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## VPD Mural Done By VHS Student



The Vestal Police Department would like to thank Madison Lilley from Vestal High School for her contribution to help brighten our lobby. Madison dedicated her time and artistic talent to create a mural paying tribute to the town, school mascot and our agency. Madison, we hope you have a great summer, and we wish you well in the coming school year!

Sourced via CRIME-WATCH®: <https://crime-watch.net/us/ny/broome/vestal-pd/245804/post/vpd-mural>

## “Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting” On Pgs 9, 10, & 11



SCHOOL BOARD



## PET OF THE WEEK:

### Toothpick



Hi everybody! My name is Toothpick and I'm a 5-year-old tan and white shepherd mix. I'm a sweet, silly boy who loves to be outside. I'm a good boy on my walks, and I love to play in water. I love riding in the car with my head out the window too! Life is good!

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



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# VESTAL FRONT STREET DAYS!

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# Vestal CALENDAR

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**  
>Fire District Meeting  
5PM, Vestal Town Hall  
>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  
>GFJ Library Audiobook Walk-a-thon  
12PM- 4PM, Vestal Rail Trail (East End Near  
Home Goods)

**Saturday, July 6th**  
VPL Artisan Market  
9AM - 2PM, VPL Reading Garden,  
Sign Up on VPL's Website

**Monday, July 8th**  
Town Board Work Session, 6PM

**Tuesday, July 9th**  
>School Board Reorganization Meeting, 6PM,  
Admin Board of Education Conference Room  
>Mad For Art- Sea Glass Sun Catcher  
6PM, VPL Meeting Room, Sign Up Online

**Wednesday, July 10th**  
>Town Board Meeting, 6PM  
>VPL Tech Assistance  
10AM, Vestal Senior Center  
>Pins & Needles: Knit and Crochet  
6PM, VPL Meeting Room

**Thursday, July 11th**  
VPL Yin Yoga



## Vestal Fire Department Responses

vestalfire.com

by Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer

**Vestal Fire this week responded to:  
10 fire alarms, 1 smoke alarm, 1 water  
flow alarm, 1 elevator rescue, a barn  
fire, and a house fire**

06/11 17:42	West Drive	Elevator rescue - stuck on 3rd floor
06/11 19:48	Clubhouse Road	Commercial fire alarm
06/12 12:30	Drexel Drive	Residential fire alarm
06/12 22:03	Vestal Parkway E.	Alarms going off
06/13 13:09	Vestal Parkway E.	Front entry pull station alarm
06/14 12:06	Recreation Drive	Commercial fire alarm
06/15 03:58	Rhonda Drive	Smoke alarm activation
06/15 10:58	Owego Road	Fire alarm acti- vated
06/15 12:08	Commerce Road	Commercial fire alarm
06/15 12:55	Harnick Road	Mutual aid to Apalachin for a barn fire
06/15 13:36	Boswell Hill Road	Mutual aid to West Corners for a house fire
06/15 14:34	West Access Road	Fire alarm acti- vation
06/16 03:43	Commerce Road	Commercial fire alarm - water flow alarm
06/16 11:42	Vestal Parkway E.	General fire alarm



### Vestal Universal Pre-K Program Registration

Registration for Vestal Central School District's Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program for the 2024-25 school year is now open.

### Childcare Availability in Broome County

Please see a list of child care sites with availability in Broome County by visiting [vestal.stier.org](http://vestal.stier.org) under Announcements. Per New York State requirements, this listing will be updated as information is received from Broome County. In addition, there is a link to a parent need survey, and the results are shared with the Office of Family & Child Services.

# VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Kassidy Rinker, 27, Windsor, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Aikeem Byrd, 44, Binghamton, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for failing to appear in court on a scheduled court date or within 30 days thereafter.

Mary Kropp, 69, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree for striking the victim several times in the face with a closed fist while being transported by EMS to the hospital.

Cody Nord, 36, Endicott, arrested for Criminal Contempt 1st Degree and Aggravated Family Offense for violating a valid stay away order of protection by remaining on the property of the victim's employer.

Shirley Golden, 45, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

April Westbrook, 48, Conklin was arrested as a Fugitive from Justice for having a warrant for her arrest from the State of Pennsylvania.

Shyanna Gardner, 29, Syracuse, was arrested for Failure to Stop for a Red Arrow, Making an Improper Turn, Moving from Lane Unsafely and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Fentanyl during a traffic stop.

Stephanie Theodore, 50, Barton, was arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Jesus Sanjuan Jr., 41, Susquehanna PA, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Shasha Alston, 54, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

## Vestal Scholars

**Golden Bears who have committed to playing their sports at the college level.  
All four are members of the NYS  
Championship Field Hockey team!**

- Madison Lilley – Susquehanna University
- Adrienne Mayes – SUNY Cortland
- Molly Schoenfeldt – Hartwick College
- Aubree Wenner – SUNY Geneseo



# Ensuring Gas Grill Safety: How to Check for Leaks and Maintain Your Grill



It's the start of the summer season and that means serving up plenty of delicious meals prepared on the grill. When you're ready to use your grill for the first time this year, make sure you're properly prepared. Ensuring the safety and functionality of your gas grill is essential to prevent accidents and enjoy worry-free cooking. Here's a comprehensive guide to help you check for leaks and maintain your grill safely.

## Why Grill Safety is Important

Gas grills offer a convenient way to enjoy outdoor cooking, but they can also pose safety hazards if not properly maintained. Leaks in the gas line or connections can lead to dangerous situations, including fires or explosions. Regular checks and maintenance are crucial to ensure that your grill operates safely and efficiently.

