

THE BARK



BLACK FRIDAY 2020

This year, the annual Black Friday shopping events will be presented a little bit differently (due to the pandemic). These events kick off the Christmas season for many shoppers. It is also an exciting time for businesses to make more profit than any other time during the year. During this event, all stores present their items on discounts or sales, which makes shoppers more enticed. In 2020, retailers will have to take a different approach on the event to allow shoppers to experience it in person, without taking the event completely away. Retailers are trying to figure out a way to allow people to come shop in their store while not putting the workers or customers at risk. There will be many precautions in place to ensure that Black Friday will in fact take place this year. Most stores are now offering delivery and curbside pickup while still offering the same deals as they have in the previous years. Recently, many retailers have encouraged shoppers to participate in the online ordering process to ensure their safety. Also, some businesses have taken advantage of the situation and have extended their Black Friday sales to the beginning of the year in order to compensate for shoppers who don't want the risk of going out during the current circumstances. Some retailers are inviting customers to book private, two-hour shopping appointments for small groups (while wearing masks.) Businesses will have to be more innovative than ever before in order to ensure customer safety, comfort, and willingness to brave crowds in order to buy their product. Stay safe out there on Black Friday, shoppers!





RUNNING TO THE FINISH

The Cross Country season was a short one since there were not as many summer workouts and preparation that typically take place. The team was more eager than ever to return to competition and compete.

We asked a returning varsity runner, Conner Riordan, how it felt to be back running cross country since it's been so long. Connor stated, "It felt great! We had been wondering all summer if we were going to be able to run this year... To finally be able to do it, felt amazing."

This year was Dylan Bell's first year on the team, and he was a varsity runner. We asked him what that felt like to be a new runner. He said, "It's really a great accomplishment. I worked really hard all summer at my house to get ready for this, and it actually paid off."

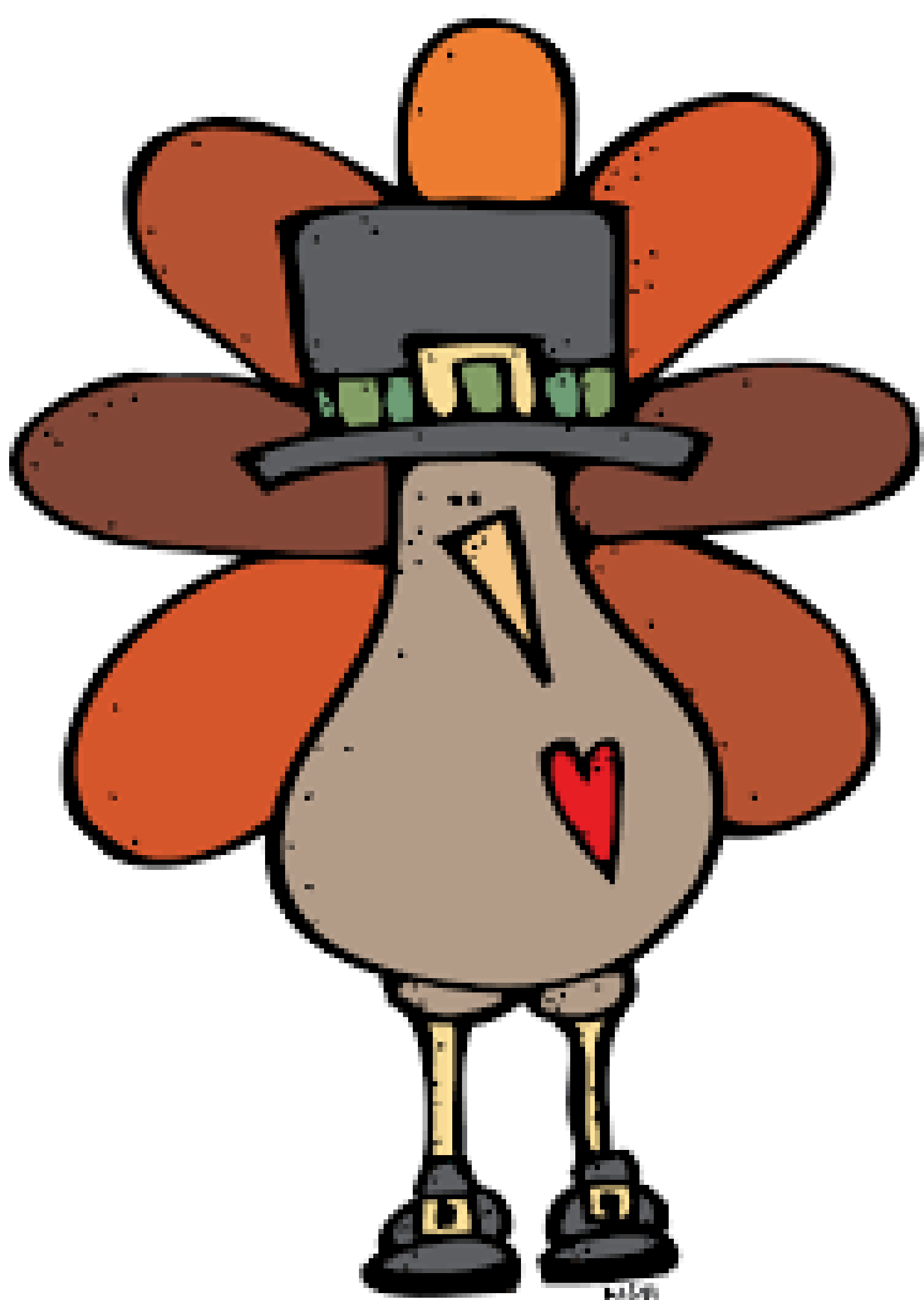
Kendall Little, a senior for the Bulldogs, has been in the program for quite some time. We asked him what it felt like for him to run his last race with his high school team. He replied, "This whole time I felt like I was so far away from my last race and now I've finally raced in it. It's a tough thing to get past because of what this team has brought to me the past couple of years."

