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GRILL FOR WILL

Corn hole, the smell of grilled hot dogs and burgers, tailgate tents and lots of spirit; not only is this a familiar scene of fall football games, but of the newest tradition coming to Lambert, Grill for Will.

Grill for Will is a tailgate hosted by Lambert FCA at the first home game of the season in front of the flagpole. Elementary students from Sharon, Settles Bridge and Brookwood were invited to come to the “Spirit Station” to get their face painted and picture taken with the Varsity sideline Cheerleaders and The DRN. Beads and t-shirts were be available for purchase to support The Will Davison Memorial Scholarship Foundation. There was food, frisbee throwing and lots of good

memories made with friends and a great bunch of future longhorns.

As most Lambert students know, the WDMSF was founded by the Davison family after their son, Will, passed away from SIDS in 2007. A scholarship is given in honor of Will to a qualified student going into a service based field. All profits made from Grill for Will will go to the foundation. Over 1,200 elementary students came to the tailgate and got their faces painted by NAHS. Beads and t-shirts sold out within the first two hours, the Lambert Stampede even stopped by and performed on their way to the stadium. Grill for Will was a huge success and the Lambert Longhorns pulled out a 19-17 win against Roswell, making Friday night an awesome way to kickoff the season.



FRESHMAN FRENZY

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If you have been at school in the past two months you have probably noticed the hundreds of new puppy dog faces; yes, the freshmen.

The class of 2016 is hands down the largest class to arrive in Lambert yet; and they’re only going to get bigger. This year’s freshman class has around 700 students, compared to the class of 2011 that had slightly less, right at about 500 people. So how is this going to work you may ask?

Mrs. Linda Aiello in the front office said that the class of 2016 most likely won’t be able to park as juniors because of the equally large sophomore class. It is also predicted that trailers might arrive on the Lambert campus in the next couple of years if this mass exodus from the middle schools to Lambert continues.

Freshman Sarah Alley said that it doesn’t seem too crowded to her because she’s used to having classes this large from middle school. The freshman class sizes are getting bigger and bigger, with the average class size having 30 students. The freshman classes are only going to be growing. Classes are only getting bigger, but the building and parking lots aren’t growing.

Another noticeable difference from last year to this year is the hallway; there seems to be no room to even breathe, making it feel like you’re driving down a road; you stop and get run into. The hallways aren’t getting any bigger but it’s obvious they’re being pushed to the limits. Will trailers appear on campus in the next few years? We’ll just have to wait and see. Be ready freshmen, you guys are the beginning of an exponentially growing Longhorn Nation.

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ICE, ICE BABY

Brrrr, homecoming is around the corner and it is going to be icy this year. Students will be amazed by the frosty feel they get from the ICE themed homecoming. With much anticipation, homecoming and winter arrive early this year. The homecoming dance is expected to be the best yet with an icy walkway to a DJ in an igloo.

Along with the dance, homecoming week continues the traditions of the shopping cart parade, hallway decorations, pep rally, homecoming court, and spirit week. This year, student council is adding a Senior/Alumni Tent to raise enthusiasm for the game. The shopping cart parade returns in its second annual showing at this year’s homecoming game. Participating clubs range from FCA to HOSA.

The Sophomore Student Council Officers plan homecoming

and are anticipating an exciting event as well as a great turn out. President Hayley Naylor says, “I know there’s a lot in store for this year’s homecoming and I’m excited to see everyone’s reaction when they walk in the door.” Hayley is in charge of everything to do with homecoming which includes the hallways to the pep rally. Rebecca Yan, Sophomore Class Historian adds, “Mrs. Wilson is advising Student Council this year, and she has been tremendously helpful for the planning of homecoming. She’s helped us organize everything and got us on our feet.”

Homecoming hits LHS on September 29th in the cafeteria from 7 to 11. Bring your friends and be prepared to “chill out” and dance the night away. Be sure to be spirited the entire week to bring our football team to victory homecoming night!

SPIRIT WEEK DAYS

Monday: Tacky Holiday

Tuesday: Kindergarten/Nerd Day

Wednesday: Senior Citizen Day

Thursday: American/Redneck Day

Friday: Lambert Spirit Day

(freshmen wear silver, sophomores wear white, juniors wear crimson, and seniors wear black)

ZAXBY’S DEZIRE

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The only thing FoCo teenagers have on their minds all day, every day: food. The new Zaxby’s opening up on the corner of Mathis and Old Atlanta better get ready for the horde of hungry high schoolers.

People have mixed opinions about the new restaurant. Junior Peyton Hosier thinks it’s going to be the new happenin’ spot, and the general consensus on Twitter is heck yes, more food. Senior Liz Moore has another opinion. “Zaxby’s is the only fast food restaurant left in America that still has saturated fat in its food. I’m not excited about it opening and I don’t eat there.” The healthiest option at

Zaxby’s, the Zaxby’s Blue Zalad, has 410 calories, not including dressing and the sides of toast. It also has 11 grams of saturated fat. You marinate on that. Junior Sean McCormick is also less than thrilled about the traffic it will cause. The swarm of Lambert students will have to make a u-turn to get on the right side of the road to be able to turn into the Zaxby’s parking lot. It’s difficult to see oncoming traffic due to the hills, and the area is often congested.

Zaxby’s is now hiring for a multitude of positions. You must be at least sixteen years old to apply.



**BOY BAND
MANIA**



**LAMBERT
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



**BEST MUSIC
COLLABORATIONS**

CHEERIO, CHAPS

Clare Reid
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Many departments are taking trips to places all over the world within this year. Students will have the opportunity to travel abroad, and learn a lot along the way. The Latin department is taking a trip all over Italy this June. “I think they’ll learn in person a lot more than they’d ever learn in a textbook,” said Mr. Sims, who teaches all the Latin classes at Lambert. The English department is taking two trips in 2013. Mrs. Blumenshine and Mrs. Laury are leading a trip to England, Ireland, and Wales this school year over spring break, and Dr. Hyatt is sponsoring a trip to China in June. Mrs. Corn is heading up the Spanish department’s upcoming trip to Spain, which is also leaving in June.

Students are eagerly anticipating the upcoming trips as well. “I’m really excited to go to Dublin!” exclaimed Phoebe Ahn, a sophomore

who is hoping to go on the United Kingdom trip. “I’ve wanted to go there since I was a child.” Not only will these students get to see sights and landmarks that most people their age have not, they will learn a wealth of information about events that pertain to the subjects they are taking—much more than they could ever learn in the classroom. “Seeing things in person will be so different,” noted Mr. Sims.

Latin leaves for Italy in early June, while the English department leaves for England on March 29th, 2013, and returns on April 4th. Dr. Hyatt, who is also in the English department, goes to China for 13 days, from June 15-28, 2013, with a group of students. The Spanish department will take their trip in June as well. Registration is still open for the China, Italy, and Spain trips, and more information on each trip is available by contacting the trip coordinators.



Buckingham Palace in the spring, located in London, England.

NEW TEACHERS AT LAMBERT

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This year at Lambert High School, we gained twenty-one new teachers. In all the core subjects, including math, science, social studies, language arts, and foreign language. These teachers come from multitudes of different backgrounds. Mrs. Standeven, a science teacher here, teaches 9th grade Honors Biology and Environmental Science. Mrs. Standeven said, “I always knew I wanted to teach college level students. But once I started teaching high school kids, I figured out I love seeing concepts click before the kids get to college.” Before coming to Lambert High School, she was a gifted Science teacher at Riverwatch Middle School. When asked about her favorite teaching style, she said, “Inquiry is the best teaching style since students are the most attentive and active in discussion.” She described inquiry is any process that has the aim of augmenting knowledge, resolving doubt, or solving a problem. Her years of teaching and science labs have increased the love of the subject in her students.

Mrs. Rueger teaches Math 2 and AP Computer Science. She stated, “The reason I started teaching was because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of others and give students opportunities.” Teaching is the perfect occupation for Mrs. Rueger. She talked about how she loves teaching and exemplified, “I have great students, and this year we are able to offer AP Computer Science which is fantastic.” She changed her profession before coming to Lambert High School. “I was an aerospace software engineer, which I loved as well.” Math is Mrs. Rueger favorite subject and she has always enjoyed it. Preparing students beyond just the rules and procedures of the classroom is important. She wants her students to become the best people they can be.

Ms. Wardrip, teaches Spanish 3 and 4. She loves teaches Spanish because she said, “I love the language and the culture, so I want to pass on the love to my students.” She always knew she wanted to be a teacher. Her hobbies include traveling the world and running. She shared, “I feel psyched and accomplished when my students grasp a new concept they didn’t know.” She feels happy about the test scores of her students. The most important thing to Ms. Wardrip is “to build relationships to last throughout the year.” She also shared that if she wasn’t a teacher she would want to be a National Geographic photographer. She loves when the students are interactive in discussion in her class.

The teachers of Lambert High School tend to like hands-on activities, interactive days, and group discussions. Their goal is for students to master their class, not only as a student but as a person. The twenty one new teachers add a lot of new knowledge to our school.

LET’S GO CLUBBING

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We all have those boring, dead days of the week where nothing happens. Now, with so many new clubs building up at Lambert, you can spice up life. Within the past couple of years, clubs have been rising up and need some recognition. With 60 plus clubs to join, more than 80 if you count sports, there are a number of options to choose from. Some newer clubs recently joining LHS are Be Remedy, Humane Hearts, Sonlight for Kenya, and Crickett Club.

One of the new clubs is the J. Crew, sponsored by Mrs. Baltodano. She says, “I’m Jewish, and I wanted Jewish students to have an identity at Lambert.” Her plan this year is to bring together the Jewish community at Lambert to celebrate their religion. “I want them to be proud of being Jewish and not hide it.” Anyone interested in the Jewish faith should go to Mrs. Baltodano’s room, room 1807 on Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

Another new club coming up at the school is the Science National Honor Society, sponsored by Ms. Ventre and Ms. Hamilton. “Some of the things we do are science service projects so students are

active in the science community,” Ms. Ventre tells, “We’re trying to further their learning on actual current science.” She says it is a student-run organization, and when officers are picked, the club’s activities will start being completed. “I want to encourage students’ passion for science, so when they leave Lambert, they can achieve their goals in scientific careers,” Ms. Ventre says.