## Checking for Gas Leaks

Before firing up your grill, follow these steps to check for gas leaks:

### 1. Inspect the Hose and Connections

- Visual Check: Look for any signs of wear and tear on the hose, including cracks, holes, or brittleness. Ensure that all connections are tight and secure.
- Smell Test: Propane has a distinct odor that smells like rotten eggs or a skunk. If you smell gas, immediately turn off the grill and do not ignite it until you resolve the issue.

### 2. Soap and Water Solution Test

- Prepare the Solution: Mix equal parts of dish soap and water in a spray bottle.
- Apply the Solution: Spray the soapy water on the gas hose, connections, and the regulator.
- Look for Bubbles: Turn on the gas supply without lighting the grill. If bubbles form, it indicates a gas leak. Immediately turn off the gas and tighten the connections or replace the faulty parts.

## General Grill Maintenance

Proper maintenance extends the lifespan of your grill and ensures it functions safely. Here are some essential maintenance tips:

### 1. Cleaning the Grill

- Grates and Burners: Clean the grates and burners regularly to prevent grease buildup, which can cause flare-ups. Use a grill brush to remove food particles and residue.
- Interior and Exterior: Wipe down the interior and exterior surfaces with warm, soapy water. Avoid using abrasive cleaners that can damage the grill's finish.

### 2. Checking the Ignition System

- Igniter: Ensure the igniter is working correctly. If it's not sparking, check the battery (if applicable) or clean the electrodes.
- Burner Tubes: Inspect the burner tubes for clogs or obstructions. Use a pipe cleaner or a wire to clear any blockages.

### 3. Covering the Grill

- Weather Protection: Use a grill cover to protect your grill from the elements. This helps prevent rust and prolongs the life of your grill.

## Additional Safety Tips

- Keep a Safe Distance: Place the grill at least 10 feet away from your home, deck railings, and overhanging branches.
- Supervise Children and Pets: Keep children and pets away from the grilling area to prevent accidents.
- Never Leave the Grill Unattended: Always keep an eye on the grill while it's in use.
- Turn Off the Gas Supply: After grilling, make sure to turn off the gas supply at the tank.

Ensuring your gas grill is safe and leak-free is a vital part of summer grilling preparation. By following these steps to check for leaks and maintain your grill, you can enjoy delicious meals with peace of mind. Regular maintenance and proper safety practices will keep your grill in top condition and help you avoid potential hazards. So, fire up that grill with confidence and get ready to make the most of your summer cookouts!

## 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

# JUNETEENTH FUN FACTS!

1. It is the oldest known holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the US.
2. Some cities and groups have Miss Juneteenth contests.
3. Strawberry soda pop was once a popular drink associated with celebrating the day.
4. There is a Juneteenth Flag of Freedom. It is half red and half blue with a star in the middle. Each year a Juneteenth Flag raising ceremony is held in Galveston.
5. Juneteenth has been celebrated under many names: Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Cel-Liberation Day, Second Independence Day, and Emancipation Day to name just a few.
6. Juneteenth was not recognized as a federal holiday until June 2021.

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

## PART TWO

“The Pad Binghamton”, the newest 14,000 square-foot location in a chain of climbing gym facilities owned by Kristin and Yishai Horowitz is “COMING TO VESTAL IN FALL 2024!” as quoted on their website: thepadclimbing.org.

Newspaper Publishers received emails from subscribers explaining their concerns. 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 excessive noise for the 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

The emails received by Newspaper Publishers stated the following:

### Email 1:

“I have [reviewed] the rezoning records concerning the property located at 2220 Vestal Rd which has been rezoned to industrial [have attached] my objection to both that initial rezoning and the now requested special operating permit by The Pad Climbing business. This type of industrial zoning should have never been allowed to occur and should be reversed. But in any event, it is now included as part of the legacy of former Town Supervisor John Schaffer. The Twin Orchards neighborhood in Vestal was severely ravaged by flooding in September of 2011, 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.

Now, a business known as The Pad Climbing wants a special permit to operate their business 24/7, which has never been allowed for any business operating at this location and they want to do so with no supervision during the overnight hours. Additionally, because there are seemingly not enough parking spaces, they want to remove all the remaining green space and the trees between the industrial zoning and the residential properties and expand the parking lot by an additional 16 feet along the western border. This takes the industrial zoning even closer to the rear doorway of all the residential homes located along Elm St. There is currently about 20 feet of green space remaining which contains some mature trees. A former tenant at this location cut many trees down without authorization.

It is implausible that the Town of Vestal is seemingly now going to allow this to happen, suggesting that replacing the remaining green space and trees with a chain-link fence with privacy slats will block the noise and light pollution from effecting those residential homes surrounding this property.

The requirement to maintain a 50-foot green space buffer between the now industrial zoning and residential zoning has been established as a minimum standard. The green buffer space requirement was not the same for the RA2 Community business zoning. So clearly the green space buffer should be expanded and enhanced under the current industrial zoning requirements, NOT completely removed and eliminated as now proposed.

Neilson Hardware indicated they would be using and storing a flammable liquid known as acetone within their

business space. The storage and use of this chemical liquid was never addressed by the Town of Vestal planning board and engineering department at a public hearing or even documented in the planning board minutes of 6/13/2023.

It has been indicated by the applicant’s attorney Sarah Campbell with HHK that all lighting on this property is dark sky compliant, but this has been shown now not to be the case, and the four high mast flood lights recently activated are not shielded or baffled in any way.

Tractor trailers have not been routed out of the parking lot via the eastern driveway and have not been required to turn right taking them out of the residential neighborhood as originally agreed. So as of now, they often use the western drive and must swing into the oncoming lane while turning right on to Vestal Rd and at times drive up onto the yards of the homes along Vestal Rd. The visual sightline for this portion of Vestal Rd. is very limited due to a curve and slope in the roadway causing an unnecessary hazard to both vehicle traffic and pedestrians.

