



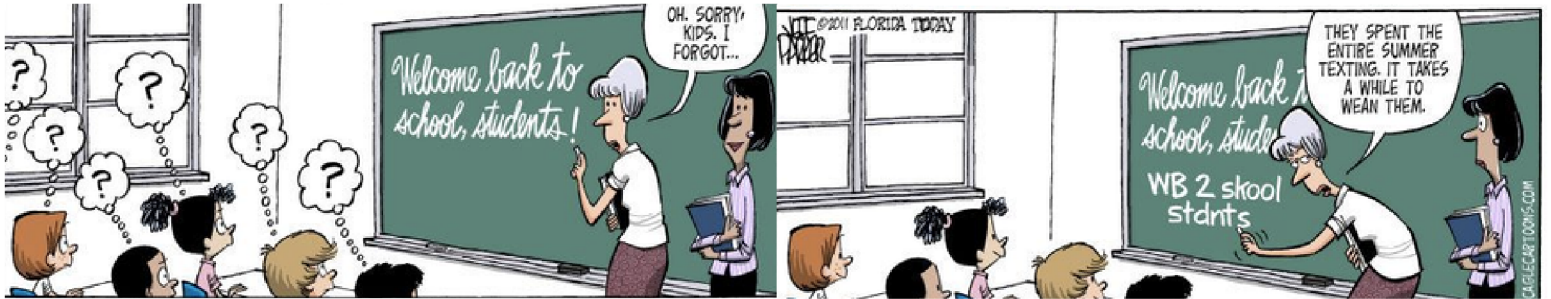
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THE HUGH 'POP' CAMPBELL AWARD GIVEN TO CAMPBELL GRANDSON, VANCE JOHNSON BY CARLEY WOOD

Hugh "Pop" Campbell loved Lee Academy and his family, but he held his four grandsons especially close to his heart. After his passing on



November 26, 2021, his family established the Hugh "Pop" Campbell Memorial Scholarship.

This scholarship awards \$2,500 to a graduating senior to attend their college of choice. The qualifications of this scholarship include traits such as perseverance, optimism, and a positive attitude. All of these characteristics described Mr. Campbell. The award was presented by one of Pop's grandsons, Seth Campbell, while the 2022 recipient of the scholarship was another of Pop's grandsons, Vance Johnson. We congratulate Vance and also publish this first issue in remembrance of Mr. Campbell.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR BY CARLEY WOOD

As my senior year began, I had a lot of time to reflect on my almost six years at Lee Academy. Most importantly, I have spent much time thinking about the lessons I have learned through the years and the advice I have received and passed down to others. Here are the lessons I have learned each year at Lee:

In seventh grade, I realized the value of friendship. I grew closer with and grew apart from many friends and classmates during seventh grade. During that year, Mrs. Evans told me, "Quality over quantity, Carley; that is the most important thing you can know about friendship." This advice has stuck with me, and though my circle of close friends has remained small, not the same, over the years, it still remains true.

During eighth grade, I learned that sometimes it is okay to fail and that you can only grow from it. I have always been an overachiever who strives for perfect grades. Eighth grade taught me to value myself over my work, and that a grade on a piece of paper did not define me and would not define my future.

Ninth grade was probably one of the hardest years of my life. I couldn't do geometry to save my life, and then Covid hit during spring break. During this tough time, I learned the value of family. My family held me together at my worst moments, even when they didn't agree with my decisions. My grandmother told me that family is the glue that holds us all together, and she was right.

Tenth grade was tough. I was challenged in my classes, I still couldn't do math, and I crashed my first car less than a month after I got it. It was terrible,



but I did get some good lessons out of it. I learned that even though a class is challenging, you can push through and succeed. I should probably thank Mrs. Noland for teaching me that. Mrs. Latham wrote a letter to everyone in my class before my AP Literature test. She said, "Carley, your self worth is more than a grade on a test. Do not value yourself more or less because of a number." I might actually listen to her one day about that.

