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## VHS Students Recognized in Scholastic Writing Awards



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Left to right in photo are Margaret Wood (Grade 12), Alesha Khan (Grade 12), Faris Shamma (Grade 11), and Sindi Zhou (Grade 10).

Photo and article courtesy of Regina Felice.

## “Little Oak” Celebrates One Year



## Front Street Day Reminders!

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VESTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# THE MUSIC VESTIVAL

ENJOY LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, VENDORS, CRAFTS AND GAMES!

SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST  
4 PM-7 PM

VHS CAFETERIA/COURTYARD

ENTRY - DONATE WHAT YOU CAN TO SUPPORT MUSIC AT VESTAL!

## Preliminary Results for VCSD School Budget Vote & School Board Election

Proposition 1/District Budget:

Yes - 822 No - 362

Proposition 2/School Bus Purchase:

Yes - 781 No - 401

### School Board Candidates:

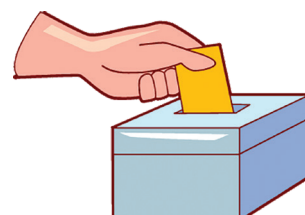
Amanda Atkinson - 776

Eric LaClair - 771

Chadwin Smith - 740

Sumeeta Chaudhri - 567

# THANKS FOR VOTING!



## PET OF THE WEEK:

### Spoon



Hi friends, I'm Spoon! I am a 2-month-old domestic shorthair kitty! I'm mischievous but I never get into trouble because I'm just a baby. I absolutely love to play and have bounds of energy!

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

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VESTAL RECREATION



# Vestal CALENDAR

Friday, May 31st

> VHE Carnival

6PM - 8PM; Vestal Hills Elementary

> VHS Prom Promise Picnic

Saturday, June 1st

Music Vestival

3PM, VHS Cafeteria, Adjoining Courtyard,  
and School Lobby

Monday, June 3rd

>GLE Band & Orchestra Concert

7PM, Glenwood Elementary

> VHE Gr. 3 Recorders Concert

7PM, Vestal Hills Elementary

>VHS Honors Night

6:30PM, VHS Auditorium

Tuesday, June 4th

>VHS Senior Class Trip to Hershey Park!

> VMS Gr. 6 Chorus Concert

African Road Auditorium

Wednesday, June 5th

>CAE Band, Chorus, & Orchestra Concert

7PM, Clayton Avenue Auditorium

> VHE Orchestra Concert

7PM, Vestal Hills Elementary

> VHS Drama Club Performance

7PM, VHS Auditorium

Thursday, June 6th

VMS Spring Orchestra Concert

7PM, African Road Auditorium

Friday, June 7th

THE PTO Carnival

6PM, Tioga Hills Elementary

Saturday, June 8th

VHS Senior Prom!

8PM, Cornerstone at W & W

Sunday, June 9th

VHS Chemical-Free All-Nighter

12AM - 5AM, Vestal High School

Tuesday, June 11th

Take&Make Diamond Art Book Marks

VPL, Pickup at 5PM

Wednesday, June 12th

>VPL Tech Assistance

10AM, Vestal Senior Center



## Vestal Fire Department

### Responses

vestalfire.com

by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

**Vestal Fire this week responded to:  
12 fire alarms, 2 smoke alarms, gas  
coming from a meter, 2 power lines  
down, 1 tree down, 1 water condition in  
a basement, 2 cases of smoke present,  
and 1 house fire.**

