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Officer Of The Quarter



The Vestal Police Department recognized Officer LoPiccolo as the Officer of the Quarter for April- June of this year. On the 25th day of June 2024 Officer LoPiccolo initiated a traffic stop. During the course of his investigation, he utilized his interview skills to developed probable cause to utilize a Police Canine. As a result of this investigation a loaded handgun was recovered from the vehicle in addition to a large quantity of Methamphetamine, Ecstasy and a switchblade knife. His proactive effort sets a positive example for his colleagues and helped to take another illegal handgun off of the streets of vestal. His actions are a credit to the Vestal Police Department and the Town of Vestal. Officer LoPiccolo has previously been recognized for his outstanding efforts including numerous firearms and narcotics arrests. He was also recognized for rescuing a toddler that was stuck on top of a baseball backstop at Arnold Park.

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH®: <https://crimewatch.net/us/by/broome/vestal-pd/245804/post/officer-quarter-0>

Closed JC Rice Funeral Home for Sale for \$2.3 million



Cheryl Kovac is the owner and also lives locally, recently listed the property for sale. J.F. Rice Funeral Home operated for many years and was the funeral home many local directors started at or completed their residency. A former funeral director stated this past Thursday that “there were 6 full-time licensed funeral directors there when I worked there, that is how busy they were” Ms. Kovac kept operating for 30 years since 1993, when her husband, Dennis Kovac, passed away. “Mr. Kovac’s passing was a true loss for our local industry” stated a Broome County Funeral Director member. Mrs. Kovac was not a licensed funeral director and had to rely on licensed personnel. A Broome County Funeral Directors Association representative stated that multiple other local funeral home owners delivered Ms. Kovac a letter offering to help keep the funeral home operating after issues arose regarding what was then current management. Ms. Kovac did not respond to the offer from the other local funeral home owners, according to sources, to her apparent detriment. This all according to a person familiar with the letter delivered to her home. A former funeral director who worked for J.F. Rice Funeral stated that things were upsetting prior to their exit from the firm in recent years. According to the company website, the last funeral was in the middle of June 2024.

Recently, Paul Mikeska, was listed as the licensed manager for J.F. Rice Funeral Home, he had been the manager for many years. As of this week, the NYS Bureau of Funeral Directing website listed him as the Manager for Aegis Cremation & Funeral Services, a firm reported locally that had been operating but not listed as a licensed funeral home in Broome County with multiple NYS complaints filed according to records. Monica Usiak, had been listed as the Manager for Aegis Cremation & Funeral Services previously according to the NYS website, at the same time she also worked at J.F. Rice Funeral Home under Paul Mikeska. Ms. Usiak left the firm to pursue other options at an Endicott Funeral Home. She also recently resigned from the Broome County Funeral Directors Association Board position she held.

The 100+ year-old building that was J.F. Rice Funeral Home across from St. James Church on Main St. in Johnson City is now listed for \$2.3 Million. J.F. Rice Funeral Home has been slowly closing in recent months, and according to a website posting by Linda Kent Real Estate, notes the site is located near new Johnson City developments. The property located on the south side of Main Street has always been a formidable presence, and a convenient location for St. James’ parishioners. The real estate listing states over 17,160 square feet of space is available in the funeral home’s former building along with garages and parking lot.

The price listed for the property along Main Street is \$2.3 million which could mean a mortgage payment of over \$20,000 per month plus taxes, insurance, utilities, and when you add staffing expenses it is no wonder funerals are expensive.

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Back-To-School Fun Facts and Tips on Page 3!

PET OF THE WEEK:

Sandwich



Hi. I'm Sandwich...and yes, I would love a tasty bite right now. Other than food, my loves are: Meeting new people, Being right by my person's side, Going for long walks, Swimming wherever there is water, Sunbathing in the yard, Car rides anywhere, And...playing ball is life!

