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## K9 Reign Gets Vest From Brady's K9 Fund



We are thrilled to announce that Brady's K9 Fund has generously donated a second ballistic vest for our four-legged officer, K9 Reign. In 2018, 8-year-old Brady Snakovsky got the idea for his K-9 vest nonprofit while he was watching A&E's Live PD. Brady

learned that most local police departments can't afford the necessary, but expensive equipment. Working with his mother, Leah, the duo set up a GoFundMe account and started spreading the word. To date, the fund has raised over \$1.25M and vested over 950 K9s across all 50 states, including our very own K9 Vaughn and now K9 Reign! We are thrilled that both of our canines were generously provided with the protection they deserve. You can make a difference too and join Brady's mission by visiting his website and learning more about his cause. Your support and donations go directly to providing essential life-saving equipment for more incredible K9 officers. Together, we can ensure that our K9 officers and their partners come home safe together everyday. Visit [www.Bradysk9fund.com](http://www.Bradysk9fund.com) to learn more and contribute to the cause. Thank you!

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### PET OF THE WEEK:

## Gus



## Five Selected For National Merit Scholarship Program!

Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District



We are excited to announce that five high school students have been selected for the National Merit Scholarship Program!

A big Golden Bear congratulations to:

Sua Choi, Takumi L. Guay, Orum Pettid, Jay R. Ratterree, Delphine Y. Zinkin-Fan

Semi-finalists are selected based on their PSAT/NMSQT test scores. This scholarship is highly regarded by colleges and universities.



Hi, I'm Gus. I'm named after a Roman emperor. I am living my best life at 5. I love barking, treats, and naps.

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

[www.crimewatch.com](http://www.crimewatch.com)

Shaun Kozak, 45, Maine NY, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Dick's.

Cheyenne Woodring, 29, Binghamton, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Drinking Alcohol/Using Cannabis in a Motor Vehicle, Unlicensed Operator, Moved from Lane Unsafely and Uninspected Motor Vehicle after a traffic stop.

Christian Taylor, 28, Brackney PA, arrested for Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree for picking a lock and unlawfully entering a business.

Eriann Baldwin, 39, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Darvin Vasquez Portillo, 22, Rome PA, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, No/Inadequate Plate Lamps, Speed in Zone and Broken Windshield after a traffic stop.

Laura Kleckner, 41, Souderton PA, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Richard Rought, 47, Binghamton, arrested for Burglary 3rd Degree for entering Wal-Mart and shoplifting after previously being banned from the location.

Karen Schuldt, 57, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Dannielle Robbins, 39, homeless, arrested for Suspended Registration, Uninsured Motor Vehicle and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing LSD, Heroin and another controlled substance during a traffic stop.

Stephen Portnoy, 31, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment 2nd Degree and Menacing 2nd Degree for restraining the victim in his house, blocking the doorway so she could not leave and displaying a baseball bat and threatening to kill her.

Sharon Bennett, 43, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Brad Williams, 34, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Lowe's.

Lynda Mahar, 41, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from TJ Maxx.

Mark Rog, 48, Chenango Forks, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from the Weis Market.

Mary Laughlin, 27, Jordanville NY, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Speed in Zone, Switched Plates, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd Degree, Suspended Registration and Uninsured Motor Vehicle after a traffic stop.

# VESTAL POLICE REPORT

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Yvonne Torres, 51, Endwell, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Isabell McPherson, 58, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

## 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  
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## JLIC At Binghamton University

Students from the JLIC at Binghamton University stopped by yesterday to drop off donuts and coffee for our Patrol Officers. When we asked them what we did to inspire their kindness, they said it was in honor of the anniversary of September 11th. We did not ask their age, but odds are these two students weren't born when the events of 9/11 unfolded. Regardless of their age, these students knew that was and continues to be a very difficult time for our brothers and sisters in New York City, Pennsylvania, Virginia and law enforcement personnel nationwide. We are thankful that people continue to remember the sacrifice made by the 72 law enforcement officers that day and the hundreds that died in the years following as a direct result of their involvement on that tragic day. For a complete list of fallen officers please visit: [ODMP's 9/11 Law Enforcement Memorial](http://ODMP's%209/11%20Law%20Enforcement%20Memorial)