As previously noted by Broome County, the two existing asphalt driveways (as documented by DPW on April 4, 2023) are in poor condition with visible rutting behind the curb, potholes, faded markings, and deteriorated sections of asphalt. Signage should be provided for the eastern driveway to maintain the “EXIT ONLY” status of the driveway. Broome County had originally noted during the rezoning process that the parking lot should be brought up to NYSDOT Highway Design Standards for Residential and Minor Commercial Driveways and establish a traffic pattern.

The newly proposed tenant has now committed to the planning board that he intends to resurface the entire parking lot, but the actual owner of the property Neilson Hardware has not committed to doing that work and has not fully complied or completed the work that they originally agreed to do.

I’m asking that the Vestal Town Board deny the special permit request, and that all the work that was originally agreed to, be fully completed. The enforcement of all the agreed upon contingencies for this property could prove to be difficult for the Town of Vestal if not completed now.

Please make this and the attached documents part of the public record for the Town of Vestal public hearing scheduled for March 27th, 2024, at 6pm.”

### Email 2:

“After attending the Town of Vestal planning board meeting of 3/19/24, I have now learned that The Pad Climbing business does in fact wish to operate 24/7, allowing certain members to access the building at night while being unsupervised. This would result in little to no control of who would potentially attend with the authorized member after hours. The building at 2220 Vestal Rd. has never operated 24/7, and I feel the additional nighttime traffic would cause excessive noise for the residents, in addition to the noise from people playing their car stereos, loud mufflers, squealing of tires, as well as other conduct occurring while congregating in the parking area at night. This residential neighborhood is very quiet at night and commercial traffic over 5 tons is completely restricted after 9pm for the entire neighborhood. I would hope the area would remain quiet.

Additionally, I have also now learned that the required parking space issue for both businesses is not in fact settled as previously indicated by their Attorney Sarah Campbell at the last Town Work Session. Most of the parking spaces proposed along the western edge of the property would not

be usable due to the need of the tractor trailer drivers utilizing the space to back up to and access the loading dock for Neilson Hardware at the western end of the building. So now, after the planning board meeting of 6/13/2023, in which the company was told to preserve the natural barrier along the western edge of the property to provide a buffer for residential properties along Elm St., they now want to cut most of it down and extend the parking lot an additional 16 feet west towards those same homes. Leaving only four feet of space to create not only a new drainage swale to move the resulting water runoff from the parking lot, but also to replant a new natural barrier of spruce trees as they agreed. This would also leave the high mast flood light on the western edge of the property directly in the middle of those proposed parking spaces. This is in no way the required amount of buffer space that is typically required between residential and commercial districts and when they reinstall the 8-foot chain-link fence with privacy slats it will not shield the back yards of the residential homes from the noise and light pollution.

At this meeting, The Pad Climbing Wall representative said they would establish a traffic pattern for the parking lot as was previously discussed in the planning board meeting of 6/13/23 by Neilson Hardware representatives but was not documented in the 6/13/23 planning board minutes. This amounted to installing a No Exit signage facing drivers attempting to leave the site at the west driveway, while also clearly marking this drive as an entrance only for Vestal Rd traffic. While marking the East driveway with signage that indicates DO NOT ENTER for Vestal Rd. traffic and signage that indicates All Trucks Right Turn Only facing the exiting traffic.

He also agreed to mill and completely repave the entire parking lot before striping it.

The representative showed a proposed sign for the business that would be installed on the eastern end of the building, and he stated the sign would not be illuminated in anyway.

The representative also agreed to pave a foot path from the rear egress door of the business to the front of the building which will probably need to travel around the western end of the building due to the current easement held by NYSDEC for the maintenance of flood control lands.

Also discussed but not documented due to a recorder failure during the Town of Vestal planning board meeting of 6-13-23 with Neilson Hardware representatives were the following items:

The company representative said that there would be no neon or LED displayed company signs or logos on the property.

The company representative stated they would be using and storing the chemical acetone within the building. He said there would be no other hazardous chemicals on site.

I mentioned that there had been previous rollover accidents on the eastern driveway due to ice conditions which is steep and has an unprotected embankment. They have now installed W-Beam guiderails along both sides of that driveway for safety to prevent that from occurring.

The company representative stated he would be planting blue spruce trees to provide the privacy screen that had been removed by the previous tenants after numerous trees had been cut down.

In attendance at this meeting, there were two members of the public.

Respectfully submitted, [name redacted for privacy]”

**MORE ON THE NEXT PAGE**

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

PHOTOS

Part Three, coming next week, will explore excerpts from town board meetings and planning meetings on the subject.



Map of where “The Pad Binghamton” will go and its proximity to the neighboring houses. Nielsen Hardware Corporation will be the location of the glimbling gym.



With the temperatures ranging in the 90's Firefighters, need to use extra caution when on fire calls, especially building fires. High heat, coupled with the heavy fire gear worn, can cause serious medical issues for the Firefighters if steps are not taken to avoid them.

Firefighters on the scene, especially those who go inside to fight the fire, can dehydrate to dangerous levels if not kept hydrated as much as possible. Drinking plenty of cold water and/or drinks like Gatorade help to cool them down and hydrate them.

Using damp cold cloths will help greatly when applied to the head and back of the neck of overheated Firefighters. They need to remove their fire gear and rest as well, this will reduce the stress their bodies are under.

### What can you do to help the Firefighters on the scene?

Providing them with ice cubes and cold water, even cold tap water in pitchers or jugs, is a great help. A garden hose to spray water on themselves will also help. Providing shade in your garage is welcome too. Allowing Firefighters access to your bathroom is very much appreciated on the fire scene.