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





Vestal CALENDAR

Saturday, August 31st

Veterans BBQ

12PM- 3PM, Vestal Elks Lodge

Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3rd

**Board of Education Meeting, 6PM,
Admin Board of Education Conference Room**

Thursday, September 5th

>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

>VPL Yin Yoga

6PM, Large Meeting Room

>VPL Sound Bath

7PM, Large Meeting Room

Sunday, September 8th

>India Day

The India Cultural Center, 12PM- 5PM

**> Vestal United Methodist Church Service and
Church Picnic, 10:30 AM, Arnold Park**

Monday, September 9th

Town Board Work Session, 6PM

Tuesday, September 10th

Mad For Art- Jar Lanterns

6PM, VPL Meeting Room- Sign Up Online

Wednesday, September 11th

>Tech Assistance

10AM, Vestal Senior Center

>Teen Yoga- Ages 12-18

3:30PM- 4:30PM, VPL Meeting Room

>Pins & Needles: Knit And Crochet

6PM, VPL

> Town Board Meeting, 6PM

Friday, September 13th

>All American Pie & Ice Cream Social

**6PM- 8PM, Vestal Center United Methodist
Church, 478 West Hill Rd.**

>Open Game Day (All Ages)

11AM- 3:30PM, VPL Meeting Room

Saturday, September 14th

>Every Cat's Dream Adoption Event

10AM- 3PM, VPL Meeting Room

>Second Saturday Series: Richie & Rosie

7PM- 9PM, Vestal Coal House, Free Admission

Tuesday, September 17th

VESTAL POLICE

REPORT

Leah Mustin, 29, Endicott, arrested for Burglary 3rd Degree, Possession of Burglar Tools and Criminal Impersonation 2nd Degree for entering Kohl's after previously being banned from the location with metal snips to remove security tags when attempting to steal merchandise and giving a false name when arrested.

April Santana, 36, homeless, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a subject stop.

Steven Johnson, 45, homeless, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree and no bell or signal device on a bicycle, for possessing Meth and having no bell on his bicycle during a subject stop.

Gerard Wilson, 61, Port Crane, arrested for Violating Sex Offender Registry Requirement for failing to report address change.

Molock Dixon, 50, homeless, arrested for Violating Sex Offender Registry Requirement for failing to report address change.

Samuel Ross, 33, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs (Felony) and Moved from Lane Unsafely for possessing a controlled substance after a motor vehicle accident.

Bruce Houseknecht, 50, Endicott, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd Degree, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Unlicensed Operator, Improper Plates and No/Inadequate Stop Lamps for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Efrain Fuentes, 42, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Nicholas Owen, 23, Marathon, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Speed in Zone, Drinking Alcohol or Using Cannabis in a Motor Vehicle, Refusal of Breath Test and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Cocaine during a traffic stop.

Christina George, 44, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Christian Taylor, 28, Brackney PA, arrested for Burglary 3rd Degree for unlawfully entering a garage and stealing items.

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

Dezmin Warmack, 33, Endicott, arrested for two counts of Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for failing to appear in court on a scheduled court date or within 30 days thereafter.

Ray Standish, 75, Vestal, arrested for Sex Abuse 3rd

VESTAL POLICE

REPORT

Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a child for subjecting the victim to sexual contact by squeezing the victim's buttocks and breasts.

Christopher White, 58, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree for hitting the victim's arm with a door during a domestic incident.



Vestal Fire Department Responses

vestalfire.com

No Report.

EDITORIAL NOTES

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

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10 Back-To-School Tips For Students



As the start of another school year quickly approaches, East Ohio College brings students our favorite back-to-school tips to help each student be successful in their education!

Tip #1: Stay Organized

Regardless of whether you're taking one class or multiple classes, you'll want to have a plan for organizing your homework, assignments, tests, and other aspects of your education. Personal planners or electronic calendars are both great ways to keep track of what's due and when!

Tip #2: Don't Procrastinate

We get it—it's easy to put off studying or doing an assignment, especially when it is challenging. Procrastination can cause unnecessary stress, so be sure to start working on assignments early to ensure you have plenty of time to ask questions if you need help before it's time to turn them in.

Tip #3: Keep A Separate Study Space

If you don't have access to a library, or just prefer to study in the comfort of your own home, you should have a designated study space. Studying at home can bring many benefits, but also can be distracting. By keeping a tidy area in your home that is only for studying, you can eliminate distractions and help you retain information better.

