



THE COLT CHRONICLE

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All Around Lee by Alyssa Vassel

Congratulations to everyone who won awards at the Juke Joint art and writing competitions! We are so proud of you!

To everyone who earned a spot on the Honor Roll or Head of School list for the 3rd nine weeks, great work! Keep it up!

House spirit week starts on Monday, May 1. Get excited for a week of games, fun, and school spirit!

The athletic banquet will take place on Monday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Make sure to be there if you're an athlete!

The Initiative Club is hosting a Dress Drive at Lee Academy on Sunday, April 30 from 3 to 5 p.m. Gently used formal dresses, ties and jackets, jewelry, hair accessories, perfumes, and purses will be sold at low prices. All of the money collected will go towards Project HEAL, a nonprofit organization that offers education about eating disorders and access to treatment. If you want to



donate any items, all donations are due Friday, April 28. The house that donates the most items and buys the most items at the sale will win an ice cream party. Come out to the Lee Academy library on April 30 to support Initiative Club's final project!

Letter from the Editor by Carley Wood

Meet Your Next Editor! Alyssa Vassel is an upcoming senior, and currently writes our "All Around Lee!" column. Alyssa is a very accomplished student, with achievements such as being a College Board National African American Recognition Program Scholar, University of Mississippi Emerging Leaders Conference Attendee, and the Founder and President of Lee Academy's Initiative Club. Alyssa serves as the Crown Club Vice President and as an ambassador for several charities and organizations. She has played softball since the seventh grade. *The Colt Chronicle* will be blessed to have her serve as our next editor. Alyssa, I can't wait to see what you do, both for *The Colt Chronicle* and in life.



**EXTRA CREDIT
for
MS. DAVIS**

- Take your favorite memory and/or picture from THIS year
- Write a short paragraph on why this is your favorite memory!
- Email to cdavis@leeacademycolts.org

Dear Lee Academy.

This is my tenth year teaching and my fifth year here. I came to this school with an idea of the school that, after this fifth year, has changed and exceeded my expectations. As I'm leaving at the end of this year, I wanted to leave you with a fond, and dramatic, farewell.

To the students I have taught over the years here: I am most proud of you for sticking it out with me, advocating for yourself, being open minded to my weird way of teaching, and trying. We've had our fair share of amazing days, "meh" days, and all that lies in between. I hope that no matter where we left things off at the end of each year you have felt that you learned something and were supported. And if not, I apologize for my lack of understanding. I also want you to know that when I came here, I was a very different person and thought I knew everything I needed and wanted. You changed me, for the better. Thank you for that. To the students I have not taught, my advice to you is LISTEN and BE PATIENT. You all have so much potential, so don't waste it.

To my fellow teachers and coaches: We've seen the best of times; we've seen the worst of times! But it's been FUN! You've allowed me to become a part of something bigger that I really didn't expect. It really does feel like a family here, and not in that weird corporate way. You know things about me and my life and REMEMBER them. I don't think I've ever experienced this kind of work environment before. I do want to leave you with some advice; well, the same advice I left for the students - LISTEN and BE PATIENT. A lot of times we take for granted the job we have, the people we work with, and the students we see every day. We are truly blessed to have this work environment so work hard to keep it going.

To Lag: Catch you on the flip side, my work-wife.

To Kitty, Raychel, and Kristin: Thank you for making our jobs easier and more fun!

To Mr. Tommy, Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Marshall: I'm sorry about the messes, but I hope you know we couldn't do a single thing without you.


To Mr. Wilson Ellis: You are the most dedicated person I have ever met. You keep the lights on, literally. You inspire so many of our students to work hard with a smile, and I appreciate that more than you'll ever know.

To Mrs. Antici: You've become a mother to me and that makes the leaving part very difficult. I hope you've seen me grow and I hope I've made you proud. I'll never forget our talks, our therapy sessions, or the MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF CHOCOLATE I'VE TAKEN FROM YOU. Thank you for everything.

