off the land. Hand-make everything I need."

"Oh what, you're going to become a hermit on the mountain?"

"Well yes. At some point in my life I intend to. I think it would be very healthy for me, physically, mentally, and emotionally."

"Oh right, Shawna. You're going to go hitchhiking around the country, starved and dirty with truckers and dirty old men ganging up on and killing you."

"Well yes, I guess those are the risks I'll have to deal with. But nobody's going to find me dead on the side of the road in a ditch somewhere. There are always ways to survive."

"How?! No job, no family, maybe even no education if you don't get accepted to that one hippie college you applied to. What can you be thinking?"

"I'm thinking about my own sanity, my own happiness and self-fulfillment.

Financial security and family comforts may be fine for you, as they are for 90% of the population, but for us black-sheep, those things mean nothing. Which doesn't mean I'm going to become a welfare child or a Hari Krishna begging off of other people just because I refuse to get a job. People have been self-supporting themselves for hundreds of thousands of years, therefore why can't I? Just because my dreams are different than the norm doesn't mean they are wrong or stupid, as long as I'm not hurting anyone. And besides it's my right to put myself in danger if I so have the desire."

"That's it, go live in a tree and all your problems will be solved. Grow up, Shawna, be more realistic. Do you hear that? It's the twentieth century knocking down your little tree. You just can't go out into the woods somewhere, plant a garden, and start talking to the squirrels. Hundreds of years ago when your precious Druids were roaming Middle Earth maybe you could have done that. But that's impossible now, in this day

and age. I'm saying all this because I care about you and I'm worried for you. I don't want you to get hurt."

"I know, I know you do. But I like talking to squirrels."

It's an ongoing argument a good friend of mine and I incessantly have. And they are not just little bickerings. We usually can't talk to each other afterwards since we've thrown so many insults at each other's dreams. We don't mean to, it just kind of happens. But we really do upset each other. And I always think, long after we've stormed off from each other, that this is ridiculous. True, we have enormous differences, but that's one of the things we love about each other. Especially during the hormone flaring, heavy peer pressuring time of high school, the thing we need most is each other's support.

I really don't feel like going on in great detail, moralizing about this and that. My moral is to take some time out and instead of putting down somebody's dreams, no matter

how fantastic or mundane, encourage it. You may help make a dream come true. The finality of all this hits when one realizes that in the past month, five suicides have occurred. Despite all the other factors, these people more than likely felt unloved and unsupported. At this time in our lives we are very influential, no matter what kind of tough act one puts on. We really do need that support; that knowledge that at least one person doesn't think we're stupid and will help as much as possible.

So, my friend, if you promise to stop insulting my idealistic notions of herbal gardens and spiritual healing (no, I don't read Shirley MacClaine) then I promise to quit saying you're desires are boring and shallow just because I don't appreciate them. If it makes you happy, then that's all that matters.

## "Excuse Me Sir, But Are Those Your Fish Scales?"

J.R. Young  
Circulation Manager

For ages scientists have been in an uproar in trying to decide how long humans have populated the earth. Most scientists would tell you that humans have been around for millions of years—well, if you believe Darwin. On the other hand, some religious followers would argue. The Bible traces human existence back only ten thousand years. No matter which view you take, there is one constant—the growth of humans. More than any other species known to man, humans have, perhaps even more powerful than the instinct to survive, is the instinct to grow. This instinct is apparent throughout history, and in the end where we head as a society.

If you want to follow the Darwin school of logic, than humanity's growth is shockingly expedient. In a matter of sixty-five million years we have evolved from fish swimming in the forming oceans of the world to a group of creatures with minds more sophisticated than any other animals on earth. We have gone from having simple respiratory and circulatory systems, to our now complex organs and nervous systems. Indeed, according to Darwin we're on pace to evolve into god-like entities in the next couple of million years.

On the other hand, there is the religious belief that humans, and for that matter

the world, has only been around for ten thousand years. Even looking at such a small amount of time (in comparison to Darwin's timeline), there is an abundance of growth that has takes place in humans. Humans have gone from simple people who lived in huts on the plains of Africa to our modern society of towering skyscrapers. However, our technology is not the only manner of marking our growth. Early people drew crude pictures on cave walls and made pottery. Now artists have reached the genius of Picasso and Monet. Still, according to this theory we'll only gain more intelligence, but never become anything more than the awkward creatures we currently are.

I suppose that in the end we would all like to think we will someday become creatures of unmatched power and sophistication. Still, there is another part of us that would like to think there is a greater purpose in our lives and a sentient being controlling our destiny is watching over us. I am sure all of us have heard the quoted statistics that say humans use only fifteen percent of their mental capacity. If so, then no matter which school of thought you believe, humans have yet to come close to their true potential. Whether you believe in evolution or creationism, it is apparent that the voyage of humanity has only just begun.

