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## VHS SENIORS RETURN TO FORMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Class of 2024 African Road Golden Bear seniors took a trip down memory lane as they walked through their former elementary school on June 17. They looked up beloved teachers and even posed with previous class photos!

Photos courtesy of Katie Yezi and the Vestal High School on Facebook



**PET OF THE WEEK:**  
**Pumpkin**



Hello, I'm Pumpkin! Yes, I was named for my orange fur and yes, I know that's what you were thinking. I'm a senior, and the other cats in the neighborhood respect me as such. Mom carries me often and though I can walk fine, I do not protest.

TOWN OF VESTAL NEW YORK

**Vestal Memorial Pool & Splash Pad**

12 PM → 8 PM

\$1 kids, \$2 Adults

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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!





**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**  
**6PM, Large Meeting Room, Sign Up Online**

**Friday, July 12th**  
**VPL Open Game Day- All Ages**  
**11AM- 3:30PM, Meeting Room**

**Saturday, July 13th**  
**>Second Saturday Series: Tenzin Chopak**  
**7PM- 9PM, Free, The Vestal Museum**  
**>Summer Art Exhibition Opening Day**  
**The Vestal Museum**  
**> VPL Geocaching Demo**  
**11AM- 12:30PM, Meeting Room**

**Monday, July 15th**  
**VPL Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**6PM, Meeting Room**

**Thursday, July 18th**  
**Free Summer Family Movie Nights**  
**25th Anniversary of Tarzan,**  
**8:30PM, Arnold Park, Andrews Rd.**



## Vestal Fire Department Responses

[vestalfire.com](http://vestalfire.com)

by *Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer*

**Vestal Fire this week responded to:**  
**5 fire alarms, 2 carbon monoxide alarms, 1 smoke alarm, 3 odors of gas/burning, 1 case of smoke present, 1 elevator rescue, 1 car crash, 2 power lines down, 1 low-hanging power line, and 5 trees down, 4 of those 5 on power lines/wires**

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 06/18 16:37 Noyes Road                | General fire alarm  |
| 06/18 22:13 Westland Road             | Odor of gas outside |
| 06/20 01:43 Murray Hill Road          | Odor of something   |
| burning - no smoke or fire seen       |                     |
| 06/20 18:43 Route 26                  | Two car crash - one |
| car on fire                           |                     |
| 06/20 20:45 Exit 67 on ramp           | Smoke in the area   |
| 06/20 21:14 Sunset Avenue             | Carbon monoxide     |
| detector activation in laundry room   |                     |
| 06/21 11:06 Vestal Road               | Elevator rescue     |
| 06/21 14:02 Plaza Drive               | Commercial fire     |
| alarm                                 |                     |
| 06/21 19:28 Vestal Parkway W.         | Fire alarm - men's  |
| restroom                              |                     |
| 06/21 20:55 Radcliffe Blvd.           | Live powerline      |
| down in the street                    |                     |
| 06/22 01:21 Vestal Parkway E.         | Commercial fire     |
| alarm - smoke detector activation     |                     |
| 06/22 10:16 Vestal Parkway E.         | Odor of gas         |
| 06/22 20:54 Bunn Hill Road            | Tree and wire       |
| down                                  |                     |
| 06/23 17:38 Lynnhurst Drive           | Low hanging         |
| power line                            |                     |
| 06/23 19:12 Verna Drive               | Possible carbon     |
| monoxide alarm activation             |                     |
| 06/23 23:55 Vestal Parkway E.         | General fire alarm  |
| 06/24 12:01 Grippen Hill & Glenwood   | Tree on wires       |
| - smoking                             |                     |
| 06/24 12:55 Glenwood Road             | Tree down on        |
| power lines                           |                     |
| 06/24 17:06 Underwood Road            | Tree on power       |
| lines - lines sparking                |                     |
| 06/24 17:23 Grippen Hill & Kilmer Rd. | Tree down on        |
| power lines                           |                     |



# VESTAL POLICE REPORT

Kenneth Slicklen, 46, Endicott arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Kenyetta Torrence, 34, Binghamton, arrested for Grand Larceny 4th Degree for stealing an iPhone from the victim valued at over \$1000.

Tyler Heffner, 25, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Contempt 2nd Degree for violating a valid stay away order of protection by being in a vehicle with the protected party.

Rasheen Huskey, 41, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Mischief 4th Degree for preventing the victim from using her cell phone to contact the police during a domestic incident.

Craig Neish, 55, Apalachin, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More than .18 BAC after responding to a report of possibly intoxicated subjects.

Kristina Roberts, 27, Endicott, arrested for Burglary 3rd Degree for shoplifting from Wal-Mart after previously being banned from the location.

Adele Brink, 58, Johnson City, arrested for Speed in Zone, Unlicensed Operator and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Fentanyl and Oxycodone during a traffic stop.

Rosemarie Davila, 32, Binghamton, arrested for Burglary 3rd for shoplifting from Wal-Mart after previously being banned from the location.

Charles Williams, 58, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Dustin Smith, 30, Barton, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for failing to appear in court on a scheduled court date or within 30 days thereafter.

Daniel Quirello, 36, Binghamton, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for failing to appear in court on a scheduled court date or within 30 days thereafter.



**Saturday, June 29th the Binghamton Rumble Ponies will be highlighting the town of Vestal at their 607 Saturday game. First pitch will be at 6:07pm. Fans who wear green and gold can purchase tickets for a special price of \$9.00.**



# How to Make a Healthy Work Lunch

By Rachel Rabkin Peachman

Trying to make time for a nutritious lunch during the workday can feel like a losing battle.

