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Vestal JV Wrestling Photos on page 6

Ben Elie Sets Vestal School Diving Record

By Hal Ehrhardt

At the Wolverine Invitational in Waverly, Ben Elie, finished 2nd in the 11-dive event where his 506.45 score broke the Vestal school record and he became the first Vestal diver (male or female) to break the 500 point barrier for 11 dives. Elie again finished behind Corning's Brendan Jardin-Reed among the 11 divers who competed.

The score qualified Elie for the state meet at Ithaca College in early March. Elie broke the mark previously set by Sean Danek in 2008 of 476.25. Elie is the first Vestal boys' diver to compete at the state meet since 2011 when Mike Canino qualified. Canino still holds the Vestal school record for 6 dives which Elie, one of the senior captains, will chase in the remaining 3 dual meets. For diving coach, Sara Rostedt, this is the 2nd time this school year that one of her divers will compete at the state meet, as Olivia Tanton also qualified this fall.

This weekend (Saturday, 1/25) the Golden Bears will compete at Maine Endwell's Blizzard Invitational. The diving is scheduled to begin at 9 AM and the swimming will start at 12:30 PM.

Tuesday, 1/28 at 5:30, Vestal will host Ithaca and celebrate Senior Night. That meet could be the closest one since the season-opening meet with Union Endicott. Recently Ithaca also defeated the Tigers. Last year Vestal beat the Little Red for the 4th consecutive year, so this year's seniors will look to remain undefeated against the Ithaca team.

New Vestal Fire Graduates!

Courtesy of the Vestal Fire Department on Facebook



Congratulations to Vestal Firefighters Cole Abbott, Chad Gerdus, Ryan Scarangella, Peterson Kressly, Jonathon Weber, Becca Cetta, and Taninnat Yosankatanyu for graduating from the Firefighter I class! Thank you for all the time and effort you put into completing this class and for your dedication to protecting our community. (Pictured from left to right: Cole Abbott, Chad Gerdus, Ryan Scarangella, Peterson Kressly)



See Rick Marsi Column in Announcements!

RESCUE OF THE WEEK

Prince Cornelius



You can call me Prince for short, although I may not be royalty, but I have ear floofs that are breath taking & so soft! Ear Floofs are those beautiful wispy hairs that come out of my ears like whiskers! I am always a conversation when people see me. I am just a punkster at 4 mths old, but I am one spunky boy!

Interested in this week's Kitty?

- Visit Every Cat's Dream on Facebook
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Tell them you saw the kitty in the Vestal Town Crier!

"The Legend Of The '40 Horsemen' Of Vestal Fire Company One: The History Of The Sirens Of The Vestal Fire Company" On page 5!

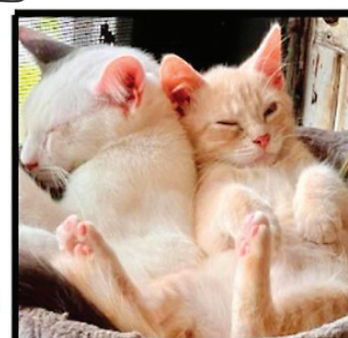
"Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 7" On pages 8-10



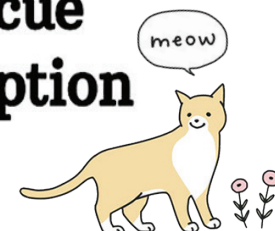
Furry Buddy Rescue Fundraiser & Adoption Event

- Meet Lovable Cats & Kittens

Vestal Library
Community Room
January 25th,
11:00 am - 2:00 pm



Collaborating with Broome & Tioga Teen & Tween Homeschool Group



- Bake Sale
- Donations
- Raffle Items
- Putt For A Paws - Game
- Bottle Drive



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January 21st- January 24th
Regents Exams

January 21st- January 26th
Board of Education Meeting
6PM, ADM BOE Conference Room

January 22nd- January 24th
VHE Band/Chorus Winter Concert

January 23rd- January 24th
ARE Chorus & Bands Concert & VMS
Beginning Band
7PM, African Road Auditorium

Friday, January 24th
ARE Glow Dance
6:30PM

Saturday, January 25th
Furry Buddy Rescue Fundraiser
& Adoption Event
11AM- 2PM, VPL Community Room

Monday, January 27th
Peek-A-Book Baby Storytime
10AM, VPL

Tuesday, January 28th
> Preschool Storytime- Theme: Cats
10:30AM, VPL, Tickets Required
> Java Joe Jammers- Live Music
6PM, VPL Meeting Room

Wednesday, January 29th
LUNAR NEW YEAR- NO SCHOOL

Thursday, January 30th
> Yin Yoga- Sign Up Online
6PM, VPL Large Meeting Room
> New Visions Recruiting Event
1:15PM, Vestal High School
> NYSSMA Senior High Area All-State (Ithaca)
> 6th Grade Chorus Winter Concert
7PM- 9PM, African Rd. Auditorium

Friday, January 31st
VHE Talent Show
6PM- 7:30PM, VHE

Saturday, February 1st
> Puzzle Race & Swap
10AM- 12:30PM, VPL

Saturday, January 25th
> Girls (Green) 7th Basketball v. Susquehanna
Valley (Gold)
10AM- 11AM, Vestal Middle School Gym
> Girls (Gold) 8th Basketball v. Susquehanna
Valley (Blue)
11AM- 11:45AM, Vestal Middle School Gym

Monday, January 27th
> Girls JV & Varsity Bowling v. Binghamton
3:10PM- 6PM, Midway Lanes
> Boys JV & Varsity Bowling v. Binghamton
3:10PM- 6PM, Midway Lanes
> Boys 7th Basketball v. Chenango Forks
5:30PM- 6:30PM, Vestal Middle School Gym
> Boys 8th Basketball v. Chenango Forks
6:30PM- 7:30PM, Vestal Middle School Gym

Tuesday, January 28th
> Boys JV & Varsity Basketball v. UE
JV: 5:30PM- 7:15PM, Varsity: 7:15PM- 9PM
Vestal High School Gym
> Boys Varsity Swimming/Diving v. Ithaca
5:30PM- 8PM, Vestal High School Pool

Thursday, January 30th
Boys 7th/8th Swimming/Diving v. JC, UE
5:30PM- 7:30PM, Vestal High School Pool

Friday, January 31st
Boys JV & Varsity Basketball v. Elmira
JV: 5:30PM- 7:15PM, Varsity: 7:15PM- 9PM
Vestal High School Gym

Monday, February 3rd
> Boys (Green) 7th Basketball v. Owego Apalachin
5:30PM- 6:30PM, Vestal Middle School Gym
> Boys (Gold) 8th Basketball v. Owego Apalachin
6:30PM- 7:30PM, Vestal Middle School Gym
> Girls JV & Varsity Basketball v.
Corning-Painted Post
JV: 5:30PM-7:15PM, Varsity: 7:15PM-9:30PM
Vestal High School Gym

Tuesday, February 4th
Girls (Gold) 8th Basketball v. Oneonta
5:30PM- 6:30PM, Vestal Middle School Gym

Wednesday, February 5th
> Girls and Boys JV & Varsity Bowling v. JC
JV & Varsity: 3:50PM- 6PM, Midway Lanes
> Girls JV & Varsity Basketball v. ME
JV: 5:30PM- 7:15PM, Varsity: 7:15PM- 9PM
Vestal High School Gym

Robert Spoonhower, 38, homeless, arrested for Criminal Contempt 1st Degree for being with the victim who had a valid stay away OOP against him.