## Religion in Schools-The Controversy Continues

by **Anu Manchikanti**  
News Writer/Photographer

Should religion be taught in school? These days it seems like it's the million dollar question. From English to history to science, religion has influenced many different ideas and people. Maybe it's the fact that we live in Paducah, Kentucky, the Bible Belt, but at LOHS, it seems that there is a general feeling that there is not enough religion brought into schools.

As a practitioner of a non-Christian religion, I really have no problem learning about Christianity, its origin, and its beliefs. I'm actually fascinated by all religions. My problem arises when people speak about religion in school, they speak only of Christianity.

Granted, the majority of the students in this country are Christian, but knowledge will never hurt anyone. No one religion is better than another; in fact, most religions, despite differences in origin and name, are quite similar. I think it would be great if there was a class on religions or more of an emphasis on religions in history class.

Religion is a vital part of the lives of most people, inherent to their beliefs. We should learn about religions in school, but there is no reason to try to teach morals in school. My solution is to just try to look at all religions objectively and allow yourself to learn. This way, everyone benefits, and people's misconceptions might be unfounded.



# A tribute to the past

## Today compared to the 1970's

by Blake Vandemeulen  
Sports/Staff Writer

"We are destroying the environment now more than ever." "Women still aren't as educated as men." "More people are smoking now than ever." These are all common misconceptions people of today have about our society and its surroundings. In the January 29 issue of *Time* magazine the America of 1970 was compared to its current counterpart and some of these statistics may shock you. Information on everything from the rate of inflation to the percentage of women between the ages of 30 and 34 who aren't married was given. The information found about the always improving environment and changes in education was most compelling.

In the area of education men are falling behind women badly, while tuition costs are rising, and more people are receiving degrees. Annual tuition at a private four-year college has jumped over the last twenty years from \$6,283 to \$11,490. The percentage of Americans who complete four years of college has doubled from 11% in 1970 to 22% in the 1990's. Women's shares of BA's (Bachelor of the Arts) and doctorates have both risen as females now hold 53% of the BA's and 40% of the

doctorates.

The environment is dealing with a lot less of two of its biggest nemesis as it heads into the nineties. U.S. sulfur-dioxide emissions are down about 30% from 31 million tons in 1970 to a current amount of only 21 tons. Carbon-monoxide emissions are also down, from 128 tons to 98 tons.

Despite the fact that people are earning less in the nineties, spending on a number of goods and services is up. Average weekly earnings in 1982 dollars have decreased from \$298 in 1970 to \$257 in this decade. Even though earnings are down the percentage of families with two cars has doubled and the number of people traveling to Europe has increased from 2.9 million to 7.5 million. There are now 2.2 televisions per household compared to 1.4 in 1970 with the number of cable subscriptions going up only slightly from 4.5 million in 1970 to 58 million in the nineties.

As we head for the twenty-first century more changes are sure to be waiting for society. These figures have briefly shown that change isn't necessarily a bad thing, however, our generation's ability to adapt to change will be paramount to our future lifestyles.

## March Happenings

by Cliff Jenks  
Sports/Staff Writer

How many of you get so bored during a particular class that you resort to reading those little tidbits of information reserved for the Friday of some weeks throughout the school agenda? For instance, British fashion designer Mary Quant introduced the miniskirt on November 10, 1965. Well if you are ever so uninterested, the following is a list of events that happened in Marches past.

March	1st-	first U.S. census (1790)	11th-	Hitler invaded Austria (1938)
	2nd-	inhabitants of Puerto Rico became U.S. citizens (1917)	12th-	first 'fireside chat' given by FDR (1933)
	3rd-	Alexander Graham Bell born (1847)	13th-	Gutenberg Bible printed (1462)
	4th-	U.S. Constitution went into effect (1789)	14th-	Karl Marx died (1883)
	5th-	Boston Massacre occurred (1770)	15th-	Julius Caesar assassinated (44 BC)
	6th-	Davy Crockett killed at Alamo (1836)	16th-	West Point founded (1802)
	7th-	total eclipse of the sun (1970)	17th-	Nat 'King' Cole born (1919)
	8th-	1st U.S. ground combat unit landed in Vietnam (1965)	18th-	NATO pact adopted (1949)
	9th-	Amerigo Vespucci born (1451)	19th-	daylight savings first used in NYC (1918)
	10th-	wire invented (1410)	20th-	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> published (1852)
			21th-	Communist government siezed power in Czechoslovakia (1919)
			22th-	Stamp Act passed (1765)
			23th-	Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death" (1775)
			24th-	Andrew Mellon born (1855)
			25th-	U.S. launched <i>Explorer 10</i> (1961)
			26th-	Kentucky's flag adopted (1918)
			27th-	1st coast to coast television broadcast (1955)
			28th-	Raphael born (1483)
			29th-	John Tyler born (1790)
			30th-	Crimean War ended (1856)
			31th-	Joseph Hayden born (1732)

## Looking back at *The Oak K*

by Blake Vandermeulen  
Sports/Staff Writer

*The Oak K* has been around for the last fifty years. Great writers, such as Joey Fosko, have been on the staff in the past and the changes in the careers of such timeless staff members as Mrs. Jones, Mr. Norris, and Mr. Clark have been documented. Compiled below is a list of interesting stories selected from five past March editions spanning the last five decades.

