

The GreenWaveNews

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New kids on campus

Graduating senior Maya Everett, LHS Ambassador, poses with a group of Leeds Middle School 8th graders touring the high school on May 5. Everett and other Leeds High School Ambassadors gave personalized tours introducing students to faculty and staff.

This annual event, hopefully, reduces some of the anxiety students might experience on that first day of high school.

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May 29, 2014
7:00 pm
The Church at
Brook Hills



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2014-2015

August 13
First Day of School

September 1
Labor Day Vacation

October 13-14
Fall Break

November 10-11
Veterans' Day Holiday

November 26-28
Thanksgiving Holidays

December 19
Christmas Holidays
begin

College/Career bound

Taylor Adams	Auburn University
Russell Alicea	University of Montevallo
Magan Ball	Gadsden State
E' Ajah Bell	Aveda Institute
Taylor Bouchillon	University of Alabama
Aaron Brown	Jefferson State
Shea Callaway	Troy University
Jacob Callaway	University of North Alabama
Sebastian Carr	University of North Alabama
Tori Carr	University of Montevallo
Maya Clark	Alabama State University
Raifield Clark	Jacksonville State
Demoenesha Collier	Art Institute of Alabama
Sydney Darabaris	University of Montevallo
Alexus Davidson	University of North Alabama
Maya Everett	Howard University
Marisa Falletta	Jacksonville State
Cayson Files	Jacksonville State
Tristan Fralick	University of Montevallo
Reis Franks	Jefferson State
Bradley George	Jefferson State
Haiden Gilbert	Troy University
Emily Goodwin	University of South Alabama
Bronson Harris	University of Montevallo
Tristan Henderson	University of AL at Huntsville
Blaise Herman	UAB or University of AL
Juanita Hernandez	Regency Beauty Institute
Robert Hinson	Alabama A & M University
Jared Hudson	Auburn University
Ty Hunter	University of South Alabama
Gabriel Johnson	Alabama A & M University
Kaylie Keck	University of South Alabama
Alessandra Kennedy	Troy University
Evan Kennedy	Auburn University
Cali Killian	Mississippi State University
Brandon Lee	WYO Tech
William McGowan	University of South Alabama
Eduardo Mendoza	UAB
Kelsey Mitchell	University of South Alabama
Stephon Montgomery	Auburn University
Amber Moore	University of North Alabama
Shelby Musgrove	UA at Huntsville
Alexis Nolen	University of Montevallo
Amber Patton	Jefferson State
T. J. Piazza	Jacksonville State
Jabari Rogers	University of North Alabama
Monica Simpson	University of Montevallo
Parke Smith	Jacksonville State
Rachel Stoves	University of Alabama
Mikal Williams	Mississippi State University
Jimeria Williams	Spelman College
Joe Winston	Stillman College
Leslie Zarazua	UAB

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Opinions and Viewpoints

Technology has definitely changed

By Frank Piazza

Technology has become a normal part of our daily lives and has had a big impact on education. Schools have changed dramatically in the past few years.

Back in the day, you might have passed notes to your friends to tell them something, but now you just pull out your phone and send a text.

Communication skills have declined because people don't seem to talk face-to-face as much.

Students use technology for simple assignments as well as advanced projects through Glogsters and Powerpoint presentations. Many schools use Ipad and tablets rather than "old school" textbooks.

Teachers have put away the chalkboard erasers and welcomed Elmo.

As long as students use technology in the correct way, I think technology has made education a more positive experience for students and teachers.



Photo courtesy of Jeff Thomas

ACT 30 for 30 trip to UAB.

The first 30 students who gave up a Saturday to attend an ACT practice day-long session at LHS recently toured the UAB campus and met collegiate counselors to discuss financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Accompanying the group were teachers John Windham and Jeff Thomas.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all my senior Quill & Scroll members — especially the senior staff of *The GreenWave News*. I will miss you all and I send very best wishes for success in the future.

Congratulations LHS Graduates 2014



Photos in this edition were provided by *The GreenWave News* staff, Jordan Jackson, Abby Smith, Elise Turner, Susan Stovall & Julie Hubbard of Crown Photography.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Leeds City Schools is to develop confident, productive young people and enable them to become independent life-long learners. We will accomplish this through a dedicated professional staff committed to continued learning. A relevant curriculum will be taught based on thinking and reasoning skills. This will take place in a positive environment recognizing the individual differences in children.

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Corrections:

Errors appearing in *The GreenWave News* should be reported to the advisor. If a correction is warranted, one will be published in the next edition.



New Greenie(s)???

By Kalei Whitson

As we all know, Evan Kennedy, former Greenie, will be graduating this year and heading to Auburn University. Kennedy hopes to mentor the new Greenies by providing new ideas. Kennedy plans to try out for Auburn's mascot, Aubie, during his sophomore year at the university.

