





# Purple Mountain Bay 2 Day Oil Painting Workshop with Rebecca Whitman

This class is being taught at our Vestal Parkway Location. 535 Vestal Parkway West Vestal NY

Two Days: Sunday June 18TH and Sunday June 25th - 3:00~pm- 6:00~pm

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Come express your creative side with our Beginner Level Watercolor PaintingClass. This level class is perfect for beginners or advanced beginner painters and beginners alike. We will be learning the fundamentals or watercolor painting in this workshop along with basic drawing skills.

Come create with us and let us show you have very creative you actually are. We believe in you and would love to teach you how to bring the amazing benefits of art into your life.

The Class fee is \$125 a person (\$100 for members.... ask how to become a member.)

Register 1 week in advance and receive a \$25 Early Bird Discount paying only \$100 ( \$75 for members) Use Promo Code: EB25

Class length is approximate.

Class fees are non refundable and non transferable. All supplies are included.

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# Be Among "The First to Say Thank You" as Our Community Salutes Students Entering the Military

The Conklin Kiwanis Club is preparing a ceremony to honor the high school graduates from the schools of the Broome/Tioga BOCES District who are entering the military upon graduation. This year, "The First to Say Thank You," will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at Windsor Central High School in Windsor, NY. The public is invited to attend.

This is the ninth year that the Conklin Kiwanis Club has partnered with "Our Community Salutes (OCS)" a national, non-profit organization created to recognize and honor high school seniors (and their parents) who plan to enlist in the armed services after graduation. The first OCS ceremony was held in southern New Jersey in 2009, and they have now spread across the nation. The inaugural ceremony in the Southern Tier was held in 2013. The program was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

Speakers at the Windsor ceremony include Dr. Jason Andrews, Superintendent Windsor Central School Dis-

Vestal IB Art
Students Leave a
Lasting Legacy

Students in Melissa Restuccia's IB SL/HL (International Baccalaureate Standard Level/Higher Level) Art class are in high demand at the end of a school year. That's because they share their extraordinary talent in a group project to benefit the school district or community at large as a final farewell before graduation. This year, they are creating a mural to adorn a welcoming wall as visitors enter the Vestal CSD administrative offices. The mural is due to be completed beginning at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Five designs were created for the mural with the one by senior Lily Cardone chosen.

A major tenet of the International Baccalaureate program is giving back to the community, and Vestal HS students embrace that in a number of ways. Last month, IB seniors volunteered at The Discovery Center and CHOW.

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trict; Captain Brett White, Army National Guard; Eugene Clark, National Executive Director, Our Community Salutes; and Keynote Speaker Major General Peter S. Lennon, United States Army (Ret).

The program also features the Windsor High School Music Department, the Color Guard from the Broome County Veterans' Memorial Association, National Anthem by Sergeant Dan Burgess; Invocation from Chaplain (Major) Timothy Miller and a number of presentations made to the recruits. Former Executive Producer and Anchor of FOX40 News, Jason Weinstein is the host for the evening.

The Edward P. Maloney Pipe Band will be playing outside the school to welcome guests.

A brief reception will follow the ceremony.





# Calendar

Thursday, June 22nd **Zoning Board of Appeals 6 PM** 

> Monday June 26th **TBWS 5PM**

Wednesday June 28th TBM 5PM

Saturday July 8th **Railtrail Wine & Food Tasting Bicentennial Event** 

> Monday July 10th **TBWS 5PM**

**Tuesday July 11th** Planning Board 6PM

Wednesday July 12th TBM 5PM

Thursday July 13th **Zoning Board of Appeals 6PM** 

Saturday, July 15th **Vestal Antique Car Show Bicentennial Event** 

> **Monday June 19th** NO SCHOOL for Juneteenth

> Monday, July 24th **TBWS 5PM**

Wednesday, July 26th TBM 5PM



# DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

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by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

06/05 14:12 Vestal Parkway E. Garage bay carbon monoxide alarm 06/05 21:01 Vestal Parkway E. General fire alarm 06/06 01:06 Vestal Parkway E. General fire alarm 06/06 02:48 Vestal Parkway E. General fire alarm 06/06 03:28 Rano Blvd. Carbon monoxide alarm 06/06 11:53 Marietta Drive Smoke condition in area 06/06 12:39 Rockwell Road Smoke condition outside 06/06 15:56 Front Street Gasoline odor in basement

06/07 00:01 Vestal Road Commercial fire alarm

06/08 09:49 Route 26 activation upstairs

06/08 14:14 Maple Street monoxide condition

06/09 08:39 West Access Road

06/09 20:36 West Drive

06/10 04:25 Arthur Avenue cott for a building fire

06/10 13:17 Vestal Parkway E.