05/21	18:45	Vestal Parkway E.	Commercial fire alarm
05/21	22:11	Vestal Parkway E.	General fire alarm
05/22	08:01	Bunn Hill Access Rd.	General fire alarm
05/22	08:14	Pickwick Drive	Gas coming out of meter
05/22	12:05	Clarkson Drive	Fire alarm - gas detection
05/22	15:06	Bunn Hill Access Rd.	General fire alarm
05/22	19:51	Jones Road	Commercial fire alarm
05/22	21:07	Bunn Hill Access Rd.	General fire alarm
05/23	01:47	Watson Blvd.	Mutual aid to Endwell for smoke in a residence
05/23	08:09	Owego Road	Line down across roadway
05/23	11:03	West Access Road	Kitchen fire alarm
05/23	15:17	Noyes Road	General fire alarm
05/24	05:09	Clayton Avenue	Commercial fire alarm
05/25	00:33	Vestal Parkway E.	Commercial fire alarm
05/25	11:43	Vestal Parkway E.	Smoke detector activation
05/25	17:15	Powderhouse Road	Tree and power lines down blocking entire road
05/26	00:32	Jefferson Avenue	Mutual aid to Endicott for a two-alarm house fire
05/26	02:10	Burriss Road	Smoke coming from heater - no fire seen
05/26	13:31	Vestal Parkway E.	Kitchen smoke detector activation
05/27	10:55	Vestal Parkway E.	Commercial fire alarm
05/27	15:32	Maplecrest Drive	Water condition in basement



# VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Elaine Barrett, 36, Friendsville PA, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Andre Fuimo, 24, Binghamton, arrested for Reckless Endangerment 2nd Degree, Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer 3rd Degree, Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd Degree, Reckless Driving, Improper Plates, Failure to Obey Police Officer, Suspended Registration, Moved from Lane Unsafely, Failure to Keep Right, Speed in Excess of 55 MPH, two counts of Speed in Zone for failing to stop for police during a traffic stop, driving erratically with several passengers in the vehicle and fleeing into PA to avoid being arrested on a Felony warrant.

James Johnson, 36, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Tanya Anderson, 38, Newark Valley, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Shyasia Johnson, 23, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Weis Market.

Olsen Astrel, 22, Binghamton, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree for punching the victim in the face with a closed fist during a disagreement.

Theartis Yarborough, 60, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Trespass 2nd Degree for refusing to leave his hotel room after being advised several times to leave.

Shanna Kniffen, 23, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Jeffrey Podrazil, 59, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Criminal Contempt 1st Degree for punching the juvenile victim in the arm several times during a domestic in violation of a valid no-harass order of protection.

Keith Penrose, 64, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Patsy Brown, 41, Endicott, arrested for Fortune Telling and Grand Larceny 3rd Degree for stealing money from the victim while providing fraudulent psychic reading services.

Brooke Leary, 43, homeless, arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree after being found passed out in her vehicle, in possession of a controlled substance and with a suspended license.

Samantha Rolison, 33, Conklin, arrested for Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd Degree, Fail to Move Over and Unregistered Motor Vehicle for possessing a digital scale during a traffic stop.

# Vestal Senior Center Summer Info

**Open Monday - Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**Old Vestal Central Jr. High School, Main St.**  
**Lunches served Monday - Friday at 11:30 AM**

The Vestal Senior Center offer exciting events throughout the year along with hot nutritious lunches provided by the Broome County Office for Aging.

Reservations for meals must be made one day in advance by 1:00 PM. Eat in or To-Go Meals. Cost for lunch is \$4.00 for 60 years and older and \$5.00 for those younger than 60. It is a great opportunity to get together with friends and participate in many fun-filled activities.

Activities include: monthly bus trips, Pinochle (Tues. at 9 AM) Bridge (Wed. at noon), Bingo (Thurs. at 10 AM), assorted card games daily, Bunko (4th Fri. of every month, following lunch), speakers on many interesting subjects, special luncheon events, bake sales and theme parties. Assorted card games daily. There is also a loaning library. Mah-Jong on Mondays at 12 PM.

### Vestal Senior Club

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:15 PM at the Senior Center. Annual dues are \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for newcomers. The club sponsors trips, dinners, and picnics. The mission of the club is to foster education and fellowship, to have fun, and make contributions to the community. If you are interested in the club, please attend a meeting.

### Oil Painting Classes

Join the Vestal Sr. Citizens and “perfect” your skills in oil painting. Class meets every Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, throughout the year at the Vestal Sr. Center. Please bring your own supplies. No classes in August. For further information call the Senior Center.