Eleventh grade challenged me academically more so than I had ever been challenged before. Between Mrs. Thomas's class (and my still abysmal math skills) and Mrs. Noland's chemistry class, I felt very overwhelmed for a long time. I had to learn when to stop trying to push myself and to ask for help when I needed it. That year taught me that I do have a support system and that I don't have to take on everything myself.

I think the most important lesson I will gain from my senior year is to value the time I have with my class. I complain about my classmates constantly, and they're annoying, but I know my time left with them is limited. I hope to look back on my senior year and not think that I wasted any time. I hope that the lessons I have learned at Lee will help underclassmen as much as they have helped me.



ALL AROUND LEE BY ALYSSA VASSEL

It's BACK to SCHOOL and there's a lot going on! Don't forget to join Initiative Club to get service hours and house points! The club organizes monthly service projects for charities in the area. Being in the club provides your house with extra points and builds your college resume, while helping you serve those in need. If you're interested, see Mrs. Walker or me.

The Initiative Club's project for September is for Griot Arts, a local nonprofit dedicated to making

art and educational programs more accessible to young people in the



community. Each house has been assigned its own list of supplies to bring. The house with the most supplies brought by the end of the month will win a free dress week and house points. If you bring supplies, please put them in your house's designated area outside the office and record your name, donation amount, and house name on the sheet in order to receive points, service hours, and be considered for the incentive. If you're interested in submitting art to be sold for Griot (which would be considered a donation), contact me or Mr. Young.

In House News, both Tarpan and Caspian houses have house gear for sale. Caspian house members should bring their \$5 today and Tarpan should turn in order forms and money by Tuesday, September 13th.

College admissions counselors will meet with all seniors on September 22 at 10 a.m. (Mississippi State), September 27 at 11 a.m. (Ole Miss) and October 13 at 11:00 (Delta State). Juniors and seniors take the ACT on October 18. Several registered Juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT on October 25. October 26 is FAFSA Day for senior parents, and the information will be emailed by Mrs. Antici. Juniors and Seniors who are interested in signing up for a MS State Fall Preview Day and any 7th-12th graders helping build a house for the Fuller Center should see Mrs. Antici asap.



In local news, a board of supervisors has been actively working to improve services at the Clarksdale and Greenville hospitals. New blues guitars have also been presented on light poles throughout town, replacing the snowflakes that were previously displayed year-round. The 2nd Annual Mighty Roots Festival will take place at Stovall Farms from Friday, September 23 to Saturday, September 24.



MEET THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP MAINTAIN THE 2,200-MILE-LONG APPALACHIAN BY CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, ADAPTED BY NEWSELA STAFF



LURAY, Virginia — The view from Jewell The Appalachian Trail is a famous hiking trail. It is 2,200 miles (3,541 km) long and passes through 14 states from Maine to Georgia. A network of volunteers keeps the trail clean.

Kris English is a technical trail specialist for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. She trains volunteers to care for the environment. Today, English is with a group of volunteers in Shenandoah National Park. That is in Virginia. She is teaching them how to read the dirt. Darker dirt means the dirt is very wet, English says. Wet dirt means the trail will wear away faster.

English shows the volunteers how to dig a drain. Using a rake, she makes a slope to guide water down the mountain. Next time it rains, this part of the trail will be protected.

More Volunteers Have Turned Up

The COVID-19 pandemic affected the Appalachian Trail. Most people were avoiding indoor gatherings to slow the spread of the virus. This led people to visit the outdoors in record numbers. Not knowing much about hiking rules, some people made a mess.

But this has not stopped volunteers. The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) oversees 240 miles (386 km) of the Appalachian Trail in Shenandoah National Park. In 2021, the group put in 2,000 more volunteer hours than usual. Wayne Limberg is a district manager at PATC. He says there are many more volunteers this season.

For Limberg, the Appalachian Trail is a chance to connect with nature. But the area must be preserved. "We want to make sure that it can be enjoyed by future generations," Limberg said.

