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Seven Brew- Coffee With A Cop

We were honored to spend a few hours at Seven Brew today for Coffee with a Cop. Keli Oven and her amazing crew were gracious enough to invite us to work the drive through and help make drinks. We enjoyed the quick chats we got to have with the steady flow of customers and we appreciate the barista tutorials that we got from the staff. Community relations and engagement opportunities like this are a great way for the public to get to know us and we are truly appreciative of all the support we received.

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GIRLS SOCCER VARSITY

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AT BINGHAMTON



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.

Vestal Farmers Market

OCTOBER 12TH, 9AM-2PM

Windsor Farmers Market

NOVEMBER 9TH, 9AM-1PM

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

VHS BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Photos on pages 6&7



PET OF THE WEEK:

Olivia



Hi I'm Olivia! I'm a 4-month-old kitty enjoying my new forever home! I am a playful and inquisitive kitten who is learning about the world!

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



MONSTER MASH

Costume Dance Party

Ages 0 - 11 and Caregivers

1 - 2:30 PM on Monday, October 14





www.crimewatch.com

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

>Trivia Night at Vestal Elks Lodge, 7PM

Monday, October 14th

NO SCHOOL!

>Town Board Work Session, 6PM

>Falling For Fungi- Free Day Camp- Grades

3&4, Register at vestalny.myrec.com

9:30AM- 3PM, The Waterman

Conservation Center

>Monster Mash Costume Dance Party!

1PM- 2:30PM, VPL, Ages 0-11 & Caregivers

Wednesday, October 16th

>VPL Board of Trustees Meeting

6:30PM, VPL Meeting Room

>Yoga-tta Calm Down Teen Yoga

Ages 12-18, 3:30PM- 4:40PM, VPL Meeting Room

Saturday, October 19th

Monster Mash Costume Party

12PM- 2PM, Arnold Park, Free Treats!

Monday, October 21st

>Town Board Work Session, 6PM

>Read to a Therapy Dog

6PM- 7:30PM, VPL Youth Department

>How to Succeed at Online Learning

6PM- 8PM, VPL Small Conference Room

Tuesday, October 22nd

>Teens: Project Runaway Skeletons

3PM, VPL Meeting Room

>Java Joe Jammers- Live Music

6PM, VPL Meeting Room

Wednesday, October 23rd

>Town Board Meeting 6pm

>Pins & Needles: Knit and Crochet

6PM, VPL

>Yoga-tta Calm Down Teen Yoga (Last Session)

Ages 12-18, 3:30PM- 4:40PM, VPL Meeting Room

Thursday, October 24th

Chakra Breathing Session 5- Registration

Required, Sign Up Online

6PM, VPL

Friday, October 11th

> Boys 7th/8th Soccer v. Johnson City

5PM-7PM, Vestal Middle School Field

> Girls 7th/8th Volleyball v. Johnson City

5:30PM-7:30PM, Vestal Middle School Gym

> Boys Varsity Football v. Binghamton

7PM, Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

Tuesday, October 15th

>Boys Varsity Golf v. TBD

8AM, Mark Twain GC Elmira

> Girls Varsity Swimming/Diving v. Ithaca

5:30PM- 8PM, Vestal High School Pool

Wednesday, October 16th

>Boys 7th/8th Soccer v. UE

5PM- 7PM, Vestal Middle School Field

> Girls 7th/8th Volleyball v. ME

5:30PM- 7:30PM, Vestal Middle School Gym

> Girls JV & Varsity Field Hockey v. Windsor

JV: 5:30PM, Varsity: 7:15PM, Vestal Dick

Hoover Stadium

Thursday, October 17th

> Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball v. JC

JV: 5:30PM-6:30PM, Varsity: 6:30PM-8:30PM,

Vestal High School Gym

Friday, October 18th

> Boys 7th/8th Soccer v. UE

5PM- 7PM, Vestal Middle School Field

> Boys Varsity Football v. Horseheads

7PM, Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

Saturday, October 19th

Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey v. Moravia

3PM, Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

Sunday, October 20th

Girls (Football) Varsity Cheerleading v. TBD

11AM, Chenango Valley High School

Monday, October 21st

Girls 7th/8th Volleyball v. Windsor

5:30PM- 7:30PM, Vestal Middle School Gym

Tuesday, October 22nd

Girls 7th/8th Soccer v. Johnson City

5PM- 7PM, Vestal Middle School Field

Wednesday, October 23rd

Boys 7th/8th Soccer v. Ithaca (Cardinal)

5PM- 7PM, Vestal Middle School Field

Nancy Hoy, 55, Marathon, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Joshua Cleveland, 36, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree and two counts of No/Inadequate Bicycle Lights for having no front or back lights on his bicycle and possessing Methamphetamine during a traffic stop.

