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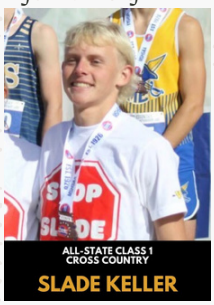
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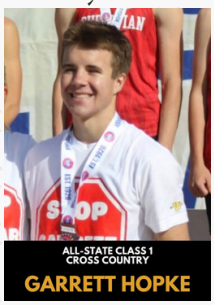
Van-Far Cross Country Runs at State

By: Jordan Trainor

On November 7th, the Van-Far Cross Country team went to state. The girls team made history by being the first girls team ever to go to state. The team was consisted of Khloe Wallace that ran a 22:05.2, Elliott Utterback that ran a 23:05.1, Mylee Keller that ran a 23:10.5, Jordan Trainor that ran a 25:34.1, Emily Smith that ran a 26:37.7, and Kylee Gibson that ran a 27:53.0. They got 12th as a team. The boys team was Slade Keller that ran a 16:47.1 and medaled 14th, Garrett Hopke that ran a 16:51.0 and medaled 16th, Tyler Carlyle ran a 17:55.7, Jaydon Hug-Hernandez ran a 18:22.7, and Harrison Wright that ran a 18:51.0. They got 5th as a team. Slade Keller also set a new record for our school! It was a very successful season for the Cross Country team and all of the seniors will be missed next year!







Football Faces Westran in Districts

By: Meridyth Wise

The Van-Far Indians football team ended their season with a loss to the Westran Hornets 27-8. The Indians played well, but were not able to score enough. The first quarter ended with a score of 0-0. In the second quarter Westran scored a touchdown with no extra points making the score 6-0 at halftime. At the end of the third quarter the score was 14-0 Westran. The Indians were able to score in the last quarter making the final score 27-8 Westran.

Trial of the Wicked Witch Performance

By: Haylee Campbell

On Saturday, November 7th, Van-Far put on a fall play called "The Trial of The Wicked Witch." Students in the play rehearsed for months leading up to the big moment and all the kids, plus Mrs. Bailey worked their hardest to put the play together and to make sure that everything was in tip top shape before the performance. On the night of the performance, many kids were nervous, but very excited. Joy filled the air along with laughter and the occasional last minute line practicing. The play ended up being a great hit. The chairs and bleachers had been filled with people who had come to watch kids' hard work and dedication pay off. If you asked anyone in the play, it was fun and a great opportunity to take part in.









Student Spotlight

By: Kylee Gibson



Tyson Sewell

Tyson Sewell is a sophomore at Van-Far. The first question I asked him was what was his favorite activity to do outside of class and he said working. He said a big goal for him was to join the military. He said one thing that he does well in school is having a positive attitude and one thing he needs to improve is his effort. Tyson said the hardest thing he has ever done was pouring 300 yards of concrete.



Krista Howard

Krista Howard is a current sophomore and is active in cheerleading and choir. I asked her what was one thing she did well in school and also one thing that she needed to improve on and she said working on turning in her work on time. But she did say that she was good at getting the work done. She said the hardest thing she has done is participate in cheer. Her favorite activity to do outside of school is walking around with friends. A big goal she has for herself is becoming a RN nurse.

