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VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AT VESTAL FRONT STREET DAY!

Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Fire Department!



PET OF THE WEEK:
Pudgie



Hi I'm Pudgie, I love sleeping but I really love to eat. I will yell if you are eating cereal near me because I'm going to need to eat some. If I'm not eating I'm sleeping in the sun and enjoy taking walks outside on the patio.

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

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Want to be a part of an exciting summer art exhibition? Exhibition opening date July 13th 2024. Send us your 'mail art!' Send photos, college, mixed media, political statements, drawing, poetry...Send by June 15th to:

The Vestal Museum
605 Vestal Parkway West
Vestal, NY 13850

Tomorrow is the deadline!

More on page 8!



“Man Pleads Guilty To Drug Charge, Facing 8 Years In Prison” On Page 3.



Vestal CALENDAR

Friday, June 14th

**Open Game Day- All Ages
11AM - 3:30PM, VPL Meeting Room**

Saturday, June 15th

**>Nifty Swifty Kitten Adoption: Taylor's Version
11AM - 3PM, VPL Meeting Room,
Every Cat's Dream
>Deadline for Art Sent to The Vestal Museum**

Monday, June 17th

**VPL Board of Trustees Meeting
6:30PM, VPL Meeting Room**

Tuesday, June 18th

**>Statewide Budget Re-Vote Day
> Last Day of School: Grs. K - 8**

Wednesday, June 19th

**>Juneteenth (No School)
>Juneteenth Celebration at the Discovery Center
11AM - 1PM, Free with admission!**

**Thursday, June 20th- Wednesday, June 26th
Regents Exams @VHS**

Monday, June 24th

Town Board Work Session, 6PM

Tuesday, June 25th

**> School Board Meeting: 6PM,
Admin Board of Education Conference Room
>Java Joe Jammers - Live Music
6PM, VPL Meeting**

Wednesday, June 26th

**>Town Board Meeting, 6PM
>Pins& Needles: Knit and Crochet
6PM, VPL**

Thursday, June 27th

**VPL Chakra Breathing-7 Session Yoga& Reiki
6PM, Registration Required- Sign Up Online**

Saturday, June 29th

**VHS Graduation!
11AM, Binghamton University Events Center**

Monday, July 8th

Town Board Work Session, 6PM



Vestal Fire Department Responses

vestalfire.com

by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

**Vestal Fire this week responded to:
7 fire alarms, 1 smoke alarm, 3 gas odors present, 1 dryer fire, 1 truck fire, and 1 motor vehicle accident with injury**

06/04 20:34 Leroy Avenue	Dryer fire
06/05 15:54 Clubhouse Road	Building alarm / Social hall
06/05 16:33 S. Jensen Road	Truck fire
06/06 10:58 Vestal Parkway E.	Odor of natural gas inside business
06/06 13:00 Rano Blvd.	Odor of gas coming from furnace room
06/06 16:51 Vestal Parkway E.	Fire alarm
06/07 15:37 African Rd. & Pierce Hill	Motor vehicle accident with injury
06/07 16:29 Vestal Parkway E.	Fire alarm
06/07 20:28 Wright Road	Residential fire alarm
06/08 21:01 Michael Street	Residential fire alarm
06/09 08:05 Ash Road	Fire alarm from panel
06/09 17:04 Pembroke Lane	Fire alarm - hallway smoke detector
06/10 08:55 Gates Road	Commercial fire alarm from pull station
06/10 13:19 Vestal Parkway E.	Gas odor in compressor room



FIRE FACTS

1. No one knows who invented the fire hydrant, because its patent was destroyed in a fire.
2. The Great Fire of London in 1666 destroyed 80 percent of the city, subsequently ending an outbreak of the bubonic plague.
3. Fire fighting was actually a sport at the 1900 Olympics in Paris.
4. If there is enough water deep within a tree, the steam produced by a burning fire can cause the tree to explode.
5. Fire can make water! If you put a cold spoon over a flame, water vapor will condense on the metal.

VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Mirsada Ljekperic, 42, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Nicole Kasmarcik, 43, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from America's Best Eyewear.

Tonya Fuller, 43, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Refusal of Breath Test, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd Degree, Moved from Lane Unsafely and No Headlights during a traffic stop.

