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Save a Life Tour at VHS, Courtesy of Broome County STOP-DWI

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Bryson Bates on the impaired driving simulator



Tyler Whiting on the distracted driving simulator



Cailay Nieves tries the Distract-a-Match activity, being timed by Harper Kelly



Michael May using the pedal cart (with Broome County Sheriff's Deputy Hlebica)

NEW YORK STATE ODYSSEY OF THE MIND ASSOCIATION

PHOTOS ON PAGE 4!

Problem 2 Division 1



Odyssey of the Mind

PET OF THE WEEK:

Flash



This is Flash! While he may not move at the speed of light like his super hero alter ego, senior Flash has super sweetness! Flash can be a bit shy, but is so gentle. He loves his scratching post, playing with paper balls, catnip, and soft treats!

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



Vestal CALENDAR

Friday, May 3rd
VHE STEAM Night
6PM; Vestal Hills Elementary

Saturday, May 4th
> SAT
7:45AM; Vestal High School
> Document Shredding Event
10AM - 1PM; VPL Parking Lot

Monday, May 6th
> Town Board Work Session; 6PM
> Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs
6PM - 7:30PM; VPL Youth Department

Wednesday, May 8th
> Town Board Meeting; 6PM
> Pins & Needles: Kit and Crochet
6PM; VPL
> VPLTeens Outdoor Scavenger Hunt
3PM - 4:30PM
> Open Mic Night at the Vestal Museum
6PM - 9PM; All Ages Welcome!

Friday, May 10th
Open Game Day - All Ages
11AM - 3:30PM; VPL Meeting Room

Tuesday, May 14th
>School Board Meeting & Annual Public Budget
Hearing; 6PM; Clayton Avenue
>Teens Outdoor Lawn Games
3PM; VPL Reading Garden
> Mad for Art: Painted Rock Gnomes
6PM; VPL Meeting Room
> VHS Vestal Voices Concert
7PM; VHS Auditorium

Wednesday, May 15th
>Board Game Night - All Ages
6PM; VPL
> VMS Spring Bands Concert
6:30PM; African Road Auditorium

Thursday, May 16th
>District K - 12 Art Show Reception
5PM; Vestal Public Library
> THE Grade 2 Musical
6:30PM; Tioga Hills Elementary

Friday, May 17th
African Road Elementary Talent Show
6:30PM; African Road Auditorium



Vestal Fire Department Responses

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by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

Vestal Fire this week responded to:
14 fire alarms, 1 smoke detector activation, 1 house fire, 1 instance of gasoline smell in a basement, 1 wire down, 1 elevator rescue, and 1 food truck hitting a fountain/propane leak.

04/23 10:22	Bunn Hill Access Rd.	Lobby/Hallway fire alarm
04/23 11:23	Castle Gardens Road	General fire alarm
04/23 13:30	West Drive	Ground floor west fire alarm
04/23 23:04	East Access Road	Lounge fire alarm
04/24 01:52	East Access Road	Lounge fire alarm
04/24 09:35	Vestal Parkway E.	General fire alarm
04/24 09:54	Kane Drive	Smoke detector activation
04/25 02:08	Connector Road	Commercial fire alarm
04/25 02:27	Henry Street	Mutual aid to Binghamton for a house fire
04/25 05:16	East Access Road	Commercial fire alarm
04/25 08:05	Vestal Road	Smell of gasoline in basement
04/25 10:33	Pierce Hill & Andrews	Wire down
04/26 02:40	Murray Hill Road	Commercial fire alarm
04/27 11:46	Vestal Road	Fire alarm from panel
04/27 13:24	East Access Road	General fire alarm
04/27 15:03	Vestal Road	Possible elevator rescue
04/27 17:40	Route 26	Commercial fire alarm - dining area
04/27 18:03	East Access Road	Lounge fire alarm
04/28 03:44	East Access Road	Bathroom fire alarm
04/28 11:07	West Drive	Food truck hit fountain/propane leak



School Budget Vote/School Board Election

Starting 5/21/2024
 Polls open at 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the Vestal Central Junior Gym, 201 Main Street, Vestal.
 School Board meeting and certification of the Vote to take place at 9 p.m. in the School Board Conference Room of the Vestal CSD Administration building, same address.

VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Rasheed Crawford, 40, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny and Burglary 3rd Degree for shoplifting from TJ Maxx after previously being banned from the location.

Bobby Barfield, 37, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's.

Wenzhe Wang, 26, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Contempt 2nd Degree for violating a stay away order of protection by going to the victim's residence.

Timothy Wilson, 50, Port Crane, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Michael Canfield, 41, Johnson City, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More than .18 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-With Child in the Vehicle, Uninspected Motor Vehicle, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd Degree and Consumption of Alcohol in a motor vehicle after a traffic stop.

Macy Reid, 23, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's.

William Riley, 41, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Tractor Supply.

Amber Varney, 35, Greene, arrested for Petit Larceny, Burglary 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance 7th Degree for shoplifting from Wal-Mart after previously being banned from the location and possessing Suboxone.

Zachary Lindow, 36, Greene, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Daniel Stewart, 34, Endicott, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Failure to Obey Traffic Device and Changing Lanes on Hazard Markings after a traffic stop.

Basheem Smalls, 22, Endicott, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs and Alcohol, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd Degree, Failed to Stop at a Stop Sign and Moved from Lane Unsafely after a motor vehicle accident.

Robert Leone, 44, homeless, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

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

Spring Cleaning: Don't Toss That 'Junk,' It May Be Valuable!

From baseball cards and sports equipment to postcards and photographs, is that "junk" in your attic or basement dusty treasure or just dusty? We've all heard of families getting rich from the sale of rare memorabilia they found when spring cleaning. A little time spent determining if items are valuable and where to sell them can pay off in the long run.

"The sale of older sports cards, postcards and photographs can yield thousands of dollars, even tens of thousands or more for the right ones," says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions, an internet sports auction house that helps families identify and sell valuable sports cards and memorabilia.

Crisafulli has assisted people in selling tens of millions of dollars of baseball card collections, autographs, sports equipment and more. Such sales can be life changing. In one instance, he researched a family's old baseball bat and proved it was game used by Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig. His Love of the Game Auctions sold it for almost half a million dollars, a figure which would top a million dollars today.

Here are some of his tips to determine if your sports collectibles are valuable:

The Older, the Better with Cards. Vintage sports cards from the early periods of sports are collectible, especially Hall of Famers. Do you have stars from the 1960s, 1950s or earlier? Look for names like Mickey Mantle, Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner or Ty Cobb. Even non-star cards can be valuable, especially in nice condition with sharp corners and no creases.

Really early cards from the 1880s through the 1930s are particularly desirable, such as those by tobacco, gum and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet Caporal, American Caramel, Goudey or Diamond Stars.

When determining where to sell cards and memorabilia, focus on a specialty auction house, such as Love of the Game, which employs trained experts in researching sports ephemera, and maintains bidder lists of sports collectors. More information is available at loveofthegameauctions.com.

Don't Overlook Memorabilia and Equipment

Cards aren't the only potentially valuable things. Look for older promotional and advertising ephemera spotlighting sports stars, especially items that promote sporting goods, food or tobacco brands. Ads from magazines aren't valuable, but store displays, signs and premiums can be pricey.

Old sporting goods and equipment, such as balls, bats, gloves and uniforms, can also be valuable, especially if you had a family member who played minor or major league sports. Note that items from before the 1960s are highly collected. Also look for equipment endorsed by star players. Condition matters, but game-used equipment from professionals can be valuable in almost any condition.

