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Glenwood Welcomes New Principal!



Glenwood Elementary welcomed its new principal, Dr. James Daino on January 21st. Last week, Dr. Daino connected with staff at a welcome breakfast and then introduced himself to the students at a special assembly.

RESCUE OF THE WEEK

Kat



My name is Kat- yes, KAT!! I am a cat named Kat! I have the most mesmerizing green eyes, just I dare you to stare at me, you will melt! I am just under a year old, but very calm & laid back for a young chick! Sweet with soft fur and these bright green eyes, who loves ya baby????!!

Interested in this week's Kitty?

- Visit Every Cat's Dream on Facebook
 - Call 607-205-1506
 - Or stop by!
- Tell them you saw the kitty in the Vestal Town Crier!

African Road Makes Cards For Los Angeles

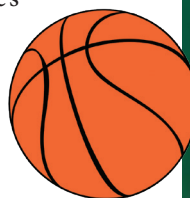
Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

African Rd. Elementary students are bringing hope, support, and friendship to kids in Los Angeles affected by the wildfires. Teacher Liza Turner was inspired to bring this project to the ARE students after seeing a similar project on Facebook. On January 23rd, third graders teamed up with kindergartners to make friendship bracelets and cards of encouragement to send to schools in L.A. that were affected by the wildfires. Our Golden Bears know that their personalized messages will bring smiles to the students' faces and that they'll see that they have friends in Vestal, NY!



Congrats Izabella and Josh!

Congratulations to Josh Wiggins and Izabella Singer for winning the Brent Bower Memorial basketball free throw shooting contest. This contest was started in 1992 in memory of Tioga Hills student Brent Bowers. Josh and Izabella will get their names engraved on a plaque in the lobby at Tioga Hills.



"Golden Bears Dump Patriots" On Page 8!

"The History of Vestal Fire Company/ Station One" On page 10!

"Mastering Shoelaces: 'Knot' a Problem" On page 5!

Happy Lunar New Year!





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Friday, January 31st

VHE Talent Show
6PM- 7:30PM, VHE

Saturday, February 1st

>Puzzle Race & Swap
10AM- 12:30PM, VPL

>NYSSMA Senior High Area All-State (Ithaca)

Monday, February 3rd

>GLE Band & Orchestra Winter Concert
7PM- 8:30PM, Glenwood Elementary
>Read to a Therapy Dog
6PM- 7:30PM, VPL Youth Department

Tuesday, February 4th

>BOE Meeting -Spotlight on Tioga Hills
6PM- 8PM, Tioga Hills Elementary
> CAE Chorus/Band/Orchestra
7PM- 9PM, Clayton Ave Elementary
>Preschool Storytime- Theme: Keeping Warm
10:30AM, VPL, Tickets Required
> Lego Club, Ages 7-12
4PM- 6PM, VPL

Wednesday, February 5th

ARE Winter Orchestra Concert
7PM- 8:30PM, African Road Elementary

Thursday, February 6th

>VHE Orchestra Concert
7PM- 8:30PM, Vestal Hills Elementary
>Yin Yoga- Sign Up Online
6PM- VPL Meeting Room
>Sound Bath- Sign Up Online
7PM, VPL Meeting Room

Saturday, February 8th

ACT- Area Schools
7:45AM- 12PM

Monday, February 10th

Vestal Town Board Work Session
6PM- 7PM

Tuesday, February 11th

>Preschool Storytime- Theme: Valentine's Day
10:30AM, VPL, Tickets Required
> GLE Bingo Night
5:30PM- 7PM, Glenwood Elementary

Wednesday, February 12th

>Vestal Town Board Meeting

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

Friday, February 7th

Boys JV & Varsity Basketball v. JC
JV: 5:30PM- 7:15PM, Varsity: 7:15PM- 9PM
Vestal High School Gym

Monday, February 10th

Girls & Boys Varsity Bowling v.
Corning-Painted Post, Elmira, Binghamton, JC,
ME, UE, Chenango Forks, Chenango
Valley, Owego Apalachin, Waverly,
Susquehanna Valley, Windsor
3PM, Midway Lanes

Wednesday, February 12th

Girls JV & Varsity Basketball v. Binghamton
JV: 5:30PM- 7:15PM, Varsity: 7:15PM- 9PM
Vestal High School Gym

Friday, February 14th

Boys JV &Varsity Basketball v. Owego Apalachin
JV: 5:30PM- 7:15PM, Varsity: 7:15PM- 9PM
Vestal High School Gym



Sabrina Silfee, 32, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Candace Gunning, 33, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Yaseen Gof, 32, Unadilla, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Lowe's.

Anthony Perez, 25, Binghamton, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree and Criminal Mischief 4th Degree for punching the victim in the mouth with a closed fist and preventing her from using her cell phone to call for police assistance.

