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Recognition Ceremony Celebrates Golden Bear Achievements!



More photos on page 5!

On March 4th, the Board of Education invited a group of outstanding students to a recognition ceremony to celebrate their recent achievements! A huge Golden Bear congratulations to these talented individuals for their hard work and dedication!

2025 Regional Scholastic Art Competition:

Samira Alhalob
Nabeeha Chaudhri
Abrial Mendez Jara
Lora Sarkisyan
Rayhan Sayeed
August Seeger
Adelaide Smith
Christine Tran
Julia Groves

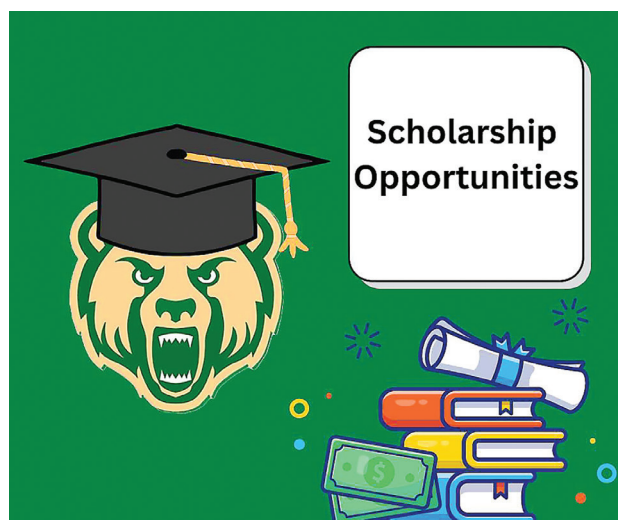
B/T BOCES SkillsUSA Regional Competition:

Emily Kapczynski
Daniel Skojec
Brenden Horn
Ireland Burns
Nathan Barnes
All-Eastern Honors Orchestra:
Sua Choi
NYSBDA Honor Jazz Ensemble:
Rowan McCollum

Attention HS Students!



Looking for scholarship opportunities? Check out the scholarship information page on the district website and start applying today! https://www.vestalcsl.org/85299_2



IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MID YORK COLOR GUARD CIRCUIT

Vestal Winterguard presents

EMERALD FIRE

The Sport of the Arts

Saturday, March 15
3:00 PM
VESTAL HIGH SCHOOL

Vestal Central School District
wgi SPORT OF THE ARTS



See Rick Marsi Column in Announcements!

"VPD Arrest" And "VPD Execute Search Warrant" On Page 9

Photos From VHS Musical On Pages 6-8! Anastasia Synopsis On Page 4!



RESCUE OF THE WEEK

Luz



Say hello to Luz, Male, Tiger and White, 4 Years Old! Don't let his tiny face steer you wrong. This chonk comes in at a whopping 19 pounds of cat, and it's mostly just his size. Luz is on a special urinary food diet, as many male cats are, but eats it great, and has had no issues since starting the food. Luz gets along with other cats, but will let them bully him if they are in his way.

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!



VESTAL **ATHLETICS** **CALENDAR**

Wednesday, March 26th

>Girls Varsity Softball v. Windsor
5PM, 434 Sportsplex

> Girls Varsity Flag Football v. Ithaca
7PM, Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

Tuesday, April 1st

>Girls JV Softball v. Corning-Painted Post
5PM- 7PM, Vestal High School Softball Field

> Boys JV Baseball v. Corning-Painted Post
5PM- 8PM, Vestal High School Baseball Field

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VPL events!



VESTAL **POLICE** **REPORT**

www.crimewatch.net

Daniel Zollbrecht Jr., 45, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7 th Degree, Uninspected Motor Vehicle and a License Plate violation for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Shyasia Johnson, 24, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Tiffany Gallagher, 37 Endwell, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Sean O'Malley, 49, Binghamton, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Driving Wrong Way on a One-Way Street, Moved from Lane Unsafely, Crossing a Median and Refusal of a Breath Test after a traffic stop.

Aaron Mulligan-Johnson, 31, Binghamton, arrested for Criminal Tampering 3rd Degree for unplugging a security camera without permission to do so.

Gladys Wurth, 30, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree and Harassment 2nd Degree for hitting the victim in the head with a closed fist, biting the victim's hands and damaging the victim's car by striking it with a large rock during a domestic incident.

Jonathan Roth, 38, Westfield PA, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's.

Matthew Hartman, 33, homeless, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's.

Grace Bradshaw, 39, Endwell, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Kohl's.

