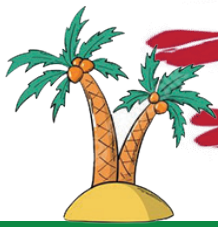


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"Vestal Work Session Minutes July 8th"
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Attention drivers:
Hazel Rd off of Route 26 in Vestal will be closed until August 18th.

"Vestal Youth Police Academy"
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Vestal Scholars

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"Don't Touch This Plant!"
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PET OF THE WEEK:

Brick



Brick's name makes total sense when he leans all 70 pounds of himself into your legs for back scratches. This big lug can look a little intimidating, but he's actually a sensitive sweetheart in a tough guy's body. Brick is currently getting his education and has already learned "sit"!

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

Hello VHS Members!

You are invited to the VHS Annual Picnic on Wednesday July 24. It will be held at Steve and Priscilla's house on 1125 Front Street in Vestal. We will get started at 5:00 pm. If you are coming, please bring a dish to pass, a chair and your own beverages. We will be providing the hamburgers and hot dogs. We hope to see you on 7/24!
Steve & Priscilla (Questions? Call Steve at 607-205-7219)

Family, Friends, Neighbors and VHS Members, you are cordially invited to our ...

VHS Annual PICNIC



Wednesday, July 24 ... 5:00 - 8:00 pm

1125 FRONT STREET, VESTAL



Join us at Steve and Priscilla's house for our Annual VHS Picnic. Bring a dish to pass with your own beverages and chairs. We will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill.

VESTAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS COACH OPENING

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JTGANNON@VESTAL.K12.NY.US



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Vestal CALENDAR

Saturday, July 20th

**Kopernik Observatory Portable Planetarium
Adventures In Space, Sign Up Online,
11AM- 1PM, VPL Meeting Room**

Monday, July 22nd

Town Board Work Session, 6PM

Tuesday, July 23rd

**Music Unlimited Little Big Band
Vestal Gazebo, Four Corners,
Front St. & Main St., 7PM**

Wednesday, July 24th

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

Thursday, July 25th

**VPL Chakra Breathing Session 2, Yoga & Reiki
6PM, Registration Required, Sign Up Online**

Friday, July 26th

**Butterfly Release With Winterberry Farms
1:30PM- 3PM, VPL Reading Garden**

Saturday, July 27th

**Yoga To Be Kitten Me!- Kitten Yoga
Open Kitten Meet & Greet: 10AM- 12PM,
Kitten Yoga: 1PM- 2PM, VPL Meeting Room,
Registration Required!, Sign Up Online**

Wednesday, July 28th

Town Board Meeting, 6PM

Tuesday, July 30th

**>Java Joe Jammers- Live Music
6PM, VPL Meeting Room
>Mason Warrington Orchestra
Vestal Gazebo, Four Corners,
Front St. & Main St., 7PM**

Tuesday, August 6th

**Brothers and Friends Concert
Vestal Gazebo, Four Corners,
Front St. & Main St., 7PM**

Wednesday, August 7th

**Vestal Recreation Summer Celebration
5PM - 8PM, Arnold Park**

Monday, August 12th

Town Board Work Session, 6PM



Vestal Fire Department Responses

vestalfire.com

by *Walt Schlundt, Public Information Officer*

**Vestal Fire this week responded to:
11+ fire alarms, 3 gas odors, 1 burning
odor, 1 smoke alarm, 1 electrical issue,
5 trees down, 4 wires down, and 1 car
smoking/on fire.**

07/09 13:21	Rano Blvd.	Fire alarm
07/09 16:56	Murray Hill Road	Fire alarm
07/10 18:59	Earl Road	Tree fell on house
07/10 20:17	Murray Hill Road	Fire alarm
07/10 20:36	Vestal Road	Odor of something burning
07/11 07:50	Clubhouse Road	Gas odor in building
07/11 08:28	Commerce Road	General fire alarm
07/11 19:40	Commerce Road	General fire alarm
07/11 19:43	Torrance Avenue	Gas odor in residence - hazy look inside
07/12 11:51	Main Street	Odor of gas
07/12 13:58	West Drive	Commercial fire alarm
07/13 15:30	Rano Blvd.	Possible car fire - smoke coming from under hood
07/14 09:24	Evergreen Street	Fire alarm
07/14 15:59	Vestal Parkway E.	Possible electrical issue
07/15 06:19	Bearcat Blvd.	Multiple fire alarms
07/15 08:18	West Drive	Smoke detector acti- vation
07/15 13:03	Gates Road	Fire alarm from pull station
07/15 14:32	N. Jensen Road	Commercial fire alarm - water flow sensor
07/15 19:28	Murray Hill Road	Alarm
07/15 19:41	Tracy Creek Road	Tree and wires down
07/15 19:45	Charleston Avenue	Wires down in yard - ripped from house
07/15 20:14	Main Street	Tree down in front year - wires involved
07/15 20:43	African Road	Wires down
07/15 21:12	Vestal Parkway E.	Tree onto residence
07/15 22:01	Tracy Creek Road	Tree and wires down



