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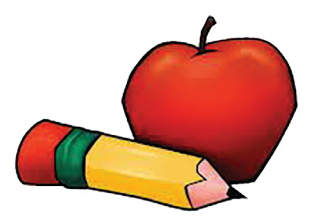
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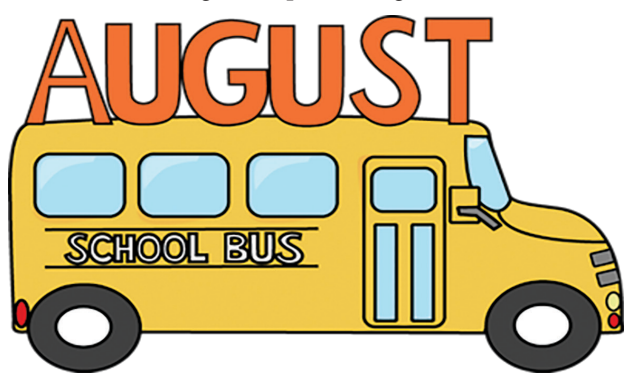
Gang Leader and Murder Suspect Detained In Vestal



Gianfranco Torres-Navarro, 38, was arrested at the Town Square Mall on August 14th. He is suspected as the Peruvian gang leader of “Los Killers de Ventanilla y Callao” and is wanted in Peru for 23 murders. His girlfriend, Mishelle Sol Ivanna Ortiz Ubillús, was arrested alongside him. She is described as Torres-Navarro’s right-hand

man by Peruvian authorities. He is also nicknamed “Gianfranco 23,” referencing the number of people he is alleged to have murdered. He reportedly has tattooed the names of victims on his body. Torres-Navarro entered the country illegally on May 16th, 2024 at the Texas-Mexico border, and was taken in to custody immediately by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. He was, however, released, with an order to appear in court for immigration proceedings. U.S. Customs and

Border Protection officials did not know at the time of his wanted status in Peru. Enforcement Removal Operations (ERO) Buffalo as contacted by Homeland Security Investigations and was notified of Torres-Navarro’s suspected crimes in July. The international capture of Torres-Navarro and Ortiz Ubillús was not ordered by Peruvian authorities until July 3rd. According to the Endicott Police Chief, Patrick Garey, Torres-Navarro had been staying in a single-family house on East Franklin Street for a couple of months. Vestal police detective Captain Chris Streno said Torres-Navarro was taken into custody in front of the Burlington store. No one was injured during the apprehension. ERO Buffalo transported him to the Buffalo Federal Detention Facility in Batavia, NY, pending immigration proceedings. Unless they are charged in the U.S., Torres-Navarro and Mishelle Ortiz Ubillús are likely to be deported to Peru.



VESTAL ATHLETICS NETWORK

ANY VHS STUDENT INTERESTED IN PRODUCING OUR LIVESTREAMS FOR FALL SPORTS AND WORKING WITH SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY INTERNS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND TRAINING ON AUGUST 23RD FROM 6:30PM TO 8PM. MEET IN THE STADIUM PRESSBOX! SEE YOU THERE!

#WINTHEDAY

PET OF THE WEEK:

Chungus



I'm a gentleman they call Chungus! Some call me pampered, but I'm just a guy who knows what he likes. A lap to sit on? Most definitely. Endless pats? Without a doubt. A steady flow of treats and attention? Why sure, if you're offering!

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



VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO FLOODING





Vestal CALENDAR

Saturday, August 24th

>VPL Artisan Market

9AM - 2PM, Sign Up on VPL's Website

>Binghamton Psychology Open Research Day

12PM- 5PM, Binghamton University, Science 4

Building, Rm 171

>5th Annual Car Show

9AM- 2PM, Vestal Elks Lodge

Sunday, August 25th

>Swap N Exchange - Garden Produce

Vestal United Methodist Church

>Vestal Elks 50th Anniversary Picnic

12PM- 4PM, Arnold Park

Monday, August 26th

>Town Board Work Session, 6PM

>VMS 6TH Grade Orientation

9AM or 1PM, VMS

Wednesday, August 28th

>Town Board Meeting, 6pm

> Biker Night at Funky Bees

>Apalachin Lions Walk-Up Mobile Food Pantry

St. Margaret Mary's Church, 10AM-11AM

Thursday, August 29th

>Free Bowling with the Police Department

12PM- 5PM, Ages 5-17, Midway Lanes

(Last Day for Free Bowling!)

>Free Ice Cream Social Game Night

Park Terrace Community United Methodist

Church, 6:30PM

Saturday, August 31st

Veterans BBQ

12PM- 3PM, Vestal Elks Lodge

Tuesday, September 3rd

Board of Education Meeting, 6PM,

Admin Board of Education Conference Room

Sunday, September 8th

India Day

The India Cultural Center, 12PM- 5PM

Friday, September 13th

All American Pie & Ice Cream Social

6PM- 8PM, Vestal Center United Methodist

Church, 478 West Hill Rd.

Tuesday, September 17th

Board of Education Meeting, 6PM,

Admin Board of Education Conference Room



REPORT

Allison Orzel, 24, Endwell, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

James Gleason, 29, Laceyville PA, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Cheyenne Salsman, 28, Sugar Run PA, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Jessee Bennett, 27, Montrose PA, arrested for Grand Larceny 3rd Degree and Falsifying Business Records 1st Degree for altering business records and stealing money from her employer.

