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Scarecrow - Alister Barber



Dorothy - Megan Howell



Cowardly Lion - Harrison Coleman

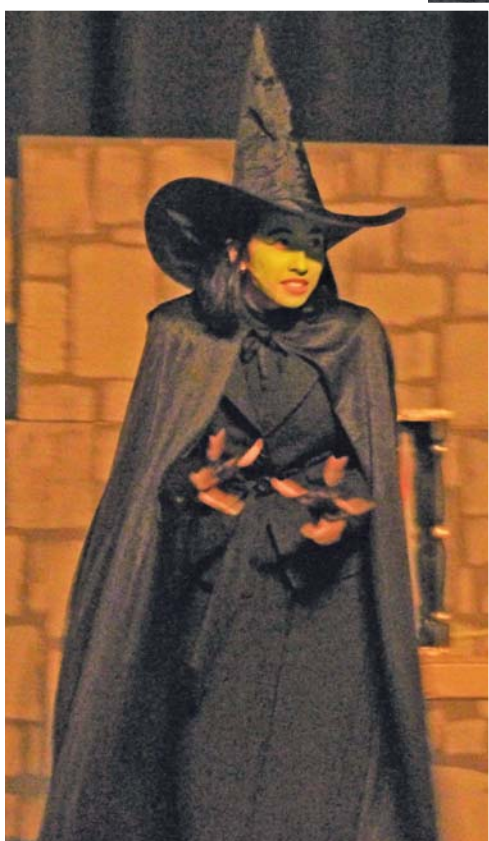


Tin Man - Caden DellaPenta



Munchkin

Glinda - The Good Witch - Amber Gill



Wicked With (Miss Gulch) - Kara Dhakal



Toto - Gurleen Kaur



Yellow Brick Road - Emma Correll, Raigan Correll, Elaina Hochdoerfer, Anouk Van de Pol



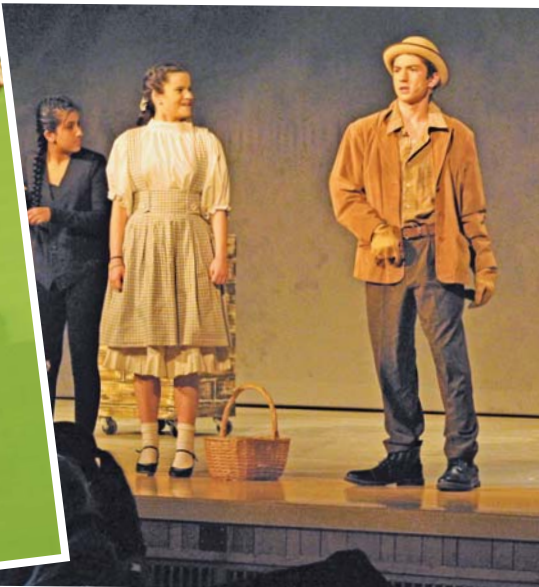
Auntie Em - Amber Hill



Professor Marvel (the Wizard of Oz)
Abigail Wickman



The Emerald City Guard
(Uncle Henry) -Justin Color



Miss Gulch

THE WIZARD OF OZ



Photos by Rebecca Smith



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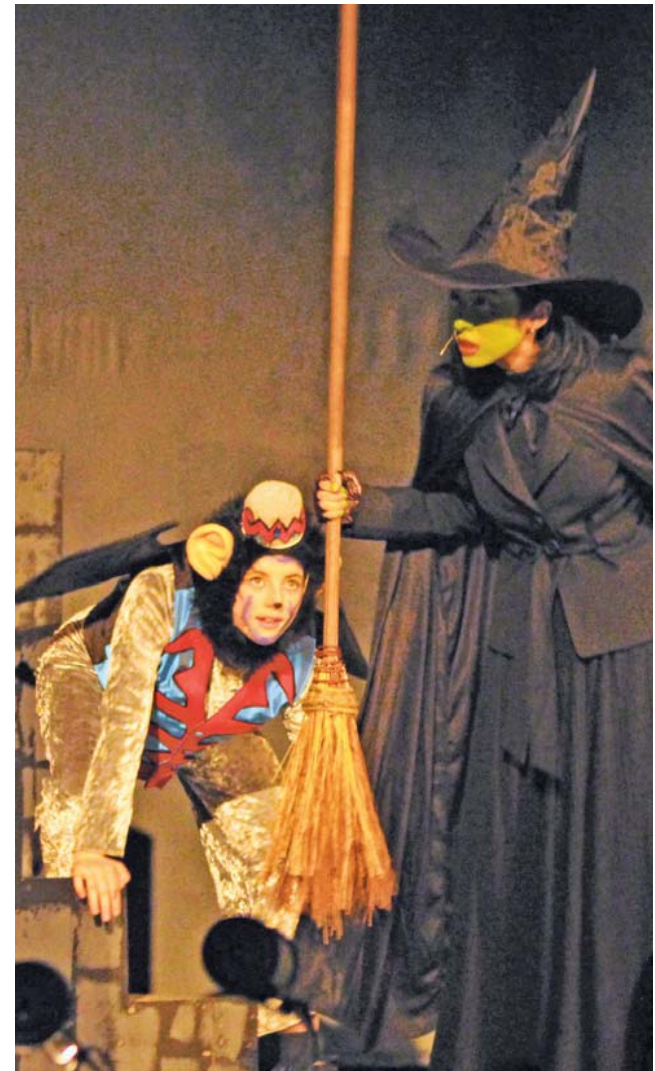




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THE WIZARD OF OZ



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Calendar

Monday, April 10th

VESTAL TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION, 5PM
Vestal Town Hall

April 12, Wednesday

Vestal Town Board Regular Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
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Monday, April 17th

Vestal Board of Education, 6PM, Administration Building, 201 Main Street

Friday, April 21st – 5:00PM-8:00PM

Vestal's Senior Sock Hop, Bicentennial Event, 301 Main Street.

Saturday, April 22nd

Vestal Little League Parade and Opening DayGames.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Rummage & Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Little Meadows United Methodist Church, 843 Pennsylvania Ave. Bag sale at 1PM

Tuesday, May 2

Vestal Board of Education, 6PM, Clayton Avenue Elementary School

Tuesday, May 16

Vestal Board of Education, 6PM, Administration Building, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20th

Vestal Parks Day. Bicentennial Event

Friday, April 21st – 5:00PM-8:00PM

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VESTAL POLICE Report

Kyle Schmidt, 33, Tomball, TX arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Speed in Zone and Refusal of Breath Test after a traffic stop.

Natalie Dols, 40, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated- More than .18 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated/Leandra's Law with Child in the vehicle (2 counts) and Endangering the Welfare of a Child (2 counts) after a check the welfare complaint.

Amy Pierson, 38, Owego, arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs and parking in a handicap parking space after a complaint of an a vehicle driving erratically through the Target parking lot.

Fredy Morales Alarcon, 37, Endicott, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Moved from Lane Unsafely, Uninspected Motor Vehicle and Driving on the Shoulder after a traffic stop.

Seth Wilder, 51, Endicott, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More than .18 BAC and Unsafe Tires after a report of a disabled vehicle.

Matthew Solomon, 22, Newbury Park, CA, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Derric Watson, 41, Luzerne PA, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th Degree, Unlicensed Driver and Unregistered Motor Vehicle after possessing a firearm during a traffic stop without a NYS pistol permit.

Yaroslav Valega, 35, Binghamton, arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs (Felony), Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Speed in Zone, No Passenger's Side Brake Light, License Plate Violation and Driving the Wrong Way on a One Way Street for possessing meth during a traffic stop.

Crystal Meadows, 48, Owego arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart. Alexander Blaasch, 21, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.



VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

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- 03/18 12:25 N. Main Street
Fire alarm in women's restroom
- 03/18 21:50 West Drive
General fire alarm
- 03/18 22:35 Vestal Parkway E.
Smoke alarm activation
- 03/19 19:10 Fuller Hollow Road
Second floor smoke detector activation
- 03/20 09:36 Bunn Hill Access Road
First floor lobby fire alarm
- 03/23 15:21 Sheedy Road
Brush road
- 03/23 16:14 Vestal Parkway W.
Carbon monoxide alarm
- 03/23 21:00 East Drive
Pull Station activation
- 03/24 05:49 Vestal Parkway E.
Fire alarm activation
- 03/24 06:58 E. Countrygate Place
Residential fire alarm
- 03/26 00:05 Route 26
Brush fire
- 03/26 20:19 Vestal Parkway E.
General fire alarm
- 03/27 16:51 West Drive
Elevator rescue
- 03/28 06:18 Vestal Parkway E.
Smoke alarm activation
- 03/28 07:29 S. Benita Blvd.
Smell of natural gas
- 03/28 07:31 Meeker Road
Garbage can on fire outside residence
- 03/29 15:44 Vestal Parkway W.
Carbon monoxide alarm
- 03/29 19:30 Echo Road
Combo smoke/Carbon monoxide alarm
- 03/30 18:53 Vestal Road
Vehicle on fire

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SUNDAY:

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Broome County Sheriff's Office

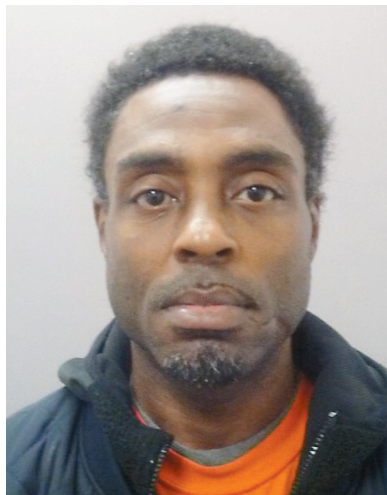


The Broome County Sheriff's Office is currently looking for Galvin Lawton an outstanding warrant and asking the residents of Broome County for assistance. Anyone with information on the location of Lawton is asked to contact the Broome County Sheriff's Office. Tips may be submitted electronically using the Broome County Sheriff's Office website: <http://gobroomecounty.com/sheriff/warrants> or via telephone by calling the Broome County Sheriff's Office tip line at (607) 778-1196 or Warrants Division at (607) 778-2923 or (607) 778-2933. Thank you.

All tips will remain confidential

03/29/2023 FEATURED WARRANT GALVIN LAWTON

Sex: Male
Race: Black
Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 124 lbs
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Photo Date:
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Warrant: Sex Offender Registration Violation



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Members of both Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions Promoted

On Wednesday, March 29, the Broome County Sheriff's Office recognized 10 newly promoted members of the Sheriff's Law Enforcement and Corrections divisions.

Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "These outstanding men and women are being promoted to positions of authority within the Broome County Sheriff's Office because of their work ethic, their attitude, drive, determination and their emotional and intellectual capacity. They embody the excellence in law enforcement and community-centered policing we strive for at the Broome County Sheriff's Office and their leadership going forward will be instrumental in cementing the BCSO as our region's premiere law enforcement and corrections agency, but more importantly, they will be key to helping us build a stronger, safer community for everyone in Broome County."

Undersheriff Sam Davis said, "We all would not be here without each other. We are stronger as a team and we have assembled probably the best team I could imagine to help move the Broome County Sheriff's Office forward. Our focus is always on the community and serving the public, and with this new team of leaders we will be able to do that better than ever before."

- Promotions include:
- Deputy Sheriff Captain Ben Harting
 - Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant Overseeing Patrol Division Joshua Davidson
 - Corrections Lieutenant Sean Pomeroy
 - Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant Overseeing Training Jan Cower
 - Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant Overseeing Detectives Dan Shafer
 - Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Robert Stapleton
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 - Deputy Sheriff Detective Emily Zielewicz



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EAR BAROTRAUMA

Also called airplane ear or otic barotrauma, ear barotrauma occurs when a sudden change in air pressure causes an ear injury. Barotrauma is caused by a blockage in the ear's eustachian tubes—from either air pressure or inflammation—and is common with air travel. The eustachian tubes run from the back of the middle ear to the back of the throat, balancing air pressure on both sides of the eardrum by allowing outside air into the middle ear. When air can't get to the middle ear, pressure builds up behind the eardrum and creates unbalanced air pressure in the middle ear, sometimes causing discomfort and pain. In rare cases, this can damage the eardrum by bruising or even rupturing it.

TIP OF THE WEEK:

If you experience barotrauma or any other ear difficulties, it would be advantageous to follow-up with an Ear, Nose, and Throat Specialist to evaluate and treat the ear(s).

We bring you this column about better hearing in order to provide our readers with information that we hope they will find interesting and helpful whether they already wear hearing instruments, or perhaps feel they may have an impairment and wish to explore their options. It's all about YOUR hearing at SOUTHERN TIER HEARING SERVICE. You'll find compassionate, skilled individuals here at 231 Main St., easy to find off 4 Corners in Vestal, ready to start (and keep you) on the road to better hearing. Call us at 607-205-1041 to arrange a painless hearing test.

P.S. Yawning, chewing gum, blowing your nose, and over-the-counter nasal decongestants are all ways to reduce the air pressure caused by ear barotrauma.

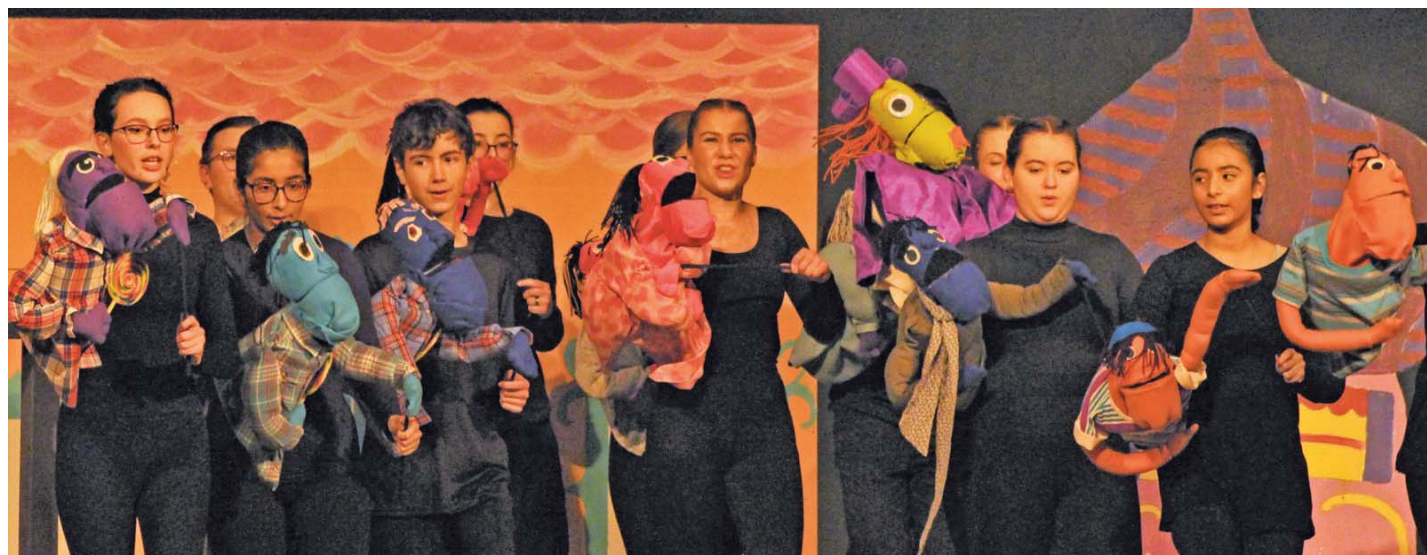
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Vestal Board of Education Happenings

with Paula Babey

The Vestal Board of Education held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 21st, at 6:00pm. After we all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, student Government Rep Samson Wong updated Board members on student current events the students at the High School.

The Talent Show held in March had a fantastic attendance of approximately 300 people. The 12 diverse acts were very entertaining and the Talent Show Committee is hoping to build on this success and keep adding new criteria to the show to make it fun for all.

The first in-person State Science Olympiad competition had 18 students participate with two teams placing within the top 10 out of 59 teams. Congratulations.