Between meetings, deadlines and a never-ending stream of emails, many of us give in to the convenience of fast fare — or worse, skip the meal altogether.

But no matter your schedule, a balanced lunch deserves to be a priority. “Food is a biological need,” Maya Feller, a dietitian nutritionist in New York City, said, “and I know that sounds straightforward, but we all behave as if it’s not.”

When you skimp on lunch, your blood sugar dips. That zaps your energy, focus and stamina, said Lina Begdache, a dietitian nutritionist and associate professor of health and wellness studies at the State University of New York at Binghamton. And low blood sugar takes your mood “from happy and motivated to hangry and stressed out,” she said.

So how can you make time for lunch? And what should you be eating? We asked nutrition experts for their strategies — and asked our colleagues at New York Times Cooking for some winning recipes that you can easily prepare in advance.

## It’s All About Balance

The goal with a midday meal is to consume the right mix of lean protein, healthy fats and complex carbohydrates. That generally works out to about 25 percent protein, 25 percent unsaturated fats and 50 percent complex carbohydrates, said Erin Palinski-Wade, a dietitian nutritionist in New Jersey.

“That framework will help you to feel full and give you sustained energy so you don’t have those blood sugar spikes and crashes later on in the day,” she said.

Complex carbohydrates (found in foods like brown rice and whole wheat bread) are better choices than simple carbohydrates (like those in white rice and white bread) because your body won’t “convert them into sugar immediately, and then run out of energy,” Ms. Palinski-Wade said.

Because complex carbohydrates are rich in fiber, they’re harder to break down, so they move through the intestines more slowly, keeping you fuller for longer and providing a steadier stream of energy.

Adding sources of lean protein (like grilled chicken, fish or black beans) and unsaturated fats (like avocado, olive oil or nuts) will slow digestion even further, helping you stay satisfied and productive for the rest of the afternoon.

## What Your Body Needs

As a general rule, lunch should make up about 25 percent of the calories you consume in a day — with the rest split relatively evenly among breakfast, dinner and snacks, Ms. Palinski-Wade said.

If you follow a diet of roughly 2,000 calories per day, then you might devote 500 calories to lunch. Within that, there should be about “31 grams of protein, 14 grams of fat, 62 grams of carbohydrates and ideally 10 to 12 grams of fiber,” Ms. Palinski-Wade added.

This is not meant to suggest that you should count calories or nutrients, she said — and everyone’s calorie requirements will vary. But it can be useful to think about what your body can process at one time.

For instance, we can’t make efficient use of more than about 40 grams of protein at once, Ms. Palinski-Wade said. Excess protein will either be stored as fat, used up as energy or excreted. Similarly, too many carbohydrates at lunch can make you “feel uncomfortably full and sluggish and tired later,” she said.

## Make Lunch Exciting

With only a short window each day, many of us resort to the same dull lunch choices and gulp them down in front of our monitors. That’s a recipe for disappointment, Ms. Feller said: “No one is thinking, ‘I love eating in front of my computer!’”

Making a lunch you’ll be excited to eat is easy once you know where to begin. So we paired some of our nutrition experts’ favorite lunch ideas with a few recipes from NYT Cooking.

These lunches can be prepared on the weekend or the night before work. But if you don’t have time to cook, don’t stress: You can find many of these options at delis, grocery stores and restaurants, too.



## 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.

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## FUN FACTS!

1. There are parts of Africa in all four hemispheres.
2. The cornea is one of only two parts of the human body without blood vessels.
3. The Philippines consists of 7,641 islands.
4. Cats have five toes on their front paws, but their back paws only have four toes.
5. Kleenex tissues were originally intended to be filters for gas masks.
6. Most Disney characters wear gloves to keep animation simple. In reference to Mickey Mouse, Disney stated: “We didn’t want him to have mouse hands because he was supposed to be more human”.
7. Dogs normally start sniffing with their right nostril, then keep it there if the smell could signal danger, but they’ll shift to the left side for something pleasant, like food.
8. Theodore Roosevelt had a pet hyena named Bill.

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

## PART THREE, PHOTOS ON PAGE 6

### Recap

“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: thepad-climbing.org.

Newspaper Publishers recieved 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

to ask for protection of the neighbors from noise, lights, and problems with trucks turning left into and out of the property and running over adjacent lawns under past ownership.

Concerns raised by PB were:

- Flooding - Vern pointed out that only a small corner of the site is in the 100-year floodplain, though most of the site was flooded in 2011. The owner said that they are aware of the issue and, as they only assemble metal hardware from components, their processes do not use hazardous materials that might escape in a flood.

- Hours of operation - the PB requested their hours be restricted to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the owner agreed.

- Protection of neighbors to the west from noise and lights, especially from loading dock activities. The business expects only a couple of trucks per day. Vern noted that the existing brush and trees along the western property line does a good job of protecting the neighboring houses and suggested it not be removed in the course of adding new plantings.

- Protection of residents across Vestal Road to the north from truck lights when backing up to dock and leaving the property. The owner agreed to replace the old wooden stockade fence along Vestal Road to the west of the entrance drive with a new 6’ chain link fence with privacy slats to block truck lights.

- Entrance and exit drives must include signage to indicate exit only, enter only, to which the owner agreed.

- Poor pavement condition, especially at entry and exit drives. Owner plans to patch and repair pavement but not repave at this time.

- Inadequate lighting of parking areas. Owner will evaluate and address as he deems necessary for employee safety.

- Hours of lighting operation in parking lot. Owner will put lights on timers to ensure they are on only during the operating hours of 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m.