VESTAL POLICE

REPORT

Iree Downey, 22, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Mischief 4th Degree for preventing the victim from using his cell phone to call for police assistance during a domestic incident.

Damein Spencer, 43, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Lowe's.

Kelly Harvey, 36, Towanda PA, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree for punching the victim in the face multiple times during a dispute.

Lexi Sisselman, 24, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Adewole Bates, 26, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Christopher Gaylord, 31, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Karyn Gaylord, 23, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Zillur Rahman, 46, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Mischief 4th Degree and three counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child for pushing and shoving the victim during a domestic dispute in the presence of children, during which he damaged the victim's safe and prevented her from using her phone to call for police assistance.

Derek Hauk, 35, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Beatrice Venegas, 36, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Shayma Doski, 43, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Haliz Rasheed, 41, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Martin Warner, 58, Kirkwood, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Lowe's.

Nakeya Stoudmire, 38, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Old Navy.

Amanda Balderas, 35, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

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Vestal Town Board Work Session Minutes

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Monday, July 8th, 2024

Board Attendance: Supervisor Sexton; Board Members: Messina, Donnelly (not present), Greene and Miller (not present)

Also Attending: Town Clerk Debra Wallace, Town Attorney Daniel Reynolds, Town Comptroller Nicholas Angeline, Director of Human Resource Debora Panicek and 2 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

July 10, 2024: 6:00 pm

- Revisions to the Code of the Town of Vestal, Chapter 4, Animals
- Revisions to the Code of the Town of Vestal, Chapter 5, Article V, Signs

SUPERVISOR UPDATES

COMMITTEES

8. PUBLIC WORKS (DONNELLY/ Greene)

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for a resolution to be adopted on 7/10/2024 acknowledging that the examination of the Town Court financial records and reports of the 2023 fiscal year was completed. This resolution is requested from the State of New York Unified Court System in order to comply with Section 2019-A of the Uniform Justice Court Act.

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10. PERSONNEL (DONNELLY/Messina)

1. Discuss background check criteria for new Town of Vestal employee hires.

TABLED-This item will not be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

2. Authorization for Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, to hire Summer Sports Camp Staff as outlined in his July 3, 2024 memo. The start dates and rates of pay are also identified in the memo which is included in the addendum.

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

11. PLANNING & ZONING (MESSINA/Greene)

1. Discuss the appointment/hiring process for positions within the Town that are currently listed as appointed positions. The appointments being discussed are regarding the positions of Town Engineer, Town Attorney and Town Comptroller. The Town Assessor position is not included in this discussion as it falls under a different category.

TABLED-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)

Councilwoman Messina reported that the Police Youth Academy started yesterday and there are 70 kids signed up for the program.

1. Discuss request from residents on Wright Road to limit on-street parking to one side of the roadway.

TABLED-This item will not be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

2. Discuss Nuisance Laws

TABLED-This item will not be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

13. ADMINISTRATION (GREENE/Donnelly)

1. Discuss application process for events requesting use of Town property.

- Request for Barlow Park, July 21, 2024

The event at Barlow Park will be on the agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board. The application process will be tabled for later Town Board Work

Session.

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, to transfer \$400 from budget line A2036.2036, Elite Basketball Revenue, to A7310.1136, Elite Basketball Labor to cover hiring an extra coach for an unexpectedly large camp.

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

3. Discuss renting of Coal House

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: 26, 27

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

15. NEW BUSINESS:

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Member of the public stated that they had some thoughts regarding some items on the agenda that were discussed. This member of the public stated that the parking for the High School students would be in the pool/little league parking lot not the library parking lot and asked if that would be effective the 2024/2025 school year?

