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Foodbank Of The Southern Tier Apalachin Lions



Walk-Up, Mobile Food Pantry 2024

Wednesday April 24th,
10-11 AM
St. Margaret Mary's Church
1110 Pennsylvania Ave.
Apalachin, NY 13732
Pre-registration required

REGISTRATION

Tuesday before – April 23th
At 8:30 AM until full
(current limit of 125 registrations)
If you register please attend
Phone: 2-1-1 or
Online: www.foodbankst.org/cfd
Walk-up Pantry
Bring a cart or bags to carry food!

Vestal Girls JV Lacrosse and Boys Baseball Photos on page 5!



PET OF THE WEEK:

Max



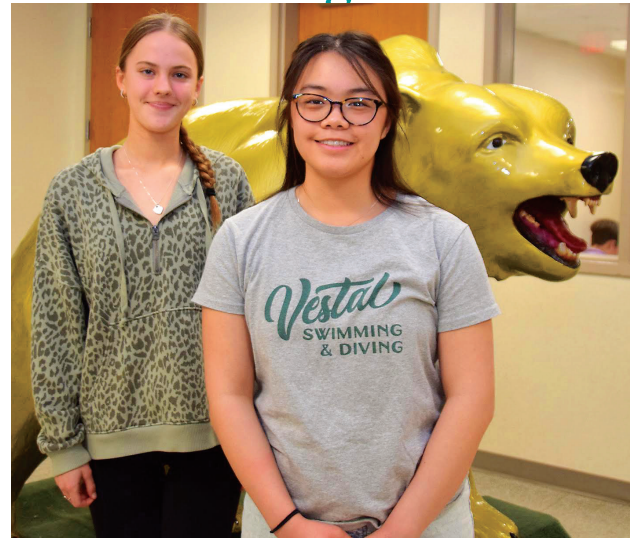
Hey there, I'm Max, an adventurous Alaskan Husky! I thrive in the great outdoors and am always up for a hike. I'm a ball of energy, but I'm extra gentle with the ducks at the park. Oh, and did I mention my love for tennis balls? They're my absolute favorite!

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



The Apalachin Lions 69th Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 30th. Thank you to the Southern Tier Punishers Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club for donating 6 bikes

Vestal High School Students Receive Top Honors In Tri-Cities Women's Club Writing Contest



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Vestal CALENDAR

Saturday, April 6th

NYS Winterguard Championships
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Monday, April 8th

>VHE PTA Meeting

6:30PM; Vestal Hills Elementary

>VPL Solar Eclipse Watch Party

2:30PM - 4:30PM; VPL Garden

>Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs

6PM - 7:30PM; VPL Youth Department

Tuesday, April 9th

>School Board Meeting; 6PM

Admin Board of Education Conference Room

>Mad For Art - Watercolor Bookmarks

6PM; VPL Meeting Room; Sign Up Online

Wednesday, April 10th

>VPL Pins & Needles: Knit and Crochet

6PM; Vestal Public Library

>Financial Literacy: College Prep

6PM; VPL Meeting Room; Ages 15+

Thursday, April 11th

IB Art Show Reception

3PM - 6PM; Vestal High School

Friday, April 12th

Open Game Day - All Ages

11AM - 3:30PM; VPL Meeting Room

Saturday, April 13th

>ACT Exam

7:45AM; Area Schools

> NYS Odyssey of the Mind Tournament

NYS Fairgrounds

Monday, April 15th

VPL Board of Trustees Meeting

6:30PM; VPL Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 16th

Dollars for Scholars Meeting

7AM; Zoom

Wednesday, April 17th

> VMS PTO Meeting

6PM; VMS Library

>VHS Instrumental Chamber Concert

7PM; VHS Auditorium



Vestal Fire Department Responses

vestalfire.com

by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

**Vestal Fire this week responded to:
7 fire alarms, 1 smoke condition, 1 gas pump leak, and 1 person stuck in an elevator**