The Vestal Fire Auxiliary provides drinks and snacks for the Firefighters on the scene whenever possible, but your providing the items listed above will also help care for your Vestal Volunteer Firefighters. Thank you all for caring about us and our safety.



360 degree view of the property





# VESTAL FRONT STREET DAYS!



**VINTAGE VESTAL**

ON FACEBOOK • PHOTOS • STORIES • MEMORIES OF HOME...

**JOIN US!**

Photos Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink! More Photos on Page 7!



Vestal Cheerleaders face painting



Abbie with the Rec Dept



Kelsey with the Vestal Rec Department

**Vestal Recreation Department**



Gabe



Garrison



**Vestal 50 Plus Club**

Vestal 50's club, Carol Newberry Allen, Carol Hawley, Grady Hagen and Arleen Schneider



Tina Nichole with dermatology on Front street and Patrick with the hep c program



Grace, Monica, Julia with Haven Health, free ultrasounds for women in need





Police Department doing ID cards for kids



Donn'a Creations



Cutesy Pots



Laura with A room to Heal, A place that redoes kids' rooms that have a life changing medical issue



Score!



Basketball is fun!



George Harrington with Twin Tier Honor flight, he's 98 yrs old!

# Juneteenth: Celebrating Freedom and Supporting Equity



Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. It is a day of reflection, celebration, and a call to action to support equality and justice for people of color.

## History of Juneteenth

The origin of Juneteenth dates back to June 19, 1865. Although President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring all slaves in Confederate states to be free, it took over two years for the news to reach some parts of the country. On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced General Order No. 3, proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas. This day marked the official end of slavery in the United States.

Juneteenth was initially celebrated by African Americans in Texas through community gatherings, barbecues, prayer services, and educational events. Over the years, the celebration spread to other states and gained recognition as a significant cultural and historical observance. In 1980, Texas became the first state to declare Juneteenth an official holiday. Finally, on June 17, 2021, Juneteenth was recognized as a federal holiday in the United States.

## Ways Juneteenth is Celebrated Around the World

Juneteenth is celebrated globally, with various traditions and events reflecting the cultural heritage and struggles of African Americans. Some common ways Juneteenth is celebrated include:

- **Parades and Festivals:** Many cities host parades and festivals featuring music, dance, food, and art, showcasing African American culture and achievements.
- **Educational Events:** Schools, libraries, and community organizations hold lectures, workshops, and panel discussions to educate people about the history of Juneteenth and the ongoing fight for racial justice.
- **Family Gatherings and Barbecues:** Families come together for barbecues, picnics, and cookouts, sharing traditional foods and reflecting on the significance of the day.
- **Prayer and Reflection:** Religious services and prayer gatherings are held to honor ancestors and reflect on the progress made and challenges ahead.
- **Community Service:** Many people engage in volunteer work and community service projects to support local organizations and uplift their communities.

**Supporting People of Color Now**  
Supporting people of color involves both individual actions and collective efforts to address systemic inequalities. Here are some ways individuals can contribute:

- **Educate Yourself and Others:** Learn about the history, culture, and contributions of people of color. Share this knowledge with others to promote understanding and awareness.
- **Support Black-Owned Businesses:** Make a conscious effort to support Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs in your community and online.
- **Advocate for Policy Change:** Get involved in advocacy efforts aimed at addressing racial disparities in areas such as criminal justice, healthcare, education, and employment.
- **Volunteer and Donate:** Volunteer your time and skills to organizations that support people of color. Consider making regular donations to causes that advance racial equity.
- **Amplify Voices of Color:** Use your platform to amplify the voices and stories of people of color. Support media, art, and literature created by people of color.

## Nonprofit Organizations Dedicated To Supporting People Of Color That You Can Consider Donating To:

1. **NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People):** Working to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.
2. **Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation:** A global organization focused on eradicating white supremacy and building local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities.
3. **Equal Justice Initiative:** Providing legal representation to prisoners who may have been wrongly convicted of crimes, poor prisoners without effective representation, and others who may have been denied a fair trial.
4. **Color Of Change:** A civil rights advocacy organization that works to build a better world for Black people by making government and corporate practices more responsive to racial disparities.
5. **The Loveland Foundation:** Committed to showing up for communities of color, especially Black women and girls, through initiatives like fellowships, residency programs, and mental health support.
6. **The Innocence Project:** Dedicated to exonerating wrongly convicted individuals and reforming the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice.
7. **United Negro College Fund (UNCF):** Supporting the education of African American students and providing scholarships and financial support to historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs).
8. **Black Girls Code:** Empowering girls of color to become innovators in STEM fields by providing them with skills and resources to succeed in technology and computer programming.

Juneteenth is a powerful reminder of the resilience and strength of African Americans throughout history. By celebrating this day and supporting ongoing efforts for racial equality, we can honor the past and work towards a more just and equitable future.



