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VESTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT CELEBRATION



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Board Adds Recreation Department Summer Staff

By Rosemary B. West

Vestal Recreation Planner Patrick Harnan received the Town Board’s “Green Light” to go ahead to hire more help. The Recreation Department will welcome the following summer employees as Girls Basketball Camp Coaches: Carolyn Reyen, Kate Reyen, Gabriela Kwiatkowski, Carmella DiRenzo and Tedessa DiRenzo. In addition, Gina Talbut and Ted Hudock will be hired as Advanced Girls Soccer Camp Coaches.

Vestal Soccer Camp Instructors that will be hired are Edward Hudock, Adam Lewis, Emerson Wong, Ryan Strahley, Cooper Hubbard, Kara Sullivan, Jessica LaClair, Jordyn Schake, Hannah Nemecek and Joaquin Paler-Large.

Vestal Volleyball Camp Instructors will be Kate Darpino (1 camp), -Haley Russell (3 camps), Hannah Nemecek (3 camps) and Julia Sage (3 camps). Softball Camp Coaches will be Brian Donlin, Emily Silverio, Vickie Sax, Taylor Dubois, Lauren Policare, Raveena Rai and Kymora Wang. Vestal Coed Basketball Camp Coaches will be Andrew Carr, Matthew Carr, Billy Newberry, Brogan Bopp, Peyton Alig - Frank D’Esti. Vestal Girls Lacrosse Camp Instructors will be Lilly Wlostowski, Ava Parsons, Aubree Wenner. Riley Smith, and Mary Pierce. Thomas Vallely will be hired as Vestal Substitute Playground Instructor. Brian Donlin, Emily Silverio, Vickie Sax, and Taylor Dubois -as Vestal Softball Camp Instructors.

Braden Bruce, Trevor Barney, Aiden Brunetti, and Rob Trowbridge will be hired for Boys Lacrosse Camp Coaches. Gina Talbot and Ted Hudock were hired as Girls Soccer Camp Coaches. They were to start prior to this publication.

Tracy Sephton will be hired as a Field Hockey Camp Coach and Field Hockey League Director. Christy Everitt is to be hired as Field Hockey League Instructor. They will start September 6, 2023.

Town Supervisor Schaffer noted, “All employee pay rates are budgeted items in the 2023 budget. The background checks have been completed. Town Board approval was given to hire these staff members.”

He added the following Reminder of the next upcoming Town of Vestal 200th Anniversary celebrations : September 17, 2023 - Picnic in the Woods at Mountain Top and on September 30, 2023 - Haudenosaunee Festival to be held at the Binghamton University Campus.



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Joy by the Jugful!

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Vestal Public Library Book Sale!

Book Sale
Wednesday, August 22 - Saturday, August 26

Satur. 8/26: 10am - 4pm

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Calendar

Saturday, August 19th

> **Artisan Market**

9AM-2PM-Outside (Vestal Public Library)

> **Rumble Ponies Vestal Bicentennial Night**

Gates Open at 5:00 pm

Monday, August 21st

> **Vestal Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

6:30PM-MeetingRoom

> **Town Board Work Session- 5PM**

Wednesday, August 23rd

Town Board Meeting

5PM

Thursday, August 24th

Zoning Board of Appeals

6PM

Monday, August 28th

Movie Monday (Death On The Nile)

3PM- Meeting Room (Vestal Public Library)

Thursday, September 7th

Zoning Board of Appeals

6PM

Friday, September 8th-Saturday September 9th

LUMA Projection Arts Festival

8:30pm-11:55pm

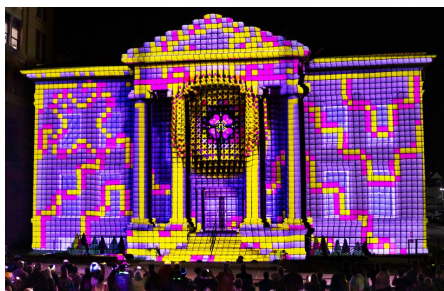
LUMA is FREE, but we ask you to please contribute ANY AMOUNT to our KickStarter campaign to keep the festival going: <http://kck.st/45cGR33>

TICKET INFO

Most features are totally free--you *won't* need a ticket. HOWEVER: We do ask you join our mailing list as 'payment' before attending.