Suzanne Wilbur-Shea, 49, Watkins Glen, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Maria Martinez-Uribe, 43, Bronx NY, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Manuel Sanchez, 51, Bronx NY, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Dwayne Giles, 52, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Melissa Wilbur, 39, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Susan Pilipovic, 46, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Irene Lunn, 61, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Aleischa Morneau, 30, Endwell, arrested for Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree for entering Wal-Mart after previously being banned from the location.

Nicholas Majka, 30, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief 4th Degree and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing for pushing, choking and preventing the victim from using her phone to call the police during a domestic incident.

Kevin Russell, 34, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny and Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree for shoplifting from Dick's and fleeing from the police.

Shakema Morris, 40, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Diamond Morris-Cutty, 20, Binghamton, 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

Concerns Rising Regarding “The Pad Binghamton”, Coming To Vestal This Fall



The Pad Climbing Logo.

Photo sourced from thepadclimbing.org.

“The Pad Binghamton”, is the newest location in a chain of climbing gym facilities owned by Kristin and Yishai Horowitz and is “COMING TO VESTAL IN FALL 2024!” as quoted on their website: thepadclimbing.org. The couple, owning most of their locations on the west coast, decided to look to the Broome County area for their new location due to family members residing in the area. In addition, the couple claims its demographic, college students, young professionals, and families, is appealing to them.

The climbing gym is anticipated to be about 14,000 square feet of climbing with all the amenities, services, and programs. The space will accommodate 5k+ square feet of bouldering, 8k+ square feet of rope climbing 40+ feet tall, a designated training area, and weight room. Their grand opening is currently undecided, but is stated on their website to be “sometime in the last half of 2024”.

While those with a passion for climbing and adventurous exercise might be thrilled about the new facility opening in the area, some residents have expressed their concerns about the effects of the facility on the residential neighborhood that is directly adjacent to it.

These concerns include but are not limited to:

- A lack of space between industrial zoning and residential zoning;
- 24/7 operating hours with no supervision of authorized members after hours;
- Additional nighttime traffic, potentially causing additional or excessive noise for the current residents;
- Light pollution from the high mast flood lights;
- Storage of the flammable chemical acetone within the building;
- The vulnerability of the property to flooding combined with construction

Newspaper Publishers sent an email to Supervisor Maria Sexton on June 5th, regarding the facility and requesting information on “The Pad Binghamton” and it’s proposed location, asking:

Do you have any comments on the following?

1. Will construction begin? If so, do you have a projection?
2. Will construction have an effect on the area’s known vulnerability to flooding?
3. Does the company plan to implement LED lights around the property?
4. Does the company plan to account for light and noise pollution to the surrounding residential areas?
5. Will this topic be included in future Zoning Board meetings?”

As we went to print this week Supervisor Sexton had no response to our request. Newspaper Publishers looks forward to her taking the time to explore the issues.

One subscriber in an email to Newspaper Publishers wrote that they thought, “This type of spot rezoning will do nothing to improve the neighborhood, the community, or the quality of life for its residents, many of which, have lived and worked here their entire lives while raising their families.”

Next week an exploration into the project will be presented here extensively.



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Man Pleads Guilty To Drug Charge, Facing 8 Years In Prison

The Broome County District Attorney’s Office announced that, Evan Middleton; 32, pleaded guilty to criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree on May 29, 2024.

“Yesterday’s conviction sends a clear message that we will vigorously prosecute those who seek to profit from the devastation of substance use disorder in our communities,” said District Attorney Paul Battisti in a news release. “The imposed eight-year prison sentence serves as a stern warning to others that we will hold those involved in drug trafficking fully accountable for their actions.”

The case was investigated by the Vestal Police Department and the New York State Police. Senior Assistant District Attorney Joseph Nieto prosecuted this case for the district attorney’s office.

