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## Bear Creek Comes to Wolverine Country



Bear Creek Housing is taking shape.



Reese Hawkins and Vicki Plotner inspecting with Sales Manager Jason Underwood. Photos by Matthew Craig.

### New Houses, New Students

By Reese Hawkins and Christian Zannotti

Bear Creek Homes is a new housing development being built behind Molalla Middle School, adding more students to Molalla River School District. LGI Homes is behind this Molalla expansion and was happy to provide a tour of the development.

The houses are marketed for families who are currently renting. Each house is different. There are nine different floor plans, meaning 18 different looks. There will be 128 houses in total. The planning phase took about nine months, and the finalized touches to the houses are estimated to be completed by the end of 2019. Homes start at \$277,900 and go up to \$324,000. LGI plans to house about 400 people in the community.

Additional students means more money for Molalla River School District, which is a great thing, but there are some problems afoot, as well. There has been an increase in foot traffic across the back fields of MRMS. Students walk back and forth before and after school, but the big concern is the comings and goings of people during the school day. This presents a safety issue for MRMS students. Sales manager, Jason Underwood, was asked if he was aware of any plans for building a fence between the new Bear Creek homes and MRMS to keep people from crossing over. He said he was not aware of any, but is willing to discuss the situation with school authorities.

LGI Homes has been in business since 2003, and has housed an estimated 29,000 families across America. When asked, Jason Underwood said "We are big supporters of the community." Every year all employees are required to help out the community in some way." Welcome to the neighborhood.

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## Tantalizing Tangrams

By Arisbeth Botello Lopez

Devan Seale, from the Molalla Public Library, made another appearance at Molalla River Middle School on Friday, January 11, 2019. This time it was to provide students with some Tangram fun.

The Tangram is a dissection puzzle consisting of seven flat shapes, called *tans*, which are put together to form shapes.

Even though the Tangrams were invented in China long before the 1800s, they were not brought to America until 1815.

Students enjoyed creating animals and designs out of paper shapes. Seale was pleased with the number of students who participated - about 25 in all. Devan really enjoys working with middle school students. "I like hearing about what students are interested in."



Devan Seale helps Carter Cushman with his Tangram design.

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## Molalla Ju-Ju Warriors Wrestling

By Gavyn Taylor

The Molalla Wrestling Team is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and girls. The season started on January 7, 2019 and ends March 15, 2019. Practices are after school from 2:40 to 4:30. Practices are Monday through Friday, and they are located in the upstairs middle school gym. The team will compete in middle school only tournaments.

If needed, contact Sam Bailey at 503-804-6417 for more information. The fee is \$100 and it is non-refundable. It includes a USA wrestling card. There is a discount if you are already a Mat Club member. Fees are due by the first day of the season.

## First WOW Assembly of 2019

By Audrey Hamilton

On January 17, 2019 there was a very exciting WOW assembly. The kids who sat on the WOW couch were Hannah Simms, for her hard work in school and raising her grades, Kyle Chavez for maintaining exceptional grades throughout 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, and finally Carter Cushman for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in his wrestling tournament.

We would like to introduce you to ... the Wheel!!! Two randomly selected kids got to come up and spin the new Wolverine Wheel for possible prizes. Students can win a gift card, small prize or a reward for their homeroom class. There is also the risk of hitting a punishment.

The game for this assembly was the Cookie Game. Without using hands participants had to try and get a cookie into their mouths.

6th grader Ethan Lynch was the first to bite his cookie. Mr. Dalton came in with a close 2nd place.

The next WOW Assembly will be February 21. There will be a Share the Love Assembly on February 7.

## Snacks and Pencils

By Brennen Soderlund

MRMS has two new additions to its front lobby. A vending machine and a pencil machine were installed earlier in the month. They are located next to the art showcase displays. The vending machine is full of healthy chips and bars. The price for all items is \$1.00. Pencils cost 25 cents each.

Mr Dalton had a few things to say about the new additions. Last year, Ms Corbett's class brought up the possibility of installing a vending machine for students to use. It was brought up again this year and Dalton decided to put one in. The reason for the vending machine is to raise money for PBIS rewards and to provide healthy snacks to students throughout the day. The pencil machine was suggested by the teachers because students always need pencils.