Save Postcards and Photographs

If you have old photographs, cabinet cards or postcards of sports stars or ballparks, they should be evaluated. Those from pre-1960 can be expensive. Look for early "real photo" postcards from the 1900s through the 1940s, which are photographs printed on postcard backs. Popular stars are key, meaning original images like Babe Ruth or early ballparks can be valuable, as opposed to images of your family members playing sports or of popular vacation destinations. When examining photographs, look for markings on the back, such as photographer, publication and date stamps. Also set aside cabinet cards, which are photographs from the 1880s through the 1930s adhered to cardboard stock.

"A good rule of thumb is that the older a sports item is, the more valuable it might be, especially from before the 1950s going back to the 1880s," says Crisafulli.

This spring cleaning season, don't rush to haul "junk" to the curb. Examine it first.

Foodbank of the Southern Tier- APALACHIN LIONS

WALK-UP MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024, 10-11 AM
 St. Margaret Mary's Church
 1110 Pennsylvania Ave.
 Apalachin, NY 13732
 Pre-registration required

REGISTRATION
 Tuesday before – May 21st
 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
 Bring a cart or bags to carry food!

Vestal Hall of Fame Inductee Lynn to Guest-Lecture at Vestal High School

Soon-to-be inducted into Vestal's Hall of Fame, Mr. Brian Lynn is scheduled to tour his alma mater at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, and then talk to art students about his illustrious career indesign. From 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., he will also share how his experiences in Vestal shaped his future. A tenet of Vestal's Hall of Fame is the mentorship aspect of inviting inductees to come into our classrooms to interact with students and provide inspiration for their future plans.

A Class of 1993 alumnus, Mr. Lynn has over 25 years of experience as a User Experience Designer. He is currently the Group Creative Director of Hero Digital and leads the UX, UX Strategy, and Content Strategy teams. Throughout his career, Mr. Lynn has received OBIE and Horizon Interactive Awards in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2009. He is also the recipient of the 2015 National Association of Homebuilders Design Center and Website of the Year awards.

A resident of Atlanta, Georgia, now, Mr. Lynn is in town to be formally inducted into Vestal's Hall of Fame at a dinner and ceremony beginning at 5 p.m., May 1, in the Vestal High School Cafeteria. He is to be inducted along with Dr. Mark Hatala, Class of 1980.

MAY FUN FACTS!

1. The zodiac signs for May are Taurus (April 20 – May 20) and Gemini (May 21 – June 20).
2. The birthstones for May are emerald and agate.
3. May is National Mental Health Month in the United States.
4. No U.S. president has ever died in the month of May. In every other month of the year, at least one U.S. president has died.
5. The Empire State Building opened its doors on May 1, 1931.
6. May actually has two birth flowers – the Lily-of-the-Valley and the Hawthorn.
7. Some May holidays are: May Day - May 1st, Lei Day - May 1st, National Truffle Day - May 2nd, Star Wars Day - May 4th, Cinco De Mayo - May 5th, National Space Day - May 7th, National Cactus day - May 10th, National Dance Like A Chicken Day - May 14th, World Bee Day - May 20th
8. Some monthly May celebrations are: Mother's Day - The Second Sunday of May, National Strawberry Month, National Pet Month, Kentucky Derby - First Saturday of May, Memorial Day - Last Monday in May, National Smile Month, BBQ Month!
9. Many famous people were born in May, such as Mark Zuckerberg, Karl Marx, Clint Eastwood, Wes Anderson, John F. Kennedy, Queen Victoria, and Catherine the Great!

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VESTAL HILLS ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

WON 8TH PLACE!



