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Joe King Jr. of Veazie (standing) with two other Honor Flight Maine veterans at the World War II Memorial.

Korean War vet Joe King Jr. visits D.C. as guest of Honor Flight Maine

Joe King Jr., who served in the U.S. Army in Korea 65 years ago, spent two days visiting most of the

monuments in Washington, D.C., at the end of April as a guest of Honor Flight Maine.

He said it was a wonderful experience and a fantastic trip.

Honor Flight Maine is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their service and sacrifices. The group provides free transportation and lodging for veterans so they can tour, experience and reflect at their memorials in our nation's capital.

Top priority is given to terminally ill veterans of all conflicts and World War II survivors. Korean and Vietnam Veterans are also transported on a first-come, first-served,
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Primary/Referendum Election Day set for Tuesday, June 12; polls open from 8 to 8, Town Meeting at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12, will be a busy day in Veazie and the rest of Maine.

It's Election Day for Municipal officers, School Committee members, and Sewer District trustees, and its also Primary/Referendum Election Day for 2018 for the State of Maine.

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 12, the Veazie Town Council will hold a regular council meeting at 7 p.m. at Veazie Community School, followed by the Annual Town Meeting at 8 p.m., where citizens will vote on the Municipal, School, and Capital Budget for 2018-19.

The candidates that will be on the municipal ballot are as follows:

- Christopher Bagley, Town Council, 3-year term
- David King, Town Council, 2-year term
- James Parker, Sewer District Trustee, 3-year term
- William Reed, Veazie School Committee, 3-year term
- Karpagavalli Vel, Veazie School Committee, 3-year term
- D. Todd Zerfoss, Veazie School Committee, 2-year term

Voters will vote in party primaries for candidates to run in the November general election for Governor and the House of Representatives. These primary elections will use "Ranked-Choice Voting" (RVC)

for the first time. RVC is a process in which voters decide which candidate is their first choice, second choice, etc. If the leading candidate doesn't have a majority of the total vote, then the RVC ballots will be
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Dorothy "Dottie" Treworgy

Boston Post Cane holder celebrates 100th birthday

Dorothy Treworgy, the present holder of the Boston Post Cane for Veazie, celebrated her 100th birthday on April 15, 2018.

She was honored at a party at the Veazie Congregational Church with about 50 family members and friends in attendance.

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Surya Vel with trophy

Surya Vel wins State Chess Title

By Matt Cyr

Surya Vel, Veazie Community School 3rd grader, won every game in his age bracket at the State Scholastic Individual Chess Championships during the end of March (hosted by the University of Maine). Surya can be seen here proudly displaying his First Place Trophy! Great work, Surya! We are Proud!!

Surya joins a growing list of VCS students recognized for demonstrating high levels of achievement and incredible success while participating in Regional and State Competitions including Chess, Art, Invention Convention, Robotics, Essay Writing, Math Team, Spelling, Geography and Athletics!

"Small School, BIG Heart!"

Town-Wide Yard Sale June 15, 16, 17

Veazie will be having its Town-Wide Yard Sale June 15, 16 & 17. This yard sale will be permit-free for Veazie residents. Yard sales

will be at residences throughout the town. An ad will be posted in the *Bangor Daily News* to publicize this event.

Veazie Police, State Police help VCS 7th graders learn about law enforcement, CSI procedures

Seventh graders are completing this year's CSI program with Ms. Spinney and Mr. Gonyar with assistance from the Veazie Police Department and Maine State Police.

The class received a basic introduction to law enforcement, including what is required to become a police officer, the equipment used, and information about some procedures, such as a felony traffic stop, OUI investigation, and room clearing.

The class also attended a demonstration day at the Maine State Police Barracks in Bangor where

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Trooper Yankowsky of the Maine State Police shows VCS 7th graders CSI procedures.



Joe (standing behind the U.S. Army flag) with some of his Honor Flight Maine buddies.



The Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C., was one of the Honor Flight events.

Korean War vet Joe King Jr. visits D.C. as guest of Honor Flight Maine

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space-available basis.

Joe was accompanied on the trip by his son Steve.

"It was unbelievable," said Steve. "It was very well organized. They treated everyone with so much respect. It was great."

Joe said the trip came as something of a surprise. He had been invited to go on an Honor Flight Maine trip three years ago but had to turn it down because he was caring for his wife, who had Alzheimers. After she passed away, he said his son insisted that he apply again, and he was approved for the trip in April.

Joe and Steve were escorted from Veazie to Bangor International Airport by the Veazie police and fire departments, and a number of residents lined the the streets to wish Joe well and thank him for his service.

They left on Friday, April 27, and returned on Sunday, April 29.

The veterans flew into Baltimore-Washington Airport and spent the next two days touring all of the memorials in Washington—the Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson memorials, the World War II and Korean War memorials, the Vietnam wall, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Na-



The Veazie police and fire departments escorted Joe on the first leg of his Honor Flight Maine trip.

tional Cemetery.

Joe's favorite activity was the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"That was an emotional time for me," he said. "I was pretty choked up. No question about it."

He said he had visited the Tomb a couple times when he was in Washington for business, but he never succeeded in timing his visit to coincide with the changing of the guard.

On the flight back from Washington, a mail call was held for the veterans. He received 107 letters from schoolchildren and townspeople—more than any other veteran on the flight, and more than double the old record of 53. Thanks to all the schoolchildren and citizens of Veazie

who sent Joe mail.

Joe served in Korea in 1953 as a crew chief for the 13th Helicopter Company, 2nd Infantry Division. He was in the Army a little over three years.

After military service, he worked for Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. for 37 years, including the last 25 years as director of purchasing.

Joe says the trip is very much worth taking, and he urges Vietnam veterans to apply now in the hope of getting near the head of the line.

He notes that there are very few World War II veterans left, and the ranks of Korean War veterans are also thinning.

"Every time I go to Bangor for



Joe with his son, Steve King (left), who accompanied him on the trip.

one of those parades, there are fewer Korean War vets marching," he says. "The last time, I think there were only seven of us who walked."

The April Honor Flight Maine trip was limited to World War II and Korean War vets, but he says Honor Flight Maine will probably start taking some Vietnam vets in its next two flights, which are scheduled for June and October.

For more information, go to www.honorflightmaine.org or visit Honor Flight Maine's Facebook page.

Veazie Police, State Police help VCS 7th graders learn about law enforcement, CSI

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they received presentations on various specialties available in law enforcement. Members of MSP Troop E, Major Crimes Unit-North, and Bangor Regional Communications Center provided presentations on Dispatch, Detectives, Dive Team, Evidence Recovery Team,

Tactical Team, and K9.