We use signups to estimate attendance. That convinces our sponsors to fund more art! **SIGN UP**

<https://luma-festival.com/maillinglist/>



VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

vestalfire.com

by *Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer*

08/15	16:52	Shippers Road	Fire alarm
08/15	23:22	Rebecca Drive	Mutual aid to Apalachin for a basement fire
08/16	14:04	Bearcat Blvd.	Fire alarm
08/16	18:35	Stewart Road	Shed on fire
08/16	19:29	Princeton Drive	Residential fire alarm
08/16	16:57	Underwood Road	Smoke condition
08/18	11:44	Clarkson Drive	Hallway/stairwell smoke detector activation
08/18	13:13	State Route 267	Mutual aid to Silver Lake for a fire alarm
08/19	06:23	Clifton Blvd.	Carbon monoxide alarm
08/19	10:08	East Access Road	Possible vehicle fire
08/20	11:07	East Access Road	General fire alarm
08/20	11:42	Drexel Drive	Basement smoke detector activation
08/20	17:31	S. Benita Blvd.	General fire alarm
08/21	00:23	Connector Road	Nine people stuck in elevator
08/21	15:51	Vestal Parkway E.	Mulch fire



TOWN OF VESTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT

VESTAL COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT SERIES

AT ARNOLD PARK, ANDREWS RD.
PAVILION 3

THURSDAYS

6:30 PM - 7:30PM

VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Jamie Haughton, 58, Conklin, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC and Moved from Lane Unsafely after a traffic stop.

William Woodridge, 49, Philadelphia PA, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, No Turn Signal and Refusal of Breath Test after a traffic stop. Robert Conklin, 26, Johnson City, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC and Driving On the Shoulder after a traffic stop.

Longhao Xu, 48, Bedford MA, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Moved from Lane Unsafely, Driving on the Shoulder, No/Inadequate Headlights and Uninspected Motor Vehicle after a traffic stop.

Leah Bragg, 28, Greene, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Best Buy. Benjamin Gaynes, 40, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Contempt 2nd Degree for violating a valid order of protection by entering and remaining in the residence of the protected party.

Michael Rose, 35, Endicott, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Gregg Birchard, 48, Brackney PA, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More than .18 BAC, Speed Not Reasonable and

Prudent, Moved from Lane Unsafely and Consumption of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle after a motor vehicle accident. Matthew Breed, 33, Vestal, arrested for No/Inadequate Plate Lamps and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing meth during a traffic stop.

Curissa Tyler, 35, Johnson City, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for not appearing in court on a scheduled court appearance or within 30 days thereafter.

John Benevit, 33, Vestal, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for not appearing in court on a scheduled court appearance or within 30 days thereafter.

FUN FACTS!

1. The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long.
2. A cow-bison hybrid is called a beefalo.
3. Scotland has 421 words for snow. Some examples: sneesl (to start raining or snowing); feeble (to swirl); and flinkdrinkin (a light snow)

The Vestal Central School District, Vestal, New York, Board Of Education Meeting August 8th At 6:00pm

By Paula Babey

The Vestal Central School District, Board of Education had their meeting on Tuesday, August 8th at 6:00pm. This week's meeting highlights started with a presentation from the Windsor School District's Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Scott Beatie and the STHH Board Travel Director of Health and Safety on the proposed School District Ice Hockey Merger Program hoping to encourage the Board of Education Members to make a decision on their inclusion in the Merger Program which will give the Vestal Students, who are in Club Hockey and those that have the skills and passion for Ice Hockey the opportunity to not only compete at a higher level on the Travel team with other School District's students, but practicing too, thus making new friendships as well as increasing their knowledge and skills of the game which will in turn make them better players. As we know students will also get plenty of exercise and fresh air. It will increase their leadership skills, and younger students will possibly be encouraged to enter the Ice Hockey Program too.

