

Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
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From the Principal's Desk....

Dear Ballard Families,

Administrators and teachers everywhere recognize the important contributions parents make toward a child's success in school. There is no question about it - success at school begins at home. Parents are the single most important variable in a child's schooling. Parents model both a silent and spoken language in front of their children daily. One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children.

With 1st quarter completed, we are finding teachers have established school standards and rules. In the most successful classrooms, teachers have established specific routines for the children to follow. This means giving the children a specific place to find and keep materials, a set schedule for classroom instruction, etc. These routines, blended with the teacher's consistent standards, form a smooth-running classroom where the children have the security of understanding their environment and are reinforced positively for their contributions.

At home, it is also important to provide routines. Many families build a daily "quiet time" when the television is turned off. This quiet time provides students the opportunity for completing schoolwork or for recreational reading if there is no homework. The routine of a daily quiet time provides an opportunity to develop self-discipline, stimulate imagination, and enhance reading skills. Teachers also rely on parents as an exten-

sion of their classroom by involving parents in a variety of ways: checking planners, looking through backpacks as a team (student and parent), listening to your child read, signing tests and grade reports, reviewing study guides, or providing guidance on projects.

Commitment to the best, for our children on the part of parents, students and staff is the key to our success with the children we teach. It is the hope of the staff that all parents will help us fulfill this commitment to excellence on behalf of ALL children at Ballard. School and home can work together to build skills and knowledge, reinforce values, and develop a strong sense of self-worth. Working together allows us to provide the best opportunity for every student to be successful.

Thank you for your continued support! Please feel free to contact me at the school at any time if you have questions or ideas.

Respectfully,
Dustin Bridges

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Senior Spotlight

Brianna Pray

Brianna, 17, is the daughter of Melody and Tony Pray, and the sister of Kelsey, Mikayla, and Haley. Some of her favorites include the color red, purple, and gold yellow, any Chinese restaurant, and the songs "Just Fishin'" by Trace Adkin's and "Why God" by Austin French. Brianna's dream car is a gold yellow jeep. Some of Brianna's hobbies are playing and watching sports, solving Rubik's Cubes, and hanging out with friends. Brianna's biggest pet peeve is when people spell or say her name wrong. Brianna's famous last words are, "Do it I dare you."

Brianna's extracurricular activities are volleyball, basketball, softball, and drama club. Brianna's plans for the future are to go to MCC and the University of Nebraska. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Brianna answered, "In 15 years I see myself as a pediatric nurse or working in the NICU and having a beautiful family."

Written by: Brianna Pray



Student of the Month

September



The Ballard R-II School District is pleased to be working in conjunction with the Adrian Optimist Club to honor a Student of the Month for the 2019-2020 school year.

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The Student of the Month for September is senior Brice Eidson, son of Richie and Tina Eidson. Business teacher, Cheryl Murchie states, "He always has a smile and a great attitude. He is a great role model for his school mates and the younger students. If the elementary students stop him in the hall he will take the time to visit with them. I can count on Brice to help me with anything I need done, from copying to climbing a ladder and running cables for me." Principal Dustin Bridges states, "Brice is a student leader and great role model for the elementary classes. From the time he walks in the doors he is always smiling and willing to talk to the elementary students or give high fives or an occasional hug. He is always willing to take the time, showing them that they do matter."

For Brice's hard work in school, he is receiving a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and \$20.00 in Adrian Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks." **Pictured at left: Principal Dustin Bridges, Brice Eidson, and Optimist Member Jerry Ferguson**

October

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The Student of the Month for October is Junior Dylan Tippie, son of Staci and Jimmy Greer. Mr. Bergen states, "With concession stand, Dylan steps up when we need him. He cares about his studies and seems to be a good friend to many. I like having him in class, both as a teacher and as a sponsor." Technology teacher, Cheryl Murchie states, "Dylan is always willing to help a teacher and fellow students with anything they ask of him. He has a great personality and is usually smiling. He always makes sure he has his class work turned in on time. He is a great role model for his classmates and underclassmen."

For Dylan's hard work in school, he is receiving a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and \$20.00 in Adrian Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks." **Pictured to the right: Principal Dustin Bridges, Dylan Tippie, and Optimist Member Thomas Gregg**



Preschool Pups

Miss Clark



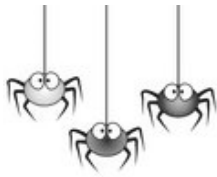
The preschoolers are very busy so far this year. We have learned all about the stories “Goldilocks and the Three Bears”, “The Three Little Pigs”, and “Little Red Riding Hood.” We have mastered letters A-E, numbers 1-4, and most of our shapes!

