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Robotics Team member Lana Friess shows her phone with the "Veazie Moves" app that received the Global Innovation Award.



Brian Sullivan of WABI-TV interviews Lana Friess and Rachel Wheelden of the VCS Robotics Team.

Veazie Town Meeting and Municipal Election set for June 8

Tuesday, June 8, will be a busy day in Veazie.

It's Election Day for Municipal officers, School Committee members, and Sewer District trustees.

Voting will take place in the Council Chambers. The polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Also on June 8, the Veazie Town Council will hold a regular council meeting at 7 p.m. at the Veazie Community School, followed by the Annual Town Meeting at 8 p.m., where citizens will vote on the municipal and school budgets for 2021-22, along with other items on the town meeting warrant (see pp. 14-15).

One candidate, Christopher Bagley, is running for one vacancy on the Town Council. He is running for re-election to a 3-year term.

Three candidates are running for the School Committee. Wilhelm "Alex" Friess and William Reed are running for 3-year terms, and Karpagavalli Vel is running for a 2 year term. All three are currently members of the School Committee.

The only contested election is for Sewer District Trustee, where Anthony Michaud and Matthew Miller are running for one vacancy with a 3-year term to replace Jim Parker, who is retiring from the Board of Trustees (see p. 3).

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office. They must be picked up by Thursday, June 3, although they may be requested later under special circumstances. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8.

VCS Robotics Team scores record win at state meet

Congratulations to the Veazie Viking Robotics Team for winning the Global Innovation Award and having the highest scoring robot at this year's First LEGO League State Championship competition!

The team won the Robot Performance Competition with a score of 455 points, which is an absolutely amazing total for FFL competition.

"It's the highest score anyone around here has heard of," said VCS Principal and Superintendent Matt Cyr.

The team included four 8th graders, Lana Friess, Rachel Wheeldon and Olivia Buswell; one 7th grader, Sam Wardrop; and six 6th graders, Surya Vel, Patrick Carlisle, Manyuh Nepal, Aiden Taylor, Seth Rollins, Colton Webber.

Brian Gonyar, Middle School teacher at VCS, was the robotics advisor.

Mr. Cyr said the team members started working on the robot last fall and spent many afternoons, evenings, and weekends designing and programming the robot.



The Veazie Viking Robotics Team—Front row (l. to r.): Rachel Wheelden, Lana Friess, Olivia Buswell, and Duncan Carlisle. Back row: Sam Wardrop, Aiden Taylor, Manyuh Nepal, Surya Vel, Patrick Carlisle, Seth Rollins, and Coach Brian Gonyar.

"The robot may not look like much more than a toy running back and forth on a board pushing Legos around, but the competition involved hours and hours of program-

ming, along with many additional hours of trial and error," he said.

In addition to winning the robot performance competition, the team

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Bridge 3684 to be renamed in honor of Army Specialist Hayward Spencer, Veazie's only Vietnam War casualty

Citizens of Veazie are invited to attend the dedication of Bridge 3684 on Main Street, which will be named the Hayward Carl Spencer Memorial Bridge in honor of Army Specialist Hayward Spencer, who was the only casualty of the Vietnam War from the Town of Veazie.

The ceremony will be held on July 19, 2021 at 11 a.m. The bridge is currently known as the County Road Crossing Bridge.

The resolution renaming the bridge was approved by the Maine Legislature and signed by Gov. Mills on March 17, 2021. It was contained in H.P. 416 - L.D. 571.

The resolution was sponsored by Rep. Peter Lyford of Eddington, who represents House District 129, which

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Bridge 3684 on Main Street, currently known as the County Road Crossing Bridge, will be renamed the Hayward Carl Spencer Memorial Bridge, in honor of the only Vietnam War casualty from the Town of Veazie.

Town Manager's message:

Municipal and School Department budgets, road projects, Town Meeting June 8

As I write this article the weather outside is beautiful and I feel comfortable in saying I see a light



Mark Leonard

at the end of the tunnel from this pandemic which has turned the world as we knew it upside down. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for doing your part to

keep our community and your families safe and helping us get to this point.

As in years past, I'm confident both the Municipal and School Department budgets were constructed with the future in mind. We started the budget process early and worked in coordination with the School to have a completed budget to be presented to the Budget Committee and ultimately to the Council and then finally for presentation at the Town Meeting. By working together as a team, and under the guidance of the Council, I am happy to report we are projecting a .25 cent reduction in the mill rate. All of this being completed with no loss of services for any departments. This is something everyone who prepared the budget should be

proud of, as a reduction in a mill rate is commonly unheard of, and one of this size is even more unheard of.

As a reminder, last year we only completed one major road project. This was done because of the economic uncertainties. Although we are still uncertain what the future holds the Council chose to take a more aggressive step towards road projects this year. The following roads will receive pavement work this year: Sunset Drive (Final Surface), Eagle View Drive (Shim/ Overlay), Shore Road (Shim/ Overlay), Thompson Road Extension (Shim/Overlay), E. Sunset and Chickadee Lane (Shim/ Overlay), Flagg Street from Olive St. to Graham Senior Housing entrance (Shim/ Overlay). These projects total approximately \$175,000.00. Looking forward to next year, I will be proposing extensive work on Thompson Road which was supposed to occur this year but because of logistics outside the Towns control it isn't able to be completed.

I urge each of you to attend the Town Meeting scheduled for June 8th, 2021, at 8 p.m. at the school. I assure you we will have a plan in place to ensure everyone's safety. This is true for coming to the Town

Office to vote on June 8th for the many candidates running for different offices. The Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., but if you are uncomfortable with coming to the Office to cast your vote, you may request an absentee ballot. Your vote will be counted the same as if you voted in person.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the 2021 graduating class of the Veazie Community School. I look forward to watching each of you continue to grow as you transition into high school and beyond.

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Finally, I always want to remind all citizens about the text message and/or email notification service we offer. Please go to the town's website to sign up for these important notification services or contact the town office and we will sign you up. These are additional ways we can effectively communicate with you. As always if you have any concerns, comments or suggestions do not hesitate to contact me at 947-2781 or via email mleonard@veazie.net.

I wish you a happy and healthy summer.



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Budget message:

Municipal, School budgets approved unanimously by Council, Budget Committee

First, I hope you and your loved ones are healthy as we continued to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. I remain positive that better days are ahead but it has made it challenging to prepare the FY2021-2022 budget.

Much like years prior, we started the process early. Supt. Cyr and I remain fiscally responsible while preparing the budget and are certain we have met the directive of the Council which was presented to us at the February 8th Council meeting.

On April 12, 2021, the budgets were presented to the Council for

review and to approve the figures for the public hearing which was held on May 10.

Prior to the meeting you were provided with a copy of the final proposed budgets for both the Municipal and School Departments which had been previously approved by the Budget Committee. Included in the packet were summary sheets for both proposed budgets.

The Municipal Budget shows an increase of \$82,917.00 and the School Budget shows an increase of \$71,896.53 from monies requested in FY 20/21.

All Departments met with

the Budget Committee and upon completion of those meetings, the following budgets were approved unanimously by both the Budget Committee and then by you.

In closing, with the budget and the projected revenues as presented, Assessor Birch and I project the mil rate will be 0.01810. This projection is based on receiving

the amount of Revenue Sharing the State of Maine projected. I feel confident all departments have prepared budgets with the directives you provided early in the process. In closing, I believe we were able to achieve this by hard work and dedication from all involved in crafting this and prior year budgets.