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### Saturday, September 21st

>CHOW Hunger Walk

12PM- 4PM, The Oakdale Commons

>Stache Strong: 5K Run/Walk for Brain Cancer Research  
3PM, VHS

> Girls Soccer v. Liverpool

JV: 10AM, V: 12PM, Dick Hoover Stadium

> Boys Football 7th/8th v. Susquehanna Valley  
3PM- 5PM, Dick Hoover Stadium

### Monday, September 23rd

>Town Board Work Session, 6PM

> VHS College Information/Financial Aid Night  
6:30PM, VHS

> Girls Varsity Tennis v. Binghamton  
5PM- 7PM, Tioga Hills Elementary School Tennis Courts

> Girls 7th/8th Field Hockey v. ME  
4:30PM, Vestal HS Baseball Field

> Boys Junior Varsity Soccer v. Binghamton  
5:30PM- 7:30PM, Vestal HS Herrick Field

### Tuesday, September 24th

> GLE Curriculum Night

6PM- 7PM, Glenwood Elementary

>Java Joe Jammers- Live Music  
6PM, VPL Meeting Room

>Home Swim Meet vs. JC  
5:30, VHS

> Girls JV&V Volleyball v. ME, VHS Gym  
JV: 5:30PM- 6:30PM, V: 6:30PM- 8:30PM

### Wednesday, September 25th

>Town Board Meeting, 6PM

> VHE Curriculum Night, 6PM

> Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey v. Moravia  
7:15PM, Dick Hoover Stadium

### Thursday, September 26th

> ARE, THE, CAE Curriculum Night, 6PM

>Chakra Breathing Session

6PM, Registration Required, Sign Up Online

> Girls Varsity Cheerleading v. Chenango Valley  
6PM- 8:30PM, VHS Gym

### Friday, September 27th

> VHS Homecoming Game

7PM, Dick Hoover Stadium at the VHS

>Home Swim Meet vs. Corning  
5:30, VHS

> Girls Varsity Tennis v. UE

5PM- 7PM, Tioga Hills Elementary School Tennis Courts

# Golden Bears Top Spartans Again

By Hal Ehrhardt

The Vestal Girls Swimming & Diving team had to come from behind, but cruised to their 2nd win by a final 97-87 score over the defending Section 4 Class B champion Maine Endwell Spartans. Coach Joe Shore's depth in freestyle showed as they scored all 3 individual entries in three freestyle events, along with both relays in the free relays.

The top Golden Bears came through leading the field in 11 straight events after the Spartans went 1-3 in the opening Medley relay. A meet highlight was 8th grade diver Olivia Tanton beating ME's top diver (who already qualified for the state meet) by less than 1 point. Tanton's 247-point score is the 2nd highest 6-dive score in Vestal's 50+ year history, behind only 3-time NYS champion Missy Urbanic's 1987 school record of 288.90.

Other close races were the 100 Breast where Megan Jones touched out the top Spartan and the 50 Free where Reagan Young edged the field. Jay Ratterree won both distance events, as did Yih Hui Lim in the IM and Fly. Young also captured the 100 Free and Yih Xinn Lim won the backstroke. Fran Vallone, Mary Sonnen, Jones, Yih Xinn and Charlotte Coker provided the freestyle depth scoring in their events. Jia Parikh and Keira DeVantier both scored behind Yih Hui in the Fly, which was the only other event where Vestal scored all 3 entrants. Sophie Ryan came from behind to provide the only 1-2 Vestal sweep in the IM to put Vestal ahead to stay in the team score.

Yih Hui, Young, Vallone and Ratterree easily captured the 200 Free relay while the 400 Free relay team of Yih Hui, Sonnen, Vallone and Ratterree had a season best time, swimming exhibition after Vestal had clinched the meet with Jones' victory in the 100 Breast.

The win puts the Golden Bears in the driver's seat to repeat as STAC Metro division champions, although they have meets remaining with division rivals Johnson City and Binghamton. Last weekend the team competed in the JC

Relay Invitational and on Tuesday they travelled to Elmira for their first STAC West meet of the season. Those results will be in next week's article.