For science, the students learned about various types of evidence that may be left behind at a crime scene. They learned how to process and document a crime scene properly and collect the various types of evidence, such as fingerprints, footwear impres-

sions, DNA, hairs and fibers, and handwriting.

For social studies, they visited Bangor District Court and observed during criminal arraignments. They also learned about the levels of proof required for different proceedings, from civil to criminal.

The program concludes with a simulated crime which the class is responsible for investigating on their own, with only occasional guidance from instructors. The students have to secure the crime scene; properly document the scene with photographs; identify, document, and collect evidence; interview witnesses and victims; identify and interview a suspect; and develop probable cause to "arrest" the suspect, if possible. Finally, the suspect is brought to trial. The program ends with a mock trial with students assuming the roles of defense attorneys and prosecuting

attorneys, and students' parents serving as jurors.

The CSI course is a great opportunity for the students to learn about law enforcement and our system of justice with help from experts in the field.

Brian Nichols of the Veazie Police Department volunteers a significant amount of personal time and energy to make this program a success. Special thanks go out to Trooper David Yankowsky, who made several visits to our school, and many other State Troopers for their support. Special thanks also go to Erik Black and Brenden Trainor, both former Veazie students and now practicing attorneys in the area, who gave the students a first-hand view of being an attorney in a trial. Erik works with a law firm in the area and Brenden works with the Penobscot County District Attorney's office.



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Dottie Treworgy celebrates 100th birthday

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Town Manager Mark Leonard presented Dottie with certificates on behalf of the town and the Maine Legislature, and members of the Veazie police and fire departments were also on hand to congratulate her.

Dottie enjoyed meeting the people who call her each day as part of the town's "Good Morning" program.

On even-numbered days, a police officer calls her to wish her a good morning and make sure she's OK. On even-numbered days, the call is made by a firefighter.

About half a dozen Veazie senior citizens are currently enrolled in the program.

The Boston Post Cane was given to the Selectmen of the Town of Veazie in 1909 by Edwin Grozier, publisher of the *Boston Post* newspaper, to be transmitted to the oldest male citizen of the town, and then, at his death, to be handed down to the next oldest citizen.

In 1930, eligibility for the cane was opened to women.

Mr. Grozier presented canes to 700 towns (no cities) in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Currently, about 460 canes are still in existence, held either by a town's oldest citizens or, in some cases, by the town itself.

Veazie Cemetery Committee seeks volunteers to plant flowers, place flags on veterans' graves

The Veazie Cemetery Committee is looking for volunteers to help plant flowers and place flags on the veterans' graves prior to Memorial Day 2018.

Committee members and volunteers will meet at the Veazie Cemetery on State Street on May 22, at 8:30 a.m.

The rain date will be May 24.

If May 24 is also rained out, the Cemetery Committee and volunteers will gather

on the 25th to plant flowers and place flags, no matter what the weather.

Volunteers who want to plant flowers should bring a trowel or something they can dig with.

To participate, volunteers don't have to do anything except show up at the cemetery. If you have any questions, call the town office at 947-2781.



Town Manager Mark Leonard presents certificates from the town and the Maine Legislature to Dottie as one of her granddaughters looks on.

'Tennis ladder' planned for Veazie's upgraded tennis courts; maybe for pickleball, too

The Town of Veazie has improved the tennis courts, and we'd like to see more residents put the courts to good use.

For residents interested in participating in a tennis ladder, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Town Office or they can email veazietennis@gmail.com. Residents should provide their name, phone number, email address, and the league they would like to play in, plus a self-

assessment of their abilities. All ages and abilities are welcome.

The purpose is to have fun. Depending on the level of interest, there may be a men's league and woman's league. At this point, we are assessing the level of interest and number of players, and we will try to provide the leagues that work, depending on the response.

We expect to have a professional website subscription manage the

ladder. Most of the administration will be online, by the website. A reasonable expectation is a game a week. A small fee in the range of \$5 to \$10 will be collected to cover costs of the website subscription, etc.

We'll probably start with leagues for singles, as the website appears to handle singles tennis best. If there's a strong demand for doubles, we'll see if that can be accommodated.

One of Veazie's tennis courts has

been painted for pickleball, as well as tennis. If you're interested in pickleball, please note that in your email response. If there's enough interest in a pickleball league or ladder, we'll try to accommodate that.

Please be aware that the ladder will be run by volunteer, and additional volunteers willing to help will be more than welcome!

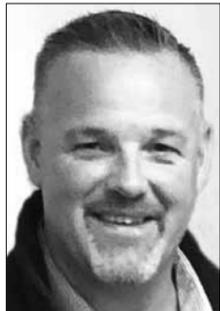
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Veazie town budget goals: cut expenses, do more with less, spend money wisely, find additional municipal revenue

Over my years as Town Manager, I am proud of all we have accomplished and the progress we have made in terms of making municipal government more innovative, efficient and enjoyable. We commit ourselves to the betterment of the individual, the organization, and the community by fostering a spirit of trust, cooperation, integrity, respect, and quality service to all.



Mark Leonard

As we have over past years, the administration has worked tirelessly to reduce spending in all areas of Town government. We continue our efforts to:

- Cut expenses throughout all Town departments
- Do more with less
- Utilize taxpayer money wisely
- Find new and/or increase sources of revenue

The FY 18-19 budget reflects the Town's established priorities and maintains core services while responding to the impacts of the current economic climate on the Town's financial position. The largest component of the Town's budget is the School Department. For FY 18-19 we will see a reduction in State allocation for education which will result in Veazie being responsible for an increased share of school funding. The School assessment to the Town for this budget will be \$208,294.09. Superintendent Cyr and the School Committee have worked tirelessly to look at all options to reduce the assessment but due to reasons beyond their control this is the final assessment figure they arrived at. For further details on the School's Budget please refer to Superintendent Cyr's article.