03/25	22:16	Vestal Parkway E.	Commercial fire alarm
03/26	00:41	Plaza Drive	Commercial fire alarm
03/27	06:28	Vestal Parkway E.	General fire alarm
03/27	14:11	Vestal Parkway W.	Commercial fire alarm
03/27	19:32	Vestal Road	Fire alarm - north lower level
03/29	12:30	Ridgehaven Drive	General fire alarm
03/29	13:38	Route 26	Leak at gas pump
03/31	00:09	West Drive	Person(s) stuck in elevator
04/01	02:58	Front Street	Smoke condition coming from under the bridge
04/01	12:18	State Route 267	Mutual aid to Silver Lake, Pa for a fire alarm



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.

WE APPRECIATE ALL STORY TIPS AS WELL
EMAIL TO: News@TiersNews.com

VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Marilyn Drooney, 26, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Joshua VanGordon, 24, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Austin Andrews, 42, Endicott, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Refusal of Breath Test, Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, Driving Wrong Way on One-Way Street, Moved from Lane Unsafely, Fail to Comply with Lawful Order, Fail to Use Designated Lane and Consumption of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle after a traffic stop.

Kevin Botsford, 43, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Lowe's.

Jason Kelly, 28, Apalachin, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Operating in Violation of Ignition Interlock Restriction, Inadequate Muffler, Unlicensed Operator and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd Degree for possessing Meth and two scales during a traffic stop.

Rosalyn Tillman, 23, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Kyla Felton, 22, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Bobur Malikov, 21, Brooklyn, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Javonne Thomas, 21, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Ellaray Jimerson, 20, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Trent Webb, 27, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Refusal of Breath Test and Speed in Zone after a traffic stop.

Dustin Smith, 30, Barton, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth when taken into custody on a warrant.

Jessiah Jones, 39, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny and Burglary 3rd Degree for shoplifting from Wal-Mart after previously being banned from the location.

Amanda Mikalajunas, 36, Binghamton, arrested for two counts of Petit Larceny for shoplifting from the Vestal Weis on two dates.

Virgil Rohmann, 57, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from the Vestal Weis.

Lauren Thomas, 20, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

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REPORT

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Jayebe Lapido, 21, Yonkers, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Andrew Smith, 32, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Contempt 2nd Degree for contacting the victim through an App, in violation of a full stay away order of protection.

Jedd Gardner, 39, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree and Stalking 4th Degree for utilizing a tracking app and sending the victim multiple texts indicating he knew where she was located.

Kyle Kraus, 27, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated- More than .18 BAC after the investigation of a suspicious vehicle.

Vestal High School Students Receive Top Honors In Tri-Cities Women's Club Writing Contest



The Vestal High School English department is pleased to announce that two Vestal High School students will be receiving first-place awards in the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Tri-Cities Women's Club Writing Contest. Congratulations to Chloe Wirth, who won first place in the

Short-Story category for her story "One Last 'I Love You'" and to Margaret Wood, who won first place in Poetry for "As Time Passes." Mrs. Dorothy Bachman, president of the Tri-Cities Women's Club, will present the students with their award certificates and contest prizes at 2:30 p.m. on March 27, 2024.

We are extremely proud that their innovative writing has brought Chloe and Margaret local acclaim!

Calling All Running Bears!



Make tracks for a good cause! The "Running of the Bears" 5K Run/Walk hosted by the Vestal High School Varsity Club and community sponsors is Saturday, April 13, 2024. Registration is now open for individuals and teams: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Vestal/TheRunningoftheBears>

Running Bears registering by March 28 will receive the 2024 race shirt, designed by a Vestal HS student. Online registration closes April 10.

Bear cubs can once again enjoy the free half-mile "Fun Run" for children, which will begin at 9 a.m. The 5K features staggered race starts for walkers and runners at 9:30 and 10 a.m. Running Bears will take their marks in front of the Vestal High School, 205 Woodlawn Drive, Vestal.

Race-day registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and fees are \$25 for adult runners and walkers. Student registration fees for Running Bear participants age 18 and under are \$15 per individual runner/walker.