Proposed Municipal Expenses:

Department	Budget	Increase(Decrease)
Executive	280,500.00	(37,463.00)
Police	317,520.00	(14,840.00)
Fire	208,860.00	(21,685.00)
Benefits	262,665.00	76,665.00
Community Investment	42,600.00	0.00
Capital	281,500.00	30,000.00
Reserve	73,500.00	0.00
Fixed Cost	526,600.00	29,000.00
Mandatory	1,747,004.00	30,161.00
Education	3,265,083.00	8,911.00
Total Proposed Expenses:	7,005,832.00	82,917.00

Proposed Municipal Revenue:

Description	Budget	Increase(Decrease)
Municipal Revenue	323,144.00	86,787.00
Other Revenue	580,700.00	0.00
RE Tax Commitment**	3,281,901.00	25,880.00
PP Tax Commitment**	2,674,759.00	(13,250.00)
Homestead Reimbursement**	144,821.00	1,398.00
BETE**	507.00	(17,898.00)
Total Proposed Revenues:	7,005,832.00	82,917.00

**Place holder only. Number will not be finalized until taxes are committed.

Proposed School Budget:

Description	Budget	Increase(Decrease)
Regular Instruction	2,241,816.39	(91,104.51)
Special Ed Instruction	1,129,583.11	110,494.55
CTE Instruction	-	-
Other Instruction	42,356.74	328.55
Student and Staff Support	256,088.08	17,446.93
System Administration	148,630.32	2,892.51
School Administration	152,777.08	8,160.50
Transportation	194,525.00	55,475.00
Facilities Management	435,876.13	8,203.00
Debt Service	-	-
Other (School lunch)	0.00	(40,000.00)
Total Proposed Expenses:	4,601,652.85	71,896.53

Proposed School Revenue:

Description	Budget	Increase(Decrease)
State Allocation	1,033,325.98	177,563.75
State Debt Service	-	-
State Agency Client Reimburs	144,867.50	144,867.50
Prior Year Balance	200,000.00	(200,000.00)
Local Allocation	1,896,263.33	(15,675.33)
Local w/o State Participation	1,327,196.04	(34,859.39)
Total Proposed Revenues:	4,601,652.85	71,896.53

Additional Local Not in State Funding

Food Service	40,000.00	40,000.00
Adult Ed	1,622.87	1,622.87
	41,622.87	41,622.87
Total local Share:	3,265,082.24	(8,911.85)

Jim Parker retires after almost 50 years working with Veazie Sewer District, including 9 years as trustee

Jim Parker, who has been working with the Veazie Sewer District for close to 50 years, will no longer be a member of the Sewer District Board of Trustees after his term expires in June.

Jim has been a trustee for nine years and currently serves as treasurer.

Trustees are elected for three-year terms, and Jim says he doesn't plan to seek another term.

"I'm 73 years old; I'd rather give someone else the opportunity," he said.

He added that he feels that the Sewer District is in good shape.

"They have good trustees and a couple of good candidates," he said. "They have a good superintendent and assistant, a part-time accountant and bookkeeper who manages

the office, and a very capable staff. I'm comfortable stepping away."

Jim is a retired civil engineer. He started working for Sewall Co. in 1971 and in 1978 formed CES Inc. in Brewer with another civil engineer.

His "retirement" began in 2009, when he and the other principal sold their interest in CES to three senior people in the firm.

Jim was elected to the Maine State Legislature in 2010, serving as State Representative for District 18 in the 125th Legislature, where he was a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the Special Select Committee for Regulatory Fairness and Reform.

He was appointed to the state Board of Environmental Protection by Governor Paul R. LePage in June 2013 and appointed to a second term in May 2017. He served as Chair from December 2014 to March 2019.

Jim's term runs out in June. Board members who serve two terms have to wait a year before they are eligible for another term.

Jim's affiliation with the Veazie Sewer District dates back to 1971,



Jim Parker

when he graduated from the University of Maine and went to work for Sewall Co. His initial assignment was to serve as the consulting engineer in Veazie.

When Jim formed CES, the sewer district approached him and asked CES to be its consultant.

"I've worked as a consulting engineer for the Veazie Sewer District for my entire career until my retirement in 2009," he said.

Jim has lived in Veazie since 1972, initially on Highview Terrace and currently on Silver Ridge.

"When I first moved into town, I didn't just do their engineering work," he recalls. "When a sewer plugged up, I used to go help the crew clean things out. I wasn't being paid for that—I just volunteered."

Jim has also served as a trustee of the Orono-Veazie Water District for 35 years—seven five-year terms—from 1977 to 2012.

In addition to his engineering work, Jim operates a 33' downeast lobster boat, the *Susan Jane*, running charters out of Milbridge for whales, puffins, and pleasure trips, and also working as a commercial lobster and ground fisherman.



Jim's 33-foot lobster/charter boat, "Susan Jane," named after his wife.

"I still fish for lobsters, but these days I'm more interested in charters and pleasure trips," he says.

Jim works with Robertson Sea Adventures, which maintains a website.

People interested in chartering the *Susan Jane*, which is licensed for six passengers, can call Jim at 944-3258.

Jim and his wife Susan have been married for 54 years. They have three sons and 12 grandchildren.

The youngest son, Jonathan, lives in Orono and runs Black Bear Lawn Care. Jeff, a pharmacist, lives in Holden and manages all of the Osco pharmacies in New England. Mike, the oldest, lives in Northport and works for Bank of America.

Upcoming Holidays and Council Meetings

May 31 Memorial Day, Town office closed

June 8 Municipal Election,
Council Chambers, 8 am - 8 pm.

Council Meeting,
Veazie Community School, 7 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting.
Veazie Community School, 8 p.m.

July 5 Independence Day; Town office closed



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Superintendent's message:

A busy summer ahead at Veazie Community School

End of Year Update:

State MEA testing for Math, Reading and Science has gone smoothly—we are proud of the effort and pride our students place in their individual growth as measured by these important assessments.

We have been screening incoming Kindergarten students (Pre-K will be screened in the fall--there are still openings in Pre-K!).



Matt Cyr

Classroom teachers are preparing for a mini step-up day for students to meet next year's teachers. Mrs. Dorrity is working with 6th and 7th graders to plan a field day on the last day of school for students in PK - 5 (note: grade 8 will not be in school on the last day, as they will have graduated the night before).

Speaking of 8th grade, this fine group of students will be going on a class trip, and on that same day (June 10), graduate from VCS! Following this year's 8th grade graduation will be a community parade to celebrate VCS's graduates, along with staff who are able to participate (see map elsewhere on this page).

Vaccination Clinic:

VCS held a vaccination clinic for staff in early spring, and most recently held a clinic for current resident students ages 12 and older. Both clinics had high participation rates which will be critical in addressing how we combat the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to thank the staff of Penobscot Community Health Care (PCHC) for running our clinics.

Federal Food Service Program:

The federal government announced this winter that the current national nutrition program will be extended for all of the next school year. This means that all VCS students will receive free breakfast and lunch throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Please still complete the Free/Reduced Lunch Application that goes home next fall at registration time. As explained in my budget summary, this greatly helps our school's ability to receive state and federal funding.

