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Keith: Welcome to the LeeCoSchools Edcast #21! this is our first podcast of 2019 yep it's just us no no other guests another podcast calls it hostful goodness yeah instead of calling it guestless it's hostful yeah they're you know we're just gonna sort of look back on the last year and talk about some of the changes coming up in the new year

Kyle: yeah absolutely we're at 20 episodes in now right

Keith: yeah this will be this is number 21 so yeah

Kyle: and so overall how do you think the podcast has gone

Keith: I think it's going pretty well it's been kind of slow trying to grow an audience it's trying to break 100 listen on a couple of them I might have broken a hundred so far the cow story which isn't even an official episode as well it was over a hundred listen yeah a little more highbrow although the cow story wasn't lowbrow it was it was a cool thing that happened

Kyle: it wasn't lowbrow it was it was an interesting story and have lived it with you was a very interesting story

Keith: yes very much ah that's the first time I ever heard the term sweet feed was that really well I've never heard a sweet feed before

Kyle: you know of course anyone who'd listen to the cow story you know I grew up out doing some of that stuff and so I've heard that for I don't know that yeah all right now actually

Keith: well I mean I'd never I mean I didn't grow up around cows I mean I had you know grandpa's family up north they had some farm animals and grandpa before they moved down here had a farm

Kyle: but this is not anything you had ever interacted with

Keith: uh Keithie did not grow up on a farm

Kyle: that's funny

Keith: but um yeah so I think it's been going well I've been enjoying doing it probably a little bit more than you do because I know because you're you're doing the editing and I'm not

Kyle: the editing is a little bit more of a process but you know I'm so thankful to to have been a part of some of this stuff to talk some of the people that we've got to talk to everything which I guess sort of impromptu leads to what one of the conversations is we're gonna have here I'm going to be leaving the podcast effectively immediately as this Podcast was released

Keith: yes here's your pink notice right now

Kyle: oh that's unfortunate

Keith: yes well this will probably be your last time on air I mean yep unless I just am able to smuggle you away from work to come to something else this is probably your last time on air

Kyle: right so I've accepted a position at the City of Auburn I'll be working at the City Hall and helping the police and fire in the water revenue just all that I mean I'll be doing IT work over there so I just won't be able to be as close as we have been in the past

Keith: but you are gonna stay on you aren't gonna keep doing the editing for me

Kyle: I am yes I have I have promised you that I will continue to do the editing and

Keith: he already regrets it

Kyle: no no no when you when you're not first got to talking about this and we were sort of feeling out what having a podcast for a school system might look like your enthusiasm for it was just it was

Keith: infectious

Kyle: it was infectious and we've gotten to do some things that I really didn't think I was ever gonna get to do I mean we've gotten to talk to people and and bring awareness of things and build connections outside of the podcast and so I am as you know I'm more than willing to do anything I can to help you further this because I just think that having the school system having this type of voice is important

Keith: yeah and it appreciate it because otherwise conversations are gonna get real stilted yes we go we don't have a script we come back I don't know how to do editing

Kyle: and so we're talking about anything I'm not sure that any of you know we're talking about is when we do our podcast we sit down and just have a really like a chat with people we discuss things we go off on tangents and whatever we want people to feel comfortable when they talk with us so that when we are talking about things that are important that we can deliver they can instead of feeling you know like you're on stage and people are looking at you it's a little bit better

Keith: yeah well and it helps move people at ease that way if they trip over themselves I got you know there I listen to as I've said before I listen to many other podcasts and I've recently picked up this podcast done by a major newspaper in the UK and their production value is terrible realized they've got so many of them where it sounds like they're talking at the bottom of a well yeah they haven't figured out or they're not willing to to shell out the the the coins for a the program to properly do the Skype interview and stuff oh yeah and you know like I'm riding the car and I've got the volume all the way up just so I can hear them