- The building will be cleaned up and repaired as needed, but no other changes are planned to the exterior.

- Owner has future plans to improve the interior of the building and expand the sprinkler coverage area in Phase 2, but has no plans to change the site.

- The Planning Board asked about fire protection and discussed location of hydrants and the extent of sprinkler coverage in the building. Sprinklers are not required by code.

The SEQRA declaration was handled by the Town Board in the course of the zoning change.

A motion was and seconded to approve the site plan with the following contingencies:

- The hours of operations are to be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Replacement of the old wooden stockade fence along Vestal Road to the west of the entrance drive with a new 6’ chain link fence with privacy slats.

- Addition of No Exit signage facing drivers attempting to leave the site at the west driveway.

- Timer controls added to parking lot lighting to limit their hours to 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m.

- Natural brushy growth on the west side of the property should remain to protect the neighbors.

The Change of Occupant notifications were reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Stuart; Member, Dan Hayes; Member, Thomas Gorman; Member, William Stewart; Alternate Member

NOT PRESENT: Bob Warner; Member, Andre Rosales; Alternate Member

ALSO PRESENT: Vernon Myers; Town Engineer, Dan Reynolds; Town Attorney, Shawn Pero; Planning Board Secretary, Carle Truman; Fire Marshall

Madeleine Cotts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting. Michon Stuart made a motion, Daniel Hayes seconded, with all members voting in favor.

Madeleine Cotts asked William Stewart to join the discussion though not needed for voting as they have a quorum.

The Pad Binghamton, LLC

2220 Vestal Road

BCTMP # 158.09-1-16

Proposed Indoor Rock-Climbing Wall

(Follow up Meeting)

Represented By: Chris Lynch of Delta Engineers

Chris handed out additional paperwork to the board while explaining the proposed project is a 15,000 sq ft indoor rock-climbing facility with a total of 128 parking spots. It will operate 24/7 with expert member access after 10pm, where there will be an 18’ durable foam pad for safety concerns. The current site plan will show that the lighting has been updated on the side of the building, there will be a 6 ft chain link fence with privacy slots and new trees will be planted along the western side of the parking lot. The floor plan will show Nielsen to the left and this facility with simplistic three-dimensional signage with no lighting to the right. A traffic study has been completed where it has been determined that the industrial trucks will use the eastern entrance and the public/pedestrians can access either entrance.

### Comments and/or questions from the board were as follows:

- Are the entrances separate for Nielsen and the Gym?
- What’s the criteria to be an expert member?
- What’s the means for Egress?
- Will the neighbors be affected by the outdoor lighting?
- What are the plans for the broken pavement?
- Will other activities be offered – like a small work out area, including weights?
- What will be planted on the west side to have a substantial barrier?
- Will there be any type of food or beverage services?

### Responses from Chris Lynch:

- Separate entrances for each business will be clearly marked with no interior access points as there will be a solid fire wall
- Expert members will be trained /certified and will sign waivers for after hour’s keycard access
- Plans show egress at the front main entry and a secondary egress out the back
- Selected outdoor lighting will not affect the neighborhood
- The parking area will be getting mill and overlay or reconstruction
- Small work out area with free weights and some other work out equipment, possibly an area for Pilates or yoga and a lounge area for students to hang out and access the internet
- The plans show what is being removed to expand the parking area and then what will be replanted, probably

MORE ON THE NEXT PAGE

The climbing facility has been included in several past board meetings including June 13th 2023, March 19th 2024, and March 27th 2024. Excerpts from each regarding the climbing facility are as follows:

### TOWN OF VESTAL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

DATE: June 13, 2023

PRESENT: Madeleine Cotts; Chairwoman, Michon Stuart; Member, Dan Hayes; Member, Bob Warner; Member, Tom Gorman; Member, Andre Rosales; Alternate Member

NOT PRESENT: Carolyn Almy; Planning Board Secretary, Dave Berger; Planning Board Attorney

ALSO PRESENT: Vernon Myers; Town Engineer, Carle Truman; Fire Marshal and one member of the public.

Due to the absence of Secretary Almy and an audio recording malfunctions, the minutes are based on Planning Board member’s statements.

Madeleine Cotts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes, and was seconded, with all members voting in favor.

NIELSEN HARDWARE

2220 & 2224 Vestal Road

BCTMP #158.09-1-16, 158.13-1-24

Proposed Warehouse & Manufacturing Facility

Represented By: Attorney, Sarah Grace Campbell

George Haus, Root 2 Architecture

Ranga Ranganathan, Nielsen Hardware Corp.

The status of the project and the Planning Board’s role were discussed. The zoning change had already been approved by the Town Board, and while the Planning Board packets indicated the Board was being asked only for a preliminary review while the project submission was incomplete, the missing information had been submitted to Vern after the distribution of the packets, and the applicant requested the project be considered for final review and a vote.

Sarah Campbell introduced the project. The business assembles metal hardware from existing components and employs about 20 people in the assembly work and 7 office staff. They operate only one shift.

A neighbor, Dave Lindaman of 2209 Vestal Road spoke

### TOWN OF VESTAL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

DATE: March 19, 2024

PRESENT: Madeleine Cotts; Chairwoman, Michon



# “The Pad Binghamton” Continued

## PART THREE, PHOTOS ON PAGE 6

Evergreen or Spruce and agrees to more planting

- No food but possibly bottled water.