For many freshmen at Lambert, all of these varieties of different clubs are extremely new and different. Also, many clubs are just recently being opened to newer grades. Freshman Molly Conner tells about Latin Club: “Not many people speak the language and I thought it would be cool.” Numerous of these new clubs can affect your life outside of school and help your future along the way. Things like these can look superb on college applications, and it can influence the way you see and do things. “It will help with the SATs and being more fluent throughout the world,” Molly says about Latin. She’s excited to be a part of the club this year. Adding something awesome and new to your everyday life is great!

BAND HOMECOMING

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Homecoming is one of the school’s biggest events, but there is one group that can’t attend this year, one that may be a little unexpected: marching band. Nevertheless, the “Stampede”, as the band is often known, has a solution. The band boosters will put on the second band homecoming this year. Band homecoming, affectionately known as “Bandcoming” within the Stampede, began last year when Mr. McCloy, the band director here at Lambert, found out that the band was going to be at a competition on the night of the homecoming dance. Instead of saying “oh well” or withdrawing from the competition, he and the band boosters sprang into action to allow the members of the Stampede to have a dance of their own. This year, when the same scheduling issue popped up, the boosters knew just what to do, and now Bandcoming 2012 is quickly becoming a reality. “It was a lot of work. Two head coordinators had to book a room, get food, a DJ, and refreshment; it was a parent-coordinated event. They worked really hard,” Mr. McCloy commented, regarding the planning process. Their hard work seems to have paid off, because the members of the Stampede have come to enjoy Bandcoming a lot. “I thought they had a great time, and felt it was a lot of fun,” Mr. McCloy remarked. “They spend so much time together- they’re like a family during marching season.” The students agree wholeheartedly. “I’m very excited about Bandcoming,” said junior Nick DiPaola, a baritone player with the Stampede. “It’s better with your friends. I want to see people I know.” Sophomore tuba player Asher Thompson agreed, adding that although he’s “sad that [he] doesn’t get to attend homecoming”, he loves Bandcoming. “I feel extremely happy that the band has offered an alternative due to the fact that we won’t be able to attend,” he noted. For many members of the Stampede, Bandcoming will not be any less fun or exciting than homecoming, because they will spend the time dancing the night away with all the members of their close-knit and family.

COOKIES @LHSBCO

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The Lambert Branding Company is now offering a service beneficial to all students who find themselves hungry during the long IF period. During IF, you can tweet the Lambert Branding Company @LHSBCo your IF classroom number and they will bring fresh cookies to your room. The LBC will make as many cookies as they can at the beginning of the day and hand them out to the rooms that tweet them during IF. The cookies are given on a first come first serve basis as once all the cookies are sold they are not making more. The idea came into place as cookies were only being brought to some IF classes. This was because the Lambert Branding Company was unaware of which classes were interested in buying

them. This way, any class desiring a cookie can buy one. Noelle Petty said, “This way of delivering cookies will be much more effective and everyone who wants them can get them.” Tweet the LBC and get your cookies during IF while you can.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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It’s one thing to watch athletes competing in the Olympics millions of miles away on your TV, but it’s an entirely different thing to meet and talk to the athletes in person. But at Lambert, doing so is as easy as taking a quick stroll down to the 1800 hall. You might have not realized it at the time, but while walking through the hallways to your next class or lunch, you were in the presence of an Olympic Gold winning athlete. Meet Jordan Huffman, who won two gold medals with his team at the Georgia State Winter Special Olympics for Basketball.

So how does it feel to achieve a moment most of us can only dream of? As Jordan says, “I was really, really happy. My Coach (Coach Wayne) made the number one sign and I pumped my fist in the air because we came back and won—I won that medal.”

He started playing basketball last year, but to him, picking up basketball wasn’t “really hard, it’s just about playing hard.” Jordan and his team have swept the gold for the past two years now, and he’s looking forward to his third gold medal this year. Clearly very passionate about his teammates, as Jordan says it, “our team is going to win again and just keep on winning.”

But if they don’t? Displaying a real gold level attitude, he responded seriously, “it’s not just about winning; if you don’t win, it’s just about coming back, focusing, and working harder the next time—so you can win more medals that next time.” His goal is to become famous, but for right now, he’s concentrating on each game as they come, trying to “get my head in the game, focus, have skills, and work hard.”

Off the court, he brings the same upbeat and positive attitude. As his teacher, Mrs. Rose describes him, “he’s a fun, energetic kid; he’s always happy and likes to make people laugh,” as I experienced firsthand when he pretended to faint after I asked to interview him. So what should you remember about Jordan? He’s full of energy, loves to play the drums, and always tries his hardest, proving him a true champion, both on and off the court.

HERE COMES... KEEPING UP... WITH REALITY TV

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Move over, Jon and Kate. A new wave of reality television shows has hit TVs everywhere, and they are cheesier and more cringe-worthy than ever. Scrolling through channels, you may have caught a glimpse of the boisterous Kardashians, the fist-bumping guidos of the Jersey Shore, or the redneck-onized Honey Boo Boo child. With these shows, viewers at home get a glimpse (well, more like a get an eyeful) of the lives of some pretty interesting people. Other reality shows focus on competitions, usually with the prize being money, such as Survivor, the Amazing Race, and American Idol. Reality TV is more common than ever, and for many, these shows are guilty pleasures. But what is it about reality television shows that make them so popular?

“I think reality TV is so popular because over the years it has gotten harder to avoid. There are new seasons (of shows) coming out all the time,” speculated Tara Patterson, a freshman. It does seem that new shows are popping up out of the blue, with a wide range of topics. A few relatively new shows are Married to Jonas, a show focused on the lives of Kevin Jonas and his wife, Danielle, and The Choice, a show where celebrity bachelors choose girls to date based on only the sound of their voice. When asked what her favorite reality TV show was, Tara responded, “Big Brother, because I like to talk about it with my friends.”

Horace Nguyen said about reality TV, “They pay too much attention to other people’s lives.” This rings true, too. It seems with shows like Keeping Up with the Kardashians and 19 Kids and Counting, the cameras are present for almost every moment of their lives. Kourtney Kardashian even allowed cameras into her delivery room when giving birth to her son, Mason. Talk about up close and personal. 9th grader Tori Miles said she thought Keeping Up with the Kardashians had the most negative image of our society because they’re “rich for no reason.” Food for thought: Kim Kardashian has a net worth of \$38 million.

Many people believe that reality shows such as Jersey Shore and Here Comes Honey Boo Boo give a negative image of the American society. For those who don’t know, Honey Boo Boo is a spin-off of Toddlers and Tiaras, a show on TLC. Alana Thompson, or better known as Honey Boo Boo child, is a six year old pageant girl who has been seen chugging her ‘go-go juice’ (a blend of energy drinks) and speaking her catch phrase, “A dollar makes me holler!” She lives with her family in McIntyre, Georgia, and they seem to be in touch with their redneck-side, hosting an annual red neck games and housing a pig as a pet.

Some would call this show a great source of entertainment, but others think it characterizes the entire South as region with low class. “That’s not what we are,” said Tess Price, a resident of McIntyre. “People are dedicated- family oriented- we don’t fart and burp the way they did on national TV, that’s just disrespectful.” Regardless, America seems to find entertainment in this show, because about 3 million people were watching by the fourth episode of Honey Boo Boo.

Furthermore, the ratings of these “train wreck television shows” are consistently good, so producers are more likely to keep creating new ones. Whatever your opinion is on reality TV shows, it looks like they aren’t going anywhere for a while.

A DARE FROM DR. DAVISON TO THE SENIORS...

In the spring of 1984, as a goofy high school senior, I was eager for the upcoming summer. Friends, work, college preparation, waffle ball games, and trips to watch my beloved Cardinals play were the primary things on my mind. I never thought of the future beyond next several years. Looking back, I wish I had embraced the idea of legacy and what that can mean. Recently, I took my wife and daughter back to visit Mehlville Senior High School (where I graduated) to see the places that I now hold dear. Back in the day, it didn’t mean much to me. But now, I remember special times and people that often make me laugh and sometimes cry. Some of my friends from high school have moved great distances, gone bald, had their own families, and some have even passed away. But now, I can remember those things that make it seem like they are still here with me.

The Lambert High School Senior Class of 2013 is at that same point in life. Seniors, you can merely float through this year taking everything for granted and not pay attention to the small things. Or, heed my advice and treasure those things that will be etched into your memories forever. I know what you are saying, “Well, high school meant more to you... You are a principal!” Well, I can tell you that is not the case. I never intended on being a principal or even a teacher. That came much later. High school was the place I spent so much of my time. Well, the same is true for you.

There are more reasons to embrace the idea of legacy for the class of 2013, than simply nostalgia. You are at the epicenter of the Lambert nation. You began school 387 school days ago (as of me writing this) as freshmen. You are the first “bell to bell” class and the true generators of Lambert Pride. It was your class that chose the mascot, the motto, and the elements of the school crest. More importantly, it is your class that will set the course for all other classes to follow in terms of pride, spirit, traditions, and legacy at Lambert High School. No one else can ever say that! You are the beginning of the richest tradition in our history.

Class of 2013, I challenge you to establish a legacy. There are a few ways to establish this legacy: you can show your Longhorn spirit, yell as loud as possible at pep rallies, help our younger students whenever possible, demonstrate pride in any Longhorn event, lend a hand to others, take part in student organizations, act like a leader in the classroom, establish traditions for other classes to follow, and be an active part of Lambert. All of this is to say enjoy your high school career, because it will end soon. Make an effort to leave a legacy that you can be proud of when you bring your family back to see where it all began.

Hook ‘em Horns

FEATURES

DON'T SAY "BYE, BYE, BYE" TO BOY BANDS

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Boy bands, to some, are considered to be a fad of the nineties. But in more recent years, they have been making the comeback of the decade.