Samuel Hartung, 28, Endicott, arrested for Menacing 2nd Degree and Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree for displaying a stick while walking towards officers and pushing officers who were trying to arrest him.

Gregory Rivenburg, 36, Vestal, arrested for two counts of Attempted Assault 1st Degree, two counts of Menacing 2nd Degree, Assault 3rd Degree and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing after swinging a knife at two victims, striking a victim in the face, causing injury, and holding a victim down by the throat during a domestic incident.

Corey Allan, 31, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny and Burglary 3rd Degree for shoplifting from Wal-Mart after previously being banned from the location.

Nahkeysha Holland, 31, Johnson City, arrested for Menacing 2nd Degree and Reckless Endangerment 2nd Degree for intentionally driving her vehicle towards the victim.

Travis Dise, 30, Masonville NY, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Weis Markets.

David Curtis, 43, Endicott, arrested for Grand Larceny 3rd Degree and Falsifying Business Records 1st Degree after creating false timesheets and getting paid for those false hours, thereby stealing money from the business.

Seth Wilder, 53, Endicott, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for failing to Appear in court on a scheduled court date or within 30 days thereafter.

Seth Wilder, 53, Endicott, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More than .18 BAC, Aggravated DWI-with Child in the Vehicle and Endangering The Welfare of a Child after a check welfare complaint.

Denise Haslip, 51, Binghamton, arrested for Grand Larceny 4th Degree for shoplifting merchandise valued over \$1,000 from Kohl's.

Steven Knight, 46, homeless, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia and Remaining in a Town Park After Hours, after possessing Meth and a digital



January is here,
With eyes that keenly glow—
A frost-mailed warrior striding
A shadowy steed of snow.
—Edgar Fawcett, American poet (1847–1904)



Vestal Senior Center

Open Monday - Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Old Vestal Central Jr. High School, Main St.
Lunches served Monday - Friday at 11:30 AM

The Vestal Senior Citizens offer exciting events throughout the year along with hot nutritious lunches provided by the Broome County Office for Aging. Reservations for meals must be made one day in advance by 1:00 PM. Eat in or To-Go Meals. Cost for lunch is \$4.00 for 60 years and older and \$5.00 for those younger than 60. It is a great opportunity to get together with friends and participate in many fun-filled activities.

Activities include: monthly bus trips, Hand & Foot card game (Mon. at 9am), Pinochle (Tues. at 9 AM) Bridge (Wed. at noon), Bingo (Thurs. at 10 AM), assorted card games daily, Bunko (4th Fri. of every month, following lunch), speakers on many interesting subjects, special luncheon events, bake sales and theme parties. Assorted card games daily. There is also a loaning library. Mah-Jong on Mondays at 12 PM.

Vestal Senior Club

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:15 PM at the Senior Center. Annual dues are \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for newcomers. The club sponsors trips, dinners, and picnics. The mission of the club is to foster education and fellowship, to have fun, and make contributions to the community. If you are interested in the club, please attend a meeting.

Oil Painting Classes

Join the Vestal Sr. Citizens and “perfect” your skills in oil painting. Class meets every Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, throughout the year at the Vestal Sr. Center. Please bring your own supplies. No classes in August. For further information call the Senior Center.

Knitting and Crocheting Club

Wednesdays from 9:30 AM. Learn things from others and teach someone else something new.

Chop and Chat

Every other Monday at 10am. Enjoy conversation as food is prepped and leave with a delicious recipe to cook at home. No cost but donations for the program are welcomed. Reservations are required as spots are limited. Don't miss out on this wonderful program.

Call the Vestal Senior Center for more details on all programs at 607-754-9596.

Vestal Town Board Work Session Agenda

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Monday, January 20

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS

01-22-2025, 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a Planned Development District (PDD) overlaying an Industrial Development District (ID). The premises situate at 3421 Vestal Road in the Town of Vestal, New York, and being designated as Broome County Tax Map No. 158.07-2-15

SUPERVISOR UPDATES:

COMMITTEES

8. PUBLIC WORKS (MESSINA/Greene)

9. FINANCE (MESSINA/Greene)

1. Authorization for the Town Board to approve payment in the amount of \$1215.00 to Hancock Estabrook LLP, for outside counsel fees for professional services rendered through December 31, 2024.

2. Request from Scott Groats, Water & Wastewater Superintendent to issue a refund of \$100.00 to Frank Nemia, former owner of 132 Sunrise Place.

10. PERSONNEL (MESSINA/Greene)

1. Authorization for Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, to hire the following individuals as VYBO staff starting January 25, 2025:

Jaedlyn Hansen – Vestal as VYBO Referee at pay rate \$16.50/hr.

Jenna Holleran – Apalachin as VYBO Referee at pay rate \$16.50/hr.

Such authorization is contingent on the successful completion of the background check conducted by the Police Department.

2. Authorization to approve changes to the Employee Handbook

3. Authorization for the Town Board to accept the resignation of Town Comptroller, Nicholas Angeline, effective 02/14/2025.

11. PLANNING & ZONING

(GREENE/Messina)

12. PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Greene)

1. Request from Stace Kintner, Police Chief, for the Town Board to accept \$5,000 that was received as a donation from BAE Systems, to help cover the costs associated with implementing the Police Department's new drone program.

13. ADMINISTRATION (GREENE/Messina)

1. Request from Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, for Town Board to accept all donations made specifically for The Vestal Community Band throughout 2025 into line A7310.4345.

2. Request from Patrick Harnan, Recreation Planner, for Town Board approval to accept all donations made specifically for Challenger League Baseball throughout 2025 into line A7310.4376.

3. Authorization to designate Daniel D. Reynolds as the voting delegate at the annual Association of Towns business meeting.

RECEIVE AND FILE

- Warrants: 2025: 2A, 2G, 2P, 2M, 2T
- Nicholas Angeline, Comptroller, resignation effective 02/14/2025

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT

Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Executive Session

Tuesday, January 7

PRESENT:

- Shoba Agneshwar
- Amanda Atkinson
- Mark Browning - arrived at 6:12 pm
- Kay Ellis
- Eric LaClair
- Chadwin Smith
- Erryn Wilson

ALSO PRESENT:

- Superintendent of Schools Clifford Kasson
- Asst. Superintendent for Instruction Patrick Clarke
- Asst. Superintendent for Finance, Operations, & Personnel

Sydney Wade

- School Attorney Michael Sherwood
- District Clerk Michelle Lewis
- Director of Special Education Katherine Mazourek - excused at 6:08 pm

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

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

On motion by Kay Ellis, second by Shoba Agneshwar, 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 personnel matter.