This month's Prism Concert, held the same evening as the Board of Education meeting, had a theme of Light and Dark. There were solo performances as well as performances combining all the student talent. Writing about this brings back memories of my sons at their school Prism Concert in Newark Valley. I assume this is a regular concert title for all schools. So, what is a Prism concert? Well, just as a Prism (normally in a triangular form) basically separates white light into a spectrum of wonderful colors, a Prism Concert is one where the instruments are separated and highlighted. The Wind Ensemble is separated with its musical sections; The String instruments would be separated, too. At the beginning of the concert, the audience gets to hear the different ensembles allowing them to hear the various tunes or colors as in Prism, very cool. The concert is performed as a continuous flow non-stop program.

Our amazing Student Government Rep, Samson Wong, performed at the Prism Concert featured in a violin duet, on the Viola in a quartet, and then Samson played the Violin for the Chamber Orchestra and the Finale. I am sure everyone participating or attending the Prism concert had a wonderful time. Music is great for the soul and the ears.

Other notable events included the Spanish Club — a Master Chef style cooking competition, and Fundraising for the Turkey/Syria Humanitarian Aid effort. Election of officers for groups like the FBLA, Science Olympiad and Student Government will be held in the next few weeks. Memorial scholarships are being revised. Students will be participating in the Bicentennial Senior Sock Hop. As always the High Schoolers are very active in helping other students, and the community. Great job in all you do! Be proud of the events you put on, attend, fundraise for, and the team building, and leadership skills you gain. You are all doing a wonderful job and we appreciate you all, THANK YOU.

Next, Board Members who attended PTO and PTA meetings gave an update. It's wonderful that they attend these meetings, and they are always cheerful and positive when they give their report. Without the PTOs or PTAs extra-curricular events as well as funding for these events for students and their families would probably not happen.

The cast from the High School Wizard of Oz Musical visited Vestal Hills and students had a great time watching and liaising with them. Then there was a Lego Day's "Get your Brick on) and students did just that, using various Lego Bricks. Today, they have all sorts of colorful Lego bricks, Lego shapes and Lego characters, too. Lockheed Martin employees hosted "Lego Day" and students learned some great skills, building and design works out of Legos. Back in my day Legos were just gray bricks, and if you were lucky a few red bricks and a couple of windows. Lego has certainly evolved.

The Language Club is doing very well with lots of attendees. It's great students are supporting the school Clubs. They are, however, looking for more parent volunteers and for the upcoming Book Fair, they are in need of

volunteers, also. A Treasure Hunt was hosted, this time held indoors in case of inclement weather. Participants had clues to solve which were a puzzle and then steered you to a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, maybe there was a Unicorn there too!

Schools have lot of fundraising, I remember the Cookie Dough catalogues, candles and my favorite the Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars, I think we bought the whole box! Who doesn't love chocolate??? A new fundraiser using the company Square1Art uses your student's artwork drawings, artwork designs or photos by putting these works of Art on mugs, cups, ceramic tiles to name a few which parents, family members, students, friends and the community can buy from the Square1Art website. These students works of Art not only earns dollars towards the schools but gives the person buying the item something memorable. The school are always happy to have You as PTA officers, if you have some spare time please consider helping at the schools. Your ideas, input and help are most welcome.

The PTA at African Road Elementary are very busy and in January held the Taste of ARE where they had over 60 students and their families in attendance with over 23 different countries represented. A Worldwide Reading Challenge whereupon students kept a record of the minutes they read reading books with one of the 3rd Grade classes winning a National Championship with their record of book reading minutes.

Forthcoming events is a Science fair, Spring pictures, a talent show in May, and trip to Arnold Park incorporating Jared Campbell who will be performing ahead of time before students leave for the Park, I am sure that will be an enjoyable day and lets hope the weather is kind that day.

The Vestal High School PTO are very busy organizing the upcoming Prom, arranging events for the Prom and for the annual Prom Chem Free all nighter, busy busy. Junior Prom is being held after the Spring Break. Other fundraisers held was a day to give awareness for Down Syndrome where students wore mis matched socks for the day. We all appreciate our teachers and the schools are holding Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day. With restaurant fundraisers for the schools to gain credit/dollars a QR has to be downloaded from the Schools website and shown when purchasing at the fundraising restaurant which will then automatically credit that school with a dollar amount from your check. QR codes are those square black and white images or dots and squares that hold data relating to you, a product or service similar to a Barcode when we purchase grocery items.

The Trivia Night was a huge success with eleven teams competing. Unfortunately Board President, Dinno Nistico made a trip to the ER and was not able to attend that night. We are glad that he was at this meeting and seemed in good health. The Vestal Board Member Team had an enjoyable time and the Trivia evening was probably like a team building exercise! Two of the eleven teams, the BOE Team and the Middle School team were neck and neck for First Place, at the final hour the Middle School Team won the Blue Ribbon, congratulations, and a round of applause to our BOE Team too for coming in second. Incidentally in England when I competed my horse in Show jumping events first place was red and second place was blue and we received a rosette we didn't call it a ribbon. This Trivia event was part of the Vestal Bicentennial events happening this year and raised just over \$1000 which will go towards a Scholarship. We would like to thank everyone who put on this fun event and those that attended and supported it too. There will be more fun events in the future.

The Odyssey of the Mind held recently at BOCES had

an abundance of teams and the Vestal Schools were excellent and came in first place and third place. If you have not been to Odyssey of the Mind, its a long day as I remember being a parent of a student attending some years ago as well as an early start! Students, teachers and parents put in a lot of work to make this fun even and if you have never been Board Vice President Shoba Agneshwar highly recommends attending in the future as an attendee or a judge.

The BTSBA Workshop is a State Assessment System and School Accountability workshop being held April 3rd starting at 5:30pm. Test construction, scoring and results of test will be covered with attention regarding testing, how to test and what to test. Most of us hate tests, I prefer hands on testing rather than written tests and lets hope testing in the future ensures a variety of tests hands on, verbal and written tests accommodating all students needs for them to pass their exams.

Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn talked about the Election Management System. In the past the EMS provided a list of voters from Broome County and Tioga County, then these lists had to be compiled by hand which was very time consuming as the lists had to be sorted and checked for duplicates, and discrepancies. This cumbersome and time consuming process which took many days is now being replaced by a new system which will be electronic and save a lot of time. Streamlining this process in time for the School Budget Vote a meeting was held with IT from BOCES, a Microsoft Team and BOOD LLC so an attainable service that will comply with all the components. Options for the Election Management System were discussed. A system that can take voter lists as far back as 4 years which will generate paper lists of who has voted and who can vote with the voters name that can be seen and checked by the voter and the Election Worker at the same time and then signed by the voter. Another option a laptop screen that is used to search for the voter's name and then they sign on their paper ballot and another more favorable is using a flat screen computer such as a Tablet, where a voters name is typed and if necessary address too by the Election worker which is then verified by the voter and the voter uses a stylus or their finger for their signature on the computer, then a paper ballot is printed. This last system is so much easier for Election workers and voters and has a cost of \$16,000 annually. Election workers have already been trained on these news systems and the Data is stored on BOCES servers for security. This contract is renewable annually, therefore a different service can be chosen if required by a another provider but for the present this option seems the best for the District and its voters right now.

Another Budget update was given ready for a balanced budget submitted to the Board of Education on Tuesday, April 17th and the Public vote will be May 17th. The Budget's Revenues and Expenditures were discussed. The Budget's proposed 2023-24 Revenues are \$88,835,585.00 and proposed Expenditures \$89,194,961.00 giving a potential shortfall of \$359,376.00. Further input will be from the Legislative run for State Aid numbers and for clarification on the High Impact tutoring set aside. BOCES requests for services for 2023-24 be finalized as well as determining the Capital Outlay project and reduce expenses so that a balanced budget can be obtained by April 17th.

The Transportation Proposition(s) are the purchase of:

Four 70 passenger buses, one 48 passenger, 4 wheelchair bus, one Van costing \$1,050,000

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Vestal Board of education . . .

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Five 70 passenger buses, one 48 passenger, 4 wheelchair bus, one Van costing \$1,250,000

Bus Transportation expenses have increased due to bus driver shortages which means the District has to hire private transportation companies. An increase in servicing parts for the buses as well as diesel costs which have risen.