The area already has several Ice Hockey Arenas. At Broome Community College, Binghamton University and the Veterans Memorial Arena and with the new Dick's House of Sport housing a brand new Ice Hockey Arena, the sport is evolving even more. Giving local youth and adults this opportunity is key to helping the sport grow, not only by participating or coaching but spectating as well.

Scott recapped that the process for the Merger program began back on March 8th, 2023 which happens to be my Birthday! for a possible merge with other school Districts to promote the current Club Ice Hockey program to a Section 4 Travel Ice Hockey Program. Christina and Larry Pierce together with their 2 sons have a untold passion for Ice Hockey and have put a lot of time and effort into putting this Merger into place. The Pierce's have their own Outdoor Ice Hockey Arena which is very Impressive complete with a cooling system and even a Zamboni Ice Cleaner which is decorated black and white to resemble a cow! A zoom meeting with the Section 4 Committee asking what the Districts would need to do in order to merge within New York State happened back in March also. The proposed merger is to give the opportunity to those Ice Hockey players that have the skills and dedication to play further and with School Districts struggling with student numbers to fulfill a Full Team would gain footage, but its also about giving athletic opportunity. The Merge program commitment from Districts would be on a year to year basis.

It was hoped that Vestal, being one of the larger school Districts would be the Host District for the program. The Board of Education had many questions about the Merge Program and what it entailed and therefore could not commit to a decision at the time a Host District was needed. The Windsor School District stepped up to the plate and agreed to be the Host District and began inviting other local school Districts to join the program. Many Districts have signed up, along with Windsor such as Owego, Union Endicott, Maine Endwell, Seaton to name a few.

Some are waiting to see if Vestal sign up for the Merge. Presentations by both students,

parents and the Windsor School District to answer the many diverse questions the Board of Education have asked, namely costs related to Transportation, Uniforms, Insurance, Coaches fees, Competing fees, how much budget money would be needed and how many students in the program which would depend on the tryouts as well as what by-laws would be in place.

Some of these answers such as by-laws can't go ahead until the Program is in place and as the Program evolves so will the by-laws etc. With the many clubs Vestal have and the new ones proposed by students and staff, events like the Taste of ARE, and the involvement of students attending FBLA and other competitions, whilst writing we hope the Board of Education will see this opportunity which might in turn sway families to move to the area because of the many programs Vestal have giving their children vast opportunities in all areas. The recent merge with the Robotics Program was successful so I am sure this Merge would be positive too. With the BOE meeting bi-monthly (or fortnightly as we say in the UK) the clock is ticking to make a decisions. Ice time with the local Ice Rinks need to be booked and although the Pierces have generously offered their local Ice Rink for practices for Free, indoor practices are key too. When I competed in England with my horses it was always good to go elsewhere for my professional lessons both indoor and outdoor to get both myself and my horse use to different being indoors or outdoors and the different footing.

The community would be able to watch the home games and if so desire travel to the away games. I have made many friends from other areas through supporting my sons when they played soccer. This isn't just about the students but about community bonding. We need to forge local friendships which this program would do.

At this time the Board of Education have yet to make a decision on joining the Ice Hockey Merger Program. The Vestal Athletic Director is very 'for' this opportunity and although the Peirce's sons play Ice Hockey they would like to share their passion with other students and community members. I do the same with horses. The Board Members asked many questions, but in a nutshell the Vestal Students cant try out until the District

has joined the Merged Program, soon Winter sports will be upon us.

