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## Vestal Police Arrest Man With A Shotgun At A Local Residence

On Monday, September 2nd, 2024 at about 3:42 PM, the Vestal Police were called to a residence on Avalon Drive in the Town of Vestal for a domestic incident. During the dispute, Eugene Hendrickson armed himself with a shotgun. A struggle ensued over the gun and a round was fired inside the residence with several individuals present, including a juvenile. No one was injured during the dispute or by the firearm being discharged.

Officers arrived on scene shortly after and were able to take Mr. Hendrickson into custody. As part of the investigation, it was also determined that Mr. Hendrickson had taken a baseball bat and damaged a vehicle in the driveway of the residence.

As a result, 57-year-old Eugene W. Hendrickson, of Vestal, NY was charged with the following:

- Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree – Class D Felony
- Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree – Class D Felony
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child – Class A Misdemeanor

Hendrickson was taken to the Broome County Jail and arraigned at the Central Arraignment Part court.

## Back To School Reminder



As we start a new school year, Vestal Central School District is reminding our families how important it is for children to be up to date on routine immunizations. As a reminder, all children must be immunized to attend school in New York State, unless they are medically exempt.

In addition, NYSED requires a physical exam for new entrants and students in Grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11. If your child has annual well-child visits with your health care provider, they can provide you with a health exam form from your child's last visit, which can be submitted to the school health office.

For more information on NYS Immunization & Health Exam requirements, you can visit our Health Information & Forms page at

<https://www.vestal.stier.org/HealthGuidelines.aspx>

## Vestal Senior High School Ranked #1 in Binghamton, NY Metro Area

Article courtesy of the Vestal Central School District and <https://www.usnews.com/.../rankings/binghamton-ny-13780>



Amazing news! We are excited to announce that Vestal Senior High School has been ranked #1 in U.S. News and World Report's Binghamton, NY Metro Area rankings of public high schools! (#1,921 in national rankings)!

We would like to give a huge Golden Bear thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff, hardworking students and supportive community for making this achievement possible. <https://www.usnews.com/.../rankings/binghamton-ny-13780>

### Overview of Vestal Senior High School

Vestal Senior High School is ranked 190th within New York. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Vestal Senior High School is 38%. The total minority enrollment is 28%, and 26% of students are economically disadvantaged. Vestal Senior High School is the only high school in the Vestal Central School District.

### Vestal Senior High School 2024 Rankings

Vestal Senior High School is ranked #1,921 in the National Rankings. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college.

**Ranking Factors On Page 3**

SCORECARD	89.12
Took at Least One AP® Exam	38%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam	26%
Mathematics Proficiency	94%
Reading Proficiency	93%
Science Proficiency	88%
Graduation Rate	96%

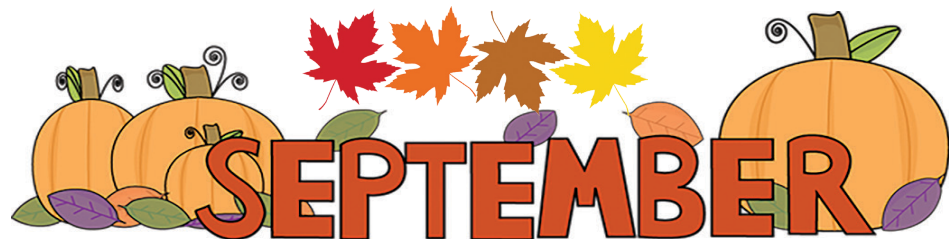
## PET OF THE WEEK:

Mitzy



Ruff, ruff!!! ... I am Mitzy ... a happy little Cairn terrier. My breed of dog is often described as a curious, busy, intelligent "Earth" dog. That's me!!! When aroused, I have a good, strong bark - but I also love quiet time napping and cuddling with Mom and Dad. I most enjoy chasing the bunnies, squirrels, and chipmunks out in my yard which I never catch. My favorite toys include a pink Kong and stuffed animals which I can catch! All, in all, I am a sweet, devoted, and playful companion.