1932- The size of the graduating class was the largest ever, at 37.

-The name of the paper was the *The Lone Oak Enterprise*.

-Nine senior class members presented the drama *The Dead of Night*.

-Paul Owen was named the best all-round scholar in McCracken County.

-The phone number for Dudly Dairy Product's Company, Inc., was 526.

-The *Sun-Democrat* advertised themselves as having the "best sports page in Kentucky."

1951- A \$25 raise was given to all McCracken County school workers.

- On February 13 Jean Peyton was selected basketball queen by members of the boys varsity team.

-The boys basketball team defeated Bandana and Blandville. In the Blandville game a school record of 110 points were scored by the Flash.

1968 - Attendance was a major concern as students were encouraged to attend school.

-The Kentucky Colonels received a superior rating at the Kentucky Music Educators Association contest at Murray State University.

- Lone Oak held its fourth annual Homecoming.

1975- Lone Oak fielded its first ever girls basketball team.

- Smoking in the girl's room was complained about in an editorial.

- Current counselor Mrs. Jones was named Teacher of the Month.

1983- The credit requirement to graduate was raised from 18 to 20.

- Joey Fosko wrote three articles (all positive) about LOHS basketball. Mr. Norris coached the freshmen and Mr. Clark the junior varsity.

- Seniors were charged \$7.65 for a cap and gown.

1990- Art and Physical Science clubs took a trip to Chicago.

- M.C. Hammer was topping the charts with *Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'em*.

- The Simpsons were beginning their first season as the best animated series since the Flintstones.



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## Something old, good, and cheap to rent

Cliff Jenks  
Staff/Sports Writer

I haven't seen a good movie at the theater in a long time. Other than *Powder*, *Jurassic Park* must have been the last good movie. It wasn't even great; no story line, and the special effects stole the show. Of course, I didn't go see either *Forrest Gump* or *Pulp Fiction*. The only solution to this problem is movies from the past. Here are a few classics from the funny to the serious:

### *Lawrence of Arabia*

Winner of multiple Academy Awards, including best director and best actor. The story of a British officer in the desert during World War I. It's a classic about the struggles of a man and war.

### *Ben Hur*

A story that took place around the time of Christ. The title character goes from an average citizen to a slave and finally to a wealthy Roman citizen, and searches for revenge against a friend who betrayed his family.

### *North by Northwest*, *Dial "M" for Murder*, *The Birds*

Any movie by Alfred Hitchcock is well worth the rent. These are just a few of the them. They combine interesting plots with a kind of horror that is now unknown - suspense without all of the blood.

## Poll:

These two pages have been devoted to items of the past, now we'll take a look at what students are looking forward to in the future. The question:

### Where do you plan on being in ten years?

Nikki Key (11) "Graduated from law school and happily married."

Stephanie Hammett (11) "Graduated from college and married."

Lisa Jalkh (12) "A graduate from UK medical school and a practicing pediatrician."

Teri Dawes (12) "Graduated from college with a major in who knows what and looking for love in all the wrong places."

Julie Thrasher (11) "I hope to be one of the physical therapists for the 2008 Olympic Team."

Aaron Watkins (11) "I hope to be traveling all over the country singing gospel music."

Jamie Lyles (11) "Graduated from college and happily married to someone rich."

Tiffany Hayes (11) "I hope to be in a band playing guitar or married to somebody in a band."

Dana Sowash (11) "I hope to be an obstetrician in a big city hospital and to be happily married. I also want to teach a children's class at church."

Andy Walker (12) "I hope to be a rich biological engineer and maybe married to a redhead."

### *Cape Fear*

I am not referring to the newer version starring Robert DeNiro, but to the older black and white flick. The classic may not be as tense as its counterpart (which is also worth the rent), however, the storyline is a little better and there is a certain humor you will find in a movie made nearly fifty years ago.

### *Stripes*

Bill Murray joins the Army, and turns a platoon into a lean fighting machine. Murray's quick wit has never been better as he tests the bounds with his superiors.

### *The Blues Brothers*

A film that many consider to be the greatest comedy of all time. Starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, this film could best be described as a musical comedy. A great soundtrack and an all-star cast consisting of Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Carrie Fisher, etc.

### *Star Wars*

Luke Skywalker and crew save the universe from the clutches of the Galactic Empire. Magic, mystery, excellent music and the force make this movie and its two sequels, *The Empire Strikes Back* and *The Return of the Jedi*, must see classics.

## Executive Oddities

Cliff Jenks  
Staff/Sports Writer

February has been traditionally known as the month of the Presidents. Everyone knows that George Washington was the first president, and that Abraham Lincoln was really tall, but here are some presidential facts that you might not know:

Ulysses S. Grant was the only president ever arrested. Grant received a twenty dollar fine for speeding in his carriage in the nation's capital.

James Buchanan was the first bachelor elected to the White House. His niece served as "first lady."