When someone hears the words “boy band,” the classics usually come to mind, meaning *NSYNC and The Backstreet Boys. However there are plenty more that might not have been as popular, yet still sold out arenas and caused quite a few girls to become weak in the knees—the Jonas Brothers, Dream Street and New Kids On The Block to name a few. These boy bands all hit their peak and topped the charts during the nineties and early two-thousands, but there seems to be a new crop of boys hitting the scene. And with new groups, come new fan girls that can’t seem to get enough.

The question behind all the hype though, is what makes boy bands so appealing? Is it their angelic voices that harmonize so well together, or is it their stunning good looks? Is it the catchy melodies that get stuck in your head for weeks on end, or is it the feeling you get in your stomach when you listen to their songs and feel as though they’re singing to you and only you? And what about when you meet them for the first time at a concert or signing, and they flirt with you a little and make you feel like the luckiest girl in the world? To many, it’s all of the above. Girls want to feel beautiful and be shown attention, and for some reason, boy bands have figured out exactly how to do just that.

Take One Direction for example. These five boys seem to have total package: good looks, amazing voices, catchy lyrics, and they’re from the UK. Who doesn’t love a good British or Irish accent? Their first single “What Makes You Beautiful” topped the charts immediately after its arrival in the United States and their following is massive, in and out of America. Whenever someone turns on the radio, one of One Direction’s songs is usually playing and it’s almost impossible to not turn the volume up a little louder and sing along. Same goes for other songs by boy bands. If “I Want It That Way” by the Backstreet Boys is playing, someone, no matter where you are, will start to sing along. It’s inevitable. “Boys bands have an ‘it-factor’ and it’s hard not to fall in love with them,” stated junior Kayla Armstrong.

But falling in love with them takes a little time. First off, there’s the “in denial” stage. This is where you say you won’t like them—too poppy; too stereotypical; a boy band? Really? Then the second stage: viewing of the first music video. You haven’t really heard any of their songs and you haven’t paid attention to their pictures when you have come across them (part of the whole “in denial” stage), but after seeing this video, they seem to peak your interest. So you decide to look them up on YouTube, leading you into stage three: curiosity. You watch other music videos by them and then start watching interviews and random fan videos. These leave you feeling like you “know” them on a more personal level, like you’ve been friends forever.

You’re officially hooked, meaning you’ve reached stage four: obsession. They consume your thoughts and it becomes hard to focus on certain tasks when these heartthrobs are taking up all your time. Stage five—depression—however, stinks. Once you reach this stage, there’s no turning back. You feel overwhelmed with emotions for them, and you just want to meet them and have a general conversation about what y’all ate for breakfast that morning. But because they don’t know who you are, you know this won’t happen, which leads to a slight case of depression. However, there’s an upside to that issue, which is stage seven. By reaching stage seven, you have officially achieved the fangirl status. You tweet the members daily and you spend your life savings on their music and other pointless merchandise with their faces on it, i.e. posters, cups, magazines, phone cases, and t-shirts. And that’s just the beginning. Once a fangirl, always a fangirl.

In the case of most boy bands of the past, present, and future, there usually comes a time when they break up. Maybe they’re getting too old. Perhaps their popularity has died down, and the “boys” are now men that are ready to start a new life with a family. Sometimes there are conflicts among members that end in the splitting up of the group. Either way, one usually comes out on top—as a solo artist. Nick Lachey from 98 Degrees, Jesse McCartney from Dream Street, Robbie Williams from Take That, and of course, Justin Timberlake from *NSYNC. Not all boy bands face this fate, but it is definitely a possibility that boy bands must be aware of. They need to stay level-headed and keep each other humble or the fame and success will go to their heads.

With all the new boy bands taking over the music scene, what happens to the boys of the past? As stated before, once a fangirl, always a fangirl, meaning their fans stick by their side forever and always. So which boy band is the most popular? Junior Sierra Martin stated that her favorite boy band is, “the Backstreet Boys—hands down.” Like Sierra’s remark, the Backstreet Boys were the most popular choice of “best boy band” by Lambert students. Other popular responses included One Direction, *NSYNC, the Jonas Brothers, and The Wanted. “Although my daughter is crazy about One Direction, I’d have to go with *NSYNC because Justin Timberlake was so hilarious on Saturday Night Live,” Dr. Davison said on the subject of best boy bands.

The boy band genre came about nineteen-sixties with three memorable acts, The Osmonds, The Jackson 5, and The Monkees, and has stuck around over the past fifty years. The hype over boy bands never seems to die down and based on the following and fan base they have acquired, these boys aren’t leaving anytime soon. So close your eyes and enjoy the roller coaster that is life. And when one of their songs comes on the radio, it’s okay to turn that volume up a little bit. Don’t be embarrassed. You’re definitely not alone.

GOING VIRAL: THE YOUTUBE INFECTION

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What do Justin Bieber, Tay Zonday, and the Golden Voice all have in common? They all became famous because of a YouTube video. Many icons that we know are the product of a video posted on YouTube or any social network.

There is a lot of power in a YouTube video, and this couldn’t be truer for, per say, the Golden Voice man. Before, he was homeless and down on his luck. Then a YouTube video of him talking in his radio voice changed his life. He became viral with over 22 million views on YouTube and was getting interviews on the Today Show, CBS, and from Kraft to do voice-over’s on their commercials. He went from a stealing, homeless addict to a celebrity with a suit, a job, and he even wrote a book.

Another example, Justin Bieber rose to fame after posting YouTube videos of him singing and was discovered in 2008 by a talent manager. He was then arranged to work with Usher. Now he is recognized everywhere and just about everyone knows who he is.

Statistics show that 72 hours of YouTube videos are uploaded each minute and 500 years of video is watched each day on Facebook. In 2011 alone had more than 1 trillion views, that’s 140 views for every person in the world. The road to fame has changed a lot since seven years ago when YouTube was born. Who knows who the next icon will be, with technology the way it is today?

GINGERS ARE RED HOT

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What’s hotter than a ginger? In Scotland and Ireland, nothing is. In Scotland, gingers make up thirteen percent of the population, with Ireland falling in a close second at ten percent. An event called the Red Head Convention has been going on in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, with red heads coming from all over to join in all the “foxy festivities.” These festivities include games like carrot tossing, competitions that include “Queen of the Redheads,” and even cook offs between chefs with red hair. As the endless games and activities went on half way around the world, some Lambert students were asked what it would be like to have a Red Head Convention right here in Forsyth County.

Senior Liz Moore stated, “Yes, I would go to one here because I would be a part of something bigger than myself.” Having a convention here would mean a lot of students coming together, yet only 2 percent of America’s population are natural redheads. Some statistics about redheads are:

- Red hair is a genetic mutation.
- A 2002 study states that redheads are harder to sedate, requiring twenty percent more anesthesia than other patients.
- In France, being a redhead is thought to be a very bad fate. (Maybe that’s why they make up only 0.03 percent of the population.)

The convention that took place in Ireland has been getting tons of hits on Youtube. Even 11 Alive news did an expose, featuring different videos from the event. For the past three years gingers have been celebrating their red hair through this special event. Not only has it occurred in Ireland though. The Netherlands have hosted an event as well, with over fourteen hundred redhead attendees.

People can participate in different activities, including a hair dye station. If you aren’t a natural born red head you can get your hair professionally dyed. RETRO hair salon, a five star hair salon, professionally blessed unnatural gingers with the incredible hair color. Regular people aren’t the only ones to get away with “fake foxiness.” Some famous celebrities who are known for their red hair aren’t actually red heads. For example, Molly Ringwald, who starred in The Breakfast Club, Pretty in Pink, and Sixteen Candles, is really a brunette. Another popular actress, Amy Adams, used to be a blonde before her locks were dyed copper. Many people are fans of George and Fred Weasely from the extremely popular Harry Potter series, but the real life twins, James and Oliver Phelps, weren’t natural red heads. They ended up having to dye their hair for the roles. But, don’t worry. Rupert Grint is still a natural.

Although gingers only make up a mere five percent of the world’s population as a whole, they know how to stand out and become a statement. The Red Head Convention is just the beginning. Senior Madison Gunter says, “I know people are saying that red heads are going extinct. But truly, we’re just taking over.” Couldn’t have said it better myself.

JOB HUNTERS: LAMBERT EDITION

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Staff Writer

The race for jobs is on for students. With everyone competing for limited jobs, it can be difficult for a Lambert student to find an enjoyable employment opportunity, especially when taking into consideration the student’s age and limited availability due to school hours. Some students get lucky or use family connections to get a job they enjoy, while others do not like their job, and the rest have no job at all.

The students looking for a job may consider looking at businesses opening soon or have just opened. An anonymous student says, “It is difficult to find a job at a preexisting company unless they have seasonal opportunities.” Many students look for “Now Hiring” signs around the community. After that you must apply and approach an employer. According to Malike Stewart, a student at Lambert searching for a job, when approaching an employer, he tried to “use logic and reasoning” to impress and improve his chances of getting the job, he also says to get a job students must “separate themselves from the crowd.” With new job openings, such as the new Zaxby’s and the departure of college students for school, opportunity for employment has presented itself to the students looking for jobs. Some students have had jobs in the past, but had difficulty maintaining them because of time constraints.

It’s important to remember that your first and most important job is school. Rachel High says that she now baby-sits because her last job did not work out for her. She worked at Riverside Pizza, but said she quit because she needed to prioritize her time. Regarding babysitting, she says, “Either you are able to or not. You can always say no to a job. It is more flexible.” Flexible jobs such as babysitting allow students to make their own schedules and manage their time efficiently.

Some lucky students have found a job that suits them and they enjoy it very much. Alexa Lieberman has found her perfect job as a singer. She sings for Treesound Studios and loves it “more than I can put in words.” She found this job in eighth grade. She says, “My manager hooked me up with the job.” Tim Lie was also “hooked up” with a job through family connections. He works at his parents’ sushi restaurant. He says he enjoys his job because “I just like being nice to people and meeting new people.” Customer service is the right type of job for him. However, other students prefer manual work such as mowing lawns. One student who does this, says, “I enjoy my work very much.” For these students with a job, limited hours can make homework and other activities difficult. The lawn-mowing student says, “I work both in the summer and during school. I am hard core!”