Protect And Enjoy Nature

English says that trails concentrate folks onto one path. That allows people to still enjoy nature while protecting it.

Having trails benefits the environment. Trails prevent humans from disturbing the forest with litter, graffiti, music and footprints. But to thrive, trails need trail maintainers.

So English guides her team of volunteers. She teaches them how to use the right tools to clear gravel and other litter.

The volunteers follow several rules. They get rid of weeds. They keep the path free of fallen trees. They also gather litter and report anything they cannot fix.

In the last two years, litter has become more common. Experienced hikers know they must "leave no trace." But new visitors during the pandemic had not yet learned the code.

Volunteers say there has been a rise in visitors since the pandemic. With it, they have found an increase in waste and signs of misuse, ranging from abandoned bags of dog poop to spray-painted boulders.

"You Always See Something Beautiful"

Trail crews are divided by the areas known as "trail districts." Limberg runs Shenandoah National Park's North District. Every group has a name. Limberg's is the North District "Hoodlums."

Wayne Limberg joined the PATC 20 years ago. In this time, he has learned that "the mountain always wins." No matter how many times he whacks weeds, the trail will need more work. But being a volunteer is meaningful to him. It connects him to the land.

Russell Riggs is a PATC member. He has worked a section of Shenandoah National Park for 10 years.

"I've gone out in all kinds of weather, and I've never regretted it because you always see something beautiful," he said. "I think love is probably not too strong of a word."

Volunteers Needed!

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God." Hebrews 3:4

Help us build a neighborhood!

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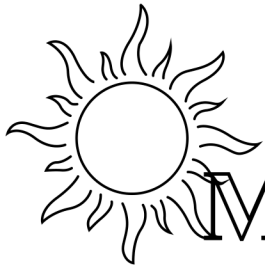


We need your help! To help us, we need four to five volunteers on the following dates:

- Monday, September 12, 3-5pm
- Tuesday, September 13, 3-5pm
- Wednesday, September 14, 3-5pm
- Thursday, September 15, 3-5pm



Please see Mrs. Antici or contact Gramm Phillips at (662) 645-4726 to arrange your time and for instructions



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



Mental health is a person’s condition with regard to their psychological and emotional well-being. Mental health and self-care are an important aspect of life; however, back to school season can cause a strain on the mental health of students and teachers.

There are many ways to relieve the stress of going back to school. Meditation and other things such as hot baths, listening to music, and taking small breaks can improve how you feel psychologically and emotionally. Completing your normal skincare routine can make you feel better, or watching your favorite TV show can relax and ease your mind through a “brain break.” Serotonin can also be increased by regular exercise and certain foods. There are many different types of food that can increase this such as turkey, poultry, milk, and cheese. Even the smallest things, such as spending time with your pets, can help boost your mood.

If you’re feeling down and need a lift, try these tips to (hopefully) get you out of the funk and rid you of the negative emotions you’ve been feeling!

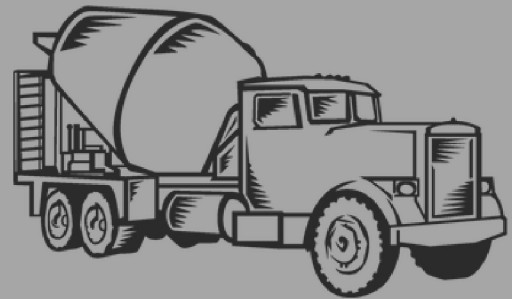
Life can be stressful. If you are struggling to cope, or the symptoms of your stress or anxiety won’t go away, it could affect your health. Learn more at <https://go.usa.gov/xfQKq>.

SUDOKU # 01

INSTRUCTIONS

Use the numbers 1 to 9 to complete the Sudoku.
Only use each number once in each row, column and grid.