Our favorite thing to do when we first get to school is to fix Miss Clark’s “messy hair” with a bunch of clips and bows. We have been in the Halloween spirit and we’re very excited to dress up and eat lots of candy!

Written by: Miss Clark
Typed by: Maecy Claiborne

Fearless First

Mrs. Smith



October has been a great month for us in First Grade. We welcomed two new students that we are very excited to have with us, we are now a class of 10. We have kept very busy this month. In Math, we have been

learning about our beginning subtraction concepts. In Reading, we took our first big Unit test and moved on to Unit 2. In Spelling, we learned about Short O words. In Social Studies, we learned about our community and being a community helper. We also did an information unit on spiders right before Halloween. We learned all about spiders while integrating other First Grade concepts, like making a bar graph comparing who does and doesn't like spiders, reading a nonfiction text, and writing a report. It has been a great quarter, we are looking forward to the next one!

Written by: Mrs. Smith
Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Trendy Third

Ms. Kabir

This month the Third graders did a presentation in honor of Missouri Day. They explained the differences between the Northern Plains, the Western Plains, Ozark Highland and the Southeast Low Land. They explained how each region was formed, whether by glaciers or drought, each section was formed in its own unique way. The Westland Plains is where Ballard is located and is known for the coal mines dotting the area. The Ozark Plains region contains the highest point in Missouri, Taum Sauk Mountain.

Written by: Ms. Kabir
Typed by: Rachel Evans

Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock



It’s hard to believe it is already October. This year is already flying by and we’ve been very busy in Kindergarten. We have been learning about friendship in both Reading and Social Studies. Also we’ve been working on learning sight words and our letter sounds as well.

Some of the upcoming events are Pumpkin Day in which we will be doing all things pumpkin related. Our Halloween party is coming up as well and the kids are looking forward to dressing up and showing off their costumes. They are already telling me what they are going to be. I have a wonderful group of kiddos this year and I cannot wait to see them grow and learn throughout the year!

Written by: Mrs. Hathcock
Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Sweet Second

Mrs. West



Things are getting a little spooky in Second grade this month. Between our bat unit and our creative writing story, “The Creepy Green Hand”, we took full advantage of the month of October! Some of us might find it frightening to learn to count

money, but not this class. We tackled counting change and proved to be quite fearless. After a few weeks of practice, most of us could easily count money.

We learned about sound waves in Science this month. Making kazoo’s, plucking rubber bands, and blowing into bottles to help us understand the vocabulary that goes with the sound unit. Hopefully we won’t hear too many scary sounds as we go out trick-or-treating!

Written by: Mrs. West
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson



Pictured above: Aspyn Eidson and Ian Campbell

Funky Fourth

Mrs. Moore

This month the fourth grade students wrote couplet poems for Halloween.



Halloween Night

On Halloween night have a light
Or you will get a fright

Harry Greer

Black

There are black cats in our backpacks
With the pack rats

Addilynn Engelhardt

The Clown

Once there was a clown
It was the scariest one in town

Jacob Eidson

Mister Clown

There's a clown
In our town

Nathan Bales

In-between Halloween

Hopefully I don't get stuck in-between
If I do everyday will be Halloween

Owen Meade

The Rare Hare

There are very little rare bears
There are very many rare hares

Gavin Schliem

The Witches

The witches need stitches
They fell in one of the ditches

Julia Jones

The Witch Hunt

Something was coming for the witches
The witches ended up needing stitches

Piper Goth

Fabulous Fifth

Mrs. Bergen



Fifth Grade has been hard at work this year. We were happy to finish up the first quarter and have a fresh start for the second quarter. We are really getting the hang of switching classes and are loving our four day school week. Mrs. Bergen came back and we are happy, but we miss Mrs. Sallee. Thankfully we still get to see her everyday! We are really looking

forward to the coming holiday season!

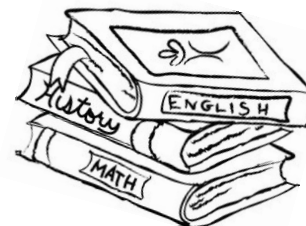
Written by: Mrs. Bergen

Typed By: Serenity Morris

Savage Sixth

Ms. Eidson

So far this month we are studying cells, bones, etc. Also we are having lots of fun in science. We are all excited about having Mrs. Bergen back. In spelling and reading, we are reading a book called "Holes" and we are studying our spelling



words, doing lots of quizzes and tests on the book "Holes". We are all enjoying the book so far. We are doing lots of math and we are learning about fractions, decimals, and percentages. Everyone is doing really great in math. In Social Studies, we are learning about the Babylonians, and are about to take our test over the Babylonians. In writing we are learning how to make variety sentences. So this month has been great so far. We are trying something new this month like eating lunch with the Junior High and High School students.