Javisia Looney and Kaitlin Dozier will be taking over as our new Greenies. Although Kennedy will be a tough act to follow, Looney and Dozier are excited to accept the challenge of becoming the dynamic double Greenie duo.

Looney and Dozier will join the LHS Cheerleaders at cheer camp this summer to learn new skits and routines for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year.

Thank You
Evan Kennedy
 for your
SPECTACULAR
 contributions as
LHS Greenie!

Golf season

By Clarke Smith

The Leeds High School golf team got off to a rough start this year. The first match was held on a bitterly cold and wet day at Roebuck Golf Course. Although the conditions were terrible, everyone made the best of the match.

The golf team was made up of team Captain T. J. Piazza, Cason Files, Aaron Brown, Bretley Buzbee, Russell Alicea, and Clarke Smith. The team had four seniors, one sophomore, and one freshman.

The county tournament was held at Heritage Golf Course in Oneonta, April 29. The day was hammered with down pours that hurt everyone's game. Despite the weather every member on the team posted their best scores.

The golf team next year has a chance to qualify players for the state tournament. This year's team made memories to keep forever, but next year the team hopes to make many more!

Awards Day 2014

LHS students were recognized for academic achievement during the May 9th Awards Day ceremony. Department awards for highest GPAs were given in English, History, Science, Math, Foreign Language, Career/Technical, Family & Consumer Science, and Fine Arts.

Additionally, students were recognized for outstanding contributions as members of clubs and organizations.

Character Awards were presented to Allison Beason, Clayton Connell, Caleb Crocker, Ingrid Mayo, Anna Warner, Michael Rankins, Elise Turner, and Jeremy Clark.

LHS Principal Michael Turner was congratulated for his selection as FCCLA State Administrator of the Year.

LHS Counselor Lisa Hudson congratulated Boys & Girls State representatives, Connor Jannot and Ali Chambers; Youth Leadership Forum Award winner Issadore Smith; Hugh O'Brien Award winner Clarke Smith; and Governor's School representative Kyle Taylor.



LHS Librarian Terri Leigh Gibson continues to smile as she waits for the final books to be returned.

It's that time again...

By Tori Carr

It's that time of year again when the librarian and staff stop checking out books.

Technically, the library is not completely closing, but no more books will be checked out. The library staff has started the end of the year inventory.

Librarian Terri Leigh Gibson will be tracking down lost books and assessing fines for the year. Senior who have both fines and missing books will not be allowed to "walk" at graduation and will not receive diplomas until all fines and/or books have been collected — so attention seniors!

"This year," Gibson said she will be "weeding through the books so that we will have books that the students actually check out. I want to donate books to worthy charities that students no longer check out."

This is a strenuous project for the library — one that can take more than a few days to complete.

"When this process is complete, we will have space for new books and will have gotten rid of books that have been on the shelves since 1979," Gibson said.

Returning students should be ready to come back next year to see an abundance of new books in the library.

Fun Day/Field Day at LHS

By Aaliyah Abernathy

Leeds High School hosted its 1st Annual Fun Day/Field Day on Wednesday, May 7th. Wristbands entitled students to countless activities and a myriad of sports games. Activities began at 8:15 and were held outside and in the gymnasium.

Concessions included hotdogs, pizza, barbeque, funnel cake, and a plethora of calorie-busting snacks.

The weather cooperated and the event was spectacular.

"This *Fun Day/Field Day* was a huge success. Everyone had fun and thoroughly enjoyed the day-long event," said FCCLA Sponsor Miriam Turner.

Turner's 7th Period Family Studies and Community Services Class planned every detail of the day-long event.

"I'm so proud of my students. They designed all of the activities. They signed up participants and arranged the entire schedule of events," Turner said.



Max practicing his "Chick Magnet" moves???



Chillin' with Coach Thomas



Hanging out with the "Hick Hop" gang.



Alina Bouch almost captured the Oreo in the *Minute to Win It* event.



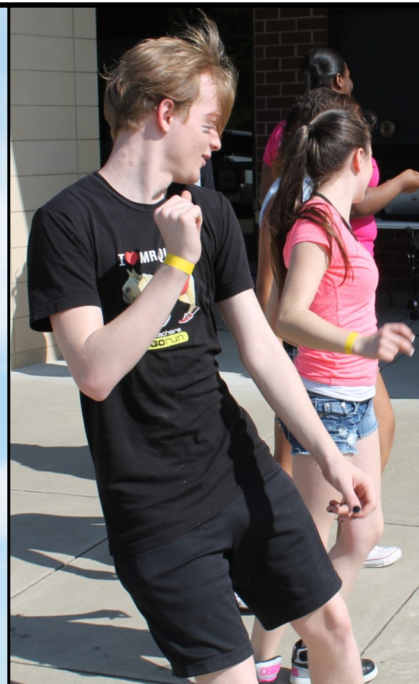
Could marshmallows be the new discovery for keeping Macy Vandergrift and DeJerian Williams quiet?