On Thursday April 6th, 2023 a narcotics Search Warrant was executed at 58 Massachusetts Avenue in Johnson City, NY. The results of the search yielded the following;

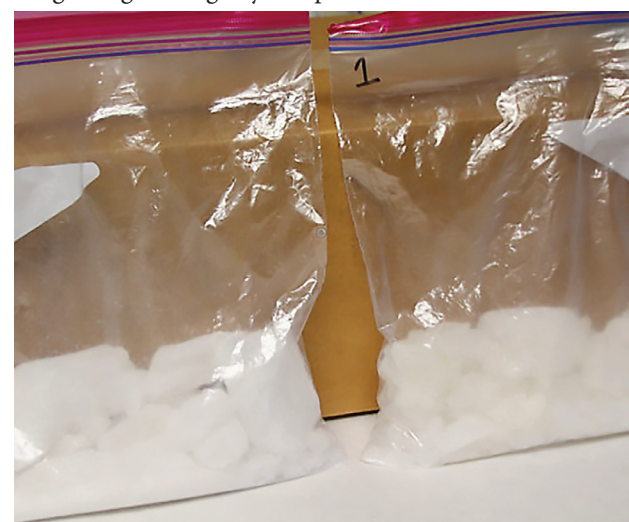
- Approximately 2 pounds of Methamphetamine
- Over 10 ounces of Fentanyl
- 1 ounce of Crack Cocaine
- More than 2 ounces of substances that are yet to be identified and suspected to be illegal narcotics.

Evan Middleton, of Johnson City, NY, was charged with the following;

- 1 count Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, a Class A-1 Felony. NYS PL 220.21(1)
- 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, a Class A-II Felony. NYS PL 220.18(2) and 220.18(3)
- 3 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony. NYS PL 220.16(1), 220.16 (3) and 220.16(7)
- 3 counts of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the Second Degree. All Class A Misdemeanors. NYS PL 220.50 Subdivisions 1, 2 & 3, which is possession of paraphernalia for the purpose of manufacturing, selling or packaging drugs.

The investigation was conducted by members of the Vestal Police Narcotics Division and the NYSP Violent Gang and Narcotics Enforcement Team. The Search Warrant was executed with the assistance of members of the NYSP Community Stabilization Unit, METRO SWAT, Johnson City Police, Broome County Special Investigations Unit and other members of the Vestal Police Department.

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH®: <https://crimewatch.net/us/ny/broome/vestal-pd/245804/post/man-pleads-guilty-drug-charge-facing-8-years-prison>



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Vestal HS Students Complete French Exchange

Article and Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District, Article on Page 7



Photos Courtesy of Chandelle Loren



Vestal Town Board Work Session Minutes

NEWSPAPER EDITED Monday, June 10th, 2024

Board Attendance:

Supervisor Sexton; Messina, Donnelly(Absent), Greene and Miller

Also Attending: 1st Deputy Town Clerk Sarah Maney, Town Engineer Vern Myers, Recreation Planner Patrick Harnan and 3 members of the public.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

6:00 p.m. June 12, 2024: Proposed Local Law “B” of the year 2024 entitled: “Local Law Placing a Temporary Moratorium on Approvals Regarding Solar Array Farms”

SUPERVISOR UPDATES COMMITTEES

8. PUBLIC WORKS (DONNELLY/ Greene)

1. Request from Resident, Rose Redus to have 2 (two) deer crossing signs installed on Collins Road.

The Town Board will speak with Vestal PD regarding collisions in that area and will make judgment from the information collected.

NO- This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

9. FINANCE (MESSINA/ Donnelly)

1. Request from Nicholas Angeline, Town Comptroller, to transfer \$6,180 from budget line A1310.1010, Director of Finance/Comptroller Salaries. Of that amount, transfer \$4,606 to line A1670.2210, Central Mailing Equipment, to purchase a digital mail machine with a digital 10LB scale as well as transfer \$1,574 to line A1670.4440, Central Mailing Machine Maintenance, to cover the costs of annual maintenance and annual meter rental for the mail machine.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

2. Request from Nicholas Angeline, Town Comptroller, on behalf of Curt Pueschel, Town of Vestal Conversation Advisory Commission Chair, to authorize the Town Supervisor or designee to sign the application contract with Hillside Garden Landscaping, Inc. totaling \$4,500 for spraying the Hemlock Trees at Jones Park for Hemlock Wooley Adelgid.

This will be paid from line item A8730.4000 (Conservation Professional Services).