Written by: Valencia Landeros and Haley Pray

Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Sassy Seventh

Ms. Murchie

Now that the first quarter is over, we finally are starting to get the hang of Seventh grade. Our classes are getting easier. Especially in Math, we are learning a lot of new concepts. Computer class is awesome and so is Ms. Murchie.



Written by: Sam Setzer

Typed by: Sudie Callahan

Refreshing Freshman

Mrs. Larcom

We are excited to say that we have made it through our first quarter of High School! Now we have three more so, wish us luck! Averie Bales, Macie Morris, and Tucker Roach are going to National Convention for FFA, we'll be leaving Tuesday, October 29. All of us are excited about Halloween coming up, and can't wait for the best night of the year! We hope all of you have fun, HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Written by: Macie Morris
Typed by: Rachel Evans

Superior Sophomores

Mrs. Bridges

The Tenth grade students are really liking the four day school week schedule. For the most part, our class is going really well. The first quarter already went by pretty fast. Some of us are getting ready to go to National Convention for FFA. We hope they all have a safe and fun trip. We're all ready for Christmas break.

Written by: Ashton Carullo & Briana Arredondo
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson



Jazzy Juniors

Mr. Bergen and Mrs. Chambers



As the First Quarter is coming to an end we are making sure our grades are kept up and maintained as high as we can get them before its over. We are shocked at how fast this quarter has gone by with the help of our four day week schedule. Our Vo-Tech school kids are loving the ability to have a hands on experience on

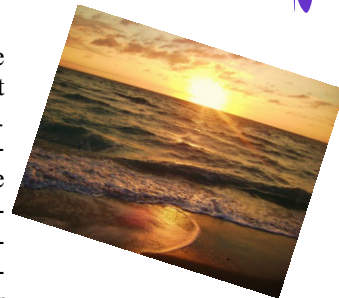
their future dream job! The concession stand is doing very well and we thank the community for coming out and supporting the junior class!

Written By: Serenity Morris

SARCASTIC SENIORS

Mrs. Gregory & Mr. Dunkin

We are well into the year and are so excited for what our senior year has in store. Our pasta dinner had an amazing turn out with raising a little over \$1,500. The evening started slow but came out with several happy people. We are starting to come up with ideas for our senior shirts and our next fundraiser. Even though graduation is still 8 months away, we are all ready to walk across the stage. We have also been talking about fun activities to do on our senior trip like riding go karts and waking up early to watch the sunrise every morning, while we are there with Mrs. Gregory and Mr. Dunkin.



Written by: Maecy Claiborne

Ag & FFA

Ms. Strodtman

In FFA, Maecy Claiborne, Sudie Callahan, and Dylan Tippie went to The University of Missouri on Monday, October 7 for College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. They learned about Biochemistry in Agriculture, Animal Science, Food Science, and about the campus. They enjoyed their time and felt like they learned a lot about the campus and what the University has to offer in the Agriculture Department.

The FFA members are also preparing for the chapter Barn Warming on Friday, October 18. There will be games, music and food. A boy and girl will get announced as the Ballard FFA queen and king. FFA will also be having a Halloween party which will include carving pumpkins, scary movies, and scary food items.

The Ballard chapter also has 11 lucky kiddos who set up travel to Indianapolis and have the honor of attending the FFA National Convention. These kids worked extremely hard to meet the minimum fruit sales and also the most active in FFA out of all the FFA members.

Witten by: Ms. Strodtman
Typed by: Maecy Claiborne



Pictured to the above: Dylan Tippie, Maecy Claiborne, and Sudie Callahan

Science Department

Mrs. Chambers



The first quarter is over and the second quarter is starting off with a bang. All of the classes are starting off great and are getting ready for the science fair which is Friday, December 6. All of their projects are due Tuesday, November 26 which is coming right up. In Astronomy they are slowly coming back to earth after exploring space. In Eighth grade they are working on dominant and recessive traits and are about to start on a project where they make their own pets. The Freshmen are still in force and motion and just got done with a project where they made race cars out of card board and were powered by balloons. Next with Ecology they just went on a field trip to Taberville Prairie where they marked out a plot of land and took a lot of observations of the ground and the surroundings and had to identify different plants in the plot of the land. Next is Earth Science, they are seeing how biomes work and what biomes are. Lastly is the Envirothon group which is going very well. We are working on identifying trees and animal tracks to have all the necessary tools to do well in competitions.