On motion by Amanda Atkinson, second by Kay Ellis, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session immediately.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK

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Town Of Vestal Zoning Board Of Appeals Sign Review Board Decision

Hearing Date: January 9, 2025

Hearing Time: 6:20 PM

Business / Applicant Name: Dave's Hot Chicken/Jonathan Trager/AJ Signs

Person(s) appearing on behalf of applicant: Arthur Siegel

Business Address: 3714 Vestal Parkway E., Vestal, NY 13850

BCTM#: 158.12-3-20.2

Town Code Section Appealed: Chapter 5, Article V, Division 4, Section 5-127.3(a)(8)(c) of the Code of the Town of Vestal, Broome County, New York.

Narrative of the Code: Pertaining to having more than the permitted sq. footage of signs in a C-1, General Shopping zoning district.

Current Permitted Sign Sq. Footage: 106.25 sq. ft. Current on-site Sq. Footage: 162.5 sq. ft.

Requested Sq. Footage Increase: 201.25 sq. ft. Total Sq. Footage Requested: 307.5 sq. ft.

Requested Interpretation/Determination: The applicant is requesting to install two additional wall signs for a total of 307.5 sq. feet where a total of 106.25 sq. feet is permitted in a C-1, General Shopping zoning district.

Points of discussion by Board Members:

The sign Review Board must take into account the following:

- Are there other means to achieve the goal or benefit requested?
- Is this difficulty self created?
- Will the visual impact have an adverse effect on the environment?
- Is this a minimal or substantial request?
- Will the variance produce an undesirable change for the neighbors?

Discussion:

The applicant is represented by Jonathan Trager of Dave's Hot Chicken and is requesting is requesting to install an additional 2 wall signs, one on the East side of the building and the other on the West side of the building. They have recently renovated the former Blaze Pizza building and would like to create visibility and safety for their customers coming in off the parkway. This request is all part of the companies branding specifications and standard signage package. The applicant states that he believed that the sign company had applied for all of the permits and acquired the permission to install the entire package. In retrospect had he known this not to be the case he would have reduced the size of the signs to be more compatible with the code. He stated that the sign company installed the signs that were permitted by Anthony Crosby. Lincoln Ellis confirmed that a permit was issued to install signs to the same sq. footage that was on the old Blaze Pizza building, or 165 sq. feet. Lincoln was not sure of any variance issued to Blaze Pizza. The applicant also stated that neighboring properties had signage on 3 sides of the buildings and this would fit with that.

Members of the Board were concerned with the variance request being so large, almost 3 times the permitted total. After some back and forth discussions with the applicants request and understanding the current signs already installed;

| Currently Installed | Requested Additional |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 -pylon sign 54 sq. feet | 1 —round sign 25 sq. feet |
| —round sign 25 sq. feet | 1—wall sign 120 sq. feet |
| 1—wall sign 83.5 sq. feet | Total: 145 sq. feet |
| Total: 162.5 sq. feet | |

The applicant agreed to revising his request and asked to

only add one additional round sign to the East side of the building for an additional 25 sq. feet for a total of 187.5 sq. feet on the property.

The meeting was opened to the public for comment. Glen Miller, a resident of the Town spoke on agreeing with the current trend and Code to decrease the amount of signage on properties. The public portion of the meeting was closed as no other members of the public were present or wished to be heard.

Decision:

Motion by: Jerry Schultz 2nd by: Carolyn Almy

Motion: To approve the installation of 1 additional round wall sign totaling 25 +/- sq. ft. to allow a total of 187.5 sq. feet where 106.25 sq. ft is allowed by code at BCTMP # 158.12-3-20.2 aka 3714 Vestal Parkway E., Vestal, NY 13850 as presented and amended.

The request for the above variances is hereby GRANTED by a 5-0 unanimous vote.

The Code Enforcement Officer is herewith authorized to take the necessary action to carry out the provisions of this Decision.

Dated: January 11, 2024

BY: Mark Tomko, Chairman

Town Of Vestal Zoning Board Of Appeals

In the Matter of the Application of

Linda Niles

825 Taylor Drive,

Vestal NY 13850

B.C.T.M.P. # 175.07-3-33

DECISION

For an Area Variance as required by Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 2, Section 24-180(b)(a), of the Code of The Town of Vestal, Broome County, New York (Zoning Ordinance).

At a meeting duly scheduled for January 9, 2025 the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Vestal held a public hearing at 6:00 PM to consider the application of Linda Niles, regarding premises situate at 825 Taylor Drive, Vestal, NY 13850, B.C.T.M.P.# 175.07-3-33 for an Area Variance as required by Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 2, Section 24-180(b)(3)(a), of the Code of The Town of Vestal, Broome County, New York (Zoning Ordinance), pertaining to having less than the required front yard setback in an RA-1, One Family Residence district. This is a continuation of a hearing that what tabled on December 12, 2024 as the applicant was not present at that meeting. Appearing in support of the Area Variance request is Linda Niles.

Proof of publication of the notice of the hearing in the Press & Sun-Bulletin was submitted, and the Board's letter to the applicant in response to her application was read. The applicant submitted a package outlining the request along with a drawing of the proposed deck location.

Board members present, Mark Tomko, Chairman, Clayton Ellis, Jerry Schultz, and Eugene Burns. All Board members stated that they had visited the site and were familiar with the character and nature of the area and this property.

After due deliberation, the Zoning Board of Appeals makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

Applicant is requesting an Area Variance approval to build an 83" x 13'8" deck with steps at the front of her house so that she can sit on the front deck. The deck will be open with no roof and will include a railing. The applicants drawing had several measurements that had conflicting measurements as to the actual setback variance required



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mat this property. The applicant was questioning the need for a survey of the property as she used the measurements from her abstract and referred to GIS map . It was explained to her that an actual measurement is needed in order to provide the correct variance if granted, as the law is clear that the minimum variance be given to accomplish the request.

The Board members were all in agreement that they could not grant a variance without knowing the correct and necessary variance request. It was suggested that she either get a survey, find the front property pins herself, or even check her neighbors to see if they have a survey with pins/boundaries verified so that a front property line can be established. The applicant requested that the Board table the hearing in order for her contemplate and research this in order to get the front property line.

Based upon the request from the applicant a motion was made by Clayton Ellis to Table the meeting at B.C.T.M.P. # 175.07-3-33 aka 825 Taylor Drive, Vestal, NY 13850 to a future date when the applicant can appear.

The motion was seconded by Eugene Burns. A vote was called and:

The request to Table the Hearing is hereby GRANTED by a 5-0 vote. The vote was unanimous and the votes were cast as follows: Chairman, Mark Tomko -AYE, Clayton Ellis -A YE, Jerry Schultz-A YE, Eugene Burns-AYE and Carolyn Almy-AYE.

The Code Enforcement Officer is herewith authorized to take the necessary action to carry out the provisions of this Decision, and to ensure that the construction is performed to the requirements of the Code.