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Special Updates

Special Interest

By: Thomas Clinton

The universe is expansive, covered in stars, galaxies, and planets that extend far beyond human understanding. Within our observable distance, or the Hubble Volume, Earth is the only known world supporting life. The Milky Way galaxy contains hundreds of billions of stars, each of which is accompanied by numerous planets. Beyond our galaxy, within the Hubble Volume, there are billions of additional galaxies. Given how expansive the world is, another world hosting life is statistically guaranteed. Yet scientists have yet to confirm the existence of extraterrestrial life. This is known as the Fermi Paradox, named after physicist Enrico Fermi. If intelligent life is capable of emerging on other worlds, and if some civilizations could have existed for millions or billions of years before humanity, why has the universe remained silent? There are a few proposed explanations for this absence. One such theory is called the "Rare Earth Hypothesis", which suggests that the development of complex life may require an unusually specific combination of conditions. Another is the "Great Filter", a theoretical barrier that prevents life from progressing toward advanced civilization. This filter could exist at any stage of development, too, which may mean that, if the Great Filter is true, then we still may face this filter. The next hypothesis is that extraterrestrial civilizations may exist but remain undetectable. The Zoo Hypothesis, for example, proposes that advanced civilizations might deliberately avoid contacting Earth. The most straightforward possibility, however, is that civilizations are too distant or different for us to detect.

Local News

By: Abby Perkins

A Tennessee prison escapee was found in Missouri on Tuesday, November, 3rd; 9 days after he disappeared on Sunday, October, 25th. Jacob Morley was found and arrested somewhere near Kansas City, Mo. It is unclear if anyone will be receiving the $17,500 reward. Law enforcement officers are very thankful for everyone's help in finding him. Morley stole a farmer's truck, then abandoned it in Marion, Illinois on October, 27th. They had no leads to finding him until he was found on Tuesday.

Book Review

By: Aubrie Ames

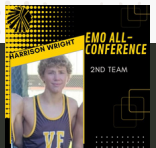
The book I'm going to review is The Hunger Games.The Hunger Games is a dystopian science fiction type of book. The story takes place in Panem, an oppressed nation built in the ruins of North America. It features a wealthy, dictatorial Capitol surrounded by 12 impoverished districts. The wealthy capitol gets together once a year and chooses two children 12-18 one boy one girl from each district. To fight the kids from other districts. They all get together and watch the whole thing on tv. To watch the kids fight and kill each other. The winners of each game get to move to Victors Valley and a lifetime of wealth. 16-year-old Katniss Everdeen, from the coal-mining District 12, volunteers to take her younger sister Primrose's place after Prim's name is drawn. She has to go to the games with Peeta Malark. They fought through everything and they both made it to the end. They were going to kill themselves together. The capitol said that if two people from the same district were still alive they can win together. So Peeta and Katniss won the games.

Indians Earn Post Season Awards

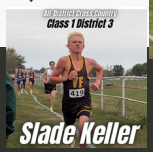
By: Makenna Hall & Meridyth Wise

The cross country team has had great success this year and everyone has worked very hard. These following students were awarded either all district or all conference titles. Elliot Utterback said she was excited to have made all districts her first year in cross country. Mylee Keller got all districts. She PRed at the district race and she is excited to move on to state. Khloe Wallace received all districts. She said, "The district race went well, I am pleased and happy that we get to go to state as a team." Slade Keller received all districts and 1st conference awards. He said, "Everyone at districts ran their best and I'm excited to see how the state race goes." Garrett Hopke also received all districts and 1st conference he said he is, "Happy the team is making it to state and we are ranked top 4 but also sad we weren't first at districts." Tyler Carlyle received all districts and 1st conference as well. He said, "This felt good because I PRed at districts by 20 seconds and the team is looking good for state." Jaydon Hug-Hernandez received all districts and 2nd conference. He said, "This feels awesome and we did very well as a team." Harrison Wright received 2nd conference. He said, "It's cool for me and the wonderful team has come so far in such a short time." Congratulations to all of the cross county runners and we are excited to see how state goes!

This week I interviewed our nominees for athletic honors. My softball ones were Bryanna who got 2nd team All-District, and Ady Barnett who also got 2nd team All-District, and Kenya Jones who received 1st Team All-District. Then for football Cayden Douglas received 2nd team All- Conference for Running Back and Line Backer. I asked everyone how they felt about their accomplishment. Cayden said, "It was alright and his linemen helped him the most." Next was Kenya and she said, "She felt very accomplished and was very encouraging to see and she'll take the confidence into her other sports." Then, Bryanna who said, "It was pretty nice to see and she wasn't expecting it at all, but she was very appreciative." Then finally Ady Barnett who said, "She was very proud and it felt very encouraging to see it after a rough start to her season."

