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PET OF THE WEEK:

Buddy



This handsome, senior gentleman is Buddy! Buddy is such a love bug and seems to enjoy everyone he meets! Buddy loves going out for walks and sniffing everything he can. He LOVES snacks and is happy to hang out at home and snuggle on the couch with whoever he can!

Every Cat's Dream Presents

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY ADOPTION EVENT



COME FIND YOUR LUCKY CHARM!

Where | Vestal Public Library

When | Saturday March 9th

11:00AM - 3:00PM



Adoptable Cats & Kittens | Bake Sale | Pop Up Gift Shop



Empire Saxophone Quartet To Perform Concert For Vestal Middle School Band Students

in honor of “Music in our Schools Month” and “Women’s History Month”

Vestal Middle School’s Music Department is pleased to welcome the Empire Saxophone Quartet from Ithaca College to the African Road Auditorium, 600 South Benita Boulevard, Vestal, on Monday, March 11, 2024. The unique chamber music ensemble will begin performing at 9:20 a.m. for Vestal Middle School music students in Sixth-Grade Band, Grades 7/8 Band, and Beginning Band.

The concert, featuring saxophone music written or arranged by female composers, will celebrate “Women’s History Month,” as well as kick off “Music in our Schools Month.”

This performance is funded by a grant received by the Empire Saxophone Quartet from the Music Performance Trust Fund through the American Federation of Musicians.

Send in a photo of your pet with a short bio to: kirsten@tiersnews.com to have your pet in the paper!



Vestal Fire Department Responses

vestalfire.com

by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

Vestal Fire this week responded to

Friday, March 8th
VHE Treasure Hunt
Vestal Hills Elementary; 6PM - 7:30PM

Saturday, March 9th
VHS Talent Fest
VHS Auditorium; 7PM

Sunday, March 10th
Daylight Savings Begins

Tuesday, March 12th
>School Board Meeting; 6PM
Admin Board of Education Conference Room
>VPL Mad For Art; 6PM

Wednesday March 13th
>Vestal Town Board Meeting
6PM
>Glenwood Elementary Talent Show
African Road Auditorium; 7PM

Friday, March 15th
NO SCHOOL!

Tuesday, March 19th
Dollars For Scholars Meeting
7AM; Zoom; Visit: vestal.stier.org for more info



VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Phone Chansavath, 42, Johnson City, arrested for Grand Larceny 4th Degree for stealing money from the victim.

Kenneth Slicklen, 46, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Lowe's

William Wrighter, 43, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Sabrina Wang, 20, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Haylery Rodriguez, 31, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Deanna Ellis, 30, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Kelli Humphrey, 37, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Chamai Forbes-Alexander, 28, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Anna Long, 63, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for stealing property and money from the victim's vehicle.

Barbara Damari, 54, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Dawn Cohen, 60, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Joel Lane, 41, Johnson City, arrested for Strangulation 2 nd Degree for choking the victim during a domestic incident.

Edward Blatchford, 36, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from TJ Maxx.

Aaliyah Boyce, 20, Endicott, arrested for Identity Theft 2nd Degree for making unauthorized online credit card transactions with the victim's credit card.

Maria Adams, 29, Binghamton, arrested for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle for not returning an Enterprise rental vehicle by the contract date.

John Benevit, 34, Vestal, arrested for Grand Larceny 4th Degree for stealing the victim's credit card.



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We are delighted to have your news! Your photos are welcome! Contact us:

Call us today: 607 755 0472 E-mail: news@tiersnews.com

Vestal Public Library Events!

Looking for an interactive and engaging activity? Try

FUNshop

ages 16+

Wednesdays 6:15 - 8PM

mad for art

new project every second tuesday @ 6PM

YIN YOGA

THURSDAYS AT 6PM

All yogis welcome, new or experienced!




Fifth Grader Gives Kindergarteners Shoe-Tying Lesson!



Photo Courtesy of the Vestal School District!

