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VESTAL TOWN BOARD MEMBER CHARGED



Vestal Town Board member, Stephen J. Donnelly, 44, of Vestal faces four charges with more possibly pending as he was one of two men facing charges after a fight broke out at an elementary school following a 4 th and 5 th grade spring

concert. June 13, 2023 BC Sheriff's deputies responded to George F. Johnson Elementary School in the Town of Union for a physical dispute near the main entrance. School Cameras, witness statements and cell phone video showed Donnelly following a woman into the parking lot threatening to "bury her" and yelling obscenities.

Responding deputies were alerted to the dispute by the School Resource Office (SRO) who broke up the physical confrontation prior to police arrival.

Two adult males, Stephen J. Donnelly, and another man, Lance J. Scott, 42 years old of Kirkwood, NY, engaged in a verbal altercation that turned physical in front of the main entrance to the school as a concert was concluding. An initial investigation found that Scott had allegedly overheard Donnelly yelling at his own mother outside the entrance to the school and confronted him. Both began yelling at one another, with Donnelly attempting to provoke Scott into hitting him and backing him down the sidewalk. Donnelly then attempted to knock Scott's hat off and a physical altercation ensued, resulting in both parties on the ground punching each other. The school SRO and bystanders then intervened and separated the parties.

Further investigation and review of school surveillance footage revealed that prior to the altercation with Scott, Donnelly had followed another woman into the parking lot yelling obscenities and derogatory remarks at

her while threatening to "bury her." Based on evidence from school surveillance cameras, witness statements, and cell phone video,

Donnelly was determined to be the primary aggressor in both instances. He was charged with Harassment for both the physical altercation with Scott and for following another female victim into the school parking lot while calling her derogatory names, obscene language and threatening her.

Both Donnelly and Scott were charged with Disorderly Conduct for fighting in public and Donnelly received an additional Disorderly Conduct for his foul language in a public place.

All the parties involved (Donnelly, Scott and the two women) are well known to each other and minor injuries were sustained during the altercation.

The investigation is still on going and additional charges are anticipated. Below is a complete list of charges at the time of this release:

Stephen J. Donnelly was charged with the following Penal Law Violations:

- Harassment 2 nd Degree (physical contact)
- Harassment 2 nd Degree (following public place to harass/annoy/alarm)
- Disorderly Conduct (engaging in fighting-public place)
- Disorderly Conduct (abusive/obscene language)

Lance J. Scott was charged with Disorderly Conduct (engaging in fighting-public place), a Penal Law Violation.

Both Donnelly and Scott were issued appearance tickets for the Town of Union Court to answer for their charges at a later date.

"Our local schools must represent a safe place for our children and families to gather and we must protect them," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "Fighting of any kind on school grounds, especially between parents, will not be tolerated."

Vestal Senior Caden DellaPenta Receives Scholarship from Conference of Italian-American Legislators

One of 4 Students selected out of hundreds of statewide applicants

Vestal, NY – For the fifth year in a row, a local student has been awarded a scholarship from the New York Conference of Italian-American State Legislators. Last week, Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo welcomed graduating Vestal High School senior Caden DellaPenta to Albany for a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion to celebrate his achievement. Today, Lupardo and DellaPenta were joined by music teacher Austin Kiley at Vestal High School for the presentation of DellaPenta's \$4,500 James D. Conte Memorial Academic Achievement Scholarship check.

The award is one of four scholarships the Conference awards annually. The scholarship application is made available to any graduating student living in a Conference member's legislative district. Four students are selected each year for scholarships, two academic and two athletic.

DellaPenta will be attending Lehigh University this fall to study English with the goal of becoming an English professor. DellaPenta is the President of his class and the President of Vestal Voices, his school's curricular honors choir. Additionally, he is a fan section leader of the Varsity Club, making him the first openly gay student to hold this position at Vestal High School. DellaPenta is very active both in and out of school, performing in school musicals, volunteering at the Broome County Humane Society, and being a member of the National Honors Society and Diversity Club, among many others.

Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, former Chair of the Conference of Italian-American Legislators, said, "We are very proud to award Caden DellaPenta this scholarship for his academic achievement. He is a terrific student who clearly enjoys giving back to his community. This was apparent in the moving essay he wrote for his scholarship application. I'd like to thank my colleagues in the Conference for joining me in support of Caden and all of his future endeavors."

VHS Graduation Starting 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





Calendar

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
1. Zoning Board of Appeals 6PM
2. "A Musical Journey through Vestal History"
Arnold Park Pavilion #3 - 6:30 p.m

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



VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

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by *Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer*

06/12 22:07	Andrea Drive	Possible transformer fire in backyard
06/13 14:25	West Drive	General fire alarm
06/13 19:47	Vestal Parkway E.	Commercial fire alarm
06/13 21:58	Vestal Road	Carbon monoxide alarm
06/14 09:04	Holly Hill Road	Smoke detector activation
06/14 18:27	Vestal Parkway E.	Break room smoke detector activation
06/14 20:04	N. Main St. & Stage Rd.	Odor of natural gas in area
06/14 23:16	Vestal Parkway E.	Ceiling collapse/water condition
06/19 11:37	Vestal Parkway E.	General fire alarm



Firemen never know what they will encounter on each call but proceed with the same level of commitment and service.

BYRON PULSIFER

VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Richard Galeano, 51, Endicott arrested for Sexual Abuse 3rd Degree for touching the juvenile victim's breast, outside her clothing.

Vernon Lee, 46, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's.

Mercedes Lee, 27, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1st Degree following the report of a female sleeping at the wheel of her vehicle.

Christian Taylor, 27, Brackney PA, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Fentanyl during a traffic stop.

Anthony Kosick, 32, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree and as Fugitive from Justice for damaging a motel door with an axe and being wanted on a warrant out of the State of Pennsylvania.

Jason Lowe, 45, Norwich, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Aheenk Doski, 22, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1st Degree, Failure to Open Traffic Control Device and Unsafe Turn/No Signal after a traffic stop.

Vestal Police Department Helps NYC Convict Two for Homicide

By Rosemary B. West

Bronx DA Thanks Capt. Streno and Off. Smith, Sgt. Stavola, & Off. Gavin. Town Councilwoman Suzanne Messina informed the Town Board, "The Bronx County District Attorney sent a letter of thanks for the hard work and dedication of the Vestal Police Department for their assistance in a two-defendant homicide trial that resulted in a conviction. The letter specifically mentions the professionalism and dedication of Captain Streno, who ensured them Vestal Police Officer Smith was able to appear and testify in the case. The District Attorney's Office highlighted Officer Smith's painstaking preparation of her testimony in combining the perfect balance of legal knowledge and public safety that led to the admissibility of evidence that was pivotal to the jury hearing the case and conviction of the suspect, providing peace to the family and increasing the safety of the community. Officer Smith initiated the investigation and was assisted by Sergeant Stavola, and JC Officer Daniel Gavin."

Lupardo, Vestal Library Announce Grand Opening of Upgraded Young Adult Section

Space will serve as an after school hub for local teens

The Vestal Public Library received a boost as a result of funding secured by Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo in last year's state budget. The \$10,000 Assembly grant allowed for upgrades to the Library's Young Adult area. Lupardo was joined by representatives from the Vestal Public Library and local teens to make the announcement. The grant funded the purchase of new furniture to give teens and young adults a collaborative workspace in the library. The section is now outfitted with a high-top media table with outlets to keep laptops, tablets and phones charged while studying. Additionally, the space now contains a comfortable seating area with armchairs, bean bag chairs, and coffee tables. A majority of the furniture was purchased from the local office furniture company Parlor City Furniture.

Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo said, "Our libraries are important community resources, providing a welcoming place for residents of all ages to gather and access

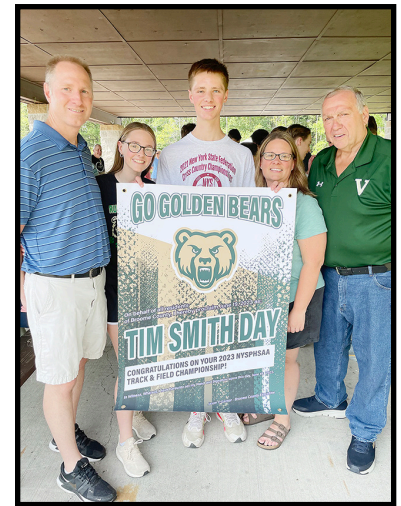
resources. I'm proud to have provided this grant for upgrades to the Vestal Public Library; the new and improved Young Adult Space will better serve a younger generation of library patrons. Thank you to Vestal Public Library for being such an important part of our community." Jeanette Greene, Interim Director, Vestal Public Library, said, "Working together we are bringing together and providing access to information for all members of our community - children, young adults, adults, and seniors. What better way to serve our community."

Vestal Public Library is hosting a Ribbon Cutting with Assembly Woman Donna Lupardo for the Grand Opening of our new Young Adult area.

When: Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 3pm

Where: Vestal Public Library, 320 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal, NY 13850

Tim Smith Recieves State Title in Division 1



Vestal Town Supervisor, John Schaffer, congratulates Vestal's Tim Smith on his New York State Title in the Division 1, 400 -Meter Hurdles. Pictured are Tim Smith and family with Vestal Town Supervisor, John Schaffer.

The Joy of Oil Painting 8 Week Summer Program- Pay What You Can Afford



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We offer a fun and diverse set of 8 Week programs for kids of all ages. We offer a **PAY WHAT YOU CAN PROGRAM** for children. Our normal pricing is listed below. Should you require a different payment amount for your child just contact us directly via email at info@stilettosfineartsstudio.com or by text at 607-778-9393.

Our Oil Painting Program is for kids ages 10 plus. We will teach the kids the basics of oil painting and will paint a variety of creations from landscapes to color designs and even a self portrait. Kids are amazing artists and this program will teach them the basics of oil painting. We will be providing the children with latex gloves. Should your child not be able to wear latex please provide non latex each week to keep the paint off of their hands.

The dates of the class at Friday's 2-4 Beginning July 7 14 21 28 August 4 11 18 and 25

Register Here: <https://bookeo.com/stilettosfineartsstudio?type=41570JE9YAX18827544C1B>

We do not turn children away unless the class is full of course. Pre registration is required. The price is for 8 weeks. We understand that some children may go on family vacations. This is typical and we can issue a credit for a future class if you scheduled the missing class in advance.

The cost of the class is \$ \$280 (members pay \$245)... again should you require a different payment amount please contact us as stated above. All summer art programs will be held at our Vestal Location.. 535 Vestal Parkway West Vestal NY 13850

Please provide a bagged snack and drink for your child each week. Labeled with their name. We have found that children often get hungry during classes.

Tickets for The Joy of Oil Painting 8 Week Summer Program- Pay What You Can Afford can be booked at <https://allevents.in/vestal/the-joy-of-oil-painting-8-week-summer-program-pay-what-you-can-afford/80001275307897>

Summer Reading 2023 @ VPL

Ages 0-5

Storytimes at Arnold Park

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

July 6 - August 10

Sensory Activities - Mondays

July 3 - August 7

In Library Storytime - Fridays

July 7 - August 4

All Ages

Artisan Market

- Saturday, July 1

Kopernik Observatory

- Portable Planetarium (TBD)

Waterman Conservation Center

- Nature Event (TBD)