Abdul Mujahid, 53, Johnson City, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Drinking Alcohol/Using Cannabis in a Motor Vehicle, Side Window Tint, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 1st Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Cocaine during a traffic stop.

Brian Nixon, 27, Endicott, arrested for Menacing a Police Officer, Tampering With Evidence, Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer 3rd Degree, Reckless Endangerment 2nd Degree, Reckless Driving, Uninspected Motor Vehicle, Unlicensed Operator, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd Degree, Speed in Zone, Driving on the Shoulder, two counts of Moved from Lane Unsafely, Passed a Red Signal, Unsafe Turn Without a Signal, Failed to Comply with a Lawful Order and Passed on Right after reaching for a firearm during a traffic stop, then fleeing from police in a motor vehicle, causing a motor vehicle accident, then fleeing from the police on foot and disassembling and discarding the firearm.



Friday, March 14th
Open Game Day (All Ages)
11AM- 3:30PM, VPL Meeting Room

March 14th - March 15th
BCMEA Festival II
M-E/BU Anderson Center

Saturday, March 15th
Vestal Winterguard Emerald Fire
3PM, VHS

Monday, March 17th
Read To A Therapy Dog
6PM- 7:30PM- VPL Youth Department

Tuesday, March 18th
BOE Meeting
6PM- 8PM, ADM BOE Conference Room

Wednesday, March 19th
> District Council Meeting
7PM- 8:30PM, VMS Library
>Board Game Night
6PM, VPL
>VPL Board of Trustees Meeting
6:30PM, VPL Meeting Room

Thursday, March 20th
>VHS - Prism Concert
7PM- 9PM, VHS Auditorium
>Won't You Be My Neighbor Day w/ WSKG
(All Ages), 10AM, VPL Meeting Room
>Yin Yoga- Sign Up Online
6PM- VPL Meeting Room
>WSKG Youth Voices Podcasting Class
6PM, Ages 12-17, VPL

Monday, March 24th
Vestal Town Board Work Session: 6PM- 7PM

Tuesday, March 25th
>ARE - Music in Our Schools Assembly
9:30AM- 11:30AM, African Rd. Auditorium
>Java Joe Jammers- Live Music
6PM, VPL Meeting Room

Wednesday, March 26th
>Vestal Town Board Meeting: 6PM- 7PM
>VHE Family Game Night
6PM- 8PM, Vestal Hills Elementary
>ARE - Science Fair
6:30PM- 8PM, African Road Elementary

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board

NEWSPAPER EDITED, February 26

TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

Town Clerk Debra Wallace, Town Attorney Daniel Reynolds, Director of Human Resources Debora Panicek and 3 members of the public.

Supervisor Sexton convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion approving the February 12 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

Councilman Miller would like the minutes to be amended as R2025-32 has Councilman Miller motioned and Councilman Miller second. The correct motions were Councilman Miller motioned and second by Councilman Greene

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

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

3. BID OPENINGS

4. PUBLIC HEARING

March 12, 2025: 6:00 pm Revisions to the Code of the Town of Vestal, Chapter 4, Animals (rescheduled from February 26, 2025)

5. SUPERVISOR UPDATES

• Board of Assessment Reviews has available spots. If interested please email any Town Board Member or go to the Town website. This is a 5-year commitment and there is a \$100 stipend, individuals must be available from May-July during the day.

• The Town Board has agreed to move forward with increasing the Senior Exemption maximum income allowance from \$31,500 to \$42,500. A second provision that will be included is non-taxable on Social Security income that would not be included in that calculation. A Local Law will need to be passed before this can be enacted.

• Bill for Legal Services is for Solar was for the Town to continue with the Solar Moratorium. The two Solar Companies that are suing the Town would like to be able to move ahead without any restrictions.

Councilwoman Messina agreed with moratorium because it allowed the Town to opt out of RPTL Section 487.

- RPF went out today for It Services for the Town.
- Website is coming

• Payroll Company was decided by the Town Board after reviewing three other companies. The payroll for the town is extremely stressful and the business office and it's a lot of work and a lot of stress. The alternative is a company to make it better for our people and a better program. This is cost effective solution as we will not have to replace one entire position which is almost \$100,000.

• The Highway Department has been doing a great job with our roads during the storms we have had recently and with the state of the emergency that has declared with a salt shortage. Supervisor Sexton knows there has been some frustration but the they are doing the best job they can do with the current situation.

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

7. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

8. PUBLIC WORKS (MESSINA/Greene)

9. FINANCE (MESSINA /Greene)

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

Authorization for Boot/Clothing Allowance

Authorization for a \$300.00 boot and clothing allowance for the following Town employees: Engineer, Code Enforcement Officer, Highway Superintendent, Deputy Highway Superintendent, Water Superintendent, Deputy Water Superintendent. This is a budgeted item.