### Knitting and Crocheting Club

Wednesdays from 9:30 AM. Learn things from others and teach someone else something new.

### Chop and Chat

Every other Monday at 10am. Enjoy conversation as food is prepped and leave with a delicious recipe to cook at home. No cost but donations for the program are welcomed. Reservations are required as spots are limited. Don't miss out on this wonderful program.

Call the Vestal Senior Center for more details on all programs at 607-754-9596.

# Mental Health Awareness Days at Local Elementary Schools

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and special events took place at African Road, Glenwood, and Tioga Hills Elementary Schools.

Glenwood Elementary hosted activities for the whole day! There were guests from Greater Binghamton Health Center, Bright and Beautiful Dog Therapy, and Cornell Cooperative Extension who hosted sessions for the students. Our Vestal SROs hosted their own session, and volunteers from Vestal High School's Mental Health Club were on hand to help with all activities!

Tioga Hills Elementary also focused on mental health awareness on May 23rd. Students engaged in various activities throughout the day focused on mental health and positive overall well-being. These included music and art therapy, Pilates by Carolyn Schafenberg (a Tioga Hills parent), and nutrition lessons by Christine Foy (also a Tioga Hills parent). There were bubbles, sidewalk chalk fun, and a nature scavenger hunt. Finally, the school hosted two therapy/service dogs with which students could engage.

African Road Elementary hosted its Mental Health Awareness Day in the afternoon on Thursday, May 30th. The day kicked off with speaker Dr. Muthukanagaraj, an African Road parent, talking about the importance of mental health. A schedule of stations that were available to students after Dr. Raj's lesson are included below.

### African Road Elementary Stations Mood & Music

Listening to different types of music is good for a person's soul. Students engaged in different instruments and sound activities.

### Power of Movement

This station included yoga movements that help us get out some wiggles and make us happy!

### Walking For Wellness

Walking helps boost your mood as it increases blood flow and calms your nerves. You can walk with friends, family, or even your family pet. The combined benefits of physical exercise and positive social interactions can improve negative moods, and help you feel better overall.

### Service Project

It feels good to do good. Doing something for your community can help bring a positive light to your life. Students crafted and assembled paper bouquets that will be donated to those residing at Mercy House.

# VHS Students Recognized in Scholastic Writing Awards

**Article Courtesy of Regina Felice and  
the Vestal Central School District**

We are pleased to share that four Vestal High School students have been recognized for excellence in writing in the Scholastic Writing Awards regional contest. Congratulations to Alesha Khan, Faris Shamma, Margaret Wood, and Sindi Zhou who have been recognized for excellence in writing as part of the 2024 East Region-at-Large Scholastic Awards. Altogether, the students won one Gold Key, four Silver Keys and two Honorable Mentions!

Sindi Zhou won a Gold Key and a Silver Key award, while Alesha Kahn was awarded two Silver Keys and an Honorable Mention. Margaret Wood also won a Silver Key award and Faris Shamma received an Honorable Mention. As a result of her Gold Key win, Sindi Zhou has qualified to compete for a National Scholastic Writing Award

Vestal High School English faculty instructing these students are Mitzy Benjamin, Jennie Drexler-Smith, and Tina Nyschot.

## Front Street Day Reminders!



**What:** Town of Vestal  
**Front Street Day**  
**Where:** Front Street, Vestal  
**When:** Saturday, June 1,  
 2024, 10:00am – 3:00pm

Vestal Front Street Day is on Saturday June 1st, 2024 from 10am– 3pm. There will be over 100 vendor booths, food trucks, music and town vehicles on display. This is a great community celebration and fun day for all.

Front Street in Vestal will be closed to ALL TRAFFIC and ON-STREET PARKING from 8:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday June 1, 2024 between Main Street and Elizabeth Street. This is due to the Vestal Front Street Day Festival.