Summer Learning:

Veazie Community School will be hosting two summer learning experiences. The Extended School Year (ESY) program will specifically target students receiving special education services. We are also offering a Summer Enrichment Program, which is available for all students currently enrolled in grades K-8.

Both the ESY and Summer Enrichment Program will run every Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday from 8:30 - 11:30: June 29 - July 29. VCS will provide bus transportation for those who request it. All participants will receive free breakfast and lunch on days they are present.

In addition to targeted interventions, students will experience drop-in guest speakers, and work in our school garden to help plant and cultivate vegetables for next fall's lunch program. Contact VCS Special Education Director Debrajean Scheibel (dscheibel@veaziecs.org) with ESY questions; and Mr. Arell (marell@veaziecs.org) with Summer Enrichment questions.

Staffing Changes:

VCS will be losing two dedicated staff members to retirement.

After 42 years of teaching in Veazie (43 years total), Mrs. Susan Logan announced her retirement after the end of this school year.

Mrs. Logan has spent the majority of career teaching at the primary level, with specialized focus in the area of literacy intervention (Reading Recovery). She is excited about spending more time with her grandchildren!

After 23 years of teaching in Veazie, Mrs. Diane Smart announced her retirement effective September 30, 2021. Mrs. Smart has taught in Veazie for 23 years at the primary and intermediate levels and also looks forward to spending time with family.

Mrs. Smart will return in the fall for the month of September and assist our school's implementation of Ci3T—a Multi-Tiered System of Support.

VCS will be hiring a new Grade 3 teacher to start the school year next fall.

Summer Projects:

Several projects will be completed over the summer to improve the overall safety of our school. If you recall, last year VCS was awarded a School Revolving Renovation Fund (SRRF) grant to replace the cafeteria patio. Due to COVID, we were not able to complete this project last summer.

The new patio will solve the drainage and safety issues, and provide a safe outdoor learning/eating area.



The skylights over the primary and intermediate common areas have exceeded their life expectancy despite several efforts to extend their lives. During last fall's driving rains and winds, what were once slow leaks expanded to a real problem.

These skylights were on our capital improvement plan, so it was not a surprise for the School Committee when the decision was made to replace them this summer. I have recommended that we use capital reserve roof repair funds for this project so there will not be direct impact to the FY22 budget.

Finally, the floor tiles and classroom carpets will be replaced this summer. Also on our capital improvement plan, our flooring has more than 23 years of use, and it shows. Many classroom carpets have worn so thin that threading is exposed. Floor tiles have become brittle, and while Smitty has given his best effort at replacing broken tiles individually, the amount of time involved in this process is not feasible to continue.

We are excited to give our school's busy hallways and class-

rooms a fresh new look.

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That old song "School's Out for Summer" certainly doesn't apply to VCS! While the 20-21 school year may be coming to an end, projects and learning programs will very shortly start right back up!

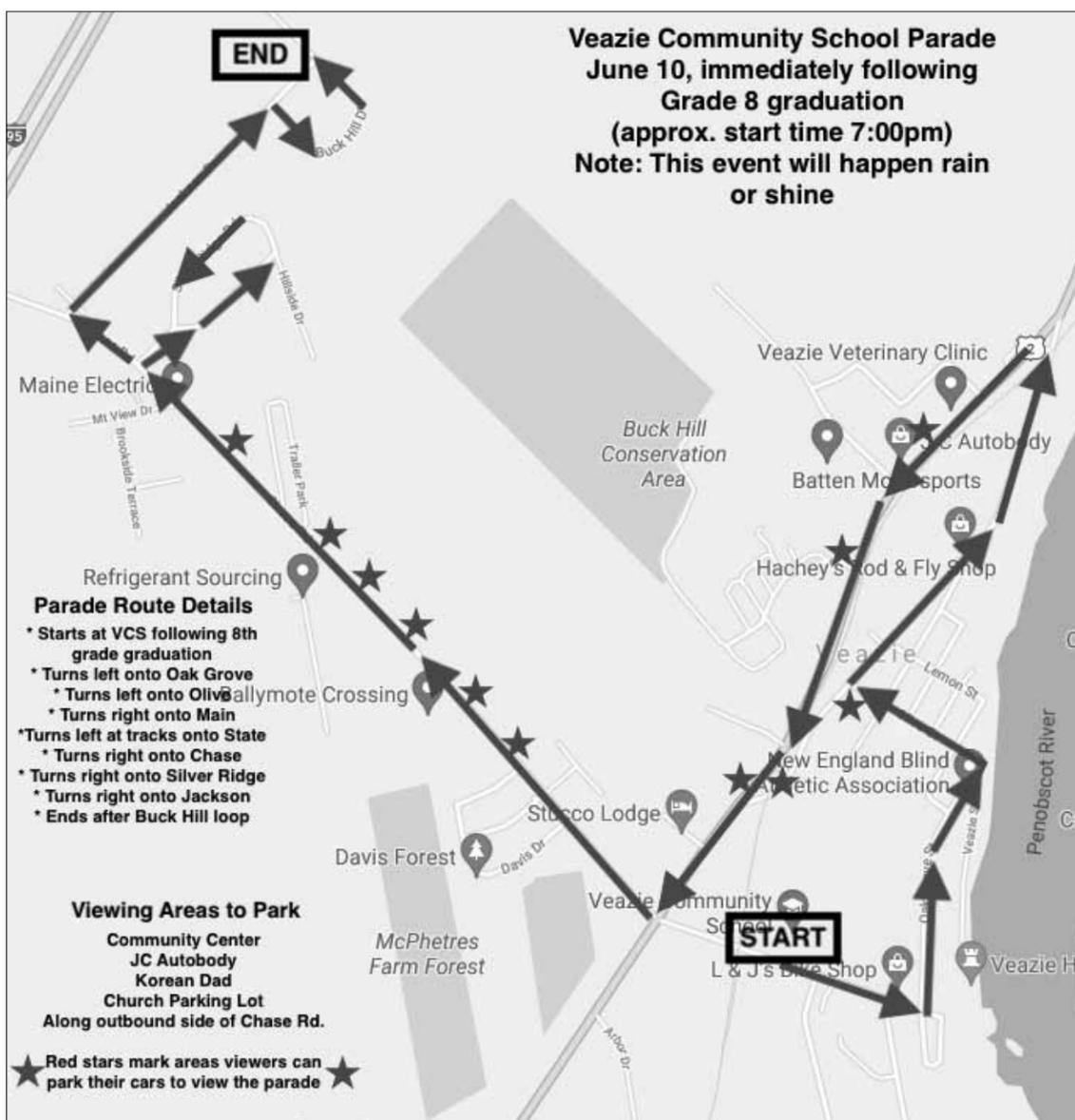
I could take up the next 4 pages of this newspaper talking about the past school year. The amount of change our school and community experienced is mind boggling. Challenges seemed insurmountable at times, but our students, staff and families faced the adversity head-on.

I am proud of our school and community for all we have accomplished over the course of this pandemic. I think we are all looking forward to the light at the end of the tunnel!

Enjoy your summer!

Respectfully,

Matthew D. Cyr
Superintendent of Schools
and Principal
Veazie Community School



FY22 School Budget: reduced local contribution, thanks to increased enrollment

FY22 budget development began early last summer when state revenue projections did not match-up with previously forecasted figures. This dark cloud set the stage for an ultra-conservative school year.

