

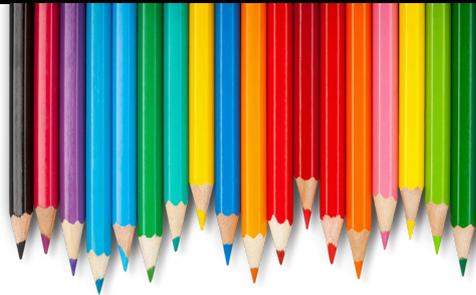
THE FALCON FORUM

Editor: Maddie Pollock



IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE WE HAVE...

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- UPCOMING HOLIDAYS
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- UNSOLVED MYSTERY
- CRAFTS, RECIPES, AND MORE!



OCTOBER NARRATIVE

WRITTEN BY: MADDIE POLLOCK (8TH)

Hello Falcons!! How was y'all's fall break?? It was definitely a much needed time of rest and (hopefully) fun! I am so excited to share the October issue of *The Falcon Forum* with you! Fall is finally here; in this issue, we have fun fall holidays, crafts, and more! Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We can all try to remember that when we need a bit of confidence or assurance! Go Falcons!!!



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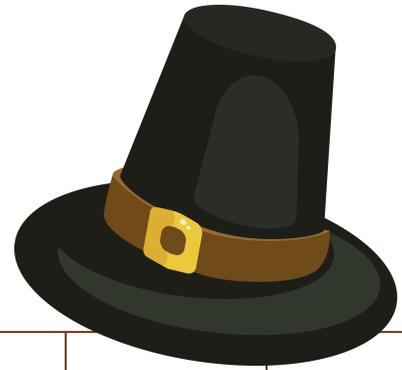
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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

CREATED BY: MADDIE POLLOCK (8TH)

NOVEMBER

YEAR : 2025



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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3 NO SCHOOL	4  ←--- LS BOOK FAIR (MR) --->	5	6	7	8	9
10 VETERANS DAY	11 	12 	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 	27	28	29	30
		←--- THANKSGIVING BREAK --->				



UNSOLVED MYSTERY

BY: ISAAC GAY (7TH)

Lizard Man is made of South Carolina folklore. He is a mysterious creature that lives in the Scape Ore Swamp. Christopher Davis reportedly saw the lizard man; this what he said he saw:

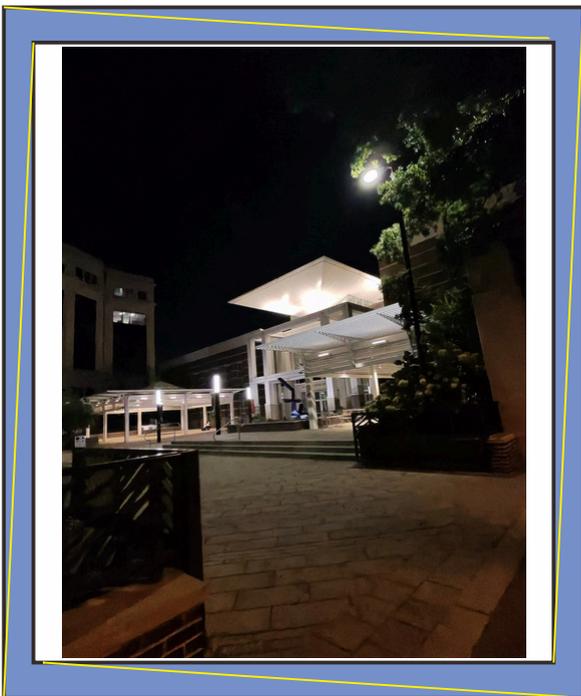
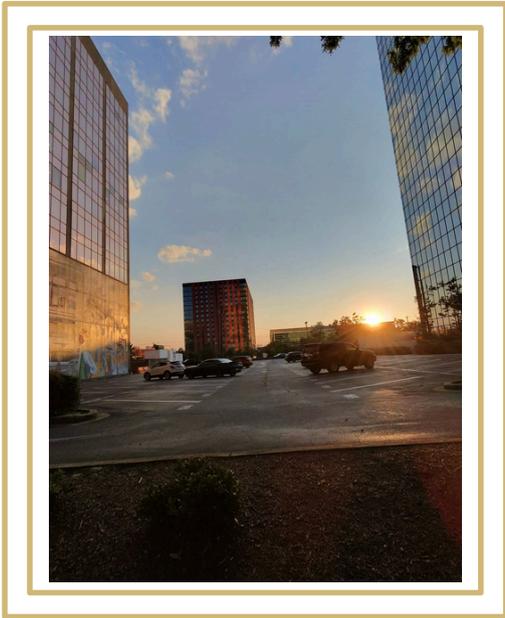
- Height: Approximately 7 feet tall!
- Skin: Green, "wet-like", scaly, and rough skin!
- Eyes: Glowing red eyes!
- Hands/Feet: Three fingers on each hand with long, black nails or claws, and three toes on each foot!
- Strength/Behavior: The creature was extremely strong and angry! It grabbed his car's door handle, jumped onto the roof, and clung to the vehicle as Davis sped away, causing significant damage like a ripped-off side-view mirror and deep scratches on the roof.