Alex Chandler, 29, Endicott, arrested for Falsifying Business Records 1st Degree and Petit Larceny for completing a false entry into a record system, initiating a fraudulent return at Lowe's.

Taylor Wright, 30, Friendsville PA, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for failing to appear in court on a scheduled court date or within 30 days thereafter.

Angelica Texidor, 35, Binghamton, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal of Breath Test after the investigation of an erratic driver.

Amar Shuler, 48, Binghamton, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC after a complaint of a vehicle with damage, that was then located.

Jody Post, 55, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Aldi.

Roxana Cerchez, 48, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's.

Lanie Christian, 34, Hancock, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Shawn Pepples, 50, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Target.

Vestal Youth Police Academy 2025!

The application period for the Vestal Youth Police Academy is now open. To apply, you can contact SRO Tuetken at mtuetken@vestalny.gov or pick up an application at the Vestal Police Department lobby or obtain an application from the SRO office at the Vestal High School or Middle School. Applications will be accepted until May 19, 2025.

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH®: <https://crimewatch.net/us/ny/broome/vestal-pd/245804/post/vestal-youth-police-academy-2025>

Vestal Town Board Work Session Minutes

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Monday, January 20

Board Attendance:

Supervisor Sexton; Board Members: Messina, Donnelly Greene and Miller

Also Attending:

Town Clerk Debra Wallace, Director of Human Resources Debora Panicek, Town Engineer Vern Myers and 7 members of the public

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

- Tax Collection continues
- Town is continuing to work on the website
- Assessments have been discussed with the Assessors.

COMMITTEES

8. PUBLIC WORKS (MESSINA/ Greene)

1. Discuss Highway and Parks Departments Capital Projects.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT:

- Replace three (3) Pickup Trucks \$194,653.29
- Replace VAC/ALL Cab & Chassis \$97,800
- Replace two (2) Single Axel Plow Trucks \$597,038
- Purchase a Drum Mulcher for current Mowing Tractor \$30,000

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

- Road Reconstruction \$1,500,000

PARKS EQUIPMENT:

- Replace two (2) One-Ton Flat Bed Dump Pickups Lift Gate \$65,024.43
- Dump Box \$75,607.43
- Total \$140,631.86

- Batting Cage Netting Replacement \$4,000

PARKS CONSTRUCTION:

- Jones Park Culvert Replacement \$10,000
- Myrtle St Park Facility Improvements \$45,000
- Four Corners Park Electric Upgrade \$4,000

Councilman Miller expressed concerns over the \$2.5 million and how the Town is going to pay for this. Would it be through bonding?

Supervisor Sexton stated that they will be paid by bonds. The Highway has a reserves fund Sexton is unsure what the balance is but the Highway Department needs that for emergencies.

Councilman Miller stated that the Highway Department

needs to be bonded but what about the Parks Department?

Supervisor Sexton stated that the Parks Department falls under the Town and we can either fund it or bond for it.

Councilman Miller asked if there is a list of upcoming repairs and replacement of equipment? Miller would like to see if this is a one-time request or is this going to be a yearly issue we will have to bond for yearly?

Sexton stated that all Departments will be keeping an inventory log to know what they have and the longevity of the equipment.

Sexton stated that fortunately Craig Hiller put in for a grant at the beginning of the year and we were able to be awarded a quarter of a million dollars towards the Highway Department. However, we can't always get grants to cover everything and we will have to come up with the money. Each department has a multiyear plan for the equipment.

Sexton stated that the Town was not able to put out money to cover these expenses under the budget and stay under the tax cap so now it comes down to paying out of fund balance or do we bond.

The vote on Wednesday night will be to approve the Capital Projects and the approval for the funding will come later.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

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.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

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

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

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 com-

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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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pletion of the background check conducted by the Police Department.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

2. Authorization to approve changes to the Employee Handbook Supervisor Sexton stated that the Town Board has received an email regarding the changes and that Sexton is still considering a couple of particulars but the Town Board has the overall whole thing. Sexton stated that it has to do basically with overtime to ensure oversight and Federal compliance, professionalism in the work place and every place is codified, certain procedures such as the property inventory, notifications, and minor corrections and updates.

Town Clerk asked if she could receive the exact changes for the minutes and for the Agenda of the Town Board Meeting. Typically, the Town Clerk would receive a copy the old wording in the handbook with the changes highlighted for each item being voted on. Clerk asked if she could get that tomorrow morning to add to the agenda.

Supervisor Sexton stated yes, she would get that to me tomorrow.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

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

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

11. PLANNING & ZONING (GREENE/Messina)

Supervisor Sexton asked Councilman Greene if he had anything to report on his Committee.

Councilman Greene stated that he did not.