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





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

## Marsi Column Newspaper Publishers Sept. 13



September means change. I have noticed these signs of transition.

The road I live on I find littered with nuts— not motorists but acorns and such. To be truthful, actual acorns aren't rolling around. What I crunch underfoot on a walk up the driveway

are acorn caps tossed away by gray squirrels as they gorge in the treetops above.

While many oaks in our region haven't produced good acorn crops this year, mine seem to be the exception. When I stand beneath them, I hear leaves rustling overhead. Causing the commotion are squirrels tight-rope along outer branches. Periodically, the noise of their thrashing subsides, replaced by a sound not unlike raindrops falling through leaves. Particulate matter is tumbling down, tiny bits of acorns. If you could see into the canopy, you would observe squirrels hanging in unlikely positions, grasping branches with their back legs and acorns with their front claws, gnawing to get at the nuts. Pitter-pat go the husks, the detritus of autumnal feeding.

It also has been a good year for more succulent animal fare. Black cherry trees now are dropping their small blue-black morsels in glossy profusion. To walk in the forest and observe deer scat filled with black cherry seeds is to conclude every white-tail for miles has been gorging on nothing but cherries. In dense shrubby clumps, laden with shiny red honeysuckle fruits, cedar waxwings and robins camp for long moments, hopping this way and that to partake in September's free lunch. Juicy berries hang ripe for the taking.

In the sky, starling flocks have begun to congeal. They swirl through the late afternoon as a shimmering mass, every starling controlled by a need to be part of a synchronized, like-minded whole. As evening skies darken, tall trees magnetize. Myriad starlings can't fight the attraction. They are sucked toward their nocturnal roosts by the hundreds or thousands.

At midday, as sun warms an earth wet with dew, columns of warm air called thermals rise up, lifting eagles into cumulous clouds. They are bald eagles, already migrating southward. So high they look small, they carve huge lazy circles as a northwest breeze nudges them closer to wintering grounds. An osprey flaps steadily over the river, its bent wings and black-and-white plumage a dead giveaway. The river is shallow. Fish can't hide from the osprey. It circles. It hovers. Its wings telescope. It plummets spear-like toward the water. Five feet from the surface, the osprey pulls up, swooping skyward in an effortless and immediate change of direction. No luck that time. No wriggling carp, carried slowly aloft, neatly skewered on needle-sharp talons. How many miles will the osprey's wings take it before night imposes a rest? Many more than the wings on a migrating monarch butterfly, flapping dutifully, steadily southward toward Mexican mountains.

So goes September, a summer-fall time, a time to let go and prepare. This month is a blink of the seasonal eye but a beautiful blink nonetheless.

Osprey Photo by RM

Cynthia Curry, 58, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Abraham Sylla, 21, Binghamton, arrested for Disorderly Conduct for engaging in a physical altercation in TJ Maxx, causing public annoyance and alarm to customers.

Christopher Comerota, 27, Conklin, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Speed in Zone, Moved from Lane Unsafely, and Obstructed Plate for possessing Psilocybin Mushrooms during a traffic stop.

Tysheem Mizell, 21, Binghamton, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree for striking the victim in the face with a closed fist several times during an altercation.

Tracy Wesser, 54, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's.

Marissa Wesser, 30, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's.

Cassidy Fernquist, 48, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for shoplifting from Target and possessing Suboxone, that he was not prescribed.

Stefan Nortz, 26, Owego, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More Than .18 BAC, Speed in Zone, and Driving Across Hazard Markings after a traffic stop.

David Ripic, 58, Endicott, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and Consumption Of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, after the investigation of a vehicle in a ditch.

David Beebe, 53, Oxford, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a check the welfare complaint.

Cheick Diarra, 20, Bronx, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Jade Folks, 42, Binghamton, arrested for two counts of Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Style Encore and Plato's Closet.