### Comments from Vern:

• Site plans should be very clear on the location of the slotted privacy fence along Vestal Rd and the fence being added on the western side outside the new parking area

• Code will require the back egress to have a paved 5 ft wide walk way around to the front

• The brush on both parcels and the chain link slotted fence will help with both noise & lights and code will follow up on new business and will go review if any neighbors call in Madeleine allowed the public to comment:

• Doug Lindaman asked about signs for the trucks and the plans for the parking lot pole. He thanked the developer for the outdoor lighting changes. He stated some concerns from the Nielsen project: Hours 7-7, storing acetone and blue spruce trees/slotted fence not being added that need to be addressed. He also has concerns with people playing loud music in the parking lot and spinning their tires after normal business hours with the extended time

• Another attendee felt the designated pathway for the tractor trailers is very close to the neighboring parcel

• A third has concerns about a possible Blue Spruce disease

### Final comments from Chris, Vern and the Board:

• Chris explained that signs can be added, the light pole will not be removed, there will be camera's in the parking lot and there is a 20 ft buffer on the west side

• Vern advised the new parking/driving patterns will be monitored and the Hauler's educated

• Madeleine agreed with the spruce disease and thought a different type of tree could be planted Madeleine Cotts asked for a vote on the site plan to be moved to the Town Board:

**Daniel Hayes motioned to approve the site plan with a letter to the board for these contingencies:**

• Additional planting needed down the west side along the new slotted fence added to the plans

• Add the 5 ft paved walkway from the back door around exterior to the front

• Signage for the trucks to use the west driveway for entering and the east driveway for exiting

Tom Gorman 2nd the motion, with all 4 members in favor.

## TOWN OF VESTAL PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

**DATE: March 27, 2024**

TOWN BOARD PRESENT: Supervisor Maria Sexton Councilwoman Sue Messina Councilman Stephen Donnelly Councilman Glenn Miller Councilman Robert Greene

ALSO ATTENDING: Town Clerk Debra Wallace, Attorney Daniel Reynolds and 40 members of the public.

### Special Permit Application to operate a Commercial/Recreation venue in an Industrial District, 2220 Vestal Road, BCTM# 158.09-1-16

Sarah Campbell Attorney at Hinman Howard and Kattell who represents the applicant for the Special Permit The Pad in Binghamton. Campbell stated that this is an established building and The Pad will be using half of the existing space. The parking spaces required for indoor recreation is 72 and the current location has 129 spaces. The applicator would like to request that 28 spaces on the western side and 8 on the northwest side of the building be kept as green space. These spaces are currently not paved and would prefer not to unless it becomes necessary.

The application has been to the Town Planning Board twice. The Planning Boards recommendations were that if additional parking spaces were required that the applicant would put up a 6 ft fence with privacy slats. The applicant is agreeable to that. There will be no additional lighting installed. A request was made to replace an existing man-door light which the applicant did and the neighbor was satisfied with the results.

Campbell stated that Town Engineer Vern Myers had requested that two questions on the Short Environmental Assessment Form be amended. Campbell handed Town Attorney Reynolds a copy and explained the reasons for the amendments. The first error was regarding the Towns Comprehensive Plan which was amended to n/a. The other amendment was question number 20 regarding the remediation of adjacent parcel and the County has no record of that parcel existing, answer was amended to No.

Councilman Messina asked if there will be 24-hour supervision at The Pad?

Campbell explained that there will not be 24-hour supervision only organization qualified members would be approved to climb after hours.

Councilman Miller asked what happens if someone gets hurt after hours?

Campbell stated that they would have to call 911. Key cards would be used to enter after hours and video supervision would be in place.

Councilman Miller asked about the entrances and exiting?

Campbell stated that there is a truck entrance which would not be used. Signs are already posted for No Commercial Traffic and No Trucks.

Supervisor Sexton asked if the signage has been put up?

Campbell states that it has not all been put up the applicants are waiting to see what happens at this meeting.

Councilman Donnelly asked if a request was made to not have after hours would that be an issue?

Campbell stated that it is for the client they would like to provide that opportunity but if it became an issue the Town retains jurisdiction over the site plans. Campbell asked for the opportunity to show that it is not an issue first.

Councilman Donnelly stated that he personally doesn't see an issue and there are a few gyms in the area that are open 24hours which would be the same type of situation.

Councilman Greene suggested that they put in a panic button in.

Campbell stated that would be a good idea.

There were no questions and comments from the public. Supervisor Sexton closed the Public Hearing.

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?"

Supervisor Sexton had no response to our request. Newspaper Publishers looks forward to her taking the time to explore the issues.

# Vestal Scholars



## Vestal Alumni Named to President's List

### James Madison University

Addison Kalina of Vestal, majoring in English - BA

### SUNY Cortland

- Madison Baker of Vestal, NY - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6
- Mariah Hogg of Apalachin, NY - Major: Inclusive Childhood Education
- Hailey Kelly of Apalachin, NY - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6
- Sara Miner of Vestal, NY - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6
- Sydney Sprague of Apalachin, NY - Major: Psychology
- Rory Wolcott of Vestal, NY - Major: Graphic Design & Digital Media
- Angelina Zakrajsek of Vestal, NY - Major: Pre-Major

### SUNY Canton

Nicholas J. Tomaka, a SUNY Canton Game Design and Development major from Vestal, NY

## Vestal Alumni Named to Chancellor's Honor Role

### University of Mississippi

Nicholas Prokop, of Apalachin, NY, majoring in Psychology

## Other Honors Recieved by Vestal Alumni

### Nazareth University

Gregory Brin of Vestal, NY graduated Magna Cum Laude from Nazareth University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work during the 97th Commencement ceremony on campus at the Golisano Training Center on Saturday, May 18, 2024.