FREEDOM

Allstar Cheer

2023-2024

Summit Send Off



Friday, March 22nd @7PM
 Doors open at 6:30; @VHS
 Entry - Donation of any amount
 Basket Raffles, team performances,
 Parent Jump off and MORE!!!!

REGISTER FOR A FREE TREE!

REGISTER BY MARCH 15TH




There are already 65 trees coming to VPL from Neighborhood Forest to help green our community and inspire youth environmentalism! Sign your child up to receive a free tree this Earth Day by filling out this short form: <https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/...> You can pick up your tree at our annual Seedy Saturday event on Saturday, April 27. Sign-ups are open now through March 15th, trees will arrive the week of Earth Day (April 22)! For Parent FAQs please see: <https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-faqs/>




Vestal Public Library Event!

Mad for Art is on Tuesday, March 12 at 6PM. Wood slices make the perfect natural canvas! Take inspiration from Southwest art, your favorite fruits, or bring your own idea. Paints, brushes, wood slices, and pencils will be provided for you to create however you like! (Someone will be there to help you get started if you need them)

Sign up online asap!
vestalpubliclibrary.org/events-programs

Vestal Scholars



Vestal Alumni Named to Fall 2023 Dean's List

Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)

- Logan Messina of Apalachin (13732), who is in the industrial design program.
- Catherine Hampp of Apalachin (13732), who is in the mechanical engineering program.
- Maija Vizvary of Vestal (13850), who is in the ASL-English interpretation program.
- Isaac Green of Vestal (13850), who is in the exercise science program.
- Alyessa Bolander of Vestal (13850), who is in the film and animation program.
- Nolan Magpantay of Vestal (13850), who is in the mechanical engineering program.
- Nathan Scheel of Vestal (13850), who is in the mechanical engineering program.

Le Moyne College

- Nicholas Conforti, a Freshman Management and Leadership major from Vestal, NY
- Anthony Khadjadorian, a Freshman Nursing major from Apalachin, NY
- Carter Ruhm, a Junior Finance major from Apalachin, NY

Women's History Month

Wednesday, March 13th



Vestal Public Library

320 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal, NY 13850



10:30am

WSKG PBS



PBS KIDS JOIN US

WSKG Public TV & Radio is back at VPL on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:30am! Watch

PBS Kids Sid the Science Kid and enjoy an engaging activity afterward. Open to all ages, registration is not required.



Won't You Be My Neighbor DAY

Wednesday, March 20

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." — Aesop
Celebrate Won't You Be My Neighbor Day with us on Wednesday, March 20! Spread love and kindness in honor of Mr. Roger's birthday by being a good neighbor to those around you.

Kindness Storytime with Nathan's Butterflies

Spreading kindness is easy and fun! Local non-profit organization Nathan's Butterflies will be at VPL on **Wednesday, March 20, at 10:30** to read stories about being kind. We will also do an activity that will empower you to spread kindness to friends, neighbors, or any person you know who needs a pick-me-up.

Family Take & Make Activity

Take & Make activity will be available to pick up at VPL **any time on Wednesday, March 20**. These kits include chalk and an activity packet from Hopeful Neighborhood. Draw inspiring chalk pictures or messages in your neighborhood or color and send a postcard to friends, neighbors, or other special people.

FREE EASTER EGG HUNT

SPONSORED BY THE VESTAL ELKS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD
11:00AM AGES 1-10YRS.
ARNOLD PARK, ANDREWS ROAD

Enjoy hunting for eggs by age group and visiting the Easter bunny. Bags are provided. In case of bad weather go to Vestalny.myrec.com or www.vestalny.gov (go to Department - pull down menu and to Recreation) or call the Vestal Recreation Department at (607) 754-3368



THIS EPISODE OF BLUEY IS CALLED:

BLUEY PARTY

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Wackadoo! This episode of VPL is called Bluey Party! Come for some Bluey-themed fun on Friday March 22 from 5:30 - 7:30! The party will include crafts, activities, and snacks all based on the popular Australian show Bluey!