To Mrs. Walker: You were the reason I came here. I knew you would support me and let me teach. And you know I love teaching. We've known each other going on ten years now. It's been fun to watch your children grow and become little Walkers. It's also been encouraging to work with someone who truly wants the best for everyone who walks through their school doors. You're a strong woman that I admire so much. The changes you've brought into this school have made the culture brighter and the academics more rigorous. Don't give up on any of them; see it through the the finish.

Now, I'll bid you all a very dramatic farewell, as I'm known to do. In the words of Tolkien "The road goes ever on and on, down from the door where it began. Now far ahead the road has gone, and I must follow if I can."

-Leigh Latham



To the Class of 2023.....

I can't believe it is your turn. I have known most of you since you were little boys and girls and now you have all grown into fantastic young men and women. I have enjoyed watching you through almost every stage of your life. You have been so enjoyable and have made this a GREAT senior year. Thank you for being fun, happy, and easy to be around. I am so excited about the next chapter in your lives and I look forward to seeing what you do in the future.

As a mom, thank you for the amazing friendships you have given to William. It is so heartwarming to know that he will forever have his best friends. I have watched you all lift each other up in hard times and have countless hours of fun and make memories of a lifetime. One of my most treasured things in life is my high school friends. They have proven to be the most constant, caring, supportive group for me to lean on. I hope that you all remain best of friends.

When you come home from college please stop by to see me. You are always welcome.

Much love to the class of 2023,

Mrs. Rone



Dear Seniors!
 Congratulations on reaching this milestone, and best wishes for reaching the ones ahead.

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." C. S. Lewis

Much love,
 Mrs. Noland



Congratulations Seniors!!
 Have a wonderful year at college!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
 Philippians 4:13

Love,
 Mrs. Stillions



Dear Meri Logan,

You are basically my big sister. You've known me since I was born. You know how much love I have for you. I have so many memories of us I can't even name them all. I love you so so much ML and I don't know what I'm going to do without you.

Love, Callie Jo
 Ps, thanks for the first base tips



Dear Faith Carter,

I might cry just writing this. I have known you since I was little and have always looked up to you. Working with you for cheer these past few years and creating this bond is the best thing that has happened to me.

I know Ellie and I have gotten on your nerves since the first day, but you know you love us.

Having to watch you leave and go to college is pretty hard. I love you so much FC and I don't know what I'm gonna do. Also, aren't you gonna miss my cartwheels?

Love, Callie Jo

Borrowing from "Have it All" by Jason Mraz, I wish for you, the Class of 2023, "... to have causes of success and the confidence always to do your best, to know the meaning of happiness and to lead from the beating in your chest, to change lives, and to follow the road less paved ... " I want you to have it all!

Thanks for your contributions to Lee Academy, and best of luck in the future!

Mrs. Antici



Dear Seniors,
 The next few years are going to be wild! Luckily, you have a passion for life that is second to none. Don't ever lose that.

Be the smartest you can be. Be the extrovert. Be the one who's been there, done that. Be the most charismatic. Be the loyal one. Be the person you want to be.

Mrs. Latham

Dear Class Of 2023,
 One of the greatest joys of working at Lee Academy has been watching The Class of 2023 grow up through elementary school, on to junior high, high school, and now Seniors!

What a special group you ALL are!

I feel blessed to have been at Lee to watch you shine all these years. Thank you for always being so kind to my young boys. All of you have taken time to speak to them, include them, and make them feel special when you see them. That means so much to my family, and it speaks volumes of your character.

The Lord made each one of you very special, and he has supplied you all with unique gifts. As you graduate and leave Lee Academy and head in different directions, remember your gifts and remember to use them. Continue to let your light shine, follow your dreams, never give up trying, and never stop learning. This is not the end; it is the beginning!

Very best wishes to all of you in your future endeavors.