The Municipal budget shows an increase of

Town of Veazie FY19 Proposed Budget			
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY 17/18</u>	<u>FY 18/19</u>	<u>\$ change</u>
General Government	\$311,050.00	\$331,340.00	\$20,290.00
Police	\$344,900.00	\$354,300.00	\$9,400.00
Fire	\$231,300.00	\$245,650.00	\$14,350.00
Recreation	\$12,500.00	\$5,000.00	(\$7,500.00)
Comm Investments	\$30,000.00	\$33,700.00	\$3,700.00
Capital	\$215,000.00	\$219,000.00	\$4,000.00
Reserves	\$64,500.00	\$69,500.00	\$5,000.00
Fixed Cost	\$480,480.00	\$491,080.00	\$10,600.00
Mandatory	\$1,369,823.15	\$1,405,531.00	\$35,707.85
Education	<u>\$2,766,047.00</u>	<u>\$2,974,341.00</u>	<u>\$208,294.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$5,825,600.15	\$6,129,442.00	\$303,841.85
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 17/18</u>	<u>FY 18/19</u>	<u>\$ change</u>
Municipal Revenue	\$111,267.00	\$111,267.00	\$0.00
Other Revenue	\$474,210.00	\$545,080.00	\$70,870.00
RE Tax Commitment*	\$2,515,970.44	\$2,638,233.00	\$122,262.56
PP Tax Commitment*	\$2,631,280.02	\$2,741,232.00	\$109,951.98
Homestead Reimbursement*	\$84,238.69	\$84,935.00	\$696.31
BETE*	<u>\$8,634.00</u>	<u>\$8,695.00</u>	<u>\$61.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$5,825,600.15	\$6,129,442.00	\$303,841.85
Projected Mill Rate	18.15	18.30	0.15

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\$95,457.76, which is due to increases in health care costs, software licensing, fuel, maintenance agreements, etc. While there is an increase, I am confident we have crafted the budget to provide the best services to the Town, while being able to keep the tax rate low. With the proposed budget,

we project the mil rate will increase slightly from 0.01815 to 0.01830 (approx. \$.15 per \$1,000).

I would like to acknowledge and thank the dedicated staff, Council members as well as the Budget Committee members and Superintendent Cyr for all their hard work on this budget.



Jack Dalton's bridge on the Buck Hill Conservation area.

Maine Arbor week is 3rd week of May; Veazie to celebrate Friday, May 25

By David Wardrop
Town Forester

Maine's Arbor week is the 3rd week of May this year, and Veazie is celebrating on Friday, May 25.

Our annual celebration begins at Veazie Community School, with a group of Primary Wing students sharing their knowledge on the many benefits of trees, with prizes for unique answers. This group will then plant and water small erosion control tree seedlings in areas designated by the Town Forester.

Following this group, older students will help plant larger red maple shade trees in our new Riverside Park(formal name T/B/D), witness a reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation, conduct trail work, and pick up trash.

We welcome the public to join in the latter portion of the celebration, at noon on Friday, May 25, at the former dam site. Please bring

gloves and rakes if you'd like to help fix up the trails.

The Arbor Day shade trees will be partially reimbursed by a Maine Forest Service Project Canopy grant, made possible through the U.S.D.A. Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program. The \$7,190 grant is also helping to offset costs toward an updated Town Forest Management Plan, new kiosk signage, hazard tree removal, an invasive control workshop for the public, and a new gate for the Buck Hill Conservation Area.

This grant complements a grant of \$3,000 received last year from the L.L. Bean/Maine Coast Heritage Trust, sponsored through the Veazie Lands Committee of the Orono Land Trust.

Funds from this grant were applied toward the new Davis Forest entrance signage, hazard tree removal, picnic table, and recreation trail creation that links the town-owned McPhetres Forest trails and Orono Land Trust



Brendan Killarney's Eagle Scout project involved creation of the Davis Forest kiosk.

Manterwood Easement trails.

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A warm thank-you goes out to Orono-Veazie Boy Scout Troop 478 Eagle Scouts Brendan Killarney and Jack Dalton of Veazie and Ben Rote of Orono.

Brendan's Eagle Scout project involved creation of the Davis Forest entrance kiosk, while Jack oversaw construction of a new bridge on the

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recounted with the candidate with the fewest votes eliminated. That process will continue until one of the remaining candidates has a majority of the total vote.

Voters will also vote on Question No. 1 on the statewide 2018 Referendum Ballot: "Do you want

Buck Hill Conservation Area.

Ben's project involved upgrading a recreational trail crossing to improve water quality, also on the Buck Hill Conservation Area.

The Boy Scouts, along with many other volunteers, help make our public lands shine, attracting not only lovers of the outdoors, but donors, new residents and business, improving all aspects of our community.

to reject the parts of a new law that would delay the use of ranked-choice voting in the election of candidates for any state or federal office until 2022, and then retain the method only if the constitution is amended by December 1, 2021, to allow ranked-choice voting for candidates in state elections?"

VCS budget drivers: planning, increased enrollment, reduction in state subsidy

By Matthew Cyr,
 Superintendent of Schools
 Development of the FY19 school budget has been driven by several important factors including our school strategic plan, capital improvement plan, increased enrollment, and a significant loss of State subsidy.



Matt Cyr

For the past two years we have focused on fiscal responsibility through the elimination of non-essential programming, creating new efficiencies and partnerships, renegotiating almost all contracted services, and significantly reducing staff so that our staff-to-student ratio was proportionate to enrollment and programming requirements.

Having said that, during this same time period, we have created new programs and updated or modified existing programs. We have been very successful at 'doing more with less' while balancing the local tax contribution along with creating a progressive educational experience that rivals most if not all schools in the area.

For the first time in many years, our enrollment is growing. I attribute this largely to the incredibly productive and progressive working relationship between school and town leadership. In addition to people moving into our community for the school, we are also accepting and enrolling students who live in other communities.

The budget being presented to you accounts for an increase in high school enrollment, an increase in special education needs in primary and intermediate levels, and the replacement of failing windows, as

Veazie Community School FY19 Budget Proposed to School Committee				
	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19 Proposed</u>	<u>\$ inc/(dec)</u>	<u>% inc/(dec)</u>
Expenditures:				
Article 1 - Regular Instruction	\$2,041,913.17	\$2,147,288.89	\$105,375.72	5.16%
Article 2 - Special Ed. Instruction	\$678,978.35	\$877,276.22	\$198,297.87	29.21%
Article 3 - CTE Instruction	\$25,080.47	\$0.00	(\$25,080.47)	-100.00%
Article 4 - Other Instruction	\$36,094.64	\$38,037.00	\$1,942.36	5.38%
Article 5 - Student & Staff Support	\$208,228.38	\$198,726.48	(\$9,501.90)	-4.56%
Article 6 - System Administration	\$139,977.54	\$132,948.81	(\$7,028.73)	-5.02%
Article 7 - School Administration	\$104,516.52	\$117,239.36	\$12,722.84	12.17%
Article 8 - Transportation	\$143,300.00	\$132,000.00	(\$11,300.00)	-7.89%
Article 9 - Facilities Management	\$409,684.65	\$367,700.00	(\$41,984.65)	-10.25%
Article 10 - Debt Service	\$269,165.12	\$0.00	(\$269,165.12)	-100.00%
Article 11 - Other (School Lunch)	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Expenses:	\$4,096,938.84	\$4,051,216.76	(\$45,722.08)	-1.12%
Revenues:				
State Allocation	\$764,429.78	\$576,875.61	(\$187,554.17)	-24.54%
State Debt Service	\$268,297.00	\$0.00	(\$268,297.00)	-100.00%
State SRRF Project Share	<u>\$29,925.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$29,925.00)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total State	\$1,062,651.78	\$576,875.61	(\$485,776.17)	-45.71%
Prior Year Balance	\$270,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$230,000.00	85.19%
Local Allocation	\$1,895,508.50	\$1,972,618.00	\$77,109.50	4.07%
Local w/o State participation	<u>\$870,538.56</u>	<u>\$1,001,723.15</u>	<u>\$131,184.59</u>	<u>15.07%</u>
Total Local Share:	\$2,766,047.06	\$2,974,341.15	\$208,294.09	7.53%
Total Revenues:	\$4,098,698.84	\$4,051,216.76	(\$47,482.08)	-1.16%
		Total Local Increase:	\$208,294.09	

well as re-paving the athletic field parking lot. Continued attention will be paid to our curb appeal as this is vital to Veazie's community marketing plan going forward.