## Vestal 97 – ME 87

Medley Relay: 1st ME (2:07.87); 2nd Yih Xinn, Jones, Young, Ryan (2:12.92);

200 Free: 1st Ratterree (2:07.66); 3rd Vallone; 4th Sonnen;

200 IM: 1st Yih Hui (2:25.87); 2nd Ryan;

50 Free: 1st Young (27.00); 3rd Yih Xinn;

Diving (6): 1st Tanton (247.00); 4th Addie Smith;

100 Fly: 1st Yih Hui (1:08.84); 4th Parikh; 5th DeVantier;

100 Free: 1st Young (59.27); 3rd Sonnen; 4th Jones;

500 Free: 1st Ratterree (5:52.56); 3rd Vallone; 5th Charlotte Coker;

200 Free Relay: 1st Yih Hui, Young, Vallone, Ratterree (1:51.08); 3rd Sonnen, Parikh, DeVantier, Coker;

100 Back: 1st Yih Xinn (1:09.37); 5th Ryan;

100 Breast: 1st Jones (1:23.32); 4th Choi;

400 Free Relay: 1st ME (4:20.53); EXH: 1st Yih Hui, Sonnen, Vallone, Ratterree (4:08.12); 3rd Coker, Yih Xinn, Ryan, Jones;

Next week Vestal has a full schedule as they host the JC Wildcats on Tuesday (9/24) and then the Corning Hawks on Friday (9/27), with both dual meets starting at 5:30 PM. Corning defeated Maine Endwell at the Waverly Invitational this season, so that meet should be another close one. On Saturday the Golden Bears will compete in the Maine Endwell Invitational where they finished 2nd behind Oneonta last year.



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# SEPTEMBER FUN FACTS

1. September's birthstone is the sapphire which is believed to possess healing properties such as reducing inflammation and fever and providing good luck to its wearer.
2. Virgo and Libra are the September zodiac signs in astrology. The astrological sign of Virgo is in effect from August 23 through September 22 while Libra is in effect from September 23 to October 22.
3. September derives its name from the ancient Roman word "septem," meaning "seven. This is because September, in the old Roman calendar, was actually the seventh month of the year.
4. The fullest moon of the year, the Harvest Moon in September, illuminates the night sky all evening and makes for an incredible sight.
5. Notable individuals who were born in September include Amy Winehouse, Adam Sandler, Bruce Springsteen, Bill Murray, Freddie Mercury, Confucius, Queen Elizabeth, Sophia Loren, and Stephen King.
6. September Birth Flowers: Aster and Morning Glories.
7. September is known as harvest month.
8. The Treaty of Paris was signed on September 3rd, 1783, ending the American Revolutionary War
9. In 1994, on September 22nd, the popular sitcom "Friends" premiered on NBC

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# Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Tuesday, August 20, Continued From Last Week

## Contract with Foundations Behavioral Health 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with Foundations Behavioral Health for special education and/or related services for Vestal students during the 2024-25 school year as indicated by IEP recommendations per the terms of the attached agreement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## MOU with Broome-Tioga BOCES - Advanced Course Access 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Broome-Tioga BOCES to implement an Advanced Course Access project through Tompkins Cortland Community College for the 2024-25 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Acceptance of Proposal - Capital Project Special Inspection Services

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District accepts the recommendation of the School Board Legal Counsel, Administration, and LeChase Construction for the RFP submitted for Capital Project Special Inspection Services, awarding the contract to CME Associates, Inc. for the period July 1, 2024 through March 1, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Bid Award - Transit Van

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District accepts the results of Bid #V 8-24-25 Transit Van and awards the bid to VanBortel Ford.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Bid Award - Musical Instruments

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District accepts the results of Music Bid 9 V-24-25 and awards bids to Shar Music, The Music Wagon, Sweetwater Sound, and Washington Music as noted in the attached document with the funding consisting of ARP/ESSER monies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Contract Amendment with TK Elevator Corporation

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an Amendment to the existing maintenance agreement with TKE Elevator Corporation approved by the BOE on June 20, 2023 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached addendum.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Contract with SUNY Research Foundation - Staff Training

