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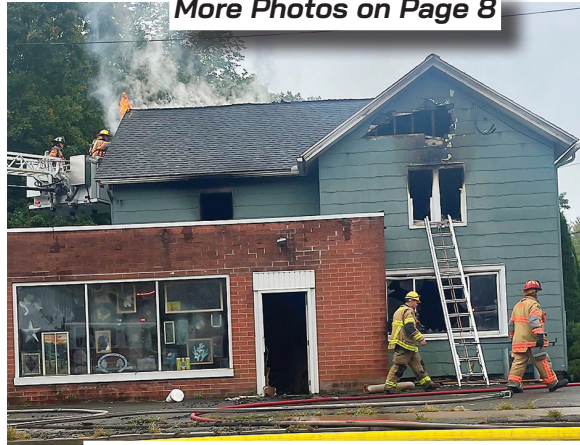
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VESTAL FIRE RESPONDS TO BUILDING FIRE



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K-2 Welcome Breakfast!

Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

VESTAL VOLLEYBALL 2024-2025

JV and Varsity Photos on Pages 6&7!



A sweet way to start the school day! This morning's welcome breakfast for K-2 students and their families was filled with smiles, laughter and tasty treats.



PET OF THE WEEK:

Rosie



Hi my name is Rosie! I just got adopted and now living the dream. I enjoy lounging on my new parent's bed, the couch, the floor, and especially the sun room. I have a new sister whose food I like to steal.

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



www.crimewatch.com

Eugene Hendrickson, 57, Vestal, arrested for Reckless Endangerment 1st Degree, Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child for discharging a shotgun in the presence of a child and other people, and damaging the victim's vehicle by hitting it with a baseball bat.

Meng Li Jr., 20, Flushing NY, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Michelle French, 64, Owego, arrested for Felony DWI, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1st Degree, Improper Plates, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Failed to Keep Right, Refusal of Breath Test, Uninspected Motor Vehicle and Interlock Violation after a traffic stop.

Jason Crosetto, 42, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Cody Leonard, 28, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Marie Spitz, 37, Port Crane, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Anthony Balchikonis, 31, Vestal, arrested for Harassment 2nd for threatening the victim with physical harm during a verbal dispute.

Samantha Maroney, 27, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Sarah Noble, 33, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Sarah O'Brien, 39, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Christopher Lopez, 31, Getzville, NY arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Consumption of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, and Speed in Zone after traffic stop.

Samantha Phillips, 28, Owego, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Angelia Reich, 32, homeless, arrested for Burglary 2nd Degree and Criminal Tampering 3rd Degree for entering and remaining in a residence unlawfully and moving items around in the residence without permission.

Katrina Toolan, 45, Cortland, arrested for two counts of Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's and TJ Maxx.

Karrigan Jimerson, 27, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny, Forgery 2nd Degree, Criminal Impersonation 2nd Degree and Falsifying Business Records 1st Degree for providing a false name when she was arrested for shoplifting at Wal-Mart and providing false information and signing a false name on arrest paperwork.

Tuesday, October 1st

- > Board of Education Meeting
6PM, Vestal Hills Elementary
- > VPL LEGO Club
Ages 7-12, 4PM- 6PM, VPL

Wednesday, October 2nd

- Teen Yoga, Ages 12-18
3:30PM- 4:30PM, VPL Meeting Room

Thursday, October 3rd

- > ARE School Photo Day
- > VHE PARP Kick-Off PJ Party
6PM- 7:30PM
- > Sound Bath- Sign Up Online
7PM, VPL Large Meeting Room

Friday, October 4th

- Open Game Day (All Ages)
11AM- 3:30PM, VPL Meeting Room

Saturday, October 5th

- > Vestal Fire Safety Expo
10AM- 2PM, Barns & Noble Parking Lot
- > Free Movie Night: Hocus Pocus
7PM, Arnold Park

Monday, October 7th

- Town Board Work Session, 6PM

Tuesday, October 8th

- Mad For Art- Pool Noodle Pumpkins & Easter Egg Acorns- Sign Up Online
6PM, VPL Meeting Room

Wednesday, October 9th

- > Town Board Meeting, 6PM
- > Board Game Night
6PM, VPL
- > Pins & Needles: Knit and Crochet
6PM, VPL

Thursday, October 10th

- Early Dismissal Drill

Friday, October 11th

- Early Dismissal

(Dismissal for Grs. K-5 at 11:45AM; VMS at 10:45AM; VHS at 11:05AM)

Saturday, October 12th

- Second Saturday Series: Next To Kin
7PM- 9PM, Vestal Coal House, Free Admission

Friday, September 27th

- > VHS Homecoming Game
7PM, Dick Hoover Stadium at the VHS
- > Home Swim Meet vs. Corning
5:30, VHS Pool
- > Girls Varsity Tennis v. UE
5PM- 7PM, Tioga Hills Elementary School Tennis Courts