### EDITORIAL NOTES

We have been receiving letters and reviews of the changes to the Vestal Town Crier, we will post them here without names listed. The absence of names has a long history in American Reporting, up until the early to mid 1970's. We do so to protect our sources.

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# UPK Students At Cub Care Host Special Ladies Event

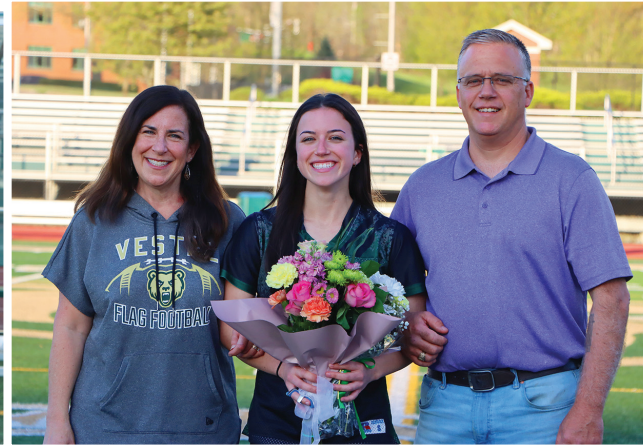
There were flowers, there were crowns, and there were good things to eat. Universal Pre-K students at the Cub Care campus pulled out all the stops to make sure their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other honored guests felt welcomed during their Special Ladies celebration this May!



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# VHS GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL SENIOR NIGHT

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARYESTHER WHITEBRINK



# Public Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Vestal

NEWSPAPER EDITED MINUTES, Vestal School Board, May 14th, 2024

## Student Government Report

Student Government President Ian Chung reported that the high school had a successful Teacher Appreciation Week with something special done every day for the teachers, including banners and a "chalked walk" to let them know the students really appreciate all they do. They were also leading up to the Student Government election on 5/22, and new officers will be reported to the Board at the next meeting.

## Public Hearing on Budget

Superintendent Clifford Kasson and School Business Executive Angela Rogers presented the proposed 2024-25 budget totaling \$90,856,822. This includes a tax levy of \$51,884,996, which is an increase of 1.77% over the current year. They reviewed proposed reductions due to expenditures exceeding expected revenues. Community members asked questions regarding what the proposed increase to their taxes would amount to and if any companies on a PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) program ever defaulted. Two 10th grade VHS students also spoke of their disappointment in budget cuts eliminating 0 period bussing and reducing late bussing from 4 to 3 days per week, as they feel this limits student opportunities to take extra educational courses and/or participate in clubs. Mr. Kasson reiterated that every decision made regarding reductions was very difficult, but necessary, in order to balance the budget.

## Executive Session

Move to adjourn into anticipated Executive Session for the approval of CSE and CPSE recommendations, as well as an update on 13 personnel matters, a student discipline matter, a student legal matter, and ASA & VTA negotiations

Motion by Joshgua Mertens, second by Lisa Milkovich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dinno Nistico, Eric LaClair, Kathryn Egan, Mark Browning, Shoba Agneshwar, Joshgua Mertens, Kay Ellis, Lisa Milkovich

## Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2024

Motion carried.

## Public Comment on Agenda Items

Dylan Ruffo, ASA President - Mr. Ruffo thanked Administration for working with the Administrative Secretarial Association to come to a fair agreement to bring before the Board for their contract renewal. He also thanked the Board for their consideration in approving the tentative agreement.

## Reports

Board President Kathryn Egan reported on the following:

--Budget Vote & BOE Election: Reminder that the Budget Vote and BOE Election will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 12-8 pm in the Central Junior Gymnasium, 201 Main Street, Vestal. There will be a very brief Special Board Meeting that night at 9 pm to certify the vote.

