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## Vestal's Bicentennial Farmer's Market

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Twining Seasons Farm



The Parlor City Soaper



Stelly Rae Designs



Lavendel Fields



# GOOD-BYE, JULY!

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Learning how to Control the Ball with Ryan Strahley





# Calendar



## VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

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by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

07/18	00:37	Clubhouse Road	Commercial fire alarm
07/18	09:54	Vestal Parkway E.	1st floor fire alarm
07/18	23:38	Vestal Parkway E.	Commercial fire alarm
07/19	14:19	Vestal Parkway E.	Water flow alarm
07/20	09:20	Vestal Parkway E.	Receiving area smoke alarm
07/20	14:00	West Drive	Fire alarm
07/20	10:50	Vestal Parkway E.	Employee stuck in elevator
07/22	09:26	Vestal Parkway E.	Automatic fire alarm
07/23	11:57	Simon Road	Mutual aid to West Corners for a possible house fire
07/24	04:26	West Drive	Beam detector
07/24	10:30	Vestal Parkway W.	Fire alarm - smoke detector activation
07/24	16:08	West Drive	Fire alarm
07/24	17:37	Grippen Hill Road	Brush fire behind residence
07/20	20:07	Pinecrest Road	Carbon monoxide alarm



# VESTAL POLICE REPORT

John Huslage, 73, Bath NY, arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, Driving While Ability Impaired by Combined Influence of Drugs and Alcohol and Moved from Lane Unsafely after a motor vehicle accident.

Gordon Jenkins, 68, Vestal, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for failing to appear in court on a scheduled court date or within 30 days thereafter.

Rachel Neville, 36, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Jessica Cole, 42, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Christina Malewicz, 33, Binghamton arrested for Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree for unlawfully entering Wal-Mart after previously being banned from the location.

Erica Gonzalez, 25, Binghamton, arrested for Menacing 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief 4th Degree, Criminal Contempt 1st Degree, Harassment 2nd Degree, and Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree for kicking and punching the victim during an argument. Also held a knife to the victim's neck, broke a chair by throwing it against the wall, violating a no harass order of protection. The defendant also tried to pull away from officers who were trying to detain her.

Alexander Whitney, 30, Vestal arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC and Failed to Keep Right after a traffic stop.

Joseph Desmond, 37, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree for threatening the victim with physical harm during a dispute.

Steven Sillick, 39, Vestal, arrested for Disorderly Conduct for walking in the roadway, impeding traffic.

Tiffany Gallagher, 36, Owego, arrested for Petit Larceny and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for shoplifting from Wal-Mart and in possession of a controlled substance.

Jonathan Harageones, 36, Port Crane arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Improper Signal and Driving on the Shoulder after a traffic stop.

Daniel Myers, 31, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More than .18 BAC, Drinking Alcohol or Using Cannabis in a Motor Vehicle, Speed in Zone and Uninspected Motor Vehicle after a traffic stop.

**Saturday, July 29th**  
Guided Birding Hike  
8AM-Offsite@WatermanCenter

**Monday, July 31st**  
Sensory Time: Sensory Tables  
10-11:30AM&4-5:30PM

**Tuesday, August 1st**  
Elementary STEAM  
2-3PM-MeetingRoom

**Wednesday, August 2nd**  
>Reader's Theater  
1:30 - 3 PM - Meeting Room  
>Elementary STEAM  
6 - 7 PM - Meeting Room

**Thursday, August 3rd**  
>Vestal Senior Picnic, Vestal Senior Center,  
9:00AM – 2:00PM  
>Park Storytime @ Arnold Park  
10:30 AM - Off Site

**Friday, August 4th**  
>In Library Storytime  
4 10:30 AM - Youth Service Dept.  
>Camp Crafts - Ages 12 -18  
5 - 6:30 PM - Meeting Room  
>Library Camp-In - All Ages  
5 - 7:30 PM - Meeting Room

