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Williams' impact on LMS



A year of wins



Summer activities

Finding joy in the summertime



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By Avery Morman
Staff Writer

In the sun's hot blaze,
In the summer heat,
Staying cool,
Is a pretty big feat.

There are things,
You can use,
To keep chill,
Like juice!

Juice is sweet,
Cold and crisp,
Can ward off the heat,
Keep you nice and brisk!

So can pools!
A basin of juice,
With no flavor,
It's quite profuse!

A giant spinning wheel,
Takes you in the air,
Gives a scenic view,
An experience beyond compare.

SCHOOL LIFE

Williams' lasting impact on LMS community



Photo courtesy of Tremaine Edwards



Photo by Monday Sanderson
Balloons released during the memorial service held at Liberty Middle School.



Flyer found around LMS. Created by Annelise Voltz.

Liberty Staff Report

On Tuesday, April 23, 7th grader Morgan Williams passed away after suffering a medical event at school.

In reaction to this devastating loss, the school has shown their support for his family and the memory he leaves behind.

On Thursday, students and teachers wore red in remembrance of Morgan. Students also posted flyers around the school dedicated to him.

Students and teachers wore blue, his favorite color, on Friday. Pictures were used in a collage for the family.

Finally, on Tuesday, April 30, at 2:47 p.m. the school gathered outside on the football field and released blue balloons as a tribute.

Morgan may no longer be with us, but the posters signed by all of the students and educators he impacted greets everyone as they walk the halls. His legacy as a Liberty Lion will remain here with us forever.



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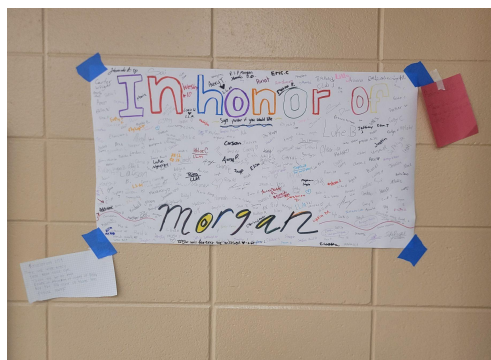


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SCHOOL LIFE

Activities to do during the summer

By Rachel Zhang
Staff Writer

Summer is quickly approaching, and so is the daunting task of deciding where to go or what to do for the summer. Below are a list of activities, destinations, camps, and volunteer programs in the area.

Places to go in Huntsville:

1. Stars and Strikes offers bowling, arcade games, bumper cars, laser tag, and a full service American-style restaurant!
2. Flow Huntsville Trampoline Park is a brand new trampoline center that features a variety of aerial sports attractions including a basketball court, trampoline dodgeball, a 12-hole cosmic putt-putt golf course, power play soccer, a Ninja Warrior course, and more.
3. The Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment is an arts facility that has over 200 artists, 7 galleries, a theater, community garden, and multiple performance venues.
4. Escapology is a place where up to 6 players work together to find clues, solve puzzles, and pick locks that will free them from the room.

Camps within a 2 hour driving distance:

1. Huntsville Museum of Art Museum Academy (located in Huntsville, AL, ages 4 - 14, prices range from \$60 - \$280)
2. Band Camp (located at James Clemens High School, open to anyone who has enrolled in a band class at your school for the upcoming school year, dates are June 3 - 7, price is \$200)
3. Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theatre (located in Huntsville, AL, ages 3 - 18, prices range from \$195 - \$535)
4. Critter Camp Extreme for Teens (located in Hazel Green, AL, ages 12 - 15, price is \$350)

Volunteer programs that teens can sign up for:

1. Manna House (located in Huntsville, AL, ages 4 and up)
2. Madison County Community Garden (located in Huntsville, AL, ages 13 and up)
3. Raising Men and Women Lawn Care

Service (located in Huntsville, AL, ages 8 - 17).

To learn more about summer activities, visit LMS News website.



Photo courtesy of Starsandstrikes.com



Photo courtesy of Fantasyplayhouse.org



Photo courtesy of Enablemadisoncounty.org

ENTERTAINMENT

Shrek the Musical leaves audience laughing



By Jessica Syratt
Staff Writer

The play, Shrek the Musical Jr., premiered at James Clemens High School for the public to view.

There were many interesting songs, dances, and characters.

My favorite part of the play was when the main character, Shrek, realizes Fiona, a princess, is actually an ogre by night. He accepts her for who she is, and they get married.