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

Approval to Pay Hancock Estabrook LLP

Authorization for the Town Board to approve payment in the amount of \$360.00 to Hancock Estabrook LLP, for outside counsel fees for professional services rendered through January 31, 2025.

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

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

MEETING

Fuller Hollow Road over Fuller Hollow Creek Culvert Relining Project in the Town of Vestal

The **Town of Vestal** is pursuing a Federal-aid project to reline the Culvert that carries Fuller Hollow Creek under Fuller Hollow Road. The project is located between Hartwick Lane and Campus Drive. The proposed project will include lining the existing culvert pipe with a new pipe liner that will restore it to a "like new" condition. The project will also include minor reconstruction of the creek both upstream and downstream of the pipe. No roadway work is planned.

Please Join us for a look at the progress to date.

3/25/25 • 6:00 p.m.

Vestal Town Hall

605 Vestal Parkway West
Vestal, NY

The meeting will include:

- Viewing of preliminary project plans
- Discussion of the proposed schedule and work zone traffic control during construction
- Comment and answer session

For more information, please contact **Joseph Bayer, P.E., Engineer** at the Town of Vestal Engineering Department (607) 786-0980.

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Registration Is Open for Running of the Bears 5K

The Running of the Bears 5K registration will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Vestal High School.

The race is open to anyone in the community. Participants can run or walk and there is a kids fun run.

Adult runners or walkers fee is \$25. Student runners or walkers fee is \$15. The kids fun run is free.

All race runners and walkers receive a free race t-shirt.

Kids Fun Run 9:00 a.m.

Walkers start 9:30

Runners start 10:00



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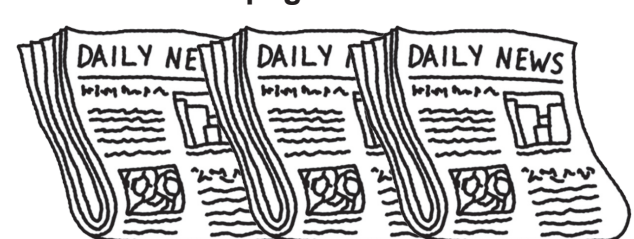
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All letters to the editor are welcomed. All letters must be signed and include the phone number of the writer, to be used for verification of authenticity, not for publication. The editor reserves the right to refuse to publish letters which contain postentially libelous or erroneous statements. Also, letters endorsing political candidates are considered advertisements and should be prepaid as is all political advertising. No letters to the editor regarding political candidates will be accepted.

We are delighted to have your news! Your photos are welcome! Contact us:

Call us today: 607 444 NEWS E-mail: news@tiersnews.com



Recognition Ceremony Celebrates Golden Bear Achievements!



Broome-Tioga BOCES SkillsUSA Regional Conference Award Winners
 Pictured: Lisa Milkovich, Eric LaClair, Kay Ellis, Mark Browning, Amanda Atkinson, Shoba Agneshwar, Student Brenden Horn, Clifford Kasson
 Students Not Pictured: Emily Kapczynski, Daniel Skojec, Ireland Burns, Nathan Barnes



Pictured: Lisa Milkovich, Eric LaClair, Kay Ellis, Mark Browning, Amanda Atkinson, Shoba Agneshwar, Student Sua Choi, Student Rowan McCollum, Clifford Kasson.
 Sua Choi - Senior violinist selected as a member of the National Association for Music Education All-Eastern Honors Orchestra
 Rowan McCollum – Sophomore trombonist selected as a member of the NYS Band Directors' Association Honors Jazz Ensemble

Vestal Police Dept. At Coffee With A Cop!



Thank you to Starbucks for hosting members of the Vestal Police Department for Coffee with a Cop. We appreciate the hospitality, time and space to connect with our community. We would also like to thank District Attorney Paul Battisti for stopping by to speak with us. We are honored to serve our community, and we are humbled by the friendships, trust and support we have received from individuals and business owners.

Sourced via CRIME-WATCH®: <https://crime-watch.net/us/ny/broome/vestal-pd/245804/post/thank-you>



Did you know?

Children who eat breakfast are more likely to...

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert and maintain a healthy weight

Attention VHS Seniors:

Yearbooks are available for purchase. Please use this link to purchase your 2025 Vestal High School Yearbook.

<https://link.entourage-yearbooks.com/>

Order today to guarantee a book for June.