The Pierce's have offered the use of their outdoor Ice Hockey Arena on their Private property for practices for an ice rink. Their Farm has the necessary insurances and this entity would not be rezoned by the Town for commercial use as they are not making a charge. It was asked what if the Ice Rink became inaccessible at times due to weather for the students, this situation would be no different than the golf team or bowling team being in a situation due to weather or a building problem, these situations can occur, just like the Middle School Gym out of use for several months but its hoped these would be unlikely. The area needs to promote sports of all kinds and the school Districts are key to making this happen. The Vestal Central School District received the Seal of Civic Readiness. Schedules were accepted. Penn Power Power Systems have been assigned to perform regular scheduled maintenance and inspections for the Emergency Power Generation Systems from June 1st 2023 through May 31st 2025, hopefully Mother Nature will be kind with the weather and the systems will not be needed during the school year.

Summer will soon be ending and School will be starting next month. Make the most of your time enjoying the outdoors, a museum, movie or a local community event. We have plenty of activities to do which are free and some that are low cost. Support local businesses and volunteering is also a good way to use our free time. Remember If you are available Tuesday evenings then please support students and staff by attending a Board of Education Meeting where you can meet the Board Members and see what discussions they have for the benefit of students and the District. Future Regular Meetings are held in the South Conference Room - Administration Building, 201 Main Street, Vestal, NY 13850. Dates for meetings are:

On Tuesday, August 15th, the Board of Education are having a Board Retreat from 9:00am-3:00pm. On Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:00pm. Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

Electronics Collection Schedule

In September/October there will be three (3) regional electronics collections scheduled. The locations and dates are listed below. All collections will be held from 9 am to 1 pm. Collections are open to Broome County residents only. NO businesses may participate.

Electronics accepted as part of this program are televisions, monitors, computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, cell phones, radios, stereos (no speakers), VCRs, GPS units, and gaming consoles.

Electronics NOT accepted as part of the program include countertop appliances, microwaves, answering machines, large appliances, vacuums, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, and humidifiers.

September 9th: Village of Windsor, Klump Park
September 23rd: Village of Endicott, Municipal Lot-Madison Avenue
October 7th: Town of Chenango/Broome County, Park and Ride Lot-12A

VESTAL YOUTH FIELD HOCKEY LEAGUE

WHO: GIRLS GRADES K-6

WHAT: FIELD HOCKEY PRACTICES & TOURNAMENTS

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 6- OCTOBER 28
PRACTICES WEDNESDAYS 6-7:30PM; TOURNAMENTS SATURDAYS 9AM-1PM

WHERE: PRACTICES ARE LOCATED AT THE VESTAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS; TOURNAMENTS ARE LOCAL TO BROOME & TIOGA COUNTY

WHY: TO LEARN THE SKILLS OF FIELD HOCKEY AS WELL AS LIFE SKILLS SUCH AS TEAMWORK AND COOPERATION



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Off the Court, Billy does Hair at the Celebration



Making dinosaur hats



Macy and Lucy



Nora



Mia



Lia



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Lots of people



chess anyone?



Evelyn and Declan



Basketball Fun



Bentley

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& SEE MORE OF MY WORK



Macy getting her name in Henna



Checkers are fun

New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection Provides Targeted Back-To-School Tips for Parents and Children

Follow Key Tips to Protect your Child's Personal Information and Avoid Back-to-School Shopping Scams

Secretary Rodriguez: "Whether shopping for school supplies or helping your young student with new online learning tools, these tips will help protect you and your family's privacy and finances."

For this week's "Tuesday's Tips," the New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection is providing targeted scam prevention and shopping tips for adults and children ahead of the new school year. Follow the New York Department of State on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and check in every Tuesday for more practical tips that educate and empower New York consumers on a variety of topics. Sign up to receive consumer alerts directly to your email or phone here.

