

# Bearcat Bulletin

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## Prepare for Picture Day

By: Audrie Foster

Picture day is going to look slightly different this year. The pictures will still be taken in the gym on September 29th, but the layout is going to be different. A greenscreen is being added in order for the background to be customizable. It is important to remember that if a student wears green, it will disappear into the background when the photograph is developed. Any other color will be fine, but avoid all shades of green in order for the pictures to turn out well. These fall pictures will be the ones used in the yearbook, so even if a student is not purchasing pictures, they still need to have their photograph taken. Students should dress nicely, and wear their best smile for the camera. If a parent would like to purchase pictures, they can be ordered online after the pictures are developed. There are many different packages available to choose from, as well as backgrounds. Remember that in order for the backgrounds to work, a greenscreen must be used. Students should not wear any green clothing. Students should arrive at school dressed nicely, and ready for picture day on September 29th.

## Softball starts in Dadeville

By: Lilly Cornelison

Sports in Dadeville are always eagerly awaited when the end of the summer rolls around, and this year was no exception. Kids and parents alike were on the edge of their seats in anticipation of the upcoming sports seasons. Now that the softball season has started up, the anticipation has not died down for each game. The Dadeville softball team has gained two new players this year, while also bringing back all of last season's players. The girls are expected to do well this year after a successful summer. The start of the season has been bumpy as the players have gotten used to the game. However, things are quickly improving as practice and games continue. The girls are expected to win games this season, and they are working hard to make that happen.

## A Race to the Finish

By: Christa Brown

On Saturday, September 4th at the Bolivar Municipal Golf Course, the cross country team competed in a race to the finish. A couple of students placed in this race including Libby Lakey and Reid Goodman. Libby ran a 24:10 and got 10th for the varsity girls in class one, and Reid ran a 20:33 and got 19th for the varsity boys in class one. This was very good for them considering the fact that this was their first race. The best part about this race was the fact that they pushed themselves to their limits and did the best that they could. In their second race at Southwest Baptist University on Tuesday, September 14th, two outstanding young women placed in class one varsity. Libby Lakey ran a 24:40 and placed at 9th and Ellie Mitchell ran a 27:38 and placed at 23rd. see: *RACE* on pg. 2

# Adventures in a New Land

by Irene Vispo

It all started when one day at my house watching an American movie. The typical ones that are for teenagers on Netflix, and in them you can see the schools and everything they do in their day to day, I thought that I would love to know this culture and way of life. And since there is no better way to do it than to live that experience yourself, I decided to do that. My parents and I started looking for companies that could help me fulfill that dream.

Little by little, I did all the necessary paperwork to carry out this experience. However, the truth is that in mid-July I was beginning to anguish thinking that it would not be possible, since most of my colleagues in the program already had family but I still did not.

Then, on August 7, a call came to my mobile phone from the company's coordinator telling me that I had a family. He had not finished the sentence and I was already crying. Then he began to tell me everything he knew about them: that they lived in a very cozy little town, they had pets, a sister my age, and that in my new school there were no more than 120 students, which made me happy to hear, because that way it would be easier for me to integrate. After telling me all this they sent me a document with photos of my room and my family. That same day we started looking for flights. **AUGUST 19 WAS MY LAST DAY IN SPAIN FOR 9 MONTHS!**

Saying goodbye to my friends and family was very hard, and today I am more than 6,000km apart from them. On my trip I was accompanied by a partner of mine, which helped us both to make the trip less hard and stressful, since it was more than a whole day traveling without sleeping.

I will never forget the day that I met my host family for the first time. The three of them were waiting for me, Contessa, Libby, and Shane, with a huge flag of Spain that had my name on it. We waited a few minutes to get my bags and we headed home. Everything was very different from Spain, even the roads were different. When we arrived I told them some of what I had brought, and they helped me sort my bags.

The next day I went to the school, and they introduced me to most of the people who were in it. To my surprise, everyone turned out to be very nice and welcoming. In my early days they took me to Sonic, I met the cross country team, and Libby took me for a drive around Dadeville with the car while she and Ellie explained to me what each thing was.

