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Vestal Boy Scout Builds Gaga **Ball Pit as Part of Eagle Scout**

Project

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Vestal Boy Scout Builds Gaga Ball Pit as Part of Eagle Scout Project Grand opening is July 14 at 5pm at Camp Sertoma in Kirkwood, N.Y. Kirkwood, NY (July 7, 2022) - Camp Sertoma, a renowned summer camp dedicated to empowering youth through outdoor experiences, is excited to announce the completion of a brand new gaga ball pit, made possible by the hard work and dedication of a local Boy Scout's Eagle Project. The newly constructed pit promises to bring endless hours of fun and camaraderie to campers for years to come. Life Scout Michael Juriga II, a passionate and driven young individual, envisioned the gaga ball pit project as a way to enhance the recreational opportunities at Camp Sertoma. Recognizing the popularity of gaga ball among campers, Michael saw an opportunity to create a safe and enjoyable space for children to engage in this exciting game. Caption: Vestal Boy Scout Michael Juriga II stands inside his finished gaga ball pit at Camp Sertoma located in Kirkwood, NY. The project was completed as part of his Eagle Scout Award. With the support of fellow Scouts, adult leaders, and the generous contributions from family and friends, Michael successfully led the project from conception to completion. The construction of the Gaga Ball Pit involved meticulous planning, fundraising efforts and numerous hours of labor. The new Gaga Ball Pit is an impressive addition to Camp Sertoma's array of outdoor facilities. It features a durable, specially designed octagonal pit constructed from high-quality materials, ensuring both safety and longevity. The Gaga Ball Pit's completion showcases the Boy Scouts' commitment to community service and leadership development. By taking on the challenge of an Eagle Project, Michael has not only displayed his dedication to personal growth but also contributed to the betterment of Camp Sertoma and the broader community. "Gaga ball was one of my favorite activities at Camp Sertoma when I was a camper, but we did not have one readily available. We would have to construct a pit in the dining room using tables and then deconstruct it when we were finished. This inspired me to create a permanent structure," says Michael. To celebrate the completion of the gaga ball pit, Camp Sertoma will be having an unveiling ceremony on July 14th at 5pm at Camp Sertoma at 459 Johnson Road, Kirkwood, N.Y. The event will provide an opportunity for the public, including community members and media representatives, to witness firsthand the exciting addition to the camp's facilities. About Camp Sertoma: Camp Sertoma, located in Kirkwood N.Y., is a premier summer camp that has been providing unforgettable experiences for children and youth for over 70 years. The camp offers a wide range of outdoor activities and fosters personal growth, teamwork, and lifelong friendship

1st NYS **Cannabis** Dispensary in **Opens Vestal**

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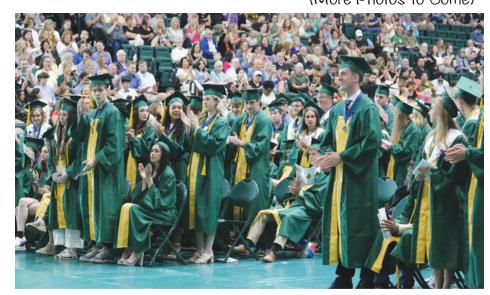
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Calendar

Saturday, July 15th
1.Vestal Antique Car Show
Bicentennial Event
2.Town Square Mall - 10AM - 3PM
Cars! Food! Music! and Prizes!
3. Every Cat's Dream Barbeque and
Bottle Drive 11AM-2PM

Wednesday, July 19th Broome Bands Together: The Shambles, Stage at Otsiningo Park, 6:00PM

Thursday, July 20th Free Family Movie 8

Saturday, July 22nd Tracy Creek Memorial Church Family Fun Day 11AM-2PM

> Monday, July 24th TBWS 5PM

Wednesday, July 26th
1. TBM 5PM
2. July 26th-31st – Broome County Fair, Broome County Fairgrounds, Whitney Point

Memorial Park Baptist Church has a new minister.

The Reverend Jim Pearson has been called to be the transitional minister of Memorial Park Baptist Church.

The previous pastor of 16-plus years, the Reverend Marlene Ciranowicz, has retired to be with her family and grandchildren in Oklahoma.

Preacher Jim has 50 years' worth of ministry experience behind him. He understands the needs of the church and community in the transition process, as well as how to expand the ministry in the community. He has pastored a number of churches in the Carolinas and West Virginia in addition to Upstate New York. The church Leadership Team has already been working with Preacher Jim to learn more about what is needed in preparing for the future of the congregation. He looks forward to the church discernment process in regard to the calling of a new pastor.

Memorial Park Baptist Church is located at 1013 Front Street in Vestal, NY. You may contact us at (607)785-3757. We welcome all to join us for worship every Sunday.



VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

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by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

07/04	00:55	Recreation Drive	Beam detector west
07/05	08:59	West Drive	General fire alarm
07/05 tivatior		Medina Street	Smoke detector ac-
07/05 house	22:32	Lyndale Drive	Water condition in
07/06	00:00	Ash Road	Commercial fire alarm
07/06 detecto		Vestal Parkway E.	Fire alarm from duct
		Route 17 West ehicle on fire	2 car motor vehicle
07/06	16:48	Castle Gardens Rd.	Fire alarm activation
07/07	06:42	Bunn Hill Access Ro	l. Fire alarm activation
07/07	09:45	West Drive	General fire alarm
07/07 injury	11:15	Vestal Road	Car into building - no
07/07	13:11	Vestal Parkway E.	General fire alarm
07/07 way	17:04	Rockwell Road	Wire down on road-
07/08 alarm	08:26	Main Street	Carbon monoxide
07/09	19:34	West Drive	Fire alarm





REPORT

Douglas Foster, 42, Vestal, arrested for Trespass for remaining on Mirabito property after previously being banned from the location.

Muhammad Rivers, 46, Endicott, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree for pushing the victim down onto the floor, causing injury, during a domestic incident.

James Finch, 42, Johnson City, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Richard Stankevich, 46, Binghamton, arrested for Uninspected Motor Vehicle, Obstructed License Plate and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Taylor Vonlangen, 28, Harpursville, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Katherine McAndrew, 35, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Thomas Beierle, 28, Apalachin, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Kalese Keller, 23, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Jennifer Masso, 23, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Sara Coscia, 53, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More than .18 BAC after a complaint of an erratic driver.

Matthew Pilotti, 62, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Douminique Ferrira, 45, Vestal, arrested for Failing to Provide Proper Sustenance To Animals for leaving her animals unattended, and without food and water for an extended period of time.

Douminique Ferrira, 45, Vestal, arrested for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd Degree, Inadequate Headlights, Unsafe Tire and Criminal Impersonation 2nd Degree for providing a false name during a traffic stop, knowing she was wanted on an active arrest warrant.

Michael Blakley, 59, Johnson City, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, No Headlights, Failed to Keep Right, and Moved from Lane Unsafely after a traffic stop.

Craig Brigham, 30, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing a stolen vehicle, a stolen license plate and Meth during a traffic stop.



Colesville Quilt Show and Craft Fair!

Colesville Quilt Show and Craft Fair will be held on August 5th, from 10:00-4:00 at the Colesville Ambulance building behind the Maribito in Harpursville, N.Y. Many local quilts and crafts will be on display. There will be vendors, a DJ, pulled pork lunch for sale, and a wide variety of baskets and gift certificates for raffle. A queen size quilt in Harpursville school colors is also being raffled. The tickets for this are on sale now at the Colesville Town Hall. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please see Tomi or Adam at the Clerk's office for more. There will be a knitting machine demonstration and a trunk show during the day as well. There is no admission fee and all proceeds will go to the Colesville Digital Museum project. So please save the date and come out to support our community.



Meal Program FOR KIDS & TEENS 18 & UNDER

MEALS MUST BE CONSUMED ON SITE.

Palmer Middle School 213 Main Street, Windsor

July 10th - August 3rd MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Windsor High School 1191, NY Route 79, Windsor

July 10th - August 17th MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Whitney Point

Daycare 2496 W. Main St., Whitney Poin July 10th - August 18th MONDAY-FRIDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Riverside Academy July 10th - August 17th Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Harpursville School in Street, Harpursvill

July 10th - August 3rd MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

ABC Childcare &

Learning Center 546 Hooper Road, Endicott July 5th - August 25th MONDAY-FRIDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Lunch 12:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Jennie F. Snapp

Middle School 101 Loder Avenue, Endicott July 17th - August 10th MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m

Southern Tier

Community Center
1 Clubhouse Road, Endicott July 5th - August 25th MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. Anthony's **Learning Center** July 3rd - August 25th MONDAY-FRIDAY Breakfast 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Union-Endicott High School

July 17th - August 10th MONDAY-THURSDAY

Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Deposit

Elementary School 171 Second Street, Deposit July 10th - August 24th MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Maine Memorial

Elementary School 2693 Main Street, Maine July 10th - August 18th Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Maine

Summer Recreation July 10th - August 11th MONDAY-FRIDAY **Breakfast** 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Highland Park

Summer Fun 801 Hooper Road, Endwell July 5th - August 11th MONDAY-FRIDAY Breakfast 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free Family Mov

Arnold Park, Andrews Rd., Vestal



Rated PG - 100 minutes

8:30 PM (Dusk)

Encanto



ed PG - 99 min

Bring your chairs, blankets, snacks, drinks, family, friends and flashlights. Showing behind shelter #2. Free popcorn.

