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VHS BOYS VARSITY SENIOR NIGHT

Photos on Page 5, Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink!



PET OF THE WEEK:

Pato



Meet Pato, a spirited Chihuahua mix with a heart full of love and a playful personality! This little guy is always up for an adventure, whether it's a brisk walk around the neighborhood or a cozy snuggle on the couch.

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

VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT LIVE BURN TRAINING SESSION



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Last Monday, 4-22-24, Station #2 and Station #4 along with Vestal EMS held a live burn training at the Fred Singer training site in Vestal! It was a great training for Team Vestal Fire!

"VHS VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN" ON PAGE 3!



artisan market



Valedictorian Ian Chung



Salutatorian Madelyn Bishop

Image Credit: The Vestal Central School District



VPL ARTISAN MARKETS ARE BACK THIS SUMMER! 9AM - 2PM ON SATURDAY, MAY 25 SATURDAY, JULY 6 & SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 SIGN UP FOR ONE OR ALL OF THE ABOVE DATES





Vestal CALENDAR

Friday, May 17th

African Road Elementary Talent Show
6:30PM; African Road Auditorium

Monday, May 20th

>Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs
6PM - 7:30PM; VPL Youth Department
> VPL Board of Trustees Meeting
6:30PM; VPL Meeting Room

Tuesday, May 21st

>Public vote on School Budget, Bus proposition,
& Election of School Board members...
12PM - 8PM; Vestal Central Junior Gym
> Annual Board of Education meeting and
certification of Vote
9PM; Admin Board of Education Conference
Room
> VHS Orchestra Concert
7PM; VHS Auditorium

Wednesday, May 22nd

> Pins & Needles: Kit and Crochet
6PM; VPL
> ARE Grade 2 Musical
6:30PM; African Road Auditorium
> VHE Band/Chorus Spring Concert
7PM; Vestal Hills Elementary

Thursday, May 23rd

> District Council Dinner
5:30PM; VHS Cafeteria
> UPK (Cub Care) Special Guys Party
Vestal Universal Pre-K - Pre-K Events
> VHE Family Fun 5K
5:30PM; Vestal Hills Elementary

Friday, May 24th
NO SCHOOL

Saturday, May 25th
VPL Artisan Market
9AM - 2PM; VPL Reading Garden

Monday, May 27th
Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 28th
> Java Joe Jammers - Live Music
6PM; VPL Meeting Room
> School Board Meeting; 6PM;
Admin Board of Education Conference Room



Vestal Fire Department Responses

vestalfire.com

by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

**Vestal Fire this week responded to:
10 fire alarms, 2 smoke alarms, 1 case
of smoldering mulch, 1 large propane
tank leaking, and 1 vehicle fire.**

05/06 22:15 Vestal Road	Commercial
fire alarm from panel	
05/07 15:51 Gates Road	Fire alarm -
smoke detector	
05/08 11:12 Vestal Parkway E.	General fire
alarm	
05/08 16:15 Vestal Parkway E.	Smoldering
mulch	
05/08 17:15 Andrews Road	Large pro-
pane tank venting or leaking	
05/10 11:02 East Drive	General fire
alarm - men's bathroom	
05/10 14:35 Vestal Road	Fire alarm
pull station	
05/10 16:23 East Drive	Ground floor
kitchen fire alarm	
05/10 19:13 Ash Road	Commercial
fire alarm from panel	
05/11 12:55 Vestal Parkway E.	Fire alarm -
mechanical and kitchen smoke alarm	
05/11 17:57 Route 17 @ Exit 69	Vehicle fire/ still driving
05/12 10:32 Vestal Parkway E.	General fire
alarm	
05/12 11:17 Vestal Parkway E.	Fire alarm -
kitchen/mechanical room	



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

Lucas Vymislicky, 24, Newark Valley arrested for Criminal Possession Controlled Substance 7th Degree and Uninspected Motor Vehicle for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Shalena Hill, 42, Johnson City, arrested for two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree and Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia for possessing Heroin, Meth and a digital scale during a traffic stop.

Kenneth Drumm Jr., 53, Windsor, arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1 st Degree, Unlicensed Operator, No/Inadequate Plate Lamp, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Consumption of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and Inadequate/No splash Guards for possessing Meth, Heroin and a digital scale during a traffic stop.

Kylie Luckie-Klenovic, 26, Vestal, arrested for Endangering the Welfare of a Child for kicking and punching a female during a dispute in the presence of a Child.

Taylor Chilson, 26, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Brittany Blair, 30, Barton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Ondrea Kittle, 20, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Matthew Bell Jr., 35, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Patsy Brown, 41, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Tyrese Douglas, 24, Endicott, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More than .18 BAC, Moved from Lane Unsafely and Failed to Turn as Required after a motor vehicle accident.