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SIGN UP ONLINE
STARTING MARCH 1



Town of Vestal Recreation LIFEGUARDING CLASS

Location: Vestal High School
Great Summer Job!!!

COST \$200

DATES AND TIMES:

- March 8th 5pm to 9pm
- March 9th 8am to 4pm



Register now at: vestalny.myrec.com

Unveiling the Forgotten

Women in History Whose Accomplishments Were Overshadowed by Men

Throughout history, women have made significant contributions to various fields, yet their achievements often remained in the shadows, overshadowed by the spotlight on their male counterparts. Despite their remarkable accomplishments, the credit for their work frequently went to men, perpetuating a narrative of male dominance. This article aims to shed light on some of these remarkable women whose legacies have been overlooked or minimized.

1. Rosalind Franklin (1920–1958):

Rosalind Franklin was a British chemist whose work was pivotal in unraveling the structure of DNA. Her X-ray diffraction images of DNA provided crucial insights into its helical structure, which proved instrumental in James Watson and Francis Crick's discovery of the double helix. However, Franklin's contribution was often sidelined, and her data was shared with Watson and Crick without her knowledge or consent. Despite her groundbreaking work, Franklin's role in this groundbreaking discovery was largely overlooked until much later.

2. Emmy Noether (1882–1935):

Emmy Noether was a German mathematician whose groundbreaking contributions to abstract algebra and theoretical physics laid the foundation for modern algebra and theoretical physics. Her work on Noether's theorem revolutionized the understanding of conservation laws in physics. Despite her profound impact on mathematics and physics, Noether faced significant discrimination due to her gender, and her contributions were frequently attributed to her male colleagues.

3. Hedy Lamarr (1914–2000):

Hedy Lamarr was not just a glamorous Hollywood actress but also an inventor whose pioneering work in frequency hopping laid the groundwork for modern wireless communication technologies like Bluetooth and Wi-Fi. Together with composer George Antheil, Lamarr developed a radio guidance system for torpedoes during World War II. However, her inventions were dismissed at the time, and it was only in later years that her contributions to technology were recognized.

4. Ada Lovelace (1815–1852):

Often regarded as the world's first computer programmer, Ada Lovelace made groundbreaking contributions to Charles Babbage's early mechanical general-purpose computer, the Analytical Engine. Lovelace's notes on the engine included what is now considered the first algorithm intended to be processed by a machine. Despite her visionary insights into the potential of computing, Lovelace's work was largely overshadowed by Babbage's, and it took decades for her contributions to be properly acknowledged.

5. Katherine Johnson (1918–2020):

Katherine Johnson was an African American mathematician whose calculations were crucial to the success of NASA's early space missions, including the Apollo moon landing. Johnson's precise calculations of orbital mechanics played a pivotal role in ensuring the safety and success of astronauts like John Glenn. Despite her integral role in the space program, Johnson and her fellow African American female colleagues, known as "human computers," faced discrimination and were often overlooked in the annals of history.

These are just a few examples of the countless women throughout history whose accomplishments have been overshadowed by the pervasive narrative of male achievement. It is essential to recognize and celebrate the contributions of these remarkable women, not only to honor their legacies but also to inspire future generations of women to pursue their passions and dreams, unhindered by societal constraints. By acknowledging the overlooked contributions of women in history, we can strive towards a more inclusive and equitable society where everyone's achievements are celebrated and valued, regardless of gender.

MARCH

Vestal Central School District's Project Golden Bear To Present Free Community Presentation "Understanding Apps And Parental Controls"

The Vestal Central School District's Project Golden Bear committee continues its role in providing parents and guardians timely information on digital safety for children. Another free presentation "Understanding Apps and Parental Controls: Safeguarding your child in the age of Digital Technology" is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. This event will take place in the African Road Auditorium, 600 South Benita Boulevard, Vestal.