William Howard Taft was the heaviest president, standing six feet tall and weighing over 300 pounds.

Andrew Johnson was the only president ever impeached, but was acquitted by one vote at his trial.

President John Adams lived the longest, surviving to the age of 90.

John Tyler was the president with the most children. He had eight children with his first

wife and seven with his second.

President William Henry Harrison had the shortest term in office surviving only 32 days after catching pneumonia at his inaugural ceremonies.

James Madison was the shortest president standing only five feet, four inches, and weighing about 100 pounds.

John Kennedy was the youngest man elected, but not the youngest in office. Theodore Roosevelt was about one year younger than Kennedy.

An unknown man named David Rice Atchison was president for a day. After President Polk's term expired, President Taylor would not take office on a Sunday for religious reasons. So from noon March 4 until noon March 5, Atchison, who was president of the Senate, was the nation's commander and chief.

## Cubs will "just wait until next year"

by Blake Vandermeulen  
Sports/Staff Writer

You weren't alive yet. Your parents weren't alive yet. Your parents' parents weren't even alive yet. At this point you may be thinking about when the Civil War was fought, the last time dinosaurs roamed the earth, or when Columbus discovered America. However the event being thought of is the last time the Chicago Cubs won the World Series in 1908. The Cubs have been mired in mediocrity for the last eighty-eight years as the slogan "just wait until next year" has become a regular part of most Cubs fans' vocabulary by the middle of June. Despite the fact the Cubs have won more major league games than any other team, something always seems to go wrong and keep them from winning it all.

This incredible drought has certainly not happened because of a lack of talent in the Cubs system. Greats such as Hack Wilson, Ernie Banks, Ron Santo, and Ryne Sandberg have all spent their entire careers with Chicago without winning a championship.

Wilson led the league in RBI's three straight years and holds the major league record for RBI's in a season. Santo and Banks were both victims of the New York Mets miracle season of 1967 in which the Cubs blew a lead of more than ten games in the second half of the season. Sandberg, who has also been named MVP of the National League twice, has been a part of the most recent post-season losses at the hands of the San Diego Padres in 1984 and the San Francisco Giants in 1989.

The Cubs appear to be headed in the right direction this season as ace front office men Andy McPhail and Ed Lynch, along with manager Jim Riggleman, continue to improve the team. With Ryne Sandberg doing his best Michael Jordan impression (he is coming out of retirement,) the Cubs seem to have as good a shot as ever to make 1996 their year. If history has anything to do with it, however, "just wait until next year" should be heard regularly.

# Love Those Psychos: (an analysis of guys to run from...)

by Chrystal Galloway  
Editor-in-Chief

In this month o' good happy lovin' and relationship bliss (mine is going on almost two years-Awwwwh!), my friends and I stopped to ponder on our stupidity concerning the opposite sex. Even my semi-successful relationship has enough glitches that my friends ask, "Why are you still with that jerk?" Yes, love, my friends, love will lead one down that dark path towards absolute oblivion. Now, I believe that women in general are intelligent, except when it comes to choosing a mate. Through my own personal experiences coupled with my friends' hilarious (if not mildly frightening) stories I am led to the conclusion that often times we blindly stumble past our significant others' flashing bright neon warning signs that read "this person may not be soul mate material" - and yet stick with him and his neurosis. Love strikes us deaf, dumb, blind, and utterly unaware that our maniac boyfriend is towering above our sleeping heads with a hatchet ("Just for you, SNUGGLE JUICE!"). This essay is not a lecture, just a simple reminder that even the most insane babbles and threats can sweeten one's ears (or even one's wallet) and soothe a young heart into letting her guard down.

For every relationship that ends in either obsessive phone calls or (worst case scenario) a restraining order - there was a sign about twenty miles ago that slipped past the conscious and into the id that screamed "THIS GUY IS A RAVING LUNATIC!!" Now, there are so many weird and potentially dangerous things that a psycho boyfriend is capable of, and even more names and classifications, that it would be impossible to document them all (but wouldn't it be interesting?) So here are just a handful of the types, warning signals and situations that every gal should watch for, and keep in mind that the jerks at large can be any combination of these types:

*Wallet Leeches* - Generally, these guys

have no job and no intention of getting one. Some girls stay with this type because of that whole motherly instinct bit - you feel like you are taking care of someone. Well, that someone is just as capable of getting his bum up and slingin' burgers as you are. I know some girls who loan their boyfriends, even EX boyfriends, hundreds of dollars for things like



that you aren't good enough, and after a while it becomes blatant insults. He enjoys being mean and embarrassing you. By the time you are ready to end the relationship, you hardly have the self-esteem to get it over with. And these guys don't have to be hunkolas themselves, they just expect you to be. **Warning signs:** If he is obsessed

"Love strikes us deaf, dumb, blind, and utterly unaware that our maniac boyfriend is towering above our sleeping heads with a hatchet."



with his looks, he will be obsessed with yours. **Case in point:** When one of my friends and her EX boyfriend went out to eat at Ryan's, she always got the buffet/salad bar. When she went back for seconds, he said, "Don't you think you've put on enough weight lately?"