Supervisor Sexton stated that was correct.

This member also suggested that Town contact the school and BOCES regarding how they handle background checks and fingerprinting. In regards to the appointed positions in the town, this member cautioned the Town Board of making that decision until they have research why they have been deemed as appointed. This member also cautioned the Town Board in regards of doing away with the credentials required of future Town Engineers. This member also addressed the concern of adding and removing parking regulations on town streets.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Greene, the Board adjourned the Work Session and entered into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the following:

FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

- Personnel Museum
- Museum contract

The time was 7:04 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Greene, seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the Board adjourned the meeting. The time was 8:38 PM.

Foodbank Of the Southern Tier Apalachin Lions Walk-Up Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday – July 24th
10-11 AM

St. Margaret Mary's Church 1110 Pennsylvania Ave. Apalachin, NY 13732

Pre-registration required

REGISTRATION

Tuesday before – July 23th At 8:30 AM until full (current limit of 125 registrations)

If you register please attend

Phone: 2-1-1 or Online: www.foodbankst.org/cfd

Walk-up Pantry
Bring a cart or bags to carry food!

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Vestal Universal Pre-K Program Registration



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

Childcare Availability in Broome County

Please see a list of child care sites with availability in Broome County by visiting 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.

“ALL AMERICAN” PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIALS



At the Vestal Center United Methodist Church

478 West Hill Rd.

*Friday - July 12th - 6-8PM

*Friday - August 9th - 6-8PM

*Friday - September 13th - 6-8PM



Apalachin Lions Club Awards Scholarship for 2024

Apalachin Lions Club awarded \$3000 in Scholarship for 2024. Each winner received \$1000 at their Awards Ceremonies. The scholarship is to promote and reward young people for service to their community and school. This year's 3 winners are Zoey Schneider from Owego Free Academy, Alystair Klein from Montrose Area High School and Madelyn Robinson from Vestal Senior High.

FUN FACTS

1. Buzz Lightyear's original name was Lunar Larry.
2. It would take 19 minutes to fall to the center of the Earth.
3. "The Terminator" script was sold for \$1.
4. Finland has more saunas than cars.
5. Frida Kahlo painted 55 self-portraits.
6. Your brain alone burns around 400 to 500 calories each day.
7. The first animals to travel to outer space were fruit flies.
8. Besides water, tea is the most popular beverage worldwide.
9. Approximately 10% of people are left-handed.

Do Not Touch This Plant!



Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is a VERY LARGE, invasive plant that can cause painful burns and scarring. Brushing against or breaking the plant releases sap that, combined with sunlight and moisture, can cause a severe burn within 24 to 48 hours. Giant hogweed is a Federally listed noxious weed and NYS law prohibits its possession with the intent to sell, import, purchase, transport, introduce or propagate. Learn more about what to do if you touch giant hogweed.

Giant hogweed is a biennial or perennial herb in the carrot family (Apiaceae) which can grow to 14 feet or more. Its hollow, ridged stems grow 2-4 inches in diameter and have dark reddish-purple blotches. Its large compound leaves can grow up to 5 feet wide. Its white flower heads can grow up to 2 1/2 feet in diameter. Some other plants look very similar.

Distribution and Habitat

Giant hogweed is a native of the Caucasus Mountain region between the Black and Caspian Seas. It was introduced to the United States in the early twentieth century as an ornamental garden plant. It has become established in New England, the Mid-Atlantic Region, and the Northwest. Giant hogweed grows along streams and rivers, as well as in fields, forests, yards, and near roadsides. It prefers sunny areas and moist soils and can also grow in partial shade.

Environmental Impacts

Giant hogweed can grow in dense patches which crowds out and replaces native plants. Their large leaves can also shade out surrounding plants, leaving bare soil beneath them leading to soil erosion. Soil erosion is of special concern along stream banks and slopes where giant hogweed grows because the roots do not hold soil as well as native plants.

Spread

On average, a giant hogweed plant produces 20,000 seeds, with some plants producing up to 100,000 seeds. Most seeds fall within 10 feet of the parent plant, causing giant hogweed to grow in dense patches. The seeds are dispersed short distances by wind but can travel longer distances by water, where they can float up to three days. For this reason, giant hogweed is most commonly spread along rivers, streams, and other waterways. Giant hogweed is also often spread along roadsides when seeds are transported by mowers or construction equipment. Seeds can survive for more than five years in the soil.