Saturday, September 28th

- > Saturday Night Lights Cheer Competition
Dick Hoover Stadium at the VHS
- > VHS Golden Circle of Bands
5PM, Dick Hoover Stadium at the VHS

Monday, September 30th

- > Boys 7th/8th Soccer v. Maine-Endwell
5PM- 7PM, Vestal Middle School Field
- > Girls Varsity Tennis v. Elmira
5PM- 7PM, Tioga Hills Tennis Courts
- > Boys JV & Varsity Soccer v. Elmira
JV: 5:30PM- 7PM, Varsity: 7:30PM- 9PM
Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

Tuesday, October 1st

- > Boys Varsity Golf v. Elmira
4PM- 6PM, Links at Hiawatha
- > Girls Varsity Tennis v. Johnson City
5PM- 7PM, Tioga Hills Tennis Courts
- > Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball v. Binghamton
JV: 5:30PM- 6:30PM, Varsity: 6:30PM- 8:30PM
Vestal High School Gym
- > Girls 7th/8th Swim v. Susquehanna Valley
5:30PM, Vestal High School Pool

Wednesday, October 2nd

- > Boys 7th/8th Soccer v. Ithaca
5PM- 7PM, Vestal Middle School Field
- > Girls JV & Varsity Field Hockey v. Greene
JV: 5:30PM, Varsity: 7:15PM, Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

Thursday, October 3rd

- > Boys Varsity Golf v. Maine-Endwell
4PM- 6PM, Links at Hiawatha
- > Girls 7th/8th Soccer v. Ithaca
5PM- 7PM, Vestal Middle School Field
- > Girls Varsity Field Hockey v. Sidney
7:15PM, Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

Friday, October 4th

- > Boys 7th/8th Soccer v. Ithaca
5PM- 7PM, Vestal HS Herrick Field
- > Boys JV & Varsity Soccer v. Johnson City
JV: 5:30PM, Varsity: 7PM- 9PM,
Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium



Looked like summer, felt like summer, smelled like it even. And it was summer – summer’s last day.

The woods smelled of pine needles, fresh and revived by a light steady rain from last night. Drops had collected in seasonal potholes, creating small pools in which bright yellow leaves now were floating. Everything glistened in low sunlight beams: leaves on red maples that swayed overhead; lichens adhering to trunks on great oaks; haircap moss clumps soft as pillows.

Creature noise filled the air, but the voices weren’t singing. A lone peeper peeped. Nuthatches conversed using soft nasal sounds, their version of woods walkie-talkies. Ravens croaked just out of sight

through white pines, while the usual onslaught of gray squirrel clucking announced nut hoarding season’s first days. I walked to a stream, barely flowing, hardly rippling, where it slid through a meadow surrounded on all sides by forest.

Determined to find its way down to the river, it trickled and waited for more rain to push it along. No gouging of banks at the bends it encountered, no loud gurgle each time it passed over stones smoothed by time. Just a thin silver necklace, catching sunlight and throwing it back.

I basked in that sunshine, feeling warm in light flannel, walking slowly through dense vegetation. Chest-high goldenrod clumps

offered no easy path, nor did brambles and roses all thick from a full growing season.

Goldenrod blooms painted everything yellow. Each flower seemed covered with honey bees, bumble bees, beetles in full pollen quest. Walking around them I struck multi-flora. Its thorns tore at my sleeves and bare skin.

And, of course, there were gnats, mindless torture devices. Unaware frost would kill them some fine autumn morning, they wavered about near my eyes carving half-drunken circles.

Escape to the forest. Keep an eye out for white flashing tails. The first ones I saw were on small sparrow cousins called juncos. The next came from deer, bounding off, looking dark, having lost all their warm rust of summer. One fork-horn I saw had just rubbed off his velvet. Each burnt umber tine glistened smooth.

Then objects commenced falling out of the sky. Plink is the sound acorn pieces make striking hard ground. High above in red oaks, gray squirrels used sharp incisors to access nutmeats in the center. They “chucked” and they “churred”, telling other tree rodents this oak stash was not to be shared.

Then, while I watched, not just acorns, but leaves, started falling. The squirrels were severing branch tips that held clumps of leaves and their clusters of acorns. When the coast cleared of humans, the squirrels would descend, finding bounteous food on the ground.

Approaching a white pine, I heard chickadees. I saw titmice as well, flitting here and there through pine branches. But what was that shape, slightly different, more streamlined? A black-and-white warbler combed the trunk of the pine, its needle beak probing curled fragments of bark, seeking insects to fuel its migration this last day of summer.