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.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

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.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

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.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

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

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

RECEIVE AND FILE

- Warrants: 2025: 2A, 2G, 2P, 2M, 2T, 3A, 3G, 3M, 3T
- Nicholas Angeline, Comptroller, resignation effective 02/14/2025

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

15. NEW BUSINESS:

15. Authorization for the Town Board to accept the resignation of Vinnie Griggs.

OK-This item will be placed on the Agenda for a vote at the next Regular Meeting of the Town Board

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Member of the public asked if the position of Museum Planner has changed to Museum Director as stated on the Towns Salary Schedule. Going from a Civil Service position to a non-civil service back to a civil service.

Supervisor Sexton stated that all civil service requirements have been check and double checked to make sure everything is in compliance. It is a part time position and all civil service requirements have been met.

This member wanted to know if it went to a competitive civil service position to now from the planner position as stated in the salary schedule?

Director of Human Resources Debora Panicek stated that she does not know where that came from it has always been a Museum Planner and not a Museum Director since we hired the new guy. Panicek states that it must be a typo or error.

This member wanted to publicly thank Andy Gowe and Craig Hiller for doing all the leg work and all the work in getting the grant for the Highway Department on behalf of the Town.

This member is understanding that one of the reasons that the grant writer was hired was for the comprehensive plan, which was not received. Where does that leave the Comprehensive Plan?

Supervisor Sexton stated that yes, Andy Gowe and Craig Hiller put in for the grant and did all the work that was involved which yielded the Highway Department a quarter million dollars.

Sexton stated that we have a Comprehensive Plan Committee and the money for the consultant which will cost at least \$100,000. The Town Board will have to decide if the Town is able to fund that. Sexton stated that we could put it off for another year and apply for the grant again and hope to get it.

Sexton stated that the Town Board knew that our chances of getting grants was less for the first year that you start applying.

Member of the public asked would the changes to the Employee Handbook be up for a vote on Weds. Town Board Meeting? Why weren't the Handbook change and Capital Projects not in the addendum for this meeting, so the public could review what was being voted on.

Supervisor Sexton stated she thought the Capital Projects were going out. They will be going out to the public as well as the Employee Handbook when they are finalized. It will be tomorrow that it will go out to everybody and will be before the vote on Wednesday.

This member stated that it was stated that equipment would be included in the budget, did that change?

Sexton stated that with the equipment we barely made it under the cap this year so we will consider them if we can. However, with the transition in the Highway Department they weren't ready with their Capitals right away.

This member suggested that the Town Board ask the Town Engineer about how you approach a grant.

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

FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

- Personnel all Department
 - Pending Litigation
- The time was 6:34 PM

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Greene, the Board adjourned the meeting. The time 7:35 PM



Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board

NEWSPAPER EDITED, January 22

TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

- Supervisor Maria Sexton
- Councilwoman Sue Messina
- Councilman Stephen Donnelly
- Councilman Glenn Miller
- Councilman Robert Greene

ALSO ATTENDING:

Town Clerk Debra Wallace, Town Attorney Daniel Reynolds, Director of Human Resources Debora Panicek, Town Engineer Vern Myers and 5 members of the public.

Supervisor Sexton convened the meeting at 6:03 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion approving the January 6, 2025 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

3. BID OPENINGS

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Sexton opened up the floor for public comment.

Owner of the property presented their plans for the development.

No one from the public wished to speak.

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

Approval for PDD of 3421 Vestal Road

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

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

Adoption of SEQRA at 3421 Vestal Road

The supervisor asked for a motion approving a negative declaration as to the SEQRA as there are no large or significant environmental concerns identified with regard to this permit application with stipulations outlines by the Town of Vestal Engineer.

5. SUPERVISOR UPDATES

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

8. PUBLIC WORKS (MESSINA/Greene)

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

Approval of Highway/Parks Capital Projects

Approval of Highway and Parks Departments Capital Projects

9. FINANCE (MESSINA /Greene)

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

Approval of Billable Hours for Hancock Estabrook LLP

Authorization for the Town Board to approve payment in the amount of \$1215.00 to Hancock Estabrook LLP, for out-

Mastering Shoelaces: "Knot" a Problem

Members Of Tioga Hills' 5th Grade Student Council "Shoe Tying Committee" Visited The Kindergarten Students To Start Teaching Them How To Tie Shoelaces. They Are Going To Do This Each Month Until The Kids Have Mastered It!



Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

AFRICAN ROAD CELEBRATES LUNAR NEW YEAR

Article and Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

This morning, in celebration of Lunar New Year, African Road students attended the program "Chinese Culture Immersion: Beijing Opera and Chinese Music." They enjoyed performances by Professor Linghui Tu, Professor Hong Zhang and BU student Tunan Zhao.

This program was brought to us by The Center for Theater Arts Collaboration (CTAC) from Binghamton University, which was jointly formed by Binghamton University, and its partner, the National Academy of Chinese Theater Arts (NACTA) in Beijing, China in 2021.

Today's event brought ARE the joy and love for Chinese culture, Beijing Opera and Chinese music.