--Liaison Reports: Lisa Milkovich attended the GSCA meeting on 4/29, along with Mr. Kasson who provided information on the budget. They celebrated teachers the first week of May and plan to provide testing snack bags for students during State testing. The End-of-Year Party is scheduled for 6/23 at Skate Estate. Kay Ellis attended the Tioga Hills PTO meeting on 5/1, as did Mr. Kasson to discuss the budget and answer questions. The PTO is sponsoring the 3rd annual Spring Fling Carnival on 6/7 from 6-8 for all Tioga Hills students and their families. Shoba Agneshwar attended the most recent Town of Vestal Board meeting, where the Town Supervisor reported that they

are pleased to provide five active duty SRO's to the Vestal School District. Shoba also mentioned that families moving into the area are looking for real estate in the ARE and VHE elementary school zones. Shoba attended the VHE PTA meeting on 5/13, as did Mr. Kasson to highlight the budget. Kindergarten screenings have begun. Jared Campbell will be visiting the school, as well as an author. Mark Browning attended the VHS PTO meeting on 5/8, as did Mr. Kasson to report on the budget. Students are in the midst of AP/IB exams this month, and there are numerous concerts taking place throughout the month of May, as well. The Save A Life Tour came to VHS on 4/23, which is an impaired and distracted driving program. This was a powerful presentation for our students.

## Superintendent Clifford Kasson reported on the following:

--Budget Video Series: Mr. Kasson and Ms. Rogers, School Business Executive, have been releasing a series of videos on budget development to provide the community with helpful information that lead up to the vote. Mr. Kasson also expressed his thanks to Dylan Ruffo for producing the videos.

--Staff Appreciation Video: Mr. Kasson sent out a personal video last week with a sincere message to let ALL staff know that he appreciates their contributions in making Vestal a great school district.

--Hall of Fame Dinner: The Vestal Hall of Fame Dinner took place on May 1st at Vestal High School. Dr. Mark Hatala (Class of 1980) and Brian Lynn (Class of 1993) were both inducted at the inspiring ceremony that evening.

--Academic Awards Night: Vestal High School recognized over 180 students for their academic achievements on May 7th. Selected students were also presented with Department Awards.

--Junior Prom: The Junior Prom took place at The Riverdale Banquet Hall on April 26th. Mr. Kasson took the time to visit during the event, which he reported was well-attended and a good night all the way around.

--Badge Access to Buildings: Mr. Kasson informed the Board that Administration is developing a protocol that would allow staff/coach badge access to the buildings on weekends/holidays ONLY ON A PRE-APPROVED BASIS. The District is currently working with Syracuse Time & Alarm to adapt the alarm systems. A meeting will then be held with fall coaches to discuss the proper approval process and responsibilities in order to use the new badge access system.

--NYSSBA Awards: Mr. Kasson recognized Kathryn Egan as a recipient of the NYSSBA Achievement Award, Shoba Agneshwar as a recipient of the NYSSBA Excellence Award, and Dinno Nistico as a recipient of the NYSSBA Board Mastery Award based on their participation in NYSSBA events during their time as Vestal Board of Education members.

--Broome-Tioga BOCES Chief School Administrators - Mr. Kasson announced that he is honored to represent the Vestal Central School District by accepting the role of Vice Chairperson for the Broome-Tioga Association of Chief School Administrators.

## Move to accept Schedule E - Enrollment (April)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Move to approve Schedule P - Personnel

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Acceptance of Internal Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan 2022-23

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt and acceptance of the Internal Audit Report, as well as the Corrective Action Plan, for fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as submitted by internal auditor Ernest Skiadas, CPA, and as reviewed by the Audit Committee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Acceptance of 2024-25 District Attendance Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the District attendance calendar for the 2024-25 school year, as determined to comply with attendance regulations.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Implementation of Agreement with Administrative Secretarial Association 2024-2027

RESOLVED, that the 2024-2027 Agreement between the Superintendent of Schools and the Administrative Secretarial Association is hereby implemented and the additional funds are provided in accordance with Civil Service Law 204A, effective from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer

WHEREAS, a request for an expedited impartial hearing has been made, and WHEREAS, Peter Hoffman is the next available person on the School District's rotational hearing officer list, BE IT RESOLVED, that Peter Hoffman is appointed as Hearing Officer in regards to a pending request for an expedited hearing and is requested to issue a decision within the appropriate time period of the law and regulations. This appointment is retroactive to May 7, 2024.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Contract Approval for ARP Project at VHS and a Portion of Phase 2 of 2022 Capital Project