## Mythical Studies

By Julie Mametieff

The Mythical Studies Club is a 6th grade club run by Dayvian McHargue. The club meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in Mr. St. Clair's room during 6th grade lunch. The group studies zodiac symbols and mystical animals. Lilly-Ann Henkes stated, "I like mythical animals. That's why I joined the group." Madison Talarico says, "I wanted to join the club to learn more about mythical creatures because they can be misunderstood."

## The Game of Life

By Claire Wallace and Caidynce Cann

Some may have heard about the elective The Game of Life, but do they really know what it is? The Game of Life is about personal finance. Personal finance is how students handle their money. Students can use what they learn from this class to live a debt free life and budget their money.

In an interview with Mrs. Greenwood, the teacher of the elective and also math teacher, she said the purpose of the class was to educate students about money and to help them make wise decisions with it. Mrs. Greenwood also stated that when she was in middle school she wished she had the opportunity to learn about personal finance. "I want to bring awareness to what debt can do," is what Mrs. Greenwood said about her personal finance classes.

When Colten Strohmeier, a 7th grade student involved in The Game of Life, was interviewed he said, "I think it (personal finance) is a very interesting class, and I find that it is informative and should be kept as an elective in the future. I personally enjoyed looking up colleges."

Check out the MRMS Curriculum Guide for future classes.

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## Back to the 80's

By Josh Livingston

At 5:00 on January 18, 2019, the Molalla River Middle School gym was rocking out to 80's music. The Molalla Parent Action Committee put on another successful dance for the middle school students. The theme was "Flashback Friday," one of the planners said. Students were charged \$5.00 to get in.

The dance was held in the main gym, while in the north and south gyms there were games and concessions. Several students were asked how they felt about the dance. One student said, "They're fun to come to after school!" Another said, "I like them. They are cool." One more said, "I think the dances are always good and are very nice to come to." A staff member said, "They're great and fun to work at!"

The names of the DJs were Zeeke and Raymond. They said, "It's always fun to come and play for the school." When asked what it's like to operate the DJ booth they said, "It's a fun skill to learn and it's fun to play."

In the north gym, kids were playing Gaga-Ball. It's a fast paced game where a large group of students try and hit each other's legs. 9-square, which is 4-square with nine squares and the server in the middle, was also available. Concessions were sold in the south gym and tables were provided for kids to sit and eat at. Pizza, candy, soda, and slushies were sold. There was also a themed photo booth where students could pay for instant Polaroid photos.

The dance was a huge success and a lot of fun was had by all.

## Basketball



Coach Mason, Erik Hernandez, Tucker Ward, Will Mason, Mateo Miramontes, Trace Harrington, Ricky Cortes, Kyle Chavez, Austin Case, Josh Lam, Caden Cox, and Coach Conroy celebrate qualifying for the state tournament.

On Sunday, January 13th the 8th grade boys basketball team qualified for the State Tournament during the Putnam Winter Hoops Classic by winning three out of four games.

Christina Conroy, one of the coaches, has been coaching basketball for about 10 years and has been working with this particular group of boys since they were in 5th grade. This year Dwight Mason has also been helping coach. "He brings a lot of basketball knowledge and experience with him," Conroy stated.

Conroy has enjoyed watching her players grow and seeing who they are becoming. She especially likes talking to them and teaching them about life lessons - not just basketball. She tries to instill the importance of showing respect for others and earning good grades in school to each of her players.

Everyone on the team had a goal to qualify for state, which they did. Conroy had an additional goal of wanting the boys to become more solid as a team. They did just that during the tournament.

The state tournament is the weekend of March 4.

### 7th Grade Boys Tournament Team

By Emma Walsh

The Molalla 7th grade boys tournament team won a tournament on the 5th and 6th of January. This was their first win of the season. Boys on the team say their favorite part of the tournament was "winning because that means we get to go to state!" Although state was their main goal this season that is not stopping them from always trying to improve.

Team member Jack Davies said, "We need to work on not having turnovers because then we would have more opportunities to take shots, giving us a better chance of winning." Cade Wynn said, "We need to work on layups because they are easy shots." The team has also grown a lot since last year, and it was showing well in the tournament. They made their jump shots, worked well as a team, and overall did a great job leading them to victory.

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## Recognition Night

By Christian Zannotti

On January 16, 2019, the first Recognition Night of the 2018-2019 school year was held. 173 students made the honor roll during 1st trimester. Department Awards were also given out. Honor Roll awards were given to students who earned a 3.5 or higher GPA (Grade Point Average) in the first trimester of this school year. Department awards were presented to students who caught the teacher's eye in a specific subject. All the awards were announced by our very own event coordinator, Mrs. Thomas, who teaches 6th grade English and Publications. Mr. Dalton and Mr. Lacy shook hands and handed out the awards.