Spring Sports Registration is Now Open!

Register at:
<https://students.arbiter-sports.com/organizations/9703/programs>



Family Swim at the Vestal High School

Saturdays, January 11 - March 29

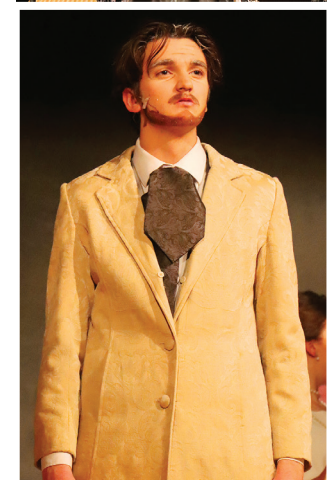
Open Swim: Noon - 3:00 pm Lap Swim: 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Closed January 18 & February 15

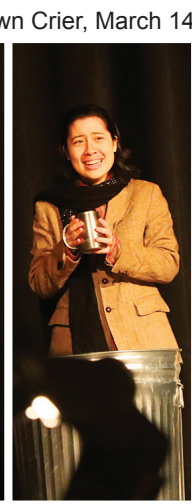
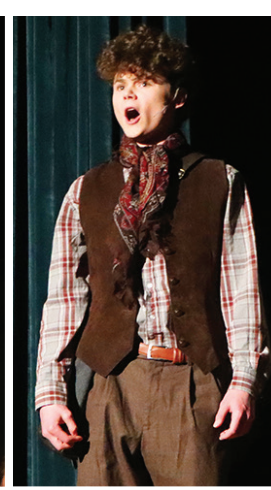
Exact change is appreciated. An adult must accompany kids under 10 years. Registration is not required. Enter through the high school's main entrance and follow discs to the pool.



Vestal High School presents *ANASTASIA*



Photos Courtesy of
Maryesther WhiteBrink!



Vestal High School presents
ANASTASIA



Photos Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District



Golden Bears Wrap Up Season at State Meet

By Hal Ehrhardt

The swimming and diving season wrapped up for the year with Ben Elie being the first Golden Bear to compete at the state meet in the past 15 years. Elie finished 26th in the diving while Section 4 diving team mate Brendan Jardin-Reed finished tied for 6th in Section 4's best finish of the meet. Among the swimmers it was Ithaca's distance man, Koen Anderson, finishing 9th in the 500 Free and 16th in the 200 Free, with Lansing's Connor Lajza finishing 11th in the Fly. The Maine Endwell 200 and 400 Free relays both finished in the Top 10 at the championship finals at Ithaca College last Saturday.

The final Section 4 rankings were released this week and 14 Golden Bears were included. Making the overall Top-25 among the 21 teams in the section were the three senior tri-captains: Elie, Harrison Cappellett and Logan Kim, three sophomores: Ben Hutchings, Cameron Smith and Sayum Singhal, along with 8th grader David Cozma. The Medley relay team of L. Kim, Cozma, junior Luke Sobel and Elie finished with the 7th fastest time, while both Free relays were ranked 9th. The 200 Free relay team consisted of Hutchings, Singhal, Cappellett and Elie, while the 400 Free relay team was Hutchings, Cappellett, Cozma and L. Kim.

Sophomore Finn Hynes also earned a spot in the 500 Free on the STAC Top-25 which includes 17 teams. An additional five Golden Bears earned spots on the seven team Class A Top-25. Those included are: junior Gavin Hantsch, sophomore Jayden Kim, freshmen Ryan Cocco and Lee Foreman, as well as 8th grader Stephane Zhou.

The Class Top-10 lists included seniors Logan Kim and Elie, sophomores Hutchings, Singhal and Smith, along with Cozma in the freshmen & younger Top-10. Hutchings was the #1 sophomore in both the 100 & 200 Free, along with #2 in the 50 and 500 Free. Elie is the #2 senior (and #2 overall in Section 4) in both the 6 and 11 dive events. Cozma is ranked in six freshman events including #2 in the 100 Breast and #3 in the 200 IM.

Elie will graduate as the new Vestal record holder for 11 dives and with the 3rd highest Vestal 6-dive score in Vestal history. He also is now in the Top-10 all time in Section 4 for 11 dives.