We also very quickly recognized that in order to safely start the school year, we were going to need significantly more staffing and resources than what we had budgeted. We were very fortunate to receive federal grants to help pay for additional staff, purchase PPE, and provide resources for us to conduct significantly more outside learning than we ever had before. We will continue to require these federal funds next fall and beyond, but must also be mindful to not create a financial cliff as they do expire in two years.

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The school committee has recognized that despite being in a pandemic, we must continue to be mindful of short and long term goals so that we do not try to solve problems today by creating challenges for tomorrow.

At a time when many area districts saw enrollment declines, VCS actually grew for the 4th consecutive year—this was HUGE in the development of our FY22 budget. Most school systems in Maine saw significant enrollment declines directly related to the pandemic. Here is an oversimplified explanation of how the funding formula works:

There are some simple multipliers that make a big difference: students and student needs.

- The more students you have, the more money you receive.
- The more special needs those students may require (such as Special Education, English Language Learning, or Free & Reduced Lunch Status), the more money a school receives.

The challenge is the money is always one year-later than the actual need. (For example, the “enrollment snapshot” taken on October 1, 2020 are the figures used by the DOE to calculate how much money a school receives for the 2021-2022 school year.)

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On the expenditure side of budget development, we created savings in Article 1, the single largest cost center in the school budget. This was ac-

complished by a reduction in high school tuition needs and the elimination of ½ of a teaching position (½ of the position vacated through retirement).

Article 2 (Special Education) increased due to costs associated with specialized student services.

Article 5 saw a slight increase to support the technology needs of our students and school.

More than 100% of the increase in Article 7 was due to increased copier/paper usage stemming from the pandemic.

Article 8 increases were because of increased need for specialized transportation for out of district placements.

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Article 11 is a bit confusing. Articles 1 - 11 are articles that are calculated in the state funding

formula (ED279--our ‘State Allocation’). Food Service was previously part of that calculation, but is no longer.

Now that food service is not in the state calculations, Veazie needs to raise these additional funds separately (just as we do with Adult Ed). The \$40,000 that we previously had in article 11 has to be moved to additional local funds being raised to support our budget.

Note: Veazie (like most small schools) has to do this because we do not generate enough revenue in our food service program to appropriately fund the costs associated with operational costs.

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The final figures: VCS operating cost increased by 1.59%, or \$71,896.53; however, our revenues (which include State allocation and

State Agency Client Reimbursement, Food Service and Adult Ed) exceed our operational costs resulting in an actual reduction in local contribution (VCS is requesting \$8,911.85 less than last year). All of this was accomplished while also significantly reducing our reliance on the fund balance (Prior Year Balance) which will serve us well in future budget years. I want to thank the School Committee, Budget Committee, Town Council, and Manager Mark Leonard for their support and collaboration throughout this budget development process.

Matthew D. Cyr
Superintendent/Principal
Veazie Community School

“Small School, BIG Heart!”

Veazie School Department FY22 Proposed Budget

	FY21	FY22 Proposed	\$ inc/(dec)	% inc/(dec)
Expenditures Covered By State Funding:				
Article 1 - Regular Instruction	\$2,332,920.90	\$2,241,816.39	-\$91,104.51	-3.91%
Article 2 - Special Ed. Instruction	\$1,019,088.56	\$1,129,583.11	\$110,494.55	10.84%
Article 3 - CTE Instruction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Article 4 - Other Instruction	\$42,028.19	\$42,356.74	\$328.55	0.78%
Article 5 - Student & Staff Support	\$238,641.15	\$256,088.08	\$17,446.93	7.31%
Article 6 - System Administration	\$145,737.81	\$148,630.32	\$2,892.51	1.98%
Article 7 - School Administration	\$144,616.58	\$152,777.08	\$8,160.50	5.64%
Article 8 - Transportation	\$139,050.00	\$194,525.00	\$55,475.00	39.90%
Article 9 - Facilities Management	\$427,673.13	\$435,876.13	\$8,203.00	1.92%
Article 10 - Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Article 11 - Other (School Lunch)	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	-\$40,000.00	-100.00%
Total Expenses Covered by State Funding:	\$4,529,756.32	\$4,601,652.85	\$71,896.53	1.59%
Revenues for Items Covered by State Funding:				
State Allocation	\$855,762.23	\$1,033,325.98	\$177,563.75	20.75%
State Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
State Agency Client Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$144,867.50	\$144,867.50	100.00%
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00	-\$200,000.00	-50.00%
Local Allocation	\$1,911,938.66	\$1,896,263.33	-\$15,675.33	-0.82%
Local w/o State participation	\$1,362,055.43	\$1,327,196.04	-\$34,859.39	-2.56%
Total Revenues for items in State Funding:	\$4,529,756.32	\$4,601,652.85	\$71,896.53	1.59%
Additional Local Funds needed for expenses not in State Funding:				
Food Service	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	100.00%
Adult Ed	\$0.00	\$1,622.87	\$1,622.87	100.00%

SUMMARY:

Grand Total Expenditures:	\$4,529,756.32	\$4,643,275.72	\$113,519.40	2.51%
Total State Revenue:	\$855,762.23	\$1,178,193.48	\$322,431.25	37.68%
Total From Prior Year Fund Balance:	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00	-\$200,000.00	-50.00%
Total Local Revenue:	\$3,273,994.09	\$3,265,082.24	-\$8,911.85	-0.27%
Grand Total Revenue:	\$4,529,756.32	\$4,643,275.72	\$113,519.40	2.51%



Changsu "Kris" Lee, owner of the Korean Dad restaurant in Veazie.



Korean Dad (above) is located in the former Stone Sparrow Cafe building at 1492 State St. in Veazie.

New restaurant on State Street offers only Korean menu north of Portland

After making kimchi, bulgogi and other Korean dishes for family and friends in Maine for several decades, Changsu Kristopher Lee has opened a new restaurant, Korean Dad, in the former Stone Sparrow Cafe building at 1492 State Street in Veazie.

Changsu, who also goes by Kris, will continue to be a full-time faculty member at Eastern Maine Community College, but he's excited about his new venture.

"Cooking is a passion of mine," he says. "I've been thinking about this for a long time. I've never cooked professionally—mostly for family and friends, but they've liked my food."

Changsu says his mom was a good cook—his family still lives in South Korea, outside of Seoul—and he'd frequently call her to ask how to make Korean dishes.

"She'd say a little bit of this, a little bit of that," he says. "Over the years, I've tweaked her directions here and there, and I'm finally close to cooking what she used to make for us. I still don't have a recipe, but I've found the formula."

Changsu says Korean Dad is a small restaurant with a cozy, peaceful environment.

"I want to be able to know my customers by their first name down the road," he says.



He says there aren't a lot of menu items to start with, but they include such Korean favorites as:

- Kimchi—fermented napa cabbage with various seasonings, gochugaru (chili powder), spring onions, garlic, ginger, and jeotgal.
- Bulgogi—grilled, marinated beef in soy sauce—a signature menu item in Korean cooking.
- Bibimbap—rice with mixed vegetables and gochujang sauce.
- Japchae—gluten-free sweet potato noodles with different vegetables and toppings,

Jim Parker



Bulgogi (top) with a bowl of kimchi (bottom right) and a bowl of rice.