Kalima DeVaughn, 28, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Tay-Shan Womack-Hawkins, 22, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for stealing tip money from a restaurant.

Cecil Hampton, 78, Moravia, arrested for Forcible Touching for intentionally touching the victim's breast during a hug, without her consent.

Joseph Walicke, 59, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Lowe's.



- Vestal CALENDAR**
- 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  
 >Vestal Fire Station #4 Open House  
 10AM- 2PM
- Sunday, September 15th**  
 >Officer Relief Fund Breakfast  
 8AM- 11AM, Vestal Elks Club, \$15 Per Person  
 >Vestal Volleyball Car Wash  
 11AM- 2PM, Tractor Supply Co.  
 >Back To School Bash!  
 10:30AM, Foundation Church
- Tuesday, September 17th**  
 Board of Education Meeting, 6PM,  
 Admin Board of Education Conference Room
- Wednesday, September 18th**  
 >Board Game Night  
 6PM, VPL  
 >VPL Board of Trustees Meeting  
 6:30PM, Meeting Room
- Saturday, September 21st**  
 CHOW Hunger Walk  
 12PM- 4PM, The Oakdale Commons
- Monday, September 23rd**  
 Town Board Work Session, 6PM
- Tuesday, September 24th**  
 Java Joe Jammers- Live Music  
 6PM, VPL Meeting Room
- Wednesday, September 25th**  
 Town Board Meeting, 6PM
- Thursday, September 26th**  
 Chakra Breathing Session  
 6PM, Registration Required, Sign Up Online
- Saturday, September 28th**  
 Saturday Night Lights Cheer Competition  
 Dick Hoover Stadium at the VHS



# Golden Bears Swimmers & Divers Open with Win Over Tigers

By Hal Ehrhardt

The Vestal Girls Swimming & Diving began their season with a 51-47 win over the Union Endicott Tigers at the UE pool last Thursday. The meet was not as close as the final score would indicate, as the Golden Bears had an unbeatable 51-15 lead after their 5th 1-2 event sweep (in the 500 Free) of the first eight events and swam exhibition for the remaining 4 events. The Golden Bears topped every event.

Yih Hui Lim had a pair of career bests to win the IM and Fly, while Olivia Tanton had her best 6-dive score for the win. Vestal swept the opening medley relay with the team of Yih Xinn Lim (Yih Hui's younger sister), Megan Jones, Fran Vallone and Reagan Young finishing on top. Jay Ratterree and Mary Sonnen then swept the 200 Free followed by Yih Hui and Sophie Ryan sweeping the IM.

Young won both the 50 and 100 Free, while Ratterree and Vallone swept the 500. The 200 Free relay team of Yih Hui, Sonnen, Young, and Ratterree turned in a great early season time in leading the 200 Free relay as they beat the top Golden Bear time from last year in this first meet. Yih Xinn Lim had the fastest backstroke while Jones and Sua Choi were the top two in the breast stroke. The 400 Free relay team of Yih Hui, Sonnen, Vallone, and Ratterree led another 1-2 exhibition sweep of the final event.

Freshman Maya Stankevich joined 8th grader Sophie Ryan and 7th grader Yih Xinn Lim in earning their first varsity points in this opening meet. Coach Joe Shore saw some encouraging times from other newcomers who swam exhibition due to the small (4-lane) pool at UE, as did diving

coach Sara Rostedt as sophomore Addie Smith competed in her first diving competition.