06/10 18:51 Vestal Parkway I

06/10 21:01 Burris Road vehicle accident

06/10 23:15 Verna Drive

06/12 08:50 Connector Road

Smoke detector

Possible carbon

Fire alarm

General fire alarm

Mutual aid to Endi-

Smoke alarm

Smoke alarm

Gas leak from motor

Rear deck on fire

General fire alarm

# VHS GraduationStarting 6/24/2023 at

11:00 AM

#### **Event Groups:**

- · Vestal Central School District District Events
- · Vestal High School High School Events
- Vestal Central School District Board of Education Meeting
- · Vestal High School Music Dept

#### **Location:**

**Binghamton University Events Center** 

cated, Uninspected Motor Vehicle and Speed in Zone during a traffic stop.

Dylan Mosher, 27, Binghamton, arrested for Driving

traffic stop.

Tariq McPhaul, 24, Binghamton, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Speed in Zone, Operating a Vehicle Without an Interlock Device, Moved from Lane Unsafely and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1st Degree after a traffic stop.

Richard Stankevich, 45, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7 th Degree, Uninspected Motor Vehicle and Obstructed or Dirty Plate for

Jonelle Cook, 32, Hallstead PA, arrested for Petit Larceny

Muhammad Croswell, 38, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2 nd Degree and four counts of Endangering the Welfare

of a Child for engaging in a domestic incident during

which he slapped the victim in the face in the presence

Andre Ross, 39, Endicott, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7 th Degree for possessing

Paul Michalski, 54, Endwell, arrested for Criminal Pos-

session of a Controlled Substance 7 th Degree and Unsafe

Christy Mathews, 48, Endwell, arrested for Criminal Pos-

session of a Controlled Substance 7 th Degree for possess-

Guenther Auditor, 74, Scottsdale AZ, arrested for Petit

Larceny, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7

th Degree, Resisting Arrest and Criminal Possession of a

Weapon 4 th Degree for shoplifting from Wal-Mart, pos-

sessing Oxycodone, pulling away from officers and pos-

Mai Tran, 29, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxi-

While Intoxicated and Inadequate Plate Lamps during a

Tire for possessing Fentanyl during a traffic stop.

possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Meth during a larceny investigation.

ing Fentanyl during a traffic stop.

sessing a switchblade knife.

for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

of children.

Sarah Peterson, 33, Binghamton, arrested for Trespass for being on Town Square Mall property after previously being banned from the location.

Darl Ellis, 33, Binghamton, arrested for Grand Larceny 4th Degree, Improper Plates, Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2 nd Degree for shoplifting merchandise from Wal-Mart valued over \$1000, and fleeing the scene in a motor vehicle that was subsequently located and stopped.

Brittany Fritz, 31, Binghamton, arrested for Grand Larceny 4 th Degree for shoplifting merchandise valued at over \$1000 from Wal-Mart.

Ashley Beach, 35, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More than .18 BAC, Refusal of Breath Test and Failure to Keep Right after a traffic stop.

Angel Pomales, 42, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Nikila Vazquez, 33, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

# Joseph A. Griffin Memorial Scholarship Award

The 2023 Joseph A. Griffin Memorial Scholarship Award was presented to Liam Cody from Vestal High School. This scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000 and presented through Broome County Government Security Division and the Griffin family, is extremely competitive as there is only one recipient each year and applications are submitted by graduating seniors from all 14 high schools within Broome County. The scholarship is awarded to a student in recognition of their community service and a dedication to a career in public service.

Liam has attended the Vestal Youth Police Academy the last three summers and received their MVP award in 2022. He is also a youth volunteer at his church and has been on the cross-country and track teams. He will be attending Binghamton University and has plans on becoming a police officer.

Joe Griffin's career in public service spanned over 30 years serving the people of Kirkwood and Broome County in various roles, each with the strongest sense of dedication, commitment and leadership distinguishing him as a model for all who seek public service.

This scholarship award continues to ensure that the kindness in how Joe lived his life every day continues on in some small way.



### Last Day of Attendance Scheduled for Vestal Students



Vestal Central School District, assuming that there are no emergency closings between now and the end of the school year, has anticipated the last day of school for students in Grades K-8 and 9-12.