Summer Reading 2023 @ VPL



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

• 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





Artisan Market

• Saturday, July 1

Kopernik Observatory

Portable Planetarium (TBD)

Waterman Conservation Center

• Nature Event (TBD)

Family Camp-In

Local Foraging and Guided Hikes

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.

FUNKY BEEZ IN VESTAL IS NOW OPEN

(ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY KAITLYN HESSION)

Summer is here, which means everyone in the area is looking for ways to cool off and relax as the temperature rises. While some choose to go for a swim, others are looking to get a sweet treat at their local ice cream shop. One of these places in Vestal not only provides these sweet treats and many like it, but they also provide another summertime classic: Hot Dogs.

One of the newest businesses to come to Vestal is Funky Beez! Located at 1344 State Route 26, the ice cream and hot dog stand made its debut d uring a private family and friends event held on June 28th. After a fantastic response, the business opened its doors to the public two days later on June 30th at 11am. "We actually didn't mean to open so soon; it was all kind of a last-minute thing," mentioned Felicia Davis, Operations Manager at Funky Beez, "Everything fell in line for us to be able to open."

Felicia Davis, along with her partner Bill Stewart, built the business as a byproduct of a condemned house that was once on the property. Many locals called this structure 'The Castlehouse' and unfortunately, it was beyond repair to the point where it had to be demolished. Luckily, the property was given new life as the couple planned to open their new business alongside the two other businesses they have been running for many years now.



Funky Beez is located along Rt. 26 in Vestal!



Owners Bill Stewart and Felicia Davis



A variety of hot dogs on the grill



Funky Beez's opening menu



A selection of the hot dogs A big bi





Night time on the patio

A big bite for the little guy!

FUNKY BEEZ IN VESTAL CONTINUED...

(ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY KAITLYN HESSION)

Some have asked why the name 'Funky Beez'? Well, it's simple! Both Davis and Stewart are Beekeepers and they think bees are funky! Many of these new customers think this place is un-bee-lievable not only because of the ice cream and assortment of hot dogs, but they also love the outdoor patio, the children's play yard, the cornhole space, and more. Some locals have even visited multiple times a day since the stand opened. "Various types of people have visited us, whether they are young

or old, a family or a group of friends, everybody seems to have a great time!" mentioned Felicia Davis.

Currently, Funky Beez is serving various types of Hershey's hard and soft ice creams alongside shakes, flurries, and more. They also serve four types of hot dogs, which makes them unique compared to other local ice cream parlors. The types of dogs they sell are Hofmann's Franks, Snappy Grillers, German Franks, and Vegan Dogs with a variety of toppings. While

there are plans to possibly add more items to the menu like breakfast items, the owners never plan on branching out to a full range menu since it's not what they set out to do. Funky Beez's goal is to provide good quality product on a very specific market while staying affordable.

Funky Beez is open Monday-Sunday from 11am-10pm. Follow them on Facebook and other social media sites to stay up to date on the growing business



Bill with 1000th hot dog winner Gary Allen



You don't need to be human to have a paws-itive experience!



A group of friends enjoy their food!



Everyone is a 'weiner' when they come to Funky Beez!



Funky Beez patio set-up

Customers stand in line to order their food



Celebrate Vestal's 200 years with a display of automotive history in the Barnes & Noble parking lot at the Town Square Mall on July 15 from 10am–3pm! Join us at the Bicentennial Classic Car Show for an impressive collection of vintage vehicles from timeless classics to iconic models. Trophies will be awarded to "Best in Show" for several categories. Free vehicle entry and free admission! Food will be available for purchase. Whether you own a classic car or simply appreciate their beauty, come join us as we celebrate Vestal's 200 years.

Barnes & Noble at Town Square Mall 2443 Vestal Parkway East

Vestal, NY 13850



Vestal Rec Dept Summer Camps!



First New York State Cannabis Dispensary in Vestal Opened on Friday, July 7



Vestal, New York - July 7th , 2023 - Sacred Bloom was thrilled to announce the grand opening of its 5800 Sq. Ft. flagship dispensary in Vestal, New York. This momentous occasion marks the first-ever dispensary in the area.

Owned by Todd Hartman, Sacred Bloom is committed to providing the Vestal community with a safe and welcoming environment where individuals can explore and access a

wide range of cannabis products. For recreational enjoyment, Sacred Bloom strives to cater to the diverse needs and preferences of its customers.

Todd Hartman entered the manufacturing and distribution side of the smoke shop industry in 1998 by attending the Champs show in Las Vegas, since then he has opened several retail smoke shops under the Exscape name in New York (156 East state St The commons, Ithaca Ny 14850). He plans to bring his experience in the market to a sister industry in the cannabis world.