Krystina Vannavongsa, 34, Binghamton arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's.

Terrell Dobson, 25, Binghamton, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree for grabbing the victim's arms and spitting in her face during a domestic incident.

Kevin Russell, 34, homeless, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Davon Minott, 23, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Chantel Starks, 26, Endicott, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC and Speed in Zone after a traffic stop.

Kevin Gow, 37, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree for threatening to fight the victim and throwing tobacco chew at the victim after a road rage incident.

Dharamveer Singh, 33, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Speed Not Reasonable and Prudent, Moved from Lane Unsafely, Drinking Alcohol or Using Cannabis in a Motor Vehicle and Fail to Obey a Traffic Control Device after a traffic stop.

Shirley Golden, 45, Binghamton, arrested for No/Inadequate Muffler, Insufficient Turn Signal-Less than 100 feet and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Tymothee Woodrow, 37, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Samantha Pinilla, 35, Endicott, arrested for two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Conceal/Alter/Destroy Evidence, Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving the Wrong Way on a One Way Street, No turn signal -less than 100 feet, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd Degree and Unlicensed Operator for possessing Meth, Oxycodone and a digital scale during a traffic stop.



REPORT

Ryan Heim, 38, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Contempt 1st Degree and Harassment 2nd Degree for violating a no-harass order of protection by shoving the victim during a domestic incident.

Angela Sparks, 51, Afton, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated- More than .18 BAC, Driving the Wrong Direction on a One-Way Street and Attempted Escape for freeing her wrist from handcuffs after being arrested following a traffic stop.

Shamiyah Felder, 24, Endicott, arrested for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle for failing to return a rental vehicle by the rental agreement date.

Vestal Road Construction August 19th - September 30th

Vestal Water to Replace Aging Watermain & Improve Water System Reliability: Traffic Plan to alleviate congestion commences on August 19th Vestal, N.Y. – August 15, 2024 – The Town has announced a late summer 2024, water-system infrastructure project highlighted by the installation of a new watermain along Old Vestal Road and replacement of an aging and undersized watermain along Bunn Hill Road. When completed, the project will also provide additional redundancies to the water system serving areas west of Bunn Hill Road and reduce future water service interruptions. Project details: the watermain will be installed along the westbound lane of Old Vestal Road between Gates Road and Bunn Hill Road, thus only restricting traffic access to the eastbound lane. Work associated with the watermain installation along Old Vestal Road is scheduled to take place from August 19, 2024, through September 30, 2024, and will be performed between 7:00 pm and 6:00 am, with the goal of minimizing commuting and travel disturbances. The road will be reduced to one lane of traffic during construction hours. The Bunn Hill watermain replacement will take place in the late spring of 2025. The Town of Vestal is working with a local contractor to complete the work as expediently as possible and with as little impact as possible. Traffic control signage will be positioned to notify motorists of detour routes. If you should have any questions, please contact the Town of Vestal Engineering Office at (607) 786-0980.

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH®: <https://crimewatch.net/us/ny/broome/vestal-pd/245804/post/vestal-road-construction-august-19th-2024-september-30th-20204>



Vestal United Methodist Church

Swap N' Exchange

On the fourth Sunday of each month VUMC will be having a table setup in the lower Narthex for the Swap n Exchange of items. Each month will be a different type of item. The items need to be in good condition to be offered in a free exchange of items.

We can assist Mother Earth by reusing our sustainable items that others may need and many of us have a first world problem of too much stuff. Let's share with others our bounty of items. Bring the items in a bit early before church service that Sunday. Items left after the service and after most of the congregation has left, which are not desired will be boxed up and donated to a charity of the Outreach Teams choice. **Items are on a first come first serve bases.**

So you can prepare and gather items here are the items collected for the next months.

August 25	Garden Produce
September	Tools and Automotive
October	Christmas Decorations

Foodbank Of the Southern Tier

APALACHIN LIONS

Walk-Up Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday – August 28th
10-11 AM

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

Pre-registration required
Tuesday before – August 27th At 8:30 AM until full (current limit of 125 registrations)
If you register please attend
Phone: 2-1-1 or Online: www.foodbankst.org/cfd
Bring a cart or bags to carry food!

FUN FACTS

1. Your signature could reveal personality traits. A study in 2016 purports that among men, a larger signature correlates with higher social bravado and, among women, a bigger signature correlates with narcissistic traits.
2. Deaf people are known to use sign language in their sleep.
3. Hippos can't swim. Hippos really do have big bones, so big and dense, in fact, that they're barely buoyant at all. They don't swim and instead perform a slow-motion gallop on the riverbed or on the sea floor.
4. Starfish don't have bodies. Along with other echinoderms (think sea urchins and sand dollars), their entire bodies are technically classed as heads.
5. The bones in our head make our voice sound deeper.
6. Mirrors facing each other don't produce infinite reflections. Each reflection will be darker than the last and eventually fade into invisibility.
7. Research suggests that if you sleep badly and wake up multiple times throughout the night you will be more likely to recall the content of any dreams you had.
8. A lightning bolt is five times hotter than the surface of the Sun.
9. Beavers don't actually live in dams. Technically, beavers live in a lodge that they build **behind** a dam, within a deep pool of water.
10. 'New car smell' is a mix of over 200 chemicals. These include the sickly-sweet, toxic hydrocarbons benzene and toluene.
11. Pine trees can tell if it's about to rain. Next time you see a pine cone, take a close look. If it's closed, that's because the air is humid, which can indicate rain is on its way.
12. Your brain burns 400-500 calories a day. That's about a fifth of your total energy requirements.