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Taylor Anderson is no match for the *Chubby Bunny* marshmallow game.



Jo Mooney is rocking with the music in the popular Line Dancing activity.



Allison Beason is "bustin a move" in the Ping Pong Ball Toss!



Catch that cookie, Kaci Moses.



Math teachers play by the numbers.



Mr. Windham , you're supposed to SIT on the bench!



Mr. Wise waits patiently for a dip in the Dunk Tank & then waits for applause to his Karaoke routine.



What's that line? "These people should be on the stage, but one just left!" Demoenesha Collier, Daryl-Marie Barkley, and Akira Bell singing their hearts out!





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FCCLA wins big again



By Sydney St. John

FCCLA is an organization promoting community service, awareness of family, and leadership, but FCCLA can mean a lot to a person and greatly affect their life in a positive way.

Elise Turner is one of these people. Turner said, "FCCLA has helped shape who I am today, it has taken me to new places, helped me make new friends who will last a lifetime, and given me the courage to speak in front of lots of people."

Because of this, Turner won the election as an Alabama FCCLA state officer, making her the third consecutive Alabama State Officer from Leeds High School. Evan Kennedy and Emily Goodwin were previous state officers.

A state officer's duties include assisting in conducting all state meetings in Alabama and assisting on a National level in helping organize STAR events and making decisions that affect the Alabama State Chapter.

Turner became a state officer because she wanted to be a leader and contribute ideas at the state level. She also wanted to be a voice for FCCLA and encourage others to be a part of the organization.

So how do you become an Alabama State FCCLA Officer? First you have to get in touch with our Chapter Advisor and express your interest in the position, enter an application, and then present a speech at the state meeting. The Alabama FCCLA votes on new state officers.

Turner said, "It was an incredible experience giving my speech in front of thousands at the state meeting and overcoming my fear of large crowds! I am looking forward to the National FCCLA Meeting in San Antonio, TX. I will be able to network with lots of new people, put my newly required leadership skills to work, and just have some good fun with my fellow officers and friends."



LHS "Pride" Band Recap for 2013-2014

By Rebecca Strange

This year, several Pride of the Green Wave music ensembles received high marks.

The Marching Band was awarded superior ratings at the Covered Bridge Marching Festival in Oneonta, AL, and at the US-Bands Southern States Championship in Chattanooga, TN.

Earlier in the spring, the Symphonic Band performed at the District IV Music Performance Assessment and received superior and excellent ratings.

The LHS Chamber Singers, one of the newest editions to the music program, received superior ratings and performed an encore, as requested by the judge at the Alabama Vocal Music Assessment.

Eight music ensembles — the Symphonic Band, Green Wave Jazz, Emerald Voices, The Pride Marching Band, Color Guard, Green O'Dears, Percussion Ensemble, and Chamber Singers, performed for ratings at the Southern Star Festival of Champions in Panama City, FL.

Pride is evident, not just in the band, but in the emotion of Band Director, Chip Wise.

"These students have worked hard since summer camp and the work paid off for them. I am so proud of their dedicated efforts," Wise said.

In listing accomplishments, Wise

noted:

Southern Star Festival of Champions results —

Emerald Guard Silver Rating

Green O'Dears Silver Rating

Marching Percussion Ensemble Silver Rating

"Pride of the Green Wave" Gold Rating

Green Wave Jazz Gold Rating

Symphonic Band Gold Rating

Sweepstakes Championship Trophy for Highest Score overall

Chamber Singers Gold Rating

Emerald Voices Choir Gold Rating.

Next year, the Pride is expecting a significant growth in numbers and will again compete in several contests across the Southeast.



Softball rolling on to Troy

By Sharon McCombs
and Emily Claire Goodwin

Leeds High School Varsity Softball Team hosted the Area tournament that determines who continues on to Regional and State playoffs. There were five teams in the tournament: Indian Springs, Leeds, Midfield, Montevallo, and Tarrant.

The first team eliminated was Midfield, followed by Indian Springs, and then Tarrant. The remaining teams, Montevallo and Leeds, competed for the Area title. Ultimately, with the spirit of Judy flowing through, Leeds won 5-2 sending Montevallo home in second place.

Leeds players, coaches, and fans were very excited to accept the winning trophy and congratulated teammates for individual awards: Magan Ball (first base, second base, and pitcher), Shea Callaway (centerfield), Jamaria Harris (leftfield), and Elizabeth McDonald (pitcher and second base) each won the All Area Award. McDanal also won the Most Valuable Player Award.

