

LOCAL NEWS:

A new partnership between Megabus and Indian Trails, Michigan's largest private bus transportation company, will offer expanded service options to 90 cities in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois including daily trips between Gaylord and 16 cities such as Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Mackinaw City. The bus stop will be at the Marathon gas station at 1041 W. Main St. In Gaylord, and prices will vary depending on distance. For instance, a trip between Gaylord and Detroit will typically cost \$42 including stops.

-Mylea Bruno

Recommendations

Sabaton is a band that sings about events and figures in history. One of their songs, for example, is about the creation of the Blitzkrieg tactic. Another of their songs is about Greek Spartans, and it's called "Sparta." It's a pretty good song. Their music falls into the rock genre and can be quite loud, but it is well-crafted and engaging. Overall, I believe Sabaton is a great band that uses their music to shed light on fascinating aspects of history. -Darryl McDowell

SIGHTSEER ADVICE AND DESTINATIONS

Otsego County Sportsplex is an exceptionally affordable facility. The Sportsplex offers various sports and recreational activities for all ages of people, including sports enthusiasts who would like to improve their skills and families that want to stay active and have fun.

The facility has everything needed for everyone's favorite sports. It offers sports like basketball, volleyball, soccer, ice skating, swimming, and hockey. It's designed to accommodate both individual and team play.

-Mylea Bruno

PERSON OF THE MONTH

Jordan Lorentz is a junior at Vanderbilt Area High School. Jordan attended VAS for 3 years and then left for Gaylord Community Schools for 5 years and has been reunited with us for 5 years. Jordan is a hard worker and keeps up on all his work. The teachers really enjoy having Jordan in class because he is a good example to other students. Jordan enjoys drawing and digital art. His classmates have said a few things about Jordan that they like: Davidson likes his afro, Abbie likes how he applies himself to school, Destiny likes how he can be discerning, and I enjoy his sense of humor and his help in math. He's known for his creativity and his art. His artistic skills are helpful because he helps the teachers when they need signs. He's passing all of his classes, and he's ahead in a few. During his free time, Jordan likes to work on assignments from other classes or draw. Jordan makes everyone laugh and smile, so I can't wait for another year of having him in Vanderbilt.



-Olivia Salvador and Hollie Clear

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



-Dylan Gerrick

DEAR ABBIE

This weeks question is, "what is the meaning of life?" While everyone's view of life differs, most people believe the main meaning of life is to have goals and achieve them. Most of us are raised to be able to get jobs and build families. What happens when we don't want that life? The meaning of life becomes simply living and dying. We spend our eighty years working minimum wage, have just enough money to survive, and then we die. There are thousands of different philosophies on the meaning of life, so, depending on how we think and view the world and our lives, our meanings of life can differ greatly. -Abbie Serino

Autism Acceptance

Autism is a developmental disorder present from birth that affects nearly every aspect of a person's life. The brain of an autistic person is not only built but wired differently from a 'normal' person. This disorder affects a person's social abilities, their sensory input and output, their emotions, and much more. This means pounds may be louder, lights may be brighter, and socializing may be difficult. Autism presents differently in males and females, and girls are often misdiagnosed with ADHD or OCD. Although it is possible to be diagnosed later in life, getting diagnosed in the first place is a long and tedious process, leaving many to settle for self diagnosis.

People with autism often experience an alarming amount of discrimination in their day to day life, ranging from being treated like a child to being denied the ability to adopt a child. Autism is often demonized in the media, with Autism Speaks being the main antagonist. Autism Speaks has released advertisements that claim autism will ruin lives, as though it's something to fear. They even went as far to say that milk and vaccines can cause autism, yet there are no reputable studies to back these claims. Life with autism can often be the opposite of life ruining, especially if the autistic person is respected and given the proper accommodations. Accommodations for autistic people can range from noise canceling headphones and sunglasses to chew necklaces and a service animal.

Although autistic people work differently, that is no reason to bully them. Even if they seem weird or crazy, it is important to remember that they are still a human being with thoughts and feelings. They may make weird sounds and flap their hands, but that's their way of regulating their body or mind. Some of our smartest people in history were autistic, and plenty of people with autism are hyperintelligent. So remember, autism can be a debilitating disability, so treat autistic people how you would want to be treated, and be respectful of their boundaries and needs.

-Chaos Walter

PRINCIPAL TALK

Hello Everyone,

We have exciting news for Vanderbilt Area School! We will have a preschool program in the fall! Our preschool will be free to families who are income eligible. Contact Paul Brown to fill out a preschool application. Paul's phone number is 989-619-0826. Please follow the steps below to determine eligibility for preschool.



5 steps to see if you are

ELIGIBLE FOR FREE PRE-K

1. Complete the online interest form (Scan the QR code)

Fill out as much information as possible to save time later.





2. Receive a phone call from an Enrollment Specialist

Confirm an appointment time to sign the application and ask questions.

3. Upload required documentation

The Enrollment Specialist will send you a link where you can upload all required documentation before you meet to sign the application.





4. Sign the application

Meet with the Enrollment Specialist to sign the application & ensure all documentation is uploaded. Be sure to opt in for status updates, plus fun activities you can do with your child!

