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Country

Before He Cheats - Carrie Underwood

I know I'm basic for this one, but this is one of Carrie Underwood's most popular songs for a reason. There are so many songs about being cheated on, but Carrie adds twists of revenge and bitterness in this single. Her vocals and lyricism perfectly convey that she is angry rather than sad and is somewhat glad that her ex showed his true self. "Before He Cheats" makes me want to take a "Louisville slugger to both headlights" of the first car I see. Say what you want about country music, but you can't deny that this song is one of a kind.

Alternative/Rock

Misery Business - Paramore

"Misery Business," a song that seems to turn me into a completely different person, is one of my favorite headbangers from one of my favorite bands. Rock music with heavy basses used to just give me a headache, but this song showed me the art of the genre. Hayley Williams' vocals paired with drum and guitar solos from her bandmates have ingrained this song's mastery in my mind. I believe it's the perfect single for angsty teens with pent-up rage. Even though it has some slightly problematic undertones, "Misery Business" is one of Paramore's best and a 2000s classic.

Letter from the Editor by Alyssa Vassel

I have extremely varied tastes in most subjects, but especially music. I never really have an answer when someone asks me what my favorite song or song genre is because I like almost anything. My playlist changes with my mood, the weather, and even what basic task I'm doing. To give you a sense of what I mean, here are some songs I love from a few different genres:

Pop

Telephone - Lady Gaga ft. Beyonce

A single about having fun without being tied down, "Telephone" is an absolute classic for every pop listener and even those who don't like pop. The combination of quirky sound effects, a club-like instrumental, and masterful lyricism from both Gaga and Beyonce makes it a timeless bop. Even if I'm in the worst mood imaginable, this song gets me up and moving. Fun fact, Gaga originally wrote "Telephone" for Britney Spears. No offense Britney, but I think Gaga and Beyonce had it covered. "Telephone" is definitely one of Gaga's most iconic records and a pop masterpiece.

Hopefully, some of this resonated with you or even inspired you to listen to new kinds of music. There is beauty in the wide world of song, so don't be afraid to try listening to something different. Who knows, maybe you could end up liking Metallica, Drake, and Zach Bryan all the same!

All Around Lee by Katelyn Brocato

September was a one-of-a-kind month at Lee! We celebrated Homecoming with a spectacular Willy Wonka-themed assembly/pep rally from our cheerleaders and a hard-fought win from our Colts. Congratulations again to the entire Homecoming court. A special congratulations to Kenzie Cook for being crowned the 2023 Homecoming Queen! Everyone at the Colt Chronicle is so happy for you!

Here are some upcoming events for the month of October:

- Fall Break on Monday, October 9 and Tuesday, October 10
- Report Cards come out on Wednesday, October 11th
- Flu shots administered on October 11th
- ACT for 11th and 12th Grade ONLY on Tuesday, October 17
- Senior Fish Fry on Tuesday, October 24

The house that donated the most to Initiative Club's Griot Supply Drive and will be awarded a free dress week is... Orlov! Thank you for your donations and for supporting Griot Arts as they kick off this year's classes. You will be able to dress out of uniform from Wednesday, October 11, to Friday, October 13.

Initiative Club's October Project is a food drive for the Care Station. Each house has been assigned their own list of food items to bring. The house with the most donations by **October 31** will win homework passes!



New Teacher Spotlight by Meredith Whitworth

We have an amazing group of new teachers this year at Lee, and we're excited to get to know them over the coming months. The Colt Chronicle staff conducted an interview with Ms. Morgan, the new middle school English teacher. Here's what we learned:

Q: Where are you from?

A: I am from Cleveland, MS, and I currently live there.

Q: What do you do at Lee Academy?

A: I am the 7th and 8th Grade English teacher, and I am assistant sponsor of the newspaper.

Q: How has the transition to Lee been?

A: I love it! My students are really dynamic and make teaching a wonderful experience. Everyone is very respectful and engaged in school life.

Q: What is your favorite part of the school day?

A: My favorite part of my day is when I get to talk with students and learn more about them. I love anything to do with school culture such as pep rallies and assemblies.