Kaitlin Moore, 29, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Amanda Mikalajunas, 37, Johnson City arrested for Endangering the Welfare of a Child for being under the influence of narcotics and in possession of Methamphetamine and Heroin while watching a young child.

Nishan Iglesias, 32, Endicott, arrested for two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, Moved from Lane Unsafely, Suspended Registration and Failed to Keep Right for possession of Methamphetamine and another controlled substance during a traffic stop.

Jordan Delorme, 39, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from TJ Maxx.

Crystal Collier, 39, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia 2nd Degree, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd Degree, Suspended Registration, Unlicensed Operator, and Uninsured Motor Vehicle for possessing Cocaine and a digital scale during a traffic stop.

Amber Bradbury, 39, Johnson City, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Robert Leone, 45, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree for entering and remaining unlawfully in Target after previously being banned from the location.

Lisa Russell, 62, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Steven Jones, 20, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Mattew Washington, 20, Vestal, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Lisa Pettit, 45, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Courtney Baker, 33, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Duishenbek Momunov, 60, Vestal, arrested for Harassment for shoving and threatening to kill the victim during a physical dispute.

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Tanton Qualifies for State Diving Championship

By Hal Ehrhardt

The Vestal Girls Swimming & Diving team were unable to overcome the depth of the Maine Endwell Spartans at their home pool at the ME Fall Fest Invitational held on 9/28. Both the Golden Bears and the Spartans earned 10 total medals including 3 gold medals. The Warriors from Chenango Valley earned 5 gold medals and 7 overall, with Norwich capturing the other gold medal and 4 overall, along with the Owego River Hawks finishing with 3 medals. Johnson City and Union Endicott each earned one medal.

The Spartans finished on top with 523 points to Vestal's 454, still well ahead of CV's 349. The UE Tigers were 4th (211 pts) followed by Owego and Norwich. Johnson City, Chenango Forks and Susquehanna Valley rounded out the nine-team field. Season best times were the rule for the Golden Bears despite turning in top times the night before when they handed Corning their first dual meet defeat of the season.

Vestal earned medals in 10 of the 12 events. Their three wins came in the 2nd half of the meet as Jay Ratterree won a tight 500 Free, followed by the team of Yih Hui Lim, Reagan Young, Mary Sonnen and Ratterree winning the 200 Free relay. Their time was the 5th fastest in Vestal history, less than a second off the 25-year-old school record. 7th grader Yih Xinn Lim won the 3rd consecutive race for Vestal as she turned in a season best to capture the 100 Backstroke.

Vestal had the most silver medals with five. Olivia Tanton started the silver run finishing 2nd in the diving in her first 11-dive competition of the season. Her 449.75 score topped the 440-point state qualifying standard and was also the 2nd highest 11-dive score in Vestal history. She is the first state qualifier for diving coach Sara Rostedt and the first Golden Bear state qualifier since Ritaj El Ghissassi in 2019. Addie Smith finished 2nd in the 6-dive event for those who did not yet have 11 dives. Ratterree was runner-up in the 200 Free and Yih Hui did the same in the IM. Young followed suit with a silver in the 50 Free. All were season best times. The 400 Free relay team of Fran Vallone, Sonnen, Yih Xinn and Ratterree earned the final silver.

Young earned bronze in the 100 Free as did the Medley relay team of Yih Xinn, Megan Jones, Yih Hui and Young. Vestal's depth showed in the distance events as all 4 distance swimmers scored in both the 200 Free and 500 Free with Ratterree, Vallone and Sonnen swimming season bests in the 200 and in the 500: Ratterree, Sophie Ryan and Charlotte Coker had their best 2024 times. All four breaststrokers: Jones, Jia Parikh, Sua Choi and Eva Grenchus scored as well.

Yih Hui (4th) and Jones (5th) were the top Vestal finishers in the Fly and Breast, respectively. B relay point scorers for Vestal included Maya Stankevich (Medley), Elinor Davidovich and Madeline Herceg in the 400 Free relay. Other notable best times included sprinters: Yih Xinn, Yih Hui, Choi, Grenchus, Davidovich, Cora Richtsmeier and Riya Venkatesh; Parikh and Yih Hui in the Fly; 100 Freestylers Jones, Ryan and Stankevich; Choi in the 500; and Venkatesh in the Back.