Looking to the future, as required by the State, changing School Buses to run on Electric was talked about. Infrastructure on providing electric to the Transportation Depot as well as capabilities for Electric Charging Ports. The supply of Electric Buses as Districts move to this change will take some time as well as there cost of \$400,000 a bus. Other considerations were how will the buses get charged and if we have a huge snowfall or when transporting students to a field or athletic trip where will drivers charge the bus. Voters will have to approve the purchase of new electric school buses which will cost considerably more than the current school buses the District use now.

On the Instructional update, Patrick Clarke discussed the upcoming showing of the documentary 'Like' on the impact of what social media has on us. 'Like' is planned to be shown on March 27th during the day for students and then again in the evening at 5:30pm in the High School Auditorium. Flyers were sent home with students informing parents of the showing. Several different agencies such as Cell Phone providers, Healthcare providers, Vestal teachers as well as Admin set up tables with information on their products and services. Pizza and Salad is also provided prior to the showing. The documentary is approximately an hour long and after the showing there will be a Panel of students, a parent, and a Vestal Alumnus to answer questions. Those on the Panel are a mix of social media users or influencers, and some are not use social media. It is hoped that parents and students will discuss this documentary and the impact is has on society. The District has taken out a yearly Subscription to show 'LIKE' and with the Subscription a Professional Developer is provided to discuss topics in the documentary etc. Project Golden Bear, is for social and emotional learning. All of us one way or another come across social media, is it now part of our way of life and we need to address both the positives and the issues that can occur.

Patrick Clarke then moved on to talk about the Superintendent conference day where the topic of science

is a big part of the day. Everyone is excited about the new 'Hands On' Science kits that they have heard about and some have already experienced with earth science learning about rocks, using parachutes for another part of science and the sun, each kits had relevant material for the different Grades.

The District is working with Broome-Tioga BOCES and a curriculum coach. New science regents, Earth and Space exams. A concern is when a new student moves into the District will they have enough credit points and if not, how can they make them up. There are 4 Science Labs and these will all be done in 8th Grade as the reading level is higher at that age and students that do move into the area won't have missed out on any Labs if some were done in the lower Grades.

A Survey was sent out to students asking what they liked about the Hands On Science Kits and what could be improved. Approximately 500 students responded did, we reached out to students to get their perception 500 students responded. Most loved the Hands On learning and would like more hands on projects. Help with designing the experiments was another response, less homework too. Teachers, students and Administrators are very excited to be using these 'Hands on' Learning Kits.

As reported in previous 'Happenings of the Board of Education Meetings, the Vestal Middle School Gym Floor is in need of repair and Hulbert Engineering and Land Surveying, DPC will be used for their professional services in relation to the African Road Elementary/Vestal Middle School Gym Floor Survey and Mapping. Hulberts will also be used for their services for boundary/topographic/utility survey, mapping, and monumentation action for the Vestal Administration Building, African Road Elementary School, Vestal Middle School, Glenwood Road Elementary School, Sammon Field, Tioga Hills Elementary and Vestal Hills Elementary. As always the students and community in mind. I am sure the students will love using the new gym floor and other enhancements to the school buildings. With the sun shining this week making our days bright, students will have their brightest smiles for their portrait taken for Picture Day. Don't forget the day so your student goes to school in the clothes they want in their picture. The chosen school picture photographer, Upstate Images will be photographing the Vestal Middle School Students. Students remember to say "Cheese" or "Pizza" for your biggest and brightest smile. Parents and family members always love the memory of school photos, its nice to see how our students change and grow up throughout the Grades.

Schedules A, B and C which were Financial Reports and Schedule F for Conference and Travel were accepted as well as Schedule P for Personnel.

The Vestal Central School District approved an extension of an Agreement for the Cooperative Health Insurance Arrangement of the Broome-Tioga Delaware County Area School District Fund through June 30th, 2028.

A Software Licensing Agreement with EPS Operations Inc to use their software and/or website. As we know equipment wears out or becomes obsolete and has to be replaced. Equipment

from the Glenwood Library will be disposed of according with Board Policy 5250.

The Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's of schools Jeffrey Ahearn's Letter of Intent to Retire from October 30, 2023. The Board of Education Members, Students, Teachers, Staff, parents, family members, the Community, and myself wish Superintendent Jeffrey Ahearn a Happy Retirement, which will commence November 1st, 2023, Keep in touch with the School District staff and you are most welcome to attend the Musicals and other wonderful events the schools put on throughout the year as well as attending Board of Education meetings as a member of the public.

If you are able to support the schools, students, teachers and staff through supporting the fundraising activities, watching school sports and other events, providing donations and most importantly volunteering your time and expertise would be most welcome and gratefully received. Lastly, as always we looking forward to seeing you at future Board of Education meetings, all are welcome to attend.

Future Regular Meetings are held in the South Conference Room - Administration Building, 201 Main Street, Vestal, NY 13850. Dates for meetings are:

Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 at 6:00 pm; Board Conference Room, Administration Building. Note this next meeting is not going to be held on a regular Tuesday but on Monday, April 17th, 2023 at 6:00 pm; Board Conference Room, Administration.

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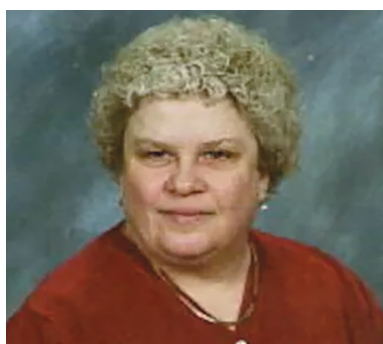
Young, Heidi, 55, Port Crane, NY, March 28
Wm. R. Chase & Son Funeral Home



MARTIN P. ASHMAN

Martin P. Ashman 76 of Binghamton, died on March 30, 2023. He is survived by his children Joseph (Janell) Ashman, Thomas (Beth) Ashman, Lisa Michaelsen, Edward Ashman; 12 grand-children and 3 great grand-children; siblings Sandra (James) Forker, Michelle (Jamie) Larnerd and his companion Angela Osborne; he is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Thomas and Jane Ashman and his sister, Maryellen Gilbride. Marty served in the US Marine Corp from 1965-1971, he retired from Binghamton University after 32 years. Marty was an AMVETS Life Member of AMVETS Post 722 and a Past District and State Commander of AMVETS, he was a Life Member of American Legion Post 1645. The family would like to thank Lourdes Hospice for their kindness and compassion in helping to comfort Marty and his family. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Marty to AMVETS Post 722 or Lourdes Hospice.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday April 5th at 4pm at the Endwell United Methodist Church, 3301 Watson Blvd. Endwell, NY 13760. Military honors will follow the memorial service. Visitation will be held at the church from 2pm – 3:50pm. Marty will be inurned at a later date. Services provided by Hopler & Eschbach Funeral Home.



LORETTA BAILEY OF JOHNSON CITY

Loretta Bailey, 67, of Johnson City died suddenly on March 28, 2023. She was predeceased by her parents Raymond and Selina Bailey, sisters Barbara Knapp, Charlotte Clark; nephew Ryan Bailey; stepmother Mary Bailey. She is survived by her sister and brother in law Audrey and David Ingraham of Mooresville, NC; brother and sister in law Ron and Sherry Bailey of Johnson City; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was an avid knitter and was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Johnson City where she was a Sunday School, AWANA Teacher and sang in the choir. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday at 11 am at the First Baptist Church 1321 Reynolds Road Johnson City. The family received friends on Saturday at 10am until the time of the service at the church. Donations in her memory may be made to Mercy House of the Southern Tier 212 North McKinley Avenue Endicott NY 13760



JOHN O. KVALTINE

John O. Kvaltine, 98, Johnson City, NY passed away peacefully March 23, 2023. He was born on August 10, 1924 and spent his entire life, up until recently, in the home his father built in 1929. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and was honorably discharged on February 18, 1946. Services will be private. Condolences may be expressed at www.SavageFS.com.



Origin of the Obituary

Obit in Latin translates to a couple of things. Meanings include “going down, or setting as in a sunset”— a nicer rendition that other translations of “fall, ruin, and death.”

The earliest form of obituaries are traced back to Rome. The daily papyrus newspaper *Acta Diurna*, “Daily Acts” was a provided to the public. Much like today the “paper” included news, events, and other community activities, including announcing the passing of those near and dear.