In order to meet the minimum number-of-hours requirement and 180 days of instruction mandated by New York State, the District has scheduled the last day of pupil attendance for students in Grades K – 8 for Friday, June 23, 2023. Both Thursday, June 22, and Friday, June 23, will be half days for students in Grades K - 8.

At Vestal High School, the last day of pupil attendance for Grades 9 - 12 is Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Regents exams will be administered June 14 - 16 and June 20 - 23.

Looking ahead, the District anticipates welcoming students on Thursday, September 7, 2023, for the opening of the 2023-24 school year.

# TOB Man Arrested with Vestal Warrant for Multiple Felonies

Adam G. Gurney, 38, was arrested and charged with multiple felony domestic abuse charges and an outstanding warrant on Tuesday,

June 6, 2023. Broome County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a physical injury domestic dispute in the Town of Binghamton.

Upon arrival, deputies found a female victim with several cuts and blood on her face. The victim reported that her boyfriend, Adam G. Gurney, age 38 of Binghamton, had attacked her, striking and grabbing her face before attempting to choke her. Gurney then allegedly bit her in the nose, ripping her nose ring out. The victim's roommate reportedly heard the struggle from the next room and separated the couple.

A Full Stay Away Order of Protection against Gurney from Johnson City was in force due to assault and physical injury that was found. Gurney was also found to have an outstanding arrest warrant through the Town of Vestal on charges of Criminal Contempt in the 2 nd Degree for violating another order of protection.

Adam G. Gurnev was arrested and charged with:

- Criminal Contempt in the 1st, violating a stay away order of protection through physical contact, a Class E Felony
- Aggravated Family Offense with more than one assault conviction within 5 years, a Class E Felony
- Criminal obstruction of breathing or blood circulation, a Class A Misdemeanor
  - Harassment in the 2nd Degree, a Violation.

Gurney was arraigned and has remained in custody of the Broome County Sheriff's Office. He is scheduled to answer for his charges at a later date in the Town of Binghamton Court.

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# Division 3 Signing Day at Vestal High School

As the end of the school year draws near for most schools in the area, many high school seniors are figuring



out what their futures will hold once they graduate from their respective schools. Luckily, a handful of senior athletes at Vestal High School got their answers as they signed to various colleges during the Division 3 Signing Day on June 6th.

A total of 8 seniors were in attendance with their families, friends, and coaches as they signed to continue playing their favorite sports as they start college in the fall. These students included:

- -Lauren Allen= Cheerleading at Elmira College, Nursing Major
- -Keene Baldridge-Heywood= Cheerleading at Syracuse University, Political Science Major
- -Sophia Bruce= Track+Field at Utica College, Occupational Therapy Major
- -Kelsey Callaghan= Swimming at Wheaton College, English Major
- -Grace Gdovin= Volleyball at SUNY Oswego, Psychology Major
- -Gabrielle Horn= Soccer at Keuka College, Pre-Med Major
- -Edna Kiefer= Lacrosse at Misericordia University, Diag nostic Medical Sonography Major
- -Molly Pompeii= Gymnastics at Rhode Island College, Environmental Science Major

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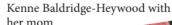
Edna signs to go to Misericordia College

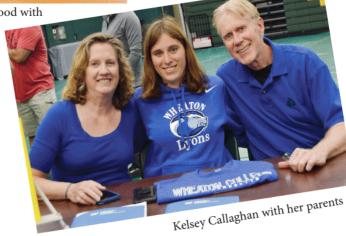
Molly Pompeii signs to Rhode Island College











Honorable mentions go to Evan Meyers and Rashee Shuler who couldn't make it to the event. Both students will continue playing Lacrosse at Farleigh Dickinson University and St. Rose University respectively.

While all of these students will be moving on to Division 3 schools, one will be attending a Division 1 University. Keene Baldridge-Heywood will continue her Cheerleading journey while at Syracuse University as she plans on doing all regular student activities such as attending Football and Basketball games all the while competing with the small Coed D1A girls cheerleading team at the school. Despite moving up in the world, she will never forget her roots in the Vestal community.

