

THE BARK

HURRICANES AND WILDFIRES

2020 has had many obstacles, including recent hurricanes and wildfires.

Two of the major storms were Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Sally. Both of these hurricanes have devastated many people around the world and destroyed many homes. Hurricane Laura hit on August, 29 in the state of Louisiana (along with many other states in the Midwestern part of the United States) and was classified as a category 4. The highest wind speed during Hurricane Laura went all the way up to 150 mph, which caused fatal outcomes with up to 72 deaths and 10.1 billion dollars in damage. Hurricane Sally was a very destructive hurricane that started in the Atlantic and was the

first hurricane to hit Alabama since 2004, which was Hurricane Ivan.

This hurricane hit and devastated many areas, including Cuba, Bahamas, the Gulf Coast of the United States, and the Southeastern United States with wind speeds up to



105 mph. The cost of damage with all of these areas combined has reached the total of around 5 billion. Hurricane Sally had 8 total deaths around by the time the hurricane was over. Although Hurricane Sally did not have as many deaths as Hurricane Laura, there was still significant loss for those areas hit and even more costs in damage.

In California, they are still struggling with an uncontrollable wildfire problem that is spreading rapidly across the states. The latest updates on the wildfires has resulted in 26 major wildfires across the state, up to 29 deaths, and over 7,200 structures destroyed.. The air quality across the state has also dropped tremendously with humidity, dry lands, and rising temperatures.

Skylar Young

GIRLS TENNIS

I asked Emily Krechko on the girls tennis team and on how many returning players they have on varsity? She answered, " we really didn't lose that many people on the team in the past year which is good for our team bringing in a lot of experienced players."

- Emily Krechko

One of the new varsity players, Annalynn Faile, is a 10th grader who has all the talent needed to be a dominant player. I asked her if she feels nervous coming into the season. She responded with " No not at all, i feel confident in my ability to help this team win. I have been working hard all offseason for this so there is no reason to back down now."

- Annalynn Faile

Erica Krechko is a senior on this team and shows a great amount of leadership on and off the court.

We asked her if she is prepared for the leadership role and she told us.

"Yes, it's almost like this is what I live for. It's the best to be the leader because

I want to show all the younger players how much this means to all of the other seniors."



Davis Starnes

The Netflix logo, consisting of the word "NETFLIX" in red, bold, sans-serif capital letters, set against a black rectangular background.

With the colder weather and COVID-19, people are staying indoors more than usual. When

you stay in the house all the time, it can get boring. Something to pass the time is to watch TV and movies! A movie series to watch is *Harry Potter*, which has recently blown up on Tik Tok after being out for years. This series of movies has eight parts that are all equally as good and entertaining! One TV show to watch this month would be *New Girl*. It is funny, lighthearted, and easy to binge watch. It also is on Netflix, which most people have and can easily access. But, if you are into crime shows, *Criminal Minds* is another great choice for a show to watch on Netflix.

NEW SHOWS AND MOVIES

Emily Stroupe

FALL ACTIVITIES 2020



The weather is changing, so are the activities.

Some fun things to do in the fall include carving pumpkins (and using the seeds for cooking), going to a corn maze at Strawberry Hill

with friends, or taking a trip to a local haunted house to bring in the "spooky season."



This year, local haunted house that are still open are Wompus Woods, Nightmare Hollow, and Madworld. Enjoy the haunt!

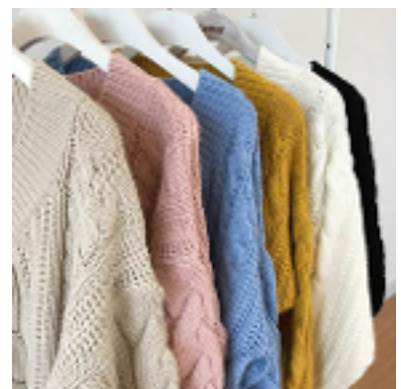
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Fall Fashion



It is finally fall! As the leaves begin to drop, the weather starts to get chilly. The long, hot days of summer are replaced with cool breezes of fall. As the weather is cooling down quickly, one will have to make a point to add layers. This includes snugly sweaters, boots, pants and long sleeves. Buffalo plaid has come back in style and is going to be seen a lot this fall. Emily Nichols refers to what she considers her fall fashion and what she wears during this time. She answers, “ I consider fall fashion to be more comfy and warm. I love to wear my comfy sweaters and my big sweatshirts.” This would hint at another fashion trend for the fall season: over-sized, baggy sweatshirts for girls. The extra large fitting sweatshirts are often paired with leggings.