### 6th Grade Honor Roll

Luke Bauge  
Dylan Benz  
Arabella Berzinski  
Bevan Blanchfill  
Jackson Blomquist  
Josie Brooks  
Karli Campbell  
Daniel Castleton-Rudolph  
Shelton Dyer  
Georgia Edge  
Ryan Ernst  
Haley Foix  
Gweneth Fronk  
Mikayla Giard  
Colton Graf  
Lexy Jones  
Mason King  
Addison Klementis  
Ashley Laplante  
Lawson Linder  
Tanner Loschiavo  
Eddie Lucas  
Henry May  
Keegan McCourtney  
Haylee Morgan-Rasmussen  
Sebastian Mota  
Audrey Perla  
William Person  
Jenna Sandberg  
Giselle Solorio Becerra  
Levi Sparks  
Madison Talarico  
Zoey Taylor  
Yakov Tipikin  
Hailey Vanvorst  
Ethan Welle  
Jaden West  
Ellie Wimmer  
Miriam Zamora Vazquez

### 7th Grade Honor Roll

Cinthia Aguiar-Navarro  
Luis Almanza  
Sebastian Aspy  
Brady Beck

Lucas Berreth  
Stephanie Beteran Munoz  
Caidynce Cann  
Silas Carr  
Zach Clinton  
Millennia Dahl  
Zakary Delazerda  
Emily Dolores-Cruz  
Alyssa Edwards  
Olivia Ehleringer  
Madisyn Forbes  
Seth Furbee  
Brook Garbart  
Taylor Gates  
Brenna Gibbs  
Tag Grossnickle  
Codie Gump  
Anthony Hassing  
Stephanie Hernandez-Gomar  
Noah Johnston  
Hannah Jones  
Macy Jones  
Michael Jones  
Jessica Langendorfer  
Jared Maldonado Gonzalez  
Zhair Maldonado Gonzalez  
Julie Mametieff  
Marie Mason  
Tillee Muffett  
Brooklyn Nagle  
Katherine Nunn  
Benjamin Olsen  
Hunter Rae  
Alivia Reid  
Elizabeth Reutov  
Eustina Reutov  
Allison Rodgers  
Landon Schindler  
Ramona Shockley  
Kelsee Smith  
Colten Strohmeier  
Benjamin Suarez  
Osten Terry  
Claire Wallace  
Emma Walsh  
Madison Wetherell  
Cade Wynn  
Christian Zannotti

### 8th Grade Honor Roll

Victor Anglin Rivera  
Andrea Arias  
Larry Barber  
Kiana Bishop  
Kylie Brownlee  
Cinthia Camacho Perez  
Ephriam Carr  
Jasper Carrel  
Hailey Catlett  
Kyle Chavez  
Zackry Chenoweth  
Steven Conley  
Shelby Copeland  
Caden Cox  
Matthew Craig  
Mattie Danforth  
Tyson Ferrell  
Isabel Gonzalez  
Katie Gordon  
Jaycee Graf  
Emma Guest  
Asvery Guijosa Gonzalez  
Katherine Habeck  
Samantha Hamilton  
Trace Harrington  
Reese Hawkins  
Larry Herbert  
Fatima Hernandez  
Eva King  
Lily Kitzrobertson  
Joshua Larson  
Elena Litchfield  
Rylee Madison  
Isabella Manlove  
Chase Maricich  
William Mason  
Carson McEachran  
Michael Meeks  
Alexis Mellin  
Jose Miramontes  
Delaney Mitchell  
Morgan Mount  
Ava Nix  
Ethan Nunn  
Jazmin Ortega-Rojas  
Leanna Ostapenko  
Catelyn Pappas

Kylie Pearce  
Alice Person  
Antuan Peterson  
Jade Phillips  
Kenzie Prock  
Charlise Rasch  
Damyan Reutov  
Carli Richins  
Liam Rogers  
Emily Rountree  
Rainny Sahagun  
Cricket Schasny  
Emma Sleight  
Owen Stearns  
Kaylee Teeples  
Cassandra Travis  
Tucker Ward  
Savannah Webber  
Jarek White  
Amy Wills  
Kenna Wood