This year's ED279, or State Educational Funding Formula, didn't fair well for Veazie. The State valuation of town property led to a 12.9% shift in funding responsibility from State to Local. Veazie is now responsible for 77.35% of school funding, compared to 64.45% in FY18. Changes in the funding formula along with this valuation

shift resulted in a 24.54% reduction in State Allocation. Fiscal responsibility during previous budget years along with a conscious effort to grow and maintain a healthy fund balance to be used during tough budget years has significantly helped to reduce local tax burden in FY19. The School Committee, Town Budget Committee and Town Council exhausted multiple scenarios for cautionary school fund balance use including the financing of capital projects. In the end, it was determined that it was in the

best interest of all to proceed with the use of \$500,000 of school fund balance for FY19.

The Town of Veazie has recently paid its final debt service payment for the construction of the Veazie Community School—you own the school free and clear! Hard to believe how fast 20 years can go...the new school isn't so new anymore.

I want to thank the School Committee, Town Budget Committee, Town Council, and Manager Mark Leonard for their forward thinking collaboration throughout this process.



Superintendent's message

Administrative changes in Veazie are balancing consolidation and growth

By Matthew Cyr
 Superintendent of Schools
 Since the withdrawal from RSU 26, Veazie School Department (Veazie Community School) has progressively been streamlining administrative infrastructure to benefit students, teachers and taxpayers alike:

2012—Veazie School Department officially withdraws from RSU 26.

2012—Veazie contracts the services of Glenburn School Department for Business Office Services and Superintendent Services. RSU

26 contracted for Special Education Administration (at this time, Orono was the only remaining member of the RSU). A ½-time Curriculum Coordinator Position was created within Veazie Community School.

2014—Veazie contracted with RSU 22 (Hampden) for Business Office Services and Superintendent services. RSU 26 (Orono) continued to provide Special Education Administration

2015—The newly-hired Veazie Community School Principal position absorbed the half-time Curriculum Coordinator position

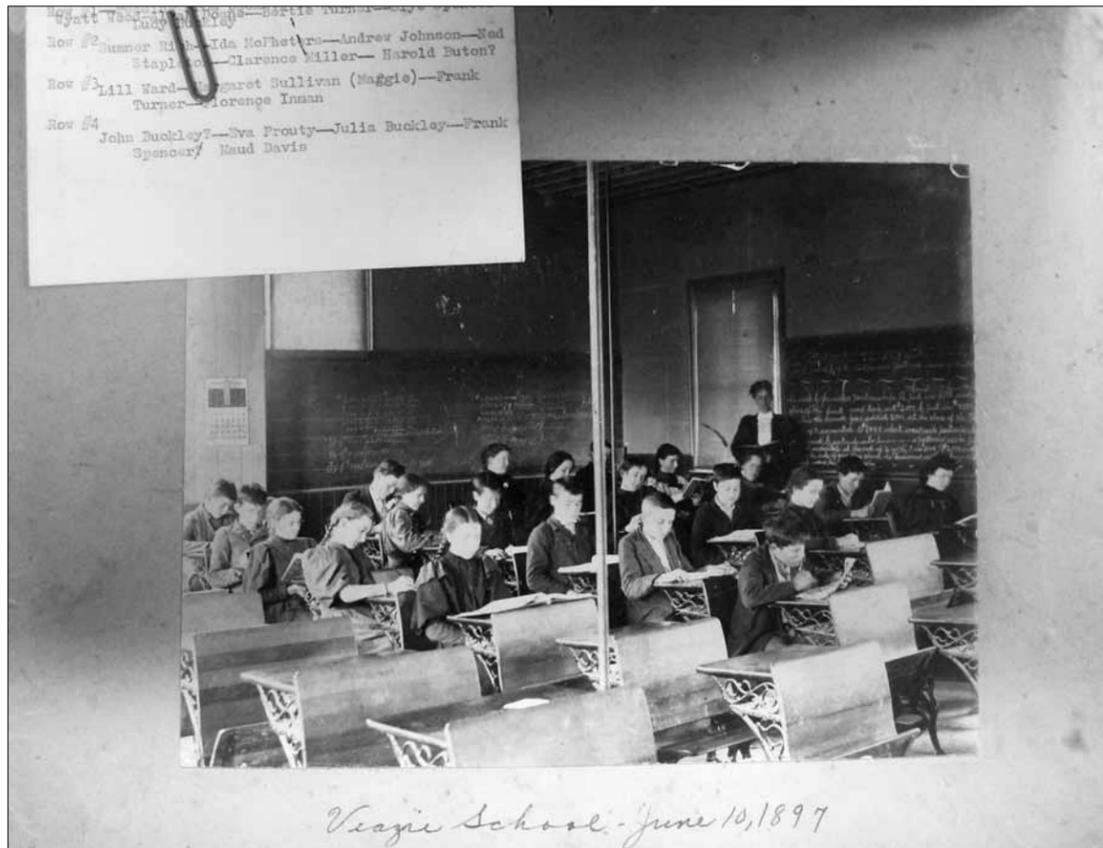
2016—Veazie Community School hired it's own Special Education Director (2-days/week) and a part-time Special Education Office Assistant. (Veazie no longer contracted RSU 26 for any services). The Principal/Curriculum position absorbed a part-time Technology Director position. Technology Support services were contracted out through RSU 22.