Q: Describe one thing you're doing with your classes that makes you excited.

I really like having open discussions on literature. I want to give students opportunities to express their feelings and how they feel about the book.

Q: Do you have any pets? What are their names?

I have one black cat, one gray cat, and one Rottweiler. My black cat's name is Spook, my gray cat's name is Boo, and my dog's name is Jury.

Q: How do you unwind after work?

I ride home with upbeat music, and when I get home, I unwind with a snack while I watch TV and TikTok.

Q: Do you have any hidden talents?

A: To most people's surprise I am really flexible. I used to be able to do the splits.

Colt and Filly Sports by Tatum Young

The varsity football team is currently on a three-game winning streak. On September 15th, they beat Delta Streets 49-14. They beat North Delta 47-12 on Homecoming, September 22nd, and beat Marshall 49-32 on September 29. Congratulations to William Walker and Reece Spinks for being selected as Players of the Week for the Delta Streets game. William Walker, along with Webb Bullock and Will Moser, were selected as Players of the Week for the game against North Delta.

The junior high football team is undefeated. So far they have beat Kirk, Marshall, Magnolia Heights, North Delta, and Washington. They had a close game against Washington on September 21st, but fought hard to beat them 30-28. We are so proud of their hard work!

The Fillies softball team finished up their season on September 26th during the North Half tournament. They played Winona Christian for their last game. Congratulations to pitcher Emmie Smith on making the MAIS All-Star softball team! She will play in the All-Star game on October 11th in Jackson.

The Fillies soccer team also finished their season. Their last game was September 27th against St. Joe. Both teams had great seasons, and we are so proud of their accomplishments.

The shooting team had their first tournament on September 27th in McIvor. Their next tournament will be in November.





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Great Northern beans
Instant mashed potatoes
Canned corn
Canned sweet potatoes

LAAKA

Canned pineapple
Canned mixed fruit
Peanut butter
Chicken soup
Canned pears
Canned tuna

CASPIAN

Canned green beans/peas
Canned carrots
Canned tomatoes
Boxed stuffing
Canned peaches
Mac and cheese

TARPAN

Canned vegetable soup
Rice
Canned mandarin oranges
Canned cranberry sauce
Canned mixed vegetables



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7th Grade & Pre Algebra

**Copy the
Divisibility Rules
from your
composition books
and turn it in to
Mrs Stillions for
EXTRA CREDIT.
This is due in 7
days.**

Algebra I

**Copy the Rules for
Add/ Subtract of
Integers & Rules
for Multiplication/
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Senior Spotlights by Alyssa Vassel and Kelly Chow



Olivia Smith

Olivia Smith has attended Lee Academy since the 7th grade. She was a class favorite nominee in the 7th grade and was on the Homecoming court in the 8th grade. She received the Fillies Award for basketball in 9th grade and all-

conference in softball in 11th grade. She attended RYLA in 11th grade. She plays softball and tennis and is a member of Crown Club. When asked who her favorite teacher was, she said, "My favorite teacher is Dr. Humber because he makes first period so much better with his jokes." She hopes to major in veterinary medicine at Mississippi State.



Rachy Branch

Rachy Branch has attended Lee from K-3 to 7th grade and from 10th grade on. She has received the Citizenship Award, Leadership Award, Cliff Heaton Award, and Honor Roll awards. Rachy plays basketball, track, and cheer. Her advice for underclassmen is to "look forward to the

future but enjoy the present. I feel like it was my first day of freshman year yesterday so cherish these moments with your teachers and friends even if they annoy you at times. Life goes by so fast so stay confident, be yourself and enjoy the hard and fun times in between!" Her favorite teacher would have to be Mrs. Noland or Mrs. Lagnese. She said, "They both have their best interest at heart for all of their students and they are both easy to talk to. They make learning fun!"

Rachy's favorite memory is when she played powderpuff last year during Homecoming week. She hopes to be a personal trainer or a lawyer and to attend either Clemson University, Mississippi State, or Auburn University.