Blessings,
 Mrs. Raychel Lunceford

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill

Dear Seniors,
 It's hard to believe you will be graduating in a few weeks. It seems like yesterday you were entering my class for the first time in 7th grade (introducing me to Doo-Doo-Doo Baby Shark). I wish you all the best in your journeys that lie ahead. Just remember with hard work and dedication, you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. I will miss you all tremendously. You definitely are an amazing class, and I am so blessed as a teacher to have taught and known you all. It will be hard to top y'all's homecoming and Favorite Show skits! Definitely the best shows ever!!!

Wishing you all the best,

Mrs. Murphey



LEE ACADEMY

BATTLE OF THE
HOUSES!

MAY 1ST - 5TH

HOUSE
SPIRIT
WEEK

Monday: House Dress Up Day - Best Dressed House
• Dress to IMPRESS in YOUR HOUSE COLORS

Morning Games

- Balloon/Ball Challenge
- Scoop the Cereal
- Ping Pong Bounce
- Musical Chairs



Tuesday: Powder Puff Football - Football Field - 1 pm



- 15 minute games, highest score wins
- Caspian v. Tarpan; Orlov v. Lakka - Winners of each game face off

Wednesday: Snow Cones at Lunch! Bring \$\$\$
House Spirit Routine - Gym - 1:15 pm



Thursday: Appreciation Day - Show your appreciation to the teachers and staff!

- Write thank you notes for the teachers and staff who have supported you throughout the year!
- Team Service Projects



Friday: Green Out Day -

- Wear Your Best and Most Spirited Colt Gear!



Colt and Filly Sports by Tatum Young

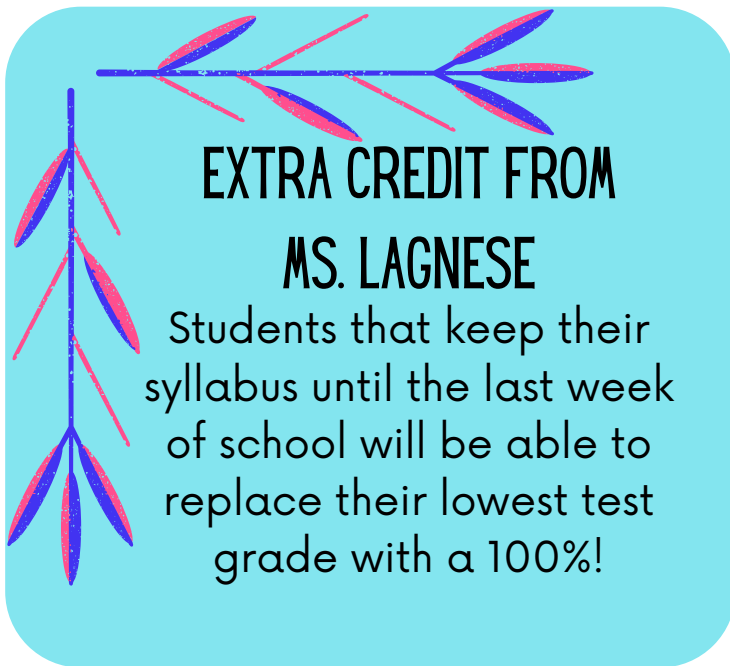
This past Monday we hosted the North State Golf Tournament at the Clarksdale Country Club. The golf team played very well in the tournament, and came in second place.

The 2023 baseball season has sadly come to an end. The baseball team played their last game against Oak Hill on Tuesday. They played hard and overcame a lot of adversity with two of the starters, Tanner Fava and James Chicorelli, getting hurt. Although their season didn't turn out the way we hoped we are still proud of all of their accomplishments.

Track season is still underway with the District meet this week. Field events will be held on Wednesday with running events following on Saturday. The junior high boys won first place in their District meet last Wednesday.

The tennis team had their District Tournament on Tuesday at home. Ayden Lutts advanced to North State. She got first place in Girls #2 Singles.