2017—Principal/Curriculum/Technology position absorbed the Superintendent position (Veazie no longer contracted RSU 22 for Superintendent Services). Veazie

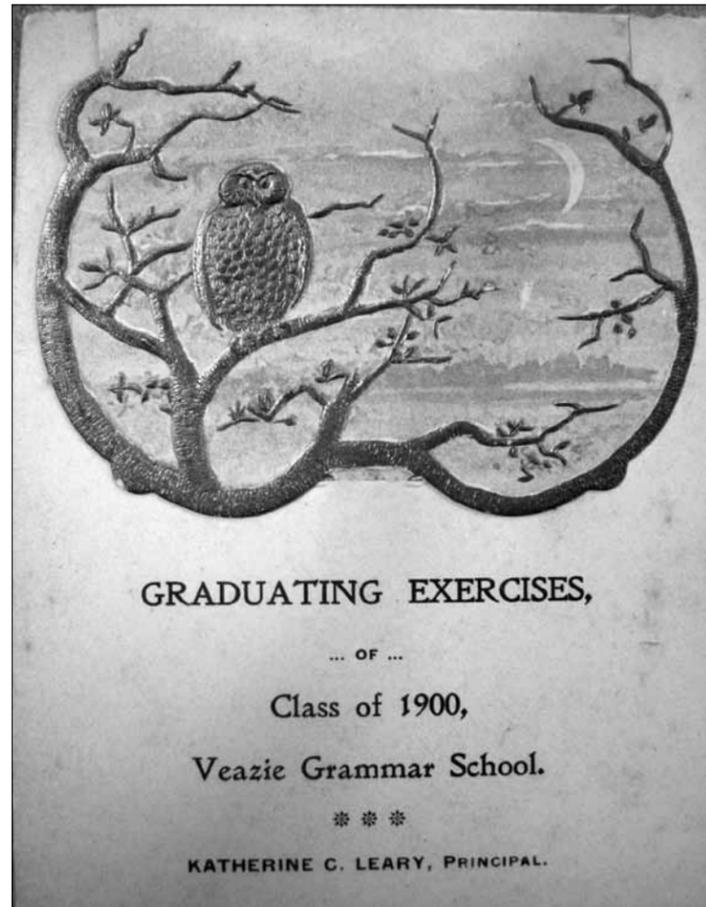
Continued to contract RSU 22 for Business Office and Technology Support services.

2018—Veazie hires its own Business Office Director. This newly created position will absorb Special Education Assistant responsibilities (the new Business Office Director starts in July). At this point in time, only Technology Support Services will remain as a contracted service.

Each of these moves and changes has provided Veazie with cost savings, efficiencies and capacity to grow as an independent school system.



Veazie School - June 10, 1897. Pictured are—Row 1 (back to front): Wyatt Weed, Alvah Doane, Bertie Turner, Blye Spencer, and Lucy Buckley. Row 2: Sumner Rich, Ida McPheters, Andrew Johnson, Ned Stapleton, Clarence Miller, and Harold Buton (?). Row 3: Lill Ward, Margaret Sullivan (Maggie), Frank Turner, and Florence Inman. Row 4: John Buckley (?), Eva Prouty, Julia Buckley, Frank Spencer, and Maud Davis.



Cover of the graduation program for Veazie Grammar School, Class of 1900.



VEAZIE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE members (l. to r.) Karen Walker, Michael Smart, Esther Bushway, and Gail Bemis examine items donated from the home of Frank Todd and Helen Hawthorn Todd.

Veazie Historical Committee getting its own room at the Town Office; reviewing items from home of Frank Todd and Helen Hawthorn Todd

The Veazie Historical Committee has begun work on a project to upgrade historical records, photos, and other artifacts that have been donated to the town.

Committee members are cataloging items and putting them in boxes and three-ring binders so that they will be easier for townspeople and historians to find.

Historical Committee member Karen Walker said the group's long-term goal is to make digital copies of as much of the collection as possible so that historical information about the town will be accessible by computer.

To assist in this effort, the Committee is being given a room at the town office. The room is currently being used as sleeping quarters

for the Fire Department's live-in firefighting student. Once this area is relocated, the room will serve as a location for the town's historical artifacts to be displayed. Currently they aren't easily accessible to either citizens or visitors.

The Committee's most recent acquisition has been a variety of items from the home of Frank Todd and Helen Hawthorn Todd, including a history of Veazie; a photo titled "Veazie School - June 10, 1897"; and a program for "Graduating Exercises, Class of 1900, Veazie Grammar School, Katherine C. Leary, Principal."

The items were donated to the town by William and Sally Arata, who were next door neighbors of the Todds and who lived in the Todd residence after Professor Todd passed away.

In addition to Karen, Historical Committee members are Gail Bemis, Esther Bushway, and Michael Smart.

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Orono-Veazie Water District upgrades 6" water line on Davis Drive to 8"

The Orono-Veazie Water District contracted with Lou Silver Construction to upgrade the 6-inch water line on Davis Drive to 8 inches, according to Superintendent Boyd Smith.

Boyd said the upgrade will help with water flows at the fire hydrants and the quality of water by looping the water line on Davis Drive with water lines on Sunset and Wedgewood Drives.

Work on the project began on April 2 and was scheduled to be completed by May 1.

Boyd said the contractor did a great job.

"Barney and his crew are a pleasure to work with," he said. "They've done great by us over the years. Sometimes I don't think he gets enough credit for what he does."

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In addition to the Davis Drive



Crews from Lou Silver Construction tying the old house service from the old water main to the new main (left photo) and do clean up.



project, Boyd said the spring flushing of the water lines began in April and

will be completed in May.

The district will also be doing its

annual routine well redevelopment at the Filter Plant on Bennoch Road.



Two of the six new raised beds await soil. At right is the new water supply container.

Grant funds 6 new raised beds, water supply container

The Town of Veazie has received a grant from the Maine Community Foundation to improve and expand the existing Veazie community garden, which was established by garden club volunteers.

The existing garden is located adjacent to the school soccer fields and Town tennis courts.

Working with volunteers and grant funds, the town has acquired six raised beds and a water supply container. Some additional work needs to be done to prepare the site, and new soil has to be obtained.

The University of Maine Extension has offered to assist with the garden, including obtaining appropriate soils, similar to the one set up in Orono.

The intent is to make the new raised beds available to town resi-

dents. Please stay tuned for more information.



Liz Ashe and Rhonda Savage.

Veazie Historical Committee hosts talk on 'Walking the Old Veazie Railroad'

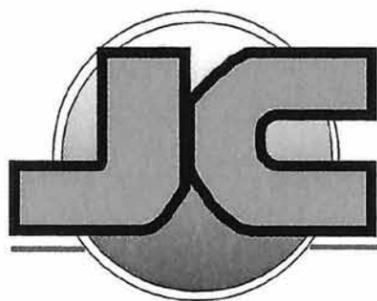
The Veazie Historical Committee hosted a talk on "Walking the Old Veazie Railroad" by Rhonda Savage and Liz Ashe at the Veazie Town Office on May 9 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The presentation was very interesting, with lots of history about the railroad, General Veazie, and the mills.

The talk was followed by a question and answer session.