Reserve Tickets Now for VMS musical "The Little Mermaid!"



Pre-ticket orders are being accepted until April 23 for Vestal Middle School's production of "The Little Mermaid," which is scheduled for April 26 - 28, 2024.

Order your tickets online here: <https://www.vestal.stier.org/MusicDepartment.aspx>

Ticket orders are not confirmed until payment is received by mail...

Follow the instructions that come up after submitting the ticket order form. Tickets will also be sold at the door one hour prior to each scheduled performance.

A Solar Eclipse is Right Around the Corner!

On Monday, April 8, a total solar eclipse will be passing through NYS from the southwest corner near the Pennsylvania border to the northeast corner by Vermont. While exciting, there are precautions to take and ways to protect our air.

As the solar eclipse travels over NYS, the entire state will be able to see at least 88% of a partial eclipse. The eclipse will begin shortly after 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Full totality, or as close to it, will begin around 3:20 p.m. and the entirety of the eclipse wraps up around 4:40 p.m. Locations in the path of totality could experience total darkness for up to 4 minutes. Check out the NASA map of percentages for the partial eclipse.

To view the eclipse safely, remember the following tips:

Protect your eyes with specialized solar viewing glasses, pinhole projectors, or even a colander!

- Check traffic before heading out for this epic event. Consider using 511NY for current travel conditions and bring an atlas or map. Cell service may be limited or slow due to lots of people or the location.
- Speaking of limited cell service, texts with no emojis or images will generally get out when calls cannot.
- Prepare for the weather. April can bring sun, ice, snow, rain, and mud!
- The NY statewide annual burn ban is in effect from March 16 through May 14. To avoid sparking a wildfire, do not park on dry (yellow/brown) grass.
- If camping, know the regulations, bring the proper gear, and watch out for ticks.

With so many people traveling to get the perfect view, we can take precautions to protect our air. If you plan on traveling across the state or to a local park, here are a few ways you can green your trip while still enjoying this exciting celestial event:

- Walk or bike: The healthiest way to travel, this zero-emission option is great for short trips.
- Carpool: Make plans with a friend and drive together to your destination to lower emissions.
- Public transportation: Many buses use hybrid and electric power and can transport many people. It's the ultimate form of carpooling!
- Staycation: Enjoy the show from your yard, keeping your emissions meter at zero.

Vestal Town Crier

NEWS/ADVERTISING DEADLINE

The Vestal Town Crier goes to press on Wednesdays. Deadline for news and advertising is the Friday before the desired week of publication.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All letters to the editor are welcomed. All letters must be signed and include the phone number of the writer, to be used for verification of authenticity, not for publication. The editor reserves the right to refuse to publish letters which contain potentially libelous or erroneous statements. Also, letters endorsing political candidates are considered advertisements and should be prepaid as is all political advertising. No letters to the editor regarding political candidates will be accepted.

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Solar Eclipse at VPL

VPL will host a Solar Eclipse watch event from 2:30 - 4:30 on Monday, April 8. Solar glasses will be included for attendees while supplies last. Solar glasses are available for pick up for personal use for those who cannot attend the event. Limit of two pairs of glasses per family. Please note that the peak solar eclipse will be around 3:20 PM on Monday, April 8.