# artisan market



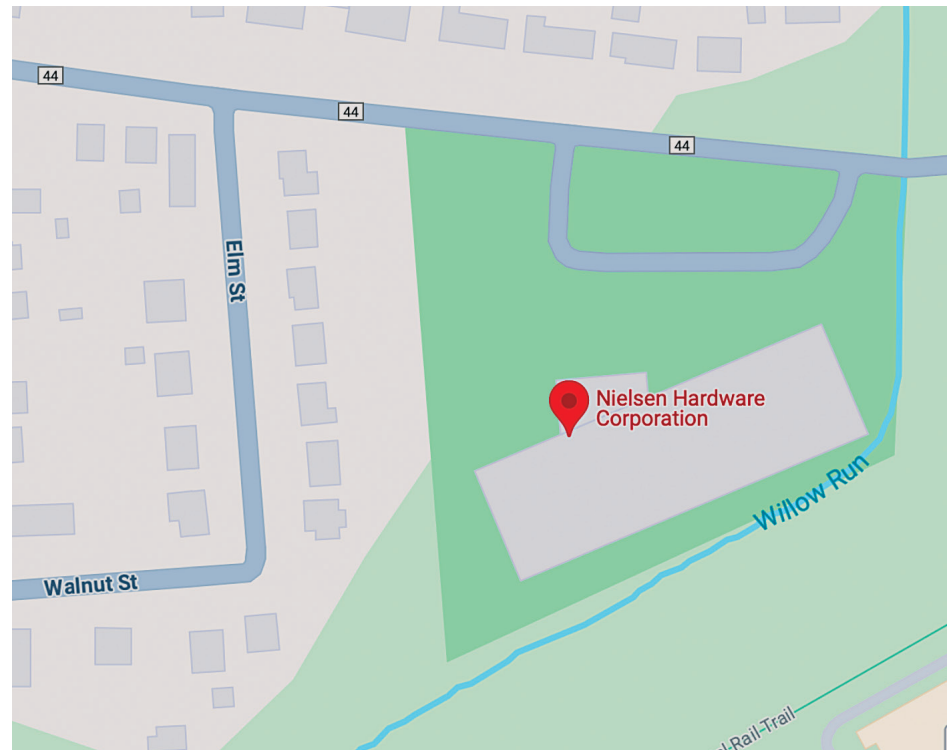
VPL ARTISAN MARKETS ARE BACK THIS SUMMER! 9AM - 2PM ON

**SATURDAY, JULY 6 & SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**  
SIGN UP FOR ONE OR ALL OF THE ABOVE DATES



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

PHOTOS



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

**TOWN OF VESTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**GAZEBO SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

**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.**



360 degree view of the property





# Vestal Fire Was Called To An MVA And Car Fire On Route 26 This Past Thursday



## Vestal Fire Station 4 off of Jensen Road



Photos Courtesy of The Vestal Fire Department on Facebook

DEDICATED TO ALL THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE MEMBERS OF VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPANY NO. 4

ORGANIZED JUNE 6, 1949  
DEDICATED DECEMBER 16, 2023

AS A REMINDER OF THEIR UNSELFISH DEDICATION TO THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF VESTAL

#### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

FIRE COMMISSIONER - JOHN SCHAEFFER  
PATTI FITZGERALD      JOHN FLETCHER  
SUE MESSINA          STEVE DONNELLY

#### FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

CHIEF JOHN PAFFIE      STEVE GALLO  
DOUG ROSE              PHIL WALTER          CHUCK PAFFIE  
STEVE LANGELAND      TYLER VANDERVORT      SCOTT ORCUTT  
BILL FLETCHER          KAHL MILLER  
BILL STOUT              RICH DEVINE          DAN KIRCHHEIMER

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE

CHUCK PAFFIE              MIKE PETCOSKY  
MARK KADLECIC          BILL FLETCHER  
JOHN PAFFIE  
TOWN ENGINEER - VERN MYERS  
ARCHITECT - BERGMANN ASSOCIATES

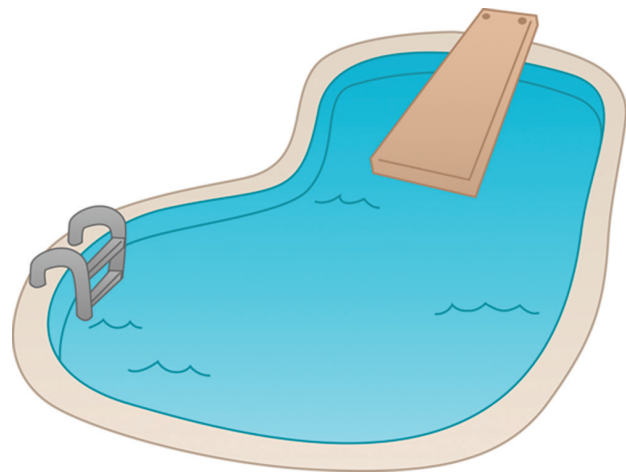
#### CONTRACTORS

GENERAL CONTRACTOR, ELECTRICAL AND CIVIL - UPSTATE COMPANIES  
MECHANICAL, PLUMBING AND FIRE PROTECTION - PETCOSKY COMPANIES





# Vestal Memorial Pool and Splash Pad Complete



(VESTAL, NY) – Vestal Town Supervisor, Maria Sexton announced that construction on the Vestal Memorial Pool and Splash Pad in the Town of Vestal is complete. The project was made possible and funded by substantial funds through a State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant secured by Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, Federal American Rescue Plan Act Funds from the Town as well as additional Federal American Rescue Plan Act Funds from the County thanks to Chairman of the Legislature Daniel J. Reynolds and County Executive Jason Garnar, and a CREST Grant secured by Senator Lea Webb.