Family Camp-In

Local Foraging and Guided Hikes

Ages 6 - 11

Reader's Theater

- Three 2 week sessions on Wednesdays July 5 - August 9

Stuffed Animal Sleep Over

- Friday to Saturday July 7 & 8

STEAM Projects - Tuesdays

July 11 - August 8

- Circuit Bugs
- Solar S'mores
- Sun Prints
- DIY Bird Feeder

Ages 12 - 18

Fridays - July 7 - August 11

- Ink Dip Prints
- Throwback Camp Crafts
- Reverse Tie-dye
- Wood Slice Painting

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages reading for all ages and provides community engagement through events and programs. Join VPL as we Forge New Paths this summer!

Summer Reading Challenge for all ages runs June 26 - August 11. The last day to submit reading logs and punch cards is August 21.



VESTAL VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

COACH OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION AND RING CEREMONY

More photos of the Ring Ceremony to come next week!



The Whole Team!



Charlei Dando, Tracy Sephton, Joael Storer, Emily and Hannah Barnard and Coach Sax



Coach Sax and Brendan Horn



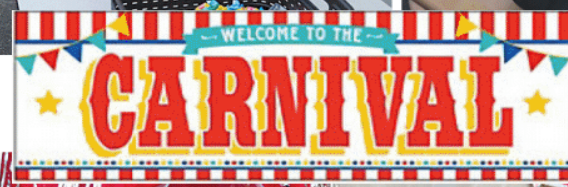
Presenting Coach Sax with her reward, with Josh Canonx



Youth Field Hockey



CLAYTON AVE ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL



VESTAL RECREATION



Online registration at
Vestalny.myrec.com

For immediate program confirmation register online.

516 Front Street, Vestal, NY
607-754-3368

Summer 2023 June



Sunday Make-break: Tie-Dye Shirt

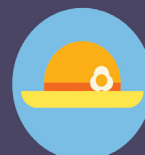
Sun, Jun 25, 2023
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Shoppes at Vestal
2317 Vestal Pwy E Ste 10,
Vestal, NY 13850
(800) 642-4235

Come in-store and make a tie-dye shirt. Buy a shirt from the selection we have available, and then you can use our supplies to tie-dye! Tie-dye supplies are free and provided for the event.

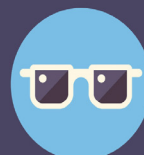
This event is available at all Michaels locations! RSVP to receive an email reminder of the date, time and location.

SUN SAFETY

SUMMER SKIN PROTECTION



WEAR BROAD HAT



USE SUNGLASSES



WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING



AVOID SUN BETWEEN 11 AM AND 3 PM



USE SUNSCREEN



DRINK MORE WATER



REFLECTION CAUTION



SEEK SHADE



AVOID DIRECT SUNLIGHT

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)

Proposed Vestal Skate Park Special Permit Approved

By Rosemary B. West

The Town Board June 14, 2023 Town business meeting agenda began with an update on the proposed Skate Park. Councilman Steve Fletcher asked the owner of the proposed skate park Derek Nelson and Town Engineer Vern Myers, "Have the stipulations been met since we last discussed the Skate Park at the public hearing, regarding the fencing, times of operation and installing a bathroom have been met?" Town Engineer Myers said, "The permits are pending. The Skate Park will not be open, until they are completed." The Vestal Town Board proceeded to vote on adopting the issuance of the Special Permit for Derek Nelson to operate a Skate Park in an Industrial Development Zone to be located on the Vestal property situated at 1803 Castle Gardens Road. The Town Board voted unanimously approval for the Special Permit for the Skate Park so that it could be operated at the Industrial Development Zoned 1803 Castle Gardens Road property.