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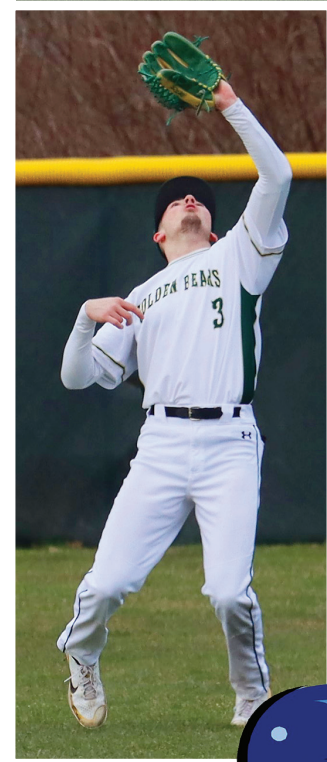
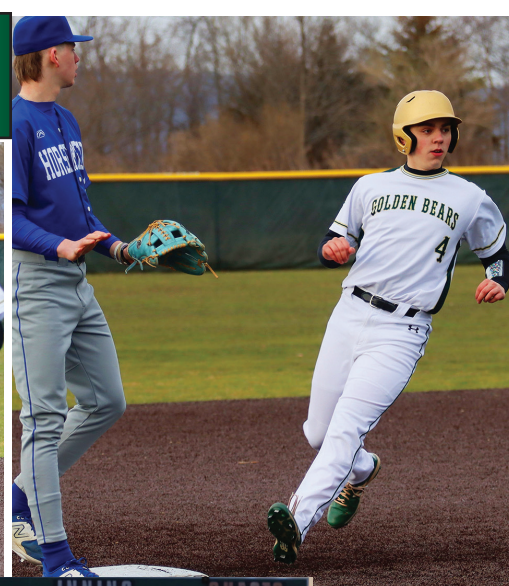
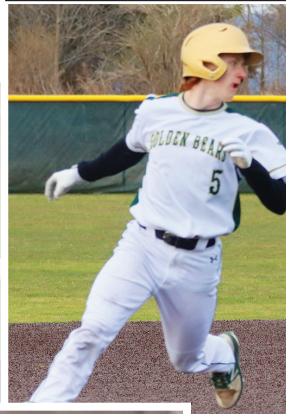
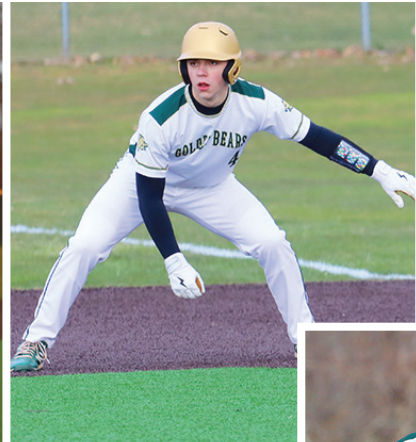
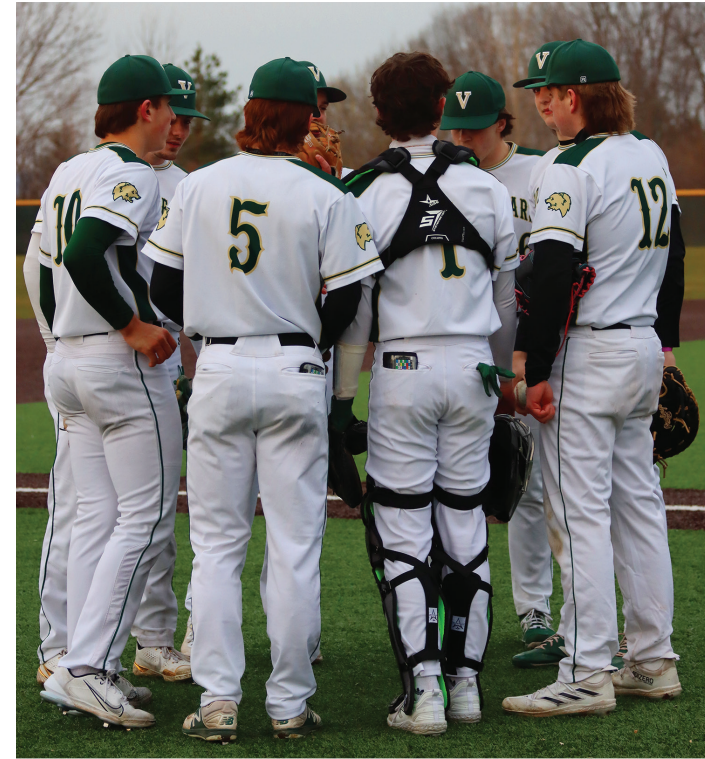
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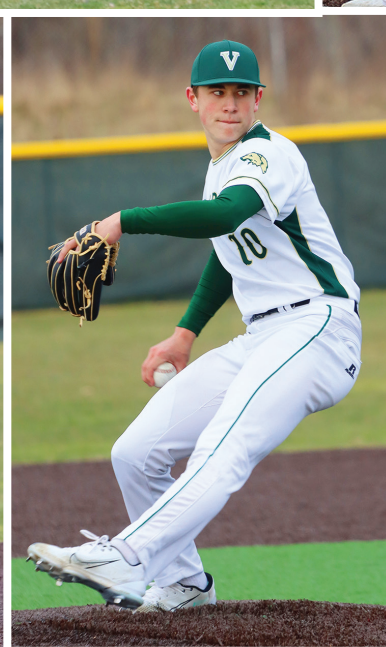
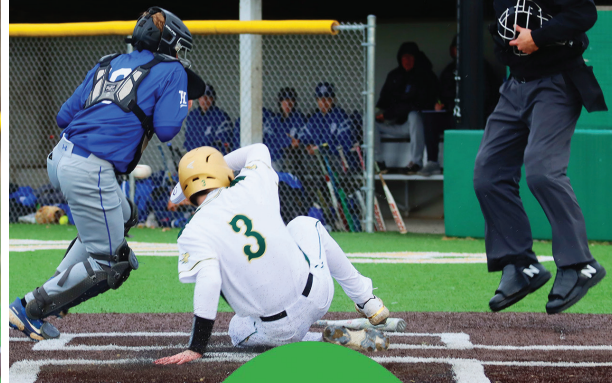
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VESTAL BOYS BASEBALL VS HORSEHEADS