Highlights included Professor Tu's incredible Chinese Long Sleeved Dance, Professor Zhang's beautiful rendition of "Where's Spring?" and our Golden Bears going up on stage to learn how to use the horsewhip prop. Thank you to our gracious host and organizer Monica Chang Liu.



VHE PTA presents

Cultural Collage

on:

Friday, February 21, 2025 in the VHE cafeteria
from 6pm - 7:30pm



The **VESTAL HILLS ELEMENTARY PTA** invites students and their families to share information about their country of origin or heritage through food, history, music, art, etc. for an evening exploring VHE's diverse community.

Suggested presentation can include a tri-fold board or poster
- be creative and have fun with it!

<https://tinyurl.com/2fybv24>



To sign up use the google form via or the QR code by Friday, February 14. If you have any questions, contact:

Lena Ulc at lena.kim.ulc@gmail.com

or

Nahed Nouredine at nnoured@binghamton.edu

VHE Band And Chorus Concert

Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

What a wonderful night of music at Vestal Hills last night! Mrs. Kimberly Tyler and her group of budding musicians gave an amazing band and chorus concert.





Please bring your family and Join Us February 19th!

FREE Community Meal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
5PM VESTAL HIGH SCHOOL

VESTAL FOOD PANTRY @ VESTAL HIGH SCHOOL IN COLLABORATION WITH GOOD NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY FOOD CONNECTION

For more information:
Rebecca M Martino
Vestal High School School Counselor
607-757-2214
GOODNEIGHBORSNY.ORG

In the event of a snow day, meal will be held on February 20th @ 5pm



good neighbors
community food connection

Free! All are welcome!
No ID or registration required.

Fun in Mandarin Celebrate Snake Year

Feb 1 (Sat) 2:30PM
Vestal Public Library Big Conference Room

Share Stories
Sing Songs
Calligraphy
Eat Snacks
Play Games
Practice Mandarin

Open to public
Free to attend

二月一日 慶祝蛇年

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慶祝蛇年

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SCAN ME

Golden Bears Dump Patriots

By Hal Ehrhardt

The Golden Bear Swimming and Diving team easily outswam an over matched Binghamton Patriot team by a final of 77 to 43, while swimming exhibition after building a 60-point lead over the four-man Patriot squad.

The win earns Vestal 2nd place (an improvement from last year's 3rd place) in the STAC Metro division behind the ME Spartans. The Golden Bears have an overall dual meet record of 4-2 including their 3-1 Metro record.

The Medley relay team of Jayden Kim, Jonathan Zheng, Chris Issa and Nico Mitsakos opened the meet with a win. Best times were the rule early in this meet. Ben Hutchings broke the 2-minute barrier for the first time to win the 200 Free, with Gavin Hantsch also hitting a career best. David Cozma, Sayum Singhal, Jayden Kim and Stephane Zhou all had best IM times. Mitsakos, Zheng and Derek Dai had their best sprint times.

Ben Elie won the 50 Free and then turned in a career best 6-dive score of 281.75, only 5 points behind the Vestal school record and the 3rd best score in Vestal history. Logan Kim went 1-2 with a career best from Luke Sobel in the Fly. Lee Foreman and Mitsakos went 1-2 in the 100 Free with more best times, earning the final Vestal points. Hutchings, Harrison Cappellett, Hantsch and William Kirchheimer all hit their best times in the 500. Singhal had another career best to lead the backstrokers, while Zheng's career best finished behind Cameron Smith in the 100 Breast.

In a great 200 Free relay race the Golden Bear team of Elie, Finn Hynes, Kirchheimer and Hutchings just out touched the Vestal team of Sobel, L. Kim, Hantsch and Cappellett by 0.04 seconds. All four of the Vestal 400 Free relay teams finished within 10 seconds of each other, with the team of Hutchings, Hynes, Ananta Banerjee and Zhou leading the way.

Vestal 77 vs. Binghamton 43

Medley Relay: 1st J. Kim, Zheng, Issa, Mitsakos (2:13.15); 3rd Foreman, Dai, Ryan Cocco, Solomon Chen;

200 Free: 1st Hutchings (1:59.97); 2nd Hynes; 3rd Hantsch;

200 IM: 1st Cozma (2:21.06); 2nd Singhal; 3rd J. Kim;

50 Free: 1st Elie (23.87); 2nd Smith; 3rd Mitsakos;

Diving (6): 1st Elie (281.75);

100 Fly: 1st L. Kim (1:00.56); 2nd Sobel; 4th Hynes;

100 Free: 1st Foreman (1:03.12); 2nd Mitsakos;

500 Free: 1st Cosme (BIN 7:15.86); EXH: 1st Hutchings

(5:38.50); 2nd Cappellett; 3rd Hantsch;