Dated: January 11, 2025

BY: Mark Tomko-Chairman

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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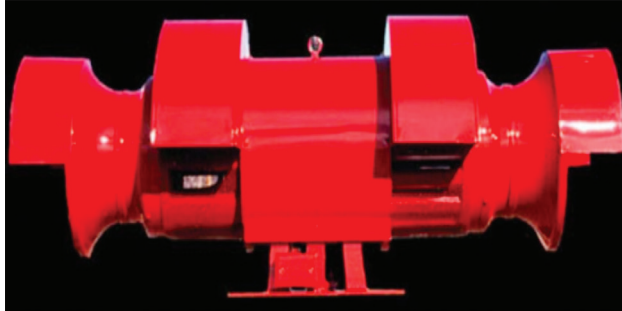
The Legend of the “40 Horsemen” of Vestal Fire Company One



The history of the sirens of the Vestal Fire Company
Courtesy of Tim Traver, Fire Department Historian



The Vestal Fire Company has used many different alerting devices over the past 100 years. It started with the a Sterling “M” siren mounted in a small cupola atop the original Vestal Fire Company building on Main Street. This siren is believed to have been purchased around 1930.



The next alerting “siren” mounted on the firehouse was a cone shaped device called a “Diaphone”. This was a smaller version of a lighthouse fog horn, single tone, and served Company One through the 1940’s and 50’s. The townspeople referred to this as “Father Goose”, it’s honk was annoying but it got the men to the firehouse if they were close enough to hear it. This horn was “coded”, it’s “honks” or blasts were sent out in sequence, the number of honks telling the Vestal firemen where the incident is located.



The wooden box shown was wired to the Diaphone horn, when a fire call came in the firefighter inserted the proper “cog” on the pin, and pulled the handle down. The handle would cause the cog to turn, the notches in the cogs would cause the siren to “cycle” up and down in accordance with the number on the front of the cog. The

town was, and still is, broken into 4 fire zones, with each zone having it’s own fire station. For instance, if a fire was in section 1-1 it meant it was downtown by the station. If the fire was in Vestal Center cog 1-2 was inserted, it made the siren cycle up once, followed with a rapid succession of two cycles, then silent for a few seconds, then the entire cycle was repeated again. An air compressor provided the

high pressure air needed to sound the horn. The firemen had to listen to the “code” the siren sounded so they knew where the fire was located in the town. There were cogs for each zone, and a red cog for Civil Defense use, causing the siren to cycled up and down nonstop functioning as an air raid siren.

The largest siren that Company One had was the Federal 40 horsepower siren. This style siren was made to be used in large cities during the Cold War of the 1950’s, it was best suited atop a tall building. It’s use in the tiny 1950’s hamlet of Vestal, NY, caused quite a stir in the once quiet little town. The problem was it was a 40 horsepower siren. To put that in perspective, Vestal Fire Station One’s current siren is only a 5 horsepower siren. The 40 horse siren produced such an amazing harmonic scream that it rattled the windows at Ideal Hospital in Endicott, and legend has it the siren could even be heard on a cold January night as far away as St. Joseph Pennsylvania!



The Firemen of Company One loved their new siren; the rest of the valley grew to despise it. It was too loud, far too loud for such a small town, and although it could definitely be heard up and down the valley, it echoed off the hillsides and woke up every sleeping creature within a 5-mile radius of Vestal. The debate over the siren raged on for several years. In 1965 the electric motor on the siren stopped working and the town could sleep once again.

The current fire siren is a Federal Model 5 and dates to 1967, it sits on top of the siren tower at Station One. This model was installed in many Mid-Western towns as a tornado warning siren, although Vestal Fire never used it as such.



2024 Season Wrap-Up

By Roger Slawta, Vestal Statistician

For the second year in a row the Vestal football team made it to the New York State playoffs, losing to #6 ranked Cornwall in Hyde Park last Saturday to end its season.

The campaign saw some sizable wins: 35-9 over Ithaca, 54-16 vs. Johnson City and 49-12 against Binghamton. The Golden Bears also downed rival Union-Endicott twice, once during the season (14-7) and then in the Section 4 playoff contest (24-9).

Several new Vestal football records were set in 2024 as well:

* J.T. Gannon's 61 receptions for 916 yards marked season highs. He now also holds the Vestal record for most career receptions (105), yardage (1,634) and touchdowns (15).

* Where there are receiving records, there often come passing records as well. Sophomore quarterback Josh Kweller finished on top of the Golden Bear season charts with the most completions (123) and best completion percentage (63.7%). His 1,479 passing yards is second on the Vestal charts.

The following players were selected to the league's All-Star team:

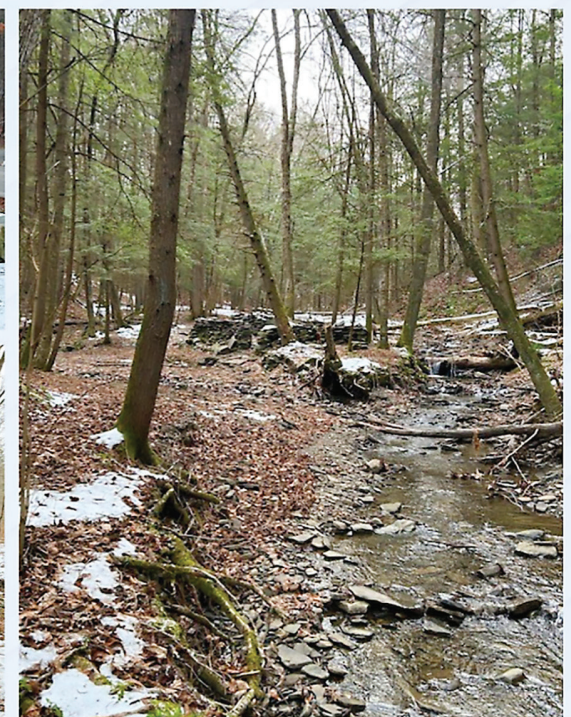
Senior Jayden Bernardini (OL/DL); Senior Ronan Crowley (WR/DB); Senior Brody Crowley (TE/DE); Junior J.T. Gannon (WR/DB); Sophomore Cayden Kitchin (RB/LB).

Junior Julian Adams (RB/DB) and Sophomore Josh Kweller (QB) were named Honorable Mention.