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

Free Ice Cream Social/Game Night

Park Terrace Community United Methodist Church

Contact: Pam Bogdan; Email: bogdan8@frontiernet.net

What: It's that time of the summer again. Let's enjoy some Ice Cream together! You are not going to want to miss Park Terrace United Methodist Church's Ice Cream Social of the Summer. Everyone is encouraged to bring family and friends for an evening of fun, fellowship and delicious ice cream and games!

When: Thursday, August 29th @ 6:30 p.m.

Where: Park Terrace Community United Methodist Church, 30 Glann Road, Apalachin, NY 13732

Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser

Tractor Supply Co. 154 Vestal Parkway West, Vestal NY 13850

Thursday, September 5th, 11AM-6PM

Do you love Doug's Fish Fry? We do too!! Come join us for this Thursday Sept 5th event and let Doug's do your cooking for lunch and supper that day. Mark your calendars to save this date. UOLSC will have volunteers at a table with hand outs and flyers about our coming Fall classes. So please stop by and say hi, and purchase a ticket for our September Monthly Raffle!! We hope to see you there!

Updated Parking Information for HS Seniors and Juniors/Safe Driving Orientation

There are some updates to Vestal High School's senior and junior parking privileges. Parking Information for Seniors and Juniors.pdf

Safe-Driving Orientation:

Each student(s) and one parent or guardian will be required to attend an in-person orientation in order to receive your parking permit. Even if you don't have a license yet, but plan on driving at a later point in the school year, you must attend the following orientation date:

September 12th @ 6pm in the high school Auditorium

You may also scan the QR code to register for the safe driving orientation.



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Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board

NEWSPAPER EDITED, August 14, 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, Attorney Daniel Reynolds, Town Engineer Vern Myers, Director of Human Resources Debora Panicek and 11 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 July 24th, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

3. BID OPENINGS

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Member of the public spoke about their concerns of having heavy equipment sitting out on the property and deterring people from wanting to live in the neighborhood.

The business owner of the property stated there will be no equipment over 10,000 lbs. and it is all small equipment and there is storage on site to also keep them out of view.

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

Approval of Vehicle Service Station Permit at 993 Vestal PKWY W.

The issuance of Vehicle Service Station Permit regarding the premises situate at 993 Vestal Parkway West, Vestal, New York and being designated as Broome County Tax Map No. 172.08-1-2

5. SUPERVISOR UPDATES

Supervisor Sexton thanked several of The Town Employees and Volunteer Fire Dept. for all of their hard work during the storm on Thursday. Sexton also stated she will be speaking with The Town Engineer and Highway Superintendent to brainstorm what can and cannot be fixed in flood prone areas.

Supervisor Sexton also wanted to inform the public that the upcoming discussion regarding a waiver for the Tax Cap has nothing to do with The Town Taxes this year.

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tom McCartney thanked The Town Board for the separation on the Fire District.

7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

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

Fire District Determinations

Vote on Fire District determinations following Public Hearing prior to Fire District vote. Public Hearing on the Vestal Fire District was held on 7/22/24.

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

Approval to Form New Vestal Fire District

Resolution forming a new Vestal Fire District under Town Law §170, replacing the existing Vestal Fire District, to bring the Fire District in compliance with New York State Law.

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

Approval of Consolidated Funding Application “Comprehensive Plan Update with Smart Growth Principles Project”

Resolution for 2024 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION (CFA), Office of Planning Development, and Community Infrastructure (OPDCI), Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning Grant, New York State Department of State (DOS) “Comprehensive Plan Update with Smart Growth Principles Project”.

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

Approval of Consolidating Funding Application “Salt Reduction Plan”

Resolution for 2024 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION (CFA), Water Quality Improvement Program, New York State Department of Conservation, “Salt Reduction Plan”.

8. PUBLIC WORKS (DONNELLY/Greene)

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

Approval to Hire Viengkham

Request from Scott Groats, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, for the Town Board to approve hiring Damien Viengkham retroactively as a Laborer with a starting rate of \$21.22 an hour. Background and drug tests have been completed. Start date will be 8/12/24.

9. FINANCE (MESSINA/Donnelly)

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

Authorization to Advertise Proposed Local Law F

Authorization to advertise on August 15, 2024 for a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. The public hearing is for proposed Local Law F of 2024: A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

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

Approval of Budget Transfer for Police Ammunition

Request from Jessica Farley, Deputy Comptroller, for approval of a Police Department budget amendment to transfer \$358.82 from the Misc. Police Grants line A3120-4389 to the Operational Equipment line A3120-2100 to transfer the funds from cancelled old ammunition order to cover new ammunition expenses.

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

Approval of Budget Transfer to Cover Fluoridation Costs

Request from Jessica Farley, Deputy Comptroller, for approval of a Water Department budget amendment to transfer \$4,000 from the Main Replacement line W8340-3000 to the Fluoridation-Operating Expense line W8330-4313 to cover Fluoridation costs.

10. PERSONNEL (DONNELLY/Messina)

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

Approval to Hire Schmidt for Basketball Camp

Authorization for Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, to retroactively hire Ava Schmidt as a Girls Basketball Camp instructor as outlined in his August 8, 2024 memo. The start

date and rate 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, Donnelly, Miller, Greene

Approval of Lateral Transfer of Kunes to Senior Account Clerk

Authorization for Nick Angeline, Comptroller to hire Tammy Kunes, from Deputy Clerk in the Clerk's office by way of inter departmental transfer, to the position of Senior Account Clerk (CEA grade 4) effective August 26, 2024. Such lateral transfer will result in her pay rate of pay (\$24.45).