Written by: Sudie Callahan

TITLE 1 NEWS

Mrs. Sallee



The kiddos in Kindergarten through Sixth grade have been working hard this month to complete progress assessments. I am so proud of all of them! If you did not receive a copy of your child's progress assessment scores during parent teacher conferences on Monday, October 21, please contact the office, and I will have a copy mailed out to you.

Students are also up and running to meet their individualized STAR reading goals. As of now, students have read a total count of 365 books (that's one book for each day of the year!) and a total of 4,739,599 words schoolwide.

Written by: Mrs. Sallee
Typed by: Rachel Evans

Mr. Bergen's Math Corner

Micah Bergen

For Halloween month, here are some spooky, scary math riddles...

A witch has seven daughters, and each daughter has one brother. How many children does the witch have all together?
Answer: The witch has eight kids!

What did the student say when the witch doctor removed his curse?
Answer: Hex-a-gon!

What is the weight of all the bones in an average human body?
Answer: One skeleton!

If you took all the bones from your body and laid them end-to-end how long would it be?
Answer: Long enough to kill you!

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter?
Answer: Pumpkin pi!

How did the witch make seven an even number?
Answer: She casted the "s" away!

What scary snakes are good at sums?
Answer: Black Adders!

Typed By: Serenity Morris

It's All History

Mr. Dunkin

So far this month in the Eleventh and Twelfth grade Geography class the students are identifying countries of Asia. The eighth grade U.S History class is going over the French and Indian War. The Seventh grade Geography class is talking about the United States in detail, and looking at the U.S. very closely. The ninth grade U.S. History class is learning about the Populists and about the farming issues. Also the World History class is talking about Classical Greece and Alexander the Great. Last but not least the Government class is talking about Federalism and how the power is divided between the nation and the states.



Written by : Sierra Ferguson

Sports Page

Osceola JV Tournament

Written by: Sudie Callahan and Brianna Pray

Saturday, September 21		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	15	15
Green Ridge	25	25

Saturday, September 21		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	19	25
Lakeland	25	23

Saturday, September 21		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	9	8
Rich Hill	25	25

Ballard vs Chilhowee

On Tuesday, September 24, the Bulldogs hosted the Chilhowee Indians. The first set Ballard fell short with a score of 13-25. The second set they came out strong but didn't quite make it with a score of 12-25 Chillhowee.

JV played really well. The first set they came out strong and got a win with a score of 25-19 Ballard. The second set they were pumped and ready to go. They played hard and it payed off, Ballard won with a score of 25-16.



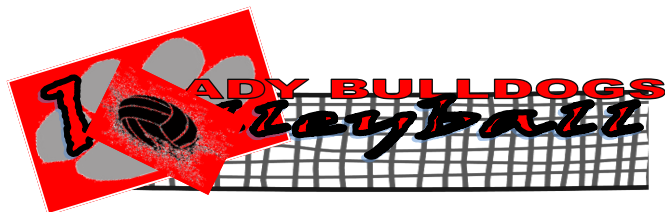
Saturday, September 21		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	3	8
Skyline	25	25



Ballard vs NEVC

On Thursday, September 26, the Ballard Bulldogs played the NEVC Knights. The lady Bulldogs came out ready to win. They fought really hard but didn't quite make it with a score of 23-25 NEVC. The second set they wanted revenge. They came out swinging and won the set with a score of 25-14. They went into three sets and on the last set the bulldogs fought hard but weren't quite there with a score of 21-25 NEVC.

JV was still pumped from the varsity game. They came out fighting and Ballard won the first set 25-13. The second set they stuck with it and were ready to go. They came out with a win 25-12 Ballard.



Bulldogs vs Kingsville & Bunceton

Monday, September 30		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	10	21
Kingsville	25	25



Monday, September 30		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard JV	25	25
Bunceton	20	22

EL Dorado Tournament

Saturday, October 12		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	12	11
Butler	25	25

Saturday, October 12		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	9	12
El Dorado	25	25

Saturday, October 12		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	15	5
College Heights	25	25

Senior/Pink out Night

On Tuesday, October 1 the Lady Bulldogs battled the Bronaugh Wild Cats. Varsity played first and battled hard putting up a good fight. The first set ended 25-27 Bronaugh. The second set they were determined to win. Ballard fought hard and were almost there but ended with a score of 21-25.