Davis Starnes

STAYING FIT DURING THANKSGIVING BREAK

Staying in shape over the holiday is very important. After eating all of the delicious food from your Thanksgiving feast, you are going to have to burn it all off. Going to the gym for 30 minutes a day will help keep you in shape.

Whether it is running or lifting weights, it is great for your body. It will help relieve stress and keep your body in good condition. If you do not have a gym membership, you can still find innovative ways to workout. Running in your yard, push-ups, and sit-ups are great ways to burn calories and stay in shape, while also enjoying some



Vance Wagner

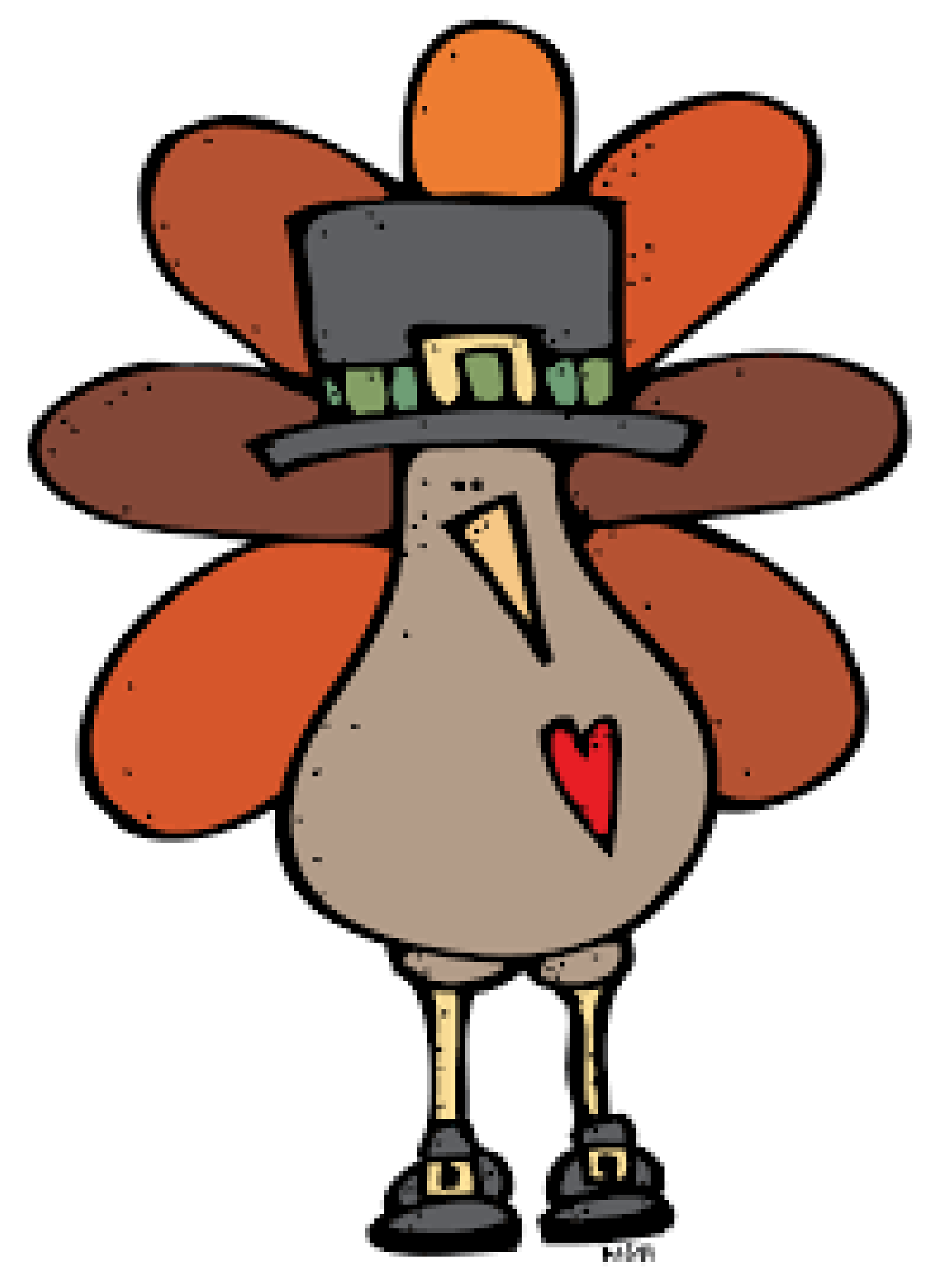
New Technology: November 2020

Today's world revolves around technology. It's in our everyday life, and there's no way around it. We use technology for anything and everything, including school, shopping, communication, etc. This is why we are always trying to upgrade our current technology. Recently, the iPhone 12 was released. These phones have more storage available, better cameras, and more improvements from the last model. Using mobile means of payment and communication have become all the more necessary during the pandemic for financial transactions, ordering meals, and reserving a place in line from the comfort of your home.

Expect to see iPhones with even more "contactless" capabilities as society adapts to life post-pandemic and beyond.



A Virtual Thanksgiving



This Thanksgiving is going to be much different from the ones we have had in the past. Many states are saying that people should not have as many people in such small places, like homes, for Thanksgiving. Since traveling comes with a risk (due to the Coronavirus), many people will not make it home for Thanksgiving. For the people who can't visit their entire family due to travel issues or health concerns, an innovative idea is to use the virtual app Zoom to have Thanksgiving with your friends or family members. The company is lifting the 40 minute limit for the day, so you will be able to chat for as long as you want. Obviously, this is not going to be a typical experience, but everyone can try to make their best of it. Happy Thanksgiving!!



COLLEGE FOOTBALL UPDATE

Heading into week 12 of college football, Alabama is ranked number one overall. They will play Kentucky Saturday, November 11th at 4:00pm. Notre Dame is ranked number two with an 8-0 record. In the weeks passed, they upset Clemson 47-0. Ohio State is ranked number three in the poles. They will play number eight ranked Indiana on Saturday, November 21st. Clemson is currently ranked number four; they fell from the top after taking a loss from Notre Dame. Clemson will play Florida State this weekend at 12:00. Coming in at number five is Texas A&M; their only loss is to Alabama. They have a bye week this weekend and will play LSU November 28th at 7:00.



FINISHING THE SEASON: VARSITY CHEER

This year's season for sideline varsity cheer came to an end on November 13th at an away Dorman game. It was the first round of playoffs, and even with them cheering on their team, they took a tough loss. Even though sideline cheer ended

