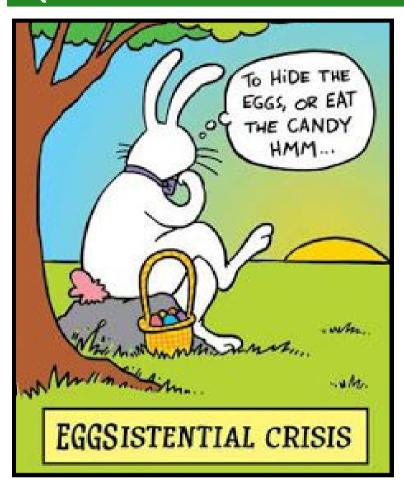


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Letter from the Editor by Alyssa Vassel

There's nothing more frustrating and unsatisfying than seeing a show you love get canceled. Even worse, that show ended with a cliffhanger that left many questions unanswered. If you want to feel seen in your grievance (or torture yourself by watching an unfinished show), take a look at my favorite canceled shows:

The Society

The Society is probably one of the most popular examples of a show ending on a nail-biting cliffhanger. This show had the perfect combination of original plot points and interesting characters. The basic premise is that a group of high schoolers comes back from a field trip to see that everyone in the town is gone. When they try to explore, it seems as if they are the only people left on Earth. They have to solve the mystery of everyone else's disappearance while attempting to create an organized society in what is now a lawless world. Were they transported to an alternate universe? Was everyone else abducted by aliens? Are they having a group hallucination? Are they dead and in purgatory? Sadly, we'll never know. Tragic fact: this

show was actually renewed for Season 2, but it was canceled once the pandemic hit. You were truly one of Netflix's best shows, *The Society*; rest in peace.

Anne With An E

Based on the "Anne of Green Gables" books, *Anne With An E* was one of the milder examples of a TV show cancellation because it had a somewhat satisfying ending. As someone who was attached to this show for many years, this one hurt. I practically grew up with the actors and characters and felt a part of me break when it ended. This show was a beautiful coming-ofage period piece filled with romance, comedy, and tragedy. While the main couple ended up together, I wished that some of the side characters had happier endings. You will forever have my heart, *Anne With An E*; rest in peace.

Freaks and Geeks

Surprisingly, the *Scooby Doo* movie is not my favorite project of Linda Cardellini's. *Freaks and Geeks* was a fun teen comedy set in the 80s. Although it had many stereotypical elements of a high school drama (main characters who are nerds, jocks who are bullies, and a rebellious teenager desperate to climb the social ladder), this show was gold. It encapsulated the teenage experience in a way that many modern dramas aren't able to. This show also kickstarted many now-famous actors' careers, including Linda Cardellini, Seth Rogen, and Busy Philipps. You were a true timeless classic, *Freaks and Geeks*; rest in peace.

Gossip Girl (Reboot)

The Gossip Girl reboot created a lot of division among OG Gossip Girl lovers online. As an OG Gossip Girl lover myself, I have to say that this show had potential. It had all of the elements of the old show—snobby rich kids constantly betraying each other, amazing outfits, dramatic galas, and a "gossip girl" who was very justified in his/her actions. Where this show fell short was simply not being a carbon copy of the original show, which of course is the fate of every reboot. People have a hard time seeing the media they used to love change and become less relatable, leading to reboots' inevitable demise. I'm sorry people didn't get you, Gossip Girl reboot; rest in peace.

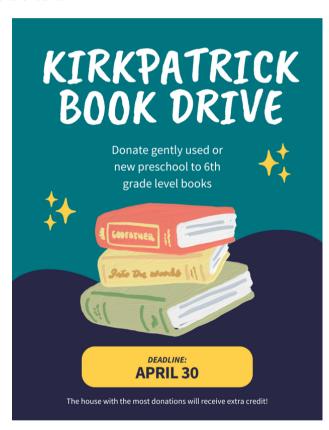
I hope you all feel seen by this article and can learn something from the cancellation of your favorite TV shows. Never take anything you love for granted, and remember, it's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

All Around Lee by Katelyn Brocato

As the school year is coming to an end, here are some of the events going on in April:

- Pre-ACT for the 9th Graders on Thursday, April $\frac{1}{4}$
- Senior Pictures at the Clarksdale Country Club on Friday, April 12 at 8:30
- Progress Reports come out on Wednesday, April 24

Initiative Club's current project is a book drive for Kirkpatrick Elementary. Each house will donate new or gently used preschool to 6th-grade level books. The house with the most donations by April 30 will receive extra credit.



Clarksdale News by Emmie Smith

Clarksdale's annual festival, Juke Joint, will be hosted on April 13th this year. Juke Joint is known for its fun blues music, food, family activities, and pop-up shop booths. The weekend is filled with partying and fun times with friends. From small kids to older adults, there is something for all to enjoy at Juke Joint. There are activities like monkeys riding dogs, pig racing, fair rides, face painting, a petting zoo, and so much more to entertain the kids. During the day, the adults can enjoy their time by shopping in the pop-up tents that line each street, pulling out a chair, and listening to someone sing. They could also go to the art museum that features artwork by Lee students who have won a prize for their displayed art. At night, many restaurants, bars, and stages are open for the adults to socialize and listen to live music as well.