Black-and-white Warbler Photo by RM

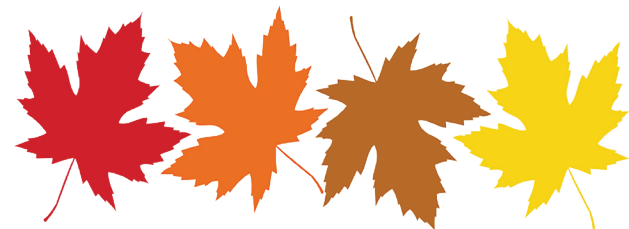
LARCENIES FROM VEHICLES



In recent months we have had numerous “smash and grab” style larcenies from vehicles in the town. The common factor with these larcenies was visibility and availability. Valuables were left exposed in the victim’s vehicle and

criminals exploited that opportunity. We would like to emphasize safety and security if and when you do leave valuables in your vehicle. We understand people come straight from work to walk the trail or may do so in between running errands, so we suggest the following if leaving valuables home is not an option. Hide belonging in the trunk, glovebox or center console before arriving at your destination. Many of these crimes are crimes of opportunity. We have seen that individuals will try door handles on any vehicle but generally don’t break a window unless valuables are clearly visible (risk v reward). We have also seen a consistent trend where unlocked vehicles are gone through in the middle of the night. We urge the residence of the Town of Vestal to lock their vehicles especially at night. If your vehicle is gone through and nothing is missing, we still ask that you contact us to file a report as soon as possible. Situational awareness is paramount to your safety and the safety of those around you. With that in mind, if you see someone checking vehicles or lurking in parking lots, we urge you to contact us immediately at 607-754-2111 or 911 and keep your distance.

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AUTUMN FUN FACTS

1. Pumpkin seeds are a superfood! A quarter cup of pumpkin seeds provides 42% of your recommended daily magnesium intake (which keeps your heart and bones healthy, lowers blood pressure and can prevent migraines).
2. 30-40 Apples yield one gallon of cider.
3. California Hosted the Biggest Corn Maze in 2014, with pathways up to 32 miles long!
4. Pumpkins are the most craved food during fall.
5. Butterflies are the only insect that migrates up to 2,500 miles for nicer weather.
6. Weight gain around this time of year may not only be due to comforting fall foods like pumpkin pie and cider, researchers have found that lack of vitamin D reduces fat breakdown and triggers fat storage.
7. Red and purple leaves are only that color because of the presence of sugars and sap that are trapped within the leaves. These sugars provide plants with the energy they need to survive.
8. Evergreen trees such as pines, cedars, and spruces stay green because their leaves (needles) are covered with thick wax and they contain materials that prevent freezing when it gets cold.
9. A 23-year long observational study at Harvard Forest found that Autumnal hues now start five days later than they did at the start of the study, due to climate change.

Broome County Humane Society's Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
8:00AM - 1:00PM
ITEM DROP OFF ON FRIDAY, 10/11

American Legion Post 80
76 Main St., Binghamton, NY 13905

Donate & shop to support The Humane Society!

Stop over to American Legion Post 80 **Friday to donate** those items that have been piling up in your spare room, then come back on **Saturday to shop** around and find new treasures!

Where: American Legion Post 80,
76 Main St., Binghamton

Drop Off: Friday, October 11,
2024, from 8am-6pm

Sale: Saturday, October 12, 2024,
from 8am-1pm

*Our furry friends thank you for
your support!*

*All proceeds to benefit the Broome
County Humane Society.*

Golden Bears Win Two More!

By Hal Ehrhardt

The Vestal Girls Swimming & Diving picked up a pair of wins last week. For the first time they won the Johnson City Relay Invitational by capturing 6 of the 12 events. Oneonta captured 4 events with Chenango Valley and Johnson City winning the other two. Vestal's 401 points topped Oneonta's 387 and Maine Endwell's 348. Rounding out the nine-team field were CV, Dryden, Elmira, JC, Union Endicott and Susquehanna Valley.

In the 6-dive event Addie Smith broke the 100-point barrier for the first time giving the Golden Bears their first points finishing 8th. The 1st Golden Bear win came in the 850 Crescendo Freestyle Relay with Sophie Ryan in the leadoff 50, Reagan Young doing a 100 and then Fran Vallone gave Vestal a narrow lead with her 200 leg before Jay Ratterree broke it open for an 8 second victory with her final 500 yard leg. Yih Hui Lim, Ratterree, Young and Vallone came right back to win the 200 Fly by less than a second.

Yih Hui, Young, Mary Sonnen and Ratterree picked up the win in the 200 Free relay with a season best time. Yih Hui, Megan Jones, Sua Choi and Yih Xinn Lim swam to a solid win in the 200 Breast relay, followed by Vallone, Sonnen, Young and Ratterree capturing the 400 Free relay with another season best. Vestal's final win came in the 4x100 IM relay where the Lim sisters, Yih Hui and Yih Xinn, combined with Vallone and Ratterree for a 10 second win.