We are delighted to announce the official opening of Vestal's new Memorial Swimming Pool and Splash Pad, a brand-new facility designed to offer residents a premier recreational experience. The new swimming pool and splash pad are a testament to our Town's continued commitment to provide impressive recreation programs and facilities for our residents, offering a safe and enjoyable environment for swimmers of all ages. The facility features a new pool that provides a walk-in area for all abilities, a children's splash area, modern locker rooms and bathrooms, as well as the addition of a first aid room, office for personnel, and storage areas. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2024 at 10:45 am.

Senator Lea Webb, said, "This swimming pool is a testament to the power of collaboration and community spirit, I am proud to be part of this state, county, and municipal partnership to ensure that this pool is safe and ready for families and residents to enjoy during the summer months. This project is a shining example of how working together can lead to great improvements for the betterment of our community."

Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, said, "I am very happy to see the Vestal Memorial Pool reconstruction and Splash Pad completed just in time for the summer heat. I know how much hard work went into seeing this project through and would like to thank everyone who came together to provide support. I'm glad that the \$650K Assembly grant I was able to provide helped the Town's vision of a modern, accessible, community recreation space become a reality."

Broome County Executive Jason Garnar, said, "I'm thrilled to see the Vestal Pool open again. It's essential for staying active, cooling off, and bringing people together in these warm months. Thank you to Chairman Dan Reynolds and the Broome County Legislature for their support in investing in these important community projects. I'm glad to be a part of helping get it done, and look forward to seeing it filled with joy and activity once again."

# Vestal Scholars

## Vestal Alumni Named to Dean's List SUNY Cortland

Madison Baker of Vestal, NY - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6

Brooke Hathaway of Apalachin, NY - Major: Inclusive Childhood Education

Thomas Hayes of Vestal, NY - Major: Sport Management

Mariah Hogg of Apalachin, NY - Major: Inclusive Childhood Education

Hailey Kelly of Apalachin, NY - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6

Ashlyn Middendorf of Apalachin, NY - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6

Adam Mieczkowski of Vestal, NY - Major: Physical Education K-12

Sara Miner of Vestal, NY - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6

Jaylan Morin of Vestal, NY - Major: Business Economics

Sydney Sprague of Apalachin, NY - Major: Psychology

Bryan Vandervort of Vestal, NY - Major: Exercise Science

Rory Wolcott of Vestal, NY - Major: Graphic Design & Digital Media

Angelina Zakrajsek of Vestal, NY - Major: Pre-Major

### University at Buffalo

- Angelina Consolazio of Apalachin, New York.
- Mira Eisenberg of Vestal, New York.
- Sophia Gotlinsky of Vestal, New York.
- Melissa Hlopko of Vestal, New York.
- Pesar Ibrahim of Vestal, New York.
- Zoe Kessler of Apalachin, New York.
- Tae Kyu Kim of Vestal, New York.
- Erin Kim of Vestal, New York.
- Noah McLaughlin of Vestal, New York.
- Ethan Mikeska of Vestal, New York.
- Maggie Murphy of Vestal, New York.
- Rus Rai of Vestal, New York.
- Kyle Rosa of Vestal, New York.

### Nazareth University

- Alexandra Eder of Vestal, NY, (13850)
- Avery Tanton of Vestal, NY, (13850)
- Lillian Hampp of Apalachin, NY, (13732)
- Audra Mieczkowski of Vestal, NY, (13850)
- Ashley Trelease of Vestal, NY, (13850)
- Gregory Brin of Vestal, NY, (13850)

### Le Moyne College

- Ean Darpino, Nursing major from Apalachin, NY
- Dawson Palmer, Chemistry major from Vestal, NY
- Carter Ruhm, Finance major from Apalachin, NY
- Tyler Sholett, Biology major from Vestal, NY

### University of Maryland Global Camous

Skot Andrews of Apalachin

### University at Albany

- Kaylee Raub of Vestal (13850)
- David Ojo of Vestal (13850)
- Katelyn Horn of Vestal (13850)
- Calvin Yardley of Vestal (13850)
- Kaylen Smith of Vestal (13850)

# Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting

**NEWSPAPER EDITED Tuesday, May 28, 2024 CONTINUED**

**First Executive Session  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024**

### PRESENT:

Shoba Agneshwar  
Mark Browning  
Kathryn Egan  
Kay Ellis  
Eric LaClair  
Lisa Milkovich  
Dinno Nistico  
Erryn Wilson

### ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools  
Clifford Kasson  
School Attorney Michael  
Sherwood  
District Clerk Michelle Lewis  
Director of Special Education  
Katherine Mazourek - excused  
at 6:15 pm

First Executive Session commenced at 6:03 pm in the Small Conference Room of the Administration Building.

Recommendations and annual reviews of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education were on the agenda. Board members had information for each student made available to them prior to the meeting for review. Board members gave due consideration to each case before voting.

On motion by Erryn Wilson, second by Shoba Agneshwar, the Board voted 8 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education for all students considered.

The Superintendent then updated the Board on a student matter, as well as five personnel matters.

On motion by Kay Ellis, second by Lisa Milkovich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn First Executive Session and return to Open Session immediately. First Executive Session was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK

**Second Executive Session  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024**

### PRESENT:

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Kathryn Egan  
Kay Ellis  
Eric LaClair  
Lisa Milkovich  
Dinno Nistico  
Erryn Wilson

### ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools  
Clifford Kasson - excused at  
8:20 pm  
School Attorney Michael  
Sherwood - excused at 8:20 pm

Second Executive Session  
commenced at 7:19 pm in the  
Board Conference Room of the

Administration Building.