For boys, Patagonia fleece pullovers, fleece/flannel button-ups, and Bean boots seem to be the fit they are looking for.



Cassidi Austin



MANNY'S RESTAURANT

Looking for a reasonable, family-friendly restaurant with quality food? Look no further than Manny's Italian restaurant off Highway 9 in Boiling Springs. They offer any Italian dish you could dream of and even dishes for the picky eaters. Their menu is massive, but some highly recommended dishes are the following:

-Chicken Parmigiana Sub (listed at \$8.99 on the menu),

Homemade Lasagna (12.99), and Greek Spaghetti (\$11.99). Manny's Restaurant is a must try on Highway 9!



William Holmes

The Latest and Greatest: PlayStation 5

The PlayStation 5 is Sony's latest and greatest, next-generation gaming console. Its release date is set on November 12, 2020. Although the gaming console hasn't been released yet, some of the new



specs and features have been released to the public. The new PS5 includes

an SSD for faster loading speeds, ray-tracing, a 4K Blu-ray DVD player, and backwards compatibility (which means it can play games that were made for an earlier model gaming console.) Many are excited to see how this changes the gaming world!

William Holmes

2020 BSHS CHEERLEADING

Boiling Springs High School cheerleaders are back to cheer on the football team and take their talents to the mat. This year is a little different than others (due to the pandemic), but it doesn't stop these girls from doing their best. One of the cheerleaders was asked how they think this season will go and how it will be different from the other seasons.

Megan Emanuel answers, " I think this season is gonna go really well because we have a very hardworking group of girls, who are willing to try any and everything. " This season's squad will be ready to compete in their first competition of the year, which will be held at Riverside High School on October 31st. The "Queens of the Springs" are hoping their hard work will translate to the competition mat!



Cassidi Austin

BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Rick Tate and the Bulldogs took a tough loss against Gaffney

on September 25th. A 33-23 loss for the Bulldogs to open the season up. They came out of the locker room ready to play, but things did not go in their favor. Gaffney is supposed to be the best team in the region, and we hung in with them well. This past Friday, October 2nd, Bulldog Nation hosted Nations Ford at home. After a convincing win, it is looking to be a good season for the Bulldogs!

Vance Wagner

NEW ITEMS AT THE COFFEE SHOP

One aspect of school that was truly missed during the pandemic were the exciting new additions at Bulldog Bucks coffee shop. There are some exciting and tasty, new editions for this school year. The first notable item is the peanut butter bagel; this is a new item that was added to the other bagel options (regular bagel and a blueberry bagel.) We asked one of the workers why they had added the peanut bagel and she responded, "it just gives the kids more of an option, we want to make sure that they have everything that they need to get through the day." The coffee shop has also added new flavors of coffee to the menu. The new flavors include Cookie Crush, Mocha Amazing, and Caramel Cooler. Be sure to give the new items at the coffee shop a test run!



Davis Starnes

NEW APPLE PRODUCTS



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We are coming up on the release date for the new iPhone. The phone will be called the iPhone 12 and the 12 Pro, similar to the iPhone 11. The iPhone 12 will feature 4 iPhones in 3 different sizes. It will come in a 5.4, 6.7, and 6.1 inches. The prices will range from \$999, \$1099, and \$1299. This phone is supposed to be released on October 23, 2020. It will be very similar to the iPhone 11 with some minor upgrades. There is also a new Apple watch out on the market. It was released on Friday, September 18, 2020. It features blood oxygen monitoring, a brighter display, and a faster chip all for the same price as the other watches. There are also new watch faces and third party complications. The watches range from \$399 to \$499.

Vance Wagner