11. PLANNING & ZONING (MESSINA/Greene)

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

Approval to Advertise for Public Hearing on Diesel Fueling Station and Storage

Request from Vern Myers, Town Engineer, for the Town Board to review the materials regarding the construction of a diesel fuel storage tank and fueling station for Casella Waste vehicles. If in agreement, please approve a publication date of August 21, 2024 for a public hearing on August 28, 2024.

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

Authorization for Town Supervisor to Sign Lease Agreement with new tenant of the Coal House

Authorization for the Town Supervisor to sign a lease agreement with the new tenant of the Coal House.

RECEIVE AND FILE:

- Warrants: 2024: 31G, 31I, 31C, 31M, 31T, 32G, 32C, 32M, 32T
- Clerk's Monthly Report July
- Change of Tenant 732 Vestal Parkway East

14. PETITIONS & PROTESTS

15. OLD BUSINESS

16. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

Authorization for Supervisor to Sign Agreement with Police Chief

Authorization to approve the agreement between the Town of Vestal and Vestal Police Chief, Stace Kintner, and for the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement.

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

Authorization for Supervisor to Countersign Easement Agreement

Authorization for the Town Supervisor to countersign an easement agreement with Taylor Garbage pertaining to property located at 3014 Vestal Rd.

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

Authorization to Advertise Public Hearing of Dissolution of Existing Fire District and Establishing the New Fire District

Authorization to advertise on August 19, 2024 for a public hearing on August 28, 2024 regarding the dissolution

“Cultivating Community” Two-Day Conference

Our leaders are always learning, even in the summer!

The recent "Cultivating Community" event, organized by Broome-Tioga BOCES, brought together school leaders for an inspiring two-day conference. Keynote speaker Andrew Marotta, known for his dynamic presentations, captivated the audience with sessions on leadership, storytelling, and best practices. Attendees explored strategies to build a safe and caring school environment, emphasizing the importance of engaging with students' hearts and minds. The event featured interactive workshops, insightful discussions, and valuable resources, leaving participants energized and equipped to enhance their school communities.



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Summer Enrichment Beginnings 6 Sessions



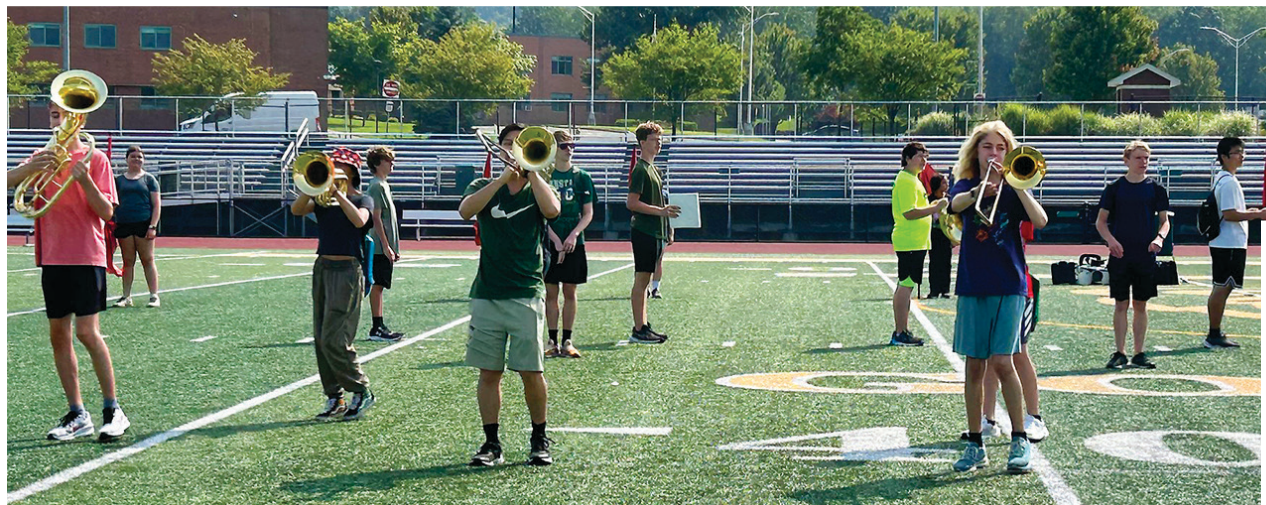
A Special Class Designed Just For Our Incoming Middle School Students

Incoming sixth grade students are interacting with other incoming students through a series of team building, creative expression, movement, and hands-on activities. The objective of the program is to increase social-emotional learning, support the move to middle school and reduce any feelings of stress and anxiety. It will help foster positive relationships and to increase the following: socialization and coping skills, a sense of belonging, sense of self-efficacy, as well as attention and focus strategies. Students who finish the summer enrichment program will take home tools and strategies that can be used in the home, school, and community. Last year, pre and post measures indicated that incoming 6th graders felt an increase in middle school preparedness after completion of the Beginnings 6th summer enrichment program.



Vestal Band Camp

Band camp is going strong! Our talented musicians have been working hard. On Thursday, August 22nd (7pm), at the Family Preview picnic they will be performing their show for the first time in uniform, on the field for their families. It will be a showcase of what they have learned in the two week camp!



Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Minutes Coninued From Last Week...

Acceptance of Software/Licensing Agreement - MakeMusic, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the digital terms of service agreement, software licensing and/or website agreement with MakeMusic, Inc. as outlined in the attached document.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Eric LaClair, Mark Browning, Shoba Agneshwar, Joshgua Mertens, Kay Ellis, Lisa Milkovich, Amanda Atkinson

Declaration of Obsolete Materials- GLE, THE, VHE, VHS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim Director of Facilities & Operations, declares the attached items as obsolete and authorizes the disposition of these items in accordance with Board Policy 5250.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Eric LaClair, Mark Browning, Shoba Agneshwar, Joshgua Mertens, Kay Ellis, Lisa Milkovich, Amanda Atkinson

Acceptance of Donation - Visions FCU

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation of \$438.65 from Visions FCU "Visions Loves Educators" program awarded to ARE Teacher Kate Barney for the purchase of Math supplies for her classroom (F2770.99Z30).

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Eric LaClair, Mark Browning, Shoba Agneshwar, Joshgua Mertens, Kay Ellis, Lisa Milkovich, Amanda Atkinson

Substitute/Administrative/Other Rates 2024-25 UPDATED

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes 2024-25 Special Rates/Substitutes/Other Areas to be updated as outlined in the attached listing, effective immediately.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Eric LaClair, Mark Browning, Shoba Agneshwar, Joshgua Mertens, Kay Ellis, Lisa Milkovich, Amanda Atkinson

Approval of Amended Facility Use Fee Schedule 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the attached amended schedule of fees to be charged for use of facilities by outside and community organizations, effective immediately.

Motion by Joshgua Mertens, second by Mark Browning.

Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of charging Vestal non-profit youth organizations to use school facilities/property. Angela Rogers, School Business Executive, explained that there are significant labor costs involved when Vestal buildings or fields are used, and the flat fee helps recover a small portion of that which helps the District during a difficult budget cycle. Mark Browning also added that school districts are required by law to have Facility Use Fees in place. Shoba Agneshwar and Amanda Atkinson advocated to put off charging Vestal youth sports organizations for another year due to not providing sufficient notice to the leagues, as well as not wanting to ask families to have to pay anything more for their children to participate in healthy activities when they already pay school taxes. Shoba proposed that youth organization coaches be given badge access to Vestal school buildings to avoid the cost of having a custodian present. However,

it was stated that the areas would still need to be cleaned before students/staff arrived for school and there would be a concern with the building being occupied with no District supervision. Angela clarified that the flat fee would be per organization, which would encompass the use of all reserved fields/buildings. All Board members had the opportunity to share their thoughts, and a vote then took place on the proposed resolution as written.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Eric LaClair, Mark Browning, Joshgua Mertens, Kay Ellis, Lisa Milkovich

Oppose: Shoba Agneshwar, Amanda Atkinson

Voice of the Public

Dawn Young, VHS Principal - Mrs. Young welcomed Sarah Weyer following her Board appointment as the new Dean of Students at VHS. She comes to the District with 25 years of educational experience, and the the VHS Administrative Team is happy to have her joining them.

Future Board Meetings

Regular Meeting TUESDAY August 20, 2024 6:00 pm Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street

Adjournment

Move to Adjourn

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Eric LaClair, Mark Browning, Shoba Agneshwar, Joshgua Mertens, Kay Ellis, Lisa Milkovich, Amanda Atkinson

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK

Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Executive Session Tuesday, July 16, 2024

PRESENT:

- Amanda Atkinson
- Shoba Agneshwar
- Mark Browning - arrived at 6:06 pm
- Kay Ellis
- Eric LaClair
- Joshgua Mertens
- Lisa Milkovich

ALSO PRESENT:

- Superintendent of Schools Clifford Kasson
- Assistant Superintendent Patrick Clarke
- School Attorney Michael Sherwood
- District Clerk Michelle Lewis
- Katherine Mazourek, Director of Special Education - excused at 6:07 pm
- Attorney Charles Symons, Ferrara Fiorenza PC

Executive Session commenced at 6:03 pm in the Staff Development 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 Lisa Milkovich, second by Joshgua Mertens, the Board voted 6 to 0 to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education for all students considered.

The Superintendent and Attorney Charles Symons then updated the Board on a legal matter.

On motion by Shoba Agneshwar, second by Kay Ellis, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session immediately.

Second Executive Session was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK



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tion of the existing Fire District as a part of the process of establishing the new Fire District.

17. SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brush pick will run monthly through September
- Vestal 607 night at Rumble Ponies Binghamton Rumble Ponies will be 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.

18. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Councilman Donnelly read the following release for upcoming work and traffic plan: The Town has announced a late summer 2024, Water-System Infrastructure Project highlighted by the installation of a new watermain along Old Vestal Road and replacement of an aging and under-sized watermain along Bunn Hill Road. When completed, the project will also provide additional redundancies to the water system serving areas west of Bunn Hill Road and reduce future water service interruptions.

Project details: the watermain will be installed along the westbound lane of Old Vestal Road between Gates Road and Bunn Hill Road, thus only restricting traffic access to the eastbound lane.

Work associated with the watermain installation along Old Vestal Road is scheduled to take place from August 19, 2024, through September 30, 2024, and will be performed between 7:00 pm and 6:00 am, with the goal of minimizing commuting and travel disturbances. The road will be reduced to one lane of traffic during construction hours. The Bunn Hill watermain replacement will take place in the late spring of 2025.