Other top Vestal finishes included 3rd in the 400 Medley by Yih Xinn, Jones, Yih Hui and Sonnen; 3rd in the 200 Back by Yih Xinn, Keira DeVantier, Sonnen and Ryan; 4th by the 200 Medley team of Yih Xinn, Jones, Vallone and Ryan, along with 5th in both the 400 (Sonnen, Jones, Choi, DeVantier) and 200 (Yih Hui, Sonnen, Ratterree, Yih Xinn) Fin relays.

With only one official relay allowed in team scoring other Golden Bears who competed in the exhibition relays included: Cora Richtsmeier, Eleanor Davidovich, Jia Parikh, Maya Stankevich, Eva Grenchus, Charlotte Coker and Madeline Herceg.

Vestal Results from JC Relays

- Diving (6): 1st Kelleher (JC 238.00); 8th Addie Smith (103.6);
- 400 Medley Relay: 1st Oneonta (4:34.98); 3rd Yih Xinn, Jones, Yih Hui, Sonnen (4:44.83); EXH: Richtsmeier, Davidovich, DeVantier, Parikh;
- 850 Crescendo Free Relay: 1st Ryan, Young, Vallone, Ratterree (9:30.22); EXH: Stankevich, Grenchus, Choi, Coker;
- 200 Fly Relay: 1st Yih Hui, Ratterree, Young, Vallone (2:05.99); EXH: Parikh, Grenchus, Coker, Herceg;
- 200 Back Relay: 1st Oneonta (2:10.47); 3rd Yih Xinn, DeVantier, Sonnen, Ryan (2:18.74); EXH: Stankevich, Jones, Choi, Richtsmeier;
- 200 Free Relay: 1st Yih Hui, Young, Sonnen, Ratterree (1:49.49); EXH: Parikh, DeVantier, Coker, Grenchus;
- 200 Medley Relay: 1st Oneonta (2:07.23); 4th Yih Xinn, Jones, Vallone, Ryan (2:12.33); EXH: Stankevich, Choi, Herceg, Davidovich;
- 200 Breast Relay: 1st Yih Hui, Jones, Choi, Yih Xinn (2:30.05); EXH: Parikh, Davidovich, Herceg, Grenchus;
- 400 Free Relay: 1st Vallone, Sonnen, Young, Ratterree (4:06.63); EXH: Coker, Ryan, DeVantier, Richtsmeier;
- 400 IM Relay: 1st Yih Hui, Yih Xinn, Vallone, Ratterree (4:45.02); EXH: Ryan, Coker, Grenchus, Young;
- 400 Fin Relay: 1st CV (3:46.22); 5th Sonnen, Jones, Choi, DeVantier (4:08.21); EXH: Parikh, Davidovich, Herceg, Richtsmeier;
- 200 Fin Relay: 1st Oneonta (1:39.09); 5th Yih Hui, Sonnen, Ratterree, Yih Xinn (1:45.34); EXH: Ryan, Coker, Stankevich, Vallone;

Last Tuesday the Golden Bears travelled to Elmira where they beat the Elmira Express by a 91-84 final score. Coach

Shore was able to mix up the lineup while the team took advantage of competing in the same pool where Class A Sectional swimming preliminaries and diving will be held in early November. The team won 8 of the first 9 events (and were the fastest while swimming exhibition in the final 3) to build an unbeatable 91-46 score after the 200 Free relay.

Sophie Ryan, Yih Xinn and Yih Hui Lim were anchored by Jay Ratterree for a comeback win in the opening Medley relay. Mary Sonnen, Megan Jones and Charlotte Coker had the only 1-2-3 Vestal sweep in the 200 Free, followed by a 1-2 sweep by Reagan Young and Fran Vallone. Other 1-2 sweeps included Ratterree and Sonnen in the 100 Free, Ryan and Coker in the 500, Yih Hui and Young in the Back, along with Yih Xinn and Jones in the Breast.

Olivia Tanton set a new career best coming up 1 point short of the Elmira pool record and 5 short of the 37-year-old Vestal school record. Her 283.45 score is currently the highest 6-dive score in the section and the 2nd highest in New York State (per SwimCloud website). Addie Smith finished 3rd for Vestal.

Other wins and top swims for Vestal were Yih Hui winning the 50 Free along with Vallone and Yih Xinn going 2-3 with best times in the Fly. Sonnen, Vallone, Jia Parikh and Ratterree easily won the 200 Free relay. The exhibition 400 Free relay team of Elinor Davidovich, Ratterree, Sonnen and Yih Hui came from behind to narrowly top both of the other Golden Bear teams as well as the Express. Among those turning in season or career best times were Sonnen, Coker, Young, Keira DeVantier (IM), Yih Hui, Sua Choi and Elinor Davidovich (50), Vallone, Madeline Herceg (100). Eva Grenchus scored her first varsity points in the 100 Free.