200 Free Relay: EXH: 1st Elie, Hynes, Kirchheimer, Hutchings (1:47.31); 2nd Sobel, L. Kim, Hantsch, Cappellett;

100 Back: 1st Macharia (BIN 1:23.33); EXH: 1st Singhal (1:07.11); 2nd Cozma; 3rd Foreman;

100 Breast: 1st Cosme (BIN 1:34.64); EXH: 1st Smith (1:16.32); 2nd Zhou; 3rd Zheng;

400 Free Relay: 1st Binghamton (5:15.89); EXH: 1st Hutchings, Hynes, Banerjee, Zhou (4:15.92); 2nd Cappellett, Hantsch, Kirchheimer, Foreman;

Saturday the Golden Bears competed in the 16 team Blizzard Invitational at Maine Endwell finishing 5th, with 205 points, an improvement from last year's 7th among 14 teams. They finished behind Monroe-Woodbury (219) of Section 9, along with Corning (265), Horseheads (280) and defending champion Maine Endwell who topped the field with 483 points. Improved times were the name of the game for Vestal with more than 3/4 of the swims were either season or career best times.

Vestal had one medalist as Ben Elie again broke the state meet qualifying standard to finish 2nd behind a meet record by Brendan Jardin-Reed of Corning among the 19 divers. Podium (top 8) finishers included all three relays with both Free relays finishing 5th as Elie, Cappellett, Singhal and Hutchings were in the 200 Free A relay while Hutchings, Cappellett, Cozma and L. Kim swam the 400 relay. L. Kim, Cozma, Singhal and Elie finished 6th in the Medley relay.

Individual podium finishers included Hutchings (200 & 100 Free), L. Kim (Fly & Back), and Cozma in the Breast. Hutchings had the highest finish with a 4th in the 200 Free after a 5 second time drop. Other top 16 individual scorers included: Singhal and Cozma in the IM, Elie (50 Free), Singhal and Sobel in the Fly, along with Hynes and Hantsch in the 500, as both broke 6 minutes. The B medley team of J. Kim, Smith, Sobel and Mitsakos and the 400 Free B team of Sobel, Hynes, J. Kim and Smith also scored key team points enabling the team to outscore UE, Oneonta, CV and Ithaca. With multiple heats of each event, Vestal heat winners noted included: Issa, Chen and Mitsakos in the 50, Sobel in the Fly, Cocco and J. Kim in the 100 Free, and Hynes in the 500, along with the 200 Free A relay.

Vestal Finishers @ ME Invitational

Medley Relay: 1st Corning (1:38.63); 6th L. Kim, Cozma, Singhal, Elie (1:49.29); 15th J. Kim, Smith, Sobel, Mitsakos; EXH: Foreman, Dai, Issa, Cocco (#25 of 30);

200 Free: 1st Anderson (ITH 1:49.29); 4th Hutchings (1:54.97); Cappellett (#18); Sobel (#25); Hynes (#27); EXH: Hantsch (#30); Kirchheimer (#34 of 45);

200 IM: 1st Bruno (M-W 201.10); 11th Singhal (2:19.47); 13th Cozma (2:21.98); Zhou (#25 of 37);

50 Free: 1st Anastos (ME 21.96); 16th Elie (24.23); Smith (#25); Mitsakos (#53); Banerjee (#56); EXH: Chen (#61); Issa (#68); Dai (#89 of 109);

Diving (6): 1st Jardin Reed (COR 533.80); 2nd Elie (454.80);

100 Fly: 1st Bruno (M-W 54.04); 8th L. Kim (59.68); 10th Singhal (1:00.84); 15th Sobel (1:03.65); Issa (#32 of 34);

100 Free: 1st Anastos (ME 48.39); 8th Hutchings (53.07); Cappellett (#22); J. Kim (#23); Foreman (#38); EXH: Mitsakos (#40); Ryan Cocco (#46 of 84);

500 Free: 1st Schrader (OFA 5:23.42); 10th Hynes (5:52.39); 12th Hantsch (5:54.56); Zhou (#17); Kirchheimer (#20 of 35);

200 Free Relay: 1st ME (1:29.33); 5th Elie, Cappellett, Singhal, Hutchings (1:37.03); Kirchheimer, Mitsakos, Hantsch, Hynes (#19);

100 Back: 1st Bilotta (UE 56.70); 5th L. Kim (1:00.29); J. Kim (#21); Foreman (#31); Banerjee (#35); EXH: Chen (#37 of 47);

100 Breast: 1st Cano (M-W 1:02.63); 6th Cozma (1:08.07); Smith (#21); Cocco (#33); Dai (#37 of 47);

400 Free Relay: 1st Corning (3:20.38); 5th Hutchings, Cappellett, Cozma, L. Kim (3:39.68); 16th Sobel, Hynes, J. Kim, Smith (4:03.12); EXH: Hantsch, Foreman, Kirchheimer, Zhou (#22); Issa, Banerjee, Chen, Cocco (#28 of 32)

Vestal has one more dual meet left as they travel to meet the defending Class A champions, Horseheads, on Tuesday, February 4th at 5:30 PM. Then their taper will begin as they prepare for the mid-February Class A sectionals which begin with the swimming preliminaries on Wednesday, February 19th.