Law Enforcement: In 1988, following the initial sightings and reports of vehicle damage, the Lee County Sheriff's office, under Sheriff Liston Truesdale, conducted a serious investigation. Deputies found large, three-toed footprints (measuring about 14 inches) near some of the incidents and made plaster casts of them. However, these casts were later deemed unclassifiable by biologists from the S.C. Marine Resources Department, and the origin of the prints remains a mystery. **Media and Cryptozoology:** The legend gained national attention, drawing media from across the globe. Cryptozoology researchers, such as author Lyle Blackburn, have visited the area, spoken with witnesses, and investigated sighting locations. However, there is a lack of concrete evidence. Despite the various searches and the initial physical evidence of damaged cars, no definitive physical proof of the creature has ever been found. Skeptics suggest the damaged cars and footprints have mundane explanations, such as being caused by a bear, an alligator, an escaped exotic animal (like an emu), or being part of a hoax. What do you think... is the Lizard Man real or just a fun, mysterious story?



Photography

BY: TRAVIS PRICE (8TH)



BLS TRENDS

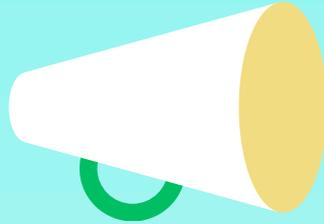
CREATED BY: GEORGIA EPTING (6TH)



GRADE LEVEL



NEWS!



By: London DeLee (8th)

- **Congratulations to ALL Middle Schoolers who were in The Play (Alice in Wonderland)!**
- **JV Last Home Game is coming up!**
- **JV Cheer got 2nd at their cheer competition!**
- **Middle School Football won their last game!**

SPORTS COLUMN



BLS EQUESTRIAN TEAM

**WRITTEN BY:
ELLA CLAIRE SMIGIEL (6TH)**

On Saturday, **October 18th**, the Ben Lippen Hunt Seat Team competed against 11 other teams at the Fall SCISA Hunt Seat Show at Tally Ho Equestrian Center. The 6 riders brought home the honor of **Reserve Champion** thanks to the wonderful leadership of **Coach Jane Reese!** As one of the newest members of the team, it was an incredible experience, and we look forward to our next show in the spring. The Western Team will compete in early November. Wish them luck! Go Falcons!

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL FACTS!

WRITTEN BY: LIAM GRANGER AND WADE WYLIE (6TH)

Middle football has had a great season.

They finished 7-0!

We have had some good coaches and it will be sad once the season has ended. I'm sure that we will all miss them! The players

We are all very tired and need to rest but we still will miss the feeling of practice and games. Some players are new to Ben Lippen but still managed football. One new student who did great is JJ Cox, the starting outside linebacker and 2nd string wide receiver. Congratulations on an awesome season, Falcons!



CROSS COUNTRY INTERVIEWS

**INTERVIEWED AND WRITTEN BY:
ANNA KATE STUBBS (6TH)**

Hey Falcons! I'm going to share some responses to questions I asked to 8th graders on the Ben Lippen Cross Country Team. Let's dive in!

Sophia Payne (8th)

What is your pre race routine and what is your most memorable race?

“Before my race, I usually stretch, listen to music, drink water, and eat things that won't fill me up that much. I usually get nervous before my race so I usually have my mom pray with me before I start stretching. One of my most memorable races was the Heathwood meet because I was so nervous, but then I PR'd by 2 minutes. I felt so happy when I was done but that was the most nervous before a race I have ever been.”

Liam Thompson (8th)

Why did you start running and how do you think Cross Country has impacted you as a person?