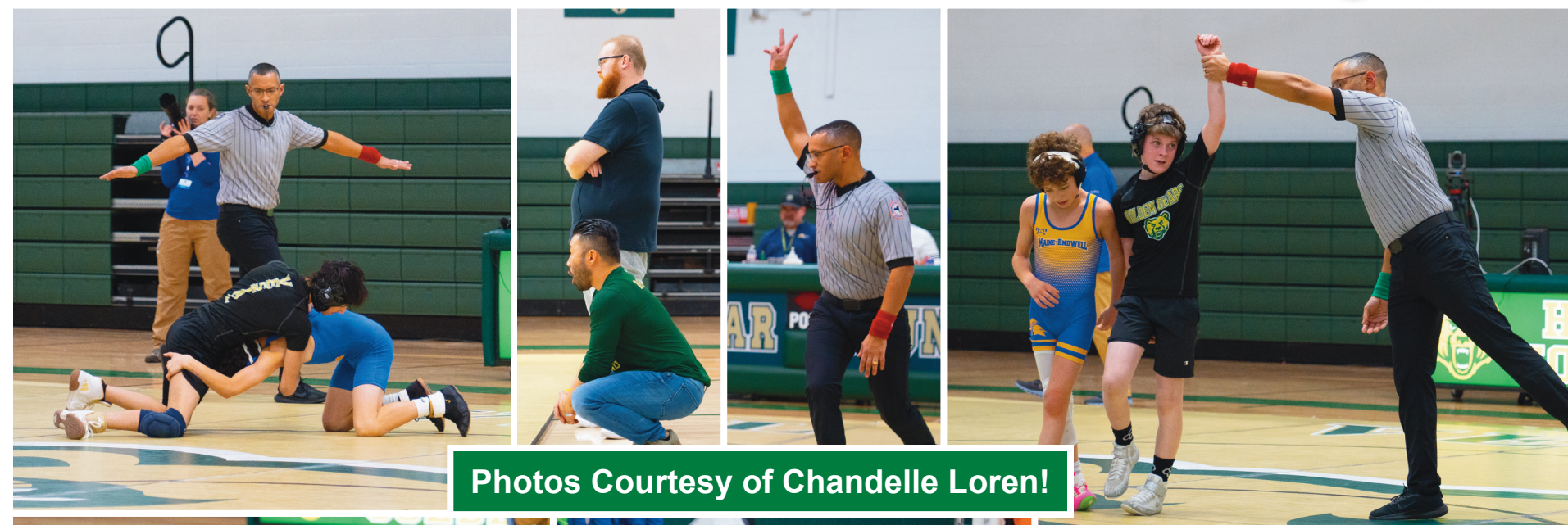


WINTER HIKING AT JONES PARK & ARNOLD PARK

Experience the quiet beauty of winter on the snow-covered trails of Jones Park and Arnold Park. Both parks offer serene paths through wooded landscapes, perfect for a refreshing hike in the crisp, cold air.



VESTAL JV WRESTLING



Grab a partner for Yoga on Thursday, February 13!

Sign up with your spouse, partner, or BFF for a connective experience with assisted poses, resistance, and stretching. All yogis welcome, new or experienced! For the best experience, please bring a water bottle, towel, and your own mat if you have one. VPL has mats and blocks to borrow during the session. Donations encouraged but not required.

Partner Yoga



6pm Thursday, February 13

Family Swim at the Vestal High School

Saturdays, January 11 - March 29

Open Swim: Noon - 3:00 pm Lap Swim: 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Closed January 18 & February 15

Exact change is appreciated. An adult must accompany kids under 10 years. Registration is not required. Enter through the high school's main entrance and follow discs to the pool.

\$1 for children
\$2 for adults
(including observers)

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Preschool Storytime (kids ages 4 - 6) starts on Tuesday, January 14 at 10:30 AM! Storytimes are not only fun, but also beneficial for language development, listening skills, and social skills.

Crafts are prioritized for kids ages 4 - 6. Kids outside the 4 - 6 age range are welcome to listen to the story and create any remaining crafts.

Doors open ten minutes before each Storytime Session. Storytime & Craft Tickets are required.

SIX WEEK SESSION BEGINS JANUARY 14 TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM

Themes:

1/21 - Dentist
1/28 - Cats
2/4 - Keeping Warm
2/11 - Valentines Day
2/18 - Snow

** This craft involves paint. Please, bring a smock or wear clothes that can get messy.

Winter



American Red Cross
Southern Tier Chapter

Do you know a Real Hero?

The American Red Cross is calling for nominations of everyday people who have exhibited extraordinary courage or made a meaningful impact in the community in 2024 to be recognized at our Real Heroes Breakfast!



Nomination Deadline:
January 24, 2025

Award Categories:

Animal Rescue
Blood Donor | Education
Fire Rescue
Good Neighbor
Good Samaritan Adult
Good Samaritan Youth
Law Enforcement | Lifeline
Medical | Military
Workplace Safety



Nominate your hero today at
www.redcross.org/STRealHeroes

Nominees must live in or the story must have occurred in the following counties: Steuben, Schuyler, Chemung, Tompkins, Tioga, Cortland, Broome, Susquehanna (PA), Chenango, Otsego, Delaware, or Sullivan.

Questions? Email Susie Chadwick at susie.chadwick@redcross.org.



ELEMENTARY STEAM

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, MATHEMATICS.

for ages 5-11

MINUTE TO WIN IT

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

SIGN UP ONLINE!
6 - 7 PM



Ready, set, STEAM! It's Minute to Win It time! Kids ages 5-11 can tackle fun, fast-paced challenges that test their skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math on Monday, January 27 from 6 - 7 PM. Sign up online to secure your spot—every second counts! Who will rise to the challenge?

Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Tuesday, January 7

PRESENT:

- Shoba Agneshwar
- Amanda Atkinson
- Mark Browning - arrived at 6:12 pm
- Kay Ellis
- Eric LaClair
- Chadwin Smith
- Erryn Wilson

ALSO PRESENT:

- Superintendent of Schools Clifford Kasson
- Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patrick Clarke
- Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Operations, & Personnel Sydney Wade

- School Attorney Michael Sherwood
- District Clerk Michelle Lewis
- Director of Instruction Andy Blaine
- Director of Instruction Keliann Mazikewich
- Director of Personnel & Administrative Services Heather Pufky
- Director of Special Education Katherine Mazourek
- CAE Principal Brad Bruce
- VHS Principal Dawn Young
- Approximately 11 visitors

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President Eric LaClair in the Administration Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Student Government Report

There was no Student Government update given this evening due to school being out of session the past two weeks

Executive Session

Move to adjourn into anticipated Executive Session for approval of CPSE and CSE recommendations, as well as to discuss a personnel matter

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Not Present at Vote: Mark Browning

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2024

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

Reports

Board President Eric LaClair reported on the following:

--Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation: Eric reminded Board members that there will be a Second Executive Session at the end of the meeting on 1/21 in order to conduct an informal mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent. He advised Board members that this will be an opportunity to share productive feedback with the Superintendent and asked them to come prepared to do so. Within the next week, the Board will be provided with documentation of how the Superintendent has been working to accomplish the goals he established in his entry plan, as well as a copy of the entry plan. A formal evaluation will be conducted in May.

--Liaison Reports: Shoba Agneshwar commented about an article in the most recent OnBoard publication indicating that school districts may opt out of previously mandated regionalization requirements. The Superintendent commented that this information did not come out until Vestal had already compiled the information and completed the survey. Also, all schools within the B/T BOCES region agreed that they would like to continue pursuing how they

might collaborate, particularly in the areas of transportation and possibly coursework. Kay Ellis stated that she spent some time navigating the new District website and feels it is very user-friendly and a good update. Erryn Wilson shared her appreciation for the ARE/VMS Facilities and Maintenance crews for being out in the frigid temperatures early this morning to clear the sidewalks and parking lots for the safety of our students, staff, and parents.