Time management is the only way to keep a job throughout the school year, but it is important to try to keep a good job if it is found and needed. Students entered in the race to employment, and do not have family connections or a manager, may find it very difficult to find a job that is enjoyable, but it is not impossible.

IF YOU LIKE BLOCK DAYS...

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IF and Block days at Lambert High School cause different inclinations in both directions at Lambert. IF occurs every Wednesday at Lambert for one and a half hours. Of fifty students interviewed, 36 students would prefer to discard block days and IF and 14 prefer block days and IF be present.

Madison Maavere, sophomore, said, “I like the block days/ IF. They give me extra time to study for any tests and/or quizzes and get homework done.” She uses IF efficiently and maximizes her time. She exemplified, “When I get some work done at school, I have less to do at home, and therefore I can spend more time at the barn with my horse and practice riding.” While block days are preferable to her, she does prefer her Wednesdays over Thursdays. Her classes on Wednesday include: Spanish, IF, Food, Nutrition, & Wellness, and World History. The block days give Madison “a break from the everyday tedious schedule.”

In contrast, Jessica Sutherland does not like the block schedule and IF. She said, “I would prefer that block days be removed to keep the schedule consistent.” Wednesdays and Thursdays feel “too long” to her. She shared, “School can be stressful at times, but block days just increase boredom because you are sitting there not doing much.” She does like her Thursday block days because she has Musical Theatre, Chemistry, Math, and AP World History. “My classes on Thursdays provide the perfect balance, they can be challenging but I have the extra day and I see my friends.”

IF was originated for tests, quizzes, essays, and Science Labs to provide students with the adequate time they need. A Lambert student declared, “I would feel pressured if I had to finish a Summative in 48 minutes, so the block days are good for that reason only.” On the other hand, the majority of students polled feel they lose concentration and are geared for their next class after the 48 minutes anyways. Catherine Stine said, “Block days are days where I gain the most information, however it can overwhelm me at times and be hard to retain. Of course my favorite days are Friday,” she confirmed.

Many Lambert students like the idea of IF but don’t like the idea of block days. About 38 students said that one of their days (either Wednesday or Thursday) is significantly harder than the other day. Whether you prefer math and science, or you are more of a Social Studies and Language Arts person, the majority of students, Lower and Upperclassmen, feel that “Block days are unnecessary and should be removed.”

But some with many rigorous classes and extracurricular activities feel that, “the only possible way to be successful academically, in sports, and in clubs is to have IF. It also can be a time for students to ask their teachers a last minute question or clear up a concept they don’t understand.

IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT COLLEGE

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The school year has only just begun, but as the rest of the school is settling into the familiar routine, Lambert’s seniors are buzzing with another topic: early admission applications for college. Colleges open their doors for early admission applicants beginning in August and September, meaning the process is already in full swing. Although there is no change in price, colleges do require different things if attempting to gain early acceptance.

Early admissions are simply “college applications that are done earlier than the usual application is due,” according to senior Kayla Frandsen. She adds, “Typically, they are easier because they don’t require students to write an essay.” Although not having to write an essay is a benefit for some students, it can also affect a student’s acceptance negatively. If your test scores or GPA are not above the averages for the particular school you are applying to, “the college might deny you, when if you had written an essay, you could have gotten in,” Kayla states.

The Lambert counseling department says that students usually begin applying in October or November, and are notified towards the end of the first semester. The counselors also mentioned that “an admission’s decision is either an accept, deny, or deferred,” which means that the application is going to be reevaluated in conjunction with those who apply later. In that case, the student will not be informed of the school’s decision until April.

Furthermore, there can be specific requirements schools have for those applying early. Each school is different, however, and the counseling department recommends “speaking to your counselor when applying early to a school.” Kayla Frandsen, senior, adds: “Usually, early applications are based more in grades, club involvement or leadership, and test scores.”

There are certainly a few differences between applying now and applying in the early parts of 2013. Whether early admissions is the way to go is individually different. “If you have very good grades and high test scores, then early admissions is definitely the way to go. But if you have scores and grades that are right at the average for the college, then it can be more difficult,” says Kayla. Keep in mind, also, that the decision must be beneficial to you in the long run.

GET YOUR GEORGIA GROOVE ON



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Opinions Editor

Musicians, artists, and other famous people are known worldwide. But many celebrities have began their careers right here in Georgia. You don’t need to go all over the USA or anywhere special when you can hear your favorite musicians in your backyard.

The most distinguished for the modern times would be Usher. He lives in Atlanta with his family and basically grew up here. He also discovered and signed Justin Bieber, who used to live in Canada, then moved here to pursue his career. Someone who grew up right here in Forsyth is Zac Brown from the Zac Brown band. He even attended South Forsyth High School. He isn’t a pop singer like Usher and Justin, but his music has set a standard in modern country. For the rockers at Lambert there have been many different bands to come out of Athens, Georgia. Cartel and Widespread Panic both got their start there. The B-52s, who sing Love Shack, Strobe Light, and Good Stuff, were founded in 1976. Another great rock band that came out of Athens is R.E.M. Their music ranged from Alternative Rock, College Rock, and jangle pop. In 2007, the band was inducted into the Rock Hall of Fame, but recently disbanded in 2011 announcing the split on their website.

When you’re looking for something fun to do on the weekend, or want to sit and listen to some pretty awesome music, you don’t need to go all the way down to Atlanta either. There are some smaller venues around town you could visit. Restaurants in Alpharetta, like Milton’s, will hire musicians to play on busy nights like Fridays and Saturdays Other places, like teenage clubs, allow bands to play certain nights of the week. All you have to do is go in and ask for an audition.

Next time you want to discover some new bands, or even some well known artists, don’t look farther than Georgia itself. The people and our state have a lot more to offer than just peaches.

ACADEMIC SWAG

Casey Kim
Editor in Chief

It’s no surprise to anybody that there are a lot of smart people here at Lambert, but you might be shocked at just how well Lambert as a whole does academically. It might even just make you take that extra AP class or study a little bit harder for that test. Only in its fourth year of existence, Lambert has already established itself as an academic powerhouse, both in and out of Forsyth County. Not only does it offer 25 out of 34 possible AP Courses, but Lambert students consistently beat national averages concerning AP exams. The sheer number of AP classes offered is enough for Lambert to stand out in the entire state of Georgia. Last year alone, 54% of the graduating class scored at least a 3 on one AP Exam and over 200 students achieved AP scholar rank, a 3 or higher on at least three AP exams, with more than half of that number achieving even higher distinction such as AP Scholar with Distinction, Honor and National AP Scholar.

With a school wide pass rate of 74%, an exceeds rate (4 or 5 on an AP Exam) of 44.7%, and 14 courses above the national pass rate, as AP Assistant, Mr. Wason says, “on the whole, the figures show that not only do our kids pass, but they exceed at a better rate, a testament to the hard work of our teachers and students.” But really, how many of Lambert students are included in that high achieving category? Quite a lot, especially if you take a look at last year’s graduation rate. In 2011-2012, Lambert achieved a 97.5% graduation rate, solidly ahead of the Forsyth county rate of 86.27%, and miles ahead of the state average of 67.44%. But the graduation rate didn’t just beat out local averages; as the AJC confirmed, Lambert had the highest graduation rate compared to every other high school in the state of Georgia. The cherry on top is that this achievement isn’t the end: Lambert is growing population wise and if possible, growing even more academically competitive.

The AP program is expanding, with a new and ever growing list of possible options, largely based on the students themselves. As Mr. Wason says, “for the kid that wants it, we have all the options, but we’re still looking to grow. The county has an open enrollment policy, and really, growth is based on student participation and sometimes we struggle to keep up with the demands of the kids.” So really, be thankful that you have so many opportunities and such a high standard of excellence here at Lambert, go ahead and give yourself a pat on the back. It’s your accomplishments, competition, and activity that drive the school to accomplish more, so when you sign up for that AP exam or bubble in the answer for your EOCT, just know that you’re contributing to one of the best high school public academic programs in the state of Georgia.

*\$7.6 million in scholarships
awarded to Seniors in 2012*



LAMBERT
SWAG

Whether you have been walking the halls of Lambert for four years, or four weeks, decked out football hallway, and endless AP plaques lining the main hallway all show that we have something negative to say about Lambert. Sure we don’t get to go outside much, but once you get down to it, Lambert has given us so much to be proud of. We are constantly raises money for charities, has one of the highest graduation rates in Georgia, a statistic, and never fails to kick butt on the field. Lambert also provides its students with sparkling clean floors, a safe learning environment, and access to be the best w

*“As Longhorns we are
on the field, and anything
representing Lambert to
- Matt Ge*



Sierra Martin
Staff Writer

SPORTS SWAG

Always Compete. Win Forever. This slogan has become more than just a motto. In its three years of being established, Lambert has established a terrifying reputation, one in boys Soccer, and a fourth in Ultimate Frisbee. Aside from state championships, it rises when you have teams to cheer on and it’s an atmosphere students love.

So what makes our teams the best of the best? The athletes mention the fact that the whole community is behind them every step of the way is by high school sports. At a typical Lambert Football game not only are parents and even members of the community without students are present as well.

We have on staff some of the most experienced coaches with years of experience. The rigorous schedule takes place in the weight room, football fields, and off season sports. Our weight room is state of the art and one of the best and off the field in everything they do. The success in one sport bleed into another.

The atmosphere at the back to back championship games last year was amazing, being there on both sides, the first being on the field and the second being in the stands, but it definitely changed the way we and others see Lambert. The image of school spirit has developed over the years Lambert’s been around. Establishing a sense of immense success of our school.