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

3. Authorization for payment in the amount of \$5,426.15 to Tabner, Ryan & Keniry LLP, in reference to outside counsel fees for professional services rendered through May 23, 2024.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

4. Request from Scott Groats, Water & Wastewater Superintendent to issue a refund of \$66.02 to Kim Shelton. After calculating her final water bill, she has a credit balance.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

5. Authorization to pay Guercio & Guercio LLP, \$12,102.50 together with the Appellate Division costs in the amount of \$795.07 along with Trial Court costs in the amount of \$250, pursuant to the order of New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division: Third Department entered on April, 11, 2024.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

6. Request from Debora Panicek, Human Resources Director, for approval of a budget amendment to transfer \$3,000 from Human Resources Education & Travel line A1430.4030 to Human Resources Advertising line

A1430.4141 to reallocate funds for the use of Indeed and other advertising venues as needed to advertise for open employment positions within the Town.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

10. PERSONNEL (DONNELLY/Miller)

1. Authorization for Scott Groats, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, to appoint Corey Fotusky as a full-time Laborer for the Water and Sewer Department effective July 1, 2024 at the rate of \$21.22/hour. The appointment is contingent on the successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

2. Authorization for Scott Groats, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, to appoint Tyler Bronson as summer help for the Water and Sewer Department effective June 17, 2024 at the rate of \$18.00/hour.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

3. Authorization for Craig Hiller, Superintendent of Highway and Parks, to appoint Graham Schollette, as summer help for the Parks Department effective June 17, 2024 at the rate of \$18.00/hour.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

4. Authorization for Craig Hiller, Superintendent of Highway and Parks, to appoint Donovan Donlin as summer help for the Parks Department effective June 17, 2024 at the rate of \$18.00/hour.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

5. Authorization for Craig Hiller, Superintendent of Highway and Parks, to appoint Camden Schaffer as summer help for the Parks Department effective June 17, 2024 at the rate of \$18.00/hour.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

6. Authorization for Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, to hire Lifeguards as outlined in his June 6, 2024 memo. The start dates and rates of pay are also identified in the memo which is included in the addendum.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

7. Discuss the proposed part-time Code Enforcement Officer position for the Building and Code Department for the Town of Vestal.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

11. PLANNING & ZONING (MESSINA/Miller)

1. Request from Walaya Kretzmer, Tree Sale Coordinator, for Boy Scout Troop #225, to use the Town owned parking lot located at 320 Vestal Parkway East, for their 2024 Christmas Tree Sales from November 21, 2024 to December 24, 2024.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

2. Authorization to advertise on June 28, 2024 for a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. The public hearing is for a proposed Local Law regarding the revisions to Town Code, Chapter 4, Animals.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

3. Discuss food truck permit fee increase.

A Public Hearing will be set for a later date for new code regarding Peddling, Hawking or Soliciting in the Town of Vestal.

NO-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

12. PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Greene)

13. ADMINISTRATION (GREENE/ Miller)

1. Request from Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, for the Town Board to accept a \$1,800.96 donation from the Vestal Elks for the Easter Egg Hunt supplies. The check will be deposited into line item A7310.4333 for reimbursement for the purchases made for the community Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, 2024. The Vestal Elks check is # 11177 and it is dated May 16, 2024.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

2. Request from Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, for Town Board approval, to accept a \$1,500.00 grant from USTA Eastern, Inc. for Tennis Lessons supplies. The check needs to be deposited into line item A7310.4331. The USTA Eastern check is # 11730 and it is dated May 30, 2024.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

3. Discuss Rail Trail event application and approval process. Requirements need to be met in order to hold events at The Rail Trail.

NO-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

4. Discuss possible pool policies.

Pool capacity will be monitored by staff to ensure they meet the Broome County Health Department guidelines. Pool will be open to the community not just Vestal residents.

NO-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

RECEIVE AND FILE

• Warrants: 2024: 21, 22, 23

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

15. NEW BUSINESS:

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Greene, the Board adjourned the meeting. The time was 7:05 PM

**“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.

CPR SAVES LIVES; 1:3 READY

The American Heart Association survey found 1 in 3 adults now say they are confident and ready to save a life

DALLAS, June 4, 2024 — More Americans than ever now say they are willing to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the event of an emergency[1], According to newly released survey data from the American Heart Association. [2] Thanks in part to the recent efforts of the Association and others, the percentage of surveyed adults in the U.S. who say

they now feel they have the confidence to perform CPR has increased from 30% to 35%. Scientific data still indicates that fewer than half of all people experiencing cardiac arrest outside of a hospital receive CPR before emergency services arrive.[3]

“There are certain medical emergencies where a moment cannot be wasted and sudden cardiac arrest is one of them,” said Nancy Brown, chief executive officer of the American Heart Association. “At the American Heart Association, we’ve moved the needle towards willingness to perform CPR over the past two years – and that is powerful. But there is so much more to do, we have a goal of doubling survival from cardiac arrest by building a nation of lifesavers who are confident and able to act when the time comes.”