Superintendent Clifford Kasson reported on the following:

--Project Lead the Way Grant Awards: Superintendent Kasson shared that Vestal High School was awarded both a \$10,000 grant for a Computer Science Course and a \$14,000 grant for a Biomedical Strand Course. The grant money will be used for teacher training and curriculum to accompany these courses. VHS Principal Dawn Young shared that having these new courses will be beneficial in developing additional strands to allow students different pathways to meet NYS graduation requirements. The current plan is to house the Biomedical Strand within the Science Department and the Computer Science course within the Math Department. Director of Instruction Keliann Mazikewich, who wrote the grants, shared that the \$10,000 grant will be paid out as a one-year grant. However, the Biomedical Strand grant money will be paid out over three years. Superintendent Kasson thanked Ms. Mazikewich for her work in obtaining the grants, as well as Ms. Young for working to implement the new courses for the 2025-26 school year.

--SmartSites/ParentSquare Update: Superintendent Kasson announced that the District's new website using the SmartSites platform went live at the end of December. He then asked Asst. Supt. for Instruction Patrick Clarke to share details on the web design. Dr. Clarke shared the website in the Board Room and displayed various features, including how to easily find the Day Cycle. He indicated that the website is still a work in progress, but the District chose SmartSites due to the integration of multiple communication platforms. ParentSquare is the communication piece that gives administrators and teachers the ability to customize groups for communication purposes. The District would also like to send a saturation mailing to the community with a QR code allowing individuals who do not have students in the district the ability to enroll in order to receive select communications from Vestal CSD via ParentSquare, such as budget information. Now that the infrastructure is in place to carry out our vision for a user-friendly website with effective communication methods, the District will continue customization as we find areas that need to be addressed.

--2025 Budget Calendar: Asst. Supt. Sydney Wade reviewed the established budget calendar leading up to the vote on 5/20. The preliminary estimated budget is expected on 1/15 when the first state aid run is scheduled to take place. Budget review meetings are beginning this week with principals, directors, and district-wide department chairs. Beginning in February, budget updates will be given at every Board meeting leading up to budget adoption on 4/16. The tax cap calculation has been set at 2.31%. Legal notices will be run four times prior to the budget vote, beginning on 4/4. The Public Hearing regarding the 2025-26 budget is scheduled for Tuesday, 5/6 prior to the Board meeting. There will be three seats open on the Board of Education this year, and all nominating petitions are due to the District Clerk by 5 pm on Monday, 4/21. Mark Browning asked if area schools share their budget projections with each other, to which Mr. Kasson replied that all Districts submit their budget information to the B/T BOCES District Superintendent and it is shared amongst the Superintendents. Mark

also suggested a Roundtable with area schools to discuss the challenges that each District is facing and to discuss under what circumstances it would be considered prudent to exceed the tax cap. He does not want to see any further layoffs with this year's budget. The Superintendent assured the Board that the budget forecast looks much brighter this year than what was presented last year.

--BC Bulls Ice Hockey: Superintendent Kasson had the opportunity to attend two Varsity ice hockey games on 12/20 and 12/27 and shared some photos. He also read an email that he received and played a video clip of the team participating in a great show of sportsmanship, sharing in a special moment with a player on the opposing team.

--Asbestos Removal at THE: Superintendent Kasson shared photos of the areas that are currently closed off at Tioga Hills Elementary School now that asbestos abatement has begun. Staff had voiced concerns about the DANGER signs that were posted, which the Superintendent reported are required by law. Both Mr. Kasson and Ms. Wade assured the Board that air sampling is done every day both within and outside of the asbestos removal zones. All safety guidelines are being followed, including the contractors showering off and removing asbestos suits before leaving the cordoned area. Ms. Wade and members of the construction team will be present at the Tioga Hills Faculty meeting in the morning to reassure staff and answer any questions they might have. Mr. Kasson will also present the same information at the PTO meeting on Wednesday evening.

Acceptance of Schedules A, B, C - Financial Reports (November), Schedule E - Enrollment (December), and Schedule F - Travel & Conference

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Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Approval of Schedule P - Personnel

Move to approve Schedule P - Personnel

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

The following changes were made under Schedule P:

SCHEDULE IP2

RETIREMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL RETIREMENTS:

(NAME, POSITION, TENURE AREA, EFF. DATE)

Schriver, Lisa, Special Education Teacher, Special Subject Tenure Area: Gen Special Ed, 7/1/25

SCHEDULE IP3

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS:

(NAME, POSITION, TENURE AREA, CERTIFICATE (exp. date), PROB. DATE, TENURE DATE, SALARY)

Grinnell, Ashley, Elementary Teacher, Elementary Tenure Area, Professional, 2/10/25-2/9/29, 2/10/29, \$64,466

*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law 2509, 2573, 3212, and 3014, in order to be granted tenure, the classroom teacher or building principal

shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law 3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, classroom teacher and building principal mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.

SCHEDULE IP4A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTES

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS (SUBSTITUTES):

(NAME, INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL, CERTIFICATION, DEGREE, EFF. DATE, REMARKS)

Driggers, Marlene, History, None, BS, 1/8/25

Graves, Emma, Elementary, None, 1/8/25

Hagquist, Taylor, Music, None, BM, 1/8/25

Kane, Benjamin, Physical Education, None, MA, 1/6/25

Keesler, Zoe, Elementary, None, 1/8/25, Reinstatement

Stanton, Samantha, Elementary, None, BA, 1/8/25

SCHEDULE IP4B TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: ABOVE CONTRACT

Attached please find pages 4, 9 and 10 of a master list of above contract positions for the 2024-25 school year. We are asking for approval for the person, position, and stipend.

(AREA OF APPOINTMENT, AREA/SEASON/BLDG, STIPEND, POSTED, NAME, APPROVED)

INTRAMURALS:

Volleyball, Elementary/Winter, \$558.00, Dattoria, Christopher, 1/9/25

Volleyball, Elementary/Winter, \$558.00, Anderson, Nick, 1/9/25

OTHER:

Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator, ARE, \$403.00, 6/21/24, Haley, Bridget, 1/7/25

Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator, VHE, \$403.00, 6/21/24, Krowiak, Alexa, 1/7/25

MUSIC:

Musical Support - Set Designer, Middle School, \$1,456.00, 6/21/24, Duffy, Christopher, 1/7/25

Musical Support - Set Designer, High School, \$1,800.00, 6/21/24, Duffy, Christopher, 1/7/25

Musical Support - Pit Musician, High School, \$325.00, 6/21/24, Kiley, Maureen, 1/7/25

SCHEDULE IP4C TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL OTHER

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

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

Gana, James, Per Diem Administrator, DW, 1/8/25

SCHEDULE NIP 1 RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/SCHOOL, EFF. DATE)

Fields, Aisha, Senior Typist, Transportation, 12/29/24

Sarkar, Samoly, Food Service Helper, VHS, 12/18/24

SCHEDULE NIP 3 PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/BUILDING, EFF. DATE, SALARY, REMARKS)

Verbraak, Melissa, Supervisor of Transportation, Transportation, 1/21/25, \$87,000, Pending Civil Service Exam Results