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an agreement with the SUNY Research Foundation to provide state-mandated training on child abuse identification and reporting to Vestal CSD employees on September 4, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$3000, in accordance with the terms outlined in the attached agreement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Contract with Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes a renewal of the agreement with Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for Student Accident Coverage (Coverage R) at a rate of \$8.88 per pupil, beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Affiliation Agreement with Ithaca College

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign an Affiliation Agreement with Ithaca College to accept student practicum placements from Ithaca College according to the terms of the attached agreement, beginning September 1, 2024 and in effect for three (3) years.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Acceptance of Proposal from Day Automation - 2024-25 \$35K Project

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the 2024-25 \$35K project proposal from Day Automation to provide additional camera coverage at Vestal Middle School and Vestal High School as recommended and outlined, at a cost not to exceed \$33,519.23.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Acceptance of Proposal from Day Automation - 2024 Capital Outlay Project

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the 2024 Capital Outlay project proposal from Day Automation to provide additional camera coverage at Vestal Middle School and Vestal High School as recommended and outlined, at a cost not to exceed \$84,626.87.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Lease of District Space to BOCES for Oak Tree Program 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice-President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a Lease Agreement with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for instructional space located at Tioga Hills Elementary (3 classrooms) and Vestal Middle School (one classroom) for the Oaktree Special Education Program from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a total cost of \$63,701.00; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign a Lease Agreement with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for non-instructional space located at Tioga Hills Elementary School for related services from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a total cost of \$7,765.00.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Initial Request for Services - BOCES 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District will participate in the attached services during 2024-25 to the extent indicated. The Board of Education agrees to pay Broome-Tioga BOCES the charges identified on the base contract according to the schedule as determined by Broome-Tioga BOCES; also

BE IT RESOLVED, that those payments on supplemental contracts be implemented by the District in accordance with Broome-Tioga BOCES requirements.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Refund of Tax from Tax Certiorari Reserve - Downside Risk, Inc.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following a State of New York Supreme

Court decision dated July 29, 2024, Property Tax Law, Article 7, that the tax amount for the 2023-24 school year be adjusted as follows:

**Downside Risk, Inc.**  
**3201 Stewart Road**  
**Vestal NY 13850**

**Tax Map #158.11-1-15**  
**Refund Amount \$ 9,630.14**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of the Tax Certiorari Reserve in the amount of \$9,482.30 and that \$9,482.30 be appropriated into the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget in appropriation account A 1964.400-99-990 (Source of Funds: Tax Certiorari Reserve A 86400) for the prior year portion of the refund.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Eric LaClair, Shoba Agneshwar, Kay Ellis, Lisa Milkovich, Chadwin Smith

Oppose: Mark Browning

## Student Teaching Internships 2024-25

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, those individuals listed below are hereby granted student teaching internships with the Vestal Central School District for the time frame indicated and supervised as described.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Acceptance of Donations - Marching Band Uniforms & Musical Instruments

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, pursuant to its authority under Section 1709 (12) of the Education Law, hereby accepts the following donations:

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

## Declaration of Obsolete Materials - 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

## Future Board Meetings

Regular Meeting TUESDAY September 17, 2024 6:00 pm Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street

## Adjournment

Move to Adjourn

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK

## A Riddle:

You have me today,  
Tomorrow you'll have more;  
As your time passes,  
I'm not easy to store;  
I don't take up space,  
But I'm only in one place;  
I am what you saw,  
But not what you see.  
What am I?

Find the answer on page 11...



# Sounds of the Season Vestal High school Band to Jordan NY

Photos Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink



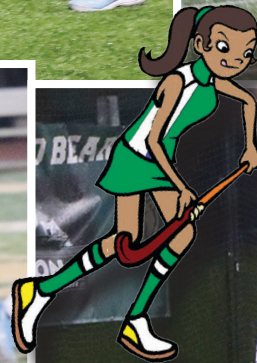
# VESTAL JV FIELD HOCKEY WON 9-0 AGAINST MARATHON!

