



What's News

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THE FUN IN WRITING LETTERS

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The Fun In Writing Letters To Friends By: Sally Cabrera
With this new digital age, contacting our friends can be as simple as clicking a button, however sending a letter the good-old fashion way is far more satisfying and fun! It's even more entertaining to send letters instead. There's excitement throughout the process: from picking out the pretty paper writing in fancy pens, mailing the actual letter to anxiously waiting for the correspondence. There are many reason why writing a letter is fun. It's fun to set the

mood by lighting some candles and making a cup of tea. You could write a letter on a regular sheet of paper, or you could dye the paper by soaking it in tea, giving it an aged look. Another fun option is to write with a fun pen as well as a quill or fountain- though writing with a regular pen is just as fine and more convenient. Writing the letter itself is an important, yet fun step; you're writing to a friend after all so, make the conversation interesting. Ask about how their week went and then explain yours. Highlight happy and fun moments as well as sad ones, don't share too much but be specific with the information you give out. The clearer the story, the more exciting. There are many different ways to personalize a letter: You could add stickers, pressed flowers, or doodle some of your thoughts on the paper. Even the font in which you write the recipient's name will add some pizzazz to an otherwise dull letter. Nothing however, adds more snazz to a letter than sealing it with wax. It's just so fancy! (And it's definitely better for your tastebuds than sealing an envelope with saliva.) You've probably seen wax seals at a museum gift shop, but there are also great options online. There is a great selection and a variety of colors: pink, green, blue, or silver wax - you can even mix colors together. Did you know there is actually a wax code? People use different colored wax to mean different things. For example, blue wax means romance or passion; the deeper and richer the blue, the stronger the feelings.. Of course don't let this code stop you from expressing yourself. Seal your letters with whatever color looks most beautiful to you on the paper. Once you've sealed, addressed your envelope, it's time to ship your precious letter. You can leave it in the mailbox where your postman will pick it up or you could drive, walk to the post office to drop it off yourself. Receiving a letter is even more exciting than writing one, if you haven't experienced it yet it's like receiving a package. The rush of adrenaline as you tear open the wax seal like it's your acceptance letter from Hogwarts. It's a joy to read a friend's letter, seeing all the things they've done and appreciating their thoughtful penmanship efforts. The excitement in preparing a letter and having a conversation with your penpal is most rewarding and highly recommended. And the help and support you give to your local and national postal system. A letter doesn't need fancy calligraphy or a wax seal to bring joy to a friend, so pick up a pen and start writing!



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FROM YOUR VP



Jocelyn Gomez

August is the month of the year for us when school starts. Which can be a bit upsetting, but I think of it as a month of new beginnings and new opportunities. I tend to think of it as a "New Year" since it is a new school year. It becomes something for me to look forward to. To start habits and plan all these things I most likely will not continue throughout the year, but who knows I might keep on doing everything I say I will do. Such as not procrastinating, which tends to be a goal I never achieve, but I still say it every year. Overall, don't look at back to school being a bad, but an

amazing opportunity. Especially through COVID-19 where we lost about a year and a half of real school, seeing people, and making in person memories. So this "New Year" will be not only very awkward, but something to look forward to. To look forward to becoming closer with friends, making friends, and experiencing exciting adventures in everyday school life. To just be yourself, or whoever you want to be at school and express who you are. I hope everyone has a great school year, and makes the most of



WHAT IS A KEY CHANGE?

Isaac Alvarado

While jamming to a song on the radio, your earbuds, or maybe on a speaker, you may have noticed that your entire song has risen or fallen by a tone. Why is that? To explain this, musicians and other musicologists can explain this with music theory, a structured and European way in the 18th century to approach and analyze music. Although the theories and terms may be different back then, today, we can usually call this overall rise or fall of a song's pitch a "key change."

A key change is exactly what it means, a change in keys. But, exactly what is a "key?" In general, there are 24 keys and each key is like a language. This language helps dictate which "letters" or notes to write out. For example, let's say you want to spell "apple," you would need to understand each letter in a language and its context to fully understand it. This is the same in writing music, in order to convey an idea you must understand each note in a key and its context to fully understand it. Many songs are in keys, but they may change "languages" or borrow "letters" for dramatic or interesting effect. Some examples that have key changes, including but not excluded, are "All by Myself" by Celine Dion, "I will always love you" by Whitney Houston, and "Love Story" by Taylor Swift. I recommend that you experience listening to a song with a key change and notice it. Sometimes it isn't always apparent, but searching for "pop key changes" will make it more apparent.





Young Commissioners will once again be entering a Scarecrow in the Lee Regional Fair Promotion contest. Sally Cabrera has agreed to be the chairperson for this project, but needs your help in getting it done.

There will be a meeting to actual make the Scarecrow on August 3rd, 5:00-7:00pm at the extension center.

Please contact Sally if you would like to be a part of this committee.



We will also be putting together an educational fair booth. For this booth we will be competing against other Lee County 4H groups so everyone is needed to help pull this off.

Nikki Ragland has volunteered to be our chairperson for this committee, but again will need help from everyone to put the booth together. Please contact Nikki to be part of this fun committee.