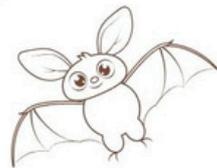
“I started running cross country because some of my friends were running it, and even though neither of them run cross country anymore, I still love the team because it is a group that I can really feel I'm a part of. Even with the huge age difference between all of the runners, almost everyone knows each other well and looks out for each other. I have never found the fellowship and friendships I've gained through cross country in any other sport or team that I've been on. Cross country has impacted my life in so many different ways. Through cross country I have become more disciplined with what I eat, how I sleep, and how I can manage my time doing school work instead of playing video games or just lying around. It has impacted my social life because of how it has helped me branch out, whether it be to other kids at Ben Lippen that I would not know if it hadn't been for XC or kids from other schools that I get the opportunity to compete with. Even my spiritual life has been impacted by cross country because it has given me a group of other Christians in my school that I can have fellowship with and grow together with.”

By Anna Kate Stubbs

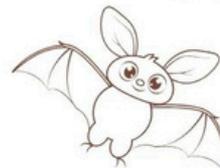




ANIMAL OF THE MONTH



Bat



WRITTEN BY: FINLEY JONES (5TH)

Bats are beautiful, and they are also interesting. Did you know that bats use echolocation to find their food? Also, they are insectivores and pollinators.

They are normally black and brown, but some bats are red, tan, yellow, orange, gray, white, and sometimes even have patterns! Bats eat insects, pollen, fruit, and nectar. The scientific name of the bat is Chiroptera. Baby bats are called pups. Bats usually only have one pup per year, but sometimes they have twins. When the pups are 3 to 6 weeks old, they learn how to fly, and not long after that, when they are 6 to 8 weeks old, they go off on their own. Hopefully, after reading this, you won't think bats are as creepy as you thought before.



Recipes

Deviled Eggs

CREATED BY LUCAS GLEATON (5TH)

Ingredients

- Eggs
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Steamer Basket



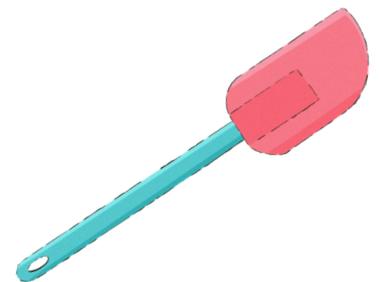
Ready in 35
minutes!
Serves Unlimited!

Preparation

1. Gather as many eggs as wanted. The type of eggs do not matter. As many eggs as you get, there will be twice as many deviled eggs.
2. Put eggs in a steamer basket and put the steamer basket over the stove for 13 minutes. Set oven heat to medium.
3. Pour water into a bowl then add ice until water is freezing. Put eggs into the bowl and wait for 15 minutes.
4. After, take the eggs out and peel the shell off. After you peel off the shell, cut the eggs in half.
5. Use a spoon to take the yolk(yellow stuff) out of every egg and put them all in a small bowl or a cup. Put the mustard and mayonnaise into the bowl or cup (no certain amount needed). Put one drop of honey in for every full egg. Stir until well combined.
6. Add yolk mixture to each half egg until barely over top. Put on a plate.
7. Serve to friends and family!



Time
TO
BAKE



WORD OF GOD SPEAK: STUDENTS SHARING SCRIPTURE



“PRAYERS”



WRITTEN BY: LIZA MEADE CEASE (5TH) AND
VIRGINIA MILNE (5TH)

Have you ever thought that prayers don't go anywhere? Well, that's not true... it says here in James 5:16. **“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”** When you are doubting your prayers, remember that they go straight to Jesus Christ and He is always listening!

Let's
Pray 

ARTS AND CRAFTS

OCTOBER

CREATED BY: AVA GRACE PEAKE (5TH)

1. CUT SOME ORANGE PAPER
OUT INTO STRIPS.

2. GET A GREEN PIPE
CLEANER AND A BROWN OR
GOLD PIPE CLEANER.

3. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE
HOT GLUE. CURVE THE
STRIPS INTO A BALL
AND GLUE.