"As another summer comes to an end and New Yorkers begin preparing for the back-to-school rush, it's important for parents and guardians to be aware of potential scams aimed at stealing personal information," said Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez. "Whether shopping for school supplies or helping your young student with new online learning tools, these tips will help protect you and your family's privacy and finances."

Below is some guidance on how to start the new school year safely.

Think About Children's Privacy:

Under New York State's Education Law, if you are a parent of a child in the New York State schools, you have rights regarding the privacy and security of your child's personal information and data. NYS law requires each educational agency to publish a parents' bill of rights for data privacy and security on its website.

Technology has become a permanent fixture of the education experience. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a policy statement putting educational technology on notice of their obligations to protect children's privacy. In other words, educational technology companies must comply with privacy requirements and can't require parents and schools to agree to the comprehensive surveillance of children for kids to use their learning tools. Thus, parents and guardians need to place close attention to the technology children use, what information is collected and how it is used.

Some important things for parents to know:

Your child's personal information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes.

If your child is under age 18, you have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of your child's education records.

If you have questions about student data, please see information available for parents from The New York State Department of Education.

Other ways to pay close attention to your child's personal information:

Protect documents that contain a child's personal information. Understand where your child's information is stored. Ask how after-school organizations and sports clubs secure their records: Are digital records connected to the internet and, if so, are they encrypted? Are physical records locked in filing cabinets? Who has access?

Be careful when providing identifying information to after-school activities and sports clubs upon registration. If asked for a Social Security number (SSN), inquire why it is needed and ask to use another identifier. Oftentimes organizations include the SSN request as a formality and it may not be mandatory.

Only label books, backpacks and lunches with the student's full name and any other information on the inside! Using initials on the outside is okay, but names, even just

first names, on the outside can create an unsafe situation.

Discuss internet safety tips with children and remind them to be careful about opening attachments and suspicious emails. For tips on how to stay safe online, please see information from this January 2020 Consumer Alert.

Both parents and students should be careful on all social media platforms: don't overshare. Any information you post can be seen and utilized by identity thieves. Avoid sharing personal information including full names, addresses, phone numbers, Social Security numbers or even where they go to school. Social media posts often reveal sensitive information unintentionally. Cybercriminals look for content that can reveal answers to security questions used to reset passwords, making accounts vulnerable to identity theft.

Avoid Back to School Shopping Scams:

Back-to-school shopping is parents' second largest spending event (behind holiday shopping). Oftentimes, a shopping scam starts with a fake website, mobile app or, increasingly, a social media ad. Every year, smartphone shopping becomes more popular for its convenience. DCP urges consumers to take note of common scams while shopping. Scammers may try to exploit the back-to-school rush through fraudulent ads or through other forms of solicitations.

Protect your identity when shopping online. Ensure transactions are conducted over a secure connection. Make sure the website is secure by identifying a padlock symbol by the URL or the https and avoid using public Wi-Fi to log in to online accounts.

Download retail apps only from trusted sources. Cybercriminals are now creating apps that look and might even function like legitimate retail apps but are actually malware designed to steal your personal and financial information, send text messages without your knowledge or even track your location using your phone's GPS capabilities.

Beware of fake ads and websites. As fraudsters continue to advance in sophistication, fake websites frequently resemble legitimate sites with credible looking logos, pictures and payment options. If the website is advertising extremely low prices, or discounts beyond 50 percent, consumers should be wary and diligently verify the legitimacy of the seller.

Learn how to spot phishing emails. Scammers may send phishing emails to students and parents saying that they missed a delivery of school supplies. These emails request that the recipients click on a link to reschedule this delivery. That link either floods victims' computers with malware or sends them to fake websites that request their personal and payment information.

Ensure you know who the seller is. Some major retailers allow third party sellers to list items on their site, and those items can be hard to distinguish from the rest. Read all the fine print to ensure you are comfortable with the seller.