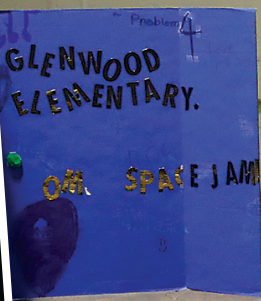
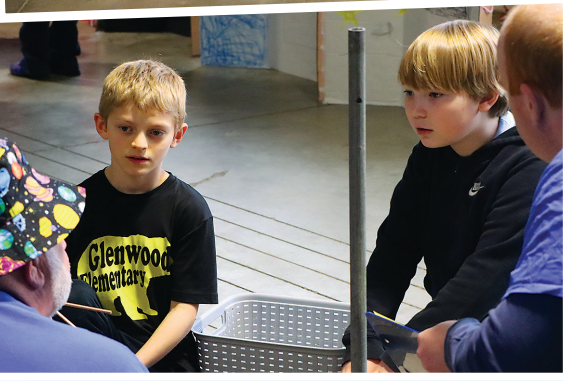
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GLENWOOD ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

WON 15TH PLACE!

Photos Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink!



The whole gang: Jack Sobel, Leah Whitney, Bastian Smith, Irene Sullivan, Henry Pomeranz, Romina Yelverton, JJ Atkinson



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- Bike patrol
- K-9
- School Resource Officer



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VPL TEENS

May 2024

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt - 3 - 4:30 PM
VPL Reading Garden / Lawn

Enjoy the spring weather with this outdoor scavenger hunt. Find all the hidden clues to decode a message and turn in your completed scavenger hunt for a prize. ** Weather Permitting **

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Outdoor Lawn Games 3 PM
VPL Reading Garden / Lawn

Get out for some sunshine and fun at VPL! From 3 - 4 PM outside the library, there will be large games such as Connect4, Corn Hole, Throw Throw Burrito, and more! Snacks offered! ** Weather Permitting **

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Mental Health Day
Vestal High School

VPL is partnering with Vestal High School's Mental Health Club to celebrate and bring awareness to Mental Health Awareness Month. Stop by room 181 during your lunch period to make a DIY stress ball and meet with therapy dogs!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

I'd Rather Read YA - Virtual
6PM - Sign up online - Ages 15+
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder - Holly Jackson

George F. Johnson Library, Your Home Public Library, and Vestal Public Library have joined together to create a book club dedicated to all readers and fans of YA books. You can pick up copies at a library in different formats or on Libby! Join us every last Wednesday of the month at 6 PM on zoom for our book discussion, register by phone, online, or by visiting one of the three libraries to get zoom information.