The presentation will feature Internet Safety Keynote Speaker Katie Greer, who will offer parents and community members insight on Internet safety protocols. In addition to learning about phone-security features that can help them protect their children, after the presentation they will be able to talk to local organizations and receive firsthand assistance in enabling these features.

This presentation is appropriate for parents and guardians with students in any grade. It's never too early to start practicing safe, intentional digital habits. No RSVPs are necessary to attend.

However, complimentary childcare will be offered, courtesy of Champions. We ask that parents and guardians who plan to utilize the childcare please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/fvoLGCjLKFNNsUYz6>

Project Golden Bear is dedicated to understanding and mitigating the effects of the digital era on children's social-emotional growth, mental health, and academic success, and aims to identify strategies that foster student learning and engagement. From community screenings of documentaries about the impact of social media, mental health, and anxiety to other presentations from experts, Project Golden Bear is committed to helping you find the tools you need to navigate a digital world.



White Rose Day Spa Renovations Nearly Complete After Car Crash

Article By Kaitlyn Hession

Renovations are near completion at the White Rose Day Spa located at 4535 Old Vestal Rd in Vestal. This comes after the business had to temporarily close its doors following a Miller Auto Team Shuttle Van crashing through the building on January 31st.

It was noted that the driver of the van had a history of seizures and experienced one while operating the vehicle.

This accident injured 4 people, one of them being an employee and another a client. About half the building was impacted by the crash with much of the equipment in the rooms affected having to be replaced.

Altogether 10 salon stations will have to be replaced (totaling around \$9,000 a piece) along with sinks, Belvedere chairs, flooring, and more.

With this, many of the hair stylists who work at the spa are either temporarily working at other salons or are struggling to make ends meet as the White Rose Spa tries to reschedule appointments with clients.

"We're totally out of commission for the time being," said Karen Latta, the owner of White Rose Day Spa. "We're very fortunate no one was severely injured or killed in the crash."

The business has been trying to contact Miller Auto regarding the accident with no response currently.

Despite the hard time the locally owned spa has been going through within the past month, there is light at the end of the tunnel as renovations have been slowly making progress.

With this, extra safety measures will be placed on the property to ensure nothing like this ever happens again.

"We're just trying to make everyone feel comfortable again," mentioned Latta.

It is said the White Rose Spa will be reopening sometime in March. The business would like to thank the Vestal Fire Department and Vestal Police Department for their quick response and keeping everything under control on the day of the accident. They would also like to thank General Property Services Inc. for helping with renovations.

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FUN FACTS!

1. Octopuses have three hearts: One pumps blood through the body, while the other two pump it through the gills.
2. Bananas are berries: According to botanical classification, bananas qualify as berries, while strawberries do not.
3. The shortest war in history: The Anglo-Zanzibar War of 1896 lasted only 38 minutes.
4. Honey never spoils: Archaeologists have found pots of honey in ancient Egyptian tombs that are over 3,000 years old and still perfectly edible.
5. Cows have best friends: Cows form close friendships and can become stressed when separated from their preferred companions.
6. A group of flamingos is called a flamboyance: These vibrant birds are often seen standing on one leg in large groups, creating a stunning display.
7. There are more possible iterations of a game of chess than there are atoms in the known universe!

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day: A Global Tradition of Heritage and Merriment

Every year on March 17th, people around the world don their greenest attire, indulge in Irish delicacies, and revel in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. This festive occasion, originally commemorating the patron saint of Ireland, has evolved into a global celebration of Irish culture, heritage, and camaraderie.

Origins and History

St. Patrick's Day honors Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who is credited with bringing Christianity to the Emerald Isle in the 5th century. Born in Roman Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates and brought to Ireland as a slave. After escaping and returning to his homeland, he felt called to return to Ireland as a missionary. Legend has it that he used the shamrock, a three-leafed plant, to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity to the Irish people.

The observance of St. Patrick's Day began as a religious feast day in the early 17th century, marking the anniversary of Patrick's death. Over time, it transformed into a secular celebration of Irish culture, spreading from Ireland to other parts of the world, particularly countries with large Irish immigrant populations.