**August 5th-7th**  
Spiedie Fest, Otsiningo Park

**Saturday, August 5th**  
>Brian Kelley Concert, Spiedie Fest, Otsiningo Park,  
7:00PM  
>Pond Life Talk & Demo

**Sunday, August 6th**  
Lou Gramm Concert, Spiedie Fest, Otsiningo Park,  
6:00PM

**Monday, August 7th**  
>Gary LeVox Concert, Spiedie Fest, Otsiningo Park,  
6:00PM  
>Sensory Take & Make  
1:30 PM - Meeting Room  
>Pick Up at Youth Services 1 PM  
TBWS 5PM





# THE AWFUL TRAIN WRECK CONTINUED

Throughout the year, the Town of Vestal will continue to celebrate its remarkable Bicentennial celebration by hosting various events all year long. One of these events will be the moving of the town's museum back to the Rail Trail in the fall. Now, many residents in and around the area may not know the significance of this move or why it will be returning to the Rail Trail of all places. The reasoning behind this dates back to the late 1880's when the Vestal Museum was known as the D.L.&W Railroad Depot.

The Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad Depot (often shortened to D.L.&W) was first constructed in 1881 and was about a block north of where Vestal's 4 Corners sit today. The Depot opened a year later in 1882 and served as a point of departure for locals along the New York City to Buffalo line for many years as they left and came back to the area. It became a popular point during the World War I and World War II eras as many homecomings occurred

there as well as the famous 'Phoebe Snow' train made regular appearances. Unfortunately, the D.L.&W. Railroad Depot closed its doors in 1959 but was renovated by the town's Historical Society and soon evolved into the Vestal Museum we know today. All the original exterior and interior details were kept, including the structure's iconic Pagoda design.

While it was still in service, the railroad depot was also located about 700 ft. from where the awful trainwreck that took place in 1901 occurred. What led up to this wreck was Train No.61's engine has reached the depot while the caboose was still further away from the station. The train had stopped to 'take on water' at a tank that was near the station. Meanwhile, a two-engine wildcat train had left Binghamton going west about a half an hour after when No.61 had originally left the city. As the wildcat came up to the Vestal railroad depot, it spotted No.61's caboose and blasted its horns as it was coming in

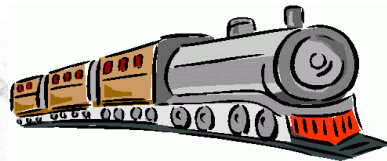
quickly. Unfortunately, it was too late as the wildcat engines struck the back of No.61 as it set off the 5 tons of dynamite that were being carried in a box car just head of the train's caboose. The aftermath of this crash not only destroyed parts of Vestal, but neighboring towns as well. Currently, there is a historical marker along the Rail Trail around the area where the wreck took place with limited information. If you'd like to know more details about this event, then you should check out [The Awful Trainwreck](#) by Maryann Thompson.

As mentioned before in the previous articles, Thompson had spent over 20 years researching what had caused the wreck along with finding details about the people who were involved and the impact it had left on the local communities. If you'd like to purchase a copy of [The Awful Trainwreck](#), it is available at the Vestal Museum and online at Barnes & Noble and Amazon

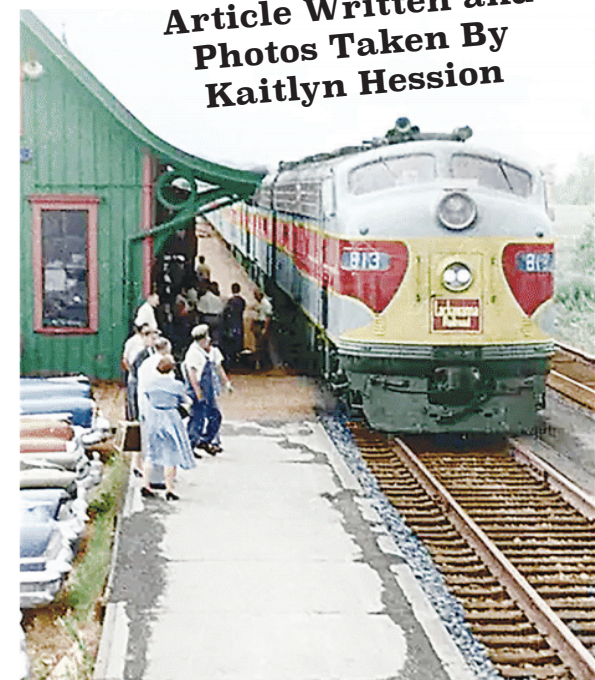
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Kaitlyn Hession**