## Vestal 51 – UE 47

Medley Relay: 1st Yih Xinn, Jones, Vallone, Young (2:09.29); 2nd Stankevich, Choi, Jia Parikh, Charlotte Coker;

200 Free: 1st Ratterree (2:12.22); 2nd Sonnen; 200 IM: 1st Yih Hui (2:25.77); 2nd Ryan; 50 Free: 1st Young (27.18); 3rd Jones; Diving (6): 1st Tanton (225.40); 100 Fly: 1st Yih Hui (1:08.84); 3rd Parikh; 100 Free: 1st Young (1:00.28); 2nd Sonnen; 500 Free: 1st Ratterree (5:52.56); 2nd Vallone; 200 Free Relay: 1st UE (2:02.23); EXH 1st Yih Hui, Sonnen, Young, Ratterree (1:49.94); 3rd Parikh, Coker, Stankevich, Valone;

100 Back: 1st Stank (UE 1:17.65); EXH: 1st Yih Xinn (1:08.54); 3rd Ryan;

100 Breast: 1st Durham (UE 1:35.85); EXH: 1st Jones (1:25.83); 2nd Choi;

400 Free Relay: 1st UE (4:51.76); EXH: 1st Yih Hui, Sonnen, Vallone, Ratterree (4:16.84); 2nd Coker, Yih Xinn, Ryan, Jones;

Upcoming meets for the Golden Bears include the Johnson City Relay Invitational tomorrow (Saturday, 9/14 starting with diving at 9:30 AM and swimming at noon). This unique meet includes a variety of relay events and no individual events. Tuesday, 9/17, they travel to Elmira for a 5:30 PM dual meet taking on the Express who easily downed the JC Wildcats in their opening meet. Next week's article will include the results from the big dual meet with Maine Endwell this past Tuesday, which likely will decide the STAC Metro championship again this year.



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RANKING FACTORS	NATIONAL	STATE
College Readiness Index Rank	#3,744	#413
College Curriculum Breadth Index Rank	#4,691	#495
State Assessment Proficiency Rank	#912	#62
State Assessment Performance Rank	#3,317	#227
Graduation Rate Rank	#4,660 (tie)	#268 (tie)

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# J.T. Gannon Sparks Golden Bear Victory Over Ithaca, 35-9

By Roger Slawta, Vestal Statistician

In a series that dates back 67 years to October 1957, Vestal prevailed behind the helpful hands and swift feet of J.T. Gannon. The junior would finish the game with 132 receiving yards, 10 rushing yards, 2 touchdowns, 6 tackles, including one sack and an interception.

Gannon struck quickly, scoring twice within the first four minutes. The first touchdown coming on a 4-yard jet sweep and then about three minutes later, he grabbed a pass from sophomore quarterback Josh Kweller and sped 48-yards down the Vestal sideline.

Ithaca started slowly, fumbling the ball away at their own 12-yard line on the first play from scrimmage. Vestal senior lineman, Jaden Bernardini, made the recovery which set up the Bears' first score.

However, the second time the Little Red touched the ball, the result would be completely different. After quickly trailing 7-0, Ithaca evened the score by taking the ensuing kickoff and returning it 80 yards to the house.

Other Golden Bear first half scores came on a 3-yard blast by sophomore Cayden Kitchin with 6:04 remaining in the second quarter. This was followed shortly thereafter with a 5-yard run by junior Julian Adams. Vestal enjoyed a comfortable 28-7 halftime advantage.

The scoring slowed down in the second half. The lone TD came in the third quarter on a 16-yard toss from Kweller down the far sideline to junior Jace Gannon. This extended the Vestal lead to 35-7.

Ithaca recorded the game's final score on a safety in the fourth period when a snap to the Vestal punter sailed over his head and through the end zone.

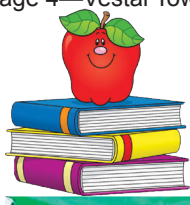
Kweller finished the night connecting on 10 of 15 passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns. Kitchin topped the Bears with 8 tackles and Bernardini and senior Donny Winslow added 7 more.



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# FIRST DAY SNAPSHOTS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

## VESTAL HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES YOU



Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District



# Vestal Hills Parents Welcomed Students Back To School By Chalking The Walk With Inspirational Messages



The Encouragement And Positivity Will Surely Set The Tone For A Great School Year Ahead!

Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH  
VESTAL CHEERLEADING PRESENTS:

**SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS**  
*Cheer Competition*

We will compete on the VHS Football Field  
**UNDER THE STADIUM LIGHTS**  
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GAMEDAY CHEERLEADING COMPETITION



# Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting

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## PRESENT:

- Shoba Agneshwar
- Mark Browning
- Kay Ellis
- Eric LaClair
- Lisa Milkovich
- Chadwin Smith

## ALSO PRESENT:

- Superintendent of Schools Clifford Kasson
- Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patrick Clarke
- School Business Executive Angela Rogers

- School Attorney Michael Sherwood
- District Clerk Michelle Lewis
- Director of Athletics Josh Gannon
- Director of Instruction Andy Blaine
- Director of Instruction Keliann Mazikewich
- Director of Personnel & Administrative Services Heather Pufky
- Director of Special Education Katherine Mazourek
- Transportation Supervisor Ken Starr
- THE Principal Hayley Crimmins
- VHE Principal Cathy Willis
- VMS Principal Sarah Wiggins
- VMS Asst. Principal Ashley McKenna
- VHS Principal Dawn Young
- VHS Asst. Principal Jennifer Bittler
- Approximately 12 visitors

cels of property on which to build a new Transportation Facility--one located on Glenwood Road that is privately owned and would require significant sitework, and another parcel on Old Owego Road that is currently owned by the District that would require much less sitework. Additional A/C projects are also being proposed due to pending State legislation stating that classrooms must be vacated if the indoor temperature reaches 88 degrees. Clayton Ave. Elementary and Vestal Hills Elementary do not currently have air conditioning in the buildings, nor do they have areas that students can be relocated to when classroom temperatures exceed 82 degrees. Vestal High School only has pockets of air conditioning in that building, as well. Additional considerations include resurfacing THE tennis courts or relocating them to the high school, as well as lighting on Sammon Field to allow more field usage time, a video scoreboard at Dick Hoover Stadium, and upgrades to some fine arts areas within the District. The project is thought to be 98.18% aidable at a 78.79% aid ratio. If the District uses \$6M in capital reserves for this project, the tax impact will be very minimal and won't be realized until 2027-28. A Capital Project Committee has been formed and will be meeting every Thursday evening for the next 6-8 weeks to take a closer look at the costs and options in order to make a recommendation to the Board of Education. The Board would need to formally accept the project by 10/15 with a referendum vote on 12/10.

## Voice of the Public

Kelly Monaco, 164 Gatewood Blvd., Apalachin - Spoke as a concerned parent, President of THE PTO, and member of the THE Building Planning Team. Disappointed at the lack of communication regarding the large 3rd grade class sizes. Concerned about the learning environment with one teacher, 25 students, and no classroom aide. Asked if this will be the new norm with budget constraints. Referred to the NYS Governor's class size limits in NYC and believes that Vestal should abide by those same numbers.

Trisha Scarinzi, 17 Elmwood Drive, Apalachin - Spoke as a concerned parent of an incoming 3rd grader at THE. Expressed her thanks to the teachers who recognized some specific needs her child had in his earlier years with class sizes of 15-16. Very concerned that her child's needs will be overlooked due to the large class size.

Rain Lindaman, 52 O'Connell Road, Vestal - Spoke as a concerned parent of an incoming 3rd grader at THE. Has spent a lot of time working with her child over the summer in areas where he struggles, but wondering how students will do if they don't have that extra parental support. Third grade is the first year of state ELA and math testing. Students need additional academic support, as well as emotional support to feel safe and secure. Teachers also need support. Asked the District to please consider the needs of students, teachers, and support staff.

Lisa Cook, 40 Baker Hill Road, Vestal - Spoke as a concerned parent of an incoming 3rd grader at THE. States it is a critical year for development. Due to increased class sizes, there will be more distractions and more crowding, which will lead to more illnesses and absences. Mentioned NYC class size requirements. Not happy that the District would consider a Capital Project with athletic field upgrades while cutting teachers and Reading Interventionists.

## Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Board President Eric LaClair in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Public Hearing

On a motion by Kay Ellis, second by Chadwin Smith, a Public Hearing was opened to discuss the District Wide Safety Plan. There were no public comments or questions, thus the hearing was closed.

## Executive Session

Move to adjourn into anticipated Executive Session for approval of CSE and CPSE recommendations, as well as an update on a legal matter and two personnel matters  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2024  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

## Proposed Capital Project Presentation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a Capital Project proposal was presented to the Board by representatives from Highland Associates (David Degnon, Chris Police), Fiscal Advisors (Ben Maslona), and LeChase Construction (Russ Robinson, Joe Rumsey, and Paul Cody). A new Transportation Building is being proposed due to the current building needing nearly \$20M in structural upgrades according to the Building Condition Survey conducted in 2020, as well as the current State mandate requiring that the District have a full zero-emission bus fleet by 2035. The current Transportation Department was built in the 1960s and is not large enough to park the electric buses a safe distance apart, the bays are not large enough to house the buses, the lifts are not capable of handling the weight of an electric bus, and the building is not ADA-compliant. The District is looking at two par-

## Reports

BOE President Eric LaClair reported on the following:  
--Board Retreat Recap: Eric commented on how beneficial he felt the Board Retreat was last week. Dr. Reardon was exceptional and gave suggestions on how to grow as a Board. He also recommended work sessions, which the Board will consider taking advantage of prior to the next meeting on September 3rd.

## Superintendent Clifford Kasson reported on the following:

--Calendar Updates: Mr. Kasson reported that the District calendars are headed to the Print Shop and should arrive sometime next week. He also reviewed dates and times of building orientations at elementary schools, Vestal Middle School, and Vestal High School.

--Incident Command Training: Director of Personnel & Administrative Services Heather Pufky and Director of Instruction Andy Blaine gave a brief overview of the Incident Command Training that took place on August 8th. Vestal administrators met with local emergency officials to review standardized responses to building emergencies that coincide with Vestal's District-Wide Safety Plan. CAE Principal Brad Bruce also shared that each school has a Building Safety Team that meets regularly to review assigned roles specific to their building. The District-Wide Safety Plan is published, but building safety plans are kept confidential.

--THE 3rd Grade Class Sizes: The Superintendent commented that he had received numerous emails from concerned parents regarding the 3rd grade class sizes at Tioga Hills Elementary School. He understands that 24-25 in a class is not ideal, but the District budgeted for 84 K-5 teachers and we are not able to add another teacher. In fact, the District is currently short three elementary teachers and three special education teachers at this time. He reminded parents that the school has a talented team of educators, as well as a very capable principal that will support both students and teachers through the challenges this year. Projected enrollment is reviewed every year and adjustments are made to the number of teachers assigned at each grade level as student numbers vary.

## Acceptance of Schedules A, B, and C - June 2024 Financials

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Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Approval of Schedule P - Personnel REVISED

Move to approve Schedule P - Personnel as revised  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

The following changes were made under Schedule P:

## 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)

Suarez, Jocelyn, Speech Teacher, Special Subject Tenure Area: Speech, Initial, 9/1/24-6/30/28, 9/1/28, \$61,856

\*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



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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)

- Lopienski, Jordan, Social Studies, None, MA, 9/1/24, Reinstatement
- Solan, Chloe, Music, None, BA, 9/1/24
- Titus, Joshua, Elementary, None, BA, 9/1/24, Reinstatement
- Tokos, Kimberly, Elementary, None, BA, 9/1/24, Reinstatement

## SCHEDULE IP4B

### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2024-25 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:

- Football: Volunteer, Fall, DePhillip, Anthony, 8/20/24
- Football: JV Assistant, Fall, \$5,043.00, 5/3/24, Battagliani, Jeffrey, 8/20/24
- Golf: Varsity, Fall, \$5,559.00, 5/3/24, Barney, Nicholas, 8/20/24
- Volleyball: Modified Girls, Fall, \$4,331.00, 5/3/24, Hart, Annalisa, 8/20/24

