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VHS Students Named National Merit Scholarship Finalists



Vestal Elks Lodge Presents Check To Mrs. Wyse



Recap from last week:

Remington Wyse is a local 6th grade student at Ross Corners Christian Academy in Vestal, NY. He was diagnosed in February

with a brain tumor. He has made it through brain surgery, and now Remington faces the next battles: rehabilitation, radiation and chemotherapy.

Over the past several

weeks, Vestal Elks Lodge has been running 50/50's and many of our volunteer cooking crews have donated all their tips to support Remington. They have successfully donated \$2000!

Courtesy of the Vestal Central School District

Congratulations to these outstanding high school students who have been named National Merit Scholarship

Sua Choi, Takumi L. Guay, Orum Pettid, Jay R. Ratterree, Delphine Y. Zinkin-Fan

These Golden Bears were named as Semifinalists in September 2024 and have met all of the requirements to advance to finalist standing (out of around 16,000 Semifinalists) and will be considered for National Merit Scholarship Awards, which will be offered in 2025.

Vestal Alumnus Gives Presentation At VHS



Vestal graduate (Class of '77), author and professional speaker, John Perricone, gave a powerful presentation on "Developing Inner Strength" to the high school students today.

Mr. Perricone was a Health Educator and Psychology teacher in the Maine-Endwell School District for thirty-one years. His love and pas-

sion for teaching have made him the recipient of local, state, and national "Excellence in Teaching" awards, and he was the recipient of Maine-Endwell's Distinguished Teacher Award for twelve consecutive years since its inception. This award is voted on and presented by the Senior Class. He is a best-selling author and a nationally and internationally sought keynote speaker, having been invited to speak in all fifty states.

After 51 years of training, Mr. Perricone has received his 7th degree blackbelt -- the highest rank that world renowned Karate Master Hidy Ochiai has ever awarded in his 59 years of teaching.

Mr. Perricone remained at the high school after the school day ended to meet with any students who wished to speak with him.

We thank Mr. Perricone for coming out to the high school and for his continued dedication to Vestal CSD.



RESCUE OF THE WEEK

Birdie



Welcome Birdie to your home! She is a Female, Tiger, I Year Old, discovered on Burr Ave, hanging out with her fabulous sisters! She's got a quirky eye that just screams unique charm—think precious moments TM! Plus, she's a total cuddlebug and a playful little rascal, making her the perfect addition to any family looking for some extra love and laughter!

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!



Saturday, March 29th Winterguard Championships

Spring Photo Day- Clubs, 5th gr. caps & gowns

Tuesday, April 1st
>Picket For Vestal Teachers
4:30PM, Administrative Building
>BOE Meeting
6PM-8PM, ADM BOE Conference Room

Thursday, April 3rd

>Apalachin Lions Doug's Fish Fry
11AM- 6PM, Tractor Supply

>THE - 3rd Grade Recorder

7PM- 8:30PM, Tioga Hills Elementary

>Yin Yoga- Sign Up Online
6PM, VPL Meeting room

>Sound Bath- Sign Up Online
7PM, VPL Meeting Room

April 4th - April 5th VMS Musical 7PM- 9PM, African Rd. Auditorium

Sunday, April 6th Easter Bunny Photos 12PM- 3PM, Vestal Tractor Supply

Monday, April 7th
Read To A Therapy Dog
6PM- 7:30PM, VPL Youth Dept.

Tuesday, April 8th
Mad For Art- Painted Terracotta Pots
6PM- 7PM, VPL Meeting Room, Ages 16+

Wednesday, April 9th
>Tech Assistace- Off Site
10:30AM, Vestal Senior Center
>Pins & Needles: Knit And Crochet
6PM, VPL

Thursday, April 10th Yin Yoga- Sign Up Online 6PM, VPL Meeting room

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

VESTAL ATHLETICS CALENDAR

Saturday, March 29th
Girls JV Flag Football v. Horseheads
2PM, 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 >Girls Varsity Softball v. Corning 4:30PM, Corning Painted Post HS >Boys Varsity Baseball v. Corning 4:30PM, Corning Painted Post HS >Boys JV Lacrosse v. J.C. 7PM, Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

Wednesday, April 2nd
>Boys Varsity Lacrosse v. Liverpool
5PM, Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium
> Girls Varsity Flag Football v. Horseheads
7PM, Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