Kyle: catch one of the reverbs

Keith: yeah and so then you know I get in an afternoon and I turn it on whoa I'm a different person that's right yeah he's got to turn this down a bit right so I've been kind of proud about that listen to it going UK they've got a studio have a studio that they're doing this in and our sound quality is better

Kyle: and I'm doing it out of our bag that we're toting around

Keith: and and in a in an athletic coach's office that our stuff sounds better than this stuff in their studio

Kyle: so that's gonna lead me to one of the first questions I want to ask you what are some things that you think listeners would be interested in that we that you've learned what is the thing that you've learned doing this podcast

Keith: it is easier than you think but it's also harder than you would think

Kyle: yeah the parts there are different aspects of it that you would have not even considered before and then the parts that you're all worried about really just smooth right over yeah because people people want to talk about the thing they're excited about people want to talk about programs and you know like talking about steam and talking to Teacher of the Year you know these are things that people are excited about we you know I thought it would have been more difficult me personally like trying to get some of that out know that stuff's good like we can do all that

Keith: well and you know people like to talk about what they're passionate about and you just have to find that thing that they're passionate about and draw that out of them and so it helps to know a little bit about the person before you get you talk to them yeah I don't like to do a ton of prep work I mean I do some yeah and I try to come up with some some basic topics or questions to talk about but I really like the let's sit down here's what our main goal is and let's see what goes from there

Kyle: right well and you and I have both always approached this as we do not under any circumstances think we're the smartest people in the room and so the people who are these content area experts we want to hear from them saving our pride and that has led to I think better podcast better communications of information yes I'm because if we had stuck to what we thought was right we'd have been there's a couple of net which would have been terrible for us yeah because we didn't know you know we didn't know exactly okay all right that's good answer it's a good answer

Keith: yeah a what and the other thing that I've had to learn is to just get over hating the sound of my own voice listen there

Kyle: it's a human thing and I'm not sure that people understand maybe there's a time you know maybe Ryan Seacrest doesn't hate his own voice but he's been talking nonstop for the last 15 years I don't know

Keith: I hope Casey Kasem liked his own voice because that was and that was a great voice and Vincent Price if I could pick a voice I would pick Vincent Price's voice

Kyle: see I still think that when they hear themselves they go oh that sounds you know because it's there's science behind why it makes you feel that way yeah but everyone does it

Keith: the head bone changes the tone that you hear it as it's coming out of your mouth but then hearing it back it's differently and all that stuff but yeah so that's another thing is just you have to just get over the hating your own voice kind of thing

Kyle: okay next question okay if you could have anyone on the podcast

Keith: living or dead

Kyle: nope I'm gonna say living okay who would it be like it all and this is not because you get a chance to meet them this is because the thing that they're talking about or the thing that they're interested in would be so cool to be able to have a conversation about Keith: uh I know who I'd like to talk to I would like to talk to former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

Kyle: really

Keith: yeah

Kyle: okay any topics in mind or just

Keith: well I mean just her life story yeah would be amazing yeah you know being born at what was then Czechoslovakia escaping the Nazis coming to the United States as a as a as a immigrant from Eastern Europe and becoming the first female Secretary of State of the United States I mean

Kyle: I mean that's like a movie quality yeah

Keith: but you know then because education is important to her I mean she had to come over here and learn a whole new language right and learn it well enough that she could be a the chief diplomat for the only world superpower in the 90s right that is just that's him that's phenomenal today and so if I could ever have her sit down and have a chat that would be amazing that would be amazing I would also like to talk to coach Gus Malzahn that's

Kyle: right we've discussed that

Keith: and talk about how being an Auburn fan is kind of a roller coaster these days

Kyle: okay something today saying I was I was sitting at work fixing something and I was in one of the buildings with a disco city planning and things like that and and they were talking about you know how to scheduling things around football season he goes well apparently we have to schedule around basketball season now since we're a basketball school like well apparently we are like that's that's a thing now

Keith: yeah well you know that means we're becoming like Kentucky there were memes of the Kentucky coach a few years ago going is a basketball season yet

Kyle: which of our interviews was your favorite and why

Keith: um I have to say it would be the one that's coming up next month because you weren't there...no I'm kidding

Kyle: oooooohhhhhhhhhh! shots fired!!