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:

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.

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

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side counsel fees for professional services rendered through December 31, 2024.

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

Approval to Refund Nemia

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)

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

Authorization to Hire VYBO Staff

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.

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

Ayes 4 (Messina, Miller, Greene, Sexton)

Nays 1 (Donnelly)

Authorization to the Changes the Employee Handbook with Amendments

Authorization to approve changes to the Employee Handbook with amendments.

Supervisor Sexton stated that in Section 519 of the Employee Handbook she would like to make an amendment to the changes to read “normal work schedule” to “appropriate work schedule”.

Sexton would like to make an amendment to the changes Section 702 of the Employee Handbook to read “Department Head” and remove “Supervisor” and “Salaried” and change to “exempt employees”.

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

Ayes 4 (Messina, Miller, Greene, Sexton)

Nays 1 (Donnelly)

Authorization to Changes the Employee Handbook

Authorization to approve changes to the Employee Handbook

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

Approval to Accept the Resignation of Angeline

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)

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

Approval to Accept Donation from BAE Systems to PD

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)

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

Approval to Accept All Donations to VCB

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.

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

Approval to Accept All Donations for Challenger League

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.

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

Authorization to Designate Reynolds as Voting Delegate at Association of Towns.

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

RECEIVE AND FILE:

- Warrants: 2025: 2A, 2G, 2P, 2M, 2T, 3A, 3G, 3M, 3T
- Nicholas Angeline, Comptroller, resignation effective 02/14/2025

14. PETITIONS & PROTESTS

15. OLD BUSINESS

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

Authorization to Accept Resignation from Griggs

Authorization for the Town Board to accept the resignation of Vinnie Griggs.

16. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

Authorization to Hire Coughlin & Gerhart

Authorization for Town Attorney to engage Coughlin and Gerhart as outside counsel to represent the Town in an Article 78 case proceeding filed on January 13, 2025. Case name, Erin O'Malley v. Town of Vestal.

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

Authorization for Salary Schedule Change for Museum Title

Authorization to update the 2025 salary schedule to reflect the hiring of a Museum Planner and remove Museum Director.

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

Authorization to Approve Payment to

Orrick,Herrington& Sutcliffe LLP

Authorization for the Town Board to approve payment in the amount of \$22,500 to Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, for outside counsel fees for services rendered relating to the re-establishment of the Vestal Fire District in the Town of Vestal.

17. SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Winter parking rules began on December 1st and will last through March 31st. Parking of vehicles is prohibited on all Town and County roads in Vestal between the hours of 2 am and 6 am.

• Registration is open for the Father Daughter Ball which will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

• Vendor Registration is open for the 2025 Vestal Festival which will be held on Saturday June 7th.

For more information go to vestalrecreation.com

18. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Councilwoman Messina wanted to thank BAE Systems for their support of the Town of Vestal.

Councilman Greene had no updates or comments.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Member of the public stated that if the Town Board begins the Town meetings with saying the Pledge of Allegiance is that Town business? This member stated that previously when they asked a question they were denied due to the US Constitution is not Town business.

This member states that on November 18th this member attempted to speak on town business and was interrupted and motion was made to adjourn the meeting while speaking to prevent them from speaking. This member states that they have asked at two subsequent meetings if the Town is complying with the State's Open Meeting Law, in regards to printed rules of conduct and distribute to the public as well. This member states there are still no copies available for the public. This member states that they contacted COG (Committee on Open Government) and they stated that to adjourn a meeting to prevent one individual from speaking is a little excessive.

This member would also like to know why his Freedom of Information request is still in limbo. This member states that they were assured that on Dec 15th that they would have the FOIL complete on Dec 30th. This member has had correspondence this month and that the delay was sent to the Supervisor. This member feels that the Town of Vestal is not operating under the law and has been sued. This member feels that they are unable to speak about town business if their FOILs are not received.

Supervisor Sexton stated that this member FOIL request will be answered and you were notified of the delay due to the large volume involved. Sexton is hoping to get that out this week.

Member of the public stated that they would like to see a parking reform in Vestal to free up more space for commercial growth.

Member of the public asked if the grant writer we paid \$50,000 for has written any grants for the Town?

Supervisor Sexton stated that the grant writer was paid \$1,000. Five hundred for each application. We were not awarded the Comprehensive Plan grant but was rewarded the other grant.

This member stated that because the grant for the Comprehensive Plan was denied therefore its \$100,000 to fund that plan. Since that is currently dead and Solar went on a moratorium until we got a comprehensive plan, what is happening with Solar moratorium, will the Town Board be lifting that?

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The History of Vestal Fire Company/Station One

Courtesy of Tim Traver, Fire Department Historian

The Vestal Volunteer Fire Company was formed in a meeting of 25 men on October 24, 1921 in Eldredge Hall* on Main Street. They had no money, no equipment and no firefighting experience.