"I'm forever grateful to this town and couldn't be more thankful to have grown up here," said Baldridge-Heywood. "I have an amazing bond with my teammates and Cheerleading was an easy environment to make friends in since everyone is already so close to each other!". Keene has been Cheerleading with the Vestal team since 8th grade but was in





Molly Pompeii and her parents and coach



Lacrosse Coach gives speech about Edna Kiefer

Lauren Allen signs off to Elmira College



Kelsey signs to Wheaton College



The signing Athletes

### **Proposed Vestal Coffee Drive - Thru**

By Rosemary B. West

The recent Planning Board meeting took up review for a coffee shop drive-thru business. Planning Board Chairwoman, Madeleine Cotts, pointed out, "The Planning Board would not vote on this application at this time because this was a preliminary plan meeting. Brew Family LLC members, Jeff Coughlan and Kelly Oventhey, stated they are planning to open up in Vestal at the intersection of Vestal Parkway and Plaza Drive. Planning Board Chairwoman Cotts along with Planning Board members; Michon Stuart, Dan Hayes and Bob Warner discussed with Keith Barney of Keystone Associates, and the owners the proposed plans. Jeff Coughlan pointed out, "7 BREW COFFEE is a coffee shop chain that is currently located in 70 locations in twenty- five states." Continuing that "7 Brew coffee shop will be a drive- thru only coffee business located just off the service road at the Vestal Parkway and Plaza Drive intersection. There will be two 12 1/2-foot-wide drive thru lanes with seven Brew Coffee service attendants, who will exit the building through sliding glass doors and walk up to each car at any point in the line to take the customer's order and payment on a tablet. The customers will then drive up to the next station, where they will receive their coffee order. Our plans show a walk-up door, but our number one focus will be the drive-up customers. Walk- ups will not be encouraged. If needed, the customer will be accommodated temporarily. However, we are not planning on having inside sit down service. Our hours of operation will be Sunday - Thursday- 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday -5:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. We estimate the typical average cars per day will be 179."

It was pointed out all current existing asphalt along with some curbing would be removed. The current asphalt swale will be replaced with a storm water pipe. Planting areas will be on the corners of the lot. There will be pole lighting. There will be a sidewalk that will be connected to the new trail between the service road and the Vestal Parkway. However, the current submitted plans did not show a sidewalk on Plaza Drive. Planning Board members expressed their concerns regarding the safety of the customers walking along Plaza Drive, where there is no sidewalk. The Planning Board suggested in their updated

plans that they consider installing a five-foot wide sidewalk that would straddle their property line, along the area in question on Plaza Drive and then connect up to their entrance, with an accessible ramp to their business property. Landscaping could be used to safely direct walkers onto the property. Landscaping was discussed and it was clarified that the plantings on the drawings are generic on the franchise's plans, and aren't what will be actually planted. Additional stop signs and stop bars were also discussed, along with the fact 7 Brew's business patrons should not have a significant impact on traffic in that area. A bypass lane was planned to accommodate taller vehicles when the canopies would prevent drive-thru service due to height issues. Town Engineer Vern Myers requested the photometrics be shown for the lighting on the south east side of the building that faces one of the U Club buildings across the street. 7- Brew representatives still need to submit completed plans to the Planning Board for the required drainage study, DOT traffic study, revised landscape plan, as well as the suggested sidewalk plan.

Vestal Planning Board Change of Tenant News

Town Engineer Vernon Myers presented the following recently reviewed and approved Town of Vestal Change of Tenants Permits:

Myers Security, LLC is to occupy space and do business within the 220 Vestal Parkway East, Suite 2 building complex:

Upstate Images to occupy space and do business within the 220 Vestal Parkway building complex;

Hickory Farms, LLC. to occupy space and do business, within the 3701 Vestal Parkway East building complex:

Aurora Nails to occupy space and do business within 4700 Vestal Parkway East building complex, has been reviewed and approved;

Madeline Rose Mastectomy Boutique, LLC to occupy space and do business within the 100 Rano Blvd. Vestal building complex, has been reviewed and approved;

Sacred Skin Tattoos to occupy space within the 100 Vestal Road building complex, has been reviewed and approved, with contingencies.





# **Taber from Apalachin Soldier Promoted**

Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of Colby Taber from Apalachin, N.Y., and assigned to the 102nd Military Police Battalion, received a promotion May 12, 2023 to the rank of staff sergeant.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a Soldier's overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential.

# Playground Sites



# Calendar of Events

#### Mark your calendars...

On the following dates, your park counselors will create special activities based on the theme! Ask your counselor for the details and join in on the fun! Dates are subject to change depending upon the weather.