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Real Estate Tax lien information

The lien process for all overdue taxes for the 2017/2018 fiscal year will begin this month. In order to avoid additional fees, payment in full will be required before May 17, 2018.



VCS PreK-grade 2 students visit Old Town YMCA for 5-week enhanced PE program

By Angel Nelligan,
PE/Health Teacher

The Veazie Community School offers students many unique opportunities in all subject areas—even P.E.! The PreK-2nd grade students enjoyed a 5-week enhanced physical education program, during which they had the opportunity to use the swimming and gymnastics facilities at the Old Town-Orono YMCA.

Every Tuesday, the students and their teachers traveled to the Y to participate in swimming and gymnastics lessons. Each class spent 45 minutes in the pool and 45 minutes in the gymnastics field house.

While participating in swimming lessons, they gained skills in water safety and basic strokes. Even students who were at first timid about entering the pool gradually developed confidence and an appreciation for water activities. Learning how to swim surrounded by familiar friends made the experience even more enjoyable for the students.

Gymnastics, a new activity included in the VCS physical education curriculum, turned out to be a huge hit with the students. The Old Town-Orono YMCA field house has top notch gymnastics equipment, including balance beams, spring floors, uneven and parallel bars, and a trampoline track. Each of these areas allowed the students to develop a variety of skills in balance, strength, agility, and flexibility.

For example, on the balance beam students learned to walk forwards and backwards, jump, march, and turn. A favorite activity was an obstacle course that allowed students to practice different skills at each station. Students also reported having lots of fun bouncing on the trampoline track and jumping into the foam pit.

The opportunity for students to receive swimming and gymnastics lessons from certified coaches as part of the VCS curriculum was an incredible experience. The skills the students gained throughout the program will benefit them for the rest of their lives.





FLEX Friday School Wellness Day

By Matt Cyr

On Friday, March 30, grades K - 8 rented out the Old Town-Orono YMCA for a FLEX Friday Wellness Afternoon. Students got to choose from a variety of rotating activities including swimming, wallyball, basketball, zumba, the climbing wall and the gymnastics tumble track/foam pit. VCS staff and students enjoyed this opportunity to focus on physical fitness and simply being active! THANK

YOU TO OUR PTO for funding this activity!and don't you worry, Pre-K didn't miss out on the fun! They had the ENTIRE school to themselves while K - 8 visited the Old Town Y. Our youngest learners got to run in the halls while screaming at the top of their lungs....they all tried out Mr. Cyr's chair in the office.....and even pretended to be Middle Schoolers while visiting all the empty classrooms in the building!



1st, 2nd graders learn about maple syrup

By Laurie Kimball, Grade 2 Teacher

Grades one and two took a short walk through the woods to learn first hand how maple syrup is made. Tom and Melissa Stone, parents and community members, showed students how to locate

sugar maple trees and tap them. Children, and adults, were amazed to see how fast the trees were running! The best part was getting to try the syrup afterwards!



Asst. Chief Metcalf uses an orange to show students how healthy lungs function



Asst. Chief Metcalf shows grade 2 students emergency response equipment.

Veazie firefighters work with VCS students on fire safety

By Laurie Kimball, Grade 2 Teacher

We are very fortunate in Veazie to be able to work closely with the fire department. Fire-Fighter Pete Metcalf comes in to speak with PreK through Grade Four students four to five times a year. He works with Grades Five through Six students through our Flex Friday program.

The younger students learn how to stay safe and be proactive when it comes to fire and burns. They get to visit the fire station and see how the

firefighters put on their equipment. This is key to keeping children safe in a fire. They learn not to be afraid and hide if a firefighter is trying to help them get to safety. Of course another highlight of that visit is getting to sit in the fire truck!

Older students get to work on being safe and how to help others be safe. Each Friday, if they select the Flex option, students work to learn what real firefighters and police officers do. They get trained in First Aid and CPR.

This year all students were fortunate to be able to go inside a portable “smoke house.” This allowed children to see what it would look like if they were ever in house that was on fire. Students chose to go out the window of the “house” or to stay low and go to the door.

The strong relationship between the fire department and our school is something to be proud of!



The VIKING ALUMNI SPOTLITE



is a new section that we hope to run in each issue of The Viking. We are always seeking submissions of stories and photos to share with the community. Specifically, we would like to spotlight individuals who formerly attended Veazie Community School or the John R. Graham School. It's a great way to stay connected! Here is a link to the survey that graduates who have a Google Docs account can complete for the publication: <https://goo.gl/ud3fTf>. If you have any questions or don't have a Google Docs account, contact VCS Principal Matt Cyr at (207) 947-6573 or email him at mcyr@veaziecs.org.

Tiffani Lindsey

Veazie Community School, 8th Grade Class of 2000

Tell us a little bit about what you are doing now (where you live, what you do for work, etc.)

I purchased my first home in Veazie 4 years ago. I am now the Director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Program at the Fairmount School in Bangor.

What did you do right after you left Veazie Community School?

After VCS, I went to Bangor High School, then on to Champlain College to study to be a teacher. Immediately upon graduation, I went to UMaine for my Masters in Education with a focus on leadership in higher education, and worked in Residence Life there. In 2010 I took a job at Southwestern Michigan College. In 2012 I moved home for a job at EMCC. Then I was approached by an old friend and asked to take over management of Great Skates in Bangor, and I took the plunge into a new career! Four years later, and I am back in education and combining all of my prior experiences to run the afterschool program at Fairmount.



What do you remember most vividly about your time at VCS?

The sense of community - having deeply rooted relationships with your classmates (I am still best friends with Grace Livingston, going on 26 years!) and extra care from teachers who really knew us well. We also had so much opportunity to fully invest ourselves in a variety of sports and extra-curriculars and try a little of everything.

What are some lessons you learned at VCS that served you well in life?

I think I learned to push myself and take commitments seriously from my time in sports, especially under the mentorship of Mrs. Evans.



Laura Skacel

Veazie Community School, 8th Grade Class of 2014

Tell us a little bit about what you are doing now (where you live, what you do for work, etc.)

I still live in Veazie, but soon will be moving when I leave for college. I will be attending Bowdoin College in the fall. I work as a lifeguard over the summer along and volunteer at the Windover Summer Art Camp.

What did you do right after you left Veazie Community School?

I went to John Bapst Memorial High School after I left VCS and will be graduating this June (2018). I'm planning to major in biology and go the premed route! I would like to one day become a physician.

I was accepted to Bowdoin, Northeastern, Colby, Middlebury, Boston University, and Case Western Reserve. It was a difficult decision, but as stated earlier, I will be attending Bowdoin College in the fall.

What do you remember most vividly about your time at VCS?