Safety Information

How Giant Hogweed Causes Burns

All parts of the giant hogweed plant contain toxic sap that prevents your skin from protecting itself from sunlight. The sap contains harmful chemicals called furanocoumarins that when combined with sunlight can cause phytophotodermatitis; a serious skin inflammation. Heat and moisture (sweat or dew) can worsen the skin reaction. The reaction can begin as soon as 15 minutes after getting sap on your skin and can result in painful blisters that form within 48 hours and become dark and pigmented. Lasting impact of giant hogweed burns may include scars that last up to six years (though typically only last a few months) and long-term sensitivity to sunlight.

Take Precautions When Working Near Giant Hogweed

- Do not touch the plant with bare skin. The photosensitizing chemicals are present in all parts of the plant and burns can result from even lightly brushing against the foliage, stem, flower, or seed.

- Apply sunblock and wear long, waterproof gloves; long sleeves; pants; boots; and eye protection when working near or with giant hogweed. When possible, wear synthetic water-resistant materials (e.g., dishwashing gloves, a rain suit or Tyvek™ suit, and rubber boots).
- Keep water, soap, and eyewash near your work area in case of exposure to sap.

- Maintain distance from others when controlling giant hogweed as sap can splash three to four feet when plants are cut or damaged. To avoid increased exposure to sap, DO NOT use a “weed-whacker” or brush cutter.
- When removing contaminated protective gear and work clothes, take care not to touch your skin.
- Wash equipment with soap and water and launder work clothes.
- If you cannot shower immediately after performing control activities, wash as best as you can on site and take a full shower as soon as possible, then limit your exposure to sunlight for the rest of the day.
- Additional precautions: consider wearing a face shield to protect against touching your face with sap-covered gloves, work after sunset or when the work area is shaded to limit sun exposure.

What to Do if You Come in Contact With Giant Hogweed

Wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible; Keep exposed area covered and protected from sunlight for 48 hours; See a physician if you have a reaction or any questions;

If a reaction occurs, topical steroids applied early can reduce the severity of the reaction and ease discomfort; If sap goes in eyes, rinse them with water, wear sunglasses or cover your eyes, and seek medical care; and If a reaction has occurred, it is important to protect the skin from the sun until it is fully healed, which can take several years. Protect skin by applying sun block or cover the affected area when possible.

Management

From late April through August, DEC field crews visit each confirmed giant hogweed site, and use the appropriate control method. This is free of charge to the landowner. In general management is decided by the size and number of plants: root-cutting is used at smaller sites with less than 400 plants, herbicide is used at larger sites with greater than 400 plants; and flower/seed head removal is used at all sites to limit seed dispersal.

Sites are visited each year until the plants are eradicated. When no more plants are found the site will be monitored for three subsequent years.

For a site to be visited and controlled, landowners must give annual permission. For crews to use herbicide control, landowners must first sign a property permission form.

What You Can Do To Help Report Giant Hogweed

If you think you see giant hogweed, take photos of different parts of the plant (the entire plant, stem, leaves, and flowers/seed) while keeping a safe distance. Then, confirm identification and email DEC or call the Giant Hogweed Information Line: 845-256-3111. Provide photos, detailed directions to the plant infestation (GPS coordinates and street address preferred) and estimate the number of plants.

View larger map (PDF) of giant hogweed sites that have been treated and eliminated.

DEC has giant hogweed publications for distribution. Email DEC or call the Giant Hogweed Information Line at 845-256-3111 to order brochures and posters.

VHS GRADUATION, BEFORE THE CEREMONY!



Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District



GRADUATION

WALKING IN



Photos Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink

VHS GRADUATION CEREMONY



Vestal HS Commencement ceremonies carry a number of traditions from year to year... Senior musicians play in the graduation band; senior members of the Vestal Voices sing the Vestal Alma Mater; students fling inflated beach balls (at appropriate times); and candidates for the International Baccalaureate Diploma receive their IB pins.



VESTAL YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS



Great first two days at the 12th annual Youth Police Academy. Many thanks to the National Guard for assisting us with team building exercises and thanks to the Broome County Sheriff's Office for participating alongside our K9 Officers.