**GFJ Library Audiobook Walk-a-thon**

At the Vestal Rail Trail  
Saturday, June 29th  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Register day of at the east end of Rail Trail (near Home Goods)

libby by OverDrive  
hoopla

gfj GEORGE F. JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**Tuesday's Tips**

## WATERPARK SAFETY TIPS

Always Designate a **Water Watcher** to Monitor Small Children

Bring Your Own **Life Jacket**

Do Not Use "Water Wings"

Choose Easy to See **Bright Colored Swimsuits**

NEW YORK STATE Department of State Consumer Protection

## SUN SAFETY

### SUMMER SKIN PROTECTION

WEAR BROAD HAT	USE SUNGLASSES	WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
AVOID SUN BETWEEN 11 AM AND 3 PM	USE SUNSCREEN	DRINK MORE WATER
REFLECTION CAUTION	SEEK SHADE	AVOID DIRECT SUNLIGHT



# Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting

NEWSPAPER EDITED Tuesday, May 28, 2024

**PRESENT:**  
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 Director of Instruction Keliann Mazikewich  
 Director of Special Education Katherine Mazourek  
 ARE Principal Meghan Stenta  
 VHS Principal Dawn Young

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
 Superintendent of Schools  
 Clifford Kasson  
 School Attorney Michael  
 Sherwood  
 District Clerk Michelle Lewis  
 School Business Executive  
 Angela Rogers  
 Director of Athletics Josh  
 Gannon

Approximately 4 visitors

## Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President Kathryn Egan in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Student Government Report

Student Government President Ian Chung reported on the success of four VHS students who received Scholastic Writing Awards, as well as seven who won Scholastic Art Awards. He also shared that he was pleased to be a part of the District Council Dinner, where Student Government chose to recognize teachers Jennifer Pham and Colette O'Donnell. He also announced the results of the Student Government election. Keith Dai will be the incoming President, whom Ian will introduce to the Board in June.

## First Executive Session

Move to adjourn into anticipated First Executive Session for the approval of CSE and CPSE recommendations, as well as a student matter and 5 personnel matters  
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 14 and the Special Meeting of May 21  
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

## Reports

Board President Kathryn Egan reported on the following:  
 --Liaison Reports: Dinno Nistico reported that the CAE Spring Music Concert will take place on 5/29 and the Spring Carnival on 5/30. Erryn Wilson attended the District Council Dinner on 5/23 and reported that it was a wonderful event with many individuals honored, including two senior scholarship recipients. The 6th grade Select Chorus also performed at the event. Shoba Agneshwar attended the VMS PTO meeting on 5/15. Bear Essentials received a mini-grant that they plan to use to restock hygiene products. They are hoping to be up and running in August so students can come get items they need prior to school starting. Little Mermaid Jr. was a huge success. The 7/8 Chorus Concert is scheduled for 5/30 and the Spring Orchestra Concert for 6/6. Emails have been sent out to parents with important dates, including end-of-year events and the Chromebook return schedule. VMS students who are taking NYS Regents exams will be transported to and from the high school for testing. It was reported that the

NYS Science Exam was very difficult reflecting the new standards put into place by the state. Shoba also recognized Vickie Sax for her excellent coaching, leading the Softball Team to another Section IV Championship. Lisa Milkovich attended the GSCA meeting on 5/20. They are pleased to have parents showing interest in officer positions for next year. With money received from book sales, they plan to send a book home with every student this summer. Stephanie Mitsakos, School Counselor, took the lead in planning a Mental Health Awareness Day last week for GLE students with incorporation of a therapy dog, SROs, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Greater Binghamton Health Center, to name a few. The school Field Days are planned for 6/12 and an End-of-Year Party at Skate Estate on 6/23.

## Superintendent Kasson reported on the following:

The Superintendent began his report by thanking the Board for the time they spend attending school events and PTO/PTA meetings, as well as bi-weekly Board meetings. He recognizes that BOE members volunteer their time in numerous ways and he shared his appreciation.

--**District Art Show:** Mr. Kasson attended the K-12 District Art Show at the Vestal Public Library on 5/16. District art teachers were also proud to be present with their talented students.

--**THE "Paraprofessional Posse":** The Superintendent was honored with a special surprise at THE earlier this month. When he arrived at the building, he was greeted by the "THE Paraprofessional Posse" all wearing green 'Stay Golden' t-shirts made by one of the paras and they gifted Mr. Kasson with a shirt, as well as a 'Stay Golden' wooden desk sign painted in green and gold.

--**DOT Bus Inspection Results:** The Superintendent reported that the NYS Department of Transportation recognized Vestal CSD for having a 96.69% pass rate for bus inspections from April 2023 to March 2024. Mr. Kasson thanked our Transportation Department for the hard work they do to keep our bus fleet in good condition.

--**Capital Project Update:** Mr. Kasson reported that although all paperwork was submitted to the State for approval in October 2023, the District still has not received approval to begin Capital Project work. Unfortunately, this has thrown off the phasing plan and we have missed the window to go out to bid for summer work. NYS has assured the Superintendent that we are in the queue, and Day Automation is ready to begin building security/badge access work this summer as soon as approval is granted. Work with different funding sources can still take place at VHS this summer, including HVAC (ARP) and boiler replacement (EPC). Approval has been received for the Admin Elevator/Stairwell Project, which is scheduled to begin in June.

--**Athletics Update:** Mr. Gannon reported that 583 student athletes participated in Spring sports this year. He shared the multiple successes of Baseball (15-5), Softball (Section IV champs and headed to Regionals this weekend), Boys Lacrosse (Section IV champs and playing at Vestal in Regionals this weekend), Girls Lacrosse (11-4), Boys Tennis (Class B champs with 2 students qualified for States), Girls Golf (19-3 with 1 student qualified for States), Track & Field (Section IV champs with 15-20 athletes participating in the Qualifier round next weekend for States), Flag Football (in its second year as an emerging sport and will be considered a full sport next year), and Unified Basketball (exciting opportunity for students with special needs to participate in sports). All Varsity spring teams qualified as NYS Scholar Athletes (at least 75% of team members with a 90% or higher average). There will be a Signing Day on 6/6 for Seniors who are committing to participate in

sports at Division 3 schools (15 athletes) and Division 2 schools (2 athletes). A number of student athletes have signed throughout the year with both Division 1 and Division 2 schools. Mr. Kasson complimented Mr. Gannon for establishing the Vestal Athletics Network and working with interested students to help run cameras at sporting events. Mr. Gannon thanked the District for their support of the Vestal Athletic Program.