The Superintendent discussed Administrative Personal Services Agreements and made recommendations to the Board.

On motion by Kay Ellis, second by Lisa Milkovich, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn Second Executive Session and return to Open Session immediately. Second Executive Session was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK





# Vestal Town Board Work Session Minutes

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Monday, June 10th, 2024

Board Attendance: Supervisor Sexton; Board Members: 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 not 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.

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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.

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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 not 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 not 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 not 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

## 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.

## Summer Berry Salad

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup raspberries
- 1 cup blackberries
- 1 tablespoon honey or agave syrup
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh mint leaves

Optional: 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese or goat cheese

### Instructions:

Prepare the Berries: In a large bowl, combine the strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries.

Make the Dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together the honey (or agave syrup) and lemon juice until well combined.

Combine: Drizzle the honey-lemon dressing over the berries and gently toss to coat.

Add Mint: Sprinkle the chopped mint leaves over the salad and toss again lightly.

Optional Cheese: If desired, sprinkle the crumbled feta or goat cheese on top.

Chill and Serve: Let the salad sit in the refrigerator for about 10-15 minutes to chill before serving.

Enjoy your fresh and vibrant Summer Berry Salad!



# Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board

NEWSPAPER EDITED, June 12th, 2024

## TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

Supervisor Maria Sexton  
Councilwoman Sue Messina  
Councilman Stephen Donnelly  
Councilman Glenn Miller  
Councilman Robert Greene

## ALSO ATTENDING:

1st Deputy Town Clerk Sarah Maney, Town Engineer Vern Myers, Attorney Daniel Reynolds, Payroll/Benefits Specialist Vinnie Griggs, Town Comptroller Nicholas Angeline and 28 members of the public.

Supervisor Sexton convened the meeting at 6:01 PM.

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vinnie Griggs Payroll/Benefits Specialist discussed and presented video of the PERMA Award he was presented with in May that deals with Worker's Comp Claims. Vinnie accepted this award not for himself but on behalf of all The Town's employees. Supervisor Sexton thanked Vinnie for all he does for The Town employees and presented him with a Certificate of Excellence.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Donnelly

**Motion approving the May 22nd, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.**

### 3. BID OPENINGS

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Member of the public encouraged the board to reach out to other towns in the area that are also dealing with Solar Array Farms. This member is concerned that our land and water will be poisoned.

Member of the public stated solar panels are well understood technology and is hoping to see The Town allow these farms.

Member of the public spoke stating this project will not be visible from any roadways in The Town. The panels that will be used are non-hazardous, non-toxic and is impossible for them to contaminate the water or soil.

Member of the public would like to know why The Board is going backwards when there is already a well detailed Solar Law. Member states that solar will bring a lot of revenue to The Town.

Member of the public stated he is familiar with the Law and had worked on it for 2 years. Member would like to know what are the issues they have with the current Local Law.

Member spoke stating NYSERDA has all the answers that anyone needs regarding this issue.

Member of the public stated he would like to see The Town hire an Environmental Lawyer to assist in Solar Law.

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly and seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene, Donnelly

**R2024-127 Adoption of Local Law B of the Year 2024**

Proposed Local Law "B" of the year 2024 entitled: "Local Law Placing a Temporary Moratorium on Approvals Regarding Solar Array Farms"

Councilman Donnelly left the meeting 6:43

### 5. SUPERVISOR UPDATES

### 6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

### 7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

### 8. PUBLIC WORKS (DONNELLY/Greene)

### 9. FINANCE (MESSINA /Donnelly)

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-128 Approval to Transfer Funds for Mailing Machine 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.

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-129 Authorization to Contract with Hillside Garden Landscaping Inc.**

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).

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Donnelly, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-130 Authorization for Payment to Tabner, Ryan & Keniry LLP**

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.

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-131 Authorization to Issue a Refund/Credit to Water Bill**

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.

On a motion by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-132 Authorization to pay Guercio & Guercio LLP**

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.

On a motion by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-133 Authorization to Transfer Funds from Human Resources Education & Travel to Human Resources Advertising**

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.

### 10. PERSONNEL (DONNELLY/Miller)

On a motion by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-134 Authorization to Appoint Corey Fotusky**

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.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-135 Authorization to Hire Tyler Bronson**

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.

On a motion by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-136 Authorization to Appoint Graham Schollette**

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.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-137 Authorization to Appoint Donovan Donlin**

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.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-138 Authorization to Appoint Camden Schaffer**

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.

On a motion by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-139 Authorization to Hire Lifeguards**

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.

On a motion by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-140 Authorization to Advertise for Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer**

Authorization to advertise for part-time Code Enforcement Officer position for the Building and Code Department for the Town of Vestal.

### 11. PLANNING & ZONING (MESSINA/Greene)

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-141 Approval to Use Town Owned Parking Lot for Christmas Tree Sales**

## JOB OPENING

Microchip Technology seeks a Sr. Technical Staff Engineer - Architecture (ST-JO) in Vestal, NY to be responsible for new product definition & architecture. Reqs BS flld by 5 yrs prog, rlted exp. \$142,500 - \$175K/year. Email resume to Avi.Sterbenz@microchip.com. Must ref job title & code.



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On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-142 Authorization to Advertise for Public Hearing Town Code, Animals**

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.

**12. PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Greene)  
13. ADMINISTRATION (GREENE/Miller)**

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-143 Approval to Accept Donation from Vestal Elks**

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.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-144 Authorization to Accept Grant from USTA Eastern, Inc**

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.