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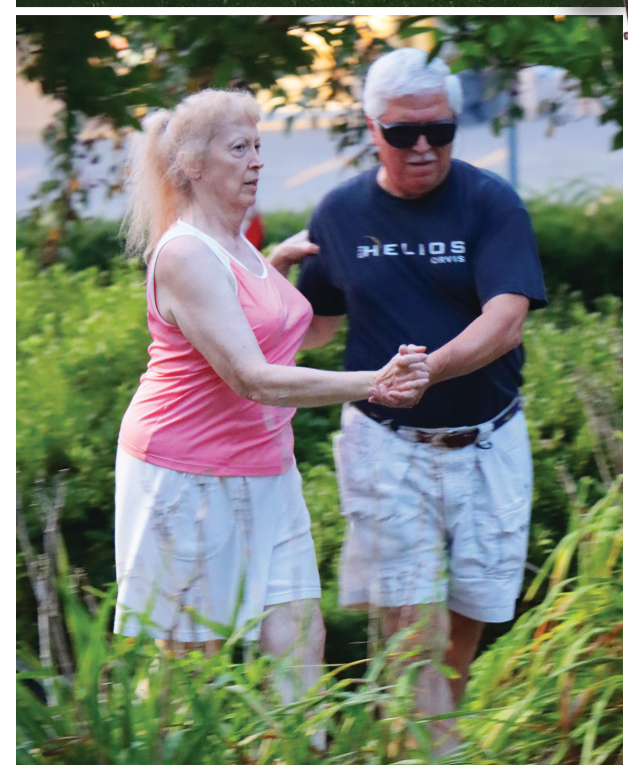
# VESTAL VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY WON 7-1 VS MARATHON!

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# Storm Front Band At The Gazebo

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# Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Executive Session

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# Spartans Roll Over Vestal, 42-7

By Roger Slawta, Vestal Statistician

The mighty Maine-Endwell Spartans flexed their muscle beginning with the opening kickoff, taking it 90 yards to the house. They would score touchdowns on five of their six first half possessions, the lone set-back coming on an interception by Julian Adams in the end zone during the second quarter.

The game was largely determined on the lines, with M-E rushing for 279 yards on 30 carries. Meanwhile, the Golden Bears struggled to gain just 12 yards on 24 attempts.

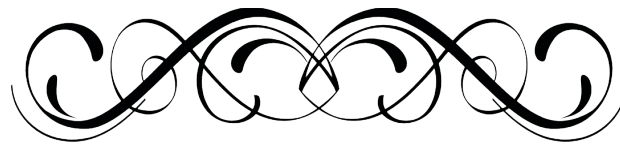
Fortunes bode much better for the Bears through the air however. For the second straight game J.T Gannon and Josh Kweller topped the 100-yard mark through the air. Gannon finished with six receptions for 119 yards while Kweller connected on 11 of 19 passes for 144 yards. Three of the four Vestal first half first downs came on Kweller to Gannon passes.

The Mercy Clock rolled in the second half, limiting the number of plays. With their starting line-up still intact, the Spartans quickly rushed for a TD on their first possession.

The Golden Bears got on the scoreboard in the third quarter when an over-the-middle toss from Kweller to J.T. Gannon resulted in a 67-yard gain, setting the ball on the M-E 3. Two runs later, Adams crashed across the goal line. With Preston Antesburger's conversion kick the scoring was completed.

Ronan Crowley led the Bears with 6 tackles, while Daniel DeCastro topped all Vestal rushers with 17 yards on 5 carries.

Vestal will host Elmira this coming Friday at 7:00 pm.



# WEAPONS COMPLAINT



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.

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# WARRANT

MCCLANE, ABDUL S

PL 155.30 - GRAND LARCENY

IN THE FOURTH DEGREE

Age: 25, Race: Black, Gender: Male, Height: 5' 11",

Weight: 150 lbs, Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown

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Abdul McClane is currently the subject of an bench warrant for Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree in relation to an theft incident at a local auto parts store. It is alleged that McClane took the credit card of a shopping customer and used said credit card for multiple purchases. McClane was last known to be residing in the Binghamton, New York area. Information regarding the whereabouts of McClane can be submitted to the Vestal Police Department Detective Division at (607) 754-2477. You can also utilize the "Submit a tip" button located at the bottom of this post to provide any relevant information.