Vestal Scorers (Top 16) at ME Fall Fest Invitational (* indicates State Qualifier)

Medley Relay: 1st ME (2:00.49); 3rd Yih Xinn, Jones, Yih Hui, Young (2:04.14); 10th Stankevich, Choi, Parikh, Ryan;
 200 Free: 1st Kman (NOR 2:01.77); 2nd Ratterree (2:03.42); 4th Vallone; 5th Sonnen; 11th Coker;
 200 IM: 1st Beers (CV 2:20.33); 2nd Yih Hui (2:22.85); 8th Ryan;
 50 Free: 1st Turner (CV 26.68); 2nd Young (26.99); 5th Yih Xinn;
 Diving (11): 1st Morris (ME 469.90*); 2nd Tanton (449.75*);
 Diving (6): 1st Dougherty (UE 118.70); 2nd Smith (108.35);
 100 Fly: 1st Beers (CV 59.80*); 4th Yih Hui (1:06.60); 11th Parikh;
 100 Free: 1st Turner (CV 48.38); 3rd Young (59.83); 5th Sonnen; 9th Jones;
 500 Free: 1st Ratterree (5:30.36); 5th Vallone; 6th Ryan; 9th Coker;
 200 Free Relay: 1st Yih Hui, Young, Sonnen, Ratterree (1:46.91); 13th Davidovich, Herceg, Coker, Vallone;
 100 Back: 1st Yih Xinn (1:06.29);
 100 Breast: 1st Testani (ME 1:10.56); 5th Jones (1:23.75); 13th Parikh; 14th Choi; 16th Grenchus;
 400 Free Relay: 1st CV (3:56.28); 2nd Vallone, Sonnen, Yih Hui, Ratterree (4:12.23); 6th Ryan, Grenchus, Coker, Jones;

To break up a 2 week stretch with no meets, Coach Joe Shore added a 3-way meet at Owego on Tuesday, October 8th that also included the Sabers of Susquehanna Valley. Results will be available next week. The undefeated Golden Bears will host Ithaca (2-2 including a loss to undefeated Horseheads and a 1-point loss to ME) on Tuesday, October 15th in their final home meet. The team will celebrate

Senior Night as they honor all eight of their seniors including the three captains.

Last year the Little Red topped the Golden Bears in the dual meet, while Vestal finished ahead of them at Class A Sectionals. Ithaca's team includes the top distance swimmer in the section, a state qualifying diver and four other returning STAC All-Stars. To remain undefeated Vestal will need some winning upsets, along with solid scoring from all three individual entries in every event and points from their B relays.



REPORT

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Mikhail Elenberg, 47, Johnson City, arrested for Harassment for hitting the victim in the face and chest with a closed fist and kicking the victim in the leg during a physical dispute.

Joshua Cleveland, 36, Endicott, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for failing to appear in court on a scheduled court date or within 30 days thereafter.

William Riley, 41, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny and Burglary 3rd Degree for entering Wal-Mart and shoplifting after previously being banned from the location.

Rahmel Gina, 38, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC and Passing a Steady Red Light during a traffic stop.

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SCAM CALLS!

We are seeing a rise in thefts through common phone and email scams. Scammers will often try to create a sense of urgency around making a payment immediately to free a loved one from jail or claim they are the IRS, Border Patrol or other Law Enforcement Agency and state that you or a loved one will be imprisoned or have a warrant issued for you if you do not comply with their demands. We want to stress that AT NO POINT IN TIME will a Law Enforcement ask you to provide credit card or banking information over the phone. Law Enforcement will also never ask you to purchase gift cards or other redeemable items. It is not common practice for any Law Enforcement Agency to process payments of any kind over the phone.

If you believe you are being scammed, you should hang up immediately. If you feel the need to check into things further DO NOT call them back on the number provided to you. Search the internet for the agency they claim to be from and contact that agency directly to verify further.

Victims locally are losing tens of thousands of dollars to these scams. Please share this information with your elderly family, friends and neighbors since they are the most susceptible to these scams.

The information below is from the AARP.

We may have entered the digital age, but the telephone remains a key weapon in scammers' arsenals. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) received about 1.8 million fraud complaints in 2021 in which a contact method was identified, and in 36 percent of cases a call was the swindler's way in.