Emmie Smith

Emmie Smith has attended Lee Academy since the 7th grade. She was a Homecoming maid in 7th grade and a favorite nominee in the 8th grade. She was awarded most valuable player and all-conference for softball in 11th grade. She was a member of Builder's Club, and is a third year Crown Club member. Emmie is on the yearbook and

newspaper staffs. Her advice for the underclassmen is to "stay yourself and love yourself! God has a plan for you! Jeremiah 29:11!" When asked about her favorite teacher, she said that Mrs. Lagnese was her favorite because "she makes my days better when she isn't being sassy of course." Emmie's favorite memory at Lee is the first day of senior year. She plans to attend Mississippi State University, majoring in communication sciences and disorders.



Movies by Hallie Reece Pitts

October has a bunch of new movies coming for everyone's preferences! Some horror, comedy, gossip, and thriller films are set to hit the theaters. I myself am super excited to watch *The Eras Tour* coming out October 13, 2023. It will show Taylor Swift's real life Eras Tour with all of the concerts combined. I definitely recommend watching!

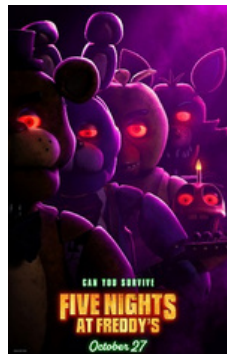
The Eras Tour (October 13) - The cultural phenomenon continues as pop icon Taylor Swift performs hit songs in a once-in-a-lifetime concert experience.

The Exorcist: Believer (October 6) - When his daughter, Angela, and her friend Katherine, show signs of demonic possession, it unleashes a chain of events that forces single father Victor Fielding to confront the nadir of evil. Terrified and desperate, he seeks out Chris MacNeil, the only person alive who's witnessed anything like it before.

Five Nights at Freddy's (October 27) - A troubled security guard begins working at Freddy Fazbear's Pizzeria. While spending his first night on the job, he realizes the late shift at Freddy's won't be so easy to make it through.

The Other Zoey (October 20) - Super smart high school senior Zoey Miller is uninterested in romance, but her life is turned upside down when the most popular boy in school gets amnesia and mistakes Zoey for his girlfriend.

Dangerous Waters (October 13) - A young woman, her new boyfriend and her single mother embark on a sailing adventure to Bermuda. However, when criminals suddenly attack their boat, the pleasure trip turns into a desperate fight for survival and a quest for vengeance.



Extra Table

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The fundraiser in Cleveland, MS on Friday October 13 and is the 5th annual!

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LEE ACADEMY ART II STUDENTS ARE WORKING ON MAKING 20-25 BOWLS FOR DINNER ATTENDEES TO EAT OUT OF!

POP into 2000's Culture by Morgan Hollowell and Kenzie Cook

Music

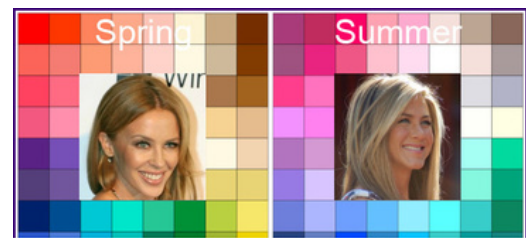
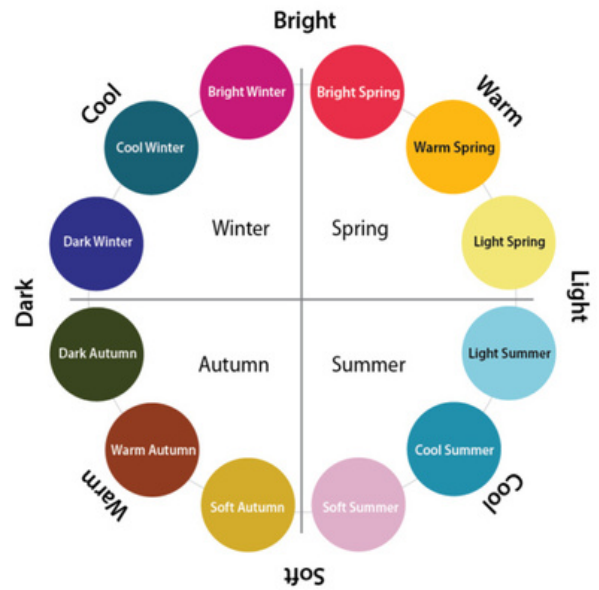
Zach Bryan released his fourth studio self-titled album, "Zach Bryan," on August 25th, 2023. It is his first album to reach #1 on the Billboard 200. There are many amazing features on this album such as The War and Treaty, Sierra Ferrell, Kacey Musgraves, and The Lumineers. Some of my personal favorites from this album are "Holy Roller," "Tourniquet," and "Hey Driver." "I Remember Everything" featuring Kacey Musgraves very quickly took over the internet and has become Zach Bryan's most popular song on Spotify. On September 8, Olivia Rodrigo just released her highly anticipated sophomore album, "GUTS." This album has been on repeat for me ever since it came out. I was a huge fan of "SOUR" when it came out. Seeing and hearing Olivia's growth in her new album is why "GUTS" has become one of my favorite albums. My top three songs from the album are "the grudge," "logical," and "making the bed." These two albums have slowly taken over my life, and I highly recommend you give them a listen!!