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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 Attorney Michael Sherwood

- District Clerk Michelle Lewis

Director of Special Education Katherine Mazourek - excused at 6:10 pm

Executive Session commenced at 6:05 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 Mark Browning, second by Lisa Milkovich, 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 then updated the Board on a legal matter, as well as two personnel matters.

On motion by Kay Ellis, second by Mark Browning, the Board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK



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- Scare crows
- Sweaters
- Leaves
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- Popcorn balls
- Halloween
- Pumpkin
- Orange
- Fall
- Marshmallows
- Football
- S'mores
- Spices
- Warm
- Wizard of Oz
- Hayrides
- Apples
- Spooky
- Red

# Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board September 11

NEWSPAPER EDITED

## TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

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

## ALSO ATTENDING:

Town Clerk Debra Wallace, Town Engineer Vern Myers and Town Attorney Daniel Reynolds and 6 members of the public. Supervisor Sexton convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moment of silence in remembrance of 911.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (Absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

Motion approving the August 28th, 2024 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

### 3. BID OPENINGS

### 4. PUBLIC HEARING

Local Law D of 2024 “Revisions to the code of the Town of Vestal, Chapter 12, Article VII, Peddlers, Hawkers, Solicitors”.

No one wished to speak. Supervisor Sexton closed that public hearing.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

### Approval of Local Law D

Approval of Local Law D of 2024 “Revisions to the code of the Town of Vestal, Chapter 12, Article VII, Peddlers, Hawkers, Solicitors”

## 5. SUPERVISOR UPDATES

### 6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one wished to speak

## 7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

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

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

#### Approval to Advertise Water Chemical Bid

Request from Scott Groats, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, for the Town Board to approve advertising for bids for Water Chemicals on October 1, 2024 to be opened on October 22, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

### 9. FINANCE (MESSINA /Donnelly)

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

#### Approval of Budget Amendment Historian Dept.

Request from Jessica Farley, Deputy Comptroller, for approval of a Historian budget amendment to transfer \$710 from the Education & Travel line A7510-4030; \$680 to the Office Supplies & Operating Expenses line A7510-4010 for a new filing cabinet and \$30 to the Books Periodicals Dues & Subscriptions line A7510-4490 for the Vestal Yearbook.

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

#### Approval of Budget Amendment Water Dept.

Request from Jessica Farley, Deputy Comptroller, for approval of a Water Department budget amendment to transfer \$2,000 from the Main Replacement line W8340-3000 to the Office Expense & Supplies line W8310-4010 cover overage.

On a motion by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

### Approval of Budget Amendment Code Dept

Request from Jessica Farley, Deputy Comptroller, for approval of a Building & Code Department budget amendment to transfer \$750 from the Employee certification line A3620-4032 to the Office Supplies Operating Expenses line A3620-4010 to cover additional supplies needed.

## 10. PERSONNEL (DONNELLY/Messina)

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

### Approval to Post 2 Positions in Water Dept

Request from Scott Groats, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, for the Town Board to approve the posting of two positions for Machine Equipment Operator (MEO) in the Water Department. Line item is W8340-1000.

## 11. PLANNING & ZONING

### (MESSINA/Greene)

On a motion by Councilman Greene and seconded by Councilman Miller, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

### Approval of Fireworks for VYFL

Request from Charles Bement, Building and Code Inspector, for approval of the fireworks permit application for American Fireworks Display, LLC., on behalf of the Vestal Youth Football League. The display is proposed to be held on Friday, September 27, 2024 at Challenger Baseball Field, Memorial Park, 111 Clayton Avenue (BCTM# 157.18-2-16). If approved, Code Enforcement will issue the permit and conduct final safety inspections and launch approval as required on the date the fireworks display is to be held. Approval to waive permit fee as this is for a Vestal Youth Sport Organization.

## 12. PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Greene)

On a motion by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

### Approval to sell Weapon Holsters

Request from Police Chief, Stace Kintner, to sell Police Duty Weapon Holsters that are no longer in service. These will be sold in “as is” conditions via Auctions International.

## 13. ADMINISTRATION (GREENE/Donnelly)

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

### Authorization for Matthews Walk-A-Thon

Authorization for Matthews Auto Group to hold a Walk-A-Thon at the Rail Trail, on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm.