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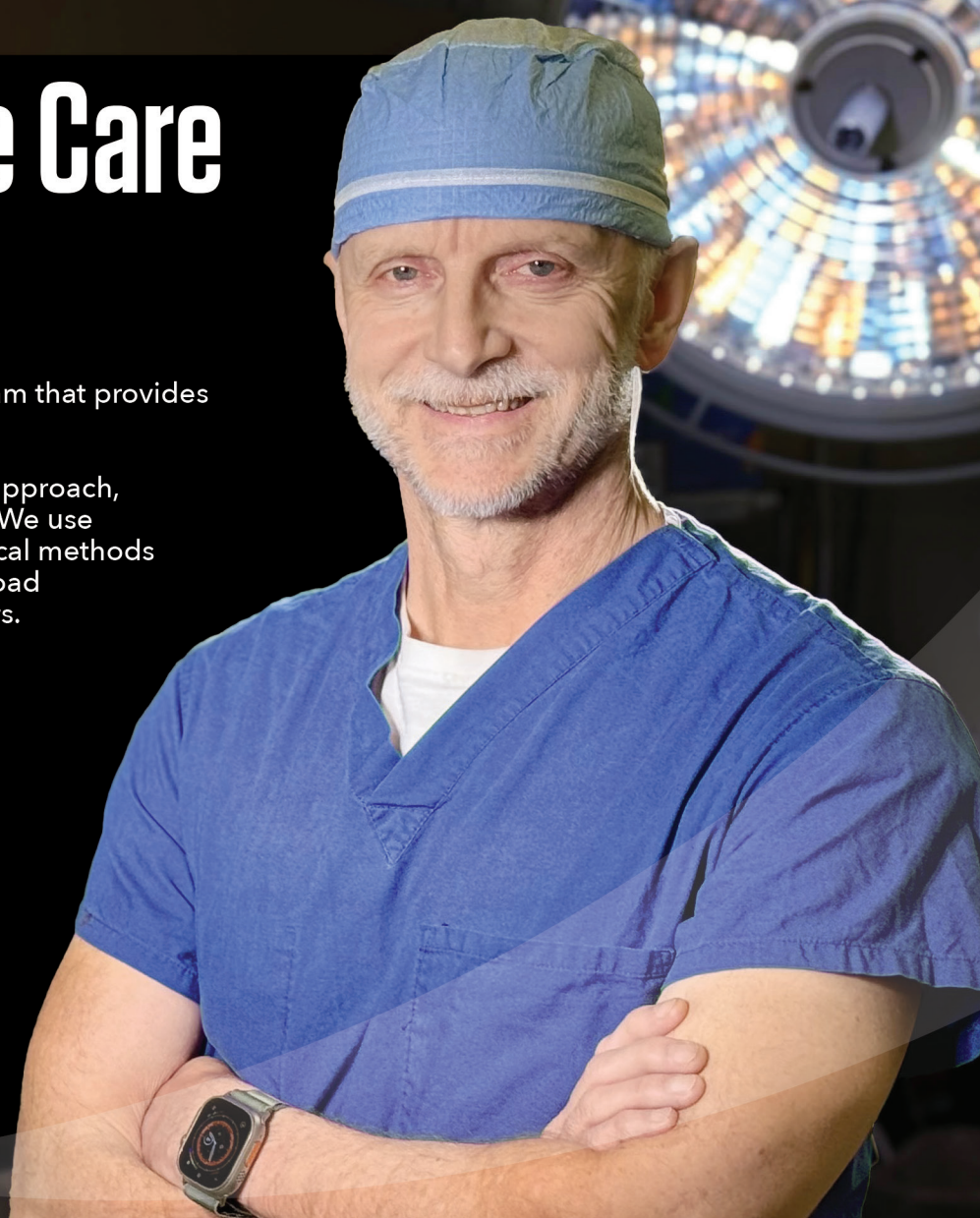
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Burn Ban Reminder

The annual burn ban is still in effect until May 14 in NYS. During this time, burning residential brush and yard debris in towns with a total population of less than 20,000 residents is prohibited due to the heightened risk of wildfires. Burning residential brush and yard debris in towns with a total population greater than 20,000 residents is prohibited year-round. Wildfires can be dangerous. It is always important to take precautions when building a cooking or campfire and monitor it while it burns so it doesn't get out of control. Since the implementation of the annual burn ban, spring wildfires have decreased 46% across the state.

Prescribed fires may look like wildfires to the untrained eye, but they are carefully planned and executed by trained professionals. Prescribed fires not only reduce the risk of wildfires but are also used to control the spread of invasive species and are an important habitat management tool. Before a prescribed fire begins, a comprehensive burn plan is developed to consider several factors, including the need for the fire, weather conditions, and smoke management, to name a few. DEC Forest Rangers, working in coordination with the National Weather Service and nationally qualified burn bosses, conduct prescribed burns safely each year in NYS.

As DEC Forest Rangers conduct these highly supervised and planned burns, New Yorkers need to continue abiding by the annual burn ban and other fire safety laws. It doesn't take long for an unattended fire to spread into an uncontrolled wildfire. By abiding by these laws, we can continue enjoying our outdoor cooking and campfires while appreciating the outdoors and clean air our state offers.

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Vets Advocates Push Supreme Court To Dump Laws Punishing Homelessness

By Leo Shane III

Activists demonstrated outside the Supreme Court on April 22, just before arguments concerning financial and criminal penalties for sleeping outdoors in public places.

Veterans advocates are warning that arguments presented to the Supreme Court on Monday regarding laws criminalizing homelessness could have a troubling impact on efforts to help former troops struggling to find stable housing.