Longhorn pride is hard to miss. The overflowing trophy case, the way we show our accomplishments as a school, but yet, people still seem to be proud of it, and yes the neon green parking stickers are a little obnoxious, but we are all so blessed to go to a school that not only excels in sports, but also in academics. Longhorn, has an administration that cares about each of us as more than just a student. We have one of the best media rooms in the country, an all turf field, and a great location. Lambert may not be perfect, but it's sure got swag.

*put to a certain standard
nothing less than that is not
the way it deserves to be.”*
ran (Senior)



WAG

It's not just an attitude for our entire school, rather than just a catchy slogan for t-shirts. Within our presence in sports. We have achieved four state championships: two in boys Lacrosse, two in girls Lacrosse, and two in girls Soccer. Championships, Lambert sports overall are some of the best in the state. School spirit is what we want to be a part of. We make it happen of course, but here in Longhorn nation, there's so much more to it. The sense of community around this area is brought together by the students painted and ready to cheer on the team, but families with future Longhorns are well. We have major wins under their belts. Apart from that, Lambert sports are up and running 24/7. We have practice fields, gym, and auxiliary gym, which makes them hard to book, especially for the most equipped for every sport's needs. Also, there are the athletes who are competitive on their own into the others because it's inspiring to see how much we can actually accomplish. Last spring made anyone proud to wear their colors. Coach Wilson said, "It was so great being a spectator." Both nights the victory was inevitable. The home field advantage perhaps, the energy of the entire student body charging the field on both nights exemplifies how much we are establishing a name for ourselves and setting the stage for a legacy is what will lead to im-

DECA SWAG

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Most everyone at Lambert is extremely involved in clubs. The clubs you are involved in show your interests and passions. The Lambert DECA chapter is one of the most active clubs here at Lambert. Lambert has the second biggest chapter in world, taking a little over 100 competitors to state last year. With multiple first, second, and third place wins at state, many of our students advanced to ICDC, The International Competition in Salt Lake City, last spring.

Being involved in DECA can be just as time consuming as being a part of a sport here at Lambert. DECA runs the Miss LHS Pageant, Prom Fashion Show, as well as competes at the State and ICDC competitions. Last year, the group had 27 students place within the top 20% of competitors at ICDC and two teams qualified to go to the second round of ICDC competition. DECA has raised money for the Make a Wish Foundation and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. DECA raised over \$6,000 for JDRF. This past year they also teamed up with HOSA to sponsor a charity football game. Sophomore Asher Thompson, who is VP Event Coordinator said, "After everything was all said and done and summer began, six kids were attending Camp Kudzu because of our charity events and fundraisers."

DECA is looking forward to another great year with many more accomplishments. Congratulations go out to all the new officers as they continue the winning tradition of Lambert DECA.



2011-2012 LAMBERT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- * Boys Soccer STATE Championship
- * Boys Soccer ranked #1 in the nation
- * Boys Lacrosse STATE Championship
- * Ultimate Frisbee STATE Championship
- * 99.34 Graduation rate, highest in the STATE
- * Gold School Award
- * AP Merit School, AP STEM School, AP STEM Achievement School
- * Ms. Denise Eccleston named Forsyth County Schools High School Counselor of the Year
- * Six LHS students participated in the 2012 summer Governor's Honors Program
- * 14 College Sports Signings
- * 95% of Seniors went to college
- * 13 National Merit Scholarships
- * 97 Seniors graduated with a GPA higher than a 4.0
- * 250 Seniors graduated with honors
- * One acceptance to Harvard

BEST MUSIC COLLABORATION

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As a self-diagnosed music junkie, I thought writing an article about the best musical collaborations of all time would be a bit like a walk in the park. Of course, it wasn't so easy. In fact, it's pretty near impossible to pin point the single greatest collaboration. Instead, I turned to a combination of LHS students and the world wide web to help me narrow down the field. What I came up with was a list including songs from the 80's, 90's, and now.

To kick it off, how about a little 80's music? Two of the most notable collaborations of the era came from a variety of musical backgrounds. First, in 1981, rock legends Queen and David Bowie created "Under Pressure," a song that is frequently regarded as one of the best songs of all time. That alone was enough for me to include it on my list of best collaborations. But why is this song so celebrated? Some say simply because of the height of its creators' fame; many others credit the song's bass line with its enduring popularity. Five years later, hip-hop group Run-D.M.C. covered Aerosmith's "Walk This Way." This version of the song featured only two of Aerosmith's bandmembers: lead vocalist Steven Tyler and guitarist Joe Perry. Despite Run-D.M.C.'s track being released eleven years following the original, it would go on to surpass Aerosmith's song, and is considered as a main contributor to helping rap break into mainstream music.Fast forward to 1995, a time where Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men's "One Sweet Day" sat atop the Billboard Hot 100 for sixteen consecutive weeks; the longest running a song has ever seen. If that isn't proof enough of the song's durability, it was ranked number one in Rolling Stone's reader-voted Best Collaboration of All Time poll.

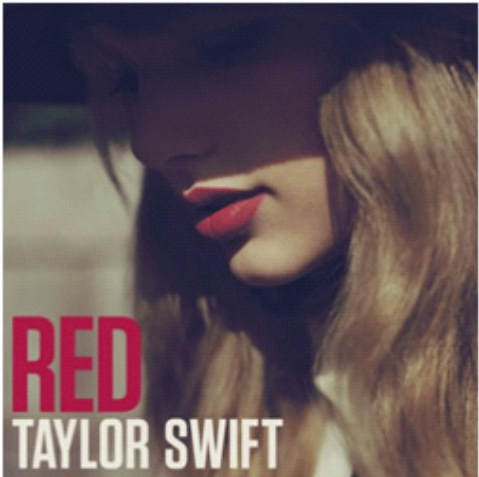
Finally, we've reached the current day! In 2011, the most notable collaboration- by a long shot- was that of Australian singer Gotye and New Zealander Kimbra, a song brought up by sophomore Hannah Harvery. "Somebody That I Used To Know" has reached unprecedented commercial success as an indie-pop crossover tune. I remember the first time I heard the song; I thought that I had turned on the eclectic radio station by accident. It is by no means a mainstream pop song, but that is most likely what led to its astounding popularity. Judging by this track's statistics, which include topping more than twenty five international charts, I'd say that "Somebody" will likely be held as one of the most famed, if not lucrative, collaborations of this era.

Thus far, I've included only songs that reached a high level of international recognition. But because this is my list, I'm adding on one more collaboration that I think is one of the best ever. Back in 2010, indie band Bon Iver worked with Kanye West on a track called "Lost In The World." It features a thumping beat and samples Bon Iver's "Woods." Maybe I'm biased as a big fan of Bon Iver, but I genuinely believe "World" exemplifies what a great collaboration should look like. Not only are two artists from invariably different backgrounds working together, the outcome is a track I could listen to for days.

That's a wrap on my take of the best collaborations of all time; this isn't to say that future duets won't outshine these five. I know we are all anxiously awaiting Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran's upcoming song together. Junior Kayla Armstrong says of the collaboration, "It's going to be a great song, and I think it will make him a lot more famous in America." My question is,how could a country-pop sweetheart and a hip hop-folk virtuoso meld their distinct styles together? Only time will tell, but after seeing the results of such different artists as Kanye West and Bon Iver, my hopes are high.

I'MMA LET YOU FINISH BUT...

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Center Stage Editor



Taylor,

We need to talk. I just don't think this thing between us is going to last. I loved it all in the beginning, the meaningful lyrics, the transparency, and the country tones, but now, it's like I don't even know who you are anymore. You've let the media take over you, something you promised would never happen. What happened to the girl we all fell in love with, her bouncy natural curls dancing in the rain, fearless? Now it's straight hair, with dark red lipstick, it's not you. Your words use to mean something to me, they use to reveal emotions every other artist was scared to show. Now they've just let me down. Don't you remember? The sweet days of Nashville and Tim McGraw, and your album "Fearless" that inspired me to learn guitar. But now, that's all in the past. The last album, Speak Now, was definitely a disappointment; it was your first big step away from country, and it began with "Better than Revenge." I thought it was just a phase, but this "Never Ever Getting Back Together," is not you at all. On iTunes the genre is Country, but that song is about as pop as it can get, and it doesn't deserve the country title. A song with a country title is not just a label, but a privilege. It says that the song has meaning, purpose, and tells a story that inspires the heart, but phrases such as "like, ever" have no business being in the brilliance of country music. You used to be the girl that spoke from the heart, not caring what you revealed to the world. You use to not care what the media thought of you, only what you thought of yourself. Now you've conformed to society, your deep stories are gone, the innocence is gone, and your emotions have a new wall around them. But the last straw? Your new music video. I mean what were you thinking? The acting is atrocious, the meaning, well there is none, and I don't know where to begin with the woodland creatures aspect. I'm sure when the new album "Red" comes out I'll still buy it and sing it in my car, but I'm warning you now, if it doesn't get really country really fast, we are never, ever, getting back together. Like ever.

Sincerely, Beverly

A RIDE ON THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS

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Sometimes I wonder if our prehistoric ancestors ever sat around a campfire late at night predicting the future and pictured bright yellow bananas, with bug-eyes shining forth, bolting kids to a place where they had to break down numbers and recite things about boring dead people to better learn how to avoid their mistakes. They probably didn't, I didn't either. OI was wrong. When I was a kid and saw a bus, I would picture small children with big white smiles holding hands and merrily singing camping songs together (at least, that's how all of the television programs showed it).

Well, while many already know that this rainbow fantasy rings false, I didn't learn the truth about the school buses until the fourth grade. The first time I rode on a school bus, I learned several unpleasant facts, facts that keep me from riding the bus to this day. Fact one: buses smell. A lot. In fact they smell so bad that people have to hang their heads out the windows like wet slobbery dogs, and gasp for air just so that they can survive. Fact two: bus seats, like cement implanted to metal floors, make your behind hurt. Unfortunately, because my stop was the last, I always got off the bus with the feeling of my butt being on fire. Fact three: buses are crowded. Now, when I say crowded, I mean crowded. In fact, the word "claustrophobia" most likely got discovered on the school bus. You don't

have any elbow space, or leg space, and you either have to carry your bag on your lap or leave it on your back, which creates its own problems. If you think I'm lying, I guarantee you that I'm not the only one that thinks this. In fact, a sophomore named Catherine Stine said, "The bus is crowded, uncomfortable, and bumpy."