Pay attention to return and refund policies. Retailers must post their refund policy. If no refund policy is posted, consumers have up to 30 days from the date of purchase to get a full refund or store credit with receipt. For more tips, please see information from this December 2022 Consumer Alert.

Use a credit card for online purchases, if possible. Credit cards offer the most protection against fraud, including the right to dispute charges if there are problems with your purchase. Beware of online sites that ask for payments via gift cards or cash transfer apps.

Watch out for fake coupons on social media. If the coupon doesn't come from a recognized coupon distributor,

the manufacturer or a specific store, be wary.

About the New York State Division of Consumer Protection

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection provides resources and education materials to consumers, as well as voluntary mediation services between consumers and businesses. The Consumer Assistance Helpline 1-800-697-1220 is available Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm, excluding State Holidays, and consumer complaints can be filed at any time at www.dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection.

For other consumer protection tips and consumer alerts, consumers can visit the DCP website or follow DCP on social media via Twitter at @NYSConsumer or Facebook at www.facebook.com/nysconsumer.



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DEC and NYSERDA Announce Sept. 15 Labor Stakeholder Roundtable on Cap-and-Invest Program to Reduce Climate Pollution

Roundtable Advances New York State's Efforts to Meet Just Transition Targets under Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) today announced a roundtable with labor stakeholders to advance the development of the State's Cap-and-Invest Program to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions driving climate change. The Cap-and-Invest Program was recommended in the Climate Action Council's final Scoping Plan and proposed in Governor Kathy Hochul's 2023 State of the State Address. DEC and NYSERDA are developing the program to ensure emission reductions are achieved in an equitable manner.

DEC Commissioner and Climate Action Council Co-Chair Basil Seggos said, "In developing the state's Cap-and-Invest Program, New York is committed to providing stakeholders with opportunities to help inform the program elements to reduce pollution, combat climate change, and create green jobs in communities statewide. This upcoming roundtable with stakeholders from labor will focus on the importance of a just transition to encourage input on priorities and bolster the State's ongoing efforts to create a cleaner, equitable, and healthier environment."

NYSERDA President and CEO and Climate Action Council Co-Chair Doreen M. Harris said, "This stakeholder roundtable will provide more perspective on how we can design a Cap-and-Invest Program that addresses labor and the important aspects of a just transition that must be considered as the State moves ahead with its clean energy agenda. I look forward to a robust discussion as we focus, not only on reducing emissions in New York, but driving a green economy and supporting New York's workforce so that our clean energy transition benefits all New Yorkers."

New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "Addressing the pressing challenges of our time requires a united front. By working collaboratively to advance the Cap-and-Invest Program, we are taking a significant step towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change, while ensuring that the benefits of these efforts are distributed equitably across our state."

The stakeholder roundtable scheduled for Sept. 15, 2023, will offer engagement with various stakeholders regarding the development of the program around labor and the clean energy workforce of the future. This is an opportunity for participants to provide feedback on program design features and areas of interest to help support existing workers and communities, create job pathways, and identify opportunities for New York's future workforce.

This upcoming discussion demonstrates the importance of labor in building the workforce of the clean energy transition and will build off of the labor provisions featured in the Enacted FY 2023-24 State Budget, the Climate Action Council's Scoping Plan recommendations, and the Council's Just Transition Working Group. The Working Group issued a Jobs Study (PDF) that found that job increases are anticipated in every corner of the State, totaling more than 200,000 by 2030.

An overview presentation by DEC, NYSERDA, and DOL experts will be followed by a panel discussion with State officials and labor stakeholders, and a question-and-answer session will be part of the roundtable. All stakeholder input will be considered by State staff as part of the development of the Cap-and-Invest Program. A second

round of pre-proposal stakeholder outreach will be held later this year.

The Labor Roundtable is scheduled from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, and will be live-streamed, with the recording posted online as soon as practicable. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available at the Cap-and-Invest website.

For more information about New York's climate efforts, visit the Climate Act website.