**RECEIVE AND FILE:**

- Warrants: 2024: 21, 22, 23
- Clerk's Monthly Report May

**14. PETITIONS & PROTESTS  
15. OLD BUSINESS  
16. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-145 Approval to Advertise for Public Hearing Regarding Town Code**

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 12, Article 7.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Miller, Greene

**R2024-146 Approval to Accept Funds for Discovery Compliance Program**

Request from Police Chief, Stace Kintner, for the Town Board to approve accepting \$79,758 that was received from the Broome County District Attorney's Office, to help cover the salary and benefit costs associated with the Police Department's required Discovery Compliance program.

**17. SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• Front Street Day was a great success. There were 130 vendors, and 6 food trucks.

Thank you to Bridgewater Church for sponsoring the Kid Zone and Vestal Cheer for providing face painting. Special thanks to the following departments and staff who made this day possible: Patrick, Kelcy and Dulcie with the Recre-

ation Department for organizing the event and all the hard work that went into the months of planning.

Craig Hiller, Andy Gowe and the Highway and Parks department employees who set up the roadway, delivered picnic tables, garbage cans and provided Town vehicles for viewing.

Vern and Connor from our Engineering Department for their help with mapping out the roadway and vendor spots and for their help throughout the day.

Our Police Department, Fire Department and EMS for taking part, providing Emergency Response Vehicles, exhibits and spending time with our community members.

• Brush pick-up has started and will run monthly through September beginning on the first Monday of each month. For additional details, please see our website vestalny.gov

- Highway: (residents only) FREE
  - 1) Mulch
  - 2) Clean fill (when available, whole truck loads only, accessible areas)
- Saturday, June 29th the Binghamton Rumble Ponies will be highlighting the Town of Vestal at their 607 Saturday Game. First Pitch will be at 6:07pm. Fans who wear Green and Gold can purchase tickets for a special price of \$9.00.
- The pool progress is looking great. It is scheduled to open by the end of the school year.

**18. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES**

The Vestal Youth Police Academy will be offered from July 8 through July 26 at Vestal High School. The Middle School program will run the first week. The high school program will take place the following two weeks. The program is designed to enhance citizenship skills and familiarize our youth with law enforcement and other first responder professions.

VPD will be assisting Endicott Police off duty over the next couple of weeks to provide coverage for the Dick's Sporting Goods Open.

**19. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Member of the public spoke on solar farm development.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Greene the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Approved by Debra Wallace, Town Clerk

**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.



**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)

gfj GEORGE F. JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**SUBURBAN SEPTIC**

**- Septic Tanks Cleaned**

**- Portable Toilet Rentals and Sink Rentals**

332 MAIN ST, KIRKWOOD, NY

**607-775-3693**

**BE SOMEONE'S HERO**  
*Give Blood*

**American Red Cross**

**Vestal Community Blood Drive**  
Proudly Sponsored By  
**Elderwood Village at Vestal**

Activities Room and Front Reception Area  
505 Club House Road  
Vestal, NY 13850

**Friday, July 5, 2024**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make your lifesaving appointment! Keyword: Vestal

Get a NEW Red Cross umbrella when you come to give blood July 1 to July 14, while supplies last!

Scan to schedule an appointment.

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# TENNIS LESSONS

Tioga Hills Elementary School  
Glann Rd, Apalachin



**Monday - Thursday**

Session 1: July 1 - July 11

Session 2: July 15 - July 25

Session 3: July 29 - August 8

Ages 6-12:

\$45 Resident \$55 Non-Resident

Ages 13 & up

\$55 Resident \$65 Non-Resident

Ages 6-9:  
9-10am

Ages 10-12:  
10-11am

Ages 13+:  
11am-12:30pm

[vestalny.myrec.com](http://vestalny.myrec.com)



**July 1 - July 3**

# ADVANCED BASEBALL

Monday - Wednesday

9 am - 11:30 am

10 -12 years old

Vestal Little League Field,  
Clayton Ave

\$45 Residents  
\$55 Non-residents

Register at [vestalny.myrec.com](http://vestalny.myrec.com)



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- Retaining Walls
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# SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Walk your dog when it's cooler; early morning or late evening

Ensure your dog has plenty of water and shade all day

If you can't hold your hand on tarmac for seven seconds, then it's too hot for your dog's paws



**FREE PRIDE MOVIE NIGHT!**

Cider Mill STAGE

SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH 7PM

BINGHAMTON PRIDE COALITION

*To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Single White Female*

# CAMPFIRE SAFETY TO PREVENT WILDFIRE

Campfires are the leading human cause of wildfires.

Large numbers of abandoned campfires have forced the Santa Fe National Forest to close public access during high fire danger.

**Before you burn**

Follow campfire restrictions and bans. Check [firerestrictions.us/nm/](http://firerestrictions.us/nm/)

## Burn it

### WATER & SHOVEL

Be Prepared. Bring a shovel and extra water (3-5 gals) to extinguish your fire.



## Put it out

### DROWN



Pour ample water onto the fire until the embers and wood are very wet. A soupy appearance is a good thing.

### CLEAR



Clear a 3 foot area around your fire down to mineral soil and make sure the area is clear of flammable material.

### STIR

Add fresh dirt to the wet ashes and stir the water and dirt together and use the shovel to dig down to mix in the coals.



### WATCH

Keep an eye on your fire at all times. Be prepared to extinguish any embers that land outside your ring.



### FEEL

Hover the back of your hand over the ash mixture. If you still feel heat stir and add more water and dirt until it is cool to the touch.