Keith: I mean they've all been great one of our very first ones with Beth Parkman which was actually your your idea

Kyle: I agree though

Keith: um was and up until recently had was far and away our most listened to episode yeah there have been a couple others that have that have over got it writing up to it or even overtaking and I think one of them's even ever taking it

Kyle: but that was one of our very early ones

Keith: I think she was she might have been the first one we talked to we actually were pushing the second one that we posted Kyle: yeah no I agree I would think that's my favorite too it affected so many people that are potential stakeholders and listeners of this podcast you know I just I love the idea of a parent who's got an 11th grader going man I really have no idea and to have a resource that they can put on in the car while they're commuting and sort of gain some of that knowledge was just I was phenomenal

Keith: yeah so yeah that's and that might be one of the ones that I learned the most oh yeah 20 years too late still learned it

Kyle: a know absolutely

Keith: like where were you 20 years ago because

Kyle: what um what types of things do you see moving forward with the podcast I mean you're gonna be a one-man show now the glitz and the glamour of the star leaving so

Keith: yeah the Albatross that's been holding me back

Kyle: around your neck!

Keith: no this first year of 2018 was we were doing two episodes a month and we were able to keep that schedule but now with you leaving I've taken on a part of your role at Lee County so it's extra work for me you're doing the editing here at home on your off time in your free time so part of what we're doing in 2019 is we're going to just do one episode of month okay because I just don't have the time to dedicate to finding people go in the record it was all that kind of stuff sir like I did like this past year and so we're scaling it back to once a month and frankly just for both of our sanities all right um with everything else we've got going on so we're gonna do once a month okay but we're still gonna be I'm still going to be talking to people so I'm gonna be finding interesting guests and with less content to be producing hopefully that with the quantity going down hopefully maybe the quality of the conversations and the people I because I'm not just finding people to fill space I'm just a little bit more luxury there so we're still gonna be you know still gonna be consistent instead of the first and third Tuesday we're gonna do just the second Tuesday which is which coincides happens to coincide with the board meeting each month right you know so like next month's episode I've got a conversation with an SRO corporal Pam revels of Lee County Sheriff's Department and she's a fantastic human being and that episode was seven months in the making she was phenomenal that's gonna be I mean I think that might be another Beth Parkman-esque episode yeah because she is just she's passionate about what she does she's knowledgeable I mean it's just it's gonna be too much if I'm excited I'm just selling it a little bit you are going but and and I don't have Kyle there so it's even better

Kyle: oh you're so rude now when this airs will the stem days have come out yet

Keith: stem days of art yes stem guys came out the week before we left for winter break

Kyle: okay okay and I think more stuff like the stem day's events if we can get them because you know with with the the awesome things that our schools are doing awesome things that our kids are getting to partake in and you know I just think mm or of that is what makes me happy to see for your 2019 schedule

Keith: yeah the stem days episode turned out really well they've got just some fantastic contributors out there yeah and I just and I got to reunite with a mentor from years ago when I was a kid so that was really cool to see him so I I enjoyed that episode and even listening back to it I was again this turned out really well yeah I was pleased with that that turned out really well considering I was just done on a cell phone yeah absolutely yeah I was very I was very pleased with that episode my first solo outing yeah technically

Kyle: it turned out really well though I mean everything everything came together well so I think you'll be fine without me holding you down

Keith: he's going to the moon sky's the limit now

Kyle: before we wrap up do you have any other questions or things you want to ask or