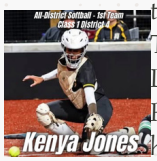












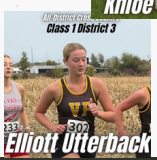












Special Updates Cont.

Movie Review

By: Peyton Ingram

The movie I am choosing to review this week is It Ends with Us is a 2024 American romantic drama film directed by Justin Baldoni and based on the 2016 novel by Colleen Hoover. I chose to review this movie because I really enjoyed going to the movies and watching it with my sisters. My favorite part of the movie was when Lily Bloom told her daughter Emerson at the end of the movie "It End with Us". When she said " It Ends with Us" she meant it ends with just them two, she left her abusive relationship with her husband Ryle. She then started a new life with her teenage ex boyfriend Atlas, who caused much drama throughout the film.

Special Interest

By: Ryann Noel

On November 1, 2026, a Bahamas bound Learjet 60 traveling from Austin, Texas to the Bahamas, fell from the sky and crashed into a roadway in Palm Beach County, Florida. This accident killed all 9 people that were on board. They were flying in a bad storm, so the pilots requested a 2,000- foot altitude climb to avoid the storm. Before that could happen, the aircraft lost control and began to nose-dive towards the ground. It is still unclear what caused this tragedy. Many bystanders stated the aircraft looked like a missile headed towards the ground. They were exceeding 450ft per second (27,000ft in roughly one minute). The roadway was left shattered with a bunch of debris and smoke surrounding it.

Album Review

By: Makenna Hall

The album I've chosen for the album of the week is "Ten" by Pearl Jam. I chose this album because of how iconic and recognizable it is. Everyone knows at least one song from this album with hits like "Black" or "Even Flow". A fun fact about this album is it's a tribute to the NBA player, Mookie Baylock, who wore the jersey number 10, and since the original band name was "Mookie Baylock" before it was changed to Pearl Jam. My favorite song off this album is definitely "Garden" with a close runner up being "Jeremy". Overall, I give this album a solid 7.5/10 and highly recommend it to others who like the similar genre of music.

Awesome Athletes

By: Rylee Vanboening



Roger Preston- Football

My next athlete is Roger Preston. I asked Roger what he enjoys doing when he is not playing football and he said he likes to chill and lay in bed. I then asked him what his go-to snack was and he said he loves KitKats. My next question I asked him was who his role model is and he said Cayden Douglas. My last question I asked him was what his favorite football memory of the season was and he said getting to come back and finish the season after he had gotten injured the 2nd game of the season.



Khaliel McKinnie- Football

My next athlete is Khaliel Mckinnie. I asked him how he himself contributes to the team and he said he is the comedy of the group. My next question was what is something most people don't know about you and he said he has a twin brother plus 6 other siblings. I asked him what his favorite thing about football is and he said Cayden Douglas. My final question I asked him was what his most memorable highlight from this season was and he said getting to keep the farmers cup in the game against Mark Twain.



Noah Witte- Football

My final athlete of the week is Noah Witte. I asked him what skills he had been focusing on improving this season and he said staying in the right mentality even when things don't go his way. My next question was what his favorite thing about football is and he said the teamwork and the friendships he has built during it. I then asked him what his pregame ritual is and he said a red bull and blasting loud music. My last question I asked him was if he could do any other sport what would it be and he said Track and Field.