A huge congratulations to Jack Mohead and Faith Carter Bailey for recently signing to further their athletic careers. Jack Mohead signed to East Mississippi Community College to play golf. Faith Carter signed to Mississippi Delta Community College to cheer. We are so proud of them and their hard work!



**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%!

Meiosis in Humans: Due Friday, April 28th

Anatomy & Physiology: 1st period (Noland)

Cover the left-hand column with a 3 x 5 card. Reveal one letter at a time, and write it in the proper square(s). Write the anticipated answer in the right column.

Hint: The end products of meiosis



Anticipated Answer

- Put: an A in 2, 5, and 11.
 an E in 4, 9, 13, 15, and 18.
 an M in 1 and 10.
 an S in 14 and 21.
 an X in 16.
 an L in 3, 12, 19, and 20.
 an N in 6.
 a C in 17.
 an F in 8.
 a D in 7.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS FOR TEXT OR LIBRARY	ANSWERS	SOURCE (INCLUDE PAGES)
1. What is the collective term used for the answer above?	_____	
2. Why is meiosis referred to as reductive division?	_____	
3. a. How many chromosomes are in the parent cell undergoing meiosis?	_____	
b. How many chromosomes will each daughter cell have at the completion of meiosis?	_____	
4. What is the name given to the female gametes?	_____	
5. What is the name given to the male gametes?	_____	
6. When a male gamete fertilizes a female gamete, how many chromosomes will the fertilized egg contain?	_____	

Due Friday, April 28th

Photosynthesis: Around the Square

BIOLOGY II - 2nd period (Noland)

Using the clues and answers provided, fill in the squares with the appropriate answers beginning with number 1 at the lower left and proceeding clockwise. (Selected numbers around the square are provided as a guide.)

Clues:

- Cellular _____ could not occur without photosynthesis.
- This substance can trap light energy and convert it to chemical energy.
- The two categories of reactions that occur during photosynthesis (two terms in answer)
- The two main reactants used in photosynthesis (two terms in answer)
- The two main products of photosynthesis (two terms in answer)
- Chloroplasts have several of these membrane structures arranged in stacks.
- In leaves, the spongy layer, along with this layer, carries out photosynthesis.
- Chlorophyll absorbs heavily these two colors in the spectrum. (two terms in answer)
- The form in which plants store the sugar produced by photosynthesis
- This category of organisms carries out photosynthesis.

Terms:

chlorophyll	starch	respiration	producers	light
oxygen	green	grana	dark	water
glucose	palisade	violet	red	bacteria
carbon dioxide	yellow	protozoans	crista	sucrose

Basic Chemistry:

Due Friday, April 28th

THIRD PERIOD (Noland)

Cover the left-hand column with a 3 x 5 card. Reveal one letter at a time, and write it in the proper square(s). Write the anticipated answer in the right column.

Hint: It is comprised of symbols and numbers that indicate the kind and number of atoms that make up a compound.

- Put: an M in 4 and 12.
 an L in 8 and 14.
 a C in 1 and 6.
 an H in 2.
 an A in 7 and 15.
 an F in 9.
 a U in 13.
 an E in 3.
 an R in 11.
 an O in 10.
 an I in 5.

Anticipated Answer

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15					

RESEARCH QUESTIONS FOR TEXT OR LIBRARY	ANSWERS	SOURCE (INCLUDE PAGES)
1. What is an atom?	_____	_____
2. What is a molecule?	_____	_____
3. What is an element?	_____	_____
4. How many elements have been discovered?	_____	_____
5. What is an ion?	_____	_____
6. In terms of ions, what is the difference between an acid and a base?	_____	_____

Basic Chemistry.

Due Friday, April 28th

SIXTH PERIOD (Noland)

Cover the left-hand column with a 3 x 5 card. Reveal one letter at a time, and write it in the proper square(s). Write the anticipated answer in the right column.

Hint: It is the type of event that occurs when two or more materials are combined, resulting in a new substance.