The grand opening event took place on July 7. The dispensary is conveniently located at 1308 Vesta Pkwy, E. Vestal NY 13850. Todd Hartman and the Sacred Bloom team warmly welcomed the community to join them for this momentous occasion.

"We are incredibly excited to bring the first-ever dispensary to Vestal, New York," said Todd Hartman, owner of Sacred Bloom. "Our mission is to provide a safe and inclusive space where individuals can explore and benefit from the myriad of cannabis products available. We will have a dedicated section of the store to an Educational center where suppliers/farmers and customers can meet so as to help the community understand all of what cannabis has to offer-seed to sale. We look forward to serving the local community and fostering a culture of wellness and education."

Sacred Bloom's dispensary will operate from Monday - Thursday 11am to 9pm, Friday and Saturday 10am to 10pm and Sunday 11am to 8pm, ensuring that customers have convenient access to their products and services throughout the week.

At Sacred Bloom, customers can expect a vast selection of carefully curated cannabis products, including premium flower, concentrates, edibles, topicals, and more. With a commitment to quality, transparency, and customer satisfaction, Sacred Bloom aims

to provide a personalized experience for each visitor, ensuring that their needs and preferences are met.

For further information about Sacred Bloom, please visit Sacred-bloom.com.
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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.

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)

Runs in 2 week sessions.

Must sign up for both dates in a session, but you do not have to sign up for all 3 sessions.

Ages 6 - 11

Session 1: July 5 & 12 Registration starts June 21

Session 2: July 19 & 26 Registration starts July 5

Session: August 2 & 9
Registration starts July 19

Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3 PM

READER'S THEATER



IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER, CHECK THE VPL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CANCELLATIONS OR LOCATION CHANGES.

- Event by Vestal Public Library
 - Arnold Park
 - Duration: 1 hr
- •July 6, 13, 20, 27 & August 3, 10

Get some fresh air with VPL Storytimes at Arnold Park this summer on Thursdays at 10:30 AM! VPL Summer Storytimes are going to Arnold Park on Andrews Road in Vestal for the summer session starting July 6. Come out for some camping & outdoors-themed stories and enjoy some playground time afterward.

Can't make it to the Park? Hear the stories in Youth Services at the Library on Friday at 10:30!



ELEMENTARY STEAM

SCIENCE. TECHNOLOGY. ENGINEERING. ART. MATHEMATICS.

for ages 6-11

Forge a new path with Elementary S.T.E.A. M. on **Tuesday afternoon** and **Wednesday evening**. Ages 6 - 11 can try these nature themed programs designed for fun, critical thinking, and creativity. Sign up in person or call (607)-754-4243.



- •Event by Vestal Public Library
- •320 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal, NY 13850-1632, United States
- Duration: 1 hr

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Sign up in person or call (607)-754-4243".

Registration opens two weeks before each session.

Circuit Bugs

July 18 @ 2 PM and July 19 @ 6 PM Registration starts July 3

DIY Bird Feeder

July 25 @ 2 PM and July 26 @ 6 PM
No Registration - While Supplies Last
ALLERGY WARNING:
Activity uses Peanut butter.

Birch Tree Collage

August 1 @ 2 PM and August 2 @ 6 PM Registration starts July 18

Sun Prints

August 8 @ 2PM and August 9 @ 6PM Registration starts July 25

Vestal Scholars



Vestal Alumni Named to President's List

Hudson Valley Community College Spring President's List

- Laura Annunziata of Vestal

Vestal Alumni Named to Dean's List

Le Moyne College Spring Dean's List

- -Dawson Palmer, Vestal, NY, a Junior Chemistry major
- -Luke Barney, of Apalachin, NY, a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- -Robyn Beyer, of Apalachin, NY, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- -Lexi Gruss, of Binghamton, NY, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

SUNY Oneonta Spring Dean's List

(More than 1,100 SUNY Oneonta Students Named to Spring 2023 Dean's List) Local students who earned this honor include:

- -Patrick Carmichael of Apalachin, NY, 13732
- -Frank Russo of Vestal, NY, 13850
- -Vincent Russo of Vestal, NY, 13850
- -Peter Sacco of Vestal, NY, 13850

Other Honors Recieved by Vestal Alumni

Clarkson University

Angelina Rosella Fahrenkrug of Vestal, NY, received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering, biomedical engineering minor from Clarkson University







Justin Bennett, Lauren Cropp, Gianna Michitti and Kyle Bennett



Nicholas Labosky, Justin Bennett, Kyler Bennett, Jeremy Sager, Braden Strahley, Rashee Shuler Jr. and Jack Foley







Thomas Russo and Michael Sacco













Lesly Argueta- Martinez



Nashmiyya Ahmed and Nusayba Ali



Caden DellaPenta, Class speaker