Personal Fair Exhibits

As part of your communication certificate you can enter your own personal exhibit in the Lee Regional Fair. So if you are crafty consider showing that off. If you like taking pictures, drawing, painting, quilting, ceramics, any type of craft project enter it. If you are a gardener enter your vegetables or plants. Do you bake? Enter a baked good. If you have something to enter we will find a category to put it in. Any questions let me know.

There are cash prizes to be won.



**CALLING ALL YOUNG COMMISSIONERS
THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR
ALL YC MUST VOLUNTEER FOR AT LEAST 2 SHIFTS AT THE
LEE REGIONAL FAIR**

**WE NEED 4 PEOPLE PER SHIFT FOR THE GATES (6 ON SATURDAY AFTER-
NOON) AND 1-2 PEOPLE PER SHIFT TO HELP AT THE ANNOUNCER'S TABLE
THAT IS A TOTAL OF 52-60 PEOPLE**

**WE HAVE 17 YOUNG COMMISSIONERS SO FEEL FREE TO INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS TO HELP OUT (WE WANT AT LEAST 1 YC AT EACH GATE AND
ANNOUNCER TABLE PER SHIFT SO YOU CAN ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU AT
YOUR ASSIGNED AREA. IF YOU SIGN UP A FRIEND, PUT THERE NAME AND
YOURS SO WE KNOW WHO SIGNED THEM UP.**

**SIGN UP IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS SO TO GET THE SHIFTS
YOU WANT BE SURE TO SIGN UP EARLY.**

TO SIGN UP GO TO THE GOOGLE SPREAD SHEET

**[HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/SPREADSHEETS/
D/1kP20UY6JUCdMKT7WL_x0T6EKJl3V_vHSM0AC03lFAH0/EDIT?
USP=SHARING](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kP20UY6JUCdMKT7WL_x0T6EKJl3V_vHSM0AC03lFAH0/edit?usp=sharing)**

**I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO BE SIGNED UP BY AUGUST 10TH
SO I CAN GET THIS TURNED IN BEFORE I GO ON VACATION.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND QUICK RESPONSE

(REMEMBER IF YOU VOLUNTEER FOR THE FAIR YOU GET IN FOR FREE)

YC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

August

3rd, 5:00-7:00pm Scarecrow Committee Meeting
Extension Center

September

9th, General Meeting

Time and Place TBA

15th-19th Lee Regional Fair

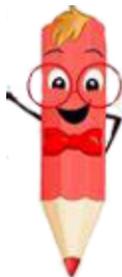
Lions Fairgrounds

20th, 5:45pm County Commissioners Mtg

TBA



Back to School



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Isaac Alvarado
August 2nd



Young Commissioners

general meeting July 22, 2021 4:30pm - 7:00pm

of Club member(s) present: 9 Club member(s): 1 Adviser(s)

Kyla Morgan joined the Young Commissioners

Kaycee called the meeting to order

Isaac lead the 4-H pledge and Drake lead the pledge of allegiance

Jocelyn announced everyone's progress towards certificates

Treasurer's report: June starting balance - \$1029.46 Expenses - \$377.37 Income - \$0 Monthly ending balance - \$652.09 Budget spent on: community service project, and awards, YC orientation

Ongoing projects were discussed and assigned leaders:

Lee Regional Fair volunteering

- members must do atlas two shifts
- Possible payment and addition to funds
- time information will be available at a later time

Scarecrow Scavenger hunt

- Sally is leading the project
- Isaac, Kaycee, Nikki, Jocelyn, and drake joined the committee- the project will need to be completed before August 12

Fair Booth

- Nikki is leading the fair booth project
- Everyone will help with the completion of the project
- \$50 budget

Movie Night

- Jocelyn is leading the project
- Nikki, India, Victor, Sam, Caitlyn, Sally, and Kyla are apart of the committee
- Predicted dates October 22-23 - A family night and a kids night -
- will charge admission and for snacks
- \$120 budget

Cindy lead a budgeting workshop where everyone worked on their budgeting worksheet

YC presentations were done by Isaac, and Victor

YC orientation certificates were given to Isaac, and Victor

Cindy lead a workshop on the constitution that covered citizenship pt.1

Jocelyn talked about Youth Council:

- Jocelyn has partnered with the county commissioners to bring youth council to Lee County
- this council will represent the youth of Lee County and help make changes that will better youth life
- Everyone will attend county council meeting in Sept. County Commissioners will state the charter on the youth council , no official date for County Commissioners meeting yet -
- YC is organizing the committee
- It is important to have a good representation of member from each High school
- Youth council will meet with county boards to create projects

Jocelyn talked about Clean Up Downtown Kelli Laudate will lead the service of picking up the trash in Downtown

Jocelyn opened up workshop/presentation/public speaking for the upcoming meetings:

September -Sally/workshop

October -Nikki/workshop

December -Kyla/workshop

March -Jocelyn/workshop; Caitlyn/newsletter

Kaycee adjourned the meeting

Jocelyn/team building