America upon its’ founding, brought the obituary forward with the local printing presses and papers, much like other news worthy items the obituary continues to inform, sometimes with humor, and sometimes with the very sad circumstances that life can bring. Early names were “Bill of Mortality” and “Memorial Advertisements.” The goal has generally carried forward through time to inform the community and let those who might know the person be aware of the recent passing, which provides an opportunity for the community to support the local family.

Early on, obituaries were shorter due to the difficult process of printing a newspaper. Advances allow an obituary to tell a more complete story, and “set it” for history.



PAUL F. FEDORWICH

Paul F. Fedorwich, Sr. Passed away Friday, March 17th, 2023 at the age of 87 at home surrounded by his family. He is survived by; his loving wife, Nancy; sons, Michael (Connie), Dennis (Renee), Paul Jr., Joseph; daughters, Susan, MaryBeth (Steve) Muscolo, Julie (John) Santagati, 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Brothers Stanley (Roxanne) and Nick (Sue); several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was a life long member of St. Mary’s Church, Kirkwood and Knights of Columbus. He was an avid NY Giants and Boston Red Sox’s fan. He enjoyed coaching Town of Kirkwood Youth Football and Baseball, peewee, little league and pony league. He retired from Montgomery Wards. The family would like to thank Lourdes Hospice and NY Veterans Home Oxford for his care.

Funeral Mass will be held 10 am Saturday April 1, 2023 at St. Mary’s Church on Rt. 11 in Kirkwood. The family will welcome friends from 5 to 7pm Friday March 31, 2023 at SAVAGE-DeMarco Funeral Service 338-344 Conklin Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13903. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family. Please express condolences at www.SavageFS.com In lieu of flowers please make a donation to St. Jude Children’s Hospital in Paul’s name..

JUNE M. MCINTYRE

June M. McIntyre, 72, passed away March 20, 2023. She is survived by her son Christopher, siblings Marsha Mclean, Gary Miller, Wayne Miller, and nieces Brianne, Lauren, Jessica, and Andy. She enjoyed playing scrabble, doing crossword puzzles, knitting and going for walks outside. She had a love of music, especially the Beatles. There will be no services.name to Every Cat’s Dream: www.everycatsdream.com. Hopley & Eschbach Funeral Home 483 Chenango St. Binghamton, NY.



**TO PLACE AN
OBITUARY PLEASE
EMAIL OBITS**

Silas Rosslyn “Ross” Culver, 86 of Harpursville passed away Fri. March 24, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Culver, Harpursville, 3 children and their families, Kevin & Helen Culver, Chenango Forks, Vicky Soos, Harpursville, Terry & Suzanne Soos, FL, 6 grandchildren, Adaline & Avonlea, Jennifer & Adam, Chris & Curtis, 5 great grandchildren and also several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, brother, David and a grandson, Casey. He was a retired employee of UHS. After retirement he stayed busy by driving school bus, being a realtor, and cleaning the Town Hall in Colesville and the Senior Center. He was a member of the Alumni Board at Harpursville Central Schools. He was a US Army veteran.

Funeral Services will be held at the Osterhoudt-Madden Funeral Home 69-71 Maple Street Harpursville on Thurs. 6 p.m. Pastor Craig Schnurbusch of Harpursville Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Harpursville at the convenience of the family. The family will receive friends at the Osterhoudt-Madden Funeral Home on Thurs. 4:30 to 6 p.m. prior to service. Online condolences may be made at: www.omaddenfh.com.

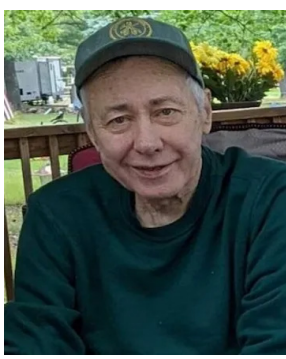


DAWN R. GAROFALO

Dawn R. Garofalo 77, of Endicott, NY passed away on March 26, 2023 at home surrounded by family. Dawn worked several jobs in her lifetime. The majority of her time was as a Quality Control Inspector for GE/BAE Systems. Retiring after 29 years, she enjoyed traveling and in most recent years “Glamping” at Pine Cradle Lake. She visited Aruba, Dominican Republic, and Florida. She cruised to Alaska and most recently to Bermuda. Dawn was a loving, giving, faithful, and hardworking person. There was never any task she could not find a way to accomplish. Time spent with family and friends was most important. That always meant her cooking and baking her favorite Italian meals, which was enjoyed by all. She is predeceased by her parents, siblings: Phyllis, William, and Noreen, nephew, Michael, and the father of her children Robert Garofalo Jr. Dawn is survived by her children, Nadine Garofalo and Robert Garofalo Jr., her only grandchild, Christina Garofalo, whom she loved with her whole being. Niece, Debbie (Ken) Zunic (Maine, NY), nephews; Kenny (Lansdale, PA), Daniel, and Mickey Zunic (Maine, NY). Brother-in-law, James Standridge (Florida), brother and sister-in-law, Dominick and Madeline Garofalo (Clinton, NY). Special nieces and nephews: Cindy Taylor and James Standridge Jr (Florida), Denise (Patrick) Lynch (Syracuse), Dana Laszewski (New Hampshire), and Dominick (Carolanne) Garofalo (Virginia), and many cousins and friends. Her special fur babies Angel and Lucky who will miss her terribly. We wish to especially thank Dr. Alen DeMaine, May Gumble RN, and the Lourdes Hospice staff for all their support and guidance through this final journey. Father Clarence Rumble for his compassion and spiritual support. Her special work and camp friends who always kept in touch. Also, her longtime sidekick, Martha Martin who provided support and laughter to all.

A Funeral Mass will be offered at Most Holy Rosary Church, Maine, NY, on Saturday April 1, at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday, from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lourdes Hospice, 4102 Vestal Rd, Vestal, NY 13850 or Mercy House, 212 N McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY 13760.

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GEORGE R. STRANTZ

George R. Strantz, 86 of Harpursville, NY, went in to the loving arms of his Lord on March 30th, 2023. George was born and raised in Mt. Carmel, PA. He was an Army Veteran, serving from 1960 to 1962. He worked as a Union Sheet metal mechanic for 44+ years. After retirement, he worked hard doing “side jobs” especially for the elderly. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Sharon of 46+ years. He is also survived by a loving, caring son, Timothy and wife, Karie who he adored and loved dearly. He was also well loved by his sweet and wonderful grandchildren, Genevieve and Gavin. He is also survived by his loving and caring daughter, Kathleen who he absolutely adored; her husband David and granddaughter, Amelia. He is also survived by a daughter Tracey Dowling, a son, Kevin and several other grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was a member of New Fellowship Church in Endicott, NY. George was a devoted husband, father, and Pop-Pop. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, doing crossword puzzles, playing cards and painting. George was an incredible father and husband, and was always a steady constant in the lives of his family. He was an incredibly knowledgeable man, and was always willing to share that knowledge and teach his family. George was VERY proud of his family and very devoted to his children, Timothy and Kathleen and their families. He enjoyed every minute of family time and always loved playing with his sweet/precious grandchildren, Genevieve and Gavin. He absolutely adored his furry companions, Kailey, Moose, and Ollie. He had a very soft place in his heart for animals. The family would like to extend a huge heart-felt thank you to all of the staff at Wilson Hospital North Tower 2, the palliative care team and the hospice team. George and the family are extremely grateful for the amazing, compassionate care he was given. Heaven is shining brighter as it gains a true angel and servant of God. The memories will forever live in our hearts and souls. We raise our hands as he joins his Lord and savior Jesus Christ. A Celebration of Life will be offered by Pastor James Ramsey at New Fellowship Church, 1600 Tracy Street, Endicott, NY, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 1pm. A buffet dinner will be offered following the Celebration of Life in the fellowship hall of the church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Association, or the Broome County Humane Society..