Nevertheless, despite these small shortcomings, we need our school buses. They are our transportation; they get us back home. Also, they're safe and serve a good purpose. Suzannah Neidert stated, "The bus is safe, nice, and takes me home." Now, I know that many students have their parents pick them up from school. But think about it, if you just bombed a chemistry test and the grades were already posted, would you want to see your parents? In times like these, it's awesome that you have a school bus to delay your agony for a few minutes. So, dear reader, please take a moment to remember that even though school buses can suck sometimes, there is always a need for them. That's why you should thank your bus drivers the next time you see them, and tell them that you are grateful to have them to drive you home. I mean think about it, we probably aren't fun to be stuck with for an hour or so either, but that's for another story.

FRESHMEN... YOU'RE WELCOME.

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A new school year brings along many familiar things: new teachers, new classes, and, especially, new—and confused—freshmen. Everyone remembers their first year at high school, how they would nervously walk from class to class clutching their schedule tightly to ensure that they wouldn't get lost. So, freshmen, here is a five-part guide to surviving this year—and the rest of high school.

1. Get out of the middle of the hallway. No matter what grade, this is a major pet-peeve. Move to the side, or else walk and talk, because even the most sympathetic will give you the dirty looks.
2. Get involved. It helps you to establish yourself within the school, and it also provides you with a group of people that share the same interests as you. Whether you decide to apply for Student Council, or stop by the Auditorium on Wednesday mornings for FCA, putting yourself out there will help you to adjust to this new environment.
3. Freshman year actually counts. Contrary to popular belief, this first year is essential to the rest of your high school career. The GPA at Lambert is cumulative, meaning it builds off of each year, and it is much more difficult to bring your GPA back up than it is to knock it down.
4. Be social. Go to school events, like football games, or this year's Powder Puff game. It lets you immerse yourself in the school spirit, and the sports events are always major social gatherings. At these school-oriented events, everyone is the same: all sharing in the support of our teams and our school.
5. Have fun. Freshmen year isn't supposed to terrify you. It's supposed to ease you into the high school atmosphere without overwhelming you. Embrace the first year at Lambert/

Although starting high school can be scary, all freshmen need to remember is that we were all freshmen once. We understand how nervous you are, and how excited. So, join a club, make some new friends, paint your face for a football game—but remember, it's your first year here. Have fun, and enjoy it.

10 WORST HOMEWORK EXCUSES. EVER.

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We have all heard the total cliché homework excuses time and time again. So much so, that we might as well take a test over them because us students, and the teachers, have memorized every single excuse in the book. Well... maybe not every one, but most of the classics. So, how about we see the go to list for students of the absolute worst homework excuses ever. Seriously. I wouldn't try using any of these. So here's to a laugh and an interesting story to tell. "I hear this one all the time," states Noelle Cline, a freshman, "my parents had me working all weekend" or "I lost it."

Homework excuses can really be a way of telling ourselves that we can get out of trouble for not doing our schoolwork. Maybe it is just a physiological thing that making up an excuse can make us feel a whole lot better about the actual wrong doing in the situation. But mostly, it is just a funny thing to discuss, especially if there are some wacky thoughts to add into the traditional guilt.

- 1. My dog ate it.**

Alright, everyone is guilty of trying out this phrase at least once. Come on, just admit it... in kindergarten you probably looked oh so cool if you came up with this one when you didn't do your finger-painting, and your teacher would swoon and say "Oh... aren't they just adorable." Well, now that you're in high school, you should know that this won't do you any good.
- 2. I forgot to do it.**

Okay, come on... really? That is even more pathetic than the first one! It's kind of obvious that you "forgot" to do it... maybe you were watching some guilty pleasure show that you just could not miss one minute of, or you were playing Call of Duty. Either way, this ain't gonna fly.
- 3. I did it, but I left it at home.**

Using this excuse might get you a less repulsive response from the teacher, maybe even a "just bring it tomorrow" card, but still... add a little bit of spice to it because this is as bland as it gets.
- 4. Your book was taken by homework stealing ninjas.**

No normal human being would say this, but it would be a pretty awesome story to tell in class to try and distract your teacher from giving you a punishment.
- 5. You couldn't find a pencil.**

Uh huh... the only response you will get is, "you couldn't have used a pen or typed it up and emailed it?"
- 6. Aliens abducted your paper.**

Well, same thing as the ninjas, but more... extra-terrestrial. Did they have a teardrop shaped face with big black eyes and a tiny mouth with slits for a nose?
- 7. You're on strike.**

Well, I can guarantee that your teacher will not be supporting that rebellion, but it might earn you some giggles.
- 8. Small creatures used it to make a town.**

Um, is there really any rational explanation for this one?
- 9. You were transported to another time and got lost.**

Again, this would never be said by a student, even if it was, it would be a cool story to hear.
- 10. It's here! It's just invisible ink.**

Now going so low as to mock the teacher's vision I see... you better pray that they don't have a UV light hidden in their pen.

FACEBOOK IS DYING

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Way back in 2009, Facebook seemed to sprout to international popularity, redefining life as we knew it. Social networking had been done before, with attempts such as MySpace and Friendster, though nothing ever compared to the scale at which Facebook operated. By the end of that year, over forty million people worldwide used the social networking site, frequently clicking away at virtual crops, updating their statuses, and posting embarrassing pictures of their friends

The website even rose to prominence in less developed regions of the world. It helped to aid those in Africa and the Middle East during early 2011, being used as an underground communication network. A hit movie was made detailing its history, and an app was released on both the Apple and Android App Store. For a while, Facebook seemed an unstoppable force that would change the world forever.

Within recent months however numerous things have happened that seem to hint at the downfall of the website. The stock value of Facebook has reached an all-time low since it's ascension into common culture, plummeting to only twenty dollars (US) a stock. Recent statistics and polls also show that the most common user on Facebook is a married woman in her mid-forties, which may play a factor in its demise.

Perhaps the reason for the lack of youth using the site may be that it lost its cool, unique factor that attracted kids and teens. Once every kid in America was hooked to their wall, parents wanted to get in on the fun, and slowly the fun place became just like real-life. As time went on, adults began to outnumber children on the site, and slowly, people have left.

Recent attempts at social networking have been attempted. Some have failed, such as Google+, while others seem to be experiencing a surge in visitors that is reminiscent of Facebook's a couple years ago, most notably, the picture-posting social-networking site, Instagram. Whatever the case, with technology and "social fads" changing every couple years – scratch that, months – it seems like any attempt to strike it rich with social networking, might just be a lost cause.

Mackenzie Bennett
Staff Writer

CHICK-FIL-A CONTROVERSY: THE REAL DEAL

If you live anywhere within a ten mile radius of a Chick-fil-a, and odds are you do, you've probably sampled some pretty darn good chicken and lemonade. If you live within ten miles of a computer, a television, or listen to the radio odds are you've heard something about the Chick-fil-a controversy.

So. The purpose of this article is not to slam Dan Cathy or Christianity. The issue is not so cut and dry, Chick-fil-a is a private organization that has done a lot of good and has a reputation for quality service and excellence in the food industry. However, its recent political statements have drawn a lot of negative press and caused some unsavory things to be revealed. It's simply to provide greater understanding of the legitimate conflict that developed as a result of the inflammatory statement of Dan Cathy.

All of it began when Chick-fil-A's president and COO, Dan Cathy, said in an interview with the Baptist Press that the company was "guilty as charged" when it came to endorsing the biblical view of traditional marriage. Several days later, on the Ken Coleman show (an Atlanta radio program), Cathy clarified that when it comes to legalizing same-sex marriage, "I think we are inviting God's judgment on our nation when we shake our fist at Him and say 'we know better than you as to what constitutes a marriage' and I pray God's mercy on our generation that has such a prideful, arrogant attitude to think that we have the audacity to define what marriage is about."

Okay. Please hold your outraged comments about freedom of speech, religious freedom, and the rights of a Christian corporation. I fully believe he was within his rights to say that. Everyone is entitled to their own opinions. However, if you want to use that argument, then the people who took issue with that statement also have every right to disagree with it- using the very same logic to justify it as Dan Cathy himself- freedom of speech.

The company has remained mostly silent on the issue. On the company's Facebook page, a post declares, "The Chick-fil-A culture and service tradition in our restaurants is to treat every person with honor, dignity and respect – regardless of their belief, race, creed, sexual orientation or gender." The company has not responded to The Huffington Post, who has asked multiple times for a comment, and Dan Cathy has not given any more interviews since the controversy began.

The mayors of Boston and Chicago have publicly opposed Chick-fil-a's stance, opposing the restaurant opening in their cities. Boston's mayor, Thomas Menino, said in a public letter to Chick-fil-a "You called supporters of gay marriage 'prideful.'" Here in Boston, to borrow your own words, we are 'guilty as charged.' We are indeed full of pride for our support of same sex marriage and our work to expand freedom to all people. We are proud that our state and our city have led the way for the country on equal marriage rights. I was angry to learn on the heels of your prejudiced statements about your search for a site to locate in Boston. There is no place for discrimination on Boston's Freedom Trail and no place for your company alongside it. When Massachusetts became the first state in the country to recognize equal marriage rights, I personally stood on City Hall Plaza to greet same sex couples coming here to be married. It would be an insult to them and to our city's long history of expanding freedom to have a Chick-fil-A across the street from that spot."

The company that provided the Muppet toys for the kids' meals, the Jim Henson Company, has publicly severed ties, after the backlash from Dan Cathys comment. Chick-fil-a claims that they broke off the relationship first due to safety issues with the product, though there have actually been no incidents directly related to the toy and Chick-fila admits that. On the other hand, there has also been a so-declared "Chickfila Appreciation Day," where those who support the restaurant and its statement turned out in record breaking numbers to consume chicken and promote fundamentalist views.