## RECEIVE AND FILE:

- Warrants: 2024: 35C, 35G, 35M, 35T, 36G, 36I, 36M, 36T
- Town Clerks Monthly Report for August

## 14. PETITIONS & PROTESTS

## 15. OLD BUSINESS

## 16. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

### Approval of Issuance of Aquifer Permit

Approval of the issuance of an Aquifer Permit regarding the premises situate at 3039 Vestal Road for the construction of a diesel fuel storage tank and fueling station for Casella Waste vehicles, in the Town of Vestal, New York.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly (absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

### Approval for PD to Accept Grant

Request from Police Chief, Stace Kintner, for the Town Board to accept \$14,100 that was received as a grant from

the Department of Criminal Justice Services (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program), to support the purchase of helmets and shields for the Department.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

### Authorization to Support Move of the Museum

Resolve that the Town Board supports the move of the Vestal Museum and advocates for pursuing funding for this project.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

### Authorization to Appoint Kirchheimer

Authorization to appoint Daniel Kirchheimer to the Interim Board of Fire Commissioners Governance Committee. This is to replace Mike Petcosky who has resigned from the committee.

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilman Greene, the following was ADOPTED Sexton, Messina, Donnelly(absent), Miller, Greene: Ayes 4, Nays 0

### Authorization to Appoint Shirley to Police Captain

Authorization for Stace Kintner, Police Chief, to appoint Patrol Lieutenant Corey Shirley to the rank of Police Captain, effective September 21, 2024. Per the VPSA Collective Bargaining Agreement, the starting salary for this position will be \$121,671.

## 17. SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Second Saturday Concert, Saturday September 14th will be held at the Vestal Museum, 328 Vestal Parkway East, and not at the Coal House. 7- 9pm featuring music by Richie & Rosie. Reminder that NO alcohol can be consumed on Town property.
- Road closure: Tracy Creek Road Culvert Rehabilitation due to an issued structural flag. The road closure is scheduled to begin on September 18th, 2024 at 7:00 am and reopen to traffic on or about 5:00 pm November 15th, 2024. Local traffic and school buses will be accommodated by a signed detour route.
- Brush pick up has ended for the season
- Vestal Fire Department has two upcoming events:
  1. Saturday Sept 14th is an Open House at Fire Station #4 from 10am- 2pm
  2. Saturday Oct 5th from 10am- 2pm a Fire Safety Expo at Barnes and Noble parking lot in Vestal.
- StacheStrong Race/Walk is Sept 21, 2024 at the Vestal Rail Trail.