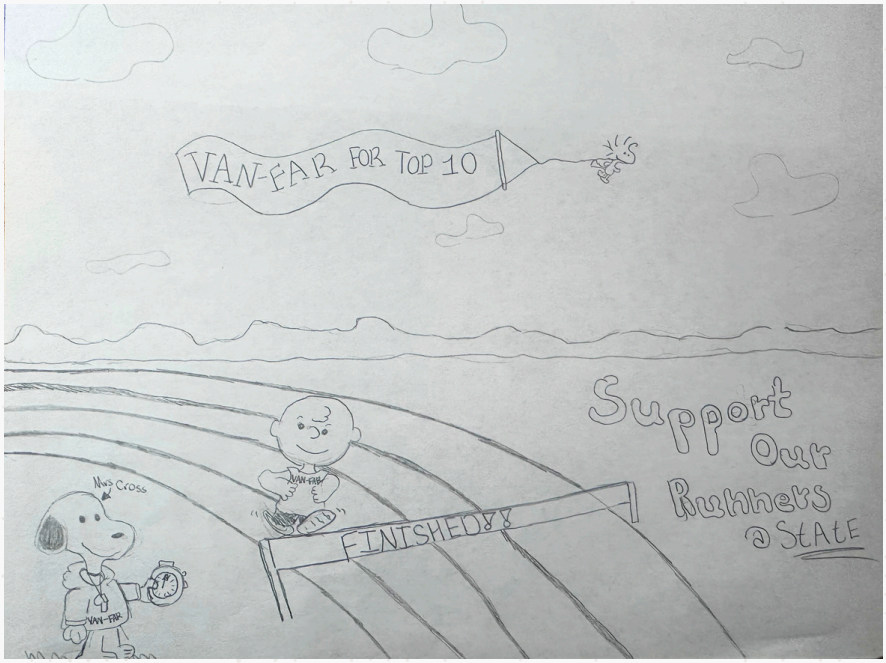


Makenna Hall- Cheer

This week's first athlete of the week is Makenna Hall. I asked her what her favorite thing about cheerleading is and she said the amazing team she gets to cheer with. My next question to her was what her go-to snack is and she said squashies. I then asked her what she does when she isn't cheering and she said she loves to think about track and field. My final question I asked was who her role model is and she said Angela Carlyle because she always says to not give up even when it's not going as planned.

Comic

By: Addison Wheeler



Staff Shoutouts

By: Jaydon Hug-Hernandez



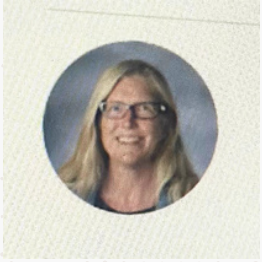
Dr. Roth

Dr. Roth was chosen as one of our staff of the month. He is the assistant principal for the high school and elementary buildings. I asked what was the biggest accomplishment he's had this year? Dr. Roth said that his biggest accomplishment for this month is developing a principal award for the elementary school.Then I asked him what he enjoys most about his job. Dr. Roth said what he enjoys most about his job is the interactions with the students. My last question for him was what are your favorite hobbies. Dr. Roth said he enjoys riding or working on motorcycles.

Upcoming Events

By: Abby Perkins

- November 10th
  - Grade check
  - JH basketball Girls/Boys (A) vs Wellsville
- November 11th
  - HS/EL Veterans Day assembly
  - FFA area v Speaking and Rituals @ Bowling Green
  - JH Girls/Boys Basketball (B) @ Mexico vs Moberly
- November 13th
  - JH Basketball Girls/Boys (B) @ Mexico
- November 14th
  - JH Basketball Girls/Boys (B) @ Mexico
- November 16th
  - FFA Degree Ceremony
  - JH Girls/Boys Basketball (A) @ Community R-6 Tournament
  - Varsity Girls Basketball Jamboree @ Mexico



Mrs. Cross

Mrs. Cross was chosen as one of our staff of the month. She teaches various math classes and coaches both Cross Country and Track. I asked what was the biggest accomplishment she's had this year? Mrs. Cross said that her biggest accomplishment this month is the Cross Country team going to state. I then asked her what she enjoys most about her job. Mrs. Cross said that she enjoys the kids and seeing them learn something new. My last question for her was what are your favorite hobbies. Mrs. Cross said she enjoys reading and running, but not at the same time.