The real issue goes deeper than freedom of speech for a corporation. No one denies that Dan Cathy can say whatever he wants. I fully support him for having the moral fortitude to publicly state his beliefs. But this statement opened the door to further scrutiny of Chick-fil-a and its policies. Chick-fil-a has donated more than \$5 million to anti-gay organizations, according to the latest fact sheet published by the Human Rights Campaign, like The Family Research Council and Exodus International, under the arm of their charitable foundation, WinShape. The Family Research Council is designated as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, while Exodus International is a Christian Ministry that practices ex-gay therapy, a controversial practice of "curing" gay people that mainstream mental health organizations do not support. This, not Dan Cathy's statement, is the real issue behind the entire Chick-fil-a controversy.

The following quote by author Jesse Berring illustrates this point perfectly. "This isn't about a business owner's religious freedom, or his right to voice his opinion and invest in political causes that he favors. It's about our troubling willingness to patronize a company that so brazenly sinks its funds into hate campaigns and whose president genuinely believes that God will seek terrible vengeance on us for our country's growing tolerance of homosexuals."

**The WinShape Foundation's new policy requires them to look closer into their charitable donations and organizations who receive them.*

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Olivia Parker
Staff Writer

The Lambert News is a new way to communicate with students and give them information about what’s going on in the school. You are able to watch The Lambert News during your 4th period class. The news is student based and always has a new panel of anchors.

Christy Nguyen, sophomore, said, “I like the news, but some stuff that they tell us, I don’t care about, and the audio is horrible.” She finds that the news just doesn’t work for her. Another student, Jessica Sutherland, sophomore, was asked if she watches The Lambert News. She said, “No, most people treat it as background noise.” It seems to me that our school may need to get their speakers checked. The Lambert News is very efficient with their work, but maybe a few changes wouldn’t hurt.

On the other hand, Rebecka Herrera, junior, opposes to the negative side students have to say about the news. She said, “It’s good that we have it, so that students can be informed about clubs and sports.” For being a new addition to the school, The Lambert News has made a positive impact on some students. Sophomore Catherine Stine, agrees with this statement. She said, “The Lambert News tells me about what is going on around the school.” The news must be doing something right; I would very likely depend on what they have to say.

Some students, like sophomore Mary Ann Black, state that The Lambert News “should include more info.” By that she means, “A daily study tip would help a lot of students that are not doing so well in their classes.” She is very concerned about our school’s education and academic values. A little more education never hurts. Sophomore Evelyn Vasquez agrees, “Adding some new technical additions to The Lambert News would benefit the show more.”

Students have their own different point of views about The Lambert News and how they want to change it to make it better for the other students and faculty in Lambert High School. New additions to the school are always a good way to help get to a higher point in being a phenomenal school.

LIFE’S WHAT YOU
MAKE IT, SO LET’S
MAKE IT ROCK

Sierra Martin
Staff Writer



Angst comes with being a teenager. At times, teens can feel completely dissatisfied with their lives. The “grass is always greener” feeling can kick in concerning social standing, body type, even the school they attend. Occasionally, grumbling can be heard about “Lambert is like a jail” or “OMG going to South would make my life so much easier” or even “I can’t stand everyone here.” Your high school career is completely what you make of it. By simply altering your mindset, you can become content.

The typical Lambert stereotype, whether true or not, are snobby spoiled rich kids, who get everything handed to them. True, there are students that fit this label, but there are no requirements to even associate yourself with them. Let’s get real, at every school there will be jocks, cool Asians, burnouts, desperate wannabes, girls that eat their feelings, girls that don’t eat anything, sexually active band geeks, the coolest people you’ll ever meet, and the worst. You can decide which crowd to run with and this can determine your happiness level. Sophomore Ellie Hammer states, “My group of friends are super laid-back and aren’t too concerned about their social status. We have a lot of fun.”

As well as peers groups, the activities one is involved with can mold the experience you have. We are lucky to have so many opportunities to explore what we are truly interested. There are new clubs being created monthly, all looking for new members. Typically, you develop friendships with the people in those clubs, people who share your interests. Positive people want to be involved in their school and try to get the most out of their time here.

Happiness truly is but a state of mind. Psychologists say that “whatever the mind expects, it finds”. Positive thinking leads to many health benefits and overall can change your attitude about life. These are supposed to be the glory days and what makes you think back and remember it fondly are the things you did to accomplish those memories.

FUN IN FoCo

Sharon Kim
Staff Writer

For some odd reason, everyone seems to think that Forsyth County is boring. In fact, Jessica Sutherland, who has lived in Forsyth County for a while now, says, “People don’t do a whole lot, we just do the same things over and over again, like going to the movies, shopping, and hanging out at the Avenues. People just don’t have a good time anymore.”

However, while many may not realize it, Forsyth has tons of hidden activities that can spice up a weekend. In fact, this fall the county will play host to quite a few local festivals and seasonal events. Here are some fresh ideas about how to spend a nice afternoon:

1.Big Creek Greenway:

Spanning almost seven miles of local land from McFarland Parkway to Bethelview Road, Big Greenway Park has excellent trails that can be used for biking, rollerblading, running, or even just taking casual stroll. Already home of beautiful views, as Fall leaves begin to show their colors, the Greenway will become a spectacular place for leaf- watching. Throw in a nice picnic lunch, and create an active or peaceful afternoon to recharge and reconnect with nature. The trail can be easily accessed at 5120 Bethelview Road.

2.The Cumming Fairgrounds: The Rodeo

This October 4-14 the Cumming Country Fair and Festival will host the IPRA World Championship Rodeo. This Rodeo is a seven event rodeo that includes: Bull Riding, Bare Back Riding, Barrel Racing, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping and Saddle Bronc Riding. There is free admission with a student coupon. Just go to www.cummingfair.net/STUDENT_COUPON.jpg

3.Coal Mountain Park:

Coal Mountain has 8-Youth Baseball/Softball Fields, 1-Soccer Field, 2-Tennis Courts, 2-Playgrounds (1 ADA accessible), Walking Trail, Picnic Pavilion and a Community Building with a kitchen. This is located at 3560 Settingdown Road, Cumming, Georgia 30028. For more information, you can call, 770.781.2215.

So, if you’re bored and do not have anything planned this fall, go out with your friends and family and become active with our County. In fact, Forsyth County is not as bad as many think, an anonymous person said, “Even if Forsyth County is boring, people shouldn’t talk so bad about it. If you go to other counties you’ll see that we are fortunate for what we have and should be happy with it.”



DOES SIZE REALLY MATTER?

Tim Roth
Sports Editor

I'm sure that if you've talked about Lambert sports, you have heard about the move from 5A to the GHSA's first ever 6A division. While there are quite a large number of students aware, not many people actually know the meaning behind the move. The truth is that moving divisions really doesn't change much at all. Divisions are mainly broken up by school population. It has nothing to do with athletic success or anything unrelated to the amount of kids in grades 9-12. With a gigantic class of 700 freshmen this year and 1700 other students excluding the twelfth grade, the change was bound to happen. The schedules will be the sight of the most change with new divisions brings new opponents.

With sixty four other schools jumping to 6A along with Lambert, there's a brand new variety of teams to go up against. Yet even with the move, there will still be plenty of familiar names on the schedules including rivals South Forsyth and Johns Creek. There will also be games against the athletically renowned powerhouses such as Milton and Lassiter as well. An entirely new group of schools to go against will make the schedules more rigorous, but that's to be expected. Bigger schools obviously have a larger pool of talent to draw their athletes from, so better teams are going to be created. On the bright side, greater competition makes for more exciting games.

THE ULTIMATE CATCH

Tim Roth
Sports Editor

There is no doubt that Lambert is well known for our success in sports, especially with three state championships in three years. But when we think sports, we think about football and our championship winning soccer and lacrosse teams. While they have earned all the popularity they receive, one team is often blown off, even called a hobby.

Yet when around forty five students show up for meetings and playing the game, it should hardly be considered just a past time. The Ultimate Frisbee Club is overlooked to say the least, and is hardly recognized for their recent success. Even after posting an undefeated tournament record of 6-0, and dominating the competition for a combined score of 72-24, they are more of an unknown. Even team Head Captain Brad Richards says "We get the respect we deserve when talked about, but most only know we won the state championship."

While it should be known that our Ultimate Frisbee team brought home the state championship, there is more than winning the big one that needs to be considered. So Lambert Ultimate players, consider this your collective recognition from your school and props on the domination.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Noah Schaich



Bailey Toth
News Editor

Many students face the struggles of balancing sports, grades, and a social life. They usually end up having to sacrifice one of the three in order to succeed at the two more important choices they decide to focus on. But unlike the majority, junior Noah Schaich has somehow managed to do it all—and with ease.

Noah runs cross country for Lambert throughout the summer and fall months of the year. Cross country training starts the first Monday of summer, and lasts from 6:30 to 8:00 AM every Monday through Thursday. Once school begins, the schedule changes to every week day. Practice still begins at 6:30 in the morning for runners during the school year, with afternoon practices Monday through Thursday in the afternoons. Saturdays usually consist of a race somewhere in Georgia, with the occasional meet in Florida or North Carolina. And Sundays are the designated "long" days, where the more advanced or varsity runners are expected to meet up at a selected location and go for a nice, lengthy jog. In this case, ten miles is the normal distance Noah runs on his Sunday mornings.