Tip #4: Create A Study Group

Studying with other students can be a great benefit in retaining information and bouncing ideas off each other. Getting together with classmates to form a study group can not only help you be more prepared for assignments and tests but also create lasting relationships with your colleagues.

Tip #5: Prioritize Your Sleep

According to the CDC, students who get a proper amount of sleep at night can be more focused and have higher academic performance. While pulling all-nighters during college may be considered normal in movies and on TV, it's not necessary to be a successful student. Plan your time in a way that allows you to get adequate sleep, your mind will thank you!

Tip #6: Find Your Learning Style

Many students aren't aware that there are three different learning styles, and depending on what type of learner you

are can impact what study tactics are effective for you. You can find out what kind of learning style best fits you by taking an online assessment quiz, which you can find along with some tips for each learning type in our Increasing Your Productivity article!

Tip #7: Go To Class

This may seem like a no-brainer, but the best way to learn is during your class! By attending class during designated times, you can connect with your fellow classmates, and instructors, and have the opportunity to ask questions in the moment. Attending classes will provide you with a better understanding of the material than trying to play catch-up if you don't go.

Tip #8: Get Support When You Need It

School is challenging at times, regardless of what route you choose to take. It's important to have a strong support system both in your personal life and academic life. In your personal life, find people who lift you up when you are feeling down or unmotivated. In your academic life, develop relationships with your instructors and other students for support.

Tip #9: Find A Positive Outlet

Having a way to relieve the stress that school can bring is important for any student. Things like taking a walk, exercising, reading, journaling, and other activities are great ways to relax and reset your mind.

Tip #10: Think About The Big Picture

There can be times when school feels overwhelming, and you may feel like giving up. During these times, think about why you are continuing your education. This reason may be different for every student. Whether your reason is to land your dream job or provide for your family, think about how great your future will be when you've completed your education!

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!

BACK TO SCHOOL FUN FACTS

1. 92% of teachers spend personal money to buy supplies for students.
2. Worldwide more than 14 billion pencils are made every year. On average, a single pencil can be sharpened 17 times and write 45,000 words!
3. Didaskaleinophobia is the fear of school. Around 2.4% of children suffer from it!
4. Before erasers, pencil marks were removed with rolled white bread.
5. Pencils can write in space with zero gravity, underwater, and upside down. A single pencil can draw a line 35 miles long. Pencil "ink" is made out of a mixture of clay and graphite.
6. The glue stick was inspired by lipstick!
7. The average American family spends between \$500-\$700 back-to-school shopping each year. That means Americans spend over 8 billion dollars on back-to-school shopping every year!
8. 1918 was the first year that all 50 states required students to complete their elementary schooling.
9. The tradition of giving apples to teachers originates from 16th century Denmark. Parents would pay the teachers with food because teachers didn't earn much money.
10. Boston Latin School is the United States' oldest public school. It opened on April 23, 1635.
11. High school didn't exist until the 1930s! High school started during the Great Depression due to a lack of jobs.
12. There are about 3.7 million teachers in the United States.
13. Most teachers work 10-hour days. They do everything in the classroom with the children, then go home and contact parents, make lesson plans, grade papers, and purchase supplies needed for the classroom.
14. The average backpack weighs 20% of the student's body weight.
15. Pencils are the top-selling back-to-school item.

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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Vestal CSD Hosts Town Hall Meeting on Upcoming Electronic Device Pause in the Middle School

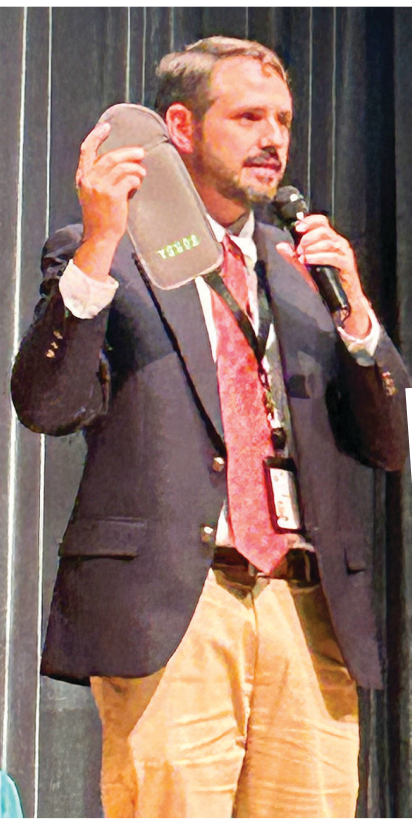
Recently, Vestal Central School District hosted a Town Hall meeting to discuss the upcoming "electronic device pause" at the middle school. During the meeting school officials outlined the details of the device pause (which will include cell phones, smart watches and air pods), and explained its objective to foster better student engagement and reduce distractions in the classroom.