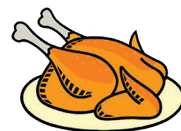
Vestal 91 – Elmira 84

- Medley Relay: 1st Ryan, Yih Xinn, Yih Hui, Ratterree (2:12.62);
- 200 Free: 1st Sonnen (2:18.64); 2nd Jones; 3rd Coker;
- 200 IM: 1st Young (2:38.51); 2nd Vallone; 5th DeVantier
- 50 Free: 1st Yih Hui (26.52); 4th Ryan; 5th Parikh
- Diving (6): 1st Tanton (283.45); 3rd Smith;
- 100 Fly: 1st Cavalier (ELM 1:09.35); 2nd Valone (1:13.42); 3rd Yih Xinn; 5th DeVantier;
- 100 Free: 1st Ratterree (1:00.53); 2nd Sonnen; 5th Grenchus;
- 500 Free: 1st Ryan (6:10.55); 2nd Coker; 4th Choi
- 200 Free Relay: 1st Sonnen, Vallone, Parikh, Ratterree (1:59.10); 3rd DeVantier, Smith, Herceg, Cora Richtsmeier;
- 100 Back: 1st Cavalier (ELM 1:11.35) EXH: 1st Yih Hui (1:07.55); 2nd Young;
- 100 Breast: 1st Newkirk (ELM 1:32.79); 1st Yih Xinn (1:20.93); 2nd Jones 5th Grenchus;
- 400 Free Relay: 1st Elmira (4:36.29); EXH: 1st Davidovich, Ratterree, Sonnen, Yih Hui (4:33.30); 3rd DeVantier, Coker, Young, Jones;

This week Vestal had a full schedule as they hosted the JC Wildcats on Tuesday and the Corning Hawks tonight (9/27 @ 5:30). Tomorrow (Saturday, 9/28) the Golden Bears will compete in the nine-team Maine Endwell Invitational where they finished 2nd behind Oneonta last year. It appears it will be another tight meet between the host Spartans and the Golden Bears. The meet will begin with the diving at 9:30 AM and the swimming at 12:30 PM.

Those meets are followed by a couple of weeks of dedicated training before they host Ithaca on Tuesday, October 15th in their final home meet. They finish the dual meet season in late October with away meets at Horseheads and Binghamton. In October their overall team goal of another top-3 Class A sectional in early November will be at the forefront of Coach Shore's training schedule for the team.

Station #3 Chicken



What a beautiful day for a chicken BBQ! Station #3 thanks everyone who came out to support us! Thank You!!!



VESTAL JV GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



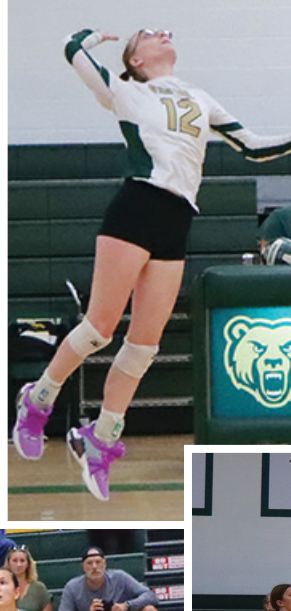
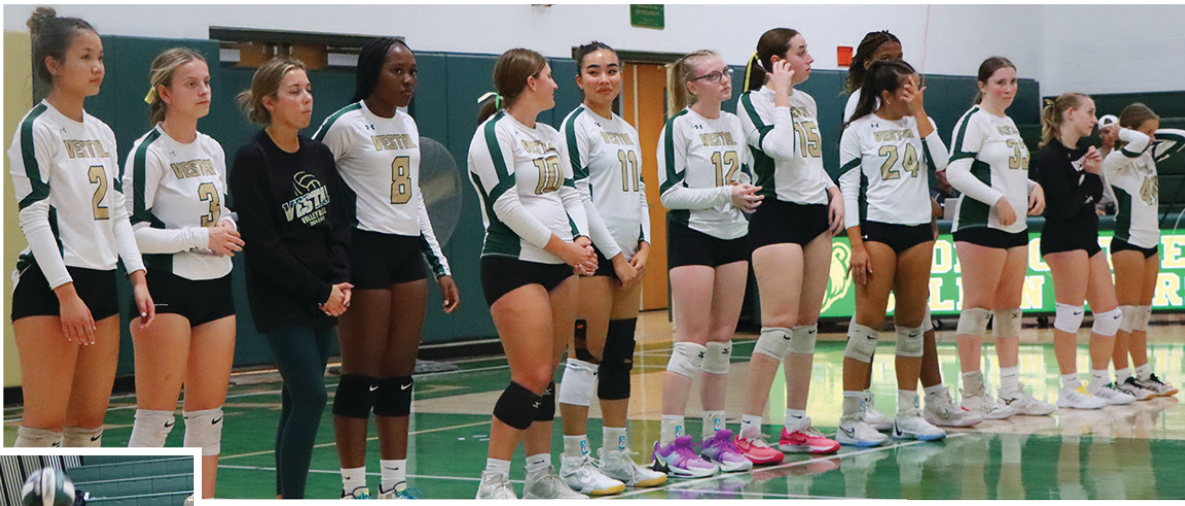
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VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Photos courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink



VESTAL FIRE RESPONDS TO BUILDING FIRE



Vestal Fire was dispatched to a possible building fire on Sunday morning (09/15/2025) at 0710.