Once they get you on the line, phone scammers use false promises, aggressive sales pitches and phony threats to pry loose information they can use to steal your money or identity (or both).

It's easy to understand why crooks love to dial you up. Based on the results of a March 2021 survey, call-security app maker Truecaller estimates that some 59 million Americans lost money to a phone scam in the previous 12 months. According to FTC data, the median loss in scams that start with a call is \$1,200, higher than for any other method of contact.

Technology has made this illicit work easy. With auto dialers, shady operators can blast out robocalls by the millions for just a few dollars a day. Readily available spoofing tools can trick your caller ID into displaying a genuine government or corporate number, or one that appears to be local, to increase the chances that you'll answer.

Have you seen this scam?

- Call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 877-908-3360 or report it with the AARP Scam Tracking Map.
- Get Watchdog Alerts for tips on avoiding such scams.

Whether live or automated, scam callers often pose as representatives of government agencies or familiar tech, travel, retail or financial companies, supposedly calling with valuable information. It might be good news. (You're eligible for a big cash prize! You've been preselected for this great vacation deal!) It might be bad. (You owe back taxes. There's a problem with your credit card account.) Whatever the issue, it can be resolved if you'll just, say, provide your Social Security number or make an immediate payment.

Phone scammers might also impersonate charity fundraisers or even your grandchildren, playing on your generosity or family bonds to get you to fork over money. And, like the rest of us, they're thinking a lot about COVID-19. Nearly 3 in 5 respondents to the Truecaller survey reported receiving a pandemic-related scam call or text message in the previous 12 months as crooks sought to exploit people's fears for their health and financial well-being.

Warning Signs

- Unsolicited calls from people claiming to work for a government agency, public utility or major tech firm, like Microsoft or Apple. These companies and institutions will rarely call you unless they have first communicated by other means or you have contacted them.
- Unsolicited calls from charity fundraisers, especially during the holidays and after disasters.
- Calls pitching products or services with terms that sound too good to be true. Common scam offers include free product trials, cash prizes, cheap travel packages, medical devices, preapproved loans, debt reduction, and low-risk, high-return investments.
- An automated sales call from a company you have not authorized to contact you. That's an illegal robocall and almost certainly a scam. (Automated calls are permitted for some informational or non-commercial purposes — for example, from political campaigns or nonprofit groups like AARP.)

How to protect yourself from this scam

Do put your phone number on the FTC's National Do Not Call Registry. It won't stop spam calls, but it will make them easier to spot because most legitimate telemarketers won't call you if you're on the registry.

Do consider using a call-blocking mobile app or device to screen your calls and weed out spam and scams. You can also ask your phone-service provider if it offers any blocking tools.

Do hang up on illegal robocalls.

Do slow down and ask questions of telemarketers. Legitimate businesses and charities will answer questions and give you time to consider a purchase or donation. Scam callers will pressure you to commit right away.

Do independently research travel deals, charities or business and investment opportunities you hear about by phone.

Don't answer calls from unknown numbers.

Don't return one-ring calls from unknown numbers. These may be scams to get you to call hotlines in African and Caribbean countries that have U.S.-style three-digit area codes, and you could incur hefty connection and per-minute fees.

Don't follow instructions on a prerecorded message, such as "Press 1" to speak to a live operator (it will probably lead to a phishing expedition) or press any key to get taken off a call list (it will probably lead to more robocalls).

Don't give personal or financial data, such as your Social Security number or credit card account number, to callers you don't know. If they say they have the information and just need you to confirm it, that's a trick.

Don't pay registration or shipping charges to get a supposed free product or prize. Such fees are ploys to get your payment information.

Don't make payments by gift card, prepaid debit card or wire transfer. Fraudsters favor these methods because they are hard to trace.

More Resources

If you encounter a suspected phone scam or an abusive telemarketer, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission, online or at 877-382-4357, and notify your state consumer protection office.

Report caller-ID spoofing to the Federal Communications Commission, online or at 888-225-5322. The FCC also provides consumer guides to numerous phone scams and improper practices.

Visit the Do Not Call Registry website or call 888-382-1222 to register your number or report illegal robocalls.

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Windsor Dominates First Half To Down Vestal, 48-20

By Roger Slawta, Vestal Statistician

In a series which dates back to 1942, when these two schools met twice in October in six-man football with Vestal taking both games (19-12 & 20-2), it would be the Windsor Black Knights who would rule in 2024.