Attendees voiced their questions and concerns on issues, such as communications with their children during the school day, impact on learning and the pros and cons of limiting device usage.

To view FAQ's and answers to questions: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kAUvid3_BAFmCMUM-WcxY7zxLxs-HSgZuycgCn1JYAfo/edit

To submit a question: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JMoEHD6DoImetVeJoDv68pP6_hmEpKp9zgyFc_0La9Y/edit

Thank you to all who came out to our Town Hall meeting on the upcoming middle school electronic device pause. Our panel included members of the task force assigned to research this important initiative (parents, administrators, teachers) Superintendent Kasson, Dr. Clarke and Officer Cardarelli. We appreciate all of your comments, concerns and trust.



ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, VMS WILL BE OPEN FOR FAMILIES FROM 4 PM TO 6:30 PM, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THEIR SCHEDULES AND LOCATE THEIR LOCKERS. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



The District's Newest Teachers!

On Tuesday evening, the Board of Education, administrators, and Superintendent Kasson officially welcomed the district's newest teachers. These skilled educators are eager to get started and to welcome our Golden Bears into their classrooms. Let's give them a warm welcome!



Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Tuesday, August 6

Minutes Continued From Last Week:

Contract with Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the results of the request for proposals for external audit functions for the years ending June 30, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 submitted by Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP and authorizes the President or Vice President to sign an agreement with Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP for audit services for the year ending June 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$25,500.00.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

UPK Contract Amendment with JCC 2024-25

WHEREAS, the Board of Education approved a contract with the Jewish Community Center of Binghamton on May 28, 2024 to provide pre-kindergarten services for up to 26 students through the Universal Pre-Kindergarten grant for the 2024-25 academic year; and WHEREAS, the Jewish Community Center of Binghamton has advised the Vestal School District that they are able to accommodate additional UPK students; RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President or Vice President be authorized to sign an amended agreement with the Jewish Community Center of Binghamton to provide pre-kindergarten services for up to 42 Vestal students through the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) grant, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement, for the 2024-25 academic year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

Contracts (4) with Binghamton University's Children's Unit 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign agreements with the Binghamton University Children's Unit to provide educational services (tuition) for the 10-month (September-June) portion of the 12-month program of the 2024-25 school year for four (4) students, as approved by the Committee on Special Education, in accordance with terms outlined in the agreements.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

Contract Renewal with Broome County Health Dept. - Related Services for School-Age Children with Disabilities

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President be authorized to sign a contract renewal with Broome County Health Department as a provider of services for school-age children with disabilities from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in accordance with the attached agreement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

Contract Renewal with Broome County Health Dept. - Evaluator for Pre-School Children with Disabilities

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President be authorized to sign a contract renewal with Broome County Health Department to provide evaluation services for pre-school children with disabilities from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in accordance with the attached agreement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

Service Agreement Renewal with Postler & Jaeckle Corp.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District accepts the Service Agreement Renewal with Postler & Jaeckle Corporation for Boilers & HVAC Preventative Maintenance, as well as Building Control Systems Maintenance & Monitoring, with a 3.4% price increase for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, as detailed in the attached agreement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

Extended Field Trips - German Students/GAPP Exchange

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education gives permission for approximately 20 Vestal High School German students to participate in the following extended field trips during the 2024-25 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

Declaration of Obsolete Materials - CAE/THE/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
Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

Voice of the Public

John Hroncich, 328 Kane Drive, Vestal - Shared his support of the cell phone "pause," noting that cell phones are a disruption to education and have a large impact on mental health. He encouraged the Board to support the rollout, as it is certainly worth the effort.