### ADVISORS:

- Art Club, MS, \$1,759.00, 6/21/24, Gilligan, Christopher, 8/20/24
- French Club, MS, \$868.00, 6/21/24, Ait Oumessaud, Elizabeth, 8/20/24
- History Club, MS, \$1,759.00, 6/21/24, Spierling, Jeffrey, 8/20/24
- Math-a-lon, MS, \$1,759.00, 6/21/24, Gayodorous, Kevin, 8/20/24
- Math Counts, MS, \$1,759.00, 6/21/24, Nestor, Megan, 8/20/24
- Drama Club, MS, \$2,550.00, 6/21/24, Graham, Taleah, 8/20/24
- Newspaper, MS, \$1,759.00, 6/21/24, Jones, Ginelle, 8/20/24
- Science Club, MS, \$1,759.00, 6/21/24, Webster, Mary, 8/20/24
- Student Government, MS, \$2,550.00, 6/21/24, Motell, Kerry, 8/20/24
- Yearbook, MS, \$1,759.00, 6/21/24, Saar, Doneen, 8/20/24

### OTHER:

- Cafeteria Duty - 6th Period, MS, \$28.27 per diem, 6/21/24, Herringshaw, Joe, 8/20/24
- Cafeteria Duty - 6th Period (Q3,Q4), MS, \$28.27 per diem, 6/21/24, Gilligan, Chris, 8/20/24
- Cafeteria Duty - 6th Period (Q1,Q2), MS, \$28.27 per

- diem, 6/21/24, Weisbrod, Heidi, 8/20/24
- Cafeteria Duty - 7th Period, MS, \$28.27 per diem, 6/21/24, Fey, Jesse, 8/20/24
- Cafeteria Duty - 7th Period (Q3,Q4), MS, \$28.27 per diem, 6/21/24, Watson, Darren, 8/20/24
- Cafeteria Duty - 7th Period (Q1,Q2), MS, \$28.27 per diem, 6/21/24, Williams, Lawrence, 8/20/24
- Cafeteria Duty - 8th Period, MS, \$28.27 per diem, 6/21/24, Covert, Denton, 8/20/24
- Cafeteria Duty - 8th Period (Q3,Q4), MS, \$28.27 per diem, 6/21/24, Daino, Jeremy, 8/20/24
- Cafeteria Duty - 8th Period (Q1,Q2), MS, \$28.27 per diem, 6/21/24, Osinski, David, 8/20/24
- Odyssey of the Mind, MS, \$403.00, 6/21/24, Weisbrod, Heidi, 8/20/24

### MUSIC:

- Marching Band Support - Colorguard, DW, \$1,000.00, 6/21/24, Barber, Lindsay, 8/20/24

## 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, REMARKS)

- Lanko, Kristofor, Bus Driver, Transportation, 8/21/24, To Accept Head Bus Driver Position
- Mooney, Gabrielle, Teacher Aide PT, THE, 8/7/24

## 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)

- Garrett, Adrienne, Teacher Aide PT, CAE, 9/1/24-11/24/25, \$16.10/hour, 52-week probationary period
- Hodges, Jenna, 0.5 Teacher Aide, ARE, 9/1/24-11/24/25, \$16.10/hour, 52-week probationary period
- Lanko, Kristofor, Head Bus Driver, Transportation, 8/21/24-8/20/25, \$62,000, 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)

- Mooney, Gabrielle, Teacher Aide PT/S, 9/1/24

### SCHEDULE NIP 8C

### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL (OTHER)

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

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

- Beck, Andrew, Volunteer, District-Wide, 8/21/24-6/30/25, Robotics Club

## SCHEDULE NIP 11A

## CHANGES IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS: Termination after the employee was given notice of this meeting.