Traditions and Customs

St. Patrick's Day is characterized by a myriad of traditions and customs that vary from place to place but are united in their celebration of all things Irish. Some of the most notable traditions include:

Wearing Green: Green, the color traditionally associated with Ireland, is prominently featured in St. Patrick's Day celebrations. People wear green clothing, accessories, and even dye rivers and landmarks green in honor of the occasion.

Parades: St. Patrick's Day parades are a highlight of the festivities in many cities worldwide. These vibrant processions feature marching bands, elaborate floats, and enthusiastic participants, often drawing large crowds of spectators.

Irish Music and Dance: Traditional Irish music and dance are integral parts of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. From lively jigs and reels to soul-stirring ballads, these musical performances showcase the rich cultural heritage of Ireland.

Feasting: Food plays a central role in St. Patrick's Day festivities, with traditional Irish dishes taking center stage. Corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread, colcannon, and shepherd's pie are just a few of the culinary delights enjoyed on this day.

Leprechauns and Shamrocks: Leprechauns, mischievous mythical creatures from Irish folklore, are often associated with St. Patrick's Day. Shamrocks, believed to bring good luck, are prominently displayed as symbols of Irish pride and heritage.

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Global Celebration

While St. Patrick's Day originated in Ireland, its observance has spread far beyond its shores. Today, it is celebrated in countries around the world, including the United States, Canada, Australia, and beyond. Cities with large Irish populations, such as Boston, New York City, and Chicago, are renowned for their extravagant St. Patrick's Day festivities.

St. Patrick's Day is more than just a day to wear green and enjoy a pint of Guinness; it is a celebration of Irish culture, heritage, and identity. Whether you're Irish by birth or simply Irish at heart, St. Patrick's Day offers an opportunity to come together with friends, family, and community members to honor the legacy of Saint Patrick and the enduring spirit of the Emerald Isle. So, raise a glass, join the festivities, and may the luck of the Irish be with you!

Keep Earth GREEN For Every St. Patrick's Day to Come!

Here are some environmental organizations that are welcoming donations from anyone and everyone!

1. 350.org
2. Environmental Defense Fund
3. Sierra Club
4. Climate Reality Project
5. Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
6. World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
7. Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)
8. Climate Central



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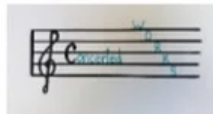
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The Empire Saxophone Quartet with Joel Smales, Percussion



IN CONCERT, FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 4 PM
VESTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
320 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850

Many women have made contributions to the **Saxophone Quartet Literature** as both composers and arrangers. Come join us for a concert showcasing their works!

Original compositions chosen from works by Erika Svanoë, Rika Ishige, Grace Dunlap, Elaine Zajac, Clara Schumann, Melanie Thorne, Fernande Decruck, Claire Tomsett, Adrienne Albert, Cecile Chaminade, and Carol Chambers, and arrangements and transcriptions of various works and styles by Cheryl Chun, Audrey Cupples, and April Lucas

This program is brought to you through the Music Performance Trust Fund and Local 380-443 of the American Federation of Musicians.

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3RD ANNUAL BUGS VETERANS GALA



March 9, 2024

**START TIME: 5 PM
TIOGA DOWNS CASINO RESORT**

**2384 WEST RIVER ROAD
NICHOLS, NY 13812**

Semi Formal Dress Code
Tickets Start at \$40



All Proceeds Benefit Local Veterans



**THE VESTAL
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**
is now

**Accepting Employment Applications
for
New Hires & Lateral Transfers**

Some of our many benefits include

- Competitive Salary
- Shift Premium & Longevity Pay
- Comp Time
- Sick Time Incentive
- Health Insurance
- 20 year Retirement

Opportunities include;

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- Narcotics
- SWAT
- Bike patrol
- K-9
- School Resource Officer



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