SCHEDULE NIP 4 PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS:

(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/BUILDING, PROB. PERIOD, SALARY, REMARKS)

Vandunk, Elizabeth, Teacher Aide, VMS, 1/8/25-3/18/26, \$16.10/hr., 52-week probationary period

SCHEDULE NIP 8A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS/ SUBSTITUTES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following TEMPORARY NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS/SUBSTITUTES:

(NAME, POSITION, EFF. DATE)

Dietrich, Darren, Cleaner PT/S, 1/8/25

Fields, Aisha, Typist, PT/S, 1/3/25

Sarkar, Samoly, Food Service Helper, PT/S, 1/8/25

SCHEDULE NIP 8C TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL (OTHER)

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

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

Best, Robin, Odyssey of the Mind / VHE, Volunteer, 1/8/25-6/30/25

Bhagat, Bindia, Odyssey of the Mind / ARE, Volunteer, 1/8/25-6/30/25

Dabek, Emily, Odyssey of the Mind / ARE, Volunteer, 1/8/25-6/30/25

Lefkus, John, Odyssey of the Mind / GLE, Volunteer, 1/8/25-6/30/25

Lindaman, Rain, Odyssey of the Mind / GLE, Volunteer, 1/8/25-6/30/25

McGlynn, Simon, Odyssey of the Mind / THE, Volunteer, 1/8/25-6/30/25

Vargason, Andrew, Odyssey of the Mind / THE, Volunteer, 1/8/25-6/30/25

Whittemore, Michael, Odyssey of the Mind / VHE, Volunteer, 1/8/25-6/30/25

Ulc, Lena, Odyssey of the Mind / VHE, Volunteer, 1/8/25-6/30/25

SCHEDULE NIP 9B PART-TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following PART-TIME NON-COMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS:

(NAME, POSITION, SHIFT/BUILDING, PROB. PERIOD, SALARY, REMARKS)

Holmes, Logan, Teacher Aide PT, VMS, 1/8/25-3/18/26, \$16.10/hr., 52-week probationary period

SCHEDULE NIP 11

CHANGES IN STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends APPROVAL of the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGES IN STATUS:

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

Sokolowsky, Kristina, Food Service Helper, DW, Location Change From: District Wide To: ARE, 12/18/24

Approval of Student Teaching Internships (2)

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Refund from Tax Certiorari Reserve - Bingcuse, LLC

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following a State of New York Supreme Court decision dated April 21, 2022, Property Tax Law, Article 7, that the tax amount for the 2019-20 thru the 2021-22 school years be adjusted as follows:

Bingcuse, LLC

3737 Vestal Parkway East

Vestal, NY 13850

Tax Map# 158.12-2-8

Refund Amount \$2,241.78

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of the Tax Certiorari Reserve in the amount of \$2,207.22 and that \$2,207.22 be appropriated into the 2024-25 General Fund Budget in appropriation account A1964.400-99-990 (Source of Funds: Tax Certiorari Reserve A 86400) for the prior year portion of the refund.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Refund of Tax from Tax Certiorari Reserve - Louis Turdo

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, following a State of New York Supreme Court decision dated December 12, 2024, Property Tax Law, Article 7, that the tax amount for the 2021-22 thru the 2023-24 school years be adjusted as follows:

Louis Turdo

604 Vestal Parkway West

Vestal, NY 13850

Tax Map #173.21-1-3

Refund Amount \$16,767.01

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of the Tax Certiorari Reserve in the amount of \$14,127.76 and that \$14,127.76 be appropriated into the 2024-25 General Fund Budget in appropriation account A1964.400-99-990 (Source of Funds: Tax Certiorari Reserve A 86400) for the prior year portion of the refund.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Approval of Extended Field Trips - VHS Robotics Club & VHS Music

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education gives permission for Vestal High School students to participate in the following Extended Field Trips during the 2024-25 academic year. *

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Retroactive Appointment of 2023-24 OM Building Level Coordinator (THE)

WHEREAS, Natalie Winans acted as Odyssey of the

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Mind Building Level Coordinator at Tioga Hills Elementary School for the 2023-24 academic year as confirmed by the OM District Coordinator Christopher Rockhill, the Vestal Board of Education approves payment to Ms. Winans of the allotted stipend in the amount of \$403.00 for services provided.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Approval of Amended Agreement with Binghamton University - Division of SLP

WHEREAS, the Board of Education approved a Clinical Placement Agreement with Binghamton University - Division of Speech & Language Pathology on November 19, 2024, and
WHEREAS, Binghamton University has since been advised by the State Attorney General's Office of a change in language required in the Indemnification clause,
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign the amended agreement with Binghamton University with the updated language as indicated on the attached document.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Agreement with Arcadis Architects - AHERA

Approval of Extended Field Trips - VHS Robotics Club & VHS Music

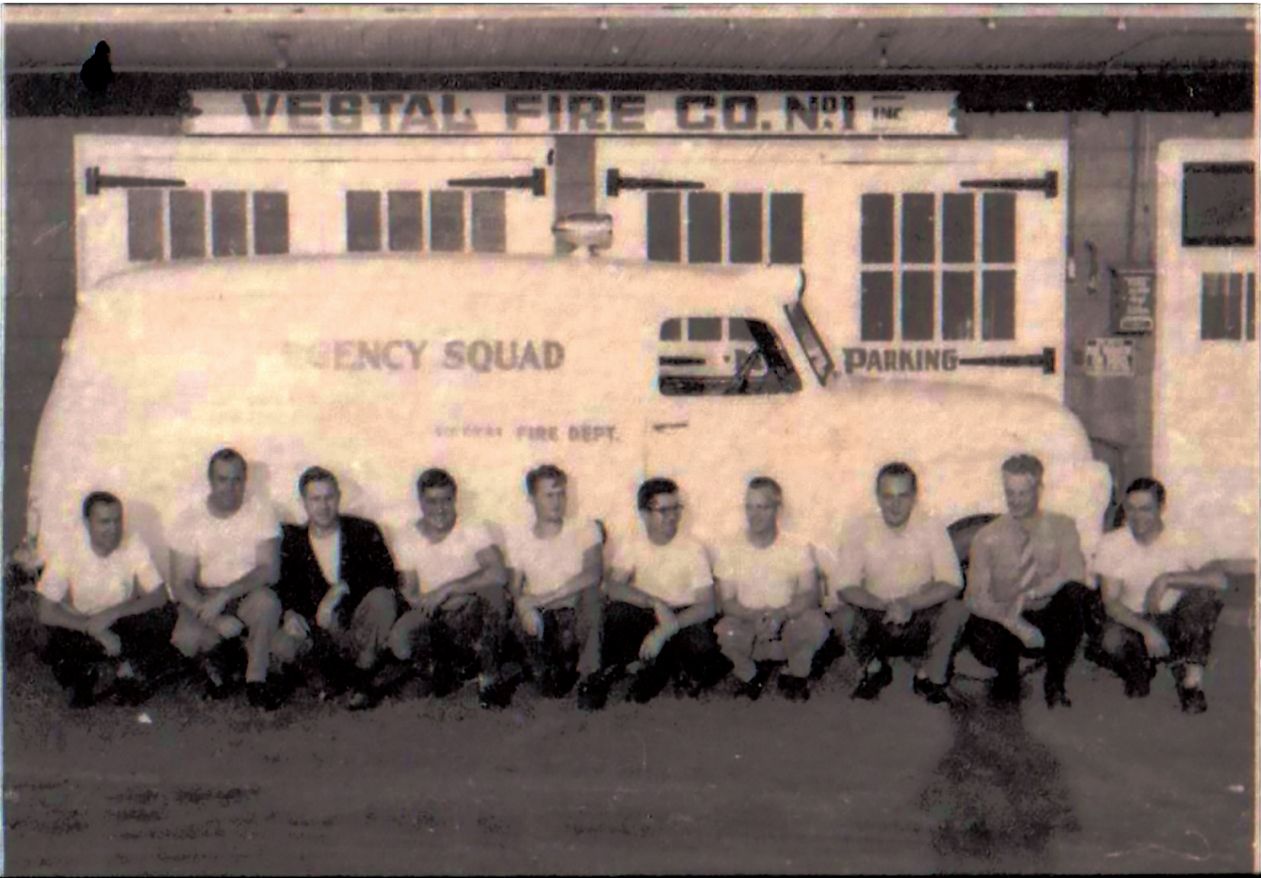
| Student Group | Teacher / Advisor | Event / Location | Dates |
|--|-------------------|---|--------------|
| Bear Necessities A Capella Group (11 students) | Austin Kiley | ICHSA Competition Troy, NY | 2/7-2/8/25 |
| VHS Robotics Club (20 students) | Drew Williams | FIRST Robotics Competition Suffern, NY | 3/5-3/8/25 |
| VHS Robotics Club (20 students) | Drew Williams | FIRST Robotics Competition Albany, NY | 3/26-3/29/25 |