To improve the chances of everyone, everywhere surviving a cardiac arrest, the Association launched its Nation of Lifesavers movement a year ago during National CPR and AED Awareness Week (June 1-7). This year, which marks a century of lifesaving service for the American Heart Association, the organization is offering education and activities that can turn a nation of bystanders into a nation of lifesavers, including a new Hands-Only CPR virtual reality (VR) experience, housed within the Meta Oculus app store and a new public service announcement inspiring bystanders to become lifesavers by learning CPR and being prepared to respond in a medical emergency.

CPR is a key link in the chain of survival for many medical emergencies and is especially important as we head into the summer months. Extreme heat may increase incidents of cardiac arrest[4] and an average of 33 drownings occur in the U.S. each day, one-third of which are fatal.[5] Drowning is the second-leading cause of death in children between ages 1 and 4.[6] Conventional CPR, also known as CPR with breaths, should be performed on children and infants, and in certain cases such as drowning and overdose. Unfortunately, only 39% of those surveyed are familiar with conventional CPR and only 23% with Hands-Only CPR.[7]

The American Heart Association offers multiple ways to learn CPR and join the Nation of Lifesavers, as an individual, family, organization or community.

Watch online. Learn the basics of Hands-Only CPR with this instructional video and share it on social media with #NationofLifesavers. Hands-Only CPR has just two simple steps, performed in this order: 1) Call 911 if you see a teen or adult suddenly collapse; and 2) Push hard and fast in the center of the chest to the beat of a familiar song that has 100 to 120 beats per minute like “Stayin’ Alive” by the BeeGees, “The Man” by Taylor Swift or “Jolene” – with both Dolly Parton and Beyonce’s versions being the correct beats per minute. More songs can be found on the Association’s playlist.

Immerse yourself. Through the Association’s new VR app, learn how to perform Hands-Only CPR and use an AED, then put your skills to the test in three real-life scenarios.

Learn at home. Learn basic lifesaving skills in about 20 minutes from the comfort and privacy of home with the CPR Anytime® kits. The Infant CPR Anytime program is for new parents, grandparents, babysitters, nannies and anyone who wants to learn lifesaving infant CPR and choking relief skills. The Adult & Child CPR Anytime Training kit teaches



adult/teen Hands-Only CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child choking relief and general awareness of automated external defibrillators – or AEDs. CPR Anytime now includes the Adult & Child CPR Anytime Interactive app to provide a comprehensive, self-facilitated training solution in one web-based app that allows students to elevate their CPR and AED training experience through gamification.

Take a course. Find a class nearby to learn the lifesaving skills of CPR, first aid and AED use. Encourage others by sharing on social media with #NationofLifesavers.

Turn employees and coworkers into lifesavers. Help make your workplace and community safer one step at a time by forming a Heart Walk team and committing to CPR training for your employees.

Become an advocate. Join You’re the Cure, the American Heart Association grassroots network and show your support for public policies that can save lives from cardiac arrest. Together with the Smart Heart Sports Coalition, the Association is working to pass laws in all 50 states that will ensure schools, school athletic facilities and school events have a cardiac emergency response plan and require training in CPR and AED for school athletic coaches.

In 2009, the American Heart Association launched a nationwide Hands-Only CPR campaign to raise awareness about this life-saving skill. Since 2012, 11 million people have learned Hands-Only CPR from the American Heart Association via events, training kiosks and video education with the support of Elevance Health Foundation.



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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Disappointed at Josh Riley for lack of respect at Memorial Day parades

To the Editor:

On Memorial Day, Binghamton had a Memorial Day Parade to honor those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I was shocked to see Josh Riley and some of his supporters carrying political signs and campaigning on such a solemn day.

Maybe worse, while the rest of us were still mourning the fallen, Riley later took to social media to wish everyone a “happy” Memorial Day.