Vestal Final Rankings in Section 4 (S=STAC Top-25; A=Class A Top-25)

Medley Relay: 1st Corning (1:38.63); 7th L. Kim, Cozma, Sobel, Elie (1:47.10 S-5, A-3);

200 Free: 1st Anderson (ITH 1:44.67); 7th Hutchings (1:53.37 S-5, A-3, #1 So); 21st Cappellett (1:59.15 S-17, A-9, #10 Sr); L. Kim (2:01.43 S-25, A-15); Cozma (2:05.17 A-19, #8 Fr); Singhal (2:05.77 A-21, #4 So);

200 IM: 1st Crisco (COR 1:59.85); 16th Cozma (2:14.96 S-12, A-6, #3 Fr); Singhal (2:19.47 S-20, A-10, #4 So); Zhou (2:31.78 A-22); Hynes (2:32.91 A-25);

50 Free: 1st Anastos (ME 21.75); 18th Elie (23.37 S-16, A-7, #9 Sr); 21st Hutchings (23.44 S-19, A-9, #2 So); Sobel (24.91 A-23); Cappellett (24.98 A-24); Smith (25.57 #10 So);

Diving (6): 1st Jardin-Reed (COR 326.95 Sec 4 Record); 2nd Elie (281.75 S-2, A-2, #2 Sr); Cocco (104.30 S-22, A-9)

Diving (11): 1st Jardin-Reed (COR 635.80 Sec 4 Record);

2nd Elie (506.45 S-2, A-2, #2 Sr);

100 Fly: 1st Lajza (LAN 49.82 IAC Record); 19th L. Kim (59.24 S-16, A-9, #4 Sr); 22nd Singhal (1:00.20 S-19, A-10, #5 So); Sobel (1:02.22 A-14); Cozma (1:07.16 A-24, #8 Fr);

100 Free: 1st Anastos (ME 47.78); 17th Hutchings (51.70 S-15, A-7, #1 So); L. Kim (54.10 A-15); Cappellett (55.53 A-21); Singhal (56.56 #8 So); J. Kim (57.10 #9 So); Cozma (57.76 #10 Fr);

500 Free: 1st Anderson (ITH 4:39.96); 22nd Cappellett (5:35.87 S-18, A-11, #7 Sr); Hutchings (5:38.50 S-23, A-13, #2 So); Hynes (5:42.06 S-25, A-15, #3 So); Hantsch (5:47.48 A-17);

200 Free Relay: 1st ME (1:27.47); 9th Hutchings, Singhal, Cappellett, Elie (1:35.47 S-7, A-5);

100 Back: 1st Lajza (LAN 54.29); 10th L. Kim (58.95 S-8, A-5, #3 Sr); J. Kim (1:08.65 A-14, #9 So); Singhal (1:07.11 A-17, #10 So); Hynes (1:08.07 A-20); Cozma (1:08.99 A-21, #9 Fr); Foreman (1:10.10 A-23);

100 Breast: 1st Crisco (COR 59.91); 6th Cozma (1:04.56 S-5, A-4, #2 Fr); 22nd Smith (1:11.11 S-18, A-10, #5 So);

400 Free Relay: 1st ME (3:12.76); 9th Hutchings, Cappellett, Cozma, L. Kim (3:38.60 S-7, A-4);

At the recent team banquet Coaches Joe Shore noted that while the team will lose their five seniors including a pair of repeat STAC Metro All Stars (Elie and L. Kim), they will return a pair of STAC Metro All Stars (Hutchings and Singhal) as well as at least two swimmers in each of their three top relays. Eleven of their ranked individuals will return along with an additional three swimmers (Ananta Banerjee, William Kirchheimer and Nico Mitsakos) who scored at sectionals and two others (Derek Dai and Chris Issa) with sectional experience.

VPD Execute Search Warrant

The Vestal Police Department executed a search warrant in Vestal, NY on Saturday, March 8 th , in regards to an ongoing investigation.

As a result of the search warrant, numerous electronics and electronic storage devices were seized. With the assistance of the NYSP Computer Crimes Unit, it was determined that there were images of children performing sexual acts.

On Monday, March 10 th , members of the Vestal Police Department Detective Division located the suspect, Patrick Van-Kuren at the Greater Binghamton Airport and took him into custody.