My favorite character was the donkey, because he always had something funny and happy to say. He always lightens the mood and creates a humorous atmosphere.

My favorite song was "That's the Story of My Life." It was upbeat and really helped develop the story.

All of the students did a great job with the musical, and it was an amazing and fun experience. I give this a 5 out of 5 stars.



Photos by Yearbook Staff

2024 Summer Reading Novels (7th, 8th, 9th)

REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR RISING PRE-AP ENGLISH 9
DUE 1ST WEEK OF SCHOOL

ANIMAL FARM
BY: GEORGE ORWELL

"All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."
A farm is taken over by its overworked, mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality. Thus the stage is set for one of the most telling satiric fables ever penned—a razor-edged fairy tale for grown-ups that records the evolution from revolution against tyranny to a totalitarianism just as terrible.

- summary from publisher

Required Summer Reading for **Rising English 9**
Due 1st week of school

J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S **THE HOBBIT**

"In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit."
Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure.

- summary from publisher

REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR ***RISING ENGLISH 8**
DUE 1ST WEEK OF SCHOOL

DRUMS, GIRLS, AND DANGEROUS PIE

by: Jordan Sonnenblick

Steven has a totally normal life. He plays drums in the All-City Jazz Band, has a crush on the hottest girl in school (who doesn't even know he's alive), and is constantly annoyed by his younger brother, Jeffrey.
But when Jeffrey gets sick, Steven's world is turned upside down, and he is forced to deal with his brother's illness, his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece, his homework, the band, girls, and Dangerous Pie.

- summary from publisher

REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR **RISING ENGLISH 7**
DUE 1ST WEEK OF SCHOOL

FLIPPED
BY: WENDELIN VAN DRAANEN

THE FIRST TIME SHE SAW HIM, SHE FLIPPED. THE FIRST TIME HE SAW HER, HE RAN. THAT WAS THE SECOND GRADE, BUT NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED BY THE SEVENTH. JULI SAYS: "MY BRYCE. STILL WALKING AROUND WITH MY FIRST KISS." HE SAYS: "IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS OF STRATEGIC AVOIDANCE AND SOCIAL DISCOMFORT." BUT IN THE EIGHTH GRADE EVERYTHING GETS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN: JUST AS BRYCE IS THINKING THAT THERE'S MAYBE MORE TO JULI THAN MEETS THE EYE, SHE'S THINKING THAT HE'S NOT QUITE ALL HE SEEMED.
THIS IS A CLASSIC ROMANTIC COMEDY OF ERRORS TOLD IN ALTERNATING CHAPTERS BY TWO FRESH, FUNNY VOICES.

- summary from publisher

SPECIAL SECTION

LMS Review: A Year in Wins

By Annika Leonard
Editor-in-Chief



LMS Geometry Team

Math

- LMS Geometry/Algebra 2 Math Team, **Vestavia Hills Math Tournament**, 1st Place
- LMS MathCounts Math Team, **MathCounts State Competition**, 1st Place
- LMS Algebra 1 Math Team, **James Clemens Math Tournament**, 1st Place

Science

- LMS Science Olympiad, **Alabama State Science Olympiad Tournament**, 1st Place
- LMS Science Bowl, **Alabama State Science Bowl Tournament**, 2nd Place

Other Academic Teams

- LMS Scholars Bowl, **District Tournament**, 1st Place
- LMS Scholars Bowl, **State Tournament**, 2nd Place
- LMS Cybersecurity TSA Team, **UAH Center for Cybersecurity Research and Education Cyber Olympiad**, 3rd Place

Athletics

- LMS Archery Team, **Madison City Tri-City Shootout**, 1st Place
- LMS A Team and B Team, **2024 Baseball County Championship**, 1st Place
- LMS Girls Soccer, **North Alabama Soccer Tournament**, 3rd Place

Band

- LMS Concert Band, **Smoky Mountain Music Festival**, 2nd Place in Middle School Division
- LMS Symphonic Band, **Smoky Mountain Music Festival**, Superior Rating, 1st Place in Middle School Division

Spirit

- Lionettes Dance Team, **NDA Nationals**, 5th Place in Poms
- LMS Winter Guard, **SCGC Championships**, 3rd Place in Southeast Division

Other

- LMS S2S, **2022-2023 Military Child Education Coalition**, Middle School Team of the Year



LMS Archery Team at the Madison City Tri-City Shootout.