## Move to accept Schedules A, B, & C - Financial Reports (April)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Move to approve Schedule P - Personnel as revised

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

The following changes were made under Schedule P:

## SCHEDULE IP1

### RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

(NAME, POSITION, TENURE AREA, EFF. DATE)

1. Krowiak, Brittany, Special Education Teacher, Gen Sp Ed, 8/31/24

## SCHEDULE IP3

### PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS:

(NAME, POSITION, TENURE AREA, CERTIFICATE (EXP. DATE), PROB. DATE, TENURE DATE, SALARY)

1. Dorwart, Caleb, School Counselor, School Counselor, Pending, TBD, TBD, \$60,895

## Pending Certification

To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law 2509, 2573, 3212, and 3014, in order to be granted tenure, the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law 3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, classroom teacher and building principal mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.

## SCHEDULE IP4A

### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS (SUBSTITUTES):

(NAME, INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL, CERTIFICATION)

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1. Bahr, Ryan, Science, None, BA, 5/29/24
2. Ballinsky, Zoe, Psychology, None, BA, 5/29/24
3. Glowienka, Stephen, Elementary, None, BA, 5/29/24
4. Thornton, Susan, English, Permanent, PHD, 5/29/24
5. Wowk, Gina, Elementary, None, BA, 5/29/24

**SCHEDULE IP4B****TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS:  
ABOVE CONTRACT**

Attached please find page 4 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2023-24 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position, and stipend.

**(AREA OF APPOINTMENT, SEASON/BLDG.,  
STIPEND, POSTED, NAME, APPROVED,  
INTRAMURALS)**

1. High School - Cheerleading, Spring, \$516.00, Morris, Kim, 5/28/24

**SCHEDULE IP 4C****TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS:  
INSTRUCTIONAL (OTHER)**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS (OTHER):

**(NAME, AREA OF SERVICE, LEVEL, EFF. DATE)**

1. Coleman, Laura Marie, Home Teacher, Non-Probationary/Hourly, District-Wide, 5/29/24
2. Stankevich, Chelsea, Home Teacher, Non-Probationary/Hourly, District-Wide, 5/29/24

**SCHEDULE IP6****TENURE APPOINTMENTS:  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL TENURE APPOINTMENTS:

**(NAME, POSITION, TENURE AREA, CERTIFICA-  
TION, (EXP. DATE), PROB. PERIOD, EFF. DATE)**

1. Allen, Michelle, Reading Teacher, Reading, Permanent, 9/1/21-6/30/24, 9/1/24
2. Dilmore, Stephanie, Elementary Teacher, Permanent, 9/1/21-6/30/24, 9/1/24
3. Gilebarto, Philip, English Teacher, English, Permanent, 9/1/21-6/30/24, 9/1/24
4. Hattala, Carly, Math Teacher, Math, Initial, 9/1/21-6/30/24, 9/1/24
5. Kaefer, Michael, German Teacher, German, Initial, 9/18/20-9/17/24, 9/18/24
6. Marks, Caroline, ESL Teacher, ESL, Initial, 9/1/20-6/30/24, 9/1/24
7. Miller, Joy, ESL Teacher, ESL, Professional, 9/1/20-6/30/24, 9/1/24
8. Mones, Michelle, Elementary Teacher, Permanent, 9/1/21-6/30/24, 9/1/24
9. Ramos, Marissa, School Psychologist, School Psychologist, Permanent, 9/1/20-6/30/24, 9/1/24
10. Rose, Emily, Elementary TEacher, Professional, 9/1/21-6/30/24, 9/1/24
11. Stevens, Brianna, Elementary Teacher, Initial, 9/1/20-6/30/24, 9/1/24
12. Waltersdorf, Michele, Math Teacher, Math, Professional, 9/1/21-6/30/24, 9/1/24

**SCHEDULE IP10****ABOLITION OF POSITIONS:  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends ABOLITION of the following INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS:

**(POSITION, TENURE AREA, EFF. DATE)**

1. 2.0 Elementary Teacher, Elementary Tenure Area, 7/1/24
2. 2.0 Reading Teacher, Special Subject Tenure Area: Reading, 7/1/24
3. 1.0 English Teacher, Academic Tenure Area: English, 7/1/24
4. 1.0 Business Teacher, Special Subject Tenure Area: Business Education, 7/1/24
5. 1.0 Technology Teacher, Special Subject Tenure Area: Technology, 7/1/24
6. 0.5 Physical Education Teacher, Special Subject Tenure Area: Physical Education, 7/1/24

**SCHEDULE IP10.A****(NAME and/or POSITION, PREFERRED  
ELIGIBLE LIST)**

1. 2.0 Elementary Teacher - Attrition, Abolished
2. 1.0 Reading Teacher - Domenica Cushner, Reassignment, Seven years effective 7/1/24
3. 1.0 Reading Teacher - Danielle Purdy, Excessed, Seven years effective 7/1/24
4. 1.0 English Teacher - Jennifer Gerardi, Excessed, Seven years effective 7/1/24
5. 1.0 Business Teacher - Attrition, Abolished
6. 1.0 Technology Teacher - Attrition, Abolished
7. 0.5 Physical Education Teacher - Vacant, Abolished

**SCHEDULE NIP 1****RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

**(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/SCHOOL, EFF. DATE)**

1. Dautovic, Asima, Teacher Aide PT, CAE, 6/19/24
2. Martino, Olivia, Senior Typist, VHS Athletics, 6/29/24
3. Patel, Shaheen, Teacher Aide PT, VHE, 6/30/24
4. Rolles, Stephanie, Teacher Aide PT, CAE, 6/30/24