Patrick Van-Kuren, Age 46 of Vestal, was subsequently charged with Penal Law 263.16, Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child, a Class E Felony and released on an appearance ticket as required by the NYS Bail Reform Law.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Vestal Arrest

NIXON, BRYAN CARLOS



Age: 27, Race: Black, Gender: Male, Height: 5' 10", Weight: 207 lbs, Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown

ARREST

On Friday, February 28, 2025 at approximately 11:10 AM, a Vestal Police officer initiated a vehicle stop for an expired vehicle inspection. While speaking with

the driver, the officer noticed him move his hand towards his hip, at which point the officer recognized that the suspect was in possession of a firearm. The officer instructed him multiple times not to reach for the firearm. The suspect then placed his hand on the firearm, at which point the officer moved back to a safe location and the vehicle fled the traffic stop. Officers pursued the suspect on SR 434 to the SR 26N on ramp where the suspect's vehicle struck another motorist, causing the suspect's vehicle to leave the roadway and travel down the embankment into a wooded area on the SR 26N ramp towards SR 434. The suspect attempted to flee the moving vehicle, but was struck by his own vehicle, causing him to sustain minor injuries. While officers pursued him on foot, the suspect threw the firearm into the wooded area. The suspect was taken into custody without issue and provided medical treatment for injuries he sustained from his vehicle. The driver was identified as Bryan C. Nixon, age 27 of Endicott. Nixon was arraigned at Central Arraignment Part located at the Broome County Sheriff's Office and remanded to the jail on the following charges:

PL 120.18 Menacing a Police Officer, Class D Felony

PL 215.40 Tampering with Physical Evidence, Class E Felony

PL 270.25 Unlawfully Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle 3rd, Class A Misdemeanor

PL 120.20 Reckless Endangerment 2nd, Class A Misdemeanor

VTL 1212 Reckless Driving, Unclassified Misdemeanor

Nixon was also issued 11 traffic tickets for varying offenses.

The Vestal Police Department was assisted by the Endicott Police Department, the Broome County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation K9 Unit and the New York State Police.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Sourced via CRIMEWATCH®: <https://crimewatch.net/us/ny/broome/vestal-pd/245804/arrests/nixon-bryan-carlos-pl-12018-menacing-police-officer-or-peace-officer-and-4-additional>

EDITORIAL NOTES

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

WE APPRECIATE ALL STORY TIPS AS WELL

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Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Special Meeting

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Monday, February 24

PRESENT:

- Shoba Agneshwar
- Amanda Atkinson
- Mark Browning
- Kay Ellis
- Eric LaClair
- Joshgua Mertens
- Chadwin Smith

ALSO PRESENT:

- Superintendent of Schools Clifford Kasson
- Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patrick Clarke
- Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Operations & Personnel Sydney Wade
- Director of Personnel & Administrative Services Heather Pufky
- School Board Attorney Michael Sherwood
- District Clerk Michelle Lewis
- 0 visitors

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Board President Eric LaClair in the Administration Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Executive Session

Move to adjourn into anticipated Executive Session for discussion regarding VTA negotiations
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Adjournment

Move to Adjourn
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.
Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK

Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Executive Session

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Monday, February 24

PRESENT:

- Shoba Agneshwar
- Amanda Atkinson
- Mark Browning
- Kay Ellis
- Eric LaClair
- Joshgua Mertens
- Chadwin Smith
- Erryn Wilson - joined by phone
- School Board Attorney Michael Sherwood
- District Clerk Michelle Lewis

ALSO PRESENT:

- Superintendent of Schools Clifford Kasson
- Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patrick Clarke
- Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Operations & Personnel Sydney Wade
- Director of Personnel & Administrative Services Heather Pufky

Executive Session commenced at 6:03 pm in the Administration Conference Room.

Discussion ensued regarding negotiations with the Vestal Teachers' Association.

On motion by Chadwin Smith, 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 8:04 pm.
Michelle Lewis, DISTRICT CLERK

Jablon Studios: A Creative Hub for Art and Community in Vestal

Nestled inside the vibrant Vestal Center Park at 2240 Coleman St., Vestal, NY, Jablon Studios is a dynamic art studio offering a broad range of creative experiences for individuals of all ages. Whether you're an aspiring artist or just looking for a fun way to spend an afternoon, Jablon Studios has something for everyone. Run by Emily Jablon, an award-winning artist celebrated for her large-scale public mosaics, the studio has become a beloved local destination for both artistic expression and community connection.

A Legacy of Art and Community Engagement

At the heart of Jablon Studios is Emily Jablon, a passionate artist and advocate for public art. Emily's dedication to community engagement has earned her the prestigious "Heart of the Arts Award" from the Broome County Arts Council. Her public mosaics—some spanning 200 to 900 square feet—can be seen across Broome County and beyond, brightening public spaces and bringing communities together. Over the years, Emily has completed more than 25 large-scale public mosaics, and her work continues to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds.

One of the studio's crowning achievements is its ongoing community mosaic programs. These initiatives, often in collaboration with local schools, organizations, and municipalities, allow groups to create lasting works of art that celebrate their collective identity. For example, Emily worked with the homeless women at the YWCA shelter to create a stunning 200-square-foot mosaic that now graces the shelter's entrance. Other notable projects include mosaics at the Court Street Bridge in Binghamton, Columbus Park, and the Ball Flats in Greene, each contributing to the region's unique cultural landscape.