The Vestal Museum Before



The Vestal Museum Currently



Passengers boarding and unboarding at the D.L.&W Railroad Depot



A Diorama of the 1901 Train Wreck (Eye Level)



A Diorama of the 1901 Train Wreck (Overview)



# Youth Police Academy at the VHS

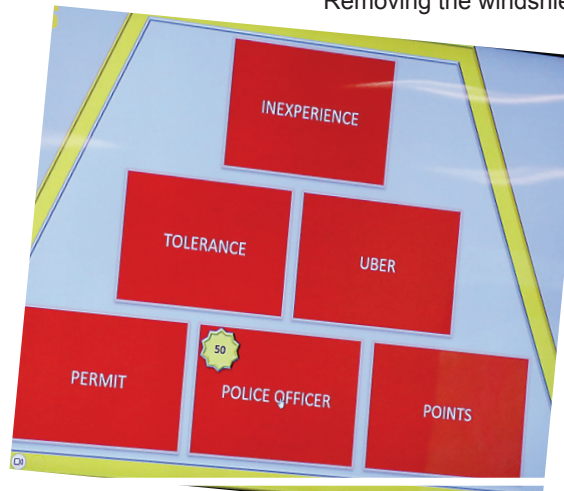
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Removing the windshield



Stop DWI and Distracted driving



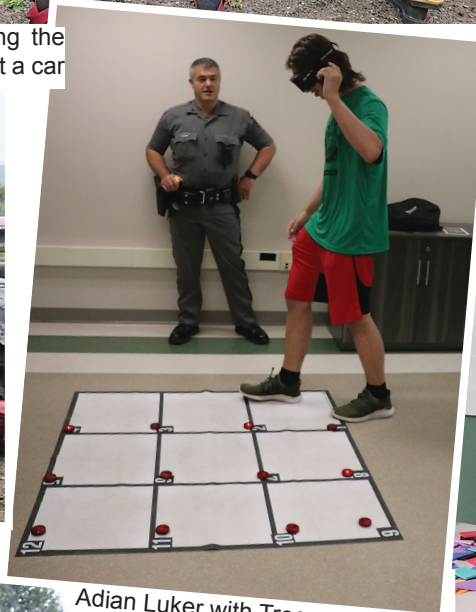
Vestal Fire Dept. showing the students how to pull apart a car



Explaining whats going on...



The water hose is ready, safety first



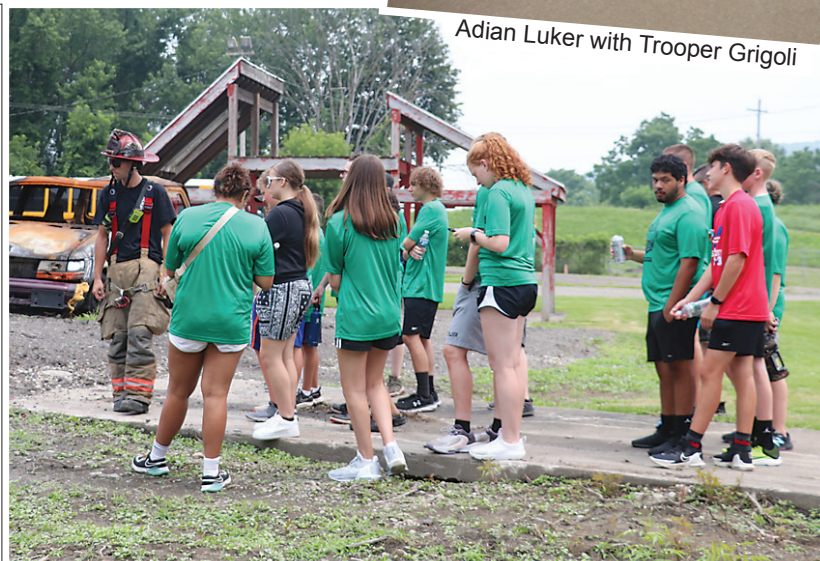
Adian Luker with Trooper Grigoli



With the help of Christine from the Broome co. Health Dept. Natalie puts the pieces together with the beer goggles on....not so easy