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH®: <https://crimewatch.net/us/ny/broome/vestal-pd/245804/post/vestal-youth-police-academy>



Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board

NEWSPAPER EDITED, July 10th, 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 12 members of the public.

Supervisor Sexton convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion approving the June 26th, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

3. BID OPENINGS

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Member of the public spoke in regards to their frustration with neighbors' roosters.

Supervisor Sexton stated that this Local Law addresses that very issue. There is a copy of the Local Laws available in the Town Clerks Office to view.

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

Adoption of Local Law "C"

Purposed Local Law "C" of the year 2024 "Revision to the Code of the Town of Vestal, Chapter 4, Animals"

- Revisions to the Code of the Town of Vestal, Chapter 4, Animals

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

Adoption of Local Law "E"

Purposed Local Law "E" of the year 2024 "Revision to the Code of the Town of Vestal, Chapter 5, Article V, Signs"

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5. SUPERVISOR UPDATES

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

8. PUBLIC WORKS (DONNELLY/Greene)

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

Approval to Hire Haff

Request from Scott Groats, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, for Town Board approval to hire Peter M. Haff Consulting at the rate of \$50.00/hr. to assist with the Lead and Copper Service Inventory due in October 2024.

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

Approval for VCSD to park in Little League/Pool Lot

Approval to allow Vestal Central School District students to resume parking at the Little League/Pool parking lot for the upcoming school year.

9. FINANCE (MESSINA /Donnelly)

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

Approval of Budget Transfer in Business Office

Request from Nicholas Angeline, Town Comptroller, to transfer \$5,490 from budget line A1310.1010, Director of Finance/Comptroller Salaries. Of that amount, transfer

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11. PLANNING & ZONING (MESSINA/Greene)

Councilwoman Messina stated that none of the Town of Vestal Boards -including the Town Board- will address concerns that are submitted anonymously.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Greene)

13. ADMINISTRATION (GREENE/Donnelly)

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

Approval of Barlow Park Use.

Approval for Calvary Tabernacle Church to use Barlow Park for an event. The liability insurance and certificates have been obtained.

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

Approval for Budget Transfer in Rec. Dept.

Request from Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, to transfer \$400 from budget line A2036.2036, Elite Basketball Revenue, to A7310.1136, Elite Basketball Labor to cover hiring an extra coach for an unexpectedly large camp.

RECEIVE AND FILE:

- Warrants: 2024: 26, 27
- Town Clerk's Monthly Report for June

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, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Authorization to Hire Nichols

Authorization for Daniel Williams, IT Director, to hire Craig Nichols to the position of Network Specialist, at the CSEA rate of \$30.50 per hour effective Monday, July 8, 2024. All Town and Civil Service requirements are satisfied. Funding for this position is from budget line A1680.1010

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

Approval to Sell Police Radios at Auctions International

Request from Stace Kintner, Police Chief, for Town Board approval to sell the following police radios which are no longer in service due to the radio system change. The units will be sold in "as is" condition via Auctions International. The information is as follows:

Quantity	Make	Model	Comments
13	Kenwood	Portable Radios	\$TBD via Auctions International
2	Kenwood	Charging Stations	\$TBD via Auctions International

17. SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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
- Vestal 607 night at Rumble Ponies Binghamton Rumble Ponies has been rescheduled to August 17th. First Pitch will be at 6:07pm. Fans who wear Green and Gold can purchase tickets for a special price of \$9.00.
- Pool updates- as of yesterday there have been 8838 people have attended the Vestal pool/ splash park this year. The pool/splash pad has been a huge success!
- Playground program doing great: 534 children enrolled

18. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Councilwoman Messina stated that the Vestal Youth Police Academy Middle School Programs graduation is this Friday July 12th, 2024. The High School Youth Police Academy will begin on Monday and run for two weeks. They have been well attended.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one comments from the public

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly, seconded by Councilman Greene the meeting was adjourned at 6:33P.M. Carried unanimously.

Approved by Debra Wallace, Town Clerk



EDITORIAL NOTES

We have been receiving letters and reviews of the changes to the Vestal Town Crier, we will post them here without names listed. The absence of names has a long history in American Reporting, up until the early to mid 1970's. We do so to protect our sources.