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign agreements with the following contractors as part of the ARP Air Handler Project at Vestal High School, as well as a portion of Phase 2 of the 2022 Capital Project:

- CONTRACT 1: GENERAL CONSTRUCTION - Streeter Associates, Inc. \$248,000
- CONTRACT 2: ELECTRICAL - Matco Electric Corporation \$53,000
- CONTRACT 3: MECHANICAL - Postler & Jaeckle Corporation \$312,500
- CONTRACT 4: PLUMBING - N.J. Graham, Inc. \$117,500
- CONTRACT 5: CONTROLS - Postler & Jaeckle Corporation \$37,660

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Affiliation Agreement with Grand Canyon University

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an affiliation agreement with Grand Canyon University to provide student teaching internships/practicums for students enrolled in their College of Education according to the terms of the attached agreement for the period March 21, 2024 through March 21, 2027.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries



# MOLINARO DEMANDS ANSWERS FROM SPECTRUM ON UNACCEPTABLE REPORT OF POTENTIAL VESTAL LAYOFFS

In light of a recent report by News 12 that dozens if not hundreds of workers at the Spectrum call center in Vestal could be laid off, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today demanded answers from Christopher Winfrey, President and CEO of Spectrum.

The Spectrum call center provides hundreds of residents with job in the Southern Tier. According to the report, layoffs could come as a result of the company moving the call center out of Vestal.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Spectrum promised us they'd be a community partner. This is not what that commitment should look like. Closing the Vestal call center will hurt our local economy and have an impact on customers. I'm demanding answers and am going to fight this."

The full text of the letter can be found below:

Dear Mr. Winfrey,

I am concerned by local reports regarding the potential layoff of hundreds of employees at the Spectrum call center in Vestal, NY and what it means for the residents of Vestal and the surrounding area.

For years, the Spectrum call center in Vestal has provided hundreds of residents with jobs in a part of the country

I represent, that has largely been forgotten about. This prospective action by your company to move jobs away from Vestal would only exacerbate this issue.

My office was recently made aware of the potential closure of the call center in Vestal which would lead to the layoffs of hundreds of my constituents. The elimination of hundreds of jobs at a local call center would be a significant blow to our community at a time of already high economic uncertainty.

According to reporting, employees would be offered the ability to relocate to another location hours away. I have several questions about the potential layoffs, relocation plan, and timeline that employees were notified.

1. Why are you considering closing the Vestal, NY call center location?
2. When did you first target the Vestal call center for a potential closure?
3. When did or do you plan to notify employees of the impending layoffs?
4. Will you reconsider the decision?
5. On what date would the potential closure of the Spectrum call center in Vestal be effective?
6. What are the details of the potential employee relocation offer and how long would employees have to make a decision?

tion offer and how long would employees have to make a decision?

7. How will the possible closure of the call center in Vestal impact local Spectrum customers and their access to services?

The closure of the Vestal call center would have rippling implications for our local workforce and beyond. I urge you to reconsider closing this call center site.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and I look forward to your response.

## “Flag Day” Pie & Ice Cream Social



Friday, June 14, 6PM-8PM

Vestal Center United Methodist Church  
478 West Hill Rd.

Celebrate our American flag with a piece of homemade pie and ice cream.

Remember to fly the flag in honor of our military, our veterans and all first responders.