There is a time and a place for campaigning and Memorial Day is not the right time or place. Josh Riley’s lack of respect for those that gave their lives was noticed by many and I’m sure will be noticed by many voters as they cast their ballots this November.

As the Broome County Coordinator for Wreaths Across America, and representing a dozen local cemeteries for the annual event for the last decade, it was certainly not appropriate to hear and see political canvassing during this parade. Also the fact that there is nothing “happy” during a time when the focus is on the fallen and their loved ones.

Broome County Coordinator - Wreaths Across America
Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

It’s the mission of Wreaths Across America.

Vestal HS students complete French Exchange

On Thursday March 21, a group of Vestal High School students (ages 15 - 17), departed from JFK to VHS’ French sister school, Lycée Saint Riquier in Amiens, France where they started their French exchange journey. Upon arrival, their French hosts (the majority of whom came to Vestal in the Fall to participate in the US portion of the interscholastic exchange) greeted us with « Bienvenue » signs and smiles.

While in Amiens and the high school, students participated in many classes (Math, PE, and English being their favorites), visited the beautiful city known best for the author Jules Verne (Around the World in 80 Days, Journey to the Center of the Earth), toured the Cathédrale d’Amiens, and floated through Les Hortillonnages, the city’s floating gardens. Students participated in daily life with their exchange partners, which included going to sports, riding public transportation, walking (a lot!), eating traditional dishes as well as American classics with a French twist, and of course, speaking lots and lots of French!

After a beautiful farewell dinner, students left by train to the city of Tours, where they toured Leonardo DaVinci’s castle, Château Clos du Lucé, as well as Château Chenonceau. After visiting the Loire Valley, they ended their journey in Paris, the City of Lights, where they saw all the important sites including the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Élysées, the Catacombs, the Notre Dame de Paris, and the Eiffel Tower (at night while the lights twinkled!). In between sightseeing, the students took a fencing lesson as well as a macaron baking lesson.

By the end of the trip, students were exhausted but were delighted to have participated in this once in a lifetime experience that helped them learn about other cultures, progress in their language skills, and discover more about themselves.

The French Exchange happens every two years and is coordinated by Elizabeth Ait Oumessaoud, the VHS French teacher.



FATHERS DAY FUN FACTS!

1. Father’s Day wasn’t officially recognized as a national holiday until 1972.
2. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the necktie is the most popular of all Father’s Day gifts.
3. Father’s Day is the fifth-largest card-sending occasion in America with almost 100 million Father’s Day cards sent each year.
4. The idea of Father’s Day was conceived by Sonora Smart-Dodd who wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran, left to raise six children on his own.
5. When a father is given roses on Father’s Day, the rose’s color symbolizes their meaning. The red rose is offered if the father is still living, while the white roses are for the deceased father.
6. There have been 2 sets of Father-Son Presidents of the USA – John Adams (2nd) and son John Quincy Adams (6th), and George Bush (41st) and his son George W. Bush (43rd).
7. Fifty percent of all Father’s Day cards are purchased for fathers. Almost 20 percent of Father’s Day cards are given to husbands.
8. Some countries use March 19 to celebrate Father’s Day as that is also the feast day of St Joseph, Jesus’s father on earth.

Happy Father's Day



KITTEN ADOPTION EVENT

'TAYLORS VERSION'

Don't Forget To Dress In Your Fave Era !!

Crafts, music, baked goods and more!!

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

11AM-1PM JUNE 19, 2024

THE DISCOVERY CENTER

CALL TO ARTISTS

Send your Correspondence Art to the Vestal Museum for a Summer Show
Deadline for Submissions: June 15th

Your Address-
With your art inside the envelope and outside

Vestal Museum
605 Vestal Parkway West
Vestal, NY 13850

Send your work to this address



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JUNE 14

MOVIE Night

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Join us under the stars for the showing of "E.T. The Extra Terrestrial" at Otsiningo Park! This is a FREE and family-friendly event brought to you by our generous sponsor Prevention Coalition of Broome County.

Arrive early and enjoy activities such as cornhole, hula hooping, bubbles, and jump roping!

Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket, grab a snack from our concession table and enjoy the show!

FREE admission and parking! Seating will begin at 7:30 pm. The movie will begin at dusk approx. 8:30PM

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