DUBU BUCHIM—Dad enjoys a vegan-friendly dish that he is excited to share with you all! Dubu Buchim is pan fried tofu sizzled with soy sauce. It has a meaty texture with an abundance of protein, best enjoyed with kimchi, ssamjang (gochujang + soybean paste), a touch of scrumptious garlic, and warm rice...all wrapped in fresh green lettuce!



HAEMULPAJEON (seafood pancake) is best enjoyed with Dad's secret sauce. We can't wait to tell our fellow Mainers what that is soon! We CAN say that haemul-pajeon consists of seafood and scallions, complemented best by an ice cold beer on a Friday night. Who wants to come to dinner?

• Dubu Buchim—pan fried tofu sizzled with soy sauce and served with garlic and warm rice wrapped in fresh green lettuce.

• Haemulpajeon—a seafood pancake with scallions.

Changsu says Korean Dad will have daily specials, and everything will be homemade.

He says it will be the only Korean restaurant north of Portland, except for a food shack that operates once a month at a farmer's market in Belfast.

"I realized that sometimes I miss a nice Korean dish cooked by someone else," he says. "If I wanted that I had to go to Portland or Boston. I figured that if I can't do that every weekend, maybe I'll do the cooking myself."

Changsu, who has lived in Bangor since 2003, came to the U.S. in 1994 after completing his military service in South Korea in the Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command.

Inspired by American friends he'd made, he decided that he wanted to move to the U.S. and learn English so he could become a

diplomat for South Korea.

Instead of moving to a city with a large Korean population like New York or Los Angeles, however, Changsu and his wife, Juyoung, wanted to move somewhere more remote, where they could immerse themselves in American culture, and they decided on Preque Isle.

"It was a perfect fit," he said. "Luckily, the University of Maine at Presque Isle offered me a full scholarship."

The Lees spent six years in Presque Isle and four years in Auburn before moving to Bangor.

Changsu said the people of Veazie have been really wonderful. "They've been ready with a pat on the shoulder and lots of encouragement," he said.

Changsu has been teaching mathematics at EMCC for 18 years. He also teaches some business courses. His wife teaches anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and pathophysiology for nursing students and allied health majors at the University of Maine at Augusta.

Veazie student places 6th in nationwide Regeneron Science Talent Search, earns \$80,000 in scholarship awards

Vetri Vel, a Bangor High School senior from Veazie, has earned \$80,000 in scholarship awards by placing 6th in the nationwide Regeneron Science Talent Search competition.

In the February 2021 issue of the *Viking*, we reported that Vetri was a finalist in the Regeneron competition, which has been run for decades and is widely considered to be the most prestigious of its kind in the U.S.

Vetri's project was an infrared monitoring system to detect when someone has fallen and to automatically send a text message for help.

His project also won \$2,000 for the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program at Bangor High School.

Vetri told the *Bangor Daily News* that he got the idea for his project when he heard that his grandmother, who lives in India, had fallen. While Vetri's grandfather noticed what had happened quickly and drove her to the hospital, Vel wondered what would have happened had he not been there. Then, Vetri heard about a neighbor who had fallen and wasn't found until the next day.

Vetri said the money he won in the competition will be a big help when he goes on to college, but being able to meet other seniors from across the country during the virtual talent search competition was just as valuable.

"They're all really interested in using science to improve the quality of life across the world," he said.

Cary James, former head of STEM at Bangor High School, told the *Bangor Daily News* that Vetri's success lies in the combination of his intelligence, his work ethic,



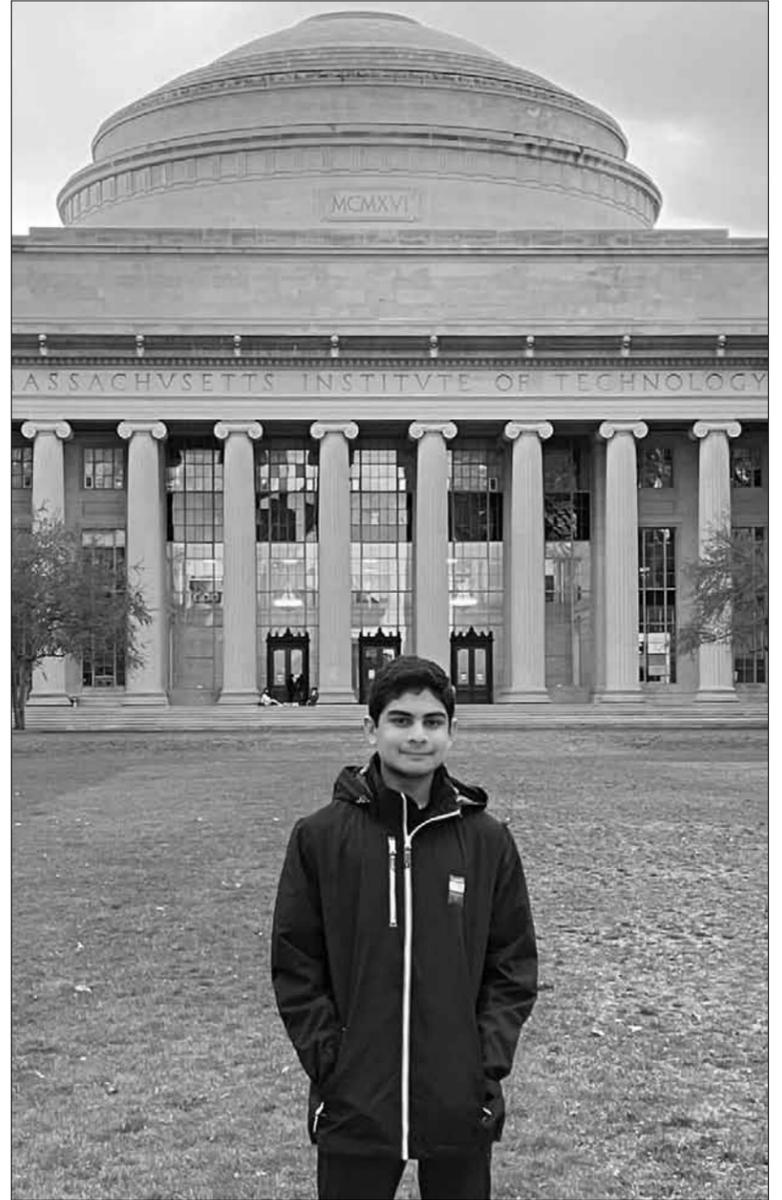
Vetri Vel holds the device that won him sixth place at the Regeneron Science Talent Search.

and his passion for science.

"He doesn't just do it for the sake of competing in a competition," James said. "He does it because he likes to understand things at their most absolutely fundamental level."

Vetri told the *BDN* that he hopes that he can inspire other young people to become interested in science by focusing on what they like and running with it.

"Of course, learn what's in the textbooks and what other people have already done," he said. "But always be asking why and how stuff works."



Vetri Vel will attend MIT in the fall.

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Pre-K experimenting with techniques used by artist Dale Chihuly

Pre-K has been exploring the work of the artist Dale Chihuly. Chihuly creates vibrant glass art work as well as paintings and drawings. The preschoolers learned all about blowing glass and the different techniques Chihuly uses to paint such as using brooms, squirt bottles and plungers.

They tried to draw with large bunches of pencils, and wrote a letter to Chihuly telling him how much they enjoyed his work.

Above (left and right): Pre-K students paint with brooms.



Drawings by Pre-K students using multiple pencils, as artist Dale Chihuly demonstrates in photo at center.