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Don't go away
They walk beside us
Everyday
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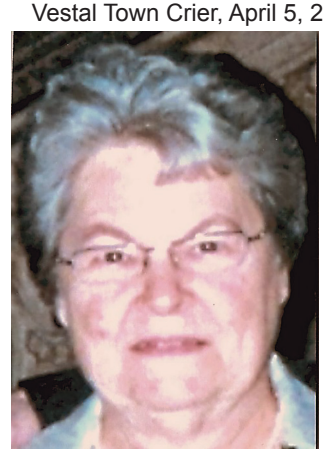


ANDREW J. ROGISSART

Andrew Joseph Rogissart passed away March 25, 2023 after a yearslong, hard and bravely fought battle with addiction. He was the beloved youngest son of Jacqueline Maillet of Binghamton, NY and David Rogissart of Plymouth, MA. Born August 30, 1995 in New Bedford, MA, Andrew spent his childhood in New Bedford and was a 2013 graduate of the Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech metal fabrication & joining shop. After high school, Andrew spent time serving in the United States Marine Corp, living in South Carolina, Florida, and California. Andrew also has ties to Kentucky, as he spent considerable time at the Isaiah House. Andrew would eventually settle in Binghamton, NY where he was able to find peace & independence in the final three years of his life. Andrew was the proud Head of Manufacturing at Binghamton Hardware and HVAC, where he enjoyed putting his trade to use. He was an avid skateboarder since childhood. He also enjoyed cooking, listening to music, and spending time with his family. Andrew was kind, respectful, gentle, and had a smile that could light up the room. Andrew is survived by his parents, sister Nicole Souza and her husband Randy Souza, brother Christopher Rogissart, stepmother Claudia Rogissart, stepfather Paul Cienniwa, grandparents Joseph and Joanne Maillet, nieces Samantha Souza and Aria Ferreira, nephew Christopher Ferreira, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He joins grandparents Marcel and Madeline Rogissart in heaven. Funeral services will be held 11:00 am Friday at Christ Episcopal Church, Binghamton, NY. He will be buried in the The Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Isaiah House Treatment Center 1090 Industry Rd, Harrodsburg, KY 40330. (<https://isaiah-house.networkforgood.com/projects/132134-help-isaiah-house-save-lives-and-restore-families>)



Richard W. West “Dick” of Binghamton



JUANITA M. “NITA” SHAFER

Juanita M. “Nita” Shafer, 84, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 after complications from Covid. She was predeceased by her parents Dewey & Leona Merritt, sisters Pearl Crissell, Frances Bunting, Marie Warnstorf, Esther Kovaleski; brothers Henry Merritt, Howard Merritt, Ralph Merritt and Leon Merritt and loving nieces and nephews, who passed before her. She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years Arthur Shafer; her children Mary (Timothy) Shafer and Dawn Shafer; stepson James Shafer; grandchildren Timothy (Karrissa) Shafer, Joshua (Samantha) Shafer, LilliOnna D’Introno, AJ Shafer and Cameron Shafer; great grandson Riley Shafer; sisters Joyce (Augustine) Caggianelli and Shirley (Duane) Braman and several nieces and nephews who loved her dearly. Nita will be remembered in the Kirkwood community for her hard work and dedication to the family business; Shafer’s Deli. She enjoyed playing BINGO and working in her garden but most of all spending time with her family who will miss her immeasurably. The family would like to send a special thank you to Karrissa Shafer & The Vestal Park nursing staff for the love and care that was given. “Grief is the Price you pay for Love” The Family will receive friends at the Wm. R. Chase & Son Funeral Home, 737 Chenango Street, Port Dickinson on Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 11am-1pm. A Funeral Service will follow at 1pm. Burial will be in the Kirkwood Cemetery



RICHARD W. WEST “DICK” OF BINGHAMTON

Richard W. West “Dick”, of Binghamton, N.Y. passed peacefully on December 29, 2022, a month short of his 85th birthday at Mercy House. Born in Johnson City, NY, he is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rosemary B. West; daughter, Rhonda M. West; fur babies: Smores, Bronz, Diesel, Quill, Harriet, Grayson; Sisters: Judy Robinson, Bonnie & Kathy West, Terri (Rich) Lunn; sister-in-law Barb Lustgarten.

Predeceased by parents Harold M & Katie West, brothers-in-law; Howard Lustgarten, William Robinson, Fur babies; Comet, Image, Rose, Mini, and many others.

Dick attended Binghamton Central & Broome Tech. He was stationed in Korea in the Air Force 1955-1959 & was an American Legion member. As a Computer Programmer, he was one of the Tech industry pioneers working at IBM Glendale 1960-1992, where he retired. He was an IBM Quarter Century Club member. He enjoyed his horse farm, was active in the local horse clubs; Maine Mavericks, Skyline Corral, Broome County 4-H in the ‘70s and ‘80s; was on the Maine Mavericks’ Board for several years, became First Foreman 1984-1985.

The family thanks Hospice and Mercy House for their support. Donations can be made to: Mercy House, 212 N McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY 13760; Every Dogs Dream Rescue, 1270 State Highway 206 Greene NY 13778. Arrangements by Aegis Cremation & FS, Binghamton, NY.



DEBORAH HIBBARD

Deb Hibbard, author of this obit, died expectedly (as we all will) on March 28, 2023, at 65. She lived a well imagined life, which is to say she relented to the constant pressure to buy things in hope the accompanying promises of a better (fill in the blank) life were true. She found it rarely true that things can do, what is, in the end, and inside job, Expect a HUGE garage sale in the coming months.

She is survived by 8 billion people, her wife Virginia Shirley, godson Terrell Gillespie, Dan and Pat Hibbard, their children and grandchildren, Diane Pepetone, and the children and grandchildren of her brother David and sister-in-law Cindy Hibbard. She is also survived by Rachel and Mike Leonard and the rest of the Leonard Clan, Ellen and Peter, Gayle Whittier, Chris Origer, Lisa Leber, Laura Lamash and Rebecca Hemzic, Dilly the manatee mutt with Marty Feldman eyes, and four cats. She is survived by many amazing friends, too many to list, including oncology and hospice professionals. She is also survived by at least 16 pharmaceutical companies who are doing just fine even if several of the 6,500 who died today are no longer clients. She was aware of the injustice of people who die for the lack of drugs and/or because they have no insurance.

PAMELA A. POST

Pamela A. Post passed away on April 1, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. She was predeceased by parents William & Margaret Quick. Her in-laws Norman & Mary Jane Post. Two special sister in-laws Diane Post & Nadine Zuddofsky. She is reunited with her loving husband Clifford Post whom she had missed dearly since his passing. Pamela is survived by; her daughters, Shanay (Cory) Beschorner & Torri (Todd) Henyan; her brother, Gary (Paulette) Quick & brother in-law James Post. Cousin (sister by heart) Debbie Preston and her ride or die, life-long friend Diane Quain. Her nieces that she considered daughters Brooke Burnham and Natasha Hallinan. Most importantly her grandchildren whom she lived for Tyler, Mekayla, & Alyssa Beschorner, Kaydin, Keldin, & Kamdin Henyan. Her great grandchildren Jayden Beschorner & Roseline & Ambrose Roman. Pam touched so many lives from being a daycare provider, softball "coachette", to just Mom to all her kids' friends. She was the Queen B of the neighborhood and there was not much that happened without her knowing. She is leaving a void in all our lives, we will forever miss her.

Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday April 8, 2023 at Savage-DeMarco Funeral Service 338 Conklin Ave Binghamton, NY 13903 The family will welcome friends at the funeral home from 1 pm until the time of Service. Express condolences online at www.SavageFS.com. Burial will be private. Arrangements were entrusted to SAVAGE-DeMarco Funeral Service.