JV Lady Bulldogs played second and they came out "guns-a-blazin". They worked hard and won the first set with a score of 26-24. The second set was really intense and they were really close but had to go into another set with a score of 24-26. Senior Maecy Claiborne had some encouraging words "We need to keep our heads up, we are so close we can come back and smoke them." After that, the team was pumped up and won the match in the third set 15-0.



Pictured above: Destiny Bramell



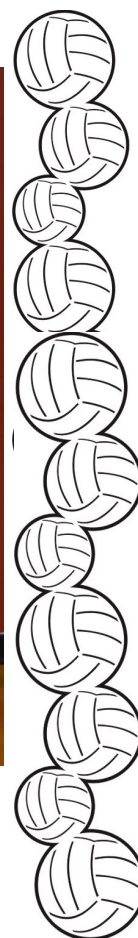
Pictured above: Maecy Claiborne



Pictured above: Brianna Pray



Pictured above: #4 Maecy Claiborne daughter of Rusty and Sandra Claiborne and Erin Claiborne, #21 Brianna Pray daughter of Tony and Melody Pray, #10 Destiny Bramell daughter of Ray and Beth Bramell.



Ballard vs NEVC



Tuesday, October 8		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard JV	25	25
NEVC JV	9	17

Tuesday, October 8			
Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard	25	15	19
NEVC	17	25	25

Miami Tri Meet



Monday, October 14		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	12	13
Sheldon	25	25

Monday, October 14		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	25	27
Miami	19	25

Ballard vs Chilhowee



Thursday, October 17			
Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard JV	25	22	25
Chilhowee JV	14	25	12

Thursday, October 17		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	10	22
Chilhowee	25	25

Junior High Basketball

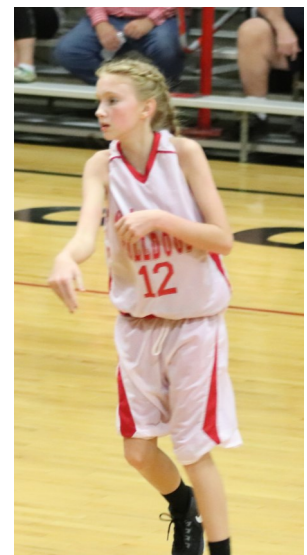
Ballard vs Hume



Pictured above: Jonathan Setzer

The Junior High girls played Thursday, October 15. They played a tough team for their first game. The girls fought hard with only five players and battled the whole time but the score was not in their favor, 12-44 Hume was the final score.

After the Junior High girls game the Junior High boys started of strong they where bouncing off the walls. Hume was having a really good day considering it was the bulldogs first game of the season. They ended up falling short with the score 9-40 Hume.



Pictured above: Zoie Wheeler

GVVC Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, October 19		
Team	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	15	15
Sheldon	25	25

Saturday, October 19		
Team	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	14	21
Hume	25	25

Saturday, October 19		
Team	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	25	18
Miami	22	25

Volleyball Conference Tournament

On Monday, October 28, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Rich Hill to play North East Vernon County in the first game of conference. The ladies started the match off strong and were playing well as a team. They took a win for the first set with the score being 25 to 18, Ballard. The second set they fell a little short. They got a little down on themselves and let the win slip between their fingers. The score for the second set was 13 to 25, N.E.V.C. The start of the third set they were determined to pull out a win against N.E.V.C. They fought hard and gave it their all but it just wasn't enough. The score for the third and final set of the lady Bulldogs volleyball season was 17 to 25 N.E.V.C. They had a great season but it ended too soon. All of the players learned a lot and improved greatly. Thank you all who came out and supported us home and away from home. We are super excited to see how next years season turns out!

Written by: Brianna Pray

Callahan Receives Award

On Friday, October 11, three area State Farm Insurance Agents surprised Junior Sudie Callahan with the "Kellie Davidson State Farm Athlete of the Week." award.

Sudie is the daughter of Trent and Missy Callahan. She is on the varsity volleyball team.

Sudie was nominated by her volleyball Coach Jackie Harter. Coach Harter stated "Sudie is a fantastic teammate! She is always encouraging others on and off the court, working her hardest, and kindly teaching others when they need help. She has stepped into the role of Varsity Captain with confidence, humility and incredible leadership." Sudie is now in the running for a \$500 scholarship that will be drawn at the end of the year. Congratulations Sudie on receiving the award!