Thursday, April 3rd

>Girls Varsity Softball v. Horseheads
5PM, Horseheads Middle School

>Girls JV Softball v. Horseheads
5PM-7PM, VHS Softball Field

>Boys Varsity Baseball v. Horseheads
5PM, Horseheads HS Baseball Field

> Boys JV Baseball v. Horseheads
5PM-8PM, VHS Baseball Field

> Girls JV & Varsity Lacrosse v. Corning

Friday, April 4th
>Boys Varsity Lacrosse v. Binghamton
7:30PM, Alumni Stadium

JV: 5PM, Varsity: 7PM,

Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

> Boys Varsity Tennis v. U.E. 5PM- 7PM, Tioga Hills Tennis Courts

Monday, April 7th
Boys Varsity Baseball v. Ithaca
5PM, VHS Baseball Field

Tuesday, April 8th
Boys Varsity Lacrosse v. Horseheads
7:30PM, Vestal Dick Hoover Stadium

Wednesday, April 9th

>Girls Varsity Softball v. U.E.

5PM, Union Endicott HS Softball Field

> Boys Varsity Baseball v. Elmira

5PM, VHS Baseball Field

Thursday, April 10th



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Matthew Hendrickson, 32, homeless, arrested for Bail Jumping 3rd Degree for failing to appear in court on a scheduled court date or within 30 days thereafter.

Marie Tyler, 45, Johnson City, arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd Degree and Unlicensed Operator following a welfare check of a female who appeared to be sleeping at the wheel of her running vehicle.

Beth Harasta, 37, Endicott, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Aldi.

Marissa Hadlock, 21, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Logan Tribefilhart, 23, Binghamton, arrested for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 2nd Degree, license plate violation and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree for possessing Meth during a traffic stop.

Snehal Wadile, 27, Binghamton, arrested for Petit Larceny for shoplifting from Wal-Mart.

Scott Nejeschleba, 56, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Failure to Signal, Moved from Lane Unsafely and Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device after a traffic stop.

Isaac Smith, 26, Vestal, arrested for Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree for punching a wall and breaking eyeglasses during a domestic incident.

Jason Barriger, 42, Endicott, arrested for Endangering the Welfare of a Child for grabbing a child by the ankles and dragging him on his back.

Daniel Tomassini, 42, Vestal, arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Intoxicated-More than .08 BAC, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated-More than .18 BAC, and Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident after an investigation.

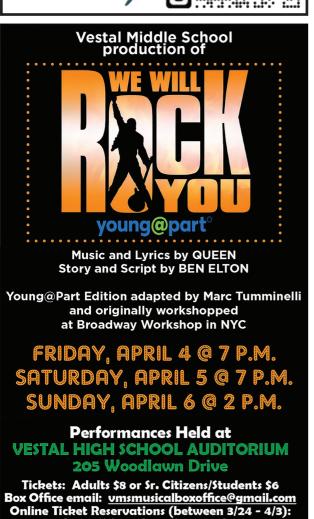
Dajinay Romero, 21, Binghamton, arrested for Harassment 2nd Degree and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child for punching the victim in the face with a closed fist in the presence of children during a domestic incident.

Tanies Douglas, 25, Johnson City, arrested for Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd Degree for interfering with the investigation of a domestic incident.

Keonna Whaley, 23, Binghamton, arrested for Assault 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th Degree, Menacing 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief 4th Degree, and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child for stabbing the victim in the leg with a knife, causing injury, and stabbing a tire on the victim's vehicle in the presence of children during a domestic incident.









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Vestal Town Crier

Recent Highlights From Vestal CSD

Tioga Hills fifth grade Golden Bears became scientists on March 20th. The Binghamton University chemistry program visited the school and guided the kids through scientific experiments. The experiment stations included the changing of the pH of colors with different liquid solutions, distinguishing between infrared light and natural light, thermal dynamics and more! Students collected data as they rotated through activity areas.

Glenwood fourth graders spent the morning of March 19th at Binghamton University, where they toured the art museum, fabrication and manufacturing laboratories, and public archaeology building. The students explored the "Monuments" exhibition and designed their own mini monument to be displayed in the art gallery. They also learned about 3D printing and learned about the work of archaeologists.