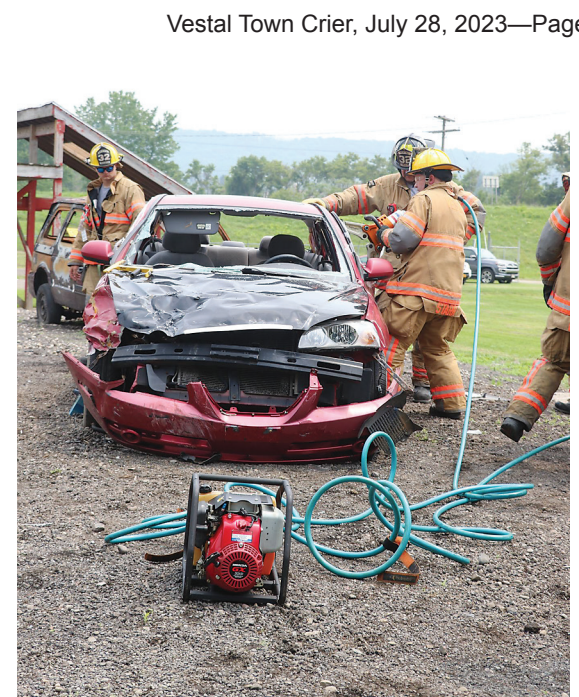
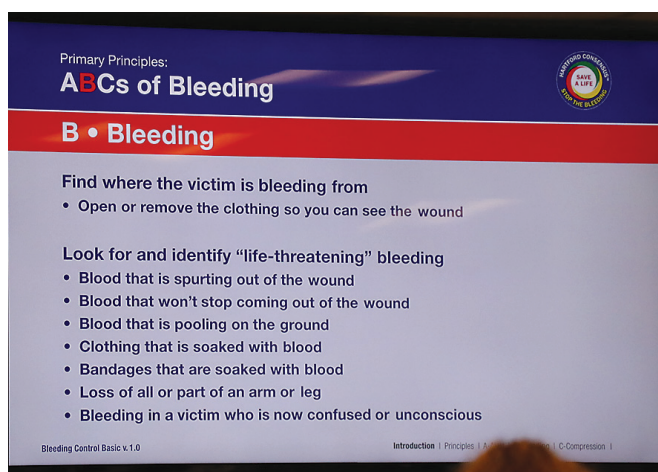
How to apply a tourniquet



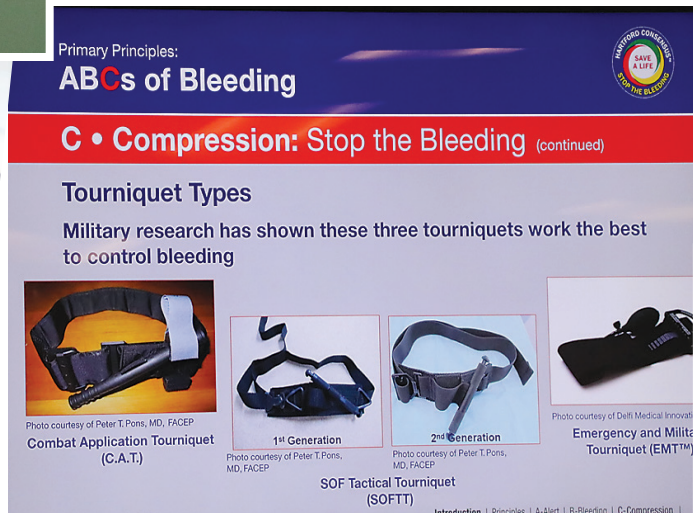
The students watching the fire dept work on the car







The Jaws of life



Making sure the car doesnt go anywhere



Emily Smith from UHS demostrating how to wrap a bleeding wound



Natalie Christensen trying out Beer Goggles



Cutting the door



Angelina walking the straight line





# Vestal Miscellaneous Items

By Rosemary West

Walaya Kretzmer, Vestal Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale Coordinator received early Town Board approval to use the Town of Vestal owned parking lot located at 320 Vestal Parkway East, for the Vestal Boy Scout Troop #225's 2023 Annual Christmas Tree Sales Event. It will be held November 16, 2023, to December 24, 2023.