A Hub for Creativity and Learning

Jablon Studios is not just a place to admire art—it's a fully functioning glass studio where creativity thrives. The studio offers a wide variety of classes and workshops, including mosaics, glass fusing, stained glass windows, wind chimes, soapmaking, and even lightweight cement projects. Whether you're looking to learn a new craft or deepen your existing skills, there's something for everyone.

Classes are available for all levels, from one-time sessions to month-long courses, and range in difficulty from beginner to advanced. The list of classes can be found online at <https://www.jablonstudios.com/book-online> and range from soap making, windchime workshops, mosaics, glass fusing, and more. The studio also offers flexible schedules, with open studio hours Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-8 p.m. and weekends (Saturday and Sunday) from 12-3 p.m. During open studio hours, participants can come and go as they please, making it a perfect option for those with busy schedules. The cost is \$25 for a single session or \$100 for a full month of access, giving you the freedom to work at your own pace and convenience. This flexibility is ideal for families, individuals, and even those with special needs, making the studio an inclusive, wheel chair and pet friendly space for all.

Art Parties and Special Events

Jablon Studios is also an excellent venue for hosting art parties, making it a great choice for birthday parties, corporate events, showers, or group gatherings. The studio offers both onsite and offsite options for art parties, where participants can enjoy making mosaics or creating glass fusions. These events are a fun and creative way to spend time with friends, family, or colleagues. For example, during the holiday season, the studio hosts ornament-making parties where guests create glass ornaments that are fired in the kiln and picked up a few days later. These 2-hour events accommodate up to 20 people and can include food and

drink, making for a festive and memorable celebration.

Private Lessons and Commissions

If you're looking for one-on-one instruction, Jablon Studios offers private lessons in mosaics and glass fusing for \$25 per hour, plus the cost of materials. Whether you're working on a custom piece or simply want to hone your skills, these personalized lessons provide dedicated time with Emily herself, an expert in the field.

Additionally, the studio takes on custom commissions for logos, artwork, and other special projects. If you're looking to add a unique piece of art to your business, home, or organization, Emily and her team will work closely with you to design and create a custom mosaic or glass artwork that meets your vision.

Community Impact and Beyond

At its core, Jablon Studios is about more than just art; it's about building stronger communities through creative collaboration. The studio's visiting artist programs bring public mosaics to schools, businesses, and public spaces, allowing participants to work together to create large-scale art projects that leave a lasting legacy. These programs can take place at the studio or offsite at locations chosen by the participants, whether it's a school, park, or business.

Through these programs, Jablon Studios fosters an inclusive environment where people can come together to learn, create, and make meaningful connections. From Binghamton's bustling downtown to the quiet streets of Greene, the studio's public mosaics are symbols of pride and unity in the community.

The Future of Jablon Studios

As Jablon Studios continues to grow, it remains committed to offering a space where art is accessible to everyone.

With its wide variety of classes, open studio hours, community programs, and vibrant atmosphere, the studio is poised to remain a hub of creativity in Vestal and beyond. Whether you're looking to try your hand at a new craft, host a fun event, or participate in a community project, Jablon Studios is the place to be.

To learn more about upcoming classes, events, and community programs, visit www.jablonstudios.com. You can also connect with the studio on Facebook at Jablon Studios – New or on Instagram @jablonstudios. For inquiries, contact Emily at emily@jablonstudios.com.