WE APPRECIATE ALL STORY TIPS AS WELL
EMAIL TO: News@TiersNews.com

Vestal Scholars

Vestal Alumni Graduates

Clarkson University

- Spencer Wood of Apalachin (13732)
- Isabelle Thomas of Vestal (13850)
- Benjamin Vincens of Vestal (13850)
- Sarah Barnum of Vestal (13850)

University at Buffalo

Josh Kilpatrick of Vestal, New York, graduated cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the School of Management. Kilpatrick's conferral date was June 2024.

Owen Mieczkowski of Vestal, New York, graduated cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in exercise science from the School of Public Health and Health Professions. Mieczkowski's conferral date was June 2024.

Sue Kim of Vestal, New York, graduated cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in occupational science from the School of Public Health and Health Professions. Kim's conferral date was June 2024.

Havee Kestay of Vestal, New York, graduated from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in architecture from the School of Architecture and Planning. Kestay's conferral date was June 2024.

Tewor Kondoh of Vestal, New York, graduated from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in global affairs from the College of Arts and Sciences. Kondoh's conferral date was August 2023.

Shahmir Khan of Vestal, New York, graduated from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in biomedical science from the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Khan's conferral date was June 2024.

Rus Rai of Vestal, New York, graduated from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering from the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Rai's conferral date was June 2024.

Chureen Dosky of Vestal, New York, graduated from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in law from the School of Law. Dosky's conferral date was August 2023.

Rutvi Dhamsania of Vestal, New York, graduated from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the School of Management. Dhamsania's conferral date was June 2024.

Mike Cohen of Vestal, New York, graduated from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in exercise science from the School of Public Health and Health Professions. Cohen's conferral date was June 2024.

Melissa Hlopko of Vestal, New York, graduated magna cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of Arts and Sciences. Hlopko's conferral date was June 2024.

Emma St Pierre of Vestal, New York, graduated magna cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in exercise science from the School of Public Health and Health Professions. St Pierre's conferral date was June 2024.

Julie Chikunguwo of Vestal, New York, graduated summa cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in political science from the College of Arts and Sciences and a bachelor's degree in sociology from the College of Arts and Sciences. Chikunguwo's conferral date was June 2024.

Maggie Murphy of Vestal, New York, graduated summa cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in communication from the College of Arts and Sciences. Murphy's conferral date was June 2024.

Richard Zheng of Vestal, New York, graduated summa cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in political science from the College of Arts and Sciences. Zheng's conferral date was February 2024.

Jennie Newins of Vestal, New York, graduated summa cum laude from the University at Buffalo with a bachelor's degree in history from the College of Arts and Sciences. Newins's conferral date was June 2024.

University at Albany

Chelsea Bogart of Vestal, NY (13850), Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Vincent Dellacorino of Vestal, NY (13850), Master of Science in Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity

Mohammed Eisa of Vestal, NY (13850), Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude in Psychology

Lyndsie Jicha of Apalachin, NY (13732), Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Laura Martin of Apalachin, NY (13732), Bachelor of Science in Business Economics

Shanyn Mattocks of Vestal, NY (13850), Bachelor of Science in Informatics

Sara Oliveira of Vestal, NY (13850), Master of Science in Curriculum Development & Instructional Technology

Kaylen Smith of Vestal, NY (13850), Bachelor of Arts Summa Cum Laude in Criminal Justice

Chloe Tuttle of Vestal, NY (13850), Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Vestal Alumni Named to Dean's List

Hamilton College

Jessica Elie, of Vestal (13850), a rising junior majoring in psychology

Seton Hall University

Trina Beckwith of Vestal, NY

Purchase College

- Daniel Knipscher of Vestal (13850)
- Nadja Wall of Vestal (13850)



Camp Firelight VBS

Vestal United Methodist Church, located at 328 Main Street, Vestal, NY 13850, will be holding "A Summer Camp Adventure" called Camp Firelight. The event will take place on July 21st from 4-7 pm and from July 22-25 from 6-8 pm. The ages are Pre K – 5th grades. Volunteer helpers Adult and youth 6th grade and up are needed. All are welcome to come join us.

The kickoff will be on July 21st. From 6-7 pm join us for hot dogs, S'mores, games and much more. Again all are welcome!