The Fire Company was incorporated in January 3rd, 1922 and membership grew to 75 men. The Fire Company Directors were: N.R. Stoddard, Clair M. Potts, George M. Diehl, Charles Barnes, Grover Brooks, Henry Taylor, Leo Frey, and Elliott King,

In January of 1922 the first Fire Officers for the Vestal Fire Company were elected: N.R. Stoddard as Fire Chief, Theodore Loveless as Assistant Chief, Henry Taylor as Foreman and Fred Michelbach as Assistant Foreman.

In 1923 a building lot was purchased for \$700 and “a large stucco firehouse with an assembly hall on the second floor” was built, this being the first Vestal Volunteer Fire Company firehouse. This building stood where the parking lot of the current Station One is today in the Four Corners.

The cost of this original firehouse was \$11,114, after the purchase of additional items the cost of the firehouse project rose to \$13,000. Over \$7,000 was raised in the first six months by the Fire Company members, their wives, and other dedicated community volunteers through various fundraisers like dinners, dances, community fairs, and donations from the community. The ladies did an amazing amount of work in a short time, without them the fundraising would have taken longer and been a much harder task to accomplish.

In 1924 “a three-tank chemical truck, built by the LaFrance Company of Elmira, was procured at a cost of \$3,500”. This fire truck was a “LaFrance-Brockway Torpedo”, which was state of the art in 1924. The whole community gave contributions to the new truck, and several prominent people donated sums of \$100, a large amount at that time. When the truck fund fell short by \$500 Mr. George F. Johnson, forever the community philanthropist, donated the money to finish the purchase, much to the delight of the townspeople.

The LaFrance Torpedo had no pump on it but rather a three tank chemical system that relied upon a chemical reaction to create pressure that would force water out of a tank and through a hose. These systems typically consisted of a copper tank in which there was a mixture of soda water. This was water to which sodium bicarbonate, better known as baking soda, had been added. Within the tank, a powerful acid, like sulfuric acid, was held in a glass jar. When the firemen were in position and ready with the nozzle, a lever was pulled breaking the glass jar and releasing the sulfuric acid into the tank, causing the rapid expansion of the mixture forcing it down the hose and out the nozzle under great pressure. As each tank was depleted the next tank would be used and the previously used empty tank would be recharged by hand. With practice a competent crew could maintain a continuous hose stream at a fire with no mechanical pump used.

And thus, the Vestal Volunteer Fire Department was formed, by the people and for the people of the Town of Vestal. A proud and wonderful accomplishment that still serves the Town over 100 years later.

All four Vestal Volunteer Fire Companies, as independent, separate organizations, combined on July 14th, 1952 to form the Vestal Volunteer Fire Department.

*Eldredge Hall stood on the site of the current Station One in the Four Corners. It was a large building used as a Community Center where parties and other such events were held. It was also the first meeting place of the Vestal Grange. It burned in a fire 1921. This lot was purchased for the new Vestal Fire Company firehouse. In some publications the first meeting place of the Vestal Fire Company is listed as “the Garage”. This is not correct, this is a misreading of the name “Grange” from old documents and newspaper articles.

(Information above taken from personal knowledge and from period Broome County newspaper articles found in online newspaper archives)

Timothy Traver, Vestal Fire District Historian

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Sexton stated that it will be up to the Town Board to decide to reapply for the grant next year or fund the \$100,000. We are continuing to do the research on the Solar and continuing to do the process of solar consideration. The Town Board does not have a time table of when they will be coming out of the moratorium but they are working on it.

Member of the public asked about the new policy of having 3 minutes to speak and then you would be addressed. Sometime when you give a response that may bring up another question and the policy you have now shuts down all possibilities of transparency. If this is the policy then when is the time for the public to be able to have this kind of discussion?

This member feels that they were told that they could discuss it with the Town Board after the meeting and they were shut down, citing the board needed to go to Executive Session.

Sexton stated that she apologizes for not responding to them after the last board meeting. Sexton states that you can always email or call to make an appointment with any board member.

This member feels like the credit for the grant which was awarded to the Highway Department keeps getting credited to the grant writer when in fact it was Craig Hiller who did that job.

Sexton stated that for the grant Craig and Andy did 100% of the information for the grant that was needed but they don't actually write the grant, that is what the grant writer

does. The Town employees explore grants all the time and do a great job at it. They provide all the information and give it to the grant writer who writes the actual grant.

This member states that they looked over the agenda and the addendums that were online for the employee handbook and as a member of the public looking at the addendum it didn't make any sense at all. It says in Section 104 remove Town Comptroller and add Supervisor and that is all that was stated. There was no context.

If I want to reach out to a councilman and say I don't agree with something as the Town Board was elected to do is to represent the voice of the people. How do I have a voice if I do not have that information? When do I as a resident have the right to get that information to be transparent?