*Emotional Vampire* - Appropriately named because he sucks the soul and life right out of you. Classic co-dependents, these guys will not hesitate to drag you down into their pit of despair. You are the only one who can save him, you are his light, etc. There are cases of real depression, and you should help a boyfriend in serious trouble, but these guys make a life out of suicide threats. If you don't get out of that mess, you might just be heading to Charter. **Warning signs:** He makes you read his depressing poetry, you are the only one "who really understands." **Case in point:** One guy that two of my friends dated (at different times) wrote them identical poems entitled "My Angel."

*Ego Slammers* - I really really hate these guys. They tend to have huge egos, yet truly get off on killing yours. It begins with hints

with his looks, he will be obsessed with yours. **Case in point:** When one of my friends and her EX boyfriend went out to eat at Ryan's, she always got the buffet/salad bar. When she went back for seconds, he said, "Don't you think you've put on enough weight lately?"

*Skirt Chasing Wolf* (read "Dog")- You can't go out in public with him because his jaw drops at every chick who walks by. These kind love being in a steady relationship so they can have someone to take care of them, but go out and flirt and date everyone they meet. These guys are also the type who will do anything to.... "get to know you better." Trust me, they probably aren't even worth it. **Warning sign:** If he's cheating on his present girlfriend to date you, enough said. **Case in point:** I once met a cute waiter at a restaurant who asked me out. When he walked me out to my car, a waitress stood at the door glaring at me. I asked him who that was and he said, "That's my wife, I'm

married. Does that bother you?" (Like, the nerve!)

*Full-Blown Psycho Dangerous Guy* - Now the others may be evil in their own way, but these are the ones who will kill you. They usually seem sweet in the beginning, but will start blowing up for no reason and being overly sensitive. Also, if he is obsessed with creating the perfect revenge or murder, he might be talking about yours. **Warning sign:** He hates his parents, seems extremely paranoid, and talks about killing your pets. **Case in point:** One girl's boyfriend said, "I wonder what you would look like with your head chopped off." How's that for a warning?

Yes, our stupid mistakes can be kind of amusing, but dangerous as well. And for all you nice guys out there, I am aware that there are some evil women out there, I just haven't dated any of them. If you had a good story, send it to Mrs. Campbell's room. It is possible to get away from these nutcases. Even though you think you care about him, it is necessary to tell someone that your boyfriend is psycho. Even after one boyfriend attacked me outside of work, chased me from there to a gas station to home, and then tried to kill me in my driveway - I still tried to convince my mom he wasn't a bad guy, just really upset. It is flattering to have a guy be that jealous and love you that much, except when you consider he would love to keep your head in the fridge as well. The best thing you can do to keep yourself from these types is to recognize the blatant warning signs and don't fall into that miserable little trap of denial. If you do find yourself in a bad relationship, for goodness sake GET OUT. See, if we share our horror stories, it will educate the masses, and hopefully we will quit making all these horrible mistakes.



## Will The Survey Cause A Transformation?

Ashley Small  
Opinion Writer

Recently, many may remember, a survey that dealt with the opinions of students, teachers, and parents was passed out so that they could express the way they felt towards certain issues involving our school and the staff. This survey was part of a mandatory School Transformation Plan or STP. This transformation plan is part of the State Department's responsibility to make sure that all schools are making the necessary changes to improve their school.

One of the ways the State Department becomes aware of the changes that are needed is through the survey that was mentioned

earlier. This survey addressed numerous issues which affect the students, teachers, and parents. The questions on the survey dealt with the actual school building itself, which as you can image was on the top of everyone's strongly-disagree list. It also covered such topics as the morale of students, the way students are treated by their peers and by their teachers, and many other issues that all are involved with in the LOHS experience.

Mr. Gus Wulverton took the time to put together the top issues in which students, teachers, and parents strongly agreed and disagreed with. The teachers agreed most with the statement that the students have the opportunity to receive help if they want or

need it. The issue in which the teachers strongly disagreed the most was that the physical facilities are kept clean and are reasonably attractive. Most students strongly agreed that homework is regularly assigned in their academic classes. Students disagreed most on the issue of the school buildings being generally pleasant and well maintained. The parents strongly agreed that if the child breaks the rules, then they support discipline procedures. They, like the teachers and students, mainly disagreed on the school building being bright, clean, and kept in good repair.

Though many opinions were expressed on numerous issues, those are just the top

issues that the teachers, students, and parents felt the strongest about. Now all we can do is wait and see if the School Transformation Plan actually transforms any of the issues that were addressed in the survey.



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## Matt Cooper Named Junior Rotarian

by David Carmichael  
Business/Advertising Manager

Senior Matt Cooper has been named February's Junior Rotarian. Cooper is involved in many activities. He was Marching Band Captain this past marching season. He has been a avid member of the Lone Oak Kentucky Colonel Marching Band all four of his years in high school. He was in the school band for his freshman, sophomore, and junior years, and in the separation of the two bands this past year, made the highest band, the symphonic band. He was in jazz band for two years. For three years straight, Cooper has recieved superior ratings at the anual State Solo & Ensemble Competition.