**SCHEDULE NIP 2****RETIREMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RETIREMENTS:

**(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/SCHOOL, EFF. DATE)**

1. Konrad, Cynthia, Teacher Aide, VHS, 11/30/24

**SCHEDULE NIP 4****PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS:  
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS:

**(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/BUILDING, PROB.  
PERIOD, SALARY, REMARKS)**

1. Randall, Sara, Cleaner, 2nd Shift, VHS, 5/28/24-5/27/25, \$34,032, 52-week probationary period

**SCHEDULE NIP 8A****TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/  
SUBSTITUTES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following TEMPORARY NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES:

**(NAME, POSITION, EFF. DATE)**

1. Alvino, Jennifer, Temporary Summer Custodian, 6/20/24-9/17/24
2. Konrad, Cynthia, Teacher Aide PT/S, 12/1/24
3. Lewis, Christopher, Temporary Summer Custodian, 6/17/24-8/31/24
4. Parsons, Alexander, Temporary Summer Custodian, 7/1/24-9/28/24
5. Rolles, Stephanie, Teacher Aide PT/S, 9/1/24
6. Roosa, Edward, Temporary Summer Custodian, 6/24/24-8/31/24
7. Rose, Joshua, Temporary Summer Custodian, 7/1/24-8/31/24

**SCHEDULE NIP 9B****PART-TIME NON-COMPETITIVE  
APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following PART-TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS:

**(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/BUILDING, PROB.  
PERIOD, SALARY, REMARKS)**

1. Kaylor, Jessica, Food Service Helper, 5.0 hrs/day, VHS, 5/29/24-10/1/25, \$15.50/hr, 52-week probationary period

**SCHEDULE NIP 10****LEAVES OF ABSENCE:  
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

**(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/BUILDING,  
EFF. DATES, REASON)**

1. Cordi-Fletcher, Jessica, Teacher Aide, CAE, 5/29/24 PM - TBD, Medical Reasons

**SCHEDULE NIP 11****CHANGES IN STATUS:  
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS:

**(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/BLDG, CHANGE,  
EFFECTIVE)**

1. Giraud, Tiffany, Food Service Helper, CAE, From: 3.5 hrs/day, To: 5.0 hrs/day, 7/1/24

The following employees have achieved satisfactory completion of district probationary period:

1. Little, Charles, Custodian, 2nd Shift, THE, 6/6/24

**SCHEDULE NIP12****ABOLITION OF POSITIONS:  
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends ABOLITION of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS:

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**(POSITION, SHIFT/BLDG., EFFECTIVE DATE, REASON)**

1. Performing Arts Production Assistant, VHS, 7/1/24, Abolished
2. Groundskeeper, F&O, 7/1/24, Abolished
3. Building Maintenance Worker, F&O, 7/1/24, Abolished
4. Mechanic, Transportation, 7/1/24, Abolished
5. 2.0 Bus Attendant, Transportation, 7/1/24, Abolished
6. 2.0 Teacher Aide, (4 hrs/day), GLE, ARE (Lunch/ Recess), 7/1/24, Abolished
7. 2.0 Teacher Aide, District Wide, 7/1/24, Abolished
8. 1.0 Senior Typist, Athletics, 7/1/24, Abolished
9. 1.0 Registered Professional Nurse, District Wide, 7/1/24, Abolished

**SCHEDULE NIP12.A**

**(NAME and/or POSITION, REMARKS)**

1. Duffy, Christopher, Performing Arts Production Assistant, Excessed
2. Vacant (1.0), Groundskeeper, Vacant
3. Vacant (1.0), Building Maintenance Worker, Vacant
4. Vacant (1.0), Mechanic, Vacant
5. Vacant (2.0), Bus Attendant, Vacant
6. Vacant (2.0) GLE/ARE, Teacher Aide Lunch/ Recess, Vacant
7. Vacant (2.0), Teacher Aide, Vacant
8. Martino, Olivia, Senior Typist, Athletics, Resignation
9. Vacant (1.0), Registered Professional Nurse, Vacant

**Recertification of Vote**

WHEREAS, in accordance with a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of Vestal Central School District of the Towns of Vestal and Binghamton, Broome County, New York, and Town of Owego, Tioga County, New York, the annual district meeting of the qualified voters of said School District was duly held and conducted on May 21, 2024 for the purpose of voting on the propositions and vacancies on the Board of Education contained in the notice of said annual district meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Vestal Central School District of the Towns of Vestal and Binghamton, Broome County, New York, and Town of Owego, Tioga County, New York as follows:

Section 1. Upon an examination of the report of the inspectors of election presented to this Board of Education, the attached is hereby declared to be the result of the voting on said propositions submitted at the annual district meeting of the qualified voters of Vestal Central School District held on May 21, 2024.