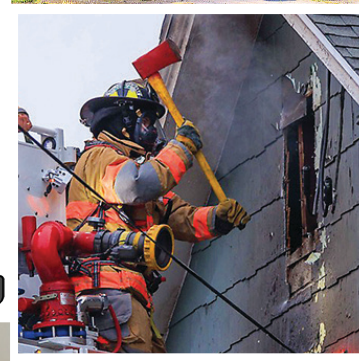
Responding units were informed by Broome County Dispatch that police were on scene and reporting heavy smoke and fire on the second floor.

Chief 32 hearing this information requested a second alarm fire when it was confirmed that flames were visible coming from the second story of the building.

Crews worked diligently and swiftly to prevent the fire from spreading and minimize damage to the adjoining structure.

Vestal Fire Department would like to thank our fellow Vestal first responders, Vestal Police Department and Vestal Volunteer Emergency Squad, Inc., and the Vestal Fire Departments Auxiliary, along with our mutual aid brothers and sisters Endicott Fire Department, West Corners Fire, and Endwell Fire, along with Broome County Fire investigators with assisting in this event.

No injuries are reported and the cause is under investigation.



Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Fire Department on Facebook

Vestal United Methodist Church

Swap N Exchange

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

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

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

September	Tools and Automotive
October	Christmas Decorations

UPDATED WARRANT MOST WANTED

GEORGE, MICHAEL T

**PL 155.35 (01) GRAND LARCENY 3RD DEGREE:
PROPERTY VALUE EXCEEDS \$3000
Age: 35, Race: White, Gender: Male,
Height: 6' 1", Hair: Black, Eyes: Blue**

Michael T. George is currently the subject of an arrest warrant for Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree, related to a contracting scam. Allegations suggest that George accepted payment for contracting services without commencing or completing any work. After George received the victim's payment, all of the business's social media pages were deleted. George was last known to be residing in the Athens, Pennsylvania area. Information regarding the whereabouts of George 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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Special Meeting Minutes Of The Vestal Town Board September 19, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Discussion of Personnel Matters

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

FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

Discussing Personnel matters involving the employment status of certain current employees.

The time was 3:03 PM

3. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly, seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the Board adjourned the meeting. The time was 4:23 PM

Vestal School Board Regular Meeting Agenda

NEWSPAPER EDITED, September 17

6:00 PM Administration Building
201 Main Street, Vestal, NY

1. Opening Items

A. Meeting Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Student Government Report

A. Report from Student Gov't President Keith Dai

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 personnel matter

4. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2024

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items

A. Opportunity to speak to the Board regarding action items being considered at this meeting

6. Reports - Board President

A. Announcements
B. Liaison Reports

7. Reports - Superintendent

A. National Merit Semi-Finalists
B. Syracuse University Sports Media Interns
C. Update on Yondr Pouches at VMS
D. Update on VHS Closed Campus for 9th Graders
E. Municipal Cooperation Agreement w/Town of Vestal
F. Proposed 2024 Capital Project

8. Matters of New Business

A. Acceptance of Schedules A, B, & C - July Financials and Schedule F - Travel & Conference
B. Approval of Schedule P - Personnel
C. Contract for Architectural Services - 2025 Building Condition Survey
D. Approval of Consultant Contract - Kelly Brock, PhD, BCBA, LBA
E. Contract with Maine-Endwell CSD 2024-25
F. License Agreement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide - 2025 VMS Musical
G. Bid Award - ARE Duct Insulation
H. Personal Services Agreement - Interpreter
I. Acceptance of Donations - Musical Instruments
J. Employee Stipulation of Settlement

9. 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.

10. Future Board Meetings

A. Audit Committee Meeting TUESDAY October 1, 2024 5:00 pm Vestal Hills Elementary School
B. Regular Meeting TUESDAY October 1, 2024 6:00 pm Vestal Hills Elementary School
C. Work Session TUESDAY October 15, 2024 5:00 pm Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street
D. Regular Meeting TUESDAY October 15, 2024 6:00 pm Administration Bldg, 201 Main Street

11. Adjournment

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Elmira Flexes Its Muscle in Victory Over Vestal

By Roger Slawta Vestal Statistician

Elmira pounded-out 16 first downs, covering 363 total yards in a 43-21 victory over the Golden Bears of Vestal Friday night at Dick Hoover Stadium.