Cooper has also been a part of the Lone Oak High School Choir. He participated in the concert choir for one year, the chamber choir for three years, and has made All-State Chorus three years. Cooper is an honor student, also gaining a perfect attendance award. He was an outstanding student for the 1995-96 year, and won outstanding achievement awards in biology and U.S. history. Cooper will graduate as an Honor Graduate.



Matt Cooper, senior.

In reflect, Cooper said, " I owe my academic success to the support of my teachers and parents. I hope when I graduate, I can affect others in a positive way, so that they will desire to achieve as I have."

Congratulations, Matt!!!

## Allshouse Named Band Member of the Month

Cliff Jenks  
Staff/Sports Writer

For the second month in a row, a sophomore has been named Band Member of the Month. February's Band Member of the Month is clarinetist Jackie Allshouse. In response to this honor Allshouse said, "Being named Band Member of the Month proved to me that my hard work has paid

"[Jackie] has a lot of natural ability and she is becoming a better player every day."

-James "Buddy" Light



Jackie Allshouse, sophomore.

fine clarinet player. She has a lot of natural ability and she is becoming a better player every day. Jackie is just one of the many students in the Lone Oak band program who are here because they just enjoy playing their instruments. That's the kind of attitude and desire that makes band at Lone Oak a real pleasure to be a part of."

Congratulations Jackie!

off."

Allshouse has many accomplishments in her two years in band, including: a recommendation to try out for the All-State Band, All-District Freshman Band, All-District Band, Quad-State Band, several superiors in KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival and first chair in the LOHS Symphonic Band.

Commenting on Allshouse, Mr. Light said, "Jackie has begun to develop into a

## Just in case you don't like nutcases...

by Molly Harper  
Assistant Editor

Most of the girls on the staff are involved in serious relationships. Because of these stretches of monogamy, we consider ourselves to be authorities on the kinds of guys to date. To combat the neurotic tone that Chrystal's article lends to true love, relationships, monogamy, etc., etc., we have compiled a list of types of guys that girls want to dig their hooks into and hold onto with all of their might. Guys, if you want to have a decent chance with any girl, and you have the slightest resemblance to any of the guys in Chrystal's article, read this list and try to mold yourself to be a little like each of these.

**The Generous Guy**—He offers to pay his date's way into the movies because he had dinner over at her house the other night. He's not trying to impress her he just wants her to have a good time. Not that all girls want to be supported, but it's nice to have a guy pay for things occasionally. (Of course, if the girl asks the guy out, it's common courtesy to pay for the date.) Generosity is not a really good reason ALONE to date a guy, but it helps.

**The Independent Guy**- He's fun to hang out with and he likes to spend time with you. However, he doesn't call every time he wants someone to watch *Star Trek* with him. Contrary to popular belief, not all girls like to be hung onto, bought for, and called constantly. We like a guy who will give us a little space when we need it. We know it's hard to guess where we are on our emotional/hormonal roller coaster and whether we really want you along for the treacherous ride. However, it's easy to guess that when we recoil in horror when you reach for our hands, it's not the best time to crowd us.

**The Nurturer**- Guys, if you will tell a girl that she looks beautiful (gorgeous, stunning, lovely, fine, enticing, exquisite, dazzling, flower-like) during every date, you will earn points beyond your wildest dreams. Empty flattery never really works, but a heartfelt compliment is always nice to hear. Try building up a girl's confidence in a stressful situation instead of worrying about your own bad breath. A girl will look past itty-bitty faults if you're a nice guy.

**The Honest, Faithful, Trustworthy Guy**- He's dependable, trustworthy and makes a girl feel like she's the prettiest one in the room. His eye never strays to the waitress's low-cut neckline. When he's not with his girlfriend, she KNOWS he's doing exactly what he said he's doing. He's watching a ball-game with his buds - not messing around with one his ex-girlfriends. A girl with this type of boyfriend is lucky, lucky, lucky.

**The Stable Guy**- I'll make it easy if you are anything like the *Full Blown Psycho Dangerous Guy* do all womankind a favor. Don't date.

**The Sensitive Guy**- We don't expect guys to spontaneously spout all 154 Shakespearean love sonnets, that would eventually get annoying. But it's nice to get a note with a little love poem. Girls like to get and GIVE roses. Be sweet. Be kind. Be thoughtful. Learn your girlfriend's favorite song. Learn how to say "I Love You" in a bunch of different languages. Write "Be Mine" on your forehead in red glitter.

Teenage men of the world, don't despair. Most women have realistic, if not an underestimating, expectations of their male counterparts. We don't really think you'll do these things. However, it would be incredibly fantastic if you actually thought to do them.