### Department Awards

#### 6th Grade

English - Lyla Cisneros/Keegan McCourtney  
Math - Quinten Shaffer/Jorden Zappe  
Science - Mason King, Ashley Laplante  
Social Studies - Bevan Blanchfill/Josie Brooks  
PE - Arabella Berzinski  
Choir - Daniel Castleton-Rudolph/Anastasia Ramos Estes  
Typing - Jackson Blomquist/Alivia Knapp-Plett/Josh Phillips

#### 7th Grade

English - Lucas Berreth/Daniel LaVigne  
Adv. Math - Caidynce Cann/Hunter Rae  
Math - Millennia Dahl/Caden Landis  
Science - Seth Furbee/Tillee Muffett  
Social Studies - Gavyn Kunz/Marie Mason  
Art - Eustina Reutov  
Choir - Brooklyn Nagle/Tag Grossnickle

#### 8th Grade

English - Victor Anglin Rivera/Javier Ortiz  
Science - Steven Conley/Jaycee Graf  
Social Studies - Asvery Guijosa Gonzalez/Nate Gonzalez  
Choir - Kylie McManigal/Ryu Tinker  
PE - Tucker Ward



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## Library Art

By Caidynce Cann and Isabelle Bryant

Clackamas County libraries are hosting a Teen Summer Reading Art Poster Contest. To enter the contest, contestants must be ages 12-18 or in 6th -12th grade. The first prize winner gets a \$100 cash gift card reward and honorable mentions get a \$25 cash gift card. The final poster must be on a 8 ½" by 11" paper and must contain only imagery, no words.

The theme for the contest is a Universe of Stories and there is a limit of 2 entries per contestant. The entries must also be in color and all work must be original to the contestant. Each entry must be signed on the back just in case the entry and entry form get separated. The final copy must be attached to a completed entry form by a paperclip. The due date for the final entry is January 31, 2019 at any LINCC public library and no other art pieces will be accepted afterwards. The winning design will be used for all countywide 2019 LINCC Teen Summer Reading program materials, such as posters, forms, flyers, etc.

Contestants who have already been awarded first prize in a previous contest are ineligible to participate.

## Asbestos in the Attic

By Joshua Livingston

Have you ever noticed small trap doors around the school that say Warning: Asbestos. Hazardous. Do not disturb without proper training and equipment? You might ask, "What is asbestos?" Asbestos is actually an assortment of different minerals.

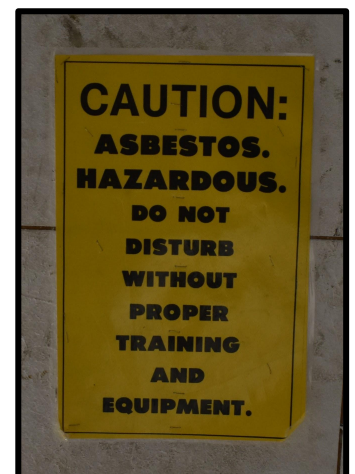
The U.S. government recognizes 6 types of Asbestos that are put into two different groups: Serpentine Asbestos and Amphibole Asbestos. In Serpentine Asbestos there is Chrysotile. In Amphibole there is Crocidolite, Amosite, Anthophyllite, Tremolite, and Actinolite. Even though there are only six recognized types, there are other Asbestos minerals like Wincite and Richterite, which are Amphibole minerals.

The effects of "Asbestosis" can happen at anytime between ten to forty years of exposure and include shortness of breath, persistent dry cough, loss of appetite/weight loss, fingertips and toes that appear wider and rounder (clubbing) and chest tightness or pain.

Asbestos was used for building and electrical insulation and has been present at MRMS since the school was built seventy one years ago in 1948. Although there are no plans to remove the asbestos, the district does a routine check every six months. They make sure the asbestos is watered down so it doesn't fly up when they rewrap it. Randy Dalton, principal, said the asbestos is sometimes forced to a contained area when repairs of broken piping are necessary. Repairmen always wear some kind of protective mask when working in asbestos areas.



Fingernail clubbing in severe asbestos exposure.



**Valentine  
Candy Gram Sale  
Coming Soon!**

**Feb. 4-13  
\$3.00**

**Yearbooks  
for sale!  
\$35**



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## Current Events

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### Day 31

By Tillee Muffett

On December 22nd, the United States government completely shut down. 380,000 government workers aren't getting paid for the work they are doing.