After forcing Vestal to go three-and-out to start the game, it took Windsor just three plays and 45 yards to get on the board.

Vestal responded, driving to the Windsor 5-yard line. Four plays later, involving a bad snap, a negative run, a Windsor penalty, and two incomplete passes, the Knights took over at their own 4-yard line.

Windsor immediately went back to work, driving 96 yards on 15 plays to extend their lead to 14-0. After adding another touchdown in the second quarter they would put the finishing touches on by intercepting a sideline pass and taking it to the house as time expired.

With a 27-point spread, both teams then played evenly in the second half. Vestal got on the board three times, each coming on sizable runs. First, a 15-yarder by Julian Adams. Then, later in the third quarter, Cayden Kitchen ran through the right side for 16 yards and a TD. Finally, quarterback Josh Kweiler took it in from 17 yards late in the fourth period.

Adams would finish with 70 yards on 18 carries while Kweiler completed 11 of 21 passes for 184 yards, including 2 interceptions.

J.T. Gannon would catch 8 of those passes for 148 yards and in the process break a Vestal receiving record that had stood since 2005 when he surpassed Matt Gordon's (2004-05) career receiving yardage mark of 1,227 yards. The junior now has 1,321 career receiving yards and plenty of time to extend that record. Gannon also topped the Golden Bears with 10 tackles.

Next up for the Bears: their first divisional game vs. Binghamton, Friday night at Dick Hoover Stadium.

EDITORIAL NOTES

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

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GIRLS SOCCER VARSITY AT BINGHAMTON

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Maryesther WhiteBrink



VHS BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

DICK HOOVER STADIUM

HOME	54	0:00	GUEST	16
TIME OUTS LEFT	3	DOWN	TO GO	BALL ON
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				4
				TIME OUTS LEFT
				3

HOME OF THE GOLDEN BEARS



Photos Courtesy of Maryesther WhiteBrink



AT THE HOMECOMING GAME



TRAINING WITH STATION 2 DRAFTING AT THE DRY HYDRANT



Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Fire Department on Facebook



Traffic Safety- Electric Bicycles



With 1,158 reported motor vehicle accidents in the town last year, many of which were along the Vestal Parkway, we want to continue focusing on education along that corridor. Our goal is to decrease traffic accidents by providing NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law information to the public. These laws are not unique to the town or county.

Bicycles with electronic assist are becoming more and more common in the town. While these offer a huge level of convenience for the user, they also pose a risk when operated improperly. At no point in time should any electronic assisted bicycle be operated on the Vestal Parkway, SR 26, SR 201 and the shoulders of these roadways or adjacent sidewalks. E-bikes with a class 3 rating are also prohibited.

Bicycles with electronic assist are allowed on roadways when operated by someone 16 years of age or older where the maximum speed limit is 30mph or less. Riders utilizing a class 1 or class 2 E-bike can travel at a maximum speed of 20 mph along these roadways. Riders are required to obey the same traffic laws and signals as motorists and must yield the right of way to pedestrians. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the Rail Trail. If a rider must use the Rail Trail they are not permitted to operate with the electric assist and must travel at 10mph or less.

Stay alert, wear a helmet and please utilize the appropriate roadways while riding.

2023 New York Laws VAT - Vehicle and Traffic Title 7 - Rules of the Road Article 34 - Operation of Bicycles and Play Devices 1242 - Additional Provisions Applicable to Bicycles With Electric Assist. Universal Citation: NY Veh & Traf L § 1242 (2023)

§ 1242. Additional provisions applicable to bicycles with electric assist. 1. In addition to complying with all of the rules, regulations, and provisions applicable to bicycles contained in this article, bicycles with electric assist shall operate in a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the brakes are applied or the rider stops pedaling, or operate in a manner such that the electric motor is engaged through a switch or mechanism that, when released, will cause the electric motor to disengage or cease to function.

2. No person less than sixteen years of age shall operate a bicycle with electric assist. The failure of any person to comply with the provisions of this subdivision shall not constitute contributory negligence or assumption of risk, and shall not in any way bar, preclude or foreclose an action for personal injury or wrongful death by or on behalf of such person, nor in any way diminish or reduce the damages recoverable in any such action.