- Put: an A in 7 and 11.
 an L in 8.
 an I in 5 and 14.
 an N in 16.
 an H in 2.
 an R in 9.
 an E in 3 and 10.
 a C in 1, 6, and 12.
 an M in 4.
 a T in 13.
 an O in 15.

Anticipated Answer

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				

RESEARCH QUESTIONS FOR TEXT OR LIBRARY	ANSWERS	SOURCE (INCLUDE PAGES)
1. What is the type of change that results when two or more materials are combined that do not result in a new substance?	_____	_____
2. What is the basic difference between a mixture and a compound?	_____	_____
3. What is a solution?	_____	_____
4. In preparing a solution, what is the difference between the solvent and the solute?	_____	_____
5. Is a suspension a solution or a mixture? Explain.	_____	_____

The Last, Great American Movie Review by Gage Gist

Life is always changing. At the beginning of the year I listed my top three movies. That was eight months ago, and like most things, that list has changed, several times in fact. My previous top three included *Bladerunner 2049*, *American Psycho*, and the *Truman Show*. Let's see how that list has changed.

The Truman Show - The only film that's stayed the same on my list. I love the Truman Show. It's still one of the most conceptually interesting films I've ever seen, and I really like seeing Jim Carrey in a serious role.



When Harry Met Sally - I talked about this one a bit in our Valentine's day issue. I think this is the best romance movie I've seen so far, and that's in part because for most of the film, it's more of a character study of two people. It feels realistic in a way that your typical romcom doesn't really capture.



Singin' in the Rain - The original movie about movies. Singin' in the Rain really captures the triumphs that go into creating a movie. The ups and the downs. The music is great, the performances are great, and the script is great, carried by Gene Kelly's charm. In hindsight, it's hilarious that this family-friendly sing along served as inspiration for Damien Chazelle's latest drug filled drama *Babylon*.



POP into Culture by Morgan Hollowell

Music

It's festival season and the most important festival for the music industry, Coachella, just kicked off their two weekend event on April 14. Coachella is something that is widely anticipated every single year for anyone obsessed with music or people who like to judge an influencer's interesting outfits. The headliners this year are Bad Bunny, BLACKPINK, and Frank Ocean was the headliner for Sunday weekend one. Frank just recently had to step down due to a leg injury and Blink-182 will be headlining Sunday weekend two in his place. Morgan Wallen played the first concert held in the Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS, last Saturday night.

Celebrity

Would it really be a newspaper article written by Morgan if I did not talk about Taylor Swift? Over the past few weeks, rumors started that Taylor Swift and Joe Alwyn broke up. The two have been dating for the past six years and they kept their relationship very private. Swift wrote an entire album, *Lover*, about him. There are many songs from her albums throughout the past six years about him. They were quite literally perfect together. However, the Harry Styles and Taylor Swift fandom are very intertwined, and with the rumors of Taylor being single and Harry also being single, many people believe (or at least want to believe) that the two will rekindle their love from ten years ago.

Silly Senior Superlatives!

Biggest Drama Queen/King(s)

- Meri Hollis Lawrence and Jackson Avery

Best Bromance

- Sam and Davis; Aden and Ryan

Class Clowns

- Watkins Fyfe and Sam Stonestreet

Most Accident Prone

- Carley Wood and Davis Favi

Most Likely to Become President of the U.S.

- Luke Agostinelli

Most Likely to Win the Lottery and Lose the Ticket

- Watkins Fyfe

Life of the Party

- Aidan Byrd

Best Dancer(s)