The Town of Vestal is working with a local contractor to complete the work as expediently as possible and with as little impact as possible. Traffic control signage will be positioned to notify motorists of detour routes.

If you should have any questions, please contact the Town of Vestal Engineering Office at (607) 786-0980.

Councilman Greene wanted to thank Vestal Fire Station 2 for doing a great job during the past storm.

Councilwoman Messina thanked the Fire Commissioners on all the hard work put in to create the New Fire District.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Greene the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting

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PRESENT:

- Shoba Agneshwar
- Amanda Atkinson
- Kay Ellis
- Eric LaClair
- Joshgua Mertens
- Lisa Milkovich
- Chadwin Smith
- Erryn Wilson - left at 7:05 pm

ALSO PRESENT:

- Superintendent of Schools Clifford Kasson
- Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patrick Clarke
- School Attorney Michael Sherwood
- District Clerk Michelle Lewis
- Director of Instruction Keliann Mazikewich

- Director of Special Education Katherine Mazourek
- Sarah Wiggins, VMS Principal
- Cathy Willis, VHE Principal
- Josh Gannon, Director of Athletics
- Approximately 10 visitors

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Executive Session

Move to adjourn into anticipated Executive Session for approval of CSE and CPSE recommendations, as well as an update on a student matter, a personnel matter, and a legal matter

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2024

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Reports

Board President Eric LaClair reported on the following:
 --Broome/Tioga School Board Association: Eric called attention to the calendar of events that was sent out through BTSBA. The District Clerk will forward this calendar to all Board members.

--Board Retreat: Eric offered a reminder about the Board Retreat scheduled for Wednesday, 8/14. Board members were asked to arrive by 8:30 am for a "customized" conversation with Dr. Thomas Reardon (Superintendent and NYSSBA representative) based on Board member input. Afternoon presentations will take place from 12:30-3:30 pm focused on Business, Personnel, and Instruction. Board members were encouraged to complete the NYSSBA survey if they have not done so already.

Superintendent Clifford Kasson reported on the following:

--B/T BOCES Leadership Academy 2024: The B/T BOCES Leadership Academy took place on 7/30 and 7/31. The Superintendent was in attendance and reported that Vestal was well-represented in the region. Numerous Vestal administrators and teachers gave presentations during breakout sessions as well, including CAE Principal Brad Bruce, Asst. Supt. for Instruction Patrick Clarke, Director of Instruction Andrew Blaine, VHS Asst. Principal Gianni Cordisco, and Teachers Nicole Ewing and Carmen VanNess.

--Media Interviews: Supt. Kasson has participated in a number of media interviews over the past week related to Vestal's student device pause initiative and Active Shooter

Drills. He appreciates these opportunities to get the word out that Vestal is a leader in the region.

--Ferrara Fiorenza Law Conference: Supt. Kasson, Asst. Supt. Clarke, and School Attorney Michael Sherwood attended the law conference on 8/1. Numerous legal updates were reviewed by attorneys, including Title IX and student discipline.

--Addition of 6th Grade Mini-Team: After much discussion and growing enrollment, the District has chosen to add a 6th grade mini-team by hiring two additional teachers at VMS. This will lower class sizes to an average of 23.7. Hiring was possible due to pooling savings on workers' comp insurance, as well as not having to pay teachers for a number of 6th classes. Amanda Atkinson thanked the District for addressing the class size issue.

--World Language Program: Due to the lack of viable candidates for a German teacher, unfortunately, the District will be phasing out German over the next four years. Students in 9th through 12th grade will be able to complete German studies through Level 5. However, students who took German in 7th grade will be required to choose to transfer to French or Spanish. There was much disappointment expressed and suggestions made, including sharing a German teacher with another District or offering another language in order to maintain three options for students. It was made clear that the German program is not sustainable beyond trying to get current high school students through level 5.

--Introduction of SRO Jon O'Connor: Supt. Kasson introduced and welcomed Jon O'Connor as the District's fifth SRO. Police Lt. Vincent Stavola was also present and advised the Board that Jon O'Connor is a seasoned officer who is professional and confident, and he expressed assurance that Jon would serve the District well. Sue Messina, Town of Vestal liaison, also stated that she was proud of the relationship between the Town of Vestal and the Vestal School District in that they can work together in continuing this excellent program.

--Active Shooter Drill: The Vestal Police Department conducted an Active Shooter Drill at Clayton Ave. Elementary School on 7/24. Numerous Vestal Police Academy students voluntarily participated, and Supt. Kasson and several Board members observed the drill. This was a simulated situation with no active firearms. It was an excellent training scenario for Vestal Police Officers, as well as first responders. Mr. Kasson shared photos and video footage of the event.

--BOCES Signing Day: Eleven Vestal students participated in BOCES Signing Day on 6/12. They had all participated in Career & Technical Education programs and are proudly entering the workforce with local employers (as shown in photos).

--Multi-Factor Authentication: Vestal CSD will be rolling out multi-factor authentication for every employee using a District device starting in early November. All local districts are making this conversion due to new regulations.

--Issue Council Annual Meeting and Budget Roundtable with Senator Lea Webb: Supt. Kasson had the opportunity to attend the Issue Council Annual Meeting and Budget Roundtable with Senator Lea Webb on 6/26. At that time, he was able to have a conversation with Senator Webb about his concerns surrounding the NYS Foundation Aid formula. As a result, Senator Webb and Assemblywoman Lupardo have scheduled a virtual meeting with local area school officials on 8/9 to hear their perspectives.