We are asking anyone who plans to attend, please register online at <https://vestal-United-methodist-church.mycokesburyvbs.com> or call (607) 785-3367.

Come join Lumen the Firefly for games, crafts and fun!

WARRANT

GALLOWAY-KING, ROBERT PL 155.35(01) GRAND LARCENY 3RD DEGREE: PROPERTY VALUE EXCEEDS \$3000

Age: 25, Race: Black, Gender: Male, Height: 5' 5", Weight: 130 lbs, Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown

Robert Galloway-King is currently the subject of an arrest warrant for Grand Larceny in the Third Degree in relation to a Larceny/Fraud incident at a local bank. He is accused of unlawfully transferring funds from a victim's account to his own and withdrawing those amounts. Galloway-King was last known to be residing in the Binghamton, New York area. Information regarding the whereabouts of Galloway-King can be submitted to the Vestal Police Department Detective Division at (607) 754-2477. You can also utilize the "Submit a tip" button located at the bottom of this post to provide any relevant information.

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH®: <https://crimewatch.net/us/ny/broome/vestal-pd/245804/warrants/galloway-king-robert-pl-1553501-grand-larceny-3rd-degree-property-value-exceeds-3000>



BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The VPL Board of Trustees meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the large meeting room. All meetings are open to the public!

Thank you for supporting VPL

BRADY'S K-9 FUND PROVIDES VEST FOR K-9 VAUGHN!

Background on Brady's K9 Fund

Police K9s are incredible animals that take on so many tasks that humans just can't do. They have the ability to detect explosive devices, narcotics, weapons, track fugitives and locate missing persons. These tasks often put the dogs in dangerous and potentially life threatening situations. In fact, the police K9s typically face a greater risk than their human counterparts since they are often sent in ahead to investigate dangerous situations. However, unlike the human officers, these K9s are not issued ballistic vests.

Sadly, most law enforcement agencies don't have the funds to purchase protective gear for their canine members. Smaller police departments can barely afford their K9 officers, let alone ballistic vests for each of them. In fact, many agencies are prohibited from allocating funds for purchase of equipment that is not for human use.

Brady Snakovsky got the idea for his vest nonprofit in 2018 while he was watching A&E's Live PD. The 8-year-old learned that most local police departments can't afford the necessary, but expensive equipment. Working with his mother, Leah, the duo set up a GoFundMe account and started spreading the word. Today, the fund has grown and provided hundreds of life-saving ballistic vests to dogs across the country.

Brady's K9 Fund Mission

Protect the K9s who protect our communities. We believe these working dogs deserve to be protected by a ballistic vest for their entire shift, just like their human partners, so that they both can come home safe together.



The Vestal Police Department is thrilled to announce that Brady's K9 Fund has generously donated a ballistic vest for our four-legged officer, K9 Vaughn.

In 2018, 8-year old Brady Snakovsky got the idea for his K-9 vest nonprofit while he was watching A&E's Live PD. Brady learned that most local police departments can't afford the necessary, but expensive equipment. Working with his mother,

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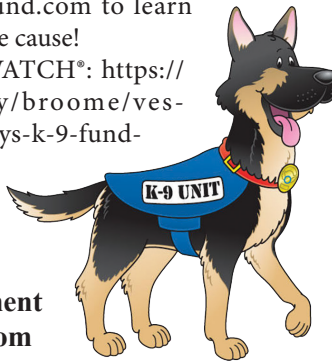
Today, the fund has raised over \$1.25M and vested over 950 K9s across all 50 states, including our very own K9 Vaughn. With our other K9 officer, Reign, on the Brady's K9 waiting list, we hope to announce soon that both Vestal K9s will be equally protected through this generous fund.

You can make a difference too and join Brady's mission by visiting his website and learning more about his cause. Your support and donations go directly to providing essential life-saving equipment for more incredible K9 officers. Together, we can ensure that our K9 officers and their partners come home safe together everyday.

Visit www.Bradysk9fund.com to learn more and contribute to the cause!