March 17th's performance by the Johnston School of Irish Dance at Glenwood Elementary was a fun way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Annual NYS Burn Ban

> March 16th -May 14th



Vestal Fire Department Respondeds To Two **Active Fires**

On 3/17/25 just after 10am, a call went for a kitchen fire on Marion street. While no pictures where taken at this scene, the fire was knocked down within 10 minutes of dispatch. We are glad to report that everyone got out safe. A big thanks to our 2nd alarm mutual aid companies- Endicott Fire Department, Endwell Fire and West Corners Fire for assisting with overhaul and covering the town. And as always, thank you Vestal Volunteer Emergency Squad, Inc. for always having our backs.

On 3/19/25 shortly after 4pm, a brush fire was reported about 3/4 of a mile east of rt.26 on Meeker Rd. on arrival, crews found a surface fire quickly spreading. Mutual aid tankers and brush trucks where requested to help control the fire. In all, about 5.5 acres where burned. Once again, thanks to West Corners Fire, Endwell Fire, Apalachin Fire Department, Town of Binghamton fire dept. and Vestal Volunteer Emergency Squad, Inc. for sending crews to help. Also a huge shoutout to the VFD auxiliary and Funky Beez for providing refreshments!! Thank you Jean Stout and Rebecca Smith, our department photographers, and everyone else who sent in pictures!



Vestal Central School District Board Of Education Regular Meeting Agenda

NEWSPAPER EDITED, Tuesday, March 18

- 1. Opening Items
- A. Meeting Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Reports Student Gov't Representative
- A. Student Government Update
- 3. Executive Session
- A. Move to adjourn into anticipated Executive Session for approval of CPSE and CSE recommendations, as well as an update on AVSP negotiations
- A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2025
 - 5. Public Comment on Agenda Items
 - A. Public Comment Period

A. General Comments B. Liaison Reports

6. Reports - Board President

- 7. Reports Superintendent
- A. Construction Update
- B. Odyssey of the Mind
- C. "Emerald Fire" Winterguard Home Show
- D. Instructional Programming
- E. Budget Update
- 8. Matters of New Business
- A. Acceptance of Schedules A, B, & C Financials (February) and Schedule F - Travel & Conference
- B. Approval of Schedule P Personnel
- C. Appointment of Deputy Treasurer
- D. IDEA Flow-Through Fund Agreements 2024-25
- E. Jostens Yearbook Agreement VMS
- F. Refund from Tax Certiorari Reserve English, Daniel
- G. Refund from Tax Certiorari Reserve Samuel & Singh
- H. Extended Field Trip Senior Class Trip
- I. Acceptance of Donation Mary Harrison
- J. Declaration of Obsolete Equipment Maintenance
- K. WALK-IN: Approval of Student Teaching Internships
- 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 April 1, 2025 6:00 pm, Admin Building, 201 Main Street, Vestal
- B. Regular Meeting WEDNESDAY April 16, 2025 6:00 pm, Admin Building, 201 Main Street, Vestal
 - 11. Adjournment
 - A. Move to Adjourn

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Tioga Hills Elementary 5th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game

This year's Tioga Hills Elementary 5th grade vs. staff volleyball game was awesome! The staff continued their streak of victory even though it was one of the closest games in a long time. This game was extra special as Mrs. Crimmins, Principal played against her daughter Cassie and Officer Talbut played against his son Keegan. Great job 5th graders!



















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Regular Meeting Minutes of the Vestal Town Board

Continued From Last Week, NEWSPAPER EDITED, March 12

11. PLANNING & ZONING (GREENE/Messina)

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

Authorization to Sign Consulting Agreement No. 2 with Bergmann Associates

Request from Vern Myers, Town Engineer, for the Town Supervisor to sign Supplemental Consulting Agreement No. 2 with Bergmann Associates regarding Vestal Rail Trail Phase 3. Under this agreement, Bergmann Associates will provide construction phase services per NYSDOT requirements for this project. Federal funding is covering 80% of the cost. Bergmann Associates' fee of \$330,000.00, is within the prior approved project funding limits.

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

Authorization to Award Contract to Hunt Engineers for Asbestos Assessment

Request from Vern Myers, Town Engineer to award the contract with Hunt Engineers, to provide asbestos assessment of the Town Hall facility to address NYSDOL violation.