Painting with a plunger.



Handprints and streams of paint.



Painting colorful flowers.



Bradley draws a stick man.



Painting with droplets, rather than brush strokes.



WABI-TV reporter Brian Sullivan gets a close-up camera shot of the VCS robot.



Close up view of "Veazie Moves," the app designed by the VCS Robotics Team that earned the team the Global Innovation Award.

VCS Robotics Team

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also received the Global Innovation Award for an app they designed titled "Veazie Moves."

The app, which was created using MIT App Inventor, was designed for Veazie residents of all ages and skill levels to meet up in places around Veazie to exercise.

It included maps of all of the walking trails in the community.

People go into the app, say what they're interested in doing, and then other people could go in and find people that they don't know but who have the same interests.

Then, the app would allow users to schedule times for exercising—in effect, inviting other app users to join them for a walk on one of the trails in town or some other exercise activity.

"It's a really cool design," Mr. Cyr said. "The kids literally started with a whiteboard, drawing a story board with different screens. They worked through the complexities and then created a working app."

By winning the Global Innovation Award, the team was eligible to submit the project for the FLL world competition. However, they decided not to take the app to the next level because the timeline was too short.

"The students felt they wouldn't have enough time to do justice to the app project," Mr. Cyr said. "Besides, the kids were more proud of their victory in the robot performance category with a score of 455 points. That's an incredible, off-the-charts score."

The robot, which is made using

Legos equipment, includes:

- A brain.
- Four motors, including two large motors that power the robot and two medium motors that power the attachments.
- Four sensors, including a gyro sensor, a color sensor, a distance sensor, and a touch sensor.

The team designed the robot to accomplish a variety different tasks on the game board.

"The kids had to program the robot," Mr. Cyr said. "They used legos to design gears and arms to perform actions to solve problems around the game board. They had to get the robot physically to the right spot and then get it to accomplish the task.

They did that with a combination of sensors. The game board has different colors and the robot is programmed to follow certain tracks of color. When the robot touches certain things, it knows to turn a certain number of degrees left or right.

"There was a lot of trial and error—countless hours of trial and error that started last fall," he said.

Every item on the mat is a mission; the more missions the robot completes, the more points it scores.

A video of the team's award-



Brian Sullivan of WABI-TV (second from right) and Hannah Yechivi of NewsCenter 2 (right) interview members of the VCS Robotics Team.



Hannah Yechivi of NewsCenter 2 interviews Lana Friess of the VCS Robotics Team.

winning robot run can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVCUjyVeSNE>.

A video describing the app can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnSRCJ1IzRI>.



Dr. Jonnathan Busko shows VCS 6th graders how to stay warm with a heavy trash bag and a small piece of ground mat.

Dr. Busko demonstrates survival techniques for VCS 6th graders



Grade 6 students practice preparing their own "shelters."

Dr. Jonnathan Busko, an emergency medical specialist at St. Joseph's Hospital and a part-time firefighter for the Veazie Fire Department, gave a presentation to VCS 6th graders on survival techniques for people who get lost in the wilderness.

Dr. Busko showed students how to stay warm using a heavy trash bag and a small piece of ground mat. He said staying warm was the first concern if someone gets lost in the woods overnight, as one's body temperature can drop to a dangerous level in just two hours.

He said the second concern of someone who is lost is to stay in one place. It's easier to search for someone who stays in one location and doesn't move around. Water, food, and other things are also important for survival.

Dr. Busko's presentation was facilitated by Veazie Fire Chief Pete Metcalf.



Dr. Busko brought safety whistles, each of which included a compass, signal mirror, flint, and small storage.



Sheltering in a pumpkin patch.

Susan Logan retiring after 43 years of teaching, including 42 years in Veazie

Susan Logan, who has taught at the John R. Graham School and the Veazie Community School for the past 42 years, will retire at the end of the school year.

Mrs. Logan has been teaching for 43 years, as she taught in Lincoln for a year before coming to Veazie.

A native of Eastport, she attended the University of Maine at Orono, graduating in June 1978 with her bachelor's degree in education.

In Veazie, she taught first grade for 21 years and then became a Reading Recovery teacher. She later split her time between Reading Recovery and grade 2-3 reading support and, for five years, grade 6 literacy.

During the past year, she returned to the first grade, sharing

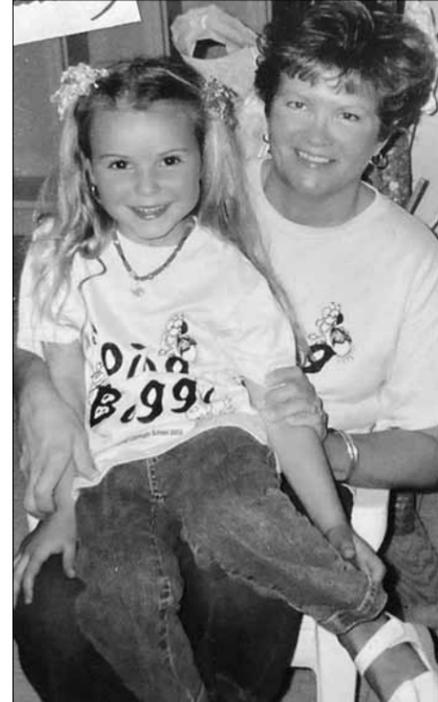


Rehearsing "The Ugly Duckling" in the old Town Hall.