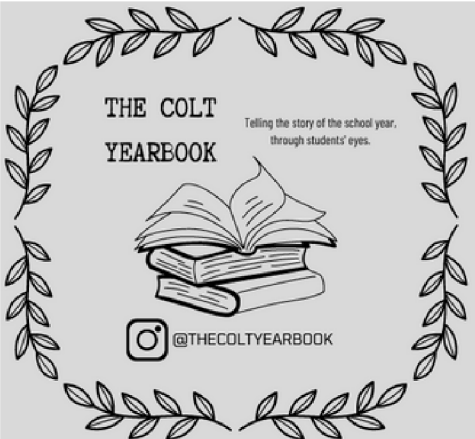
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS BY CARLEY WOOD

Luke Agostinelli

Luke Agostinelli has been a student at Lee Academy since the seventh grade. He currently serves as Student Body President. Luke is a member of the National Honor Society and the ACT 25+ Club, and he received the Gene L. Barbour Award in 11th grade. He plays football and is on the golf team. Luke's favorite teacher is Mrs.



Thomas, "There is nothing better than listening to her rant at Aidan or Sam because they forgot to do their homework. Also, her personality was unbeatable with her smart attitude and especially her obsession with her 'stash.'" Luke's advice for new football players is to enjoy all of the football practices while you still can. Luke has many favorite memories at Lee: "Friday Night Football is unbeatable, Lee Academy Golf Tournaments with Coach Harbin, Dr. Humber's 8:00 AM stand-up comedy show. Mrs. Thomas on her soapbox." Luke plans to attend the University of Mississippi to pursue a career in accounting.

Meri Hollis Lawrence

Meri Hollis Lawrence has attended Lee Academy since the seventh grade. She currently serves as the Student Body Vice President. She is a cheer captain, *The Colt* Yearbook Editor, and a member of Crown Club and the National Honor Society. Meri's favorite teacher is Mrs. Murphey. She says, "She's been someone I can always go to about any problem I've had. She is a great role model to any younger girls in the school. Meri's advice to younger students is to "always do your best work,

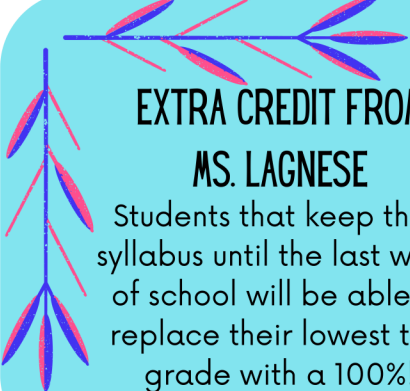


especially for Mrs. Noland, and stay on your teachers' good side." Meri has enjoyed her time with her friends and the senior retreat the most during her time at Lee. Meri plans to attend Mississippi State University.

Bryan Ray

Bryan Ray has been a student at Lee Academy since K3. He currently serves as Student Body Treasurer. Bryan is a member of the National Honor Society. He received the Cliff Heaton scholarship and is a member of the ACT 25+ club. Bryan plays football, basketball, baseball, and runs track. Bryan's favorite teacher is Mrs. Noland because, "she has had a big impact on what I want to pursue in college and has always pushed me to succeed." His advice to new students is to make friends with your teachers because "brownie points go a long way." The highlight of his day is eating lunch with his friends, and some of his funniest memories took place at the lunch table. Bryan is currently deciding between attending The University of Mississippi or Mississippi State University.





**EXTRA CREDIT FROM
MS. LAGNESE**

Students that keep their syllabus until the last week of school will be able to replace their lowest test grade with a 100%!

Davis Favi

Davis Favi has attended Lee Academy since 7th grade. Davis also goes by the nickname "XL." He serves as the Student Body Secretary. Davis's favorite teacher at Lee was Mrs. Thomas during his Junior year. He says, "She pushed all of us to actually learn and take in all that she was throwing at us." Davis's advice to underclassmen is, "As annoying and tiring as they may be, enjoy the time you have with your fellow classmates and friends throughout your time at Lee." Davis says he has enjoyed every moment at Lee and knows he will have many memories to look back on and laugh at for many years. Davis plans to attend Mississippi State University after graduation.