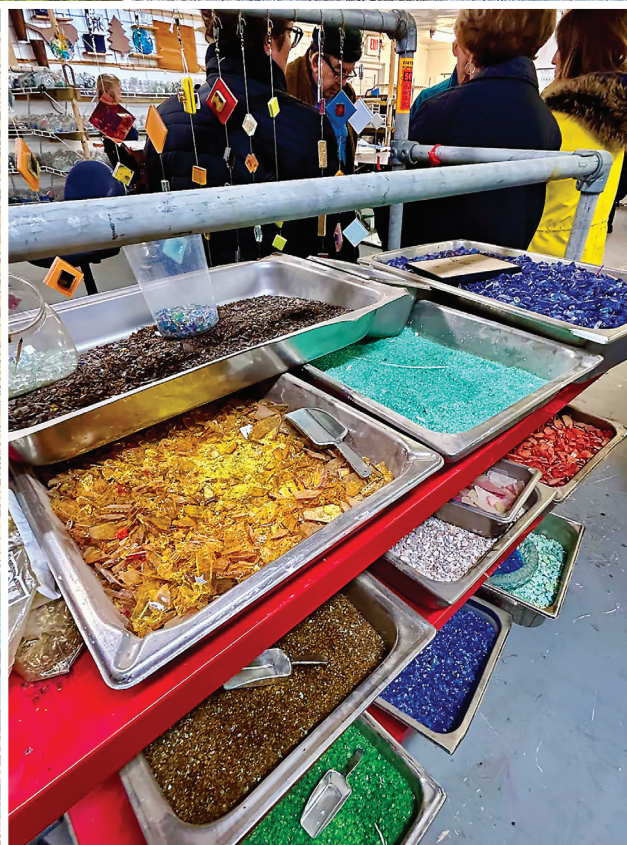
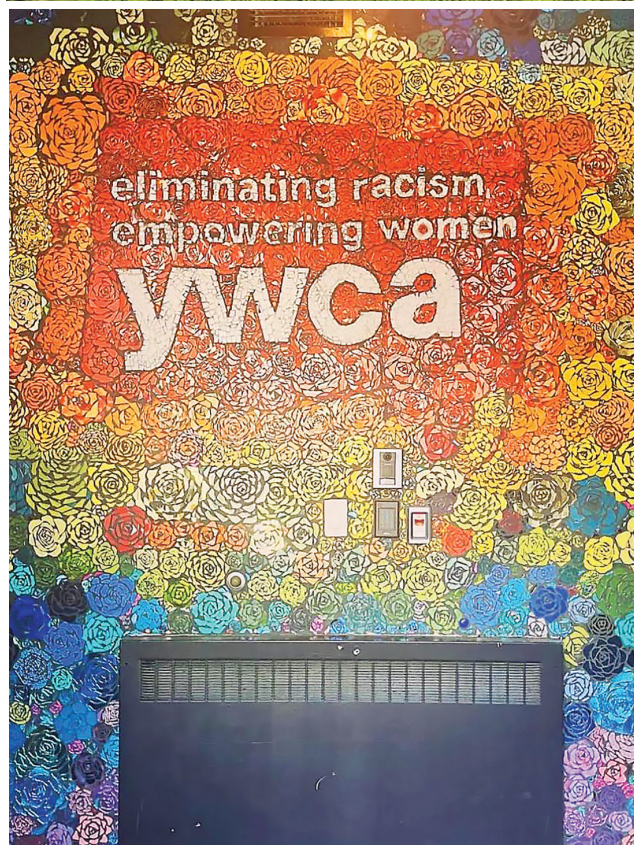
With its welcoming atmosphere, diverse offerings, and passionate leadership, Jablon Studios is not just a place to create—it's a place to belong.

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FUN FACTS

1. Throwing food away is illegal in Seattle.
2. Saturn is the only planet in our solar system that could float in water.
3. Tears contain a natural painkiller, which reduces pain and improves your mood.
4. The most venomous jellyfish in the world is the Irukandji.
5. A ridiculous amount of Nutella is sold every year. So much so, that it could cover The Great Wall of China 8 times, you could circle the world 1.8 times, and the amount weighs the same as the Empire State Building.
6. Each year, there are more than 40,000 toilet-related injuries in the US.
7. Strawberries can be red, yellow, green, or white.
8. The average person walks the equivalent of five times around the world in their lifetime.

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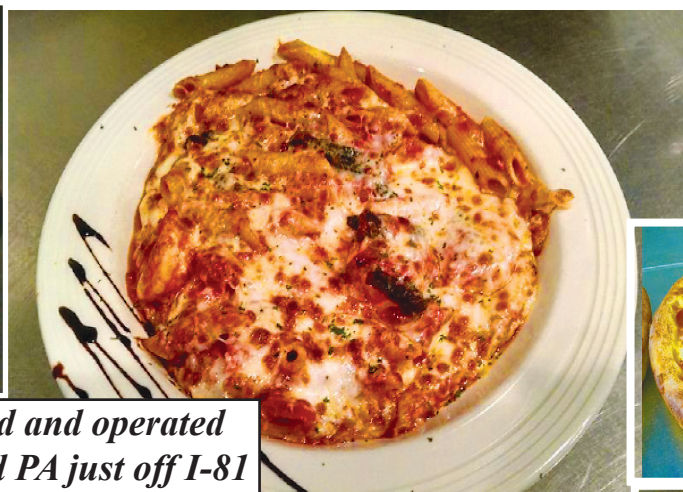
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