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# Lady Flash roll over Heath, boys lose a squeaker

by Andy Harris  
Sports Editor

The Lone Oak boys basketball team lost their second heartbreaker this season to Heath, losing 48-46, while the Lady Flash defeated Heath for the second time this season, pounding the Lady Pirates, 72-43.

The boys came out poised to win a big district victory on their homecourt. They led throughout most of the game, including a three point lead with three minutes to go, until the Pirates made a key 7-2 run in the fourth quarter to grab the victory. The loss

snapped a two game winning streak for the Flash, dropping their record to 3-13 overall and 1-5 in the district.

"Even though we lost, I was proud of our effort," said head coach Craig Wallace. "We had several players who were a little 'under the weather,' but they showed tremendous heart and tried to help us any way they could."

Donnie Stone led Lone Oak with 19 points. Justin Duncan scored 12, and Kyle Sanderson added 11. Josh Long went scoreless, partly due to the fact that he had the flu. Cameron

Ikeard sat out the game with an injury.

Now the Flash await a battle against state power and cross-town rival, Tilghman, in the first round of the Second District Tournament.

Despite Lone Oak's losing record, fan support has remained strong. "Our fans have been real supportive and understanding towards our young team," said Wallace. "We are going to work hard to ensure they have a lot to cheer for next year!"

The Lady Flash blitzed Heath behind a strong performance by Amanda Mitchell, who scored 19 points, grabbed 11 rebounds, and blocked two shots. Kelly Sanders added 16, while Kristie Garrett scored nine points and dished out a team-high six assists.

"In some stretches we played about as well as we can play," said head coach Steve Cobb. "Our players completely demoralized Heath with their intensity and execution. I was very pleased with every aspect of our performance."

Lone Oak was never seriously threatened on their way to their fourth straight victory. They jumped out to a 31-14 halftime lead and led by as many as 34 at the end of the third quarter. The win improved Lone Oak to 8-8 overall and 4-2 in Second District play.

Cobb called this game a "total team effort." Twelve players saw action during the game, with eight getting at least 18 minutes of playing time, while no one played over 22.

Next up for the Lady Flash is the district tournament, where they will meet Heath for the third time. A victory will put them in the Regional Tournament for the first time in two years. In order to advance in post-season play, Cobb believes his team must continue to play intelligently, pressure the ball, and rebound. Most importantly, though, they need to finish plays. He noted that seven different players missed wide open

lay-ups in the first half against Heath.

Fan support, however, has been down for the Lady Flash this season. Cobb had this to say about the low attendance: "I wish more people would come out and support them because they are an entertaining team to watch, and they are playing pretty well right now."

## Guys

### Heath 48, Lone Oak 46

Cargill 2, Cashion, Duncan 12, Gosa 2, Long, Kirk, Sanderson 11, Stone 19.

Field Goals 17-46; 3-pointers 5-17 (Sanderson, Duncan 2, Stone 2); Free Throws 7-10; Rebounds 35

## Girls

### Lone Oak 72, Heath 43

Kelly Sanders 8-12, 0-1 16; Kristie Garrett 2-8, 5-7 9; Sarah Steele 1-2, 3-4 5; Danielle Roberts 1-3, 2-4 4; Ashley Emery 2-5, 1-2 5; Kim Adams 0-2, 0-2 0; Rae Ann Ragland 0-5, 3-5 3; Amanda Mitchell 6-10, 7-9 19; Sarah Phelps 1-7, 0-0 2; Gina Halstead 0-4, 2-2 2; Susan Burnett 0-1, 0-0 0; Brandy Gifford 3-4, 1-3 7.

Field Goals 24-63; 3-pointers 0-3; Free Throws 24-39; Rebounds 47 (Mitchell 11)

## Athletes of the Month-Basketball

by Andy Harris  
Sports Editor

Being the only senior and one of the few players with varsity experience, Chad Kirk has taken on a leadership role on the Lone Oak boys basketball team. So far he has adjusted very well to this role, leading the team in assists and field goal percentage, and being second in rebounding and third in scoring.

"He is a stabilizing force for us," said head coach Craig Wallace. "We can always count on him for good defense and excellent rebounding contributions."

Kirk has played a number of different positions this season, including center. Even though he is only 6'1", he plays primarily on the inside and often guards taller players.

Both Kirk and Wallace agree that one of his best attributes is his ability to play "within

by Anu Manchikanti  
News Writer/Photographer

Averaging 9.3 points per game and holding the team-high of 6 rebounds per game, sophomore Amanda Mitchell has been chosen as Athlete of the Month. A first-year varsity player, Mitchell has blocked 40 shots this season. She had an outstanding performance in a game against Carlisle County, with 21 points and 18 rebounds.

On Amanda, Coach Cobb says, "She is very coachable. She enhances her natural abilities with a strong work ethic. She has an extremely soft touch and good range for a center and moves well without the ball."

Mitchell doesn't cite one particular reason for being chosen as Athlete of the Month. She feels that her hard work at practice and her desire to improve her game are the main reasons. A team player, Mitchell feels that



Athletes of the Month Chad Kirk and Amanda Mitchell.

himself." That is, he understands his role on the team, and doesn't try to do things he can't do.