--Roundtable on Tackling Smartphones in Schools with Gov. Hochul: Supt. Kasson and VMS Principal Sarah Wiggins were invited to participate in a Roundtable event with Governor Hochul in Windsor on 7/23. Also seated on the panel were the Norwich CSD Superintendent, a Windsor

CSD social worker, a Windsor CSD teacher, and a Windsor CSD parent. Mr. Kasson had the opportunity to share the extensive research done by Dr. Clarke and the Device Task Force Committee, which was well-received by the governor. Mr. Kasson stated it was an honor to be invited to represent Vestal at both the regional and state levels.

--Town Hall Meeting on Student Cell Phone Use: Assistant Supt. Patrick Clarke shared that the Town Hall meeting will take place tomorrow evening in the ARE Auditorium for an open dialogue on Vestal's plan to "pause" student cell phone use during school hours. The rollout of Yondr pouches will take place the first week of school at VMS, one of which Dr. Clarke passed around for Board members to get an idea of how they work. Communications began going out to parents a couple of weeks ago. Some parents are critical of the idea, while others are very supportive. The goal is to increase student learning while minimizing classroom distractions. FAQs are available on the District website, but all are encouraged to attend the Town Hall meeting to offer further questions or comments.

--December Referendum Vote: Supt. Kasson broached the subject of gearing up for another Capital Project in order to comply with upcoming State mandates. With the NYS mandate to move to an all electric bus fleet by 2035, our current Transportation Department built in the 1960s does not have enough space to park buses the recommended 6-12' apart, the lifts are not capable of bearing the weight of an electric bus, and the building is not ADA compliant. It is in poor repair and cannot be updated to meet the necessary requirements. The District is looking at two different properties for development. Another bill is awaiting the Governor's signature regarding classroom temperatures, as well. Classrooms will have to be vacated if the temperature reaches 88 degrees. Neither Clayton Avenue or Vestal Hills Elementary Schools currently have air conditioning, and only parts of Vestal High School are air-conditioned. In order to be in compliance and keep students in school, the District would like to provide air conditioning in these buildings. Fiscal Advisors, Highland Associates, and LeChase Construction will all be present for a discussion at the 8/6 BOE meeting to share the scope of project. This would require a referendum vote in December.

Approval of Schedule P - Personnel REVISED

Move to approve Schedule P - Personnel as revised

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

The following changes were made under Schedule P:

SCHEDULE IP1

RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

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

Kermidas, Cassandra, Spanish Teacher, Academic Tenure Area: Foreign Language, 8/31/24

SCHEDULE IP3

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

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

Brhel, Sybil, Special Education Teacher, Special Subject Tenure Area: General Special Ed, Initial, 9/1/24-6/30/28,

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9/1/28, \$62,906
Ciaravino, Hilary, World Language Teacher, Academic Tenure Area: World Language, Permanent, 9/1/24-6/30/27, 9/1/27, \$68,465
Naslund, Kalindi, World Language Teacher, Academic Tenure Area: World Language, Professional, 9/1/24-6/30/27, 9/1/27, \$67,055

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

SCHEDULE IP4A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

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

(NAME, INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL, CERTIFICATION, DEGREE, EFF. DATE, REMARKS)

- Fabrizi, Lauren, English, None, BA, 9/1/24, Reinstatement
- Hotalen, Elizabeth, Elementary, None, 9/1/24
- Newins, Jennie, Elementary, None, BA, 9/1/24, Reinstatement
- Thorpe, Katrina, Elementary, None, AS, 9/1/24, Reinstatement
- Wallach, Meryll, Counselor, Permanent, MA, 9/1/24, Reinstatement

SCHEDULE IP4B

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 1, 5, 8, 9 and 10 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2023-24 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position, and stipend.

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

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS:

- Field Hockey: JV, Fall, \$3,800.00, 5/3/24, Barnard, Emily, 8/6/24
- Field Hockey: Volunteer, Fall, Schaffer, Samantha, 8/6/24
- Golf: Volunteer, Fall, Vaziri, Reza, 8/6/24

DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS- LEVEL I:

- ENL, K-12, \$4,004.00, 6/21/24, Lauth, Charlie (co), 8/6/24
- ENL, K-12, \$4,004.00, 6/21/24, Loyd, Hilary (co), 8/6/24
- Library, K-12, \$8,007.00, 6/21/24, Cornwell, Tracey, 8/6/24
- Reading, K-12, \$8,007.00, 6/21/24, Evans, Sarah, 8/6/24

LEVEL II:

- Health & Physical Education, 9-12, \$1,804.00, 6/21/24
- Darpino, Susan (co), 8/6/24
- Health & Physical Education, 9-12, \$1,804.00, 6/21/24
- Crunden, James (co), 8/6/24
- Technology & FACS, 7-12, \$1,804.00, 6/21/24, Osinski,

- David (co), 8/6/24
- Technology & FACS, 7-12, \$1,804.00, 6/21/24, Klatt, Christopher (co), 8/6/24

LEVEL III:

- SNT/RN, K-12, \$1,653.00, 6/21/24, Miller, Jane (co), 8/6/24
- SNT/RN, K-12, \$1,653.00, 6/21/24, Mortenson, Aishia (co), 8/6/24

OTHER:

- Bus Supervision (1), VHE, \$15.92 per diem, 6/21/24, Michitti, Eva (co), 8/6/24
- Bus Supervision (1), VHE, \$15.92 per diem, 6/21/24, Harvey, Crystal (co), 8/6/24
- Bus Supervision (2), VHE, \$15.92 per diem, 6/21/24, Moyer, Robert (co), 8/6/24
- Bus Supervision (2), VHE, \$15.92 per diem, 6/21/24, McDaniels, Megan (co), 8/6/24
- Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator (co), K-12, \$3,053.00, 6/21/24, Rockhill, Christopher, 8/6/24

MUSIC:

- Marching Band Support - Mallet Tech, DW, \$700.00, 6/21/24, Arora, Aarin, 8/6/24
- Marching Band Support - Drumline/Sound, DW, \$1,500.00, 6/21/24, Neiss, Micah, 8/6/24
- District Accompanist, DW, \$1,500.00, 6/21/24, Apicella, James, 8/6/24

SCHEDULE IP4C

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL OTHER

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

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

- Bell, Stacy, Math Intervention, DW, 8/12/24-8/30/24, Summer Enrichment Program
- Ewing, Vanessa, Math, Intervention, DW, 7/8/24-8/26/24, Summer Enrichment Program
- Schriver, Lisa, AIM Program, DW, 7/9/24-8/26/24, Summer Enrichment Program

SCHEDULE NIP 1

RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

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

- Bobal, Sheri, Teacher Aide, VHE, 7/31/24
- Estrada, Alexis, Teacher Aide PT, GLE, 7/17/24
- Klose, Ilka, Teacher Aide PT, ARE, 8/16/24
- Mitchell, Janet, 0.5 Teacher Aide, ARE, 6/30/24

SCHEDULE NIP 2

RETIREMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

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

- Coyne, Lorraine, 0.5 Teacher Aide, ARE, 7/16/24

SCHEDULE NIP 4

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

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

- Cwynar, Joanne, Senior Typist, VMS, 8/19/24-8/18/25, \$38,732, 52-week probationary period
- Lee, Austin, Cleaner, 2nd Shift, VHS, 8/7/24-8/6/24, \$35,076, 52-week probationary period
- Strabo, Kari, Senior Typist, District Office, 8/12/24-8/1/25, \$38,440, 52-week probationary period

SCHEDULE NIP 8A

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

(NAME, POSITION, EFF. DATE)

- Davis, Cindy, Registered Professional Nurse PT/S, 8/7/24-6/30/25
- Maerz, Deborah, Registered Professional Nurse PT/S, 8/7/24-6/30/25
- Peretore, Jaclyn, Registered Professional Nurse PT/S, 8/7/24-6/30/25

Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer

WHEREAS, a request for an impartial hearing has been made, and WHEREAS, Richard Kass is the next available person on the School District's rotational hearing officer list, BE IT RESOLVED, that Richard Kass is appointed as Hearing Officer in regards to a pending request for a hearing and is requested to issue a decision within the appropriate time period of the law and regulations. This appointment is retroactive to July 31, 2024.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

MOU with SUNY Oswego - Concurrent Enrollment

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with SUNY Oswego in order to provide concurrent enrollment for eligible Vestal High School students in GER 201/202 (German) during the 2024-25 academic year according to the terms of the attached agreement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

Internal Auditor Contract Extension

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to enter into a contract extension for internal audit functions for the year ending June 30, 2024, as submitted by Ernest Skiadas, CPA, P.C. and recommended by the Audit Committee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

Minutes To Be Continued Next Week...

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VESTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO FLOODING

Vestal Fire Dodged a bullet at Station 2 as the remnants of hurricane Debby passed through our area. Luckily, we were spared. Vestal Fire opened our Division 2 operations center as we took multiple calls associated with Debby. Our water rescue team was on standby at station #2 as the Choconut Creek rose above flood stage. Again we were lucky it wasn't any worse then it was. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people and districts that were inundated by this event. Here are some pictures from South Vestal as we answered the calls that came in to our Division Operation center





Happy Summer!

NUTRITION DEMOS AT THE VESTAL FARMERS MARKET

- 
August 21st
- 
August 28th
- 
September 4th
- 
September 11th
- 
September 18th
- 
September 25th

Join the CCE Broome Nutrition Team at the Vestal Farmers Market on the above Wednesdays at 10 am. Customers who stay for a 20-minute nutrition lesson will receive a \$10 voucher to shop at the market!

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Broome County



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VESTAL ELKS #2508
50th Anniversary
Picnic
 Sunday August 25th
 Arnold Park
 12-4 BYOB



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- BBQ Lunch
- Reading Partnership Bus

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 VESTAL, NY 13850



VMS
6TH GRADE
ORIENTATION
AUGUST 26, 2024

9 AM OR 1 PM

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF BROOME COUNTY PRESENTS:

FARMERS MARKET COUPON DISTRIBUTION
 \$15 per veteran per month will be given out at farmers markets in Broome County. No purchase required.

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

- 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

Cornell Cooperative Extension

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

BACK TO SCHOOL Sneaker Giveaway
 Saturday, August 24th
 10am-12pm

United Way of Broome County
 101 S. Jensen Road, Vestal, NY 13850

Child must be present with adult.
 One pair of sneakers per child.

A very special thank you to Fox 40 for taking the lead on this important community project!

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VESTAL ELKS 5TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW
 2071 Vestal Parkway West
August 24th. 10 - 2

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