The case — Johnson v. City of Grants Pass — centers on an Oregon town where officials approved regulations fining people \$295 for sleeping outside in public areas, part of an effort to manage homeless encampments in the city's parks. Offenders can face jail time for multiple violations.

Courts have generally ruled against the city laws, arguing that individuals cannot be punished simply for being homeless, particularly if adequate support services are not available. Supreme Court justices heard arguments from plaintiffs and defendants on Monday morning and are expected to deliver a final ruling later this summer.

The legal showdown comes just a few months after the Department of Housing and Urban Development announced a nationwide increase in homelessness among veterans from 2022 to 2023, the most recent data available.

Retired Army Lt. Col. Elizabeth Kubala, executive director of Syracuse University's Veterans Legal Clinic (which also signed on to the amicus brief), said for many veterans, accessing support services is a challenge even under ideal circumstances.

"We've seen firsthand the inequities rendered in the lives of homeless veterans when complex legal battles and unjust rulings prevent them from receiving critical benefits," she said, adding that the case speaks to "the importance of ensuring that criminal enforcement actions do not further complicate access to housing, medical care and benefits."

The Associated Press reported that dozens of demonstrators protested outside the court on Monday, some holding signs which read "housing not handcuffs" and "housing solves homelessness." Veterans seeking help with homelessness or related financial problems can call 877-424-3838 for help.



Vestal High Grad Receives Award

Steve Wynne, graduate of Vestal High School class of 1972 will be inducted into the New York State Section IV Athletic Association Hall of Fame on May 11th, 2024.

In September of 1969 Steve began his athletic career at Vestal High by joining the Cross Country Team. Under the guidance of his coach Ron White, he became the premier distance runner in Section IV until his graduation in 1972.

During the 1970 and 1971 Cross Country seasons he placed first in all his races, both dual and Section IV invitational meets, setting course records 5 different times. This number could have been larger if not for what one coach described as a "gentlemanly gesture" to let his teammate(s) tie for first place with him, limiting his chances for additional course records to be gained. He won back to back Section IV Class A titles in this time period, and in 1971 finished second in the State Intersectional. This finish allowed Section IV to win the Class A team title, an honor only achieved once before in 1962.

Track and Field events in 1972 yielded Vestal, Sectional, and STAC school records in the 880 (1:56.5), as well as a

The Department of Veterans Affairs Homeless Programs

Programs assist veterans and their families in obtaining permanent and sustainable housing with access to high-quality health care and supportive services.

The VA strives to end homelessness among all veterans and their families by using evidence-based, innovative practices and partnerships that provide access to permanent housing and deliver other critical services. These veteran-centered, equitable and inclusive offerings empower veterans and enable their independence.

How this benefit helps

The VA Homeless Programs help veterans and their families by assisting them in:

- Obtaining permanent and sustainable housing
- Receiving access to high-quality health care
- Accessing VA supportive services

Use the VA programs to combat homelessness in veterans.

If you are or know a veteran who is homeless or is at imminent risk of becoming homeless, contact the VA for assistance.

How to access this benefit:

Support for veterans who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness is available in local VA Medical Centers, where VA staff are ready to help.

Veterans and their families can also contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-4AID-VET to be connected to VA services.

Community Resource and Referral Centers provide veterans who are homeless and at risk of homelessness with one-stop access to community-based, multiagency services to promote permanent housing, health and mental health care, career development and access to VA and non-VA benefits. No Veteran should be without a place to call home.

VA is committed to ending homelessness among Veterans. Our focus is threefold:

- Conducting coordinated outreach to proactively seek out Veterans in need of assistance.
- Connecting homeless and at-risk Veterans with housing solutions, health care, community employment services and other required supports.
- Collaborating with federal, state and local agencies; employers; housing providers, faith-based and community nonprofits; and others to expand employment and affordable housing options for Veterans exiting homelessness.