Jason Spencer, 908 Beechwood Lane, Vestal - Expressed disappointment in the decision not to allow incoming 8th graders to continue German, rather forcing them to choose another language. He asked if the District has considered every option before forcing the students to double-up learning a new language this year.

Tiffany Giraud, 171 Noyes Road, Vestal - Offered her support of instituting the new cell phone policy, allowing students to experience school "in real life". She thanked the District for caring enough to make these hard decisions.

Sue Messina, Town of Vestal Liaison - Stated there was some miscommunication at the Town of Vestal Board Meeting and that student parking will be reinstated at the Little League Field, and will continue being permitted in the Vestal Library lot. She again emphasized the positive relationship between the Town and the School District.

Katie Balkaya, 437 Denal Way, Vestal - Expressed her support for the device "pause" and thanked Vestal administrators for their work instituting this. She also shared thanks for the SRO program and the excellent opportunity for students to take part in the Vestal Youth Police Academy.

Patty Spencer, 908 Beechwood Lane, Vestal - Shared her son's love for German and the great disappointment he feels that he cannot continue with the language going forward. She asked if the District would consider another way for these incoming 8th graders to complete the German

program rather than having them start over with another language.

Future Board Meetings

Regular Meeting TUESDAY September 3, 2024 6:00 pm
Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street

Adjournment

Move to Adjourn
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Not Present at Vote: Erryn Wilson

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.
Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK

Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Executive Session

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Tuesday, August 6, 2024

PRESENT:

- Amanda Atkinson
- Shoba Agneshwar
- Kay Ellis
- Eric LaClair
- Joshgua Mertens
- Lisa Milkovich
- Chadwin Smith
- Erryn Wilson

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Katherine Mazourek, Director of Special Education - excused at 6:05 pm

Executive Session commenced at 6:01 pm in the Small Conference Room of the Administration Building.

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

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

The Superintendent then updated the Board on a personnel matter and a legal matter.

Upon completion of the Superintendent's report, the Board considered an appeal that was sent to them. After much discussion, the Board voted 5 to 3 to uphold the decision of District Administration.

On motion by Kay Ellis, second by Erryn Wilson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:47 pm.
Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK



Traffic Stop Results In Multiple Weapons And Narcotics Arrests



a Loaded Weapon 2nd degree - C Felony (2 counts) PL 220.03 Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance - A Misdemeanor VTL 1229-C (3) No Seat Belt - Driver or Passenger - Violation Favor was also charged with 5 additional Vehicle and Traffic Law violations. Unlicensed Operator Unregistered Vehicle Uninsured Vehicle Improper License Plates Obstructed License Plates Both subjects were transported to the Broome County Correctional Facility Central Arraignment. We once again commend these proactive officers and the good work they do while on patrol in the town of Vestal.

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH*: <https://crimewatch.net/us/ny/broome/vestal-pd/245804/post/traffic-stop-results-multiple-weapons-and-narcotics-arrests>

Just before 1:00am on August 16th, 2024, members of the Vestal Police conducted a traffic stop on the Vestal Parkway in the area of Jensen Road. During the course of the investigation probable cause was developed for a search of the vehicle. During the search, officers located the following; 1 Glock 19 9mm handgun with 2 magazines containing 18 rounds of ammunition 1 Taurus G2S 9mm handgun containing 8 rounds of ammunition 27 Oxycodone pills The vehicle's operator, Shyleek L. Favor (18) of South Ozone Park, Queens, and passenger Quamir A, Hazel (18) of Endicott were subsequently arrested and charged with the following; PL 265.03 (3) Criminal Possession of



Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Agenda From Tuesday, August 20