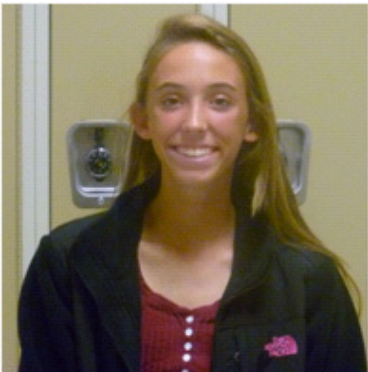
Weekday practices range from two miles to six miles depending on the work out selected for the day by Coaches Natalie Leonard and Steve Wilcox. He prefers mornings to afternoons for practicing, however, because of the weather and other extracurricular activities he has to attend. "Having Noah at practice motivates me and pushes me to train to the best of my ability," stated Noah's sister, freshman Mackenzie Schaich. Noah's favorite practice route is at Fowler Park

where he runs on most Sundays, while his favorite course is in McIntosh, Georgia, known as the Asics Race. Noah especially remembers this course because it is considered a "fast" course and he ran his personal best time at this meet. At a cross country race, every athlete runs 3.1 miles, or a 5k. Noah's best 5k time is 17:35.70, making him one of the fastest runners on Lambert's cross country team.

While working at maintaining his reputation as an amazing runner, Noah juggles seven AP classes on the side, managing to make time for both grades and athletics, along with some social time in between. As a sophomore Noah took 3 AP courses along with all honors classes and Accelerated Math III and achieved A's in every class. He works hard and is driven beyond belief. He hopes to run in college one day, but also wants to attend a university that is academically challenging. Along with the numerous clubs he is involved in, like Beta club and Invisible Children, Noah swims for Lambert in the fall and runs track and field in the spring.

Words like "driven" and "hard-working" and "talented" seem to be understatement when it comes to Noah Schaich. He has the ability to make a difference with his skills on and off the field, or trail, whether it is while attending Lambert high school, or once he's moved onto bigger and better things. Now all that's left to do is for him to decide what he wants to change and to make it happen—with the support of his fellow Lambert longhorns cheering him on the whole way there.

Maddie Butz



Victoria Martinez
Copy Editor

As a freshman athlete all you could ever want is to be on Varsity and be starting, have someone to put your faith in, have support from teammates and coaches, and to be successful in all your classes. There is an athlete at Lambert like this. Her name is Maddie Butz.

Maddie plays centerfield on Varsity softball for Lambert. She also plays travel ball during the fall and summer. Lambert softball practice is every day from 4:15 to 6:30, and games are typically on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Saturdays typically consist of Maddie spending time with friends and practicing hitting in her garage. Sunday Maddie attends Browns Bridge with her family. Her motivation is to inspire others, even if she isn't performing as well as she wants to be, she keeps a positive energy. "She makes me want to work harder and makes me want to become a better teammate. If I am kind of down on myself then I know Maddie will try to cheer me up with her sense of humor. She is defiantly a great teammate and is always supportive towards everyone," Varsity pitcher, Kassie Howard says.

She looks up to many people. One of them being a former Team USA player, Jessica Mendoza. She looks up to her because Jessica didn't have the greatest talent but she worked hard to get where she wanted to be. Maddie applies the quality of working hard in both school and softball. She takes AP Human Geography, Honors Lit. and Accelerated Coordinated Algebra, along with her other classes. Working hard is something Maddie's parents have always instilled in her and making her parents proud is

a top priority. Whenever Maddie is feeling a little down she remembers the quote, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength," –Philippians 4:13

Her teammates and coaches look up to her. "She is doing a great job as we knew she had the ability to get on base, but her .478 batting average is outstanding for her 1st year of Varsity softball," Head coach Corr says. Maddie as a freshman is impressing every one of her coaches. She is even inspiring Junior Varsity pitcher, Megan Walz. "What Maddie does to inspire everyone is she has hard work ethic. She always has a positive attitude and is starting as a Varsity softball player. I think that says it all."

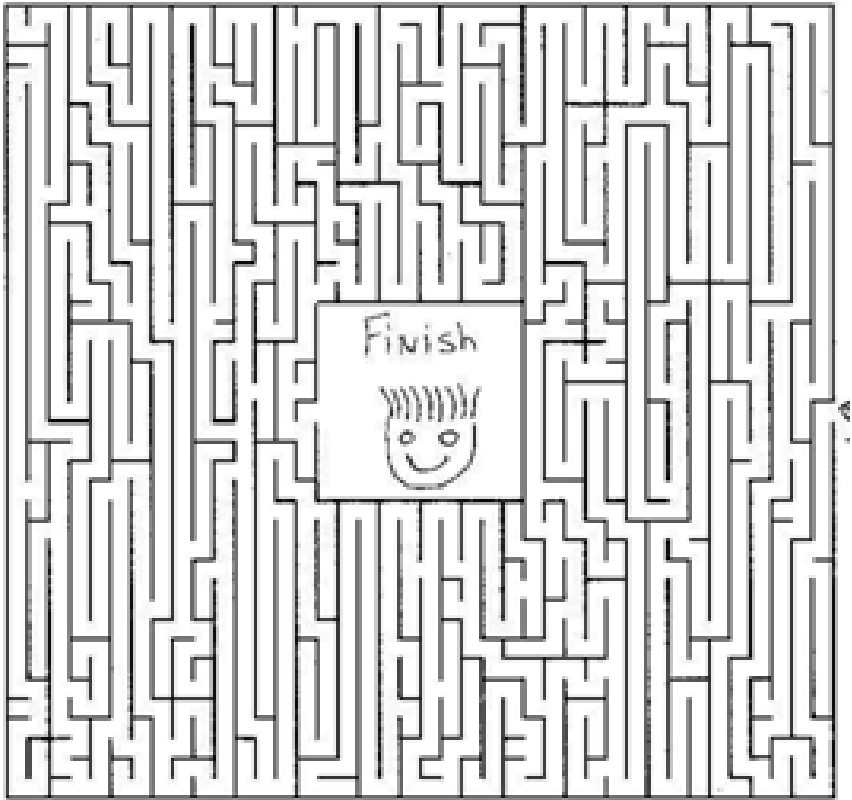
Although Maddie doesn't know what she has planned yet for college softball she puts her faith in God and knows He has a plan for her. This girl is and is going to continue making an impact on the Lambert Softball Program. When she runs on to the field she always has a bright smile and intensity burning in her eyes. Maddie Butz has the qualities that every Longhorn athlete should have.

If you have an athlete of the month in mind, tweet us at @TheLambertPost !

Upcoming Important Events

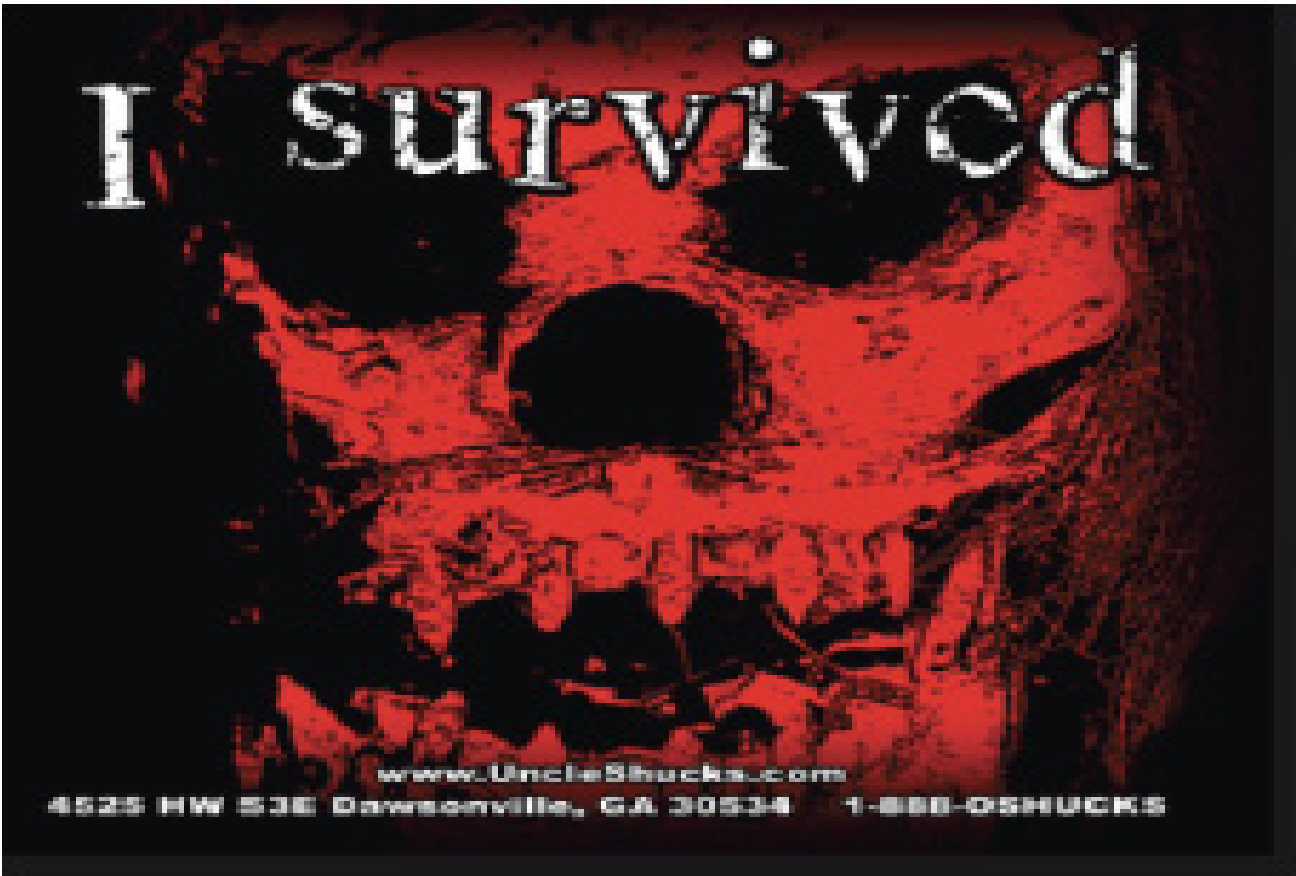
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Varsity Football Game	October 12th	7:30 P.M	Centennial
DECA Miss LHS Pageant	October 18th	4:00 P.M-10:00 P.M	LHS Auditorium
Varsity Football Game	October 19th	7:30 P.M	Johns Creek
Varsity Football Game	October 26th	7:30 P.M	Alpharetta

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