Section 2. In accordance with the attached tabulation of the vote at said district meeting, it is hereby determined and declared that:

- Proposition No. 1 was APPROVED
- Proposition No. 2 was APPROVED
- Proposition No. 3 was APPROVED

and that the following persons were elected to the Board of Education:

1. Amanda Atkinson for a 3-year term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027
2. Eric LaClair for a 3-year term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027
3. Chadwin Smith for a 3-year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027

and that the following persons were elected to the Vestal Public Library Board of Trustees:

1. Mary Anne Karre for a 3-year term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027
2. Lisa Blackwell for a 3-year term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027

3. Dianne Cappiello for a 3-year term from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**UPK Contract with Tutor Time 2024-25**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice President be authorized to sign an agreement with Tutor Time of Vestal to provide pre-kindergarten services for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement, for the 2024-25 academic year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**UPK Contract with Recess Resources 2024-25**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice President be authorized to sign an agreement with Recess Resources d/b/a Cub Care Children’s Center to provide pre-kindergarten services for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement, for the 2024-25 academic year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**UPK Contract with JCC 2024-25**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice President be authorized to sign an agreement with the Jewish Community Center of Binghamton to provide pre-kindergarten services for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement, for the 2024-25 academic year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**UPK Contract with Campus Pre-School 2024-25**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice President be authorized to sign an agreement with Campus Pre-School and ECC, Inc. to provide pre-kindergarten services for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement, for the 2024-25 academic year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**Contract with Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference**

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contract with Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference to provide educational services for handicapped Vestal students attending the Day Treatment Program through June 30, 2025 in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**Interagency Agreement with Greater Opportunities Head Start**

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an Interagency Agreement with Greater Opportunities Head Start to provide services for preschool children enrolled in Head Start for the 2024-25 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**Health & Welfare Charges - Johnson City School District**

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with the Johnson City Central School District to provide Health and Welfare Services to approximately 27 students residing in the Vestal Central School District attending non-public schools within the Johnson City Central School District during the 2024-25 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**Personal Services Agreement - Interpreter**

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a Personal Services Agreement with Lee Yu to provide interpretation services as requested, in accordance with the terms outlined in the attached agreement through June 30, 2024.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**Extended Field Trip - Cheerleaders**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education gives permission to approximately 20 student athletes (gr. 8-12) to travel to Greenley, PA from August 27 through August 30, 2024 to participate in Cheer Camp.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**Acceptance of Donation - VHE PTA**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education pursuant to its authority under Section 1709 (12) of the Education Law hereby accepts a gift of \$722.28 from the Vestal Hills PTA to the Vestal Hills Special Grant Fund to purchase supplies for the VHE Art Department.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**Second Reading and Approval of Policy 6220 - Temporary Personnel**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Policy 6220 - Temporary Personnel as amended.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**Voice of the Public**

None.

**Future Board Meetings**

Regular Meeting TUESDAY June 25, 2024 6:00 pm Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street

**Second Executive Session**

Move to adjourn into anticipated Second Executive Session to discuss Personal Services Agreements

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**Adjournment**

Move to Adjourn

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK

**Second Executive Session will be printed next week!**

**ARREST WARRANT**

Leah M. Mustin is currently the subject of a arrest warrant for Burglary in the Third Degree, Possession of Burglar Tools, and Criminal Impersonation. This warrant stems from a larceny complaint, compounded by Mustin’s prior trespassing from the business, elevating the charge to Burglary. Additionally, Mustin was discovered to be in possession of tools commonly associated with burglary, and she provided false identity information during her initial arrest, which was only uncovered subsequently. Mustin was last known to be residing in the Endicott, New York area. Information regarding the whereabouts of Mustin can be submitted to the Vestal Police Department Detective Division at (607) 754-2477.

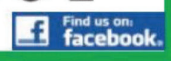
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- Landscape
- Renovation
- Retaining Walls
- Patios
- Walkways
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- Driveway Repair
- Fencing
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# SUBURBAN SEPTIC

## - Septic Tanks Cleaned



**- Portable Toilet Rentals and Sink Rentals**



332 MAIN ST, KIRKWOOD, NY

**607-775-3693**

Come out and Celebrate Pride with a Classic Film for the LGBTQIA Community, Too Wong Foo Thanks for Everything Julie Newmar. This Showing of the Movie is Free compliments of the Binghamton Pride Coalition and BLAST. Doors will open at 6:30pm and seats are first come first serve. Get there early to get great seats. Concessions will be available to purchase to include Popcorn, candy and nice cold drinks including Alcohol. Bring your friends and let's wind down Pride Month with a Classic!



# 2024 Summer concert series



- JULY 11TH - ARNOLD PARK  
Andrews Road, Vestal
- JULY 18TH - ARNOLD PARK
- JULY 25TH - ARNOLD PARK
- AUGUST 1ST - ARNOLD PARK
- AUGUST 8TH - STAGE AT LITTLE ITALY  
George W. Johnson Park, Oak Hill Ave., Endicott
- AUGUST 15TH - ARNOLD PARK
- AUGUST 22ND - ARNOLD PARK

*All Concerts Start at 6:30pm*

Bringing a lawn chair/blanket is recommended.

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# GAZEBO SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

TOWN OF VESTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Tuesdays at 7pm**

- JUNE 18 | SWING STREET JAZZTET\*\*
- JUNE 25 | ISLAND HOPPERS\*\*
- JULY 2 | FAIR WINDS TRIO\*\*
- JULY 9 | SOUTHERN TIER BRASS
- JULY 16 | HAZE & DACEY
- JULY 23 | MUSIC UNLIMITED LITTLE BIG BAND
- JULY 30 | MASON WARRINGTON ORCHESTRA
- AUGUST 6 | BROTHERS AND FRIENDS
- AUGUST 13 | STORM FRONT

\*\*THE FOOD TRUCK WILL BE ATTENDING THESE CONCERTS

Vestal Gazebo, Four Corners, Front St. & Main St.



## FREE PRIDE MOVIE NIGHT!

Cider Mill STAGE  
SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH 7PM  
BINGHAMTON PRIDE COALITION



# 12TH YOUTH ACADEMY CLASS STARTS THIS JULY!

## 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

Contact SRO Tuetken at [Mtuetken@vestalny.gov](mailto:Mtuetken@vestalny.gov) or 607-221-5493 for an application.

All school districts are welcome!