Heather Benninger, 47, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Jesstin Barton, 35, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Robert Gallagher, 38, Binghamton, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief 4th Degree and Aggravated Family Offense after a domestic during which he punched the victim in the side of the face with a closed fist and knocked the victim's phone out of her hand, while she was attempting to contact the police.

Vanessa King, 27, Endicott, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree for making multiple appointment at the victim's business using fake names, and signing the victim up for services by church groups and dating services, serving no legitimate purpose.

Class of 2024 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Article Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

The Class of 2024's Valedictorian is Ian Chung. As president of VHS Student Government, he serves as student representative on the School Board. Ian is also president of Vestal High School's Future Business Leaders of America business club. A talented musician, he is a member of the school's Chamber Orchestra, Vestal Voices, and Jazz Band.

As a junior last year, he competed in the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program and received a significant scholarship as a second-place winner. Ian competes on the Varsity Boys Swim team and enjoys music, politics, and Texas Hold'em poker. When asked about his secret to success, he playfully attributed it to holding off on playing Fortnite until his senior year.

Class Salutatorian Madelyn Bishop has been deeply involved with the art department throughout her high school years and has exhibited as an IB artist. She has received a Gold Key for the Scholastic Art Awards in Ceramics, and her artwork has been displayed in galleries around the community. Her work is currently being judged for national awards. Maddie is a four-year member of the Wind Ensemble, as well as principal chair of the Euphonium

section. She has participated in the NYSSMA Solo Festival, All-County, Binghamton Youth Symphony, Area All-State, and NYS Honor Band ensembles. Throughout high school, Maddie has been a nine-year Varsity letter winner in Girls Swimming and Track & Field, where she throws shot put and discus. A two-year Swim team captain, she has qualified for Sectional Finals all five years, with over half a dozen top-five finishes. In addition, she has been selected for STAC Conference All-Star and Scholar Athlete Awards in multiple years. She is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and two-term treasurer of Vestal's French Club. In her spare time, Maddie enjoys skipping her sailboat, Felix, and spending time with friends and family. Her main secret to success? "Realizing perfection isn't attainable and that, rather than practice makes perfect, it simply makes better."

Ian intends to study Government and Music at Harvard College, while Maddie is headed for the University of Rochester in the fall where she plans to study Biology and French... We are very proud of these two accomplished students and wish them every success after graduation!

VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Continued from page 2

Dilan Bernard, 32, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 2nd Degree, Identity Theft 1st Degree, Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree and Pedestrian Failing to Use the Crosswalk after using the victim's personal information to make a fake ID in order to attempt to make a purchase at Best Buy and fleeing from officers who were detaining him.

Casey Beach, 24, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Ashley Perez, 39, Endicott, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Fentanyl during a larceny investigation at Kohl's

Endwell Community Chorus presents



Saturday May 18 7:30 PM

****New Location This Year****

Vestal United Methodist Church
328 Main Street
Vestal NY
(Elevator Available)

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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!

FUN FACTS!

1. Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints.
2. The Universe's average colour is called 'Cosmic latte'.
3. All the world's bacteria stacked on top of each other would stretch for 10 billion light-years. Together, Earth's 0.001mm-long microbes could wrap around the Milky Way over 20,000 times.
4. Wearing a tie can reduce blood flow to the brain by 7.5 per cent.
5. The world's oldest cat, Creme Puff, lived to 38 years and three days old.
6. The world's oldest dog, Bluey, lived to 29.5 years old.
7. You can actually die laughing. And a number of people have, typically due to intense laughter causing a heart attack or suffocation.
8. Chainsaws were first invented for childbirth.
9. Deaf people are known to use sign language in their sleep.
10. Fish form orderly queues in emergencies. When evacuating through narrow spaces in sketchy situations, schools of neon tetra fish queue so that they don't collide or clog up the line.
11. LEGO bricks withstand compression better than concrete. An ordinary plastic LEGO brick is able to support the weight of 375,000 other bricks before it fails. This, theoretically, would let you build a tower nearing 3.5km in height.

Vestal Town Crier

NEWS/ADVERTISING DEADLINE
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VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT LIVE BURN TRAINING SESSION

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CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

Play BALL

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE Home

Photos Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink!