I most strongly remember the good friends I made during my time at Veazie Community School. From playing cats cradle on the bus to going out and building snow forts



during recess, the people around me at VCS (students and teachers alike) were some of the most caring people I've ever met, and gave me some of the best memories of my childhood.

What are some lessons you learned at VCS that served you well in life?

The community of kindness taught me many lessons that served me well in life. Not only to treat others with respect, but also how to create meaningful bonds with those around me.



A sample of the bowls by the students. Soup was then served in these bowls as part of this fundraiser.



A great turnout of family and friends. for the Soup for the Soul community luncheon.

‘Soup for the Soul’ community luncheon raises \$363 for Bangor Homeless Shelter

By Ashlee Curtis, VCS Art Teacher

Much preparation went into our first successful Soup for the Soul community luncheon. Middle school students learned how to create clay vessels. Once they honed in on their sculpting skills, they used a paper bowl template to make a uniform shape and were challenged to mold as many soup bowls as they could. Since many bowls looked the same at that point, our artists gave them their own unique looks by decorating them with colored glazes, including specialty confetti burst designs.

We then talked about what it means to do something for people in need and how to share our art with the community. Students made a list of potential charities to receive our profits and democratically decided on the Bangor Homeless Shelter. We had generous donations from the Hogan Road Hannaford, Old Town Hannaford, Broadway Hannaford, Old Town Governor’s Restaurant, VCS staff, family, and friends.

Many students, their families, VCS staff, and even some folks just stopping in for lunch attended the Saturday afternoon event. Those 30 guests raised \$353 for the Bangor Homeless Shelter!

The art program sends out a huge thank you to everyone who got involved. We look forward to our 2nd annual Soup for the Soul next year.



Brothers Hayden, Luke and Seth Rollins enjoy some soup and chili.

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'Reading Recovery': effective intervention for struggling readers

By Susan Logan

Reading Recovery Teacher

Reading Recovery is an effective short term intervention of one-to-one instruction for the lowest achieving 20% of a first grade class. These students are students who aren't catching on to the reading/writing process. This intervention is a supplement to good classroom teaching.

Individual students receive a

half hour lesson each day tailored to their needs for 12-20 weeks.

The teacher is a specially trained Reading Recovery teacher. At the end of the intervention it is expected the child will be able to meet grade level expectations and work independently in the classroom. Another round of students are picked up to begin instruction as the first round discontinues.

The goal of Reading Recovery is

to reduce the number of first graders who have extreme difficulty learning to read and write and reduce the cost of the learners to the system.

Reading Recovery was developed in New Zealand and began in the United States in 1984. 75% of the students who complete the 12-20 week intervention can meet grade level expectations. The few students who continue to have

difficulty are recommended for further evaluation.

Professional development is an essential part of Reading Recovery with support to the teacher from a teacher leader. Reading Recovery teachers continue to develop observational skills, teaching skills and procedures to fit the child's needs.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GARDENING? JOIN THE VEAZIE GARDEN CLUB

The Veazie Garden Club is open to men and women from Veazie and the surrounding communities who love to garden and those who would love to learn more about gardening! The club is affiliated with the Garden Club Federation of Maine, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Organized in 1957 and federated in 1977, the club meets monthly on the second Tuesday from September through June (January excluded) at 7 p.m., at The Veazie Community School on School Street in Veazie.

Monthly programs are educational and membership is diverse, with young gardeners just learning to Master Gardeners and the young at heart, who offer considerable knowledge and experience.

Recent programs have featured presentations on dahlias, hostas, flower arranging, new plant introductions and the history of the Orono Bog Boardwalk.

The club often tours members' gardens or pub-



lic gardens, such as the Rogers Farm in Orono. The annual plant auction each May, which is

open to the public, is a highlight of the spring season and a major fundraiser for the club. Club projects include the plantings around the town welcome signs and flower boxes at the cemetery, along with the planters in the foyer of the Veazie Community School.

The club also donates to district and state projects and other worthy causes locally that support gardening, conservation and beautification efforts. The Veazie Community Improvement Award is also a club project which recognizes local businesses or organizations who have made significant improvements to their buildings and grounds or public spaces within Veazie.

Join the Garden Club for a fun time, meet fellow gardeners, and expand your gardening knowledge! Guests are always welcome at meetings! We bring out the green thumb in everyone!

For more information, visit our Facebook page or email: barbie81@gmail.com.

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*Full Day (7-14): 9am-3pm

*Travel Soccer Prep: 5pm-8pm

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Olivia, Maddie and Emma show off their hula-hoop skills.



Emily demonstrates speed cups.

Middle school students bring smiles to PreK-5 audience with acrobats, unicycle riders, plate spinners, magicians, clowns, and other circus acts

By Angel Nelligan
PE/Health Teacher

As circus founder P.T. Barnum once said, "To me there is no picture so beautiful as smiling, bright-eyed, happy children; no music so sweet as their clear and ringing laughter."

The Veazie Community School gymnasium was certainly filled with smiling, bright-eyed children on Thursday, March 27, as they gathered to watch the middle school students present a circus of their own.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders put a great deal of effort into practicing and perfecting various acts to present to the school.

Throughout their training, they not only learned

new skills, but also gained confidence when performing in front of a crowd.

The circus provided an opportunity for the students to demonstrate their athleticism through artistic performance. There were over a dozen different types of acts that included acrobats, unicycle riders, plate spinners, magicians, clowns, and many others.

The audience, who were the students from grades PreK-5, thoroughly enjoyed the event and can't wait until it is their turn to put on a circus for their school.

Faculty and staff were genuinely amazed by the skills and creativity of the middle school students. The circus is just one of the many activities that makes the Veazie Community School unique!



Justin masters the unicycle.



Dom, Ben and Hayden demonstrate ball handling skills.



Griffin, Carter, Tyler and Riley spin plates.



Fallon, Katie and Lily perform acrobatics.

Homeland Security official talks about internet safety to grades 1-5



By Lexie Dineen
VCS School Counselor

On April 24 and May 1, Veazie resident and Resident Agent in Charge for Homeland Security Investigations, Todd Zerfoss presented multiple internet safety presentations to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders of Veazie Community School. RAC Zerfoss along with SA Greg Kelly of the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) office in Bangor, ME spoke with the students about making good decisions while online, cyberbullying and making sure the students understood that it is not a good idea to share personal information online without getting consent from a responsible adult. The presentation was a part of the IGuardian Internet Safety Series produced by HSI in conjunction with NetSmartz, a program of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The agents talked to the children about online gaming and gave the students a few tips to make their experience safe and enjoyable.

6th graders shine at VCS Invention Convention

By Nicole Spinney
Middle School Math/Science
and Chapter 104

Invention Convention has been a part of the 6th grade experience at VCS for the last three years. Students learn about the process of developing an invention to include the patent application process, what patents are, and great inventions throughout history. Students work together to brainstorm solutions to problems and to develop ideas for inventions of their own to solve those problems.