- Bryan Ray and Luke Agostinelli

The Mom Friend

- Meri Logan Jackson

Most Blunt and Honest

- Davis Favi and Layne Hays

Most Sarcastic

- Lauren Jantz and Meri Hollis Lawrence

Best Style

- Robert Portillo, Faith Carter Bailey, and Justice Duraj

The Airhead

- Jack Mohead and Meri Logan Jackson

Best Sneeze

- Jack Sherard and Watkins Fyfe

Worst Driver

- Carley Wood and Davis Favi

Most Gullible

- Jordan Wong and Rylan Ferracci

Most Caffeinated

- Faith Carter Bailey and Sam Stonestreet

Biggest Flirt

- Aidan Byrd and Meri Hollis Lawrence

The Adults

- Georgia Dulaney and Justice Duraj

The Sleepiest

- Patrick Montgomery and Sam Stonestreet

Dynamic Duo

- Meri Logan Jackson and Meri Hollis Lawrence

Most Creative/Artistic

- Gage Gist and Savannah Oakes

Quietest

- Richard Lin, Katie Sherard, and Lila Dunavent

Best Hair

- Bryan Ray, Faith Carter Bailey, and James Chicorelli

Best Smile

- Aidan Byrd, Georgia Dulaney, Katie Sherard, and Meri Hollis Lawrence

Best Laugh

- Sam Stonestreet

Most Likely to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse

- Justice Duraj and Sam Stonestreet

Most Likely to Become a Standup Comedian

- Walt Bell and Watkins Fyfe

Most Talkative

- Gage Coats and Watkins Fyfe

Most Outgoing

- Aidan Byrd

Most Likely to Become a Millionaire

- Jordan Wong and Luke Agostinelli

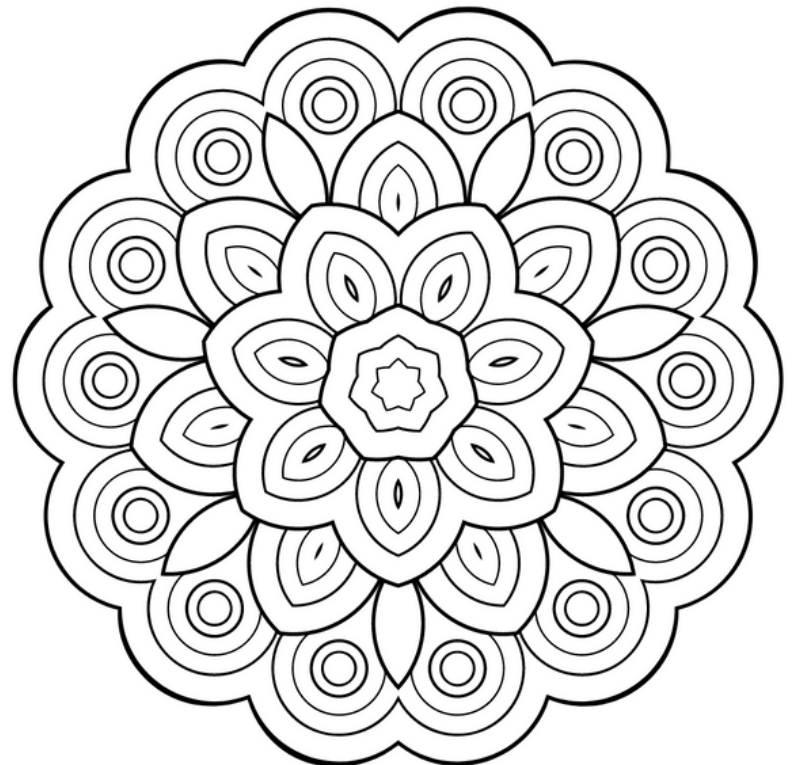
Most Likely to Get Kidnapped

- Carley Wood and Lauren Jantz

End of the Year Mental Health by Aila Newton

These days everyone is stressed out due to the last few weeks left of school. Exams are making their way to us which can cause a lot of stress, even though there are many things available to make you easier and distract you from their looming presence. Track meets are every Wednesday where you can see your friends from other schools or just come to support the school. The weather is now starting to really warm up. It won't be long until people start going swimming. Swimming is awesome at releasing serotonin levels throughout your body. Soccer and other sports sign up sheets are up by the office. Many people love to play sports because it significantly helps take your mind off of things.

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Class of 2023-

My sweet perfect angels,
My life is going to be so quiet without you.



I miss you already!



Love, Lag.