## 18. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS

### AND UPDATES

## 19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

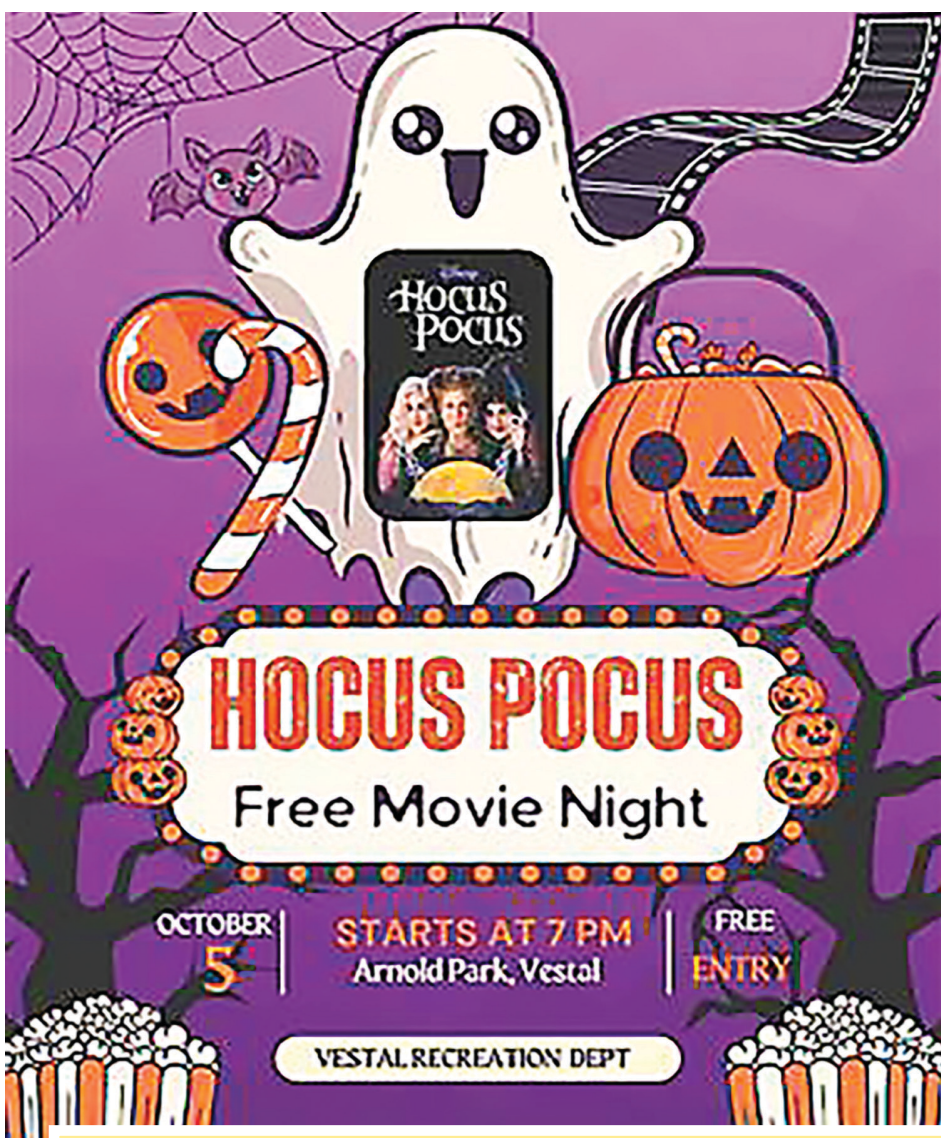
Personnel Engineering Department The time was 6:23 PM

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by Debra Wallace, Town Clerk





REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!  
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH  
 VESTAL CHEERLEADING PRESENTS:

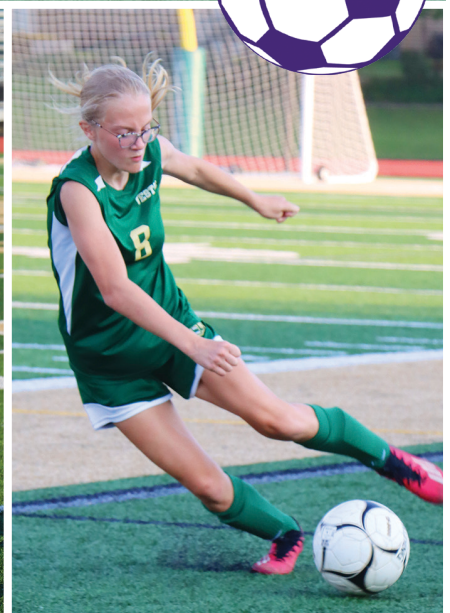
# SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

*Cheer Competition*

We will compete on the VHS Football Field  
**UNDER THE STADIUM LIGHTS**  
 DICK HOOVER STADIUM 205 WOODLAWN DRIVE, VESTAL, NY 13850

GAMEDAY CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

## VESTAL JV SOCCER VS HORSEHEADS RAIDERS



Photos Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink

# 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!



# LEGO CLUB

FIRST TUESDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
4 - 6PM

OPEN TO AGES  
7 - 12

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

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

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.

# STACHE STRONG

SUPPORTING BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH

**Sept. 21st, 2024**

# 5K

7th Annual  
Run/Walk for Brain Cancer Research

Registration includes StacheStrong t-shirt!

In-person race 3PM Vestal High School

Participate virtually (anywhere) all weekend

Scan to learn more

StacheStrong is a 501(c)3 non-profit devoted to raising funds and awareness for brain cancer research. Defeating brain cancer and improving the quality of patients' lives is our daily focus.

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## 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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