3. (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subdivision, the governing body of any city, town or village may, by local law or ordinance, further regulate the time, place and manner of the operation of bicycles with electric assist including, but not limited to, maximum speed, requiring the use of protective headgear, and the wearing of readily visible reflective clothing or material by operators of bicycles with electric assist, and may limit, prohibit the use thereof in specified areas, or prohibit entirely the use of bicycles with electric assist within such city, town or village, provided that adequate signage is visibly posted outside

the boundaries of such prohibited areas. (b) The governing body of any city, town or village in the counties of Nassau or Suffolk may, by local law or ordinance, further regulate the time, place and manner of the operation of bicycles with electric assist, including, but not limited to, maximum speed, requiring the use of protective headgear, and the wearing of readily visible reflective clothing or material by operators of bicycles with electric assist only after adoption of a local law or ordinance by the governing body of the county in which the city, town or village is located. Provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to the adoption of a local law or ordinance by a city, town or village in the counties of Nassau or Suffolk pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision to prohibit the use of bicycles with electric assist in specified areas, or prohibit entirely the use of bicycles with electric assist within such city, town or village, provided that adequate signage is visibly posted outside the boundaries of such prohibited areas. (c) The governing body of any town or village in the county of Westchester may, by local law or ordinance, further regulate the time, place and manner of the operation of bicycles with electric assist, including, but not limited to, maximum speed, requiring the use of protective headgear, and the wearing of readily visible reflective clothing or material by operators of bicycles with electric assist only after adoption of a local law or ordinance by the governing body of Westchester county. Provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to the adoption of a local law or ordinance by a town or village in the county of Westchester pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision to prohibit the use of bicycles with electric assist in specified areas, or prohibit entirely the use of bicycles with electric assist within such town or village, provided that adequate signage is visibly posted outside the boundaries of such prohibited areas.

4. (a) No person shall operate a bicycle with electric assist on any public lands or property, other than a highway exclusive of any greenway running adjacent to or connected with a highway, except that a bicycle with electric assist may be operated on any such lands that have been designated and posted for travel by bicycles with electric assist in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subdivision. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "greenway" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by subdivision seven of section 44-0103 of the environmental conservation law and subdivision one of section 39.03 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law. (b) A state agency, by regulation or order, and a city, town or village, by local law or ordinance, may designate any appropriate public lands and properties under its jurisdiction, other than highways exclusive of any greenway running adjacent to or connected with a highway, as a place open for travel by bicycles with electric assist upon written request for such designation by any person, and may impose restrictions and conditions for the regulation and safe operation of bicycles with electric assist on such public lands or property, such as travel on designated trails and hours of operation.

5. (a) No bicycle with electric assist shall be operated on a sidewalk, except as may be authorized by a local law or ordinance adopted by a city, town or village having jurisdiction over such sidewalk including parking on certain sidewalks within such city, town or village in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (Public Law 101-336). (b) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, a bicycle with electric assist owned by a natural person where the owner is engaged in personal use may park on a sidewalk whether

OCTOBER NATIONAL DAYS

- Oct. 2: National Name Your Car Day
- Oct. 3: National Boyfriend Day, National Unity Day
- Oct. 4: International Ships-in-Bottles Day, World Smile Day, National Cinnamin Bun Day
- Oct. 6: National Noodle Day, National Coaches Day
- Oct. 11: National Coming-Out Day
- Oct. 12: National Fossil Day, National Chess Day
- Oct. 14: National Dessert Day
- Oct. 18: National Chocolate Cupcake Day
- Oct. 19: National Sweetest Day, National Fetch Day
- Oct. 21: National Apple Day, National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day, National Reptile Day
- Oct. 22: National Color Day, National Make a Dog's Day, Scar Appreciation Day
- Oct. 23: National Horror Movie Day, National Boston Cream Pie Day, National Croc Day
- Oct. 24: National Bologna Day, National Food Day
- Oct. 24–Nov. 11: World Origami Days
- Oct. 25: National Breadstick Day, World Pasta Day
- Oct. 26: National Pumpkin Day, National Trick-Or-Treat Day, National Day of the Deployed
- Oct. 27: National Black Cat Day, Navy Day, National American Beer Day, National Mother-in-law Day
- Oct. 28: Frankenstein Friday, National Chocolate Day, National First Responders Day
- Oct. 29: National Cat Day, National Internet Day
- Oct. 30: National Candy Corn Day
- Oct. 31: National Magic Day, Halloween!

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.