President Donald Trump shutdown the government because he couldn't secure funding for the Border Wall. Trump is now refusing to vote on anything.

Trump wants to build a Border Wall on the U.S.-Mexico border. The Wall is to prevent and restrict illegal immigration from Mexico. It will cost \$5.7 billion.

Of the 800,000 federal government employees, 380,000 of them are on unpaid leave. Even though the post offices are still up and running and Congress is still getting paid, airports are very affected by the government shutdown. An estimated 51,000 TSA employees are expected to come to work without pay for the fourth week in a row, but they aren't. Most of them are calling in sick, causing slowing, lengthening lines and closing checkpoints at airports across the nation.

National parks are in bad shape. Because the parks aren't getting any funding, the parks can't provide services like restrooms, trash collection and road maintenance. Most national parks have completely shut out visitors to protect the park. While no maintenance for the parks is happening, the parks are a danger to the public. Four people are believed to have died by suicide in the parks, and three more people have died due to accidents. One of the dead was a 14 year-old girl who fell from an overlook at Arizona's Glenn Canyon Recreation Area on Christmas Eve.

### So Egg-citing

Tillee Muffett

On January 4th, 2019, an egg was posted on Instagram. Ten days later, it made history.

The most liked picture on Instagram is a picture of an egg that was posted on January 4th. On January 10th, it surpassed the old record holder for the most liked picture on Instagram. The egg now holds the record at 45.5 million likes.

The old record holder was Kylie Jenner (@kyliejenner). The picture that was the record holder was the first picture of her baby Stormi. It was a picture of her thumb, and the baby holding her thumb.

The egg (@world\_record\_egg) has 7 million followers as of January 16th. The account has one post and it has 45.5 million likes in total and 2.5 million comments.

The account owner is unknown, and on their story they said "We're still anonymous. Fake news." to TMZ (@tmz\_tv).

Many accounts on Instagram have sprung up copying the egg. There is world record bananas, apples, more eggs, and avocados. The egg has now become a meme in the meme world.

### ADHD/ADD

By Jessica Langendorfer

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a brain disorder marked by an ongoing pattern of inattention or hyperactivity. ADHD can begin in childhood and can go through adult life. Having this condition makes it difficult to pay attention and control impulsive behaviors. According to the Mayo Clinic, symptoms of ADHD can start at early ages, such as two or three. ADHD is found mostly in boys, however, girls may get it, too.

Some symptoms in school age children include: being easily distracted, not being able to follow directions, not appearing to be listening, forgetting about school work or after school activities, often losing things, and/or tending to daydream. Symptoms of ADHD can be mistaken for emotional or disciplinary problems or missed entirely in quiet, well-behaved children, leading to a delay in diagnosis. Adults with undiagnosed ADHD may have a history of poor academic performance, problems at work, or relationships.

Some risk factors are genetics, smoking, low birth weight, and brain injuries. Treatments consist of medication, psychotherapy, education or training or a combination of all.

ADD, or Attention Deficit Disorder is similar to ADHD but without hyperactivity. It is found in both children and adults and can be treated, as well. ADHD and ADD are the most common medical conditions in children.

# Teacher Feature

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## Mr. Ferguson

By Kamila Bedolla

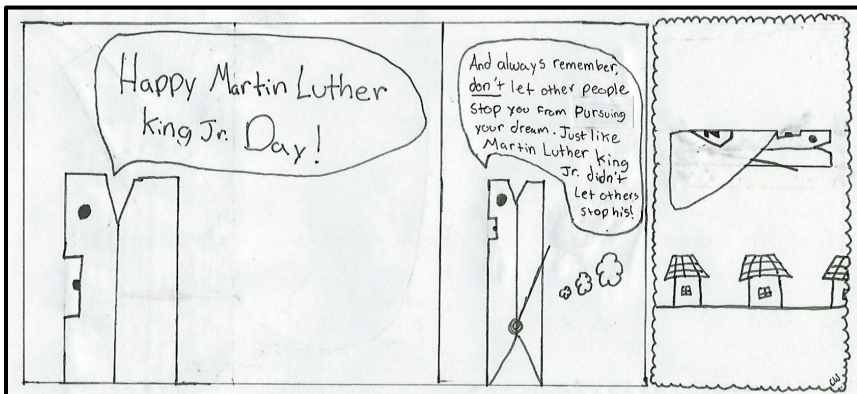
Mr. Ferguson is the sixth grade Social Studies teacher. He has been teaching at Molalla River Middle School for 13 years.