(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/BLDG, CHANGE, EFF. DATE, REASON)

Lusht, Suzanne, Custodian, 2nd Shift, ARE, Termination of employment, 8/21/24, In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools

## Adoption of DW Safety Plan 2024-25

WHEREAS in accordance with SAVE Act of 2000, the Vestal Central School District has held a 30-day public comment period on the District-Wide School Safety Plan from July 17, 2024 to August 19, 2024 and has held a public hearing at a duly convened Board of Education meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District has reviewed and hereby adopts the annual District-Wide School Safety Plan, in accordance with New York State Law and State Education Law.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District adopts the building level emergency plans as reviewed annually by the appropriate school safety teams, building principals, BOCES Health & Safety Specialist, and District administrators in accordance with NYS Law 155.17-CRR.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Contractual Agreement with Maine-Endwell CSD - Summer 2024

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contractual agreement with Maine-Endwell CSD for the provision of 8:1:1 special education services for four (4) students residing in the Vestal CSD for the period July 8, 2024 through August 16, 2024 as approved by the Committee on Special Education in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement. This approval is retroactive.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Contractual Agreement with Maine-Endwell CSD 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contract with the Maine-Endwell School District to provide 12:1:3:1 special education services for three (3) students residing in the Vestal CSD for the period September 5, 2024 through the end of the 2024-25 MECSD school year, as approved by the Committee on Special Education in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Contractual Agreement with Union-Endicott CSD 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a contract with the Union-Endicott School District to provide 12:1:1 special education programming and related services for one student residing in the Vestal CSD for the period September 5, 2024 through the end of the 2024-25 UECS school year, as approved by the Committee on Special Education in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Minutes to be continued next week...



# “ALL AMERICAN” PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIALS



At the  
Vestal Center  
United Methodist  
Church

478 West Hill Rd.

\*Friday - September 13th -  
6-8PM



## Yoga-tta TEEN YOGA calm down



meeting room  
3:30 - 4:40 PM  
ON WEDNESDAYS

SEPTEMBER 11 TO OCTOBER 23

For ages 12 - 18

Unwind after school with our 7-week yoga series! Each session will guide you through meditation, breath work, and Vinyasa and Yin yoga poses, helping you de-stress and find balance this school year. Yoga mats are provided while supplies last, no registration is required.

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

September 15th

Foundation  
Church



The party will include free food (hot dogs, cotton candy, drinks & more), bounce houses, games and even a dunk tank! Mark your calendar and be there for this year's Back to School Bash!

## Blue Brothers National LEMC

# Officer Relief Fund Breakfast

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Pull up a seat and grab something to eat! Come support the Blue Brothers National LEMC as we raise money to help Officers in a time of need.



Vestal Elks Club  
2071 Vestal PKWY Vestal NY  
September 15th 8 AM - 11 AM  
\$15 per Person



## Vestal Fire Safety Expo

Saturday October 5th  
Barnes and Noble Parking lot  
From 10:00am till 2:00pm

Fire Trucks, many exhibits!  
Sparky will be there too!



FIRST TUESDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
4 - 6PM



OPEN TO AGES  
7 - 12

# FALL FUR ME ADOPTION EVENT

JOIN US FOR AN ADOPTION  
EVENT!  
ADOPTABLE KITTENS & CATS  
BAKESALE | POP UP GIFT SHOP



SEPT  
SATURDAY 14 10:00-3:00PM  
2024



VESTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
320 VESTAL PARKWAY EAST  
VESTAL, NY 13850

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.

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Proof of veteran status required. Veteran must be in attendance.  
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SEPTEMBER 14TH, 9AM-1PM  
OCTOBER 12TH, 9AM-2PM  
NOVEMBER 9TH, 9AM-1PM

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

If you would like to receive our monthly BC Veterans Newsletter, email your name to [jjw288@cornell.edu](mailto:jjw288@cornell.edu)

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

## NUTRITION DEMOS AT THE VESTAL FARMERS MARKET

- 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!

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**CHOW**  
Hunger Walk

HELP CHOW STOP HUNGER  
CHOW is a program of Broome County Council of Churches

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