Monday, June 26 - All sites open Tuesday, June 27 - Happy New Year Friday, June 30 - Safari Day Monday, July 3 - 4th of July Celebration Tuesday, July 4 - Closed for Holiday Friday, July 7 Beach Day/Under the Sea Tuesday, July 11 - Valentine's Day Friday, July 14 - Space Day Tuesday, July 18 - St. Patrick's Day Friday, July 21 - Happy Birthday to All! Tuesday, July 25 - Santa in July Friday, July 28 - Superhero Day Tuesday, Aug. 1 - Halloween Wed., Aug. 2 - Summer Celebration! Friday, August 4 - Back to School Day (sites close at Noon for the season)

#### School Nurse Michelle Hroncich is a Real Hero!

The Southern Tier American Red Cross hosted it Real Heroes breakfast on May 25, 2023, at the DoubleTree in Binghamton. We are honored that Vestal Middle School Nurse Michelle Hroncich was selected to receive the chapter's Education Award for 2023.

Here is her Real Heroes' story, from the event program:

"It was April 18, 2022, when School Nurse Michelle Hroncich responded to a cardiac medical incident in the hallway at Vestal Middle School. Medical bag in hand, Michelle saw a student lying on the floor. She rolled the student over and began treatment. MIchelle deployed four rounds of defibrillation using the school's AED and administered several sequences of CPR for 10 minutes until EMS crews arrived.

Michelle has been a Registered Nurse for 23 years and specialized in cardiac care. In addition, she has been a CPR instructor and paramedic. One medical professional commented that the student 'hit the trifecta' with Michelle as her multiple skills and detailed knowledge were invaluable during this response. Hospital staff reported that the CPR was successful and that the student was stable, awake, and talking. Doctors shared with the student's parents that were it not for the intervention received at the school, their child would not have made it to the hospital.

Michelle said that it was humbling to learn that the student was doing well; one month later, the student was back in school and graduated from the eighth grade two months later. Michelle commented that she was trained to be the calm in the storm, training for the worst and hoping

for the best. In this case, the best certainly prevailed."

Michelle was nominated by Jeffrey Ahearn, Vestal Superintendent, Regina Felice, Public Information Coordinator, and Sarah Wiggins, Vestal Middle School Principal.

The American Red Cross Real Heroes breakfast is held to honor local, everyday people whose actions exemplify the true spirit of the American Red Cross: humanity, strength and courage. Our Southern Tier Red Cross serves the counties of Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Schuyler, Steuben, Sullivan, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties in New York and Susquehanna County in Pennsylvania.

For more information, visit www.vestal.stiers.org







## Vestal Alumni Named to Honor Roll

University of Mississippi's Spring 2023 Chancellor's Honor Roll

- Nicholas Prokop, of Apalachin, NY Prokop, majoring in Psychology, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is GPA of 3.75-4.00.

#### University of Alabama awards Noah Socash of Vestal

Noah Socash of Vestal, NY received Bachelor of Science in Education.



## Vestal Alumni Named to Dean's List

#### **Bucknell University**

-Hannah Barnum, 2024, Environmental Engineering

#### Nazareth University

- -Collin Pickett of Vestal, NY
- -Gregory Brin of Vestal, NY
- -Avery Tanton of Vestal, NY

#### **Springfield College**

-Jacob Callaghan of Vestal, NY

### Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg

- Samantha Schaffer of Vestal, NY

#### Commonwealth University-Mansfield

- Alyssa Bartlett, of Apalachin, NY
- Ashlyn Fletcher, of Vestal, NY



# Vestal Alumni Named to President's List

# Marissa Harding named to President's List at Cumberlands

Congratulations to Marissa Harding of Vestal on making the President's List! University of the Cumberlands is one of the largest and most affordable private universities in Kentucky.

#### Fitch Twins of Vestal Receive Honors

Erica finished her freshman year of college at Binghamton University on the President's List with a 4.0 GPA and Twin sister, Elana Fitch, excelled at SUNY Broome in her freshman year on the Dean's List with a 3.8 GPA.

# Tianna Wyskowski Honored by Hartwick College

Tianna Wyskowski of Vestal, NY, was recognized as an Andrew B. Saxton Undergraduate Fellow in Anthropology during Hartwick College's Honors Convocation on May 3. They are selected by the Hartwick faculty to recognize outstanding achievement. They serve as student assistants in their major department and receive a tuition credit.



# Vestal Varsity Track Meet