BC SHERIFF 'Pink Patch Project'

Logo Contest Winner Announced; Fundraiser for Local Families Fighting Cancer Kicks Off



Broome County Sheriff's Corrections Officers and Deputies are once again going pink during Breast Cancer Awareness Month and helping raise funds for local families battling cancer. Now, they'll be doing it with a brand-new logo designed by a member of the community.

In August, community members were invited to submit their ideas for the 2024 Pink Patch Project logo to be featured on this year's fundraising merchandise. From the 10 logos submitted, Binghamton resident Erin Hagerman's logo was selected as this year's winner.

The logo is featured on all the new fundraising merchandise featured on the online store (<https://broomecountypinkpatchproject.itemorder.com/>) for community members to purchase as a way to lend their support to the Pink Patch Project.

The Pink Patch Project is a national campaign bringing law enforcement and the community together to raise breast cancer awareness and funding to help local families fighting cancer. With 1 in 8 women in the US at risk of

developing breast cancer, it's an issue that effects every community.

Last year, Corrections Officer Jennifer McPeek brought the project to the Broome County Sheriff's Office. Throughout October 2023, over 80 members of the Broome County Sheriff's Corrections and Road Patrol divisions sported pink badges and patches and helped raise funds for local families battling cancer. Community members also lent their support to the Project by visiting the online store to purchase a t-shirt, sweatshirt, patch, or other items.

With the combined support of community members and sworn officers in both the Law Enforcement and Corrections Divisions, the Pink Patch Project raised over \$4,500 for the Community Foundation and Tina Fund. The proceeds went toward assisting local families fighting cancer by assisting with groceries, childcare or other expenses related to the fight against cancer.

This year, all proceeds will go to Traci's Hope, another local organization that supports local families fighting breast cancer by assisting with the cost of groceries, childcare or other expenses related to the fight against cancer.

"We're so proud of Officer McPeek for coming to us with this idea, and seeing it through to fruition said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "The men and women of the Broome County Sheriff's Office are proud to bring the Pink Patch Project back and join our community in helping raise funds for local families battling cancer."

"Cancer is an issue that's greatly effected my family and effects so many families across our community," said McPeek. "That makes it all the more inspiring to see so many of my fellow officers, colleagues and community

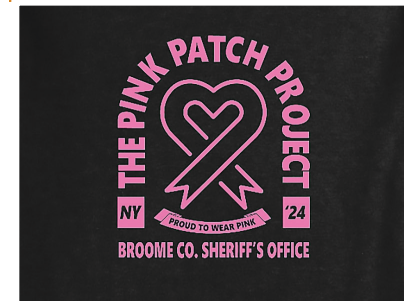
members coming together to help our local families who are fighting this terrible disease."

To donate directly to the Traci's Hope online, please visit www.TracisHope.com or click here: https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=zwW_An_sniwQG5nJPU-8udGW5T_3p4xMNdrcAstSeoO1xJXOtVikytziImac3i_v5929ZQU7u-WrTBLFdI

You can also send your donation to:

Traci's Hope
PO Box 504
Apalachin, NY
13732

To apply for assistance from Traci's Hope, please fill out the application form here: https://tracishope.com/pdf/tracishope_application_paperwork.pdf?fbclid=IwY2xjaWE0Ry51eHRuA2F1bQIx-MAABHSXdMvo7Y1kTXg52Son5XpJ4n0GUjNWQJ0YrymrkHIDrXB9hp_LCKxo96w_aem_HwzHRNDcJ5jHgO99iHQIIQ



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attended or unattended. A city, town or village having jurisdiction over such sidewalk shall provide a method by which a bicycle with electric assist owned by a natural person may be identified as such. (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, a bicycle with electric assist used to transport property in commerce may temporarily park on a sidewalk, whether attended or unattended, for the purpose of and while actually engaged commercially in the loading or unloading of property. A city, town or village having jurisdiction over such sidewalk shall provide a method by which a bicycle with electric assist used to transport property in commerce may be identified as such. (iii) No person shall park a bicycle with electric assist pursuant to this paragraph in a manner that interferes with the free passage of pedestrians on a sidewalk.

6. Every person operating a bicycle with electric assist shall yield the right of way to pedestrians.

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (b) of section twelve hundred thirty-four of this article to the contrary, persons operating bicycles with electric assist upon a roadway shall ride single file.

8. Except as may be otherwise provided by local law, ordinance, order, rule or regulation enacted or promulgated pursuant to this article, a bicycle with electric assist may only be operated on highways with a posted speed limit of thirty miles per hour or less, including non-interstate public highways, private roads open to motor vehicle traffic, and designated bicycle or in-line skate lanes.