Even though the softball team won the championship game, it was still a bittersweet moment. For the seniors, that was the last home game as a member of the Lady Greenwave. However, by winning Area, Leeds secured a spot to compete as first seed in the Regional Tournament. Once they get to Troy, the softball team will be preparing to play their first game against Susan Moore. The Lady Greenwave feels confident they are ready for any challenge that opposing teams may bring.

The softball team is hoping for a Regional First Place to carry the team to the State Tournament.



AREA CHAMPS (left to right): Franki Piazza, Allison Henson, Kaci McClendon, Magan Ball, Jamaria Harris, Shelby Musgrove, Caroline Payne, Emily Claire Goodwin, Hannah DeShazo, Macy Vandergrift, Sharon McCombs, Trinity Douglassd, (front row) Elizabeth McDanal, Shea Callaway, and Haley Mattis. Not pictured — the amazing Coach Natalie Hyde.

Great Showing in Regionals

"The girls played well and fought back hard after losing the first game to Susan Moore High School. They won the next two battles against Central Coosa High School and Trinity Presbyterian High School," said Coach Natalie Hyde.

"We fell short when taking the field against Susan Moore for the second time, but I am so proud of all the girls — for their fighting spirit and their sportsmanship," Hyde added.

"I'm really going to miss my seniors but I'm looking forward to another successful season next year," said Hyde.

A look back at The GreenWave Classic

By Shelby Musgrove

The LHS Softball Team hosted the first inaugural Greenwave Classic Softball Tournament in February.

The tournament was composed of 12 varsity teams and 8 junior varsity teams. Participating teams ranged from 3A-6A classifications with Leeds being the smallest school. Each team playing was guaranteed three pool play games, followed by a single-elimination tournament play bracket.

According to Coach Natalie Hyde, "The tournament was a great success and good learning experience. I would like to continue hosting the Greenwave Classic for many years to come."

"The Greenwave Classic Softball Tournament was a great way to start the season and a nice legacy to leave," said senior captain Shea Callaway.

Even though the Leeds Softball Team fell short in the elimination round, they started their season with a winning record of 3-2, with both losses to 6A schools.

There is a long road to toll until getting to Montgomery in May, but all hard work will pay off in the end.

LOOKS LIKE THE FIELD OF DREAMS PIAD OFF....





FCCLA “discovered” big wins at state

By Elise Turner

The FCCLA Chapter of LHS again made its mark March 13 and 14 at the State Leadership Meeting in Montgomery, AL, winning awards which included: the FACTS (Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety) and the Stop the Violence Awards; Principal Michael Turner, State Administrator of the Year; Mrs. Miriam Turner, Spirit of Advising Award; and the state award for having the most members in attendance.

Emily Claire Goodwin, the 2013-14

State First Vice President, passed the crown to Elise Turner who was elected to the 2014-15 FCCLA State Executive Council.

Turner will interview for her specific position of May 30th in Montgomery.

Seven members competed in STAR Events. STAR Events are competitive events that help build proficiency and leadership skills.

Bringing home first place and a gold medal in Interpersonal Communications Sr. was Cayson Files, Kristen Pearson, and T.J. Piazza for their LMS transition program

Evan Kennedy and Tyler Hunter won gold in Food Innovations Sr. for their homemade beef jerky.

Rachel Stoves received a silver medal in Recycle and Redesign Sr. for her "Rip It Up" fashions.

Russell Alicea also received a silver in his online event, Chapter Website — first LHS student to enter this category.

Sydney Darabaris and Kalei Whitson donned their Minnie Mouse apparel to present their scrapbook for Chapter in Review Sr. and won a bronze medal.

FCCLA Donates Truckload of Jeans

By Elise Turner

Alabama FCCLA members truly came through at this year's state meeting. Every year members are asked to give and/or donate for our state outreach project of the year.

Last year, hundreds of pillowcase dresses were collected and sent to Haiti. This year, the State Executive Council decided to keep things closer to home.

The 2014 Alabama FCCLA State Leadership Meeting keynote speaker John Croyle — founder of the Big Oak Boys and Girls Ranch —

shared experiences with the 1000 members in attendance.

Croyle, a former University of Alabama football player, had the opportunity to play professional football but instead felt led in a different direction for his life!

Croyle founded the Big Oak Boys & Girls Ranch — a place where abused and/or neglected children can live in a safe and loving family atmosphere. Current and former state officers, Elise Turner and Evan Kennedy, with Miriam Turner, club sponsor, delivered the truckload of jeans collected by Alabama FCCLA members to the Big Oak Girls Ranch!

FCCLA Sponsor Turner said, "It was

truly a heart-warming experience that the LHS Chapter will always remember."



2013-2014 FCCLA State First Vice President Emily Claire Goodwin with 2014-15 FCCLA State Officer Elise Turner.