Sexton stated that next time she does the addendums she will put the paragraph and the changes next to it so there is more context. The Town Board was still finalizing the Employee handbook tonight.

This member stated that if you are finalizing these changes tonight don't you have to give the public 24 hours to see the changes prior to the meeting?

Sexton stated that no, the edits do not. The public will receive the information as the Town Clerk will put it out in the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina, seconded by Councilman Greene the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Approved by Debra Wallace, Town Clerk

Vestal Central School District Regular Meeting Agenda For Tuesday, January 21

1. Opening Items

A. Meeting Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports - Student Gov't Representative

A. Student Government Update

3. First Executive Session

A. Move to adjourn into anticipated First Executive Session for approval of CPSE and CSE recommendations, as well as as update on two personnel matters and VTA negotiations

4. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2025

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items

A. Public Comment Period

6. Reports - Board President

A. General Comments

B. Liaison Reports

7. Reports - Superintendent

A. 2024 NYS Comptroller Report

B. Heating Issues in School Buildings

C. Capital Project Timeline - Communication Letter

D. ParentSquare - Community Invitation

E. Budget Update

F. Art & Music Accomplishments

G. New Teacher Mentor Training

8. Matters of New Business

A. Acceptance of Schedules A, B, and C - Financial Reports (December 2024)

B. Approval of Schedule P - Personnel

C. 2024 Capital Improvement Project - Bond Resolution

D. Opt-Out of Tax Exemption for Solar and Wind Systems Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 487

E. Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer

F. Bid Award - Meat/Cheese Products 3/1/25-6/30/25

G. Approval of PSA - Administrative Mentor

H. Approval of PSA - Interpreter

I. Approval of Extended Field Trip - VHS Music

J. Acceptance of Donation - TSB Foundation

K. Acceptance of Donation - Upstate Images

9. Voice of the Public

A. Sign in sheet will be available at the meeting. Participants must make all comments in person. Comments regarding specific students or staff are not permitted.

10. Future Board Meetings

A. Regular Meeting TUESDAY February 4, 2025 6:00 pm, Spotlight at Tioga Hills Elementary School

B. Regular Meeting TUESDAY February 18, 2025 6:00 pm, Admin Building, 201 Main Street, Vestal

11. Second Executive Session

A. Move to adjourn into anticipated Second Executive Session to conduct an informal mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent

12. Adjournment

A. Move to Adjourn



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Saturday, Feb. 1 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Guthrie Lourdes Hospital

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- 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
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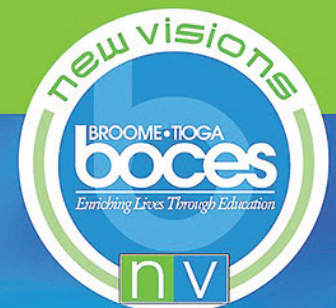
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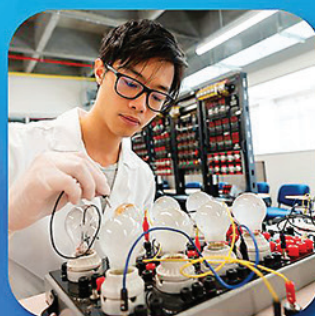
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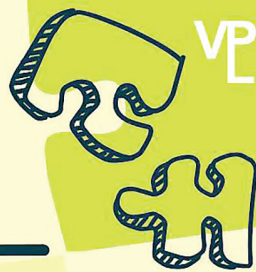
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Law & Government

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!

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Tuesdays thru February**

Starting 2/6/24

Take a trip through the solar system
with Champions after school!

Tuesdays 3:15-6:00 PM.

\$35 one day afternoon rate
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Contact Sarah with questions

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sarah.reynolds@discoverchampions.com



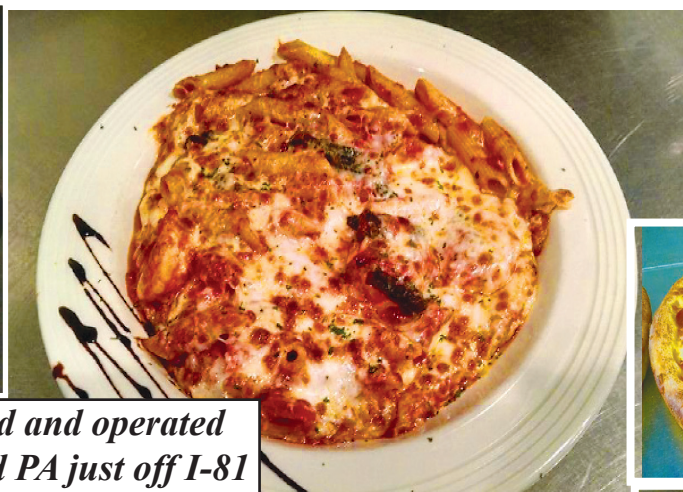
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