Town Supervisor Schaffer announced, "Our next 200th Bicentennial Celebration event will be a band concert at Arnold Park that will take us through a Vestal Historical musical journey. This event will start at 6:30 p.m."

He added, "Please note Brush Pick Up 2023 in the Town of Vestal is the first Monday of the first week of the month. There are two teams. Team One starts picking up brush in the West working East. Team Two starts in the East end of Town working West until all brush has been picked up on our 136 miles of Town of Vestal Roads.

# Board approves residency change for clerk

By Rosemary B. West

The Town Board then voted and passed a Local Law amending the Public Officers Law and a Town Law pertaining to the Office of the First Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Vestal. Town Supervisor John Schaffer explained, "This is being done for the purpose of expanding the residency requirement to Broome County, New York for that Town position only due to the lack of applicants received for this position. It was decided to promote someone already working in the Town Clerk's Office. Local Law G is only for this position. If, some other Town of Vestal employee position presents the need for looking outside The Town of Vestal residency, then a new law will be needed to be voted on and adopted at that time." The Town Board then voted and approved the new appointment of Tammy Kunes to start as Deputy Town Clerk and Sarah Maney to start as 1st Deputy Town Clerk on August 3 and 14, 2023.

**TOWN OF VESTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**VESTAL COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT SERIES**

AT ARNOLD PARK, ANDREWS RD. PAVILION 3

**THURSDAYS 6:30 PM - 7:30PM**

Runs in 2 week sessions. you do not have to sign up for all 3 sessions. Must sign up for both dates in a session, but up for all 3 sessions. Ages 6 - 11

**Session 3: August 2 & 9**  
Registration starts July 19

**Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3 PM**

**READER'S THEATER**

**Broome County Summer Meal Program**

FOR KIDS & TEENS 18 & UNDER MEALS MUST BE CONSUMED ON SITE.

<p><b>Palmer Middle School</b> 213 Main Street, Windsor</p> <p>July 10th - August 3rd MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ABC Childcare &amp; Learning Center</b> 546 Hooper Road, Endicott</p> <p>July 5th - August 25th MONDAY-FRIDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Lunch 12:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Union-Endicott High School</b> 1200 E. Main Street, Endicott</p> <p>July 17th - August 10th MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Windsor High School</b> 1191, NY Route 79, Windsor</p> <p>July 10th - August 17th MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Jennie F. Snapp Middle School</b> 101 Loder Avenue, Endicott</p> <p>July 17th - August 10th MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Deposit Elementary School</b> 171 Second Street, Deposit</p> <p>July 10th - August 24th MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Whitney Point Daycare</b> 2496 W. Main St., Whitney Point</p> <p>July 10th - August 18th MONDAY-FRIDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Southern Tier Community Center</b> 1 Clubhouse Road, Endicott</p> <p>July 5th - August 25th MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Maine Memorial Elementary School</b> 2693 Main Street, Maine</p> <p>July 10th - August 18th MONDAY-FRIDAY Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Tioughnoga Riverside Academy</b> 2887 NYS Route 11, Whitney Point</p> <p>July 10th - August 17th MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>St. Anthony's Learning Center</b> 906 Jenkins Street, Endicott</p> <p>July 3rd - August 25th MONDAY-FRIDAY Breakfast 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Maine Summer Recreation</b> Town of Maine Park, Maine</p> <p>July 10th - August 11th MONDAY-FRIDAY Breakfast 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Harpurville School</b> 54 Main Street, Harpurville</p> <p>July 10th - August 3rd MONDAY-THURSDAY Breakfast 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Highland Park Summer Fun</b> 801 Hooper Road, Endwell</p> <p>July 5th - August 11th MONDAY-FRIDAY Breakfast 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>	

## ELEMENTARY STEAM

SCIENCE. TECHNOLOGY. ENGINEERING. ART. MATHEMATICS.

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.