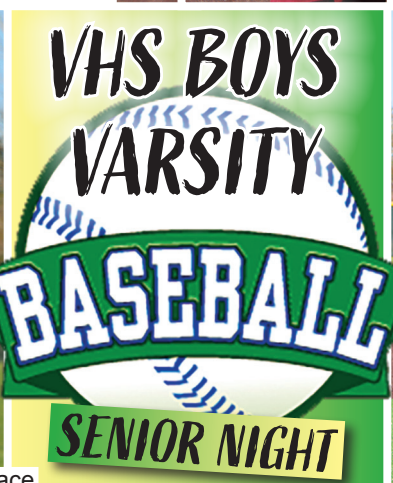
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#18 Colin Shea escorted by his Parents and siblings



#5 Jake Gdovin, Escorted by Tasha (Mom) and Jay (Dad) and Sister Grace



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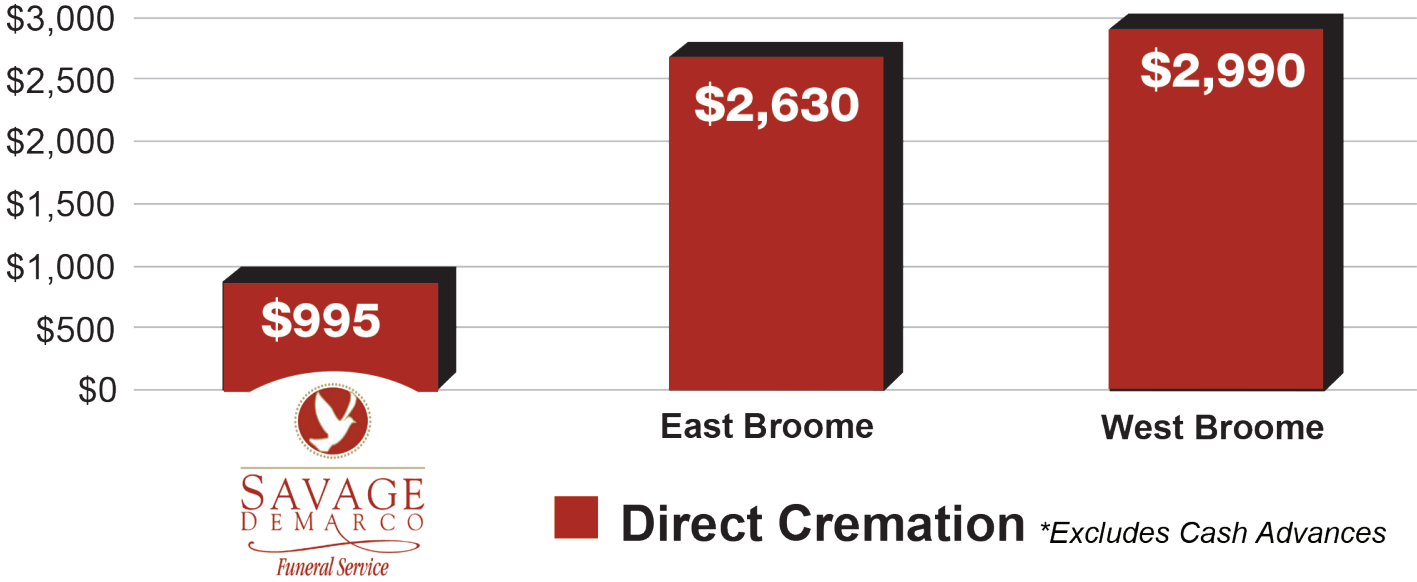
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<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/vestal-bears2024>

2024 Board of Trustee Candidate Questionnaire

Vote for three Board of Trustee candidates and on the VPL 2024/25 Budget on Tuesday, May 21 at the Vestal Central School District admin building. Learn about the four board candidates by reading their answers to the short questionnaire at: <https://www.vestalpubliclibrary.org/post/2024-board-of-trustee-candidate-questionnaire>

Three trustees are elected annually to a three-year term.

School Budget Vote

When to Vote: 12 - 8 p.m., May 21, 2024

Voting Location:

Vestal Central Junior Building, 201 Main Street
(Handicapped-accessible entrance by the Vestal Senior Center on the south side of the building.)

Absentee Ballots: Applications for Absentee Ballots are available on the Budget Information page of the District website or from the District Clerk. Completed ballots must be returned to the District by 5 p.m., May 21.

Budget Snapshot	
Total Budget	\$90,856,822
Budget Increase	\$734,375
Total Tax Levy	\$51,884,996
Levy Increase <i>(over current year)</i>	1.77%
Maximum Allowable Levy Limit	\$51,884,996
Student Enrollment <i>(2023-24)</i>	3,433
Student Enrollment <i>(Projected for 2024-25)</i>	3,433

School Board Candidates:

There are three seats open on the Vestal Board of Education for three-year terms expiring in June 2027. Here are the eligible candidates on the ballot for these seats, in ballot order:

**Chadwin Smith • Eric LaClair •
Amanda Atkinson • Sumeeta Chaudhri**

Please see their profiles and candidate answers, beginning on page 10.

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.

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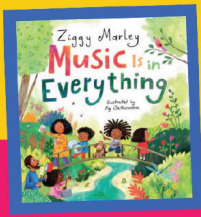
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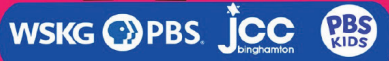
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