Through a variety of group and individual lessons and activities, students perform patent searches, create a prototype, marketing materials, and a presentation. All of their hard work culminates into a school-level Invention Convention, where local business owners are invited to be judges for our students.

Rachel Eugley from Raegamuffins Bakery, Bernie Lynch from Viking Glass, and James Dunning from Casella were our volunteer judges this year!

Lily Chandler, Christian Zerfoss, Avery Messer, Tristan Martin, and Laurali Parker won the 2018 VCS Invention Convention and had the opportunity to participate at the Maine State Invention Convention on March 17, 2018, where their hard work paid off!

Lily Chandler with the Sit and Stay Bowl won the STEMIE Choice Award, and an invite to the National



Christian Zerfoss explains his Selfie Sac prototype to judge Bernie Lynch of Viking Glass



Tristan Martin explaining how his Elevated Snacks invention works to judge James Dunning of Casella.

Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo (NICEE 2018).

VCS swept the awards for the 3-6 grade level! Tristan Martin with Elevated Snacks won 1st place, Christian Zerfoss with the Selfie Sac won 2nd place, and Avery Messer with the Magic Cutter won 3rd place. All three were also invited to the National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo. Laurali Parker won for Best Design Process.

All 5 of our participants walked away winners and showed what hard work and determination looks like at VCS!! We are all wishing good luck to Avery and Christian as they prepare for NICEE in Detroit, MI, at the end of May!



Tristan Martin, Christian Zerfoss, Olivia Messer, Lily Chandler and Laurali Parker represented VCS exceptionally well and swept all awards for their age category.

Intermediate Wing celebrates March Madness with Poetry Tournament

By Melissa Hileman,
Grade 4 Teacher

In taking advantage of the enthusiasm for the March Madness Tournament, the Intermediate Wing decided to hold a Poetry Tournament.

Eight rounds were held to determine the first set of winning poems. Each poem is on YouTube with some incredible readers, including some being the actual authors. Maya Angelo was a favorite speaker, although the crowd's favorite was definitely Kobe Bryant. It was awesome!!

We showed each poetry reading to the group, discussed meaning, writing style, speaking style, and other elements of writing, then each person voted for their favorite. The next day the winner was announced before viewing the next set of poems.

We were pleasantly surprised as a

few of the oldies but goodies made their way to the Final Four. "The Road not Taken," by Robert Frost, evoked deep discussions, as well as "The Rose that Grew from Concrete," by Tupac Shakur, and "Still I Rise," by Maya Angelo.

Eventually, four favorites surfaced for the "Poetry Play-offs." As the students gathered, Ms. Glunt got her best speaking voice ready as some of the poems were really involved in length or tempo. A very timely poem, "Touch



Screen," by Marshall Davis Jones, was an early contender but the final came down to a battle between "Dear Basketball," by Kobe Bryant, and "Mother to Son," by Langston Hughes.

"Dear Basketball" survived as the final winner!!

In addition to learning and enjoying poetry as a form of writing, many ideas grew from the deep discussions. Everyone had a stake in the outcome and took it very seriously. In fact, some students who absolutely love basketball and look to Kobe as an idol, discovered another side to him. His message was well received and got a number of students thinking about their passions.

This project grew from an idea of common pastime many people love to watch into a powerful teaching activity. One student has already requested we do this again next year...that is the best proof we were able to connect with them and make learning meaningful.



Veazie Community School School's Out ... Reading is In!

The VCS Library will be open the following
Tuesdays and Wednesdays:
June 26, 27 - July 10, 11, 24, 25, 31
9:30am - 1pm

Stop by, check out books, and enjoy some of our
NEW summer reading programs.

Read With Me

Tuesdays 9:45-10:30 All Ages Welcome

During this time, students will have the opportunity to read cooperatively with some of our middle school and intermediate students who have volunteered to attend as guest readers. They have selected a few of their favorite stories to share, but students will also be given choice to explore their interests. Our younger readers can practice reading and/or summarizing the text with their reading buddy.

Brown Bag Bookworms

Tuesdays 11:00-12:15 All Ages Welcome

Bring your lunch and join us for read alouds, book clubs and discussions, virtual book tours and talks, crafts and activities, and more!

Use this time to log your Scholastic Reading Challenge Minutes online. Enjoy a cool and quiet place to read, and get lost in a book of your choice in our comfortable flexible seating options. What is your summer reading goal this year, and how can we help you meet it?

Little Vikings Storytime and STEM

Wednesdays 9:45-10:30 Ages 2-7
(Must be accompanied by an adult)

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities, followed by sensory stations for families to interact and explore the concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, math and literacy together.

Makers Gonna Make

Wednesdays 11-12:15 All Ages Welcome

Come explore, create, tinker and build in our Makerspace adjacent to the library.

3D Printing, STEM challenges, robotics, KEVA planks, computer programming with Scratch, LEGOs, and our newest addition - the Creation Station which will feature a make and take activity for you to complete each week.



VCS Library Media Specialist Martha Shannon shows how she integrates coding into literacy lessons with her early primary students.



Olivia Messer shows how VCS students use Arduino circuit boards, motors, sensors and switches to create various projects such as the car in the center of the table.

VCS students help Mr. Cyr teach college students at UMaine

By Matt Cyr

Thirteen VCS students from grades Kindergarten through the 8th grade helped Mr. Cyr teach his University of Maine EDT 400

students one evening this spring. Veazie's future engineers showed pre-service teachers how VCS uses a variety of STEM programs within their daily curriculum as part of Li-

brary Media classes. Martha Shannon, our Library Media Specialist worked with our VCS students in preparing how to teach, future teachers! The UMaine students

were very impressed with the skill level of our students and the amazing access to STEM resources at our school!! VCS is a very special place to grow and learn!



Left photo: Mr. Cyr reads the Dr. Seuss book, "Green Eggs and Ham." Right photo: Mr. Cyr serves a "Read Across America" breakfast of—you guessed it!—green eggs and ham.



Brandon and Keldin enjoy their green eggs and ham!

PreK-Grade 2 students celebrate Read Across America

By Laurie Kimball, Grade 2 Teacher

Pre-K through grade two students celebrated Read Across America day on March 2nd. Read Across America day started back in 1998 as a way for the country to celebrate literacy. It takes place on the school day that is closest to Dr. Seuss' birthday each year. Mr. Cyr started our day off by reading us GREEN EGGS AND HAM. After the story students were treated to a Seussical breakfast which included green eggs and ham. Primary Buddies then read



Noah shares some of his writing with younger friends.

and worked together on Seuss related activities. It was an exciting way to share our love for literacy!