Food and Drink on the Rail Trail

Saturday July 8th
6-9 pm

205 Stage Road Vestal
200 Year CELEBRATION

Live Music
Restaurants from across
Broome County

Vestal Scholars



Joshua Kapeghian of Vestal Among University of Scranton Graduate Class of 2023

Joshua L. Kapeghian of Vestal was among the more than 500 graduates who earned master's and doctoral degrees at The University of Scranton. Degrees were presented at its graduate commencement ceremony on May 21 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre. Degrees were conferred to graduates who had completed their academic degree requirements in August and December of 2022, as well as January and May of 2023. Kapeghian earned a Master of Accountancy degree in forensic accounting from The University of Scranton.

At the ceremony, the University conferred its first doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) in accounting degrees to 12 graduates. The University also conferred doctor of nursing practice degrees and doctor of physical therapy degrees, in addition to master's degrees in various disciplines.

Graduates represented 27 states including California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia, among others. Students also represented Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia and India. The programs with the most graduates were the master of business administration, master of health

administration, master of occupational therapy, master of accountancy and doctor of physical therapy. Rev. Joseph Marina, S.J., president of The University of Scranton, addressed the graduates at the ceremony, and conferred degrees upon candidates presented by Victoria Castellanos, Ph.D., dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies; David Dzurec, Ph.D., interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and Mark Higgins, Ph.D., dean of the Kania School of Management. Max Saintvil, Queens Village, New York, who earned his Master of Health Administration degree from Scranton, spoke on behalf of the class of 2023. Also speaking at the ceremony were Michelle Maldonado, Ph.D., provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, and Paul DiPietrantonio '97, president of the University's Alumni Society. Teresa Conte, Ph.D., associate professor of nursing, provided the Benediction and Daniel Cosacchi, Ph.D., vice president for mission and ministry, provided the Invocation.

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Madison Schmerder of Vestal Among University of Scranton Undergraduate Class of 2023

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Vestal Alumni Named to President's List

SUNY Canton Spring 2023 President's List

"Congratulations to all the exceptional SUNY Canton students who have earned a well-deserved spot on the President's List for the Spring 2023 Semester," Szafran said. "Your remarkable achievement is a testament to your dedication, perseverance and outstanding academic abilities. I hope this accomplishment serves as a stepping stone towards even greater achievements in your future endeavors." To earn a spot on the President's List, full-time students must earn a 3.75 or greater GPA during a single semester.

- Emma S. Clark, a SUNY Canton Veterinary Technology major from Apalachin, NY
- Nickolas L. Morales, a SUNY Canton Cybersecurity major from Apalachin, NY
- Brandon J. Morris, a SUNY Canton Finance major from Vestal, NY
- Nicholas J. Tomaka, a SUNY Canton Game Design and Development major from Vestal, NY

Vestal Alumni Named to Dean's List

Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg

- Samantha Schaffer of Vestal, NY

Commonwealth University-Mansfield

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

Other Honors Received by Vestal Alumni

University of Alabama awards Noah Socash of Vestal

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

St. John Fisher University Softball Awards

PITTSFORD, N.Y. - The Empire 8 Conference announces the Softball All-Conference team selections in addition to annual awards. St. John Fisher University softball team won the conference giving the Cardinals the Empire 8's automatic berth in the NCAA Division III tournament.

Maddie Donlin improved on her first year, third-team selection, by being named to the Second-Team in 2023. The left fielder started in all 40 games and improved in every hitting category. She hit .324 (33-for-102), with seven doubles, three triples and one homerun. She scored 26 runs, drove in 16, walked nine times, while striking out just 13 times. Maddie, a sophomore nursing student, is the daughter of Steve and Danielle Donlin.

Graduates from SUNY Oneonta

- Abigail Herringshaw of Vestal
- Kacey Painter of Vestal
- Nate Parsons of Vestal
- Frank Russo of Vestal

VESTAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WALKS



Vestal Seniors Visit Their Former 2nd Grade Teacher, Mrs. Cherevko, at Glenwood Elementary



Vestal Seniors Visit Clayton Ave, Their Elementary Alma-mater



Seniors Gathered In The Atrium