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

Approval to Form Ad Hoc Committee for Solar Law

Resolution to form an ad hoc committee for the purpose of preparing a report to the Town Board with recommended changes to the Town of Vestal Solar Law.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA/Greene) 13. ADMINISTRATION (GREENE/Messina)

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

Authorization to Advertise of Local Law B of 2025

Authorization to advertise on March 19, 2025 for a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. The public hearing is for proposed Local Law "B" of 2025: Increasing the income threshold for the Senior Exemption and excluding tax exempt Social Security and out of pocket medical expenses from the income calculation, under RPTL section 467.

RECEIVE AND FILE:

- Warrants:2025 10A, 10C, 10G, 10P
- Change of Tenant 1500 Vestal Parkway East
- Town Clerk's February Monthly Report
- Liquor License for 3701 Vestal Parkway East

14. PETITIONS & PROTESTS 15. OLD BUSINESS 16. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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
- Vestal Youth Police Academy will be held Monday through Friday, July 7th-11th for Middle School Students and July 14th-25th for High School Students.

For an application, please contact SRO Tuetken at Mtuetken@vestalny.gov or call 607-221-5493. All school districts are welcome.

• 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

Councilman Greene stated that a burn ban is in effect March 16th - May 14th.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Member of the public spoke requesting his assessment be lowered and is asking the Town Board to do something about it

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Greene the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Approved by Debra Wallace, Town Clerk

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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.

WE APPRECIATE ALL STORY TIPS AS WELL EMAIL TO: News@TiersNews.com

Apalachin Spring Highway Clean Up

Would you like to HELP?



The Apalachin Lions are looking for help with the cleanup of Rt 434 on Saturday Apil 26th at 9 AM.

The cleanup crew will meet at BEAM ELECTRONICS next Dunkin Donuts on Rt 434. The amount of time normally

spent is approximately 2 hours to pick up and bag trash along a designated three-mile stretch of Rt 434 in Apalachin. Please bring work gloves and dress for the weather; all clean up supplies will be furnished.

For more information or questions please call Lion Paul Huonker at 625-2727.

Contact Person: Lion Terry White 625-4498

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







Picket In Support Of Vestal Teachers!



April 1st, 4:30PM at the Administrative Building ADULTS ONLY FOR SAFETY PLEASE

Bring signs saying you're a community member and/ or parent and joint in, drop off snacks/drinks for those picketing, or just drive by and honk in support if you can't join in!

This will be right before the Vestal School Board meeting that starts at 6pm.

The Vestal School District
Softball Program is hosting a:

VESTAL KIDS NIGHT OUT EVENT

WHEN: Friday, March 28th from 6-9pm

WHERE: Vestal High School

COST: \$25 for one child, \$40 for two children, and \$15 for each additional child, for ages 5-12 (pay at door when you drop off your child)

FOOD: Slice of pizza and drink included. A concession stand will be available to buy additional food/drinks (upon check in parents can leave \$ in a locked cash box for their child)

WHAT: Home Run Derby, Scavenger Hunt, Cornhole, Karaoke, Face Painting, Wall Ball, Challenge Activities, Tug-a-war, Basketball, Jump Rope and Hula Hoop Contest, Relay Races, Card Games, Limbo, Wiffle Ball, TikTok's, Dodgeball, Radar gun challenge Arts & Crafts, and board games

Email to SIGN-UP BY MARCH 21ST Provide name(s), grade, and contact info.

vestalsoftballdiamondcommittee@gmail.com





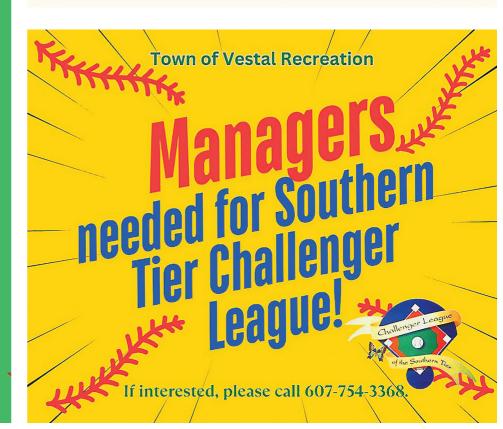
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