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH*: <https://crimewatch.net/us/ny/broome/vestal-pd/245804/post/bradys-k-9-fund-provides-vest-k-9-vaughn>

Article and Photos Courtesy of The Vestal Police Department and Bradysk9fund.com

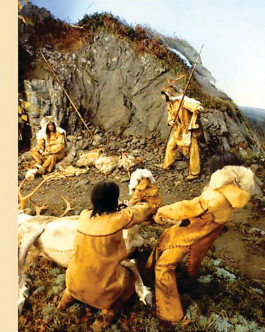


From Glaciers to Native Americans, a History of Our Valley

An Exhibit by Tim Traver

At the Vestal Museum
Opening July 13th 2024
12:00 pm

325 Vestal Parkway West
Vestal, NY 13850



Ice Age Hunters
Life group interpretation of Paleoindian peoples at the West Athens Hill site, Greene County (NYSM Native Peoples Hall exhibit)



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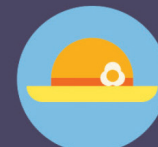
\$50 RESIDENTS,
\$60 NON-RESIDENTS

For more information and to register, go to
vestalny.myrec.com



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VP THIS MONTH IN Youth Services

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY. REGISTRATION DATES FOR ALL SUMMER EVENTS:

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| Elementary STEAM | Reader's Theater |
| - Flashlight Magic 6/26 | - Session 1 - 6/25 |
| - Competing Robots 7/3 | - Session 2 - 7/9 |
| - Bug Hotels 7/10 | - Session 3 - 7/23 |
| - Sharpie Tie-Dye 7/17 | |
| - Constellation Jars 7/24 | |
| - Great Book Chase 7/31 | |

Register ONLINE for:

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| Elemental Explorers | Kopernik Portable Planetarium |
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| - Straw Bridges 7/3 | Kitten Yoga |
| - Fantasy Light Jars 7/11 | • Opens 7/12 |
| - Movie & Trail Mix Bar 7/18 | Escape Room: |
| - Edible Stained Glass 7/25 | Steampunk Submarine |
| - Rubber Duck-orating 8/1 | • Opens 7/19 |

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Stretch your paws with adoptable kitties from Every Cat's Dream! Learn mindful poses to improve your flexibility, physical strength, and mental health -- all while socializing with Vestal's most eligible feline friends! Kitten Yoga will take place in the Large Meeting room on Saturday, July 27 with socializing from 10 AM - 12 PM and Yoga from 1 - 2 PM. All are welcome to meet & greet the adoptable kittens and cats. Adoption applications must be pre-approved to bring a kitten home that day. Fill out an application online today!

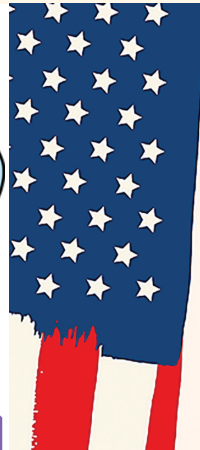
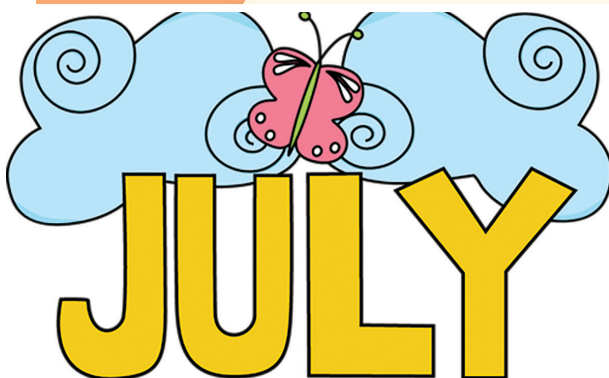
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Registration Required to participate in Yoga. Yoga participants are asked to bring a donation from the Every Cats Dream wish list to participate. Sign up online starting 7/12

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CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF BROOME COUNTY PRESENTS:

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Proof of veteran status required. Veteran must be in attendance.

JULY 13TH, 9AM-2PM

JULY 21ST, 11AM-2PM

AUGUST 10TH, 9AM-1PM

AUGUST 25TH, 11AM-2PM

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 9AM-1PM

OCTOBER 12TH, 9AM-2PM

NOVEMBER 9TH, 9AM-1PM

If you would like to receive our monthly BC Veterans Newsletter, email your name to jjw288@cornell.edu

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- Windsor Farmers Market
- Binghamton Farmers Market
- Broome County Regional Farmers Market

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-Sam Keen

“When all else fails, take a vacation.”
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SATURDAY JULY 27 11AM-2PM!

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