1. Opening Items
 - A. Meeting Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Hearing
 - A. Public Hearing on District Wide Safety Plan
3. Executive Session
 - A. Move to adjourn into anticipated Executive Session for the approval of CSE and CPSE recommendations, as well as an update on a legal matter and two personnel matters
4. Minutes
 - A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2024
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items
 - A. Opportunity to speak to the Board regarding action items being considered at this meeting
6. Presentation
 - A. 2022 Capital Project Update - LeChase Construction
 - B. 2024 Capital Project Proposal - Fiscal Advisors, Highland Associates, LeChase Construction
7. Reports - Board President
 - A. Announcements
 - B. Board Retreat Recap
8. Reports - Superintendent
 - A. Calendar Updates
 - B. Incident Command Training
 - C. THE 3rd Grade Class Size
 9. Matters of New Business
 - A. Acceptance of Schedules A, B, and C - June 2024 Financials
 - B. Approval of Schedule P - Personnel REVISED
 - C. Adoption of DW Safety Plan 2024-25
 - D. Contractual Agreement with Maine-Endwell CSD - Summer 2024
 - E. Contractual Agreement with Maine-Endwell CSD 2024-25
 - F. Contractual Agreement with Union-Endicott CSD 2024-25
 - G. Contract with Foundations Behavioral Health 2024-25
 - H. MOU with Broome-

- Tioga BOCES - Advanced Course Access 2024-25
 - I. Acceptance of Proposal - Capital Project Special Inspection Services
 - J. Bid Award - Transit Van
 - K. Bid Award - Musical Instruments
 - L. Contract Amendment with TKE Elevator Corporation
 - M. Contract with SUNY Research Foundation - Staff Training
 - N. Contract with Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. 2024-25
 - O. Affiliation Agreement with Ithaca College
 - P. Acceptance of Proposal from Day Automation - 2024-25 \$35K Project
 - Q. Acceptance of Proposal from Day Automation - 2024 Capital Outlay Project
 - R. Lease of District Space to BOCES for Oak Tree Program 2024-25
 - S. Initial Request for Services - BOCES 2024-25
 - T. Refund of Tax from Tax Certiorari Reserve - Downside Risk, Inc.
 - U. Student Teaching Internships 2024-25
 - V. Acceptance of Donations - Marching Band Uniforms & Musical Instruments
 - W. Declaration of Obsolete Materials - THE & VHS
10. Voice of the Public
 - A. Sign in sheet will be available at the meeting. Participants must make all comments in person. Comments regarding specific students or staff are not permitted.
11. Future Board Meetings
 - A. Board Work Session TUESDAY September 3, 2024 5:00 pm Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street
 - B. Regular Meeting TUESDAY September 3, 2024 6:00 pm Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street
 - C. Regular Meeting TUESDAY September 17, 2024 6:00 pm Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street
 12. Adjournment
 - A. Move to Adjourn

Vestal Water to Replace Aging Watermain & Improve Water System Reliability

Traffic Plan to alleviate congestion commenced on August 19th

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

The Town 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.



HOLIDAY HOURS


Sat, August 31
OPEN 10AM - 4PM
 Book Sale 10AM - 4PM

Mon, September 2
CLOSED
 for Labor Day



Enjoy the weekend!

VPL materials are fine-free and our book drop is always open!



Book Sale

Thursday, August 29 - Saturday, August 31

Thursday 8/29: 9am - 8pm
 Friday 8/30: 9am - 5pm
 Saturday 8/31: 10am - 4pm

BYO Bag and fill it for \$10!

“ALL AMERICAN” PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIALS



At the
Vestal Center
United Methodist
Church

478 West Hill Rd.

*Friday - September 13th -
6-8PM

SUMMER

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.

- 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

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

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Broome County
Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for
valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities.

Window Replacement Completed At Fred Singer

The window replacement project at the Fred Singer Fire Training Center in Vestal is completed. Five new windows were custom made and installed over the past several weeks by two Vestal Firefighters. The new windows replace ones that were rotted from age and water damage. The building has had a new metal roof installed and is set to be painted in the next few months.



42nd ANNUAL
CHOW
Hunger Walk

Help STOP Hunger in our community!

JOIN US AT THE OAKDALE COMMONS FOR
GAMES, LIVE MUSIC, RAFFLES & FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!

SATURDAY 9/21/2024
12- 4 PM - WALK AT 1PM

NUTRITION DEMOS AT THE VESTAL FARMERS MARKET

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| 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!

India Cultural Centre
presents
india day 2024

A day full of Cultural performances, Indian Food and much more!!

!!Free Admission!!

Sunday, September 8 | 12 PM to 5 PM

India Cultural Centre, 1595 NYS Rte. 26 Vestal, NY 13850

Contact us: Indiadaycommittee@gmail.com