9. No person shall operate a class one or class two bicycle with electric assist in excess of twenty miles per hour. No person shall operate a class three bicycle with electric assist in excess of twenty-five miles per hour.

10. The operation of a class three bicycle with electric assist outside of a city having a population of one million or more is prohibited.

11. (a) No person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the business of selling or leasing bicycles with electric assist shall sell or lease any bicycle with electric assist on or after June first, two thousand twenty-two unless such bicycle with electric assist has permanently affixed thereto, in a prominent location, a manufacturer's label which shall include the following information: the class, maximum motor-assisted speed, and motor wattage of such bicycle with electric assist. Manufacturers and distributors of bicycles with electric assist shall, by April first, two thousand twenty-two, establish a process by which an owner of a bicycle with electric assist may request and obtain a manufacturer's label providing the class, maximum motor-assisted speed, and motor wattage applicable to his or her bicycle with electric assist purchased prior to June first, two thousand twenty-two and installation instructions from such manufacturers and distributors. (b) No person shall operate a bicycle with electric assist on any public highway or street in this state after June first, two thousand twenty-two unless such bicycle with electric assist has permanently affixed thereto, in a prominent location,

a manufacturer's label providing the class, maximum motor-assisted speed, and motor wattage of such bicycle with electric assist. Any person who violates the provisions of this paragraph shall be punished by a civil fine of up to fifty dollars. The court shall waive any fine for which a person who violates the provisions of this paragraph would be liable if such person supplies the court with proof that, between the date on which he or she is charged with having violated this paragraph and the appearance date for such violation, a manufacturer's label was affixed to his or her bicycle with electric assist as required by this paragraph. Provided, however, that such waiver of fine shall not apply to a second or subsequent conviction under this paragraph.

12. A violation of the provisions of subdivision two, five, six, nine, or ten of this section shall result in a civil fine not to exceed fifty dollars.

13. A police officer shall only issue a summons for a violation of this section by a person less than sixteen years of age to the parent or guardian of such person if the violation by such person occurs in the presence of such person's parent or guardian and where such parent or guardian is eighteen years of age or older. Such summons shall only be issued to such parent or guardian and shall not be issued to the person less than sixteen years of age.

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Our Youngest Golden Bears

Showing
Off Their
School Spirit!



Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District



project

RUNWAY

Skeletons

"MAKE IT SPOOKY PEOPLE!"
Stop by for a spooky-themed craft afternoon. Design your own fashionable looks for your skeleton model and show off your bone-chilling creativity. Vote for your favorite skeleton fashion – the most popular design will win a gift card! For teens ages 12 – 18.

Tuesday, October 22	3:00 pm	Vestal Public Library Meeting Room
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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!

Yoga-tta VESTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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.

PTO FUND WALK AT THE!

Photos courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

What an incredible afternoon of fun on Friday! The sun was shining bright as our Tioga Hills Elementary kids walked, ran and danced during the annual PTO FUND Walk! Music and balloons added to the excitement as students showed their Vestal school spirit! They also signed a Be Kind sign that will hang in the school.



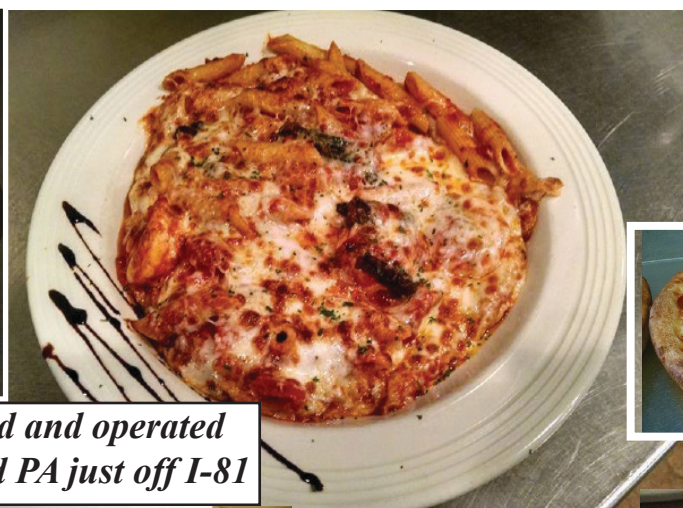
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