Colt and Filly Sports by Tatum Young

Tennis season is in full swing. So far, the team has had matches against North Delta, Tunica Academy, and Kirk Academy. Senior Anderson Flowers is 2-0 so far this season.

The golf team has participated in three tournaments. They have played at Old Waverly Golf Course, Starkville Country Club, and the Clarksdale Country Club.

Track season has officially started. There was a practice meet on Wednesday, March 20th, and the first official meet was on March 27th. The next meet will take place this Wednesday, April 2nd.

The baseball team has started their conference run. Their first conference game was against Marshall Academy on March 6th. Since then, they have played North Delta and Kirk Academy.

Congratulations to William Walker for being selected as an All-MAIS basketball player!





Senior Spotlights by Kelly Chow



Carlos Diaz

Carlos Diaz has attended Lee since the 7th grade. He has scored an 17 on his ACT. When asked who his favorite teacher was, Carlos said Mrs. Noland because "she is always willing to help you." He plans to major in Radiology.



Brad Jennings

Brad Jennings has attended Lee since the 7th grade. He has scored a 25 on the ACT. He plays football and track. When asked about what his advice would be for the underclassmen, he said to start developing study skills and habits early. He plans to major in Aerospace









Sandy Tillis

Sandy Tillis has attended Lee since the 7th grade. He has received Honor Roll awards and the Hustle Award. He plays football and basketball. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Noland. He said, "Even though she is a hard and strict teacher, she does a lot to engage us in our learning."

Mrs. Noland makes her class fun and enjoyable. Her class will be one of the ones that leaves a mark on my life." He plans to major in Civil Engineering at Mississippi State.





Movies by Hallie Reece Pitts

There are lots of fun new movies coming out this April! There will be plenty of different genres for everyone's liking. Here's a list of my favorites that I cannot wait to watch:

The First Omen (*April 5th*) - A woman starts to question her own faith when she uncovers a terrifying conspiracy to bring about the birth of an evil incarnate in Rome.

The Absence of Eden (April 12th) - An ICE agent struggling with the moral dilemmas of border security and an undocumented woman fighting to escape a ruthless cartel cross paths.

Don't Tell Mom The Babysitter's Dead (*April 12th*) - Tanya finds her summer plans canceled when her mom jets off for a last-minute retreat and the elderly babysitter unexpectedly passes away.

The Hopeful (*April 17th*) - Aboard a steamship sailing across the Atlantic Ocean in 1874, widower John Andrews delights the restless minds of his two children with a tale of courage, hope, war, and true love that begins with the end of the world.

Unsung Hero (April 26th) - David Smallbone, his pregnant wife, and their seven children leave Australia to rebuild their lives in America. David and Helen realize the musical talent of their children, who become two of the most successful acts in Inspirational Music history.









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

Music

Everyone's wishing for warmer weather as the school year is coming to an end very soon. To set the mood for the summer, what better thing to do than make a summer playlist? For more of a country vibe "Springsteen" by Eric Church and "Knee Deep" by Zac Brown Band and Jimmy Buffett are amazing songs for the summer! Some other songs I like are "Pink + White" by Frank Ocean, "Brazil" by Declan McKenna, "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield, and more! Find any songs that make you happy for those summer days on the lake and riding around with your friends and enjoy! Finish the school year strong but remember it's never too early to prepare your summer playlist!

Celebrity Gossip

Kate had what was described as abdominal surgery on January 16. The news wasn't announced until the next day when Kensington Palace revealed that Kate was recovering from a planned operation. At the time, officials said her condition wasn't cancerous but did not specify what kind of surgery, saying only that it was successful. She didn't say what kind of cancer was found, nor did she give details of her chemotherapy. The statement from Kensington Palace said Kate found out about the cancer after post-surgery tests were done. The palace said that the future will be up to her doctors. "The princess is now on a recovery pathway," the statement said.

Fashion by Lily Gist

The power of light pink. Light pink is universally flattering because of its soft and gentle color, which complements a wide range of skin tones. Its subtle warmth can add a healthy glow to fair skin while also providing a delicate contrast to darker complexions. Everyone can pull off pink and should try wearing it more often.





Mental Health by Aila Newton

Mental health is very important for the month of April due to the fact school is almost over. Since April is the last full month of school, it's very important to end the year strongly. Even though our mood changes positively due to the blooming flowers and chilly weather, we are still in what's called a "seasonal depression." However, this also means we can look forward to fun things to do during the summer. To strengthen your mindset until the end of the year, remember to take a break and not start late on your assignments. This can help make time for your body and mind to rest instead of worrying and staying up all night. The rest will come naturally. Even if you struggle at first, remember that it's okay not to be okay all the time! Just continue to try your best!