It was Vestal though who came out roaring, recovering a fumble on the opening kickoff and following it with a 32-yard scamper by Julian Adams around the right end for a touchdown on the next play. Thereafter, it would be the Express taking charge, combining a punishing ground game with effective passing.

Deep in their own territory on their next possession, quarterback Josh Kweller was hit at the goal line, the ball popped up right into an Elmira defender's hands for 6 points. With the two point conversion Elmira took an 8-7 lead, a lead they would never surrender.

The Express would score touchdowns on their next three first half possessions to put up 28 points by intermission. Vestal would temporarily draw within two at 16-14 in the second quarter, when Kweller hit J.T. Gannon near the right sideline who ran it in from 24 yards out.

Down 28-14 to start the third quarter, Vestal took the kickoff and rolled-off four first downs, moving the ball down to the Elmira 17-yard line. However, a personal foul moved the ball back 15 yards and Kweller was intercepted on the next play.

Elmira then did what they do best, control the ball, eat the clock and score. The Express assembled a 13-play, 89-yard drive to extend their lead to 36-14. Later, in the fourth quarter they marched 50 yards on ten plays to make it 43-14.

Vestal's final score was set-up by a 59-yard toss-and-catch over the middle to J.T. Gannon. Adams would take it in on the next play from 5-yards out. Sophomore Preston Antes-burger converted all three extra point kicks.

Sophomore quarterback Josh Kweller and junior J.T. Gannon would top the 100-yard passing/receiving mark for the third straight game. Kweller completed 12-of-14 passes for 141 yards and one touchdown; Gannon grabbed four passes for 107 yards and a TD.

Junior Julian Adams finished with 91 yards on 18 attempts with 2 TDs. J.T. Gannon and sophomore Cayden Kitchen led the Bears with 10 tackles.

Next up for the Golden Bears: the Johnson City Wildcats at Dick Hoover Stadium Friday night.

Fire Safety Expo Coming Soon

Mark the date on your calendar!

The Vestal Fire Department's Safety Expo will held on on Saturday, October 5th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Barnes & Noble store in the Town Square Mall. The Expo will feature various fire and police agencies, along with safety demonstrations for all ages, and free giveaways for the children.

Visitors can check out the Broome County Kids Safety Trailer, instruction on fire safety for children, and a demonstration of a car extrication, among other displays.

The event will include the Vestal Fire Department's Water Rescue Team, Vestal Police, Vestal Ambulance, and others.

This event is for all ages, it's a fun and free event for the community we serve.

October 5th, 10am-2pm! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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

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.

OCTOBER 12TH, 9AM-2PM

NOVEMBER 9TH, 9AM-1PM

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

Cornell Cooperative Extension Broome County

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

A Little Free Library is Born at Clayton Ave Elementary

Article and Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

Clayton Ave. Elementary is now home to a Little Free Library. Located outside the school's entrance, the new Little Free Library contains children's books that can be taken home free of charge. Book donations can also be left in the little library.

The dream of having a Little Free Library outside the school, aimed at making books available to children in both our school and the community, started with CAE para-professional Helen Criscitello and first grade teacher Amy Braman's shared desire to make it happen.

Ms. Criscitello showed some pictures to her daughter's boyfriend, initially thinking that she might construct the library. However, two days later, he showed up at her house with the library fully constructed and presented it to her as a birthday gift! Helen then painted three coats of white paint on the entire thing. Then Ms. Braman picked it up from Helen's house and brought it home, where her daughter painted flowers on the sides. Afterward, Amy painted the doors and back green and coated the whole library with several coats of finish. Helen and Amy paid for the charter, ensuring the library would be listed on the official Little Free Library map. And voilà—a Little Free Library was born!

There is a bin in the CAE staff room for those who would like to drop off children's books. All donations are welcome!

New at the VPL: Wonderbooks!



We are so excited to introduce our new Wonderbook collection courtesy of a Four County Library System Mini-Grant! A Wonderbook is an interactive print book with a built-in audiobook player.

Emergent readers can read along while listening to the story, enhancing comprehension and literacy skills. Hearing a book read aloud helps improve pronunciation, vocabulary, and fluency, making it an engaging way for children, individuals with developmental disabilities, and new English speakers to enjoy reading independently or with guidance. Not only do these books read to you, but they also have a Learner Mode that asks interactive questions about the story. Wonderbooks are rechargeable for hours of screen-free listening and come with a built-in speaker and headphone jack for group or individual use.

You can find our Wonderbooks in the Youth Services Department near the audiobooks on CD. This collection was made possible by a Four County Library System Mini-Grant.



CLOSED
Monday,
October 7

VPL is closed to the public on Monday, October 7, for a Staff Learning Day. We will reopen at 9AM Tuesday, October 8.



VESTAL RECREATION PRESENTS:
MONSTER MASH
NOON TO 2:00 PM | ARNOLD PARK
SATURDAY, OCT 19TH

Please join us for our annual Halloween Party! Put on a costume and have fun on the inflatables, playing games and enjoying the DJ. Free cider and doughnuts provided by CALTAB. Free treats for all kids!