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BALL	STRIKE	OUT
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VESTAL GIRLS JV LACROSSE VS HORSEHEADS



Photos Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink



Annual Burn Ban in Effect through May 14

Spring Burn Ban Reduces Wildfire Risks, Protects Lives, and Property

New Yorkers are reminded of the start of the annual statewide ban prohibiting residential brush burning. Since 2009, DEC enforces the annual brush burning ban from March 16 through May 14 to prevent wildfires and protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires.

Even though some areas of the state remain blanketed in snow, warming temperatures can quickly cause wildfire conditions to arise. Open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures warm and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation.

Camp Fire Safety

1. Camp fires with family and friends are great fun! To make your next camp fire safer and healthier, remember to:
2. Check the fire danger map first to make sure it's safe to have a fire where you are.
3. Avoid burning on windy days.
4. Keep your camp fire less than 3 feet high and less than 4 feet wide.
5. Keep flammable objects and debris at least 3 feet away from the fire.
6. Never burn trash, including paper products, plastic, glass, and metal (like tin and aluminum cans).
7. Burn only local firewood.
8. Burn only dry, plain wood - no pressure-treated lumber or plywood, and no painted or stained wood.
9. Untreated wood, split tree logs, and branches are recommended for camp fires.
10. Using heat-treated/kiln-dried wood can prevent the spread of invasive species.
11. Never use fire accelerants such as kerosene, gasoline, or lighter fluid.
12. Stay out of the smoke. The fire and its warmth can be pleasant for everyone, but inhaling smoke is unhealthy for you and for your pets.
13. Keep water or a fire extinguisher nearby. Never leave your fire unattended.
14. When you're finished with your fire, fully extinguish it. Stirring water or dirt into the remains of the fire can help.

For more information about fire safety and prevention, go to DEC's FIREWISE New York webpage at <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/wildfires/firewise-new-york>

VHS 2024 YEARBOOK

Orders

Online sales of 2024's "The Den" will end on May 31! If you have not ordered yours, here is the link to order online:

<https://link.entourage-yearbooks.com/my/vestal-bears2024>

Yearbooks are \$60 each.



Vestal Youth Police Academy

The 12th Annual Vestal Youth Police Academy is scheduled for July 8 - 26, 2024, this summer at Vestal High School.