Pictured to the right: Brian Harris, Coach Harter, Sudie Callahan, Kellie Davidson, and Jon Henry Jackson



Written by: Mrs. Murchie



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Fun Page



WHO DID DRACULA TAKE ON A DATE?

{His "Ghoul" friend}

WHERE DID THE BABY GHOST SIT?

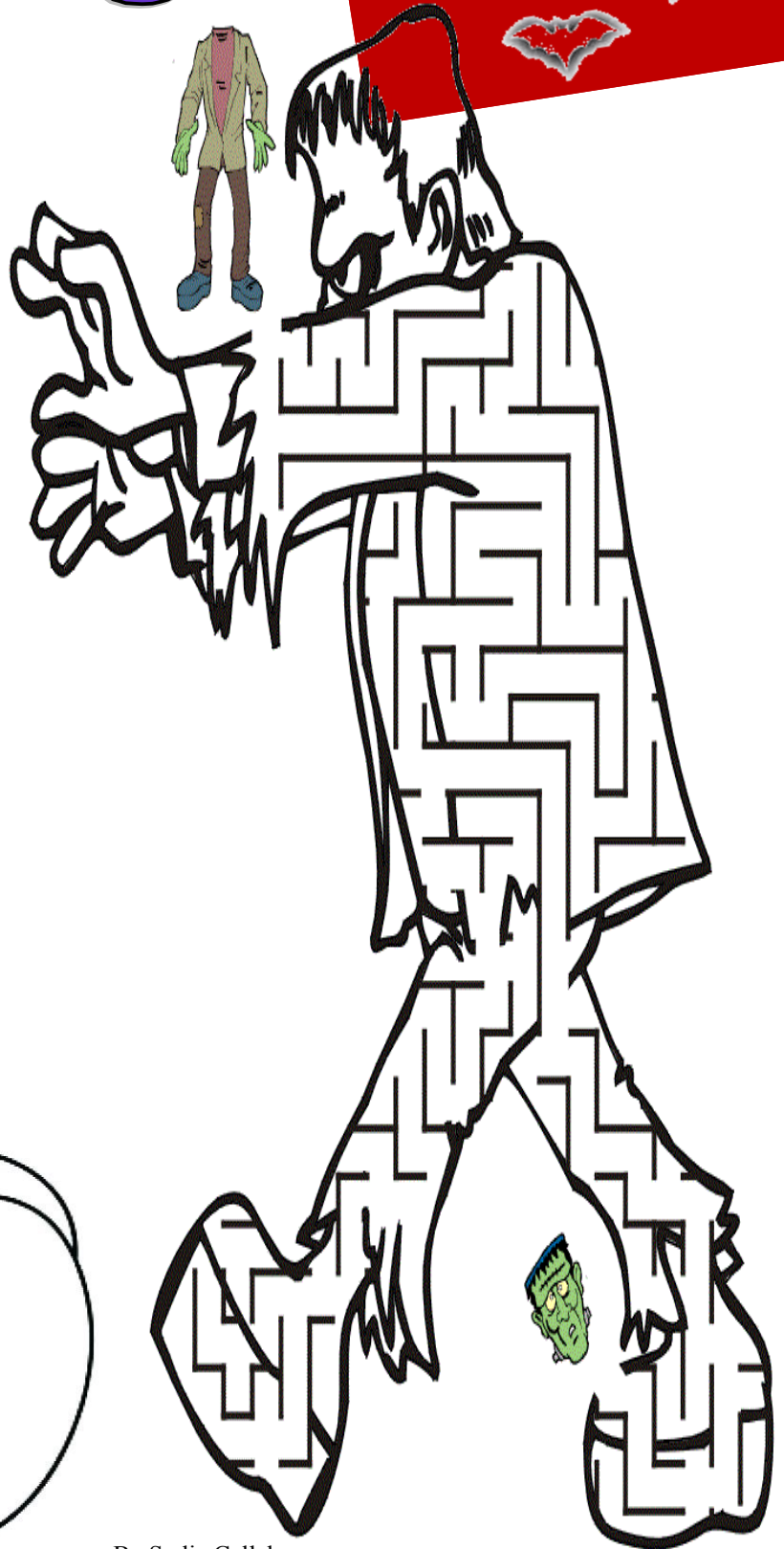
{In the "boo"ster seat}

WHICH GHOST IS THE BEST DANCER?

{The Boogie Man}

WHAT'S A SCARECROWS FAVORITE FRUIT?

{ "Straw"berries }



By Sudie Callahan