- 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

**TOWN OF VESTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Summer camps are keeping us busy here in the Recreation Department! Have you signed your kids up for the fun? We still have openings in the following camps:

- Week of July 31:**  
Girls Basketball Camp - Ages 7-12
- Week of August 7:**  
Field Hockey Camp - Grades Kindergarten - 6th
- Week of August 14:**  
Girls Advanced Soccer - Grades 7th - 12th

Sign up at: [vestalny.myrec.com](http://vestalny.myrec.com)



## 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.

# Michael Herman joins the Vestal Public Library as the Library Director

Photo by George Allen, Article by Vestal Library Staff



The Vestal Public Library Board of Trustees and staff welcomes Michael Herman as our new Library Director. Michael brings many years of library experience in various capacities to this position. Michael started at VPL less than one month ago, on Monday, June 26. He is relocating to the Southern Tier area with his wife, Nora, and their dog after living in South Carolina. They are excited to be back near their extended family in Corning and Lake George, NY. "I play golf, read, and follow the NY Mets, Buffalo Bills, and F1 racing. I also like working on projects around our house." We asked Michael what he is currently reading, "I'm reading The Kydd Series by Julian Stockwell and lots of information on operations at the library." He also likes Suits on Netflix, old movies on TCM, and watching Jeopardy with his wife. So far, Michael's favorite part of working at VPL is getting to know the staff and exploring the capabilities and potential of the Library. Welcome to VPL Michael! We look forward to this new chapter as we strengthen our commitment to serving our community.

## Two Week Watercolor Butterfly Workshop With Rebeca Whitman

- This class is being taught at our Vestal Parkway Location. 535 Vestal Parkway West Vestal NY
- Two Days: Saturday August 5th and August 12th 11 am - 2 pm
- We will be using photo references to create two different butterfly paintings.
- Register Here: <https://bookeo.com/stilettofinartsstudio?type=4157044X7W616CAC03E7B6>

Every Cat's Dream Presents

## KITTEN PURR-LOOZA

Vestal Public Library Community Room  
230 Vestal Parkway E  
Vestal, NY, 13850

JULY 29TH, 2023  
11:00AM-3:00PM

**Kitten + Cat Adoption Extravaganza!**  
Come meet cats + kittens of all ages who are looking for homes!

BAKE SALE! CAT MERCH! KID ACTIVITIES!



# Vestal Rec Dept Summer Camps!

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**New!** **TOWN OF VESTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

## RUNNING CAMP

JULY 24 - AUGUST 11  
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM  
DICK HOOVER STADIUM, VESTAL HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES: 4TH - 6TH

\$50 RESIDENT, \$60 NON-RESIDENT

[vestalny.myrec.com](http://vestalny.myrec.com)

**New!** **TOWN OF VESTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

## GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 31 - AUGUST 4  
MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM  
VESTAL HIGH SCHOOL GYM

AGES: 7 - 12 YRS

\$55 RESIDENT  
\$65 NON-RESIDENT

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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 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)

# Vestal Scholars



## Vestal Alumni Named to Dean's List

### Champlain College's Spring Dean's List

-Zachary Rouhana of Vestal

### SUNY Purchase College's Spring Dean's List

-Daniel Knipscher of Vestal, NY  
-Nadja Wall of Vestal, NY

## Other Honors Received by Vestal Alumni

### Local residents graduate from RIT

- Victoria Rea of Vestal (13850) received a degree in biomedical sciences (BS)
- Walter Yacynych of Vestal (13850) received a degree in mechanical engineering technology (BS)
- Cory Powers of Vestal (13850) received a degree in computer engineering (BS and MS)
- Harrison Barnes of Vestal (13850) received a degree in computer engineering (BS and MS)
- Jackson Hebel of Apalachin (13732) received a degree in physics (MS)
- Erich Thurm of Apalachin (13732) received a degree in electrical engineering (BS)



# YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

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Protecting the Ball with Jessie LaClaire



Candy Break with Ted Hudock



Learning the Vestal Cheer with Jessie, Jordan, Kara and Coach Gina



Working with the Littles with Jordan Schake



Learning Rock, Paper, Scissors with Kara Sullivan



Shooting the goal with Adam Lewis



Relays with Joaquin Paler-Large



The Vestal Cheer with Coach Talbot



Learning how to Pass with Emerson Wong



Shooting



Learning how to Dribble



Shooting pointers with coach Talbot