New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan

New York State's nation-leading climate agenda calls for an orderly and just transition that creates family-sustaining jobs, continues to foster a green economy across all sectors, and ensures that at least 35%, with a goal of 40%, of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities. Guided by some of the nation's most aggressive climate and clean energy initiatives, New York is on a path to achieving a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70% renewable energy generation by 2030, and economywide carbon neutrality by mid-century. A cornerstone of this transition is New York's unprecedented clean energy investments, including more than \$35 billion in 120 large-scale renewable and transmission projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce building emissions, \$3.3 billion to scale up solar, more than \$1 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$2 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. These and other investments are supporting more than 165,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector in 2021 and over 3,000% growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, New York also adopted zero-emission vehicle regulations, including requiring all new passenger cars and light-duty trucks sold in the State be zero emission by 2035. Partnerships are continuing to advance New York's climate action with nearly 400 registered and more than 100 certified Climate Smart Communities, nearly 500 Clean Energy Communities, and the State's largest community air monitoring initiative in 10 disadvantaged communities across the state to help target air pollution and combat climate change.

SUNY Delhi Launches Online AAS Program in Veterinary Technology

SUNY Delhi has signed a teach-out agreement with Medaille University, a private university in Buffalo, NY, that will close on August 31. The contract offers Medaille students a seamless transfer process to SUNY Delhi to finish their studies. A second agreement between SUNY Delhi and Medaille University enables students currently enrolled in Medaille's online AAS in Veterinary Technology the opportunity to complete the correlating degree at Delhi as it expands to be delivered in an online format this fall.

As a teach-out partner institution, SUNY Delhi will accept all credits and grades earned by students at Medaille and offer an equal or lower cost of attendance than what they paid to attend Medaille. Transfer students will also be eligible for a full range of scholarships, waivers, or administrative deductions that are available for enrolled students at SUNY Delhi.


"SUNY Delhi is pleased to offer acceptance to Medaille students into our academic programs both on campus and online," said Dr. Mary Bonderoff, Acting President at SUNY Delhi. "Our admission advisors are working individually with each student to help them navigate the transfer process as smoothly as possible. We look forward to welcoming Medaille students into our supportive, close-knit campus community and are confident they will be successful in pursuing their educational goals at Delhi."

SUNY Delhi's newly approved online AAS degree program in Veterinary Technology will be open to Medaille students this fall. Students from other accredited programs can also apply for transfer review and could begin this fall, if approved. The program will begin to admit other students, including those without transfer credits, in Spring 2024. Designed for both high school graduates and those working in vet clinics as veterinary assistants who want to advance their careers by pursuing a degree, the program can be completed either full-time or part-time.

"As our esteemed and nationally recognized AAS program in Veterinary Technology expands to an online format, we are excited to enroll our first cohort of students from Medaille University," said Dr. Bret Meckel, Dean of the School of Veterinary and Applied Sciences at SUNY Delhi. "With this expansion, SUNY Delhi becomes the first and only SUNY institution offering an online education in veterinary science technology. Online students in this program will receive the same top-quality instruction from dedicated faculty and extensive support services as those studying on campus."

To learn more, please visit www.delhi.edu.