Mr. Ferguson decided to become a teacher after working at the Boys & Girls Club coaching baseball and basketball and volunteering at a local elementary school. When Mr. Ferguson was a kid he never imagined he would go to college, let alone become a teacher. He graduated from OSU with an AG Business degree. Since teaching is his second career he had to go back and get his teaching certificate. He spent a year and half at Pacific University and received his Master's Degree from George Fox.

Mr. Ferguson has been teaching for 20 years. His most successful year was when he taught sixth grade as self contained. "We had more control of the day and the bell didn't dictate when a lesson needed to end." Over his teaching career he has had the opportunity to mentor four student teachers. "It is a huge responsibility and very rewarding to give back to your profession by helping a new teacher."

The best part of his job is helping students learn skills that will help them be successful in the future. The worst part is going to meetings that don't solve any problems and dealing with disrespectful students. "A teacher can never know what impact they are having or on what students. It is really cool when a former student takes the time to come back and lets you know you had an impact and what they are doing or planning to do with their life. I have been lucky enough to have a few former students visit as they are preparing for college or starting a new career."

Created by Claire Wallace



## Mrs. Thomas

By Katherine Nunn

Pamela Gale Thomas is a 53 year old 6th grade English teacher. She also teaches 6th grade Communications and Publications. Mrs. Thomas spent the earlier part of her life in Mulino with her dad. Then in high school she moved to California to live with her mom. She has a dog named Max that she got from her brother last year before he passed away from cancer. She has two children named Colton and Claire. Colton is recently married and Mrs. Thomas says that she can't wait to be a grandmother.

Mrs. Thomas has always wanted to be a teacher. She had a special bond with some of her teachers when she was in middle school and that made her want to teach. When she started college she first majored in Journalism (She doesn't know why) then immediately switched to major in education, so that she could be a teacher or principal. She decided to be a teacher because she realized that she enjoyed being in a classroom and interacting with kids. She says that the worst part of her job is trying to work with kids who don't care about their education or how their behavior affects the rest of the class. She says that the best part of her job is the relationships that she gets to form with her students.

Mrs. Thomas is part of the Check and Connect program at MRMS and is a mentor to two 8th grade students. She has been teaching for 29 years. For the first 16 years she taught at Maple Grove. She and her family lived near the school, and because the school was so small she had to teach both of her own children.

She loves to ski and play volleyball. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite food is sushi. She loves the Harry Potter series, the Hunger games series, and the book Mandy. She would love to visit the remains of Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius, the Inca and Mayan ruins, and see the Northern lights.

# Clawsome Fun

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## Jokes

By Kelsee Smith

**Q:** What do you call a detective alligator?

**A:** An investi-gator!



**Q:** What does it mean if you find a horseshoe?

**A:** Some poor horse is walking around in his socks

**Q:** Why was the painting sent to jail?

**A:** It was framed.

**Q:** What did the traffic light saw to the car?

**A:** "Don't look! I'm about to change!"

**Q:** What do cows most like to read?

**A:** Cattle-logs.



**Q:** Did you hear about the carnival?

**A:** It was in-tents!

**Q:** What do you call an old snowman?

**A:** Water.

**Q:** What do you call somebody that doesn't fart in public?

**A:** A private tutor.

**Q:** Why did the ghost turn turn down the job offer?

**A:** Because he couldn't see himself doing it.

## Just So You Know

### A banana is an herb?

By Caidynce Cann

Everyone thinks bananas are fruit. While bananas are a fruit they are also considered an herb. The banana plant is also called a banana tree and is technically considered an herbaceous plant or an herb. The banana plant is not a tree because the stem does not contain true wood type tissue.

### Selfies are more deadly than sharks?

By Tillee Muffett

In 2017, more people died from injuries caused by taking a selfie than from shark attacks. There were 35 deaths caused by selfies and only 5 caused by sharks. So, next time you swim in an ocean, don't be afraid of sharks; be afraid of selfies.

### Got Milk?

By Emma Walsh

The average Holstein cow produces around 23,000 pounds of milk, or **2,674 gallons**, of milk each milking period. With a standard milking period lasting 305 days, that comes out to 75 pounds, or almost **9 gallons** of milk per cow per day.

## Just So You Know

## Walle the Wolverine Created by Christian Zannotti