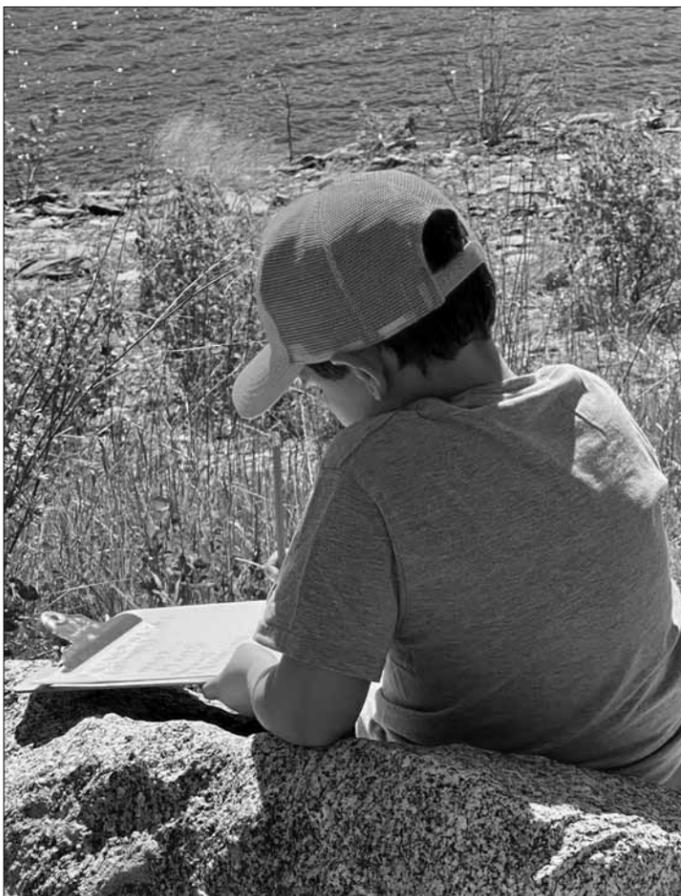
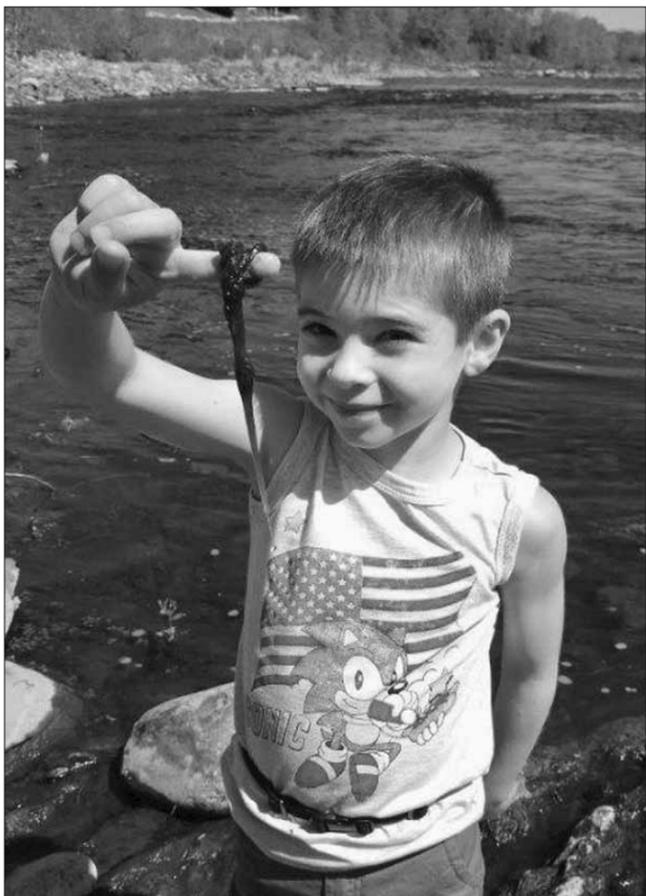
the teaching responsibilities with Laurie Kimball, as the class had to be split because of Covid social

distancing requirements.

Mrs. Logan has lived in Veazie (Please turn to page 13)



Primary musical "Going Buggy" with Taylor Williams.



Writing poems by the river

By Laurie Kimball,
Grade 1 Teacher

What a great day to spend on the river!

First Graders have been learning about rivers in science and poetry in writing.

They combined both subjects as they observed the Penobscot River, drew sketches and used their five senses to write adjectives. They used their information the next day to turn what they saw into nonfiction poetry.

We are so lucky in Veazie to have such a beautiful place to observe and enjoy nature.



First Grade River Poetry

First graders took their river study down to the Veazie Riverside Park where they spent time writing and drawing their observations. They later used what they saw to write acrostic and haiku poems. Acrostic poems spell a word vertically as each letter is used to start a word or sentence. Haiku poems work with a 5,7,5 syllable pattern. Here are a few examples.

The River

By Willow Barter

The river sparkles.
It feels so nice to look at it.
I love the river.

Penobscot River

By Stanton Libby

Glorious beauty.
It has big rocks to throw in.
The river is fun.

The River

By Maya Belvue

Green, blue, white water
Animals live there
River beautiful

Driftwood

By Grant Tocci

Drifting down the river
Rushing down stream
Island for tiny things
Floating down the currents
Terrific types of wood
Wood is smooth
Other humans like it
Other fish live in it
Driftwood.

The Penobscot

By Makenna Slauenwhite

Penobscot River
Erosion on the river
Noisy rapids
Oxbow lakes form
Bend in the river
Slippery algae
Currents in the river
Outside
Treasures in the river

River Rocks

By Liam Mullins

Rocks in the river are rough
Ocean is at its mouth
Can I swim in the river?
Kick hard through the currents
Slippery algae



The John R. Graham School, where Susan Logan started teaching first grade in Veazie.

Susan Logan retiring after 42 years of teaching in Veazie

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for 45 years. She and her husband Tom, a guidance counselor in the Bangor school system who has been retired for the past seven years. They have a son Ryan, who attended the John R. Graham School and

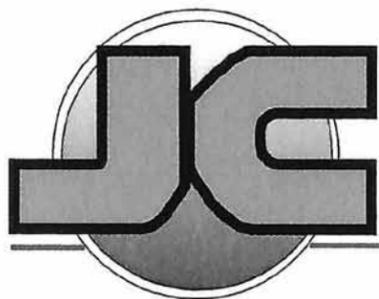
the University of Maine and is now an associate professor at Boston University.

Mrs. Logan says she and her husband have no particular retirement plans except for traveling back and forth to visit their son and two

grandchildren in the Boston area.

“I probably won’t have a schedule, which I’m looking forward to,” she says. “I may do some volunteer work in the area after Covid. If I find that I miss teaching, I can always sub.”

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Veazie Town Meeting Warrant and Town Budget and School Budget

State of Maine, County of Penobscot, ss

To: Mark Leonard, Chief of Police for the Town of Veazie, in said County of Penobscot, State of Maine

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Veazie, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Municipal Building, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, A.D., 2021 at 8:00 a.m., then and there to act on Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To elect by secret ballot all Town Councilors, School Committee members and Sewer District Trustees as are required to be elected.

It is hereby specified that the polls be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the election of the aforementioned officials.

The Office of the Registrar of Voters will be open at the Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 to add new registrations to the list of voters from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Veazie Community School in said Town on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, A.D., 2021 at 8:00 p.m., then and there to act on Articles 3 through 36 as set out below.

TOWN BUDGET ARTICLES

Article 3: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Executive Department.

Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$280,500.00**

Article 4: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Police Department.

Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$317,520.00**

Article 5: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Fire Department.

Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$208,860.00**

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Benefits for the Municipal Departments.

Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$262,665.00**

Article 7: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Community Investment.

Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$42,600.00**

Article 8: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Capital Improvement Programs.

Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$281,500.00**

Article 9: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for the Reserve Accounts.

Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$73,500.00**

Article 10: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for Fixed/Variable Cost Items:

Recommended by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$526,600.00**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to fix a date when taxes are due and to set an interest rate, the amount not to be compounded, on all real estate and personal property taxes not paid on or prior to September 30th. Interest will commence on October 1st on all taxes not paid on or prior to September 30th.

....Due Date suggested: **Upon receipt of tax bill**
....Interest rate suggested: **6.0%**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to finance the voted expenditures as follows:

TAX COLLECTOR'S REVENUE

Total Tax Collector's Revenue \$463,357.00

TREASURER'S REVENUE

Total Treasurer's Revenue..... \$437,194.00

TOWN CLERK'S REVENUE

Total Town Clerk's Revenue \$3,800.00

Recommended non-property tax revenues by the Town Council & Budget Committee: **\$904,351.00**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish the interest rate to be paid to a taxpayer who is determined to have paid an amount of real estate taxes in excess of the amount finally assessed for 2021-2022 at **3.0%** per year on the amount of overpayment.

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES ARTICLES 14 THROUGH 24 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES IN COST CENTER CATERGORIES

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$2,241,816.39

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for Special Education.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends:\$1,129,583.11

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$0.00

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$42,356.74

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$256,088.08

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for System Administration.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$148,630.32

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for School Administration.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$152,777.08

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$194,525.00

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$435,876.13

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$0.00

ARTICLE 24: To see what sum the Veazie School Committee will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures, including School Lunch Transfers.
School Committee/ Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$0.00

ARTICLES 25 THROUGH 26 RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 25 (requires a recorded vote): To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, and to see what sum the Town will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.
School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends\$2,922,083.05 be appropriated and \$1,896,263.33 be raised.