There are two sessions:

Middle School students currently in grades 6 - 8 can attend July 8 - 12, and the session for High School students currently in grades 9 - 12 is July 15 - 26. Hours will be 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This is a leadership opportunity for students to learn about many different areas of police work that is in its 12th year. There will be K-9 demonstrations, CSI scenarios, CPR training, traffic stop scenarios and much more.

This program is free to all participants and open to students in all middle/high schools in our region. Vestal students can find applications in the VHS Main Office and Counseling & Guidance Office or in Counseling & Guidance's Google Classroom, as well as in the VMS Main and Counseling & Guidance main offices.

Students at neighboring school districts can contact SRO Tuetken by email or call 607-221-5493 for an application.

VESTAL YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

Summer 2024

APPLY TODAY!!

Middle School Students July 8-12 Mon-Fri 10AM-3PM Vestal High School	High School Students July 15-26 Mon-Fri 10AM-3PM Vestal High School
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Contact SRO Tuetken at Mtuetken@vestalny.gov or 607-221-5493 for an application.

All school districts are welcome!



Vestal, Remember to Recycle Right!

PAPER

Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, manila folders, envelopes, brown paper bags
 White, colored notebook and fax paper
 Soft and hardcover books
 Wrapping paper (non-metallic)

Don't recycle:

Metallic paper, receipts, tissues, napkins, paper towels, paper cups, paper plates or paper egg cartons.

CARDBOARD

All Cardboard Boxes
 Pizza boxes (not too greasy or with food on them)
 Corrugated boxes (wavy middle layer)
 Single-layer cardboard (cereal boxes)

Don't recycle:

Wax-covered cardboard (can scrape off wax with your fingernail), mold-covered or food contaminated material.

GLASS

Clear, brown and green (jars and bottles only)

Don't recycle:

Window-pane glass, mirrors, ceramics, plates, cups or light bulbs.

PLASTICS

Beverage containers (no liquid left in the container)
 Food containers (rinsed and cleaned) (peanut butter jars, ketchup, mayo containers, etc.)

Detergent, Shampoo containers, etc.

Landscape plant trays & flowerpots (no soil)

Small plastic totes

Small plastic wastebaskets

Plastic reusable bottles

Plastic reusable food storage containers (no food or liquid left in the container)

Don't recycle:

Plastic bags*, plastic film*, Styrofoam, packing foam, packing peanuts, automotive fluid containers, small appliances, utensils and plates.

*Plastic bags and plastic film can be recycled through bag recycling programs at store locations.

METALS

Tin and steel food and beverage cans (no food or liquid left in the container)

Aluminum pans, cans and clean foil

Metal pots, pans and bowls

Don't recycle:

Utensils, hangers, wire, cords or scrap metal.

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METAL CANS & CONTAINERS

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Practical Money-Saving Tips For Everyone

1. Evaluating current subscriptions and memberships

If you have multiple subscriptions, take the time to review what you really use and cancel those used infrequently.

Contact subscription services directly to find ways to save. Take advantage of discounts through company benefits, enroll in family share plans, pay fees annually vs. monthly, and ask the company if there are any other ways to save.

Cancel automatic renewals. Turn off auto-renewal which limits your opportunity to evaluate your subscriptions every year.

2. Using Electronics Wisely

Shut down your computer: When you shut down your computer, don't forget to turn off the monitor—it can use twice as much energy as the computer. Use an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved power strip for convenience so that all computer accessories can be turned off with one switch. Even in sleep mode, your computer may cost you \$105 a year.

Disconnect digital media players: Turn off dvd and blu-ray players, audio players, and video game consoles when not in use to avoid wasting energy. Even when powered off, most electronics continue to draw power, often referred to as ghost electricity, vampire power or phantom power. To save energy and time, plug entertainment products into an UL approved power strip to centrally turn off all components at once.

Stream your content smartly: Streaming through a game console uses up to 10 times as much energy as streaming on a laptop or tablet. Consider using another kind of device to stream—like a blu-ray player, set-top box, or smart tv that has earned an Energy Star® label.