Aidan advises younger students to always smile because tomorrow is never promised. His favorite thing about Lee is that he knows everyone's names and faces. Aidan's plans to attend The University of Mississippi for a degree in Business Administration.

Jordan Wong

Jordan Wong has attended Lee Academy since 7th grade. He currently serves as the Senior Class Secretary. Jordan plays football and is a member of the National Honor Society. Jordan's favorite teacher is Mrs. Noland. He says, "She has pushed me to do the best of my ability in class." Jordan's advice to new seventh graders is to stay on top of your work, but also remember to have fun. Jordan's favorite times at Lee include making new friends and homecoming. Jordan plans to attend The University of Mississippi and major in pharmaceutical science.



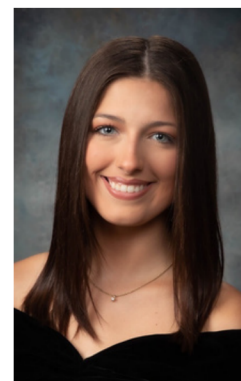
Sam Stonestreet

Sam Stonestreet has been a student at Lee Academy since 7th grade. He is the Senior Class President and is a member of the National Honor Society and ACT 25+ Club. He plays football, baseball, and track and field. He is a member of the St. Elizabeth Youth Group. Sam's favorite teacher during his time at Lee was Coach V in 10th grade. "He taught me tons of valuable knowledge and lessons as well as helped me fall in love with working out. He balanced fun times with actual learning and there was never a dull moment in the classroom." Sam's advice to his fellow students is to be confident, make your bed every morning, and "always look everything life throws your way in the eyes with an eager grin." Though Sam has enjoyed almost every part of his time at Lee, he says that 9th Grade computer class with Mr. Phillips and 10th Grade Christmas break are his favorite memories. Sam is undecided about his college plans.



Carley Wood

Carley Wood has been a student at Lee Academy since 7th Grade. She currently serves as Senior Class Treasurer, Newspaper Editor, Yearbook Co-Editor, and is a member of the ACT 25+ Club, Crown Club, and National Honor Society. Carley is a captain of the soccer team. She is also the current president of Her Drive Clarksdale, which collects feminine products for those in need. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Evans because "She has always believed in me and been one of my biggest supporters in and out of the classroom." Carley's advice to new students is to not block the hallway while people are walking and to be nice to your teachers. Her favorite memories so far at Lee are Mrs. Thomas's class during junior year and the senior retreat. Carley plans to attend Belmont University to pursue a career in Forensic Psychology.



Aidan Byrd

Aidan Byrd has been a student at Lee Academy since the second grade. He serves as the current Senior Class Vice President and football team captain. Besides football, he plays basketball, and baseball, runs track and is on the shooting team. Aidan's favorite teacher is Mrs. Lagnese. He says, "She is young, so she is relatable and fun." Aidan's favorite memory during his time at Lee is his first day here in second grade. "No one knew me. I burned my corndogs in the lunchroom. Everyone laughed, and I cried."



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SUMMER REVIEWS:

Lightyear

Lightyear is, ultimately, a very confusing film. It's hard to put a label on it. It's simultaneously a fun, sci-fi action flick that's great for kids and fans of the Toy Story movie, as well as jumbled and convoluted. There's genuinely a lot of potential to tell a Buzz Lightyear story, but this movie doesn't take advantage of that.



Thor: Love and Thunder

For all of Thor: Ragnarok's praise, Love and Thunder falls startlingly flat. The humor over- shadows any bit of tension and drama the film tries to build. A tired, bland film with little to offer and an utter waste of Christian Bale's performance.



Top Gun: Maverick

This was a fun return to the Top Gun franchise. And, overall, a film that reminds modern audiences of the importance of movie theaters.