"The expectations for this year's team were low, with hopes only to rebuild," said Kirk of his team. "But, I believe we've matured and molded into a good team."

Kirk also added, "I would like, on behalf of the Lone Oak basketball program, to thank everyone for the great fan support!"

## Go Big Flash!

she has improved on rebounding and scoring in the last few games but couldn't score without her teammates help. "We play team ball and that's what makes us win." When asked what she needs to improve on, Mitchell strives to resist blocking shots and stay straight up in order to foul less. She feels that the team has really come a long way. "We all really love to play together. Coach Cobb always has a great attitude."

Cobb adds, "Amanda has a very bright future if she continues to work hard. She is an outstanding student and has been a pleasure to coach."

## Lone Oak Lady Flash by Marcus Johnson

They move with speed and grace,  
Their heights range from small to tall,  
Playing with sweat on their face,  
As they attempt to keep the ball.  
These women are tough and bold,  
As clever as a wolf, as quick as a rabbit,  
Their colors are purple and gold,  
Doing their best is their habit.  
This team can't be beat,  
The other team's possession hardly lasts,  
As this team plays with steady feet,  
They are the Lone Oak Lady Flash.

## Flash Basketball Highlights

### Guys

Lone Oak 69, Reidland 64  
Sanderson 17, Long 13, Duncan 13  
LO 65, Livingston 56, OT  
Stone 19, Long 17-four 3-pointers,  
Duncan 15: 2nd Straight Win!!  
Mayfield 59, Lone Oak 43  
Stone 18  
Cairo 84, Lone Oak 62  
Sanderson 22, Stone 19  
Ballard 61, Lone Oak 51  
Sanderson 21, Stone 13  
Graves County 79, Lone Oak 39  
Long 9  
Boo-hoo, 5th Straight Loss!!  
Record: 3-17

### Girls

LO 78, Livingston 37  
Sanders 14, Garrett 13, Adams 10  
Lone Oak 56, Reidland 30  
Sanders 12, Mitchell 11 and 10  
rebounds: 3rd Straight Win!!  
Mayfield 38, Lone Oak 37  
Sanders 18, Mitchell 14  
Lone Oak 63, St. Mary 38  
Roberts 2, Mitchell 11  
Outrebounded them 41-18  
Lone Oak 55, Ballard 47  
Emery 13, Mitchell 12, Sanders 12  
Graves County 51, Lone Oak 36  
Mitchell 17  
Record: 10-10

# Basketball Homecoming 1996



Court attendants: Kim Starks, Dana Sowash, Abby Brazzell, Lisa Jalkh, Lana Perry, and Queen Kristie Garret.

Court attendants, (L to R): Shellie Mathis, Stephanie Getz, Julie Burnett, Misty Anderson, and Kim Adams.

1996 Basketball  
Homecoming  
Queen

*Kristie Garrett*

Attendants:

Junior Dana Sowash

Sophomore Kim Adams

Freshman Kim Sparks



★★★★ The Queen, her court, and friends ★★★★★

*The Queen's Court*

*Misty Anderson*

*Julie Burnett*

*Stephanie Getz*

*Shellie Mathis*

*Lana Perry*

*Lisa Jalkh*

*Abby Brazzell*



Everyone waiting patiently for the ceremony to begin. (L to R) Abby Brazzell, Julie Burnett, Lana Perry, Kara Cook, and Lauren Perry.



LOHS students dancing the night away.

# Love Puzzle

cupid  
Valentine  
chocolate  
candy  
red  
heart  
bow and arrow  
gifts  
roses  
flowers  
love  
crush  
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## Cheerleaders Defeat Rivals and Head to State Competition

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For the second year in a row, the Lone Oak High School Varsity Cheerleaders have won the Regional KAPOS Cheerleading Competition. After practicing for ten to fifteen hours a week, a team consisting of the varsity squad and two Junior Varsity members were able to topple rival Reidland for the first time ever. This will be the second consecutive year for them to compete in state.

Those competing were: Seniors: Ashley

Acord, Misty Anderson, Julie Burnett, Kara Cook, Amy Kelly, Deanna Masden, Angela McCune. Juniors: Casey Powell, Dawn Simmons. Sophomores: Shannon Powell, Lindsey Fesmire. Freshmen: Kelly Adams, Ashley Canup.

When asked how she felt about their win, Deanna Masden replied, "We're all really excited and hope everyone comes out to support us and see all our hard work." The State KAPOS Cheerleading Competition will be held March 23. This is the second consecutive year for the cheerleading squad to go to state.



Top, from (L to R): Sponsor Angie Taber, Kara Cook, Casey Powell, Kelly Adams, Sponsor Rebecca Pope, Mrs. Masden, Middle: Dawn Simmons, Julie Burnett, Shannon Powell, Angela McCune, Ashley Canup. Bottom: Lindsey Fesmire, Misty Anderson, Ashley Acord, Deanna Masden, and Amy Kelly.

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