3. Planning transportation ahead of time

Combine errands into one trip to save time and money. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer multipurpose trip covering the same distance when the engine is warm. Trip planning ensures that traveling is done when the engine is warmed up and efficient, and it can reduce the distance you travel saving fuel and wear/tear on your vehicle.

4. Reevaluating Heating and Cooling

Check your thermostat: Each degree you lower your thermostat can cut your fuel consumption by approximately 3%. Installing a programmable thermostat can automatically adjust the temperature based on your home, work, and sleep schedule and provide an estimated cost savings of 10-20% on your monthly heating and cooling bills.

Weatherize and insulate your home: Help your home to retain heat during cold weather by insulating your attic and outside walls, sealing and insulating heating ducts, removing window air conditioners, wrapping or covering wall air conditioners, and sealing any cracks around walls and windows.

Get your heating system tested and tuned: Conduct annual checkups to help ensure the efficiency of your system. Replace your furnace filters at least every three months to keep your equipment running efficiently and consider replacing the filters once a month during heavy use months such as the summer and winter. A dirty filter slows down airflow and makes your system work harder to keep you comfortable.

5. Rethinking Your Grocery Habits

Purchasing in bulk can save money on items you frequently buy. Wholesale shopping also allows you to stock up for fewer shopping trips. Some wholesale clubs allow membership sharing, and that could mean splitting the membership fee with a friend or family member. Remember to cancel memberships you aren't using.

Planning meals in advance, including breakfast, lunch and dinner, will reduce food waste and cut down on expensive meal delivery or dining-out costs. Make a grocery list to support the plan and reduce impulsive purchases.

Look for deals. Plan meals around a few bulk ingredients or based on the weekly grocery sales circular to ensure you're buying items on sale. Take advantage of store savings and enroll in store reward programs. Search for online coupons, use store savings and rewards cards, and watch for manufacturer coupons attached to the items in-store.

Shop strategically for food. Take inventory of what you have at home before going shopping. Go to the grocery store with a list, having planned out your meals until your next grocery trip.

Mild Winter is Leading to Spring Allergies Emerging Earlier

According to Dr. Katherine Holmes from UHS Primary Care, the typical peak of allergy season ranges from mid-April to late April. However, due to the mild winter experienced in the Southern Tier, Holmes noted that the allergy season is lasting longer than usual. Indeed, many individuals are already presenting symptoms weeks ahead of the expected timeframe.

During the peak season, Holmes advised being mindful of the fluctuating pollen levels throughout the day. She recommended outdoor activities during midday or early evening, as pollen levels tend to be lower during these times. For individuals prone to allergies, especially those with asthma, avoiding early mornings is advisable to prevent triggering wheezing reactions.

Holmes highlighted the challenge patients face in distinguishing between cold symptoms and allergies.

Fever indicates a viral infection rather than allergies. She also suggested that masks worn for COVID protection serve as effective barriers against pollen due to their ability to filter out large particles.



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ECLIPSE FUN FACTS!

1. Eclipses aren't that rare! A total eclipse occurs about once every 18 months. However, since Earth is 70% water, most eclipses occur over the open sea with very few people observing them.
2. In the seconds before totality occurs, it will seem like light is dancing on the sides of the moon. This phenomenon, known as Bailey's Beads, was named after a 19th century English astronomer, Francis Baily. It occurs when the moon's craters and valleys break up the light.
3. Different cultures have their interpretations of eclipses. In ancient China, dragons were said to be eating the sun. People would bang on drums to frighten the dragons away. In Navajo culture, eclipses are seen as a time for rebirth and quiet reflection.
4. This will be the first total solar eclipse in the continental U.S. in 7 years. The last one occurred August 21, 2017. Before that one, you have to go back to February 26, 1979. And it will be 20 years until the next one: August 23, 2044.
5. The center line crosses through 15 states. Several cities in these states will be able to see full coverage, including Mazatlán, Mexico; San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth, and Dallas, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland, Ohio; and Buffalo, New York. Tens of millions of people live in the eclipse path.