HEIDI R. YOUNG

Heidi R. Young, 55, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 after a long battle with Muscular Dystrophy. She was predeceased by her grandparents John & Marion Knox and Ed and Polly Humphrey; mother-in-law Barbara Young and her sister Tracie Begeal. She is survived by her loving husband, Dave Young; parents Peggy and Dave Knox, father-in-law Arden Young; her sisters Jennifer (Jim) VanLuvender, Rebecca (Bill) Morgan, brother-in-law Daniel Begeal, sisters-in-law Emily Gaudinier and Nancy Young; nieces Beth (Ben) Stever, Aimee VanLuvender, Kaitlyn (Paul) Zandt, Autumn, Amanda and Sara Morgan, Melissa Gaudinier (Jeremy); nephews Andrew (Ashley) Begeal, James VanLuvender, Justin Gaudinier (Tori); uncle Bill (Kathy) Humphrey along with many cousins and great nieces and nephews. Heidi graduated from Deposit High School and attended SUNY Geneseo and Broome Community College. Heidi held many jobs over the years, but enjoyed bartending and being around people. Heidi was a fun loving person and enjoyed traveling with her husband whom she loved dearly. She loved reading and watching her favorite TV shows and playing games. She was a trivia master. Heidi loved spending time with her nieces and nephews, and being the "fun" aunt. Heidi will always be remembered as a devoted wife and a loving daughter, sister and aunt, as well as a dear friend to many and will be forever in our hearts. The family will receive friends at the Wm. R. Chase & Son Funeral Home, 737 Chenango Street, Port Dickinson on Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 10am-12pm. A Memorial Service will follow officiated by the Reverend Dawn Victoria Mitchell of St. Marks Episcopal Church at 12pm. Burial will be in the Vestal Hills Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (Ashley) Begeal, James VanLuvender, Justin Gaudinier (Tori); uncle Bill (Kathy) Humphrey along with many cousins and great nieces and nephews. Heidi graduated from Deposit High School and attended SUNY Geneseo and Broome Community College. Heidi held many jobs over the years, but enjoyed bartending and being around people. Heidi was a fun loving person and enjoyed traveling with her husband whom she loved dearly. She loved reading and watching her favorite TV shows and playing games. She was a trivia master. Heidi loved spending time with her nieces and nephews, and being the "fun" aunt. Heidi will always be remembered as a devoted wife and a loving daughter, sister and aunt, as well as a dear friend to many and will be forever in our hearts. The family will receive friends at the Wm. R. Chase & Son Funeral Home, 737 Chenango Street, Port Dickinson on Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 10am-12pm. A Memorial Service will follow officiated by the Reverend Dawn Victoria Mitchell of St. Marks Episcopal Church at 12pm. Burial will be in the Vestal Hills Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



LORIN SCOT BECKLEY

Lorin Scot Beckley, 57, loving husband and father, passed away unexpectedly Monday, March 27th, 2023 surrounded by his beloved family. He was predeceased by; his father, J Edgar Beckley III; and his father-in-law Eivind Lunde. Lorin is survived by; his loving wife, Kirsten; son Jared; mother Bonnie; mother-in-law June Lunde; sister-in-law Karyn Lunde (Gary); brothers, Brent (Sue), and Joel (Dawn). Lorin built many relationships through his business, Beckley Construction. His greatest love, besides Yankees baseball, was watching Jared play baseball for Windsor High School and Keuka College. He was blessed to watch Jared's best pitching in Florida the week before his passing. The family will welcome friends on Friday, March 31st, 2pm, with a celebration of life immediately following at Bethel Baptist Church, 300 North Jensen Road, Vestal (<https://www.youtube.com/@bethelbaptistvestal/streams>). Please express condolences at www.SavageFS.com. In lieu of flowers, consider making contributions to Jared's education for an MBA at Rochester Institute of Technology, starting this fall. Jared will graduate from Keuka College with a double major in Applied Math and Finance, and Management in 3 years, for which his Dad was incredibly proud..



LINDA ANN (FABRIZI) DRAKE

Linda Ann (Fabrizi) Drake, 75, of Johnson City, NY passed away unexpectedly March 21, 2023. She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph Jr. & Arlene Fabrizi. She is survived by; her husband of 52 years, Earl V. Jr.; one son, Earl V. III; sisters, Joanne Belardinelli (Delmonte), Kathleen Dayo, several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Linda graduated from Maine Endwell in 1966 and showed her love of children working in several daycare facilities and as a private nanny. She loved to take drives with her husband to Seneca lake and sit by the water. She will be sorely missed.

A Memorial service will be held Wednesday or Friday this week, please check at www.savagefs.com. The family will welcome friends prior to the service. Please express condolences at www.SavageFS.com. Arrangements entrusted to SAVAGE-DeMarco Funeral Service.



Easter traditions around the world

Easter is a special day for Christians across the globe. While the highlight of Easter celebrations are the religious events, particularly the vigils and church services, Easter fanfare sometimes stretches beyond church walls.

The following are some Easter traditions across the globe. Travelers should confirm the festivities are still on as COVID-19 restrictions continue to be put in place in various locales.

Bermuda

Celebrants create and fly homemade kites on Good Friday Kitefest, which features bold, geometric designs. It's also traditional to eat codfish and hot cross buns during Holy Week. On Easter Sunday, the faithful participate in sunrise services on various Bermuda beaches.

Costa Rica

Costa Ricans take Holy Week and Easter quite seriously. Each town hosts parades and processions during Holy Week, providing dramatic re-enactments of Jesus' journey through Jerusalem to his crucifixion and resurrection.

England

Good Friday visitors to Trafalgar Square can see a classic dramatization of Jesus' resurrection. "The Passion of Jesus" is a 90-minute performance that attracts thousands of visitors.

France

Many people visit the famed Notre-Dame Cathedral to hear its bells toll throughout Easter Sunday. A fire de-

stroyed a portion of the cathedral roof in 2019 and repairs are still underway. There also are Paris Easter egg hunts. Parisians and tourists also can visit La Sainte Chapelle, which offers Easter concerts consisting of classical music and choral singers.

Israel

Israel is a melting pot of both Jewish and Christian faithful. Easter is a solemn celebration here. In Old Jerusalem, faithful pilgrims and priests walk the Via Dolorosa, which is the same path that Jesus took on the day he was crucified. The Way of the Cross, which is what the procession is called, is among the most amazing sights in the world.

Italy

Easter is special in Italy and particularly in Vatican City, the home of the Pope. The Pope holds a special mass on Easter in Saint Peter's Square, which traditionally draws huge crowds. Elsewhere in Italy, masses take place at area churches and many towns host parades and other celebrations.

Mexico

Holy Week reenactments take place in devout areas of Mexico. Residents in other areas may take part in silent processions through town, or by visiting 12 churches in 12 days.

Easter is a time of celebration and reflection in various parts of the world.

Explaining the Stations of the Cross

Tradition features prominently in Holy Week celebrations. The week leading up to Easter Sunday, Holy Week is a sacred time for faithful Christians. The Stations of the Cross are one of the traditions that many Christians feel bolsters their faith and brings them closer to God.

What are the Stations of the Cross?

According to Catholic Online, the Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. Each of the 14 stations focus on a specific event of Jesus's last day as a man.

Where can the Stations of the Cross be found?

Stations of the Cross are typically found in churches. Many times the Stations adorn the interior wall of a church, and Catholic Online notes they're often depicted using small icons or images. Some churches with sizable exterior grounds may arrange larger Stations along footpaths in yards or gardens on the premises.

When do people most commonly pray the Stations of the Cross?

Lent is the most common time to pray the Stations of the Cross, and some churches hold weekly prayer sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays during this time of year.

What are the 14 Stations?

Catholic Online notes the 14 Stations of the Cross are:

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus carries the cross
3. Jesus falls for the first time
4. Jesus meets with His Mother
5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls a second time
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

9. Jesus falls a third time
10. Jesus's clothes are taken away
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

The Stations of the Cross are an important Easter tradition that shed light on Jesus's resurrection. Individuals interested in praying the Stations of the Cross are urged to contact a local church so they can engage in this moving Christian tradition.



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by National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC

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Ask Rusty - Why Should a Non-working Spouse be Entitled to Social Security Benefits?

Dear Rusty: Why can a non-working spouse claim half of their working spouse's benefit even though they have not contributed to the Social Security system? This doesn't seem right or fair to those of us who have contributed for years from our paychecks. Signed: Inquisitive

Dear Inquisitive: This is a question which needs a bit of historical background to properly explain: Social Security's original purpose when it was enacted in 1935 was to prevent America's seniors from living in poverty (remember, Social Security was enacted during the "Great Depression"). Even before the first Social Security check was sent to a retired worker in 1940, Congress had already changed the original Social Security law to, as well, provide anti-poverty benefits to non-working spouses of a worker (a predominant family reality at that time) and surviving spouses, as well as to their minor children. Social Security's fundamental goal has always been to lift eligible Americans out of poverty, which it still does very effectively.