5. Receive determination

Once your application has been reviewed by our processing team, you will receive a status update and/or call from the Enrollment Specialist to inform you if your child is eligible and discuss next steps.



GOSSIP

This month's gossip is about prom and other school updates. Prom is May 20th, 7:00-10:00 P.M., in the multipurpose room. The Juniors will be putting on prom this year. This year's prom theme will be neon. But that doesn't mean you have to dress in neon colors. We will accept any color. If you have any questions about prom ask Abbie or Olivia. Voting will take place Friday, May 19th. We recently got a new bus driver, so the kids who usually ride the bus can stop worrying about walking or being late. Recently the highschoolers have been doing the PSATs and SATSs We sat in classrooms for almost the whole day, finishing the test. After 4 hours of hard work for testing we finished and we were let out for lunch. During the 5th hour the 11th graders were let out early, while the rest of the school stayed for the last two hours. Most of the highschoolers finished the test and said they think they did well.

-Olivia Salvador and Hollie Clear

Quote of the Month:

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." - Michael Jordan

-Ashlyn Salvador



-Dylan Gerrick

TEEN STRUGGLES & MENTAL HEALTH

Social media has become extremely popular since 2019. It is commonly used by teenagers, and it's becoming an addiction. Social media has its pros and cons. A few pros of social media are it's a good way to communicate, keep people updated with what's happening around the world, and can be educational. Some cons of social media are cyber bullying, negative self image, constant comparison to others, and it can lead to depression and anxiety. Nowadays, almost every teenager has a phone and several social media platforms, such as SnapChat, Instagram, Tik Tok, and Facebook. Social media has become more of an obsession than a hobby for most teenagers. Ninety percent of teenagers in the United States are on social media. Overall, social media is not a positive outlet in teenagers' lives. Teenagers should monitor how much they are on social media daily, if not cut it out completely.

-Ashlyn Salvador

MARCH 31ST STORMS

On March 31, 2023, a large storm system tore through parts of the south and midwest, leaving at least 22 dead and even more injured. Meteorologists issued a rare level 5 warning for catastrophic storms. This left more than 27 million people under a tornado watch, and more under the threat of power outages. As the night continued, the area of threat continued to grow as more people lost power. In the end millions were without power, some stuck for hours in damaged or flooded houses before rescue came. Some governors called states of emergency, claiming it was the worst forecast they had seen as a governor so far.

I just so happened to be in a low risk area during these storms, only being around 200 miles from a tornado at one point. I can remember prepping my siblings to get to the basement, packing go bags before the storm even hit. We got lucky enough to have no damages by the end of the storm, and my heart goes out to all those affected by the storms.

Although Michigan is at a low risk for severe storms, it's always good to know your safe room and have an emergency bag packed. A safe room could be anything from a designated tornado shelter, to the innermost room in your house, preferably with no windows. This go bag may include a battery/wind up lamp, candles, flashlights, food and water. Weather is unpredictable and it's always better to be safe than sorry. Make sure to discuss a game plan with those you live with in case of emergency, and remember to stay as calm as possible. Keep your electronics charged and an escape route clear. Stay safe!

-Chaos Walter

Monthly Calendar

Sunday	Monay	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Cinco de Mayo Teacher	National Play Outside Day
	Beltane	Election Day Teacher	Teacher Appreciation Week	MI Career Quest 7th- 12th grades	Appreciation Week	
	Teacher Appreciation Week	Appreciation Week		Teacher Appreciation Week		
04.30	05.01	05.02	05.03	05.04	05.05	05.06
National Lemonade Day	World Red Cross Day	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Weightroom after school until 4:15	National Nutty Fudge Day	National Crouton Day
				Music Class after school 3:15-4:15		
05.07	05.08	05.09	05.10	05.11	05.12	05.13
Mother's Day	SPIRIT WEEK Country vs. Country Club	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Juniors' Lock in for Prom	Prom 7:00-10:00
	Glab	SPIRIT WEEK Blackout Day	SPIRIT WEEK Decade Day (50's, 60's, 70's, 80's)	Music Class after school 3:15-4:15 SPIRIT WEEK	SPIRIT WEEK Pajama Day	
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05.14	05.15	05.16	05.17	05.18	05.19	05.20
National Take Your Parents to	International Being You Day	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Field Day K-12	National Grape Popcicle Day
the Park Day			School artal -kib	Music Class after school 3:15-4:15	Seniors Last Day	
05.21	05.22	05.23	05.24	05.25	05.26	05.27
National Hamburger Day	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Weightroom after school until 4:15 Awards Night	Weightroom after school until 4:15	Pigeon River Discovery Center Field Trip K-12	National Black Bea Day
				Music Class after school 3:15-4:15		
				First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month		
05.20	05.20	0570	05.71	Kindergarten & 8th Grade Celebration	05.03	00.07
05.28 Class of 2023	05.29	05.30 Weightroom after	05.31	06.01 Weightroom after	06.02	06.03 SUMMER BREAK!
Graduation @ 2:00 in VAS Gym	World Environment Day	school until 4:15	Weightroom after school until 4:15	school until 4:15 Music Class after school 3:15-4:15	Exams Last day of school, 11:30 dismissal	JOHNINER BREAK!
				Exams		
06.04	06.05	06.06	06.07	06.08	06.09	06.10