VP VPL TEENS

April 2024

TEEN LEGO

Drop by the YA Section between 3-4pm to hang out with friends and to make your own personalized reusable canvas tote bag. Snacks and craft supplies included! No registration, just while supplies last!

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 @ 3PM

COLLEGE PREP

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 @ 6PM

YOGURT JAR PLANTERS

Drop in the large meeting room between 3 - 4:30 pm to decorate a planter jar and plant your own mini succulent (living plant!) Mini succulents are low-maintenance plants and are great for novice plant lovers. While supplies last!

MONDAY, APRIL 22 @ 3PM

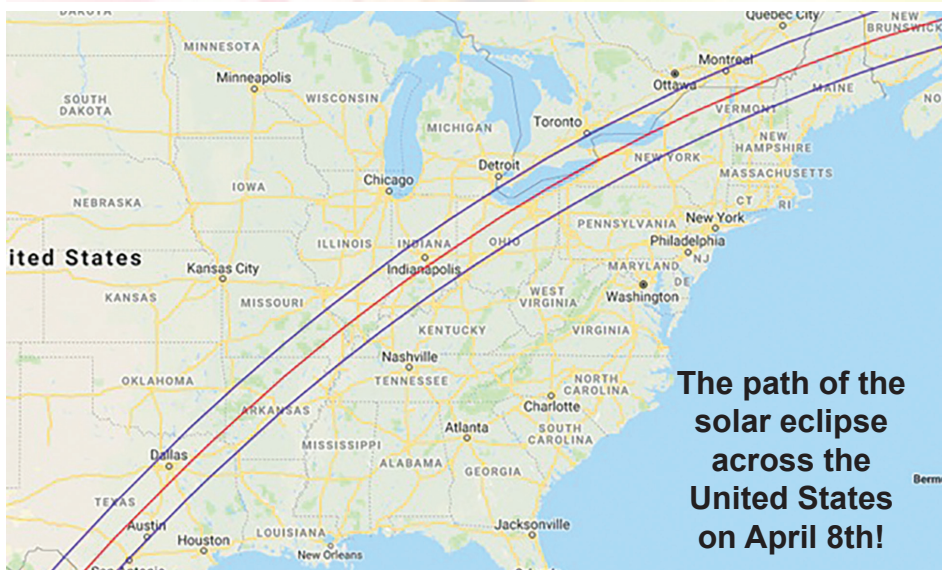
OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT & FAMILY FESTIVITIES!

Sunday, April 7, 2024 | 9:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Egg Hunt, Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Fellowship, Face Painting, Games, Crafts & More!!

ALL ages are welcome, just bring a basket & a smile!

The path of the solar eclipse across the United States on April 8th!

financial

April is National Financial Literacy Month! It is never too late or too early to learn the skills to improve your financial literacy. Local credit unions will be at VPL throughout the month to offer free events to help you with money management in all stages of life.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
1:30 - 2:30 PM
AN A4 EVENT

Everyone can learn the importance saving money! No matter what you're saving for, or how you're saving it. Empower Federal Credit Union All Ages, All Abilities

FRIDAY, APRIL 5
2 - 4 PM

Help you kids plan for the future by teaching them about basic financial wellness like saving and spending in a fun and tangible way. Visions Federal Credit Union Children and Caregivers

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
6 - 7 PM

New scams pop up every day. Learn how to detect the signs of a scam and what protections to take if you fall for one. Empower Federal Credit Union For Adults and Seniors

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
6 - 7 PM

Preparing to send your teen to college? Equip them with essential money management skills and empower your teen to make informed financial decisions for a successful future. Empower Federal Credit Union For Teens, Parents, and New Students

literacy

VPL will host a Solar Eclipse watch event from 2:30 - 4:30 on Monday, April 8. Please note that the peak solar eclipse will be around 3:20 PM on Monday, April 8.

SUBURBAN SEPTIC

- **EXCAVATING:** Foundations, driveways, sewer lines, water lines
- **SEPTIC TANKS CLEANED**
- Septic Systems Installed
- Portable Toilet Rentals



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