Explanation: The Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 26 (Requires a Written Ballot): To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council.

School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$1,327,196.04 which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,327,196.04.

The School Committee gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by **\$1,327,196.04**: The essential programs and services funding model does not provide funding to fully cover the actual costs of special education programming, student transportation, system administration, and co-curricular and extra-curricular programming. If student enrollment remains static or declines, and/or property valuations continue to increase at a rate faster than the state average, the formula will calculate lower EPS total allocations and/or higher local contributions.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the Town's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the Town budget for educational programs.

ARTICLE 27 SUMMARIZES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

ARTICLE 27 (requires a recorded vote): To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee/Budget Committee/Town Council Recommends: \$4,601,652.85

ARTICLE 28 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

ARTICLE 28: In addition to amounts approved in the preceding articles, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes, provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Explanation: This article has no relation to previously voted articles pertaining to the general operating budget's expenditures and revenues. The question authorizes the School Committee to expend any other receipts such as state and federal aid or grants to assist in the operation of the Veazie Community School. Examples would be Title I (federal reading intervention program), Special Education (local entitlement) and unanticipated state aid, including increases in municipal revenue sharing.

ARTICLE 29 RAISES AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town raise and appropriate **\$40,000.00** for the school nutrition program with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the school nutrition program?

ARTICLE 30 AUTHORIZES A TRANSFER TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 30: Shall the School Committee be authorized to transfer up to **\$200,000.00** from available fund balances to the Capital Reserve Fund and to expend said funds only upon express authorization of the Town voters?

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ARTICLE 31 AUTHORIZES THE DISPOSITION OF ANY ADDITIONAL STATE SUBSIDY RECEIVED

ARTICLE 31: In the event that the Town receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Committee be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Committee and/or increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Committee?

ARTICLE 32 AUTHORIZES THE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL BUDGET

ARTICLE 32: Shall the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 be approved in the amount of \$3,588,936.95?

ARTICLE 33 AUTHORIZES THE ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET FOR THE VOCATIONAL REGION AND RAISES THE LOCAL SHARE

ARTICLE 33: Shall the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for adult education for the year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 be approved in the amount of \$315,375.05 with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and well-being of its adult education program, and shall the Town of Veazie raise \$1,622.87 as its share of the adult education budget for the career and technical education region?

ARTICLE 34 AUTHORIZES ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 34: Shall Region 4 (United Technologies Center) authorize the Cooperative Board to establish and fund a Capital Reserve Account for major maintenance and improvements to the Region 4 facilities as year-end available fund balances allow?

ARTICLE 35 AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURE OF ROOF REPAIR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 35: Shall the School Committee be authorized to expend up to \$95,000.00 from the Roof Repair Capital Reserve Fund to replace leaking skylights at Veazie Community School?

ARTICLE 36 AUTHORIZES ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNOLOGY RESERVE FUND

ARTICLE 36: Shall the School Committee be authorized to establish a Technology Reserve Fund to pay for computer hardware, peripherals, accessories, software, and licenses for educational and administrative needs; to transfer up to \$25,000.00 from available fund balances to this reserve fund; and to expend said funds only upon express authorization of the Town voters?

Mark E. Leonard

Mark E. Leonard, Treasurer Town of Veazie

Given under our hands this 10th day of May, 2021.

CHRISTOPHER BAGLEY, Chair
PAUL MESSER
PHILIP BRUINS
JEFF MANTER
AARON TURCOTTE

Veazie Town Council

ATTEST:

Mark Leonard, Chief of Police
Mark E. Leonard

Hayward Spencer

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includes Clifton, Eddington, Holden, Veazie, and part of Brewer.

The possibility of renaming the bridge was first suggested by Frank Jordan, who asked Karen Walker what might be done to make it happen. Karen took it up with the Historical Committee and then brought it to the attention of Town Manager Mark Leonard. Mark contacted Rep. Lyford

and wrote a letter supporting LD 571,

At this time, Karen says Hayward's brother Donald is planning to attend the dedication ceremony, along with his daughter, Jill Spencer Miligan.

Other members of the family are also expected to attend, as well as fellow classmates, residents of the Town of Veazie, and Vietnam War era veterans.



Bridge 3684 on State Street.

He Wanted A Third Tour But His Time Ran Out

By DENNIS MILLS

VEAZIE — In May of 1962, Hayward Carl Spencer had a hard time convincing the Army it needed him. He weighed only 100 pounds and stood five-foot-four. He was so light, his friends said, that he had to eat bananas and cream to get his weight up to Army standards.

Finally, on May 24, 1962, the Army gave in. He was sent to basic training and then, to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., for medic training. After serving in Korea and Texas, he came home for a rest.

He didn't stay home long. Friends remember him as the kind of guy who always had to be doing something — always had to be active. Off he went, to Fort Benning, Ga., for training at the Army Paratrooper School. He got his "wings" and then, was sent to Vietnam — for the first time.

It was the kind of work he liked — saving lives, tending to

wounded soldiers, and dodging enemy bullets. It was an active life but, after one year, he was still restless. So, he volunteered

for another tour of duty in Vietnam. He spent Christmas of 1966 at home.

"I don't want to talk about it," he used to tell friends whenever they would ask him about the war. All they could get out of him was, "It's a job that has to be done." Life magazine carried a feature story about the war. A picture of him tending to wounded soldiers was in the article—he would not look at it.

On Jan. 31, 1967, he again left home for Vietnam. This time, he was a Special Forces man; he lived and worked with a South Vietnamese Army unit, as its medical advisor.

At 4 a.m., on March 11, the enemy hit his base camp with mortar fire. He died a short while later—with no U.S. Army medic to help him.

Before his death, he had written home and said, "I think I'll sign up for a third tour over here."



HAYWARD SPENCER

This story about Hayward Spencer appeared in the Bangor Daily News after his death in 1967.



Veazie will be having its TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE June 18, 19, and 20. This Yard sale will be permit-free for Veazie residents. Yard sales will be at residences throughout Town.



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Adrian Murray with his dragon mask and dragon egg.



Stanton Libby with his dragon mask and dragon stone.



Tyson Rogers looking into his gazing ball to see which dragon masters need help.

First graders celebrate 'Dragon Days'

By Laurie Kimball
Grade 1 Teacher

First Grade celebrated the end of reading the entire Dragon Masters series of books by Tracy West.

Their celebration consisted of two fun filled days of dragon immersion. They wrote about dragons, read about dragons, created dragons, illustrated story map posters, graphed dragons, ate dragon food and played Guess Box.

We were even able to figure out what kind of dragon we would be if we were a dragon. We had a dragon-ite time!

A huge thank you goes out to our amazing P.T.O. for helping with the cost of these activities. We couldn't do what we do without you!



Fiona Hartwell with her dragon.



Vincent Peters shares his dragon glider.



VCS Pre-K students are worm rescuers

By Loyann Worster

Pre-K students were worm rescuers on April 30!

After a spring rain storm, they found worms on the tar and brought them into their outside classroom in hopes they could stay dry!

Their rescue mission was a success!!!