My first day of high school was very pleasant and calm. Little by little, I was introducing myself and getting to know the people. The teachers were very conscious of me and helped me understand as much as possible. My family also took me to church. It is very different from mine, but I have to say that from the first day I went, they made me feel part of their community and I felt very welcomed by everyone. So far I have done quite a few things with my family, such as going to Walmart for the first time, shopping in Springfield, going to see the cross country races, all the softball games, and a few basketball games. We have gone to the lake with the kayak and also another day with a boat. They took me to Lambert's, the truth is that this restaurant seemed to me a unique experience and something very American. I hope to continue adding experiences like the ones I have already lived. All this is a unique and unforgettable experience, but the truth is that it is hard, being away from your family and your friends for so long, and missing special dates with them, such as their birthdays, Christmas.... Sometimes I get sad or I don't have my best moments, because I miss hugging them, or being with them, but I know that from a distance they support me and miss me as I miss them. Their unconditional support, regardless of the distance, helps me keep going.

## NHS Prepares to Induct New Members

In the coming weeks, the Dadeville chapter of the National Honor Society will be delivering invitations to nine eligible students. Students who are eligible for membership have maintained a 3.6 GPA and been approved by a council of teachers as exemplifying the National Honor Society tenets of Leadership, Service, and Character. These students will receive an invitation to apply for membership, and must return an application and a letter of recommendation from a current Dadeville School employee to Ms. Millingar by October 15th. Once approved, the student will be notified of his or her acceptance and an invitation will be sent home to parents for the induction ceremony on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 7pm.

## Race and Runners

These two women pushed themselves to their limits and ran as hard as they could. Near the end of the race Ellie Mitchell sprinted for the finish line. The next race will be Tuesday, October 5th at Pleasant Hope, if you would like to go watch them run and cheer them on.

## Looking for a Turn-Around

By: Bailey McGill

Although the season is not at an end point, the Junior High Lady Bearcats are having an up and down start to the year. With big losses and the occasional wins here and there, they are looking to stay on the right track after winning 2 of their last 3 with a win in the Morrisville Tournament. The girls are looking to overcome their next opponent in their 5th place game and take home a trophy. This would be the first trophy for our Jr High girls basketball team since 2018.

The Junior High Boys have had a good start to the year. With a key win over conference opponent Hermitage and some other good wins over Morrisville and Conway, the boys have a good shot at 3rd place in the Morrisville Tournament. Despite some tough losses, this squad is sitting with a decent record. With this win the boys could build a strong case for themselves when the conference tournament comes around.

## Fall in Love with our Carnival

By: Dakota Lutz

The PTO Carnival is back and better than ever! It's been two full years since our last one and it is going to be one to remember. Show up to the Dadeville Gym on October 22, 2021 to enjoy a night of fun, fundraising, and food. Show your support for the senior class by participating in the cakewalk and ring toss. Win a game of bingo for the junior class and have a good time at all the other games that we have to offer. With our Fall theme you are bound to fall in love with a great night that we have prepared for you!

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be October 5th and 7th from 3:30 to 6pm. Elementary parents should make sure you have a time scheduled with your student's teacher. Junior high and high school parents, there is no set schedule, and you may come at your convenience.

Due to the conflict with parent/teacher conferences, tutoring will be cancelled for that week. It will resume as normal on Tuesday, October 12th.

## The Book Fair is Finally Here!

By: Breanna Wince

Every year the school's library puts on a book fair. Mrs. Ochner and her students work very hard to accomplish this. She puts in a lot of work, but she loves doing it. The joy on the kids' faces makes it all worth it. This year the book fair will be September 27th through October 1st. Family night will occur on Wednesday the 29th. Family night includes many more activities. The book fair this year will offer hundreds of new books for the children to dive into. And of course, lots of bookmarks, erasers, and other little trinkets. The kids love the book fair and have been asking for the past month when the book fair would take place. Well it is finally here! Mrs. Ochner and her helpers always love to help kids and families find the perfect book! All the parents need to bring their kids out to have fun and enjoy a little family time. The book fair is always a week to remember!

## Time to Sell!!!

By: Reid Goodman

Folks, it's about that time again: time for the annual fruit sales. For those who do not know, the fruit sale is a fundraising event held by the FFA. Each year the FFA goes on trips, and the best way to fund these trips is through these types of fundraisers. So the real question is, what does the fruit sales consist of? The first part of fruit sales starts with a taste test. A representative from the company comes down to our chapter and allows us to taste the products that we are selling so that we are better able to convey to the customers what they are getting. Once we are done testing the products the selling commences. Then the race is on, this is where we see who can sell the most products before the deadline. One ironic fact about fruit sales is that the main thing they sell does not happen to be fruit. We sell everything from briskets and bacon, to gummy worms and cookie dough. So regardless of your food preferences there should be something that you like. With that being said, keep a lookout for FFA kids coming to your door in the next couple weeks.