sooner than they wanted, competition cheer has had a very good season this year. With the new region and having to delay their season due to COVID-19, these ladies



still tried their best against the teams they competed against. Their work has definitely paid off, they won their region and also got grand champions at their previous competition. They also have a few more competitions before the season ends. I asked Carson Robertson how she feels about winning the region and how the season has been. She says, "This season was rough at first but we ended up pushing through it and improved so much. I am so proud of my team and I am so happy about our season!"

RESTAURANT REVIEW: WINGS ETC.

If you are looking for a good place to stop by, get a bite to eat, and watch some college football, Wings Etc. is a great place! They have a wide variety of menu options including burgers, wings, wraps, nachos, and much more. Their menu options make it a one stop shop for families with picky eaters. My personal favorite is the Spicy Chicken Wrap, with a side of curly fries. Stop by Wings Etc. on Highway 9 and give it a try!



Warm Apple Cider

Emily Stroupe

Ingredients:

- 1/2 orange, halved
- 4 cinnamon sticks
- 1 Tsp cloves
- 1 Tsp. whole allspice
- 1 whole nutmeg
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar

Directions:

1. Heat the cider, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and orange slices in a 3-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes or until the mixture is hot, stirring occasionally.
2. Strain the cider into a heatproof pitcher or individual mugs. Garnish with cinnamon sticks and whipped cream, if desired.





GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

This year's volleyball season wrapped up on October 22nd, which was their last contest. With the new region the team faced, it was an extremely difficult and challenging season. I asked Madison Gregory, one of the seniors, how this season went and she said, "This season was very different compared to the rest. With the new region, it was very competitive, but I believe we held our own when facing these new teams." Although the team did not make the playoffs, they are already looking ahead to improving next season and taking what they have learned to improve.



William Holmes



Boiling Springs Football Playoffs

Friday, November 13th, was not the night that the Bulldogs had hoped for. Coach Rick Tate and his team had a strong game plan going into kickoff, but Dorman was able to thwart the Bulldogs from scoring early on in the ballgame. Dorman scored on their first drive, and was able to mount more success in the first two quarters . By the end of the first half, Dorman was winning 35-0. This was a season ending loss for the Bulldogs, but they plan to regroup, find some new playmakers, and begin the prep to try to make a deep playoff-run next season. The Bulldog Football Team will definitely miss this year's large senior class, and they would like to thank each one of them for their commitment to the program!