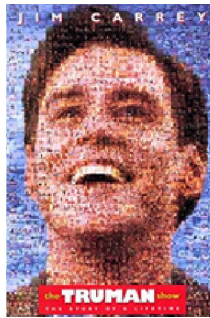
Elvis

A really well-made biopic. Despite having a really weird style of editing from director Baz Luhrmann (meaning it sort of feels like a two hour trailer), it's still very well done and memorable.

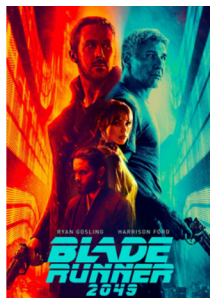


GAGE'S TOP 3:

The Truman Show - Having been close to a year since I first viewed this film, it has remained as one of the most conceptually interesting films I've watched. The idea of a world under watch, a world where every part of someone's life is being watched, is a world not too far apart from our own.



Blade Runner 2049 - A neon lit, large scale epic that puts the original film to shame. Denis Villeneuve delivers a product that not only builds on its predecessor, but exceeds it.



American Psycho - Despite having a nice message about the superficial state a society can turn to, the main reason I love American Psycho is because it's hilarious. A true dark comedy.

AMERICAN PSYCHO



POP INTO CULTURE! BY MORGAN HOLLOWELL

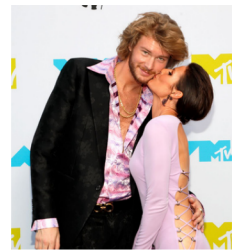
Music News

Within this past week, the music world has seen several announcements. The Arctic Monkeys announced their seventh studio album. The album is titled 'The Car' and will be released on October 21. Olivia Rodrigo has made it full circle from her song 'Deja Vu,' where she mentions Billy Joel, to performing at Madison Square Garden with him. The two sang her song 'Deja Vu' and his hit 'Uptown Girl.' And, just when we thought Taylor Swift could not get any more inspiring, The University of Texas at Austin has plans to start a "Taylor Swift Songbook" course. This is an English course that students can take this fall semester. In addition to this college course being announced, Taylor Swift just announced her new album called 'Midnights' at the VMAs. It will be 13 songs, each being about a sleepless night in her life. This album will be released October 21st. Also, Harry Styles just won Album of the Year at the VMAs with his album 'Harry's House.'



Celebrity News

As mentioned earlier, the VMAs just happened this week, Yung Gravy and Sheri Easterling made their big red carpet debut. Sheri Easterling is popular tiktoker Addison Rae's mother. As Sheri has been in lots of drama with her ex husband, Monty Lopez, Yung Gravy has decided to step into the picture. The two were seen kissing multiple times around the VMAs throughout the night. Is it true love or just a publicity stunt?



Olivia Wilde is on thin ice with all the drama surrounding her new film 'Don't Worry Darling.' In 2020 Florence Pugh and Shia LaBeouf were announced as the lead roles. LaBeouf was replaced by Harry Styles for the lead role a few months later. Within the past week Wilde and LaBeouf have been in lots of drama over how his time on set ended. Wilde claims that she fired him to protect the set but LaBeouf claims that he quit. Wilde has been caught talking badly about Florence Pugh to LaBeouf after publicly praising her.



COLT AND FILLY SPORTS BY TATUM YOUNG

This past week, the Fillies Softball and Soccer teams had two games at home. The softball team played Rossville and North Delta. The Fillies beat Rossville, but sadly lost to North Delta. The soccer team played Indianola and Bayou, but came up short in both games. Junior High football has set themselves up for an exciting season with a 1-1 standing, losing against Mag Heights in their season opener (28-12) and winning against North Delta (32-12). The varsity football team followed up a win over Indianola (35-7) two weeks ago with a big win against Benton last Friday night (49-6), and will play their first conference game of the season this Friday night at home. Come out and be loud to watch our Colts beat Kirk!



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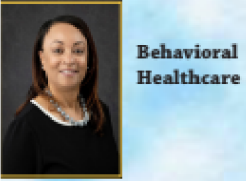
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