STAC Mile record of (4:18.5) for Steve. Those 2 record setting numbers came on the same day in what was described as "one of the greatest doubles in New York history." Steve became the first Section IV individual champion since 1965 when he captured first place in the mile run (4:19.2) at the State intersectional meet. He also placed 4th in the 880 while matching his best time and Section IV record of 1:55. Most of these Vestal school records are still in place today more than 50 years later.

Upon graduation Steve was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy where he participated in the track and field program, graduating (B.S. Physics) in 1976. He then proudly served our country aboard a nuclear submarine.

Steve resides in the San Francisco bay area with his family and is semi retired from his career of technical management and consulting in the "Silicon Valley" region of the United States.



Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle

Participating in reduction and reuse is simple but the impact is lasting and far reaching. Reuse can have many benefits for our communities and the environment such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, conserving water and other natural resources, and stopping waste before it starts.

Easy ways to reduce and reuse:

- Using durable products over disposable where possible
- Donating and buying secondhand items and materials
- Sharing, lending, and renting items
- Skip the stuff - when ordering prepared food and beverages, let food service staff know if you do not need disposable utensils, condiment packets, straws, etc. before ordering
- Support business and products that encourage reuse
- Find reuse opportunities with the Recycle Right NY Reuse Locator Tool
- Repair

Sometimes items get thrown away, when all they need is a simple repair to work again. Repair is another important way that we can conserve natural resources, reduce waste, protect the environment, and even save a little money in the process. And it can be fun and empowering to learn how to do it yourself!

Easy ways to engage in repair:

- Bring an item to your local repair cafe to learn skills and fix your item for free.
- Visit IFIXIT to find guidance for repairing anything from clothing to appliances.

Need a tool? Contact your local recycling coordinator to learn if there is a tool lending library in your community.

Need repair instructions, parts, or specialized tools? The New York State Digital Fair Repair Act (Repair Act) went into effect statewide on December 28, 2023. The law makes it easier to get electronics repaired at independent shops or do repairs at home by requiring manufacturers doing business in New York to make certain documents, tools, and parts widely available. Consumers and repair shops can contact the manufacturer for the documents, tools, and parts necessary for repairs. Under the Repair Act, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is tasked with enforcing the new law and is authorized to investigate potential violations, and take action when appropriate.

Recycle

Are you recycling right? Most New Yorkers (83%) believe that recycling is important. And while residents are recycling many items “right,” (such as metal cans and milk jugs), there are certain items that are commonly tossed in the recycling bin that don’t belong.

And remember, if you’re confused by some of these items you’re not alone. With so many different products and materials we encounter each day, it’s no wonder many people are confused about what belongs in the recycling bin.

To avoid recycling mistakes, it is important to remember that:

Just because an item contains plastic, metal, glass, or paper does not necessarily mean it belongs in the recycling bin.

A recycling symbol on an item does not always mean it is recyclable.

Local recycling guidelines vary from place to place. That’s why it is essential that you Know Before You Throw and check your local recycling guidelines.

April Showers Bring May Flowers and Can Bring Flooding Too!

Ah, finally, Spring has arrived! The flowers and trees are blooming, the pollen is flying, and it is raining...and raining...and raining! Spring storms can dump several inches of rain in a short period of time, or cause rain to fall for days – all this rain can lead to severe flooding.

Flood water that enters your home can make the air inside unhealthy. Mold can grow on wood, drywall, carpet, and furniture if they remain wet for more than 24-48 hours. Breathing in mold can make you sick. Flood water can contain bacteria, chemicals or other hazards which may negatively affect your health.

Stay Safe When Cleaning Up After A Flood

Who should stay away – Children, people who are pregnant, and those with breathing problems like asthma or who have weakened immune systems should stay away from moldy sites and should not participate in flood cleanup.

Personal Protective Equipment – Flood cleanup can be difficult and dangerous work. If you decide to do the cleanup yourself, wear personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect your health including:

- N-95 respirators.
- Goggles (without vent holes).
- Long pants.
- Long-sleeve shirts.
- Protective gloves
- Boots or work shoes.