Celebrity Gossip

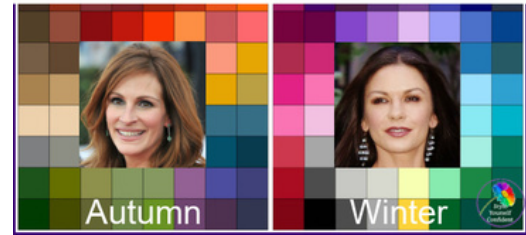
Travis Kelce jersey sales seemed to swiftly rise after Taylor Swift attended the Kansas City Chiefs' game on Sunday, September 24. "Yesterday, Travis Kelce was one of the top 5 selling NFL players and saw a nearly 400% spike in sales throughout the Fanatics network of sites, including NFLShop.com," Fanatics, a sportswear company, told TMZ on Monday, September 25. Swift and Kelce, both 33, first made headlines in July after Travis revealed that he tried to shoot his shot with Swift during her Eras Tour show in Kansas City. Swift fueled romance rumors further on Sunday when she was spotted at the Chiefs versus Chicago Bears game, sitting next to Travis' mom, Donna Kelce. Following the game, the pair were seen leaving Arrowhead stadium together.

Fashion by Lily Gist

Hate to break it to you, but you can't wear just any color you want. Well, you can if you wanna look bad. Everyone has their own color palette, or, in other words, what colors look good on you. There are four "seasons" for skin tones: Summer, Winter, Autumn, and Spring. If your skin tone and hair have a warm undertone, or you are a natural red-head, you would be classed as either a Spring or an Autumn. If your skin has a blue-ish, cool undertone and your hair is more ashy and has no golden or red highlights, you are either a Summer or a Winter. The color chart goes deeper into "light summers" or "deep autumns," but we don't have to get into that much detail. Your features determine what colors look best on you, and I could list every color for each "season," but, to save your time, you can take a look at the charts.



How to find your Season



Mental Health by Aila Newton

Homecoming just happened, and we greatly enjoyed celebrating our court and supporting the football team. Although we enjoyed ourselves at the assembly and game, the process was likely very stressful for both the maids and our players. Stress is our body's reaction to pressure. It can cause negative outcomes such as tense muscles, emotional outbursts, and mood swings. Now that things are back to "normal," here are some things we can do to relieve that Homecoming stress. Relaxing can be as simple as telling someone "no" or that you need a break. Relaxing can also be as complex as a whole day of planning activities like skincare routines and long, hot baths. Serotonin is the main hormone that relaxes you, and in order to release this, you will have to do whatever puts you at ease.

Following the tragedy that occurred involving North Delta student Lindy Ward, it is especially important to look after your mental health and the mental health of others. Keep the Ward family in your prayers and continue to lift each other up during this difficult time. If you're struggling, the staff members at Lee are always here to support you.