Baseball



Girl's Soccer



Color Guard



OPINIONS

Farewell to the middle school experience



**By Annika Leonard
Editor-in-Chief**

This issue is bittersweet for me. Not only is this the last issue for the school year, but it will also be my last issue because I am going to high school next year.

I will truly miss The Liberty Times. I had such an enjoyable time writing and meeting people who are also passionate about writing and the power of words.

I first joined the newspaper as a seventh grader. I was really excited

about the idea that I could write about my school for the school.

My first role was copy editor. I believe that I mainly got the job because I was one of the few people to put it down on the application.

That first year, we struggled to get the articles done. I think we posted one article on our website.

When I returned to the paper as the Editor-in-Chief, I noticed that the culture had changed. The new staff was more dedicated to their work.

I would like to thank them all for their hard work this year. I would also like to thank our sponsor, Ms. Sanderson for guiding us and putting the newspaper together. I have learned a lot from writing for

the newspaper.

My time at Liberty has led me to a lot of things that I would not have discovered on my own. I learned that I liked learning foreign languages, I can speak in public, and I need to try things out of my comfort zone.

Overall, my experience was that of a typical middle school student.

I am very excited to go to high school and try new things, meet more people, get more involved in my school, and prepare for college. I like changes that will take me to where I want to go in life, and high school is just that.

Have a good summer, do well on your finals, and stay safe!

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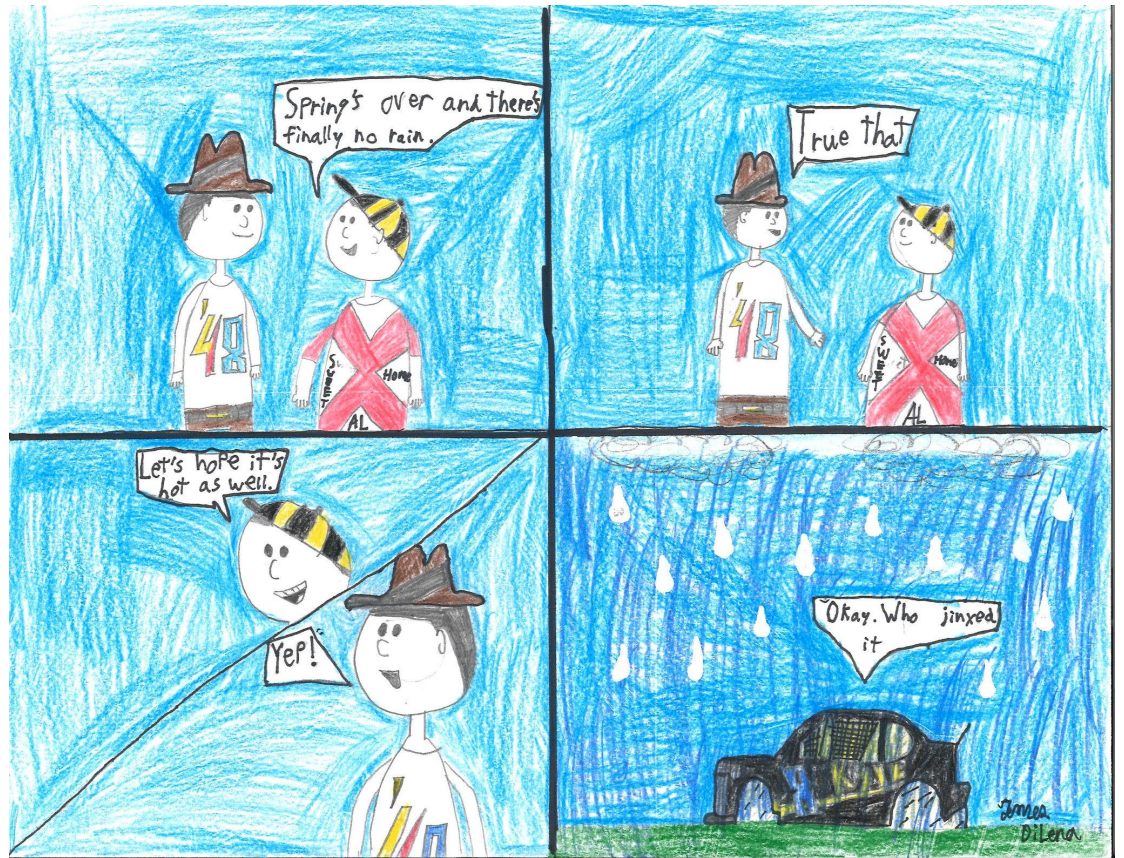


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COMICS

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