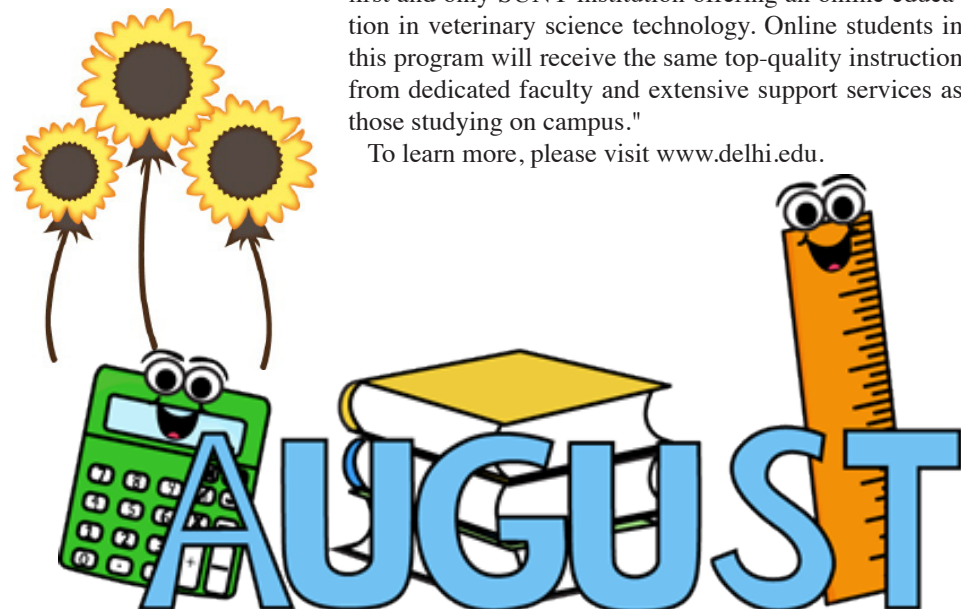
Sweet Tastes of Fall.



The CIDER MILL

Fresh-Pressed Cider
Cake-Batter Doughnuts
7 Candy Apple Flavors

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New Vestal Fire Station #4

Pictures and Article by Kaitlyn Hession
More to come next week!



The Vestal Fire Department will soon be getting a new station as station #4 will be moving to its new location within the next month. Since 1952, the Vestal Fire Station #4 has been operating out of its building at 3341 Vestal Parkway East (Near the Kampai Japanese Steakhouse and Best Buy) in Vestal. The company has since outgrown its current location and are in the process of building the new station at 118 Jensen rd. (Behind Kohls). While the current building may not look bad on the outside, it's the inside that's causing most of the problems for the volunteer firefighters. Numerous safety concerns have been raised within the station over the years ranging from limited truck space within bay areas, the building shifting that is causing cracks within the walls and floors, and trouble with older members getting up to the second floor amongst others. "We can barely walk in front of the trucks never mind trying to walk around them," said Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Paffie "We have to get the trucks customized in order to fit within the bays." Currently, the station has 5 bays with one of them being smaller than the rest. These issues have been a problem within the station for decades as the group first had the idea to relocate back in 2004 but kept getting held back due to the area flooding in 2006 and 2011. As time went on, the group gathered support from the town board and fire commissioners and were able to find their new location after almost two decades of looking. For years, 118 Jensen rd. was home to the American Legion Post 89 building. Eventually it was put onto the market and the Vestal Fire Department got a good deal out of it and purchased the property. Originally, the group were going to use the old legion building as an office or meeting space and add the truck space to it but the plans fell through overtime, and it was decided to build the new station from the ground up. This newer station will be over twice as big as the current station (Current: 7800 sq.ft. New: 1500 sq.ft) and will include 5 double deep bays, wider bay doors, and more all on one floor. Another benefit to this new location is it will still be local as the station #4 will only be about a half or a mile away from its old location. Chuck Paffie, who has been with the Vestal Fire Department for over 60 years mentioned that he shares some great memories within the older building and will feel bittersweet as he soon leaves it. "I will definitely miss this place. I've been here for six decades, 50 of them as a volunteer. One thing I won't miss is that big ol' staircase though!" said Paffie. Construction has been going well for the new station #4 with no major issues. It is estimated that the new building will be opened in mid to late September this year.



Very little room between trucks and door



Current station 4 location



There isn't enough space between trucks



Memorial Plaque for First Chief John Way



Station 4's new location is estimated to be finished during this fall



Bricks within walls are separating, installation is needed to retain temperature in building



Plans for the new station



Part of the back wall was blown out to have room for the trucks