Keith: I want to I want to first say a big thank you to my current boss your former boss Glen Granberry the Technology Director for let for hearing me out on this crazy idea and instead of instead of shooting it down immediately going well do some research and then let's talk some more and so I got to do some more research and he's like sure let's do it yeah and has supported has supported us in this venture yeah and it has been it's been a it's been a fun ride so far so it's a lot of work but I think that the the final product is is a good thing and that's the other thing that I really like because have more engagement right from the listeners you know have you know some emails come in and write those kinds of things but we just don't really get that you know I get it I listen to podcasts all the time and I don't engage with them right so you know I'll send them emails and stuff so I get it you know that would be that would be nice if we could get some more engagement with the people other people who with our listeners all 80-plus of you yeah yeah hi mom

Kyle: well before you go on further I want to mirror what you said you know I've worked for several people in my career and Glen is a unique individual and I mean that in the sense that I don't know many people that would have just have someone come in and fire off this idea but you know Glen is Glen is intelligent he has tied into education and he's tied into you know within technology directors across the state and so I think he saw a lot of potential in it and so looking back from where we sit here I think that there has been some really good stuff that we've made available I feel like some people have benefited from it so while looking from here saying it was a good call is pretty easy looking from the the genesis of it and saying that was a good call it's kind of difficult so so hats off to Glen on that sure

Keith: absolutely especially coming from me who I hadn't even been there a full year I thought when I first brought this to him for him to go let's do it yeah was it was really cool

Kyle: very forward-thinking

Keith: yes and whenever we did the budget he kept the he kept our SoundCloud account get another year at least that's great so I've enjoyed doing this I look forward to doing more episodes I gotta start of figuring out guests for the rest of the year

Kyle: yep well and anyone who's listening to this we welcome your input but no we don't know everything and we would love to there's I'm sure hundreds of things we haven't thought about that would be amazing guest to hundreds thousands oh wow you were going along out of the hundred oh it's going people out there that's life man you know this would probably be something people could benefit from

Keith: well so you can find us on Twitter @leecoschools you can find us on facebook at facebook.com/leecoschools you can find us on instagram @leecoschools you can email us at edcast@lee.k12.al.us and you can find us on the web at www.lee.k12.al.us/edcast Kyle: have you done that a time or two you seem really prepared for it

Keith: at least 20 times well 21

Kyle: well I did the editing it's been more than that well as we're sort of wrapping things up I want to tell you thank you I appreciate getting pulled in and being able to help with this now

Keith: without your support I wouldn't have gotten off the ground so really a you know thank you because I mean you know I don't mean for this to be you know like a Pat each other on the back session right you know without your support from the beginning I don't know that I'd have been able to sell it honestly well so I you know now that you're leaving on mic anyway but you're still gonna be doing work doing the stuff on behind the scenes for me I really appreciate it because if you weren't that would probably I probably would just have to fold up shop at that point

Kyle: I believe strongly in your mission I believe strongly in the fact that people are gaining thinkgs from you doing this you you taking this podcast and taking these people and taking these parts of people's lives and putting it out there that is positively affecting other people in our community and I think that's important yeah and so I will do everything I can off microphone to support you as much as I can and it's just been a pleasure you know on top of all that as people heard if they listen to our soft open you know I've known Keith for a long time we've been friends for a very long time

Keith: since the last century

Kyle: right yeah but getting the opportunity to do something like this with someone that you are really good friends with is not something that I don't think people get often I think it's very rare very lucky the ability for us to get to work together and do something that is positive and do something that affects our community in a good way I was a super pleased to be a part of it so yeah thank you for including me

Keith: oh thank you for being a part of it and thank everybody for listening happy new year hopefully 2019 will be a sight better than 2018 was and I'm looking forward to a new year of podcasts just once a month though

Kyle: and so as we're leaving I'm gonna I've got a little surprise for us so I'm gonna I've kept all the things that have been on the cutting room floor so everybody it was a pleasure

Keith: Allons-y!

Kyle: stay awesome

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