Circa 1950's

Courtesy of Tim Traver, Fire Department Historian

Members of the Vestal Volunteer Fire Department pose in front of their new "Rescue Truck" in front of the doors of the original Vestal Company One fire station on North

Main Street.
This vehicle carried respirators, fans and other tools the firemen needed.



6-month Surveillance

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Vestal Central School District authorizes the President or Vice President to sign an agreement with Arcadis Architects, Engineers, and Landscape Architects to perform required December 2024 AHERA 6-month periodic surveillance in accordance with the attached document, at a cost not to exceed \$3,125.00.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Approval of PSAs - District Accompanists

RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign Personal Services Agreements with Christine Capani and Nate Knipscher to act as District Accompanists for the 2024-25 school year, in accordance with terms outlined in the attached agreements.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Approval of Increase in General Fund Budgetary Appropriations & Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements - ARE Fire Sprinkler System

WHEREAS, the Vestal Central School District finds that the fire sprinkler system above the auditorium stage at the African Road Complex is in need of repair, and creates a health and safety risk to students and staff if left unrepaired,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:
1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes an increase

to the 2024-25 General Fund budgetary appropriations in the amount of \$35,090. This is an increase to budgetary line A1620-200-21-990; source of funds is A91700 Unassigned Fund Balance.
2. In accordance with General Municipal Law Section 103(4), the Board hereby grants a waiver of the competitive bidding requirements in order to expedite such purchase.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voice of the Public

None.

Future Board Meetings

Regular Meeting TUESDAY February 4, 2025 6:00 pm, Tioga Hills Elementary School

Adjournment

Move to Adjourn
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.
Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK



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Say Hello to BROOME COUNTY'S Renewed Health Care NEIGHBOR



**Join us for a
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Saturday, Feb. 1 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Guthrie Lourdes Hospital

- Door prizes
- Giveaways
- Refreshments
- Behind-the-scenes tours:
 - Step into the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy chamber
 - Find out how CT imaging technology views inside the body
 - See how our robots help surgeons in the operating room
 - Check out our dental and mammography vans
- Live music
- Free health screenings and information
- Children's activities – bring your teddy bear for a check-up!

Visit www.Guthrie.org for more information.

Say hello to...  GUTHRIE

New Visions

Juniors:

Explore potential career interests by shadowing professionals in the field. Check out our New Visions program offerings for the 2025-2026 school year.

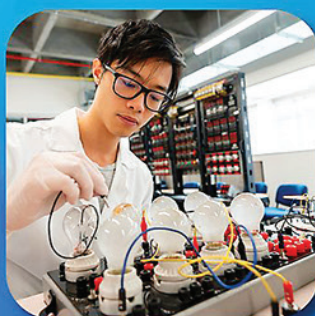
New Visions is an academically rigorous program for college-bound seniors. Each New Visions academy provides students with practical, real-world work experiences that enhance their knowledge in their chosen field while they apply their academic content knowledge in an integrated setting.



Business



Education



Engineering



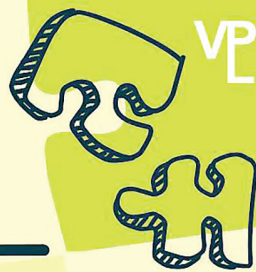
Health



Law & Government

January

**Saturday,
February 1
10AM - 12:30PM**



Do you love jigsaw puzzles and puzzling? We are hosting our annual jigsaw puzzle race and swap at VPL on Saturday, February 1.

Teams of 2-4 people can compete to finish a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle in the 2-hour time limit for a chance to win prizes. While the puzzlers are puzzling, we will also hold a puzzle swap. Bring a jigsaw puzzle, take a puzzle, and when it's all done, puzzles are available for anyone (limit of 2 puzzles per person).

PUZZLE Race & Swap

Champions Astronomy Club



Free Enrollment!

**Champions After School
Tuesdays thru February**

Starting 2/6/24

Take a trip through the solar system
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Tuesdays 3:15-6:00 PM.

\$35 one day afternoon rate
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sarah.reynolds@discoverchampions.com



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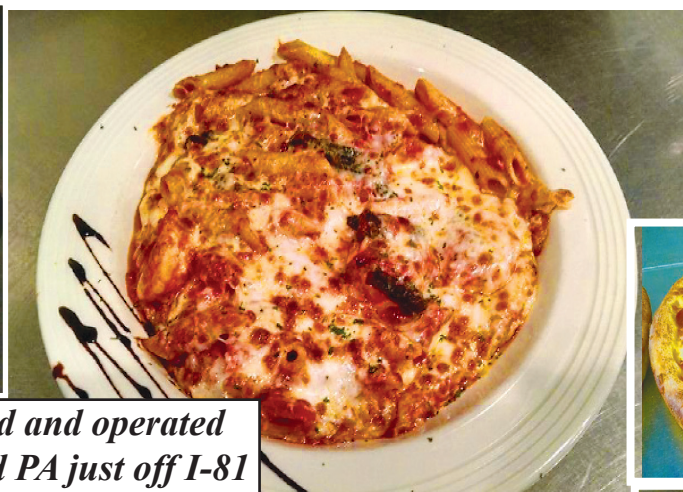
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