Fuel-powered, portable generators – Fuel-powered portable generators produce deadly carbon monoxide (CO) gas. You cannot see or smell CO, but it could kill you in minutes if you breathe it in. Operate fuel-powered, portable generators safely. Only use generators OUTSIDE and at least 20 feet away from buildings. NEVER use a fuel-powered portable generator inside your home, garage, shed, or similar enclosed areas.

Be aware of the risk of electrocution. Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it is safe to do so, turn off the electricity to prevent electric shock.

Clean and Dry Everything that Got Wet

Dry your house completely – Drying can take a long time, usually several days to weeks. Keep the air moving with open doors and windows. If you have power, set up fans, dehumidifiers, or heaters throughout the house to speed up the drying process.. Learn more about how to dry your home completely.

Water-soaked items and debris – You can usually clean and dry materials that do not soak up water. You should that soak up a lot of water and can’t be cleaned and dried.

Cleaning methods – Avoid stirring up dust or scrubbing surfaces. Clean surfaces gently using a cloth dampened with clean water and detergent.

If needed, you can also use an EPA-registered disinfectant or sanitizer on clean surfaces that do not absorb water to kill microorganisms such as viruses, bacteria, and mold. Read and follow all instructions about how to safely use the product. Do not mix chemicals together.

When is Flood Cleanup Complete?

It can sometimes be difficult to tell when a flooded home is completely clean and dry. Some signs to look for include:

- Materials that cannot be cleaned and dried have been removed.
- Essential equipment, such as air handling equipment, has been replaced, if needed.
- The house and everything in it have dried completely.

- The remaining surfaces and materials have been cleaned.

After cleanup, there should be no signs of water damage or mold growth. If you still see or smell mold, or experience health symptoms that get worse when you return home, there may be more cleanup to do. Consider consulting a qualified remediation professional for help.

What Can I Keep?

Keep it & Clean it



Metal Furniture



China Dishware
Ceramics



Silverware &
Kitchen Utensils



Plastic Furniture



Jewelry

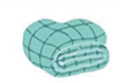


Glass

It's a Maybe



Photos & Books



Bedding & Blankets



Rugs



Solid Wood Furniture



Clothing



Appliances &
Electronic Devices

Best to Remove It



Mattresses



Leather Furniture



Medicine



Cloth Upholstered
Furniture



Cushions & Pillows



Wood Veneer Furniture



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Over 3.2 Million

Pounds of food distributed. That's over **2.7 million** meals of food for our community!



Food Pantries & Meal Sites

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100 +

Pantries and meal sites in our network! Open Sun-Sat all over the region.



Broome Bounty

Recovers good food that would normally be thrown away by local grocery stores and restaurants, and distributes it to the 100+ local meal sites and pantries in our network.

Over 2.6 Million

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TOWN OF VESTAL
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

T-BALL LEAGUE

THURSDAYS, APRIL 25TH - JUNE 6TH

Ages: 4 & 5 years - boys and girls

Location: Arnold Park, Andrews Rd.

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Cost: \$35.00 Residents - includes t-shirt

\$45.00 Non-residents - includes t-shirt



CO-COACHES ARE NEEDED TO RUN THIS LEAGUE

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If your child is 6 years or older, they would play Little League.

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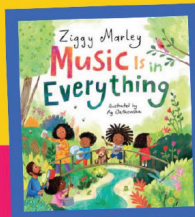
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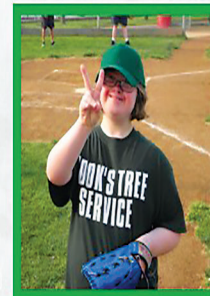
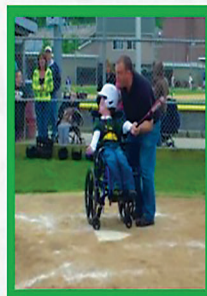
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southerntierchallenger.com
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