4. TWIST A GREEN PIPE
CLEANER AROUND A PENCIL
TO MAKE IT CURLY.

5. GET THE BROWN OR
GOLD PIPE CLEANER AND
MAKE A SMALL STEM.

6. RAP A LITTLE BIT OF THE
GREEN PIPE CLEANER
AROUND THE BROWN OR
GOLD ONE.

7. HOT GLUE THE BROWN
OR GOLD STEM TO THE
PUMPKIN AND YOU ARE
DONE.





teacher of the month

**WRITTEN BY:
LUCAS GLEATON (5TH)**

*Ms. Bauer
5th/Bible*

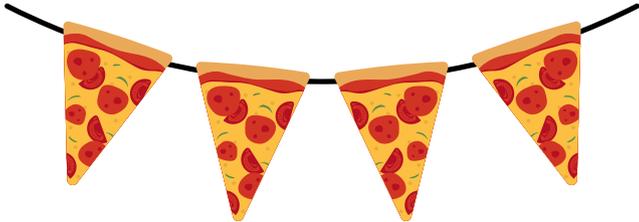


Ms. Bauer went to college at Winthrop University. She has taught every subject and taught them in 1st grade, 4th grade, and has taught math, science, and Bible in 5th grade. Ms. Bauer was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, but she was raised in Medellin, Columbia. Different countries she has been to include: England, Scotland, Portugal, the Dominican Republic, and Israel. Ms. Bauer has been collecting nativity scenes from all over the world. She started in middle school, and now she has hundreds!



did you know...?

WRITTEN BY:
ELLA CLAIRE SMIGIEL (6TH)



Did you know that October's name comes from the Latin word for "eight" (octo), because it was the eighth month in the ancient Roman calendar before January and February were added, making it the tenth month today?

Did you know that the Anglo-Saxons called October "Winterfylleth," meaning "the fullness of winter," as it was believed to signal the start of the winter season?

Did you know that in the U.S., October is celebrated as National Pizza Month, Popcorn Month, and other food-related observances?

Did you know that the full moon in October is known as the "hunter's moon," named by the Algonquin people because it marked the season for hunting before winter?

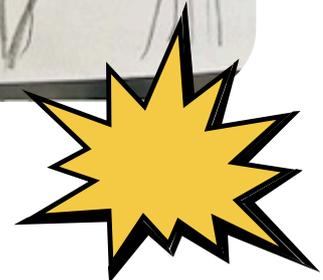
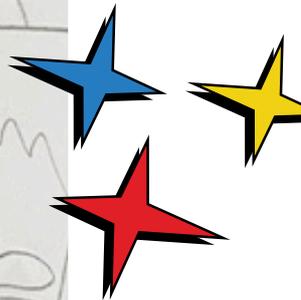
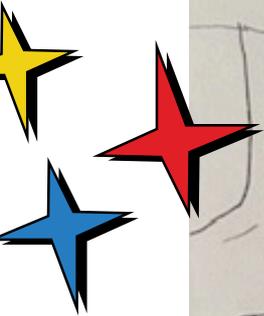




COMICS!

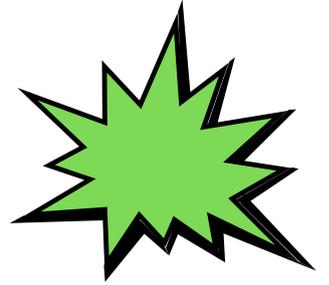


CREATED BY:
IAN JOHNSON (7TH)



COMICS!

CREATED BY:
JUDE GRANGER (7TH)



By: Katy Noonan (8th) and
Matthias Scruggs (7th)

MINECRAFT MOD OF THE MONTH

This month's Minecraft
mod is called "Appleskin"
created by Ryan Liptak.
(squeek502)

The AppleSkin mod is a client-side
Minecraft mod that improves the
game's food, hunger, and
saturation mechanics by making
hidden information visible to the
player. It is a quality-of-life mod
that integrates seamlessly into the
existing user interface.



Download the mod:

<https://www.curseforge.com/minecraft/mc-mods/appleskin>

Appleskin



Artistic Expression

CREATED BY: ALIYAH BENTON (8TH)

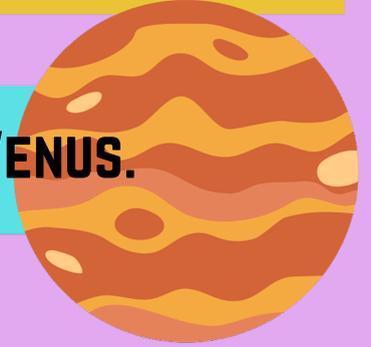
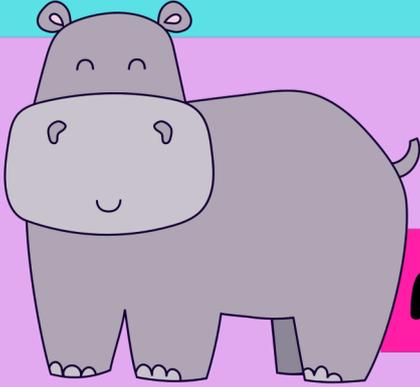


FUN FACTS

BEN LIPPEN - MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION

CREATED BY:
LIZA MEADE CEASE (5TH)

A DAY ON VENUS IS LONGER THAN A YEAR ON VENUS.