VESTAL COMMUNITY BAND
HALLOWEEN CONCERT
WITH THE CHENANGO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND
OCTOBER 10TH, 7PM
CHENANGO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



HOCUS POCUS
Free Movie Night

OCTOBER 5 | STARTS AT 7 PM | FREE ENTRY
Arnold Park, Vestal

VESTAL RECREATION DEPT

EVERY CAT'S DREAM

Adoption Event!
At our adoption center!

Monday, September 23rd 1pm-7pm
2101 Vestal Pkwy W, Vestal

Must be pre approved to adopt same day

In recognition
Of
National Cat
Month

We are waiving
adoption fees for all of
September

*KITTEN ADOPTIONS WILL
STILL REQUIRE \$35 REFUNDABLE
SPAY/NEUTER FEE



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VESTAL GOLDEN BEARS

HOME COMING

MEGA-TAILGATE PARTY
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27 5:30-7PM

ON THE GROUNDS OF FAMILY LIFE CHURCH
157 CLARK STREET

Music

Free
Parking

Give-a-ways

Free
Food & Beverages

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 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

NCAA RECRUITING PROCESS

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO HAS A GOAL TO PLAY A SPORT IN COLLEGE?
ARE YOU NOT SURE OF THE TIMELINE OR TASKLIST YOU SHOULD FOLLOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD?
DOES THE RECRUITING PROCESS CONFUSE OR OVERWHELM YOU?
WOULD SOME SUPPORT OR INFORMATION HELP YOU AS YOUR CHILD GOES THROUGH HS?

I HAVE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION TO HELP!
FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME & MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS YOUR CHILDS GOALS & DREAMS
I AM HERE TO HELP!

JOSH GANNON, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
JTGANNON@VESTAL.K12.NY.US

FALLING FOR FUNGI

FREE DAY CAMP AT THE WATERMAN CONSERVATION CENTER

LEARN ALL ABOUT FUNGI AND THEIR PURPOSE IN NATURE. LEARN ABOUT THE MANY SPECIES OF MUSHROOMS FOUND LOCALLY, HOW TO IDENTIFY THEM AND WHAT THEY DO AS A PART OF OUR FOREST ECOSYSTEM.

CAMP INFORMATION:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
OR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
GRADES 3RD & 4TH
WATERMAN CONSERVATION CENTER
403 HILTON RD., APALACHIN, NY

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO: VESTALNY.MYREC.COM

TOWN OF VESTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT



THE GOLDEN BEARS ARE ON FIRE!!!



VARSIITY BOYS SOCCER

FINAL SCORE



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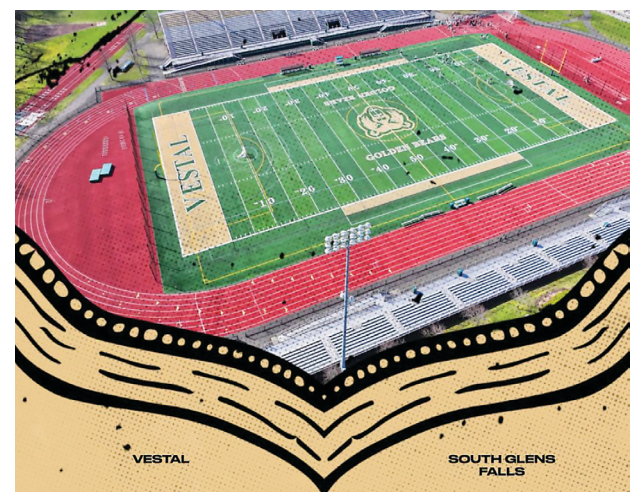
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VARSIITY GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

#ROLLGOLD



VESTAL 4 VS. SOUTH GLENS FALLS 3

FINAL SCORE

VARSIITY FIELD HOCKEY

FINAL SCORE

197 VS 216

VESTAL GOLDEN BEARS VS VESTAL TIGERS

#ROLLGOLD

vs. Horseheads 7 VS. Vestal 0

VESTAL GIRLS TENNIS

FINAL SCORES

vs. Corning 7 VS. Vestal 0

#ROLLGOLD

VESTAL GIRLS SOCCER

6 VS. CORNING 0

FINAL SCORE

VARSIITY GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVE

FINAL SCORE

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VESTAL VS MAINE ENDWELL

#ROLLGOLD

Meet Your Vestal Fire Fighters!



Vestal Fire Department Community Fire Expo
Saturday, October 5, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Barnes & Noble parking lot
2443 Vestal Parkway E.

See the fire trucks, demonstrations, fire prevention activities, etc.

VP **LEGO CLUB**

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 4 - 6PM

OPEN TO AGES 7 - 12

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.