It's important to note that this change did not (and does not) detract in any way from the benefits provided to those who work and contribute to Social Security thus earning their own SS retirement benefit. In other words, those who receive their personally earned SS retirement benefit are not at all penalized if their non-working spouse also receives a benefit (albeit a considerably smaller amount) on the worker's record. Living expenses for two people are, simply, higher than for one, which was/is the rationale for also paying benefits to a dependent not eligible for Social Security benefits on their own work record. In the end, it all comes down to avoiding poverty.

Although the numbers vary somewhat by state, gender, and ethnicity, without Social Security about 38% of all Americans over age 65 would be living below the poverty line, whereas with Social Security only about 9% of Americans over 65 live below the poverty line. But that 9% number would be significantly higher if non-working spouses and survivors of eligible workers were also not entitled to Social Security benefits.

While it is true that Social Security is facing future solvency issues, the thought of restricting benefits to only those who have worked and contributed to the program (and not to their non-working spouses or minor children) is not something being considered by anyone with Congressional influence, regardless of political affiliation. Doing so would be devastating to a large segment of the American population, severely increasing poverty – the very thing that Social Security is designed to prevent.

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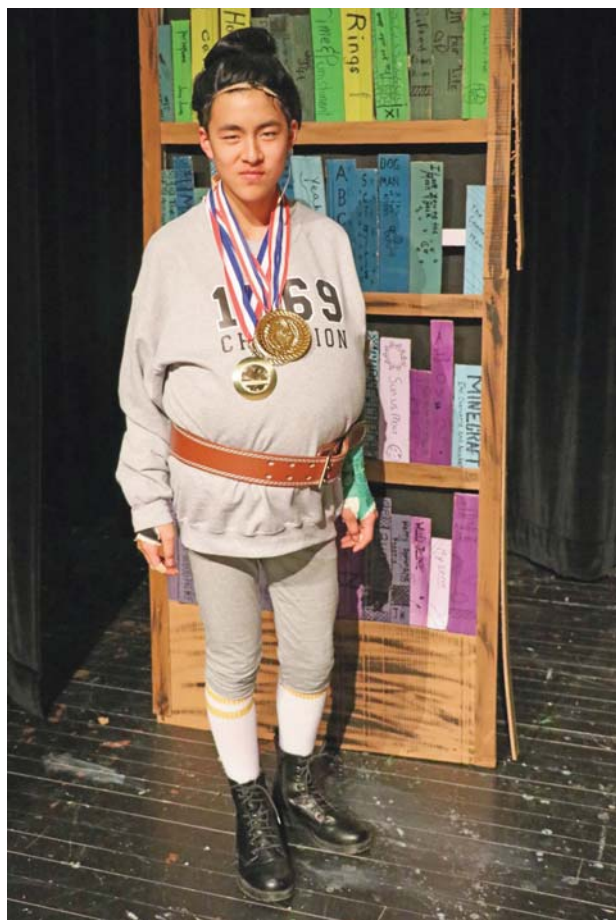
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Helen Zhang as Matilda

Vestal Middle School students chose Roald Dahl's *Matilda*, also known *Matilda the Musical* for the 2023 musical presentation. *Matilda the Musical* is based on the 1988 novel *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. The musical's narrative centers on Matilda Wormwood, a precocious 5-year-old girl with the gift of telekinesis, who loves reading, overcomes obstacles caused by her family and school, and helps her teacher to reclaim her life. The students had a lot of fun with this extraordinary tale of imagination and self-discovery as Matilda matches wits with her revolting parents and the tyrannical Miss Trunchbull. Adapted especially for young performers with strong characters and an irrepressible score, "Matilda" is a delight for all ages!

Over 40 middle school students were directed by Elaine Laramee, with Music Direction by Taleah Graham and Choreography by Madison Shear. Set Design and Technical Direction by Christopher Duffy. (Photos by Maryesther White-Brink)



Trunchbull (Heyan Chung)



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Since religious as well as secular imagery and traditions have melded to form the Easter most individuals recognize today, a mix of customs may be part of your Easter festivities. Among them will be colored eggs, egg hunts and possibly even egg rolls. Just how was the Easter egg tradition hatched?

Pre-Christian societies

Before Christianity was as widespread as it is in modern times, many societies associated eggs with spring and new life. Many birds and animals lay eggs early in spring, and these eggs tend to hatch upon the arrival of the warm weather, budding flowers and buzzing insects.

Ancient Persians are believed to have painted eggs for Nowrooz, their new year celebration that would fall on the spring equinox each year.

Eggs also have been part of Passover celebrations. A hard-boiled egg dipped in salt water is served at a Passover seder, symbolizing both new life away from oppression and the Passover sacrifice at the Temple in Jerusalem, according to Chabad.org.

Lent, Christianity and eggs

In medieval times, eating eggs was forbidden during Lent, when both dairy and meat were avoided. To reduce waste, eggs laid during Lent were boiled or preserved in some way.

The fast ended on Easter Sunday, and eggs became, once again, important and nutritious staples — especially for poor families that couldn't afford much meat. Eggs

also were given to the church by medieval English villagers and also to the lords of the manor. Royals eventually got in on the act, and decorated eggs were distributed to the household in a tradition that was one of the earliest to include eggs.

Egg hunts and more

Some historians suggest that egg hunts can be traced back to German Protestant reformer Martin Luther, who organized egg hunts for his congregation. The men would hide the eggs for the women and children to find. This symbolized the story of Christ's resurrection, when the tomb was discovered by women. The eggs also represented Jesus' new life and his emergence from the tomb.

Egg hunts are not the only egg-related games that were hatched for Easter celebrations. According to the website Learn Religions, some European children go from house to house begging for Easter eggs, like children may ask for treats on Halloween. The custom is called "pace-egging," a term derived from the old word for Easter, "Pasch." Egg rolls also are symbolic of rolling away the stone from Christ's tomb. Various countries have their



own rules on egg rolls. In Germany, for example, children roll their eggs down a track made from sticks.

Easter eggs are an integral symbol of the holiday that hold both secular and religious meaning.

Celebrating the Town of Vestal's Bicentennial to be topic for Broome County Historical Society

The Broome County Historical Society is pleased to present "Celebrating the Town of Vestal's Bicentennial" by Margaret Hadsell, Vestal Town Historian on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:45 p.m. with light refreshments at 6:30

This program will be held in the Decker Community Room of the Broome County Public Library and on Zoom: www.broomehistory.org/programs and livestreamed: www.facebook.com/broomehistory

Interesting tidbits of the past lurk in the two hundred-year history of the Town of Vestal revealing how some things came about while others never materialized. Research shows often repeated historical "facts" are actually legend or folklore. Whether fact or fiction, it's all become part of the town's history. "Welcome to Vestal...a History and Reference" looks at over 30 major topics including archaeology, business and industry, landmarks and disasters. Filled with photos, each chapter ends with a section of reference tables pertaining to that topic. Join Margaret Hadsell as she shares the lesser-known tidbits of Vestal's past.

Hadsell has been the Town of Vestal Historian since 2005. A graduate of Binghamton University and Syracuse University, she is a retired IBM Software Engineer. She has previously published a book about Vestal in the Images of America Series and is co-chair of the town's year-long Bicentennial celebration.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Historical Society at (607) 778-2076.

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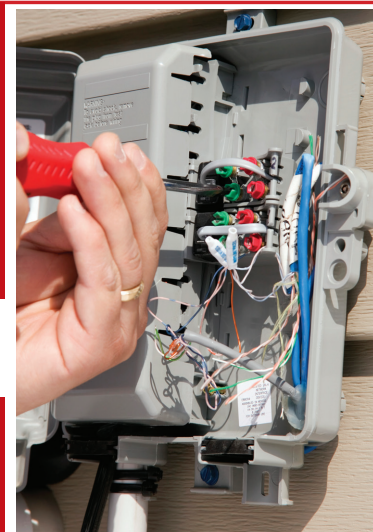
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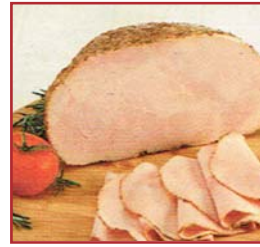
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 Preheat oven to 325 degrees (F).
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 Place ham in a shallow roasting pan and add 1 cup of water. Coat ham with glaze.
 Tent ham with aluminum foil, sealing edges tightly to

pan.
 Bake at 325 degrees (F) for 15-20 minutes per pound.
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