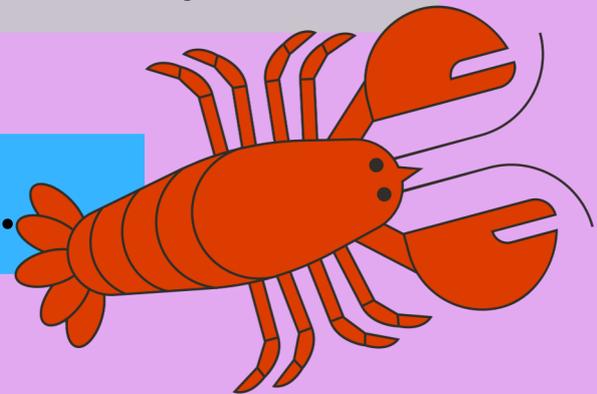
A hippos' sweat is pink!

The only digit that has the same number of letters is four!



Cats can not taste anything sweet!

LOBSTERS HAVE BLUE BLOOD.



There is only one letter that doesn't appear in any US state name: "Q"



SHORT STORY

“The Wanderer”

CREATED BY: ALANNA DIAL (5TH)



“The Wanderer” Part II

I screamed, “I don’t know what happened, mother is just gone!!!

“It's ok Saffy, we will find her,” Noah whispered.

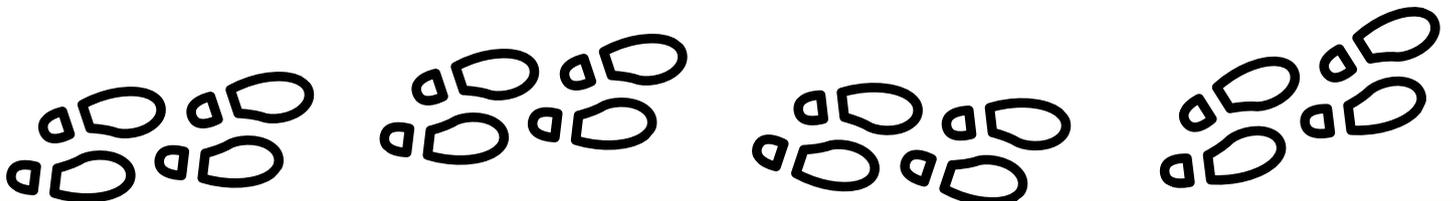
“You're right, Noah. Pack your things, we're going to find mom, I said. “I won't just sit and pout; we are going to find mom,” I cried.

“But we're just kids, how could we find a person that could be anywhere in the world right now?” Noah asked shyly.

“I don't know, but we will find her.” Suddenly, a crash of lightning hit the house, and everything disappeared, and everyone in there disappeared!

“AHHH”!!!” we cried.

TO BE CONTINUED...



NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

CREATED BY: VIRGINIA MILNE (5TH)

These are some fun, national holidays we
can look forward to in the month of
November!
Have fun with them and enjoy!



Ben
Lippen
School

November National Holidays



extra mile day
November 1



American football day
November 5



Minnie Mouses B-day!
November 18

National hug a bear day
November 7



National Recycling day
November 15



November 11



National candy day
November 4



Advice Column

WRITTEN BY: ANNA KATE STUBBS (6TH)

Tips on How to Study the Bible By Anna Kate Stubbs

#1

Always pray before and after reading God's word. Praying before opens our heart to hear what God is trying to teach us through the text. Praying after helps us pray back scripture and reflect back on the text.



#2

Use devotions and study bibles to understand the meaning of the text and context of the passage. Always remember that the Bible has 66 books, but they are all telling 1 story.

#4

Apply what you read from the passage(s) to all areas of your life and share how passages have affected you and what you have discovered



#3

Have note-taking accessories on hand:

- A notebook to write down your notes
- Pens to make your notes super fun
- Highlighters to bold important info
- Sticky Notes or Stick Flags to mark commonly used pages

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