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## Public Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Vestal

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### Licensing Agreement - Concord Theatricals

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the license agreement with Concord Theatricals for the rights to a musical production to be presented at Vestal High School during the 2024-25 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### Maintenance Agreement with Penn Power Systems

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a maintenance agreement with Penn Power Systems to perform regularly scheduled maintenance and inspections of emergency power generator systems per the proposal dated April 22, 2024; for the time period June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2027.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### Extended Field Trip - FBLA (Business Club)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education gives permission to approximately 10 high school Business students to travel to Orlando, Florida from 6/28-7/3/24 in order to participate in the 2024 FBLA National Leadership Conference.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### Co-op Bid Awards - Commodity Processed & Geographical Preference Foods

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District accepts the results of the cooperative bids for commodity processed and geographical preference products through the Broome County Specification Group for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries



### Policy 6220 - Temporary Personnel FIRST READING

### Policy 7680 - Independent Educational Evaluations FIRST READING, WAIVER OF SECOND READING, AND ACCEPTANCE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education waives the 'second reading' of Policy 7680 - Independent Educational Evaluations (as authorized by District Policy 1410) and accepts the amended policy as written.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### Voice of the Public

A letter was submitted by Teresa Battestin (3 Lancaster Drive, Endicott), requesting that it be read aloud. As no employee names are permitted to be shared during Voice of the Public, the Board President paraphrased Mrs. Battestin's letter with a request for the Board to reconsider a position that has been eliminated from the budget for the 2024-25 school year.

### Future Board Meetings

- Regular Meeting TUESDAY May 28, 2024 6:00 pm Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street
- Regular Meeting TUESDAY June 11, 2024 6:00 pm Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street

## Vestal Scholars

Sarah Lynne Barnum of Vestal, NY, a senior majoring in biology, was named a Presidential Scholar for the Spring 2024 semester at Clarkson University.

Alexis Bobal, Doctor of Pharmacy graduated from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences this spring.



# Town of Vestal Recreation Department Free Concerts Tuesday Evenings

Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs for a free evening of pure entertainment. Free candy and face painting for the kids. In case of rain, the band will decide at the start of the concert if they must cancel. Concerts are not rescheduled.



**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**  
**Vestal Gazebo**  
**Four Corners,**  
**Front St. & Main St.**



The date is set for our 40th Birthday Party on Saturday, June 8, 2024! The Discovery Center and Story Garden will turn into a Storybook Carnival Land with fun, games, contests, entertainment, and of course, birthday surprises!

The Weis BBQ tent will be here, storybook character appearances, chances to win birthday presents as well as birthday treats! AP Entertainment will be here with a hula hoop and limbo contest, see a Rubik's Cube Master demonstration and the Girl Scouts will be on site to print special birthday t-shirts. Help us celebrate with a day of play and fun!

All activities are free with admission. This event is sponsored by Weis Markets, Raymond Foundation, and Sante: Comprehensive Women's Health Care.

For admission info, visit <https://thediscoverycenter.org/visit>

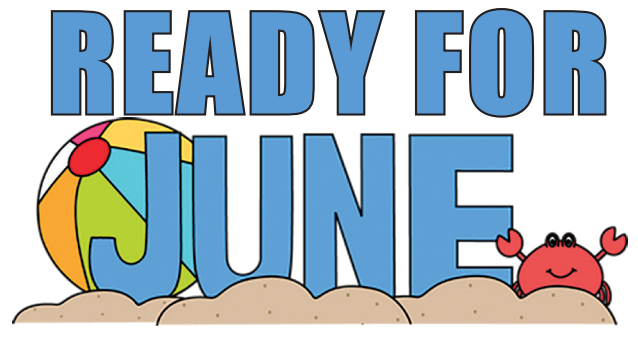
# VESTAL RECREATION



# SUMMER 2024



**Online registration begins April 15th**  
**[Vestalny.myrec.com](http://Vestalny.myrec.com)**  
(Non-Resident Registration begins April 29th)  
516 Front Street, Vestal, NY  
607-754-3368



## VP artisan market



VPL ARTISAN MARKETS ARE BACK THIS SUMMER!  
9AM - 2PM ON  
**SATURDAY, JULY 6**  
**& SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**  
SIGN UP FOR ONE OR ALL OF THE ABOVE DATES

## SUBURBAN SEPTIC - Septic Tanks Cleaned



- Portable Toilet Rentals and Sink Rentals



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