

# SV STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a priority of the Board of Education and the district to present a budget that is both fiscally and instructionally sound. The district continues to assess efficiencies and address needs with fiscally sound decisions. The tax increase this year is 2.44%.

### Highlights from the budget include:

Board of Education Adopted April 9, 2019  
Total Budget.....\$11,336,854  
State Aid .....\$8,126,238  
Local Support .....\$2,340,990  
Tax Levy Increase.....2.44%

(Note: For a property with a market value of \$80,000.00 the increase in taxes is approximately \$24.00 per year. These figures will vary slightly depending on the resident's township.)

### The Expenditure Increase this year is 2.44%.

The Board of Education and I would like to thank the community for passing the bus referendum in March. The safety of your children is our primary concern. Purchasing a new bus and selling one of our older buses each year generates the maximum amount of transportation aid and keeps the cost of the bus as low as possible. The Board of Education and I also thank the PTSO, Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation, the American Legion, the Ruritans, the Booster Club, and many community members for their continued support of our students. Tuesday, May 14 is the budget hearing and the Board of Education candidates will speak to the community. The **Budget vote is May 21, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Thank you in advance for voting!

### Mission:

*We empower students through education.*

Since I began at SVCS in 2015 the district has focused on putting students first by building culture, community, and curriculum.

The district has taken several steps to develop the culture and community in the school. Among

these are branding our district as a Culture of Hope and living by these standards. The district is incorporating the Capturing Kids Hearts EXCEL process into our practice at SVCS. Currently staff and faculty are being trained, along with several other districts in our area, in the EXCEL model. This model incorporates specific and consistent methods when working with our students.

Our Culture of Hope incorporates the COUGAR traits developed by the student body, building partnerships with the community through the adoption of our new logo, enhanced website, and continual improvement of communication. Most important, our Culture of Hope makes the safety and wellness of our students, staff, and faculty the highest priority. Our first Smart Bond project was completed this year and added several more cameras. The district is planning to add other school safety features as well. Look for more details in future newsletters.

Student achievement remains a priority at SVCS. We have focused our efforts on curriculum development, professional development, dual credit offerings, and partnerships with business. Student achievement is measured through our 3-8 assessment results, regents results, dual credit offerings and our graduation rate.

The district has worked diligently to bring more dual credit classes to our school. We continue to increase these offerings and we are proud to say that we have students graduating with enough credits to enter SUNY and CUNY schools as sophomores.

All of these achievements cannot be completed without your help and support. I am very proud of Stockbridge Valley CSD and I thank you for all of your support.

Respectfully,

*Cindy Stocker*

Cindy Stocker, Superintendent

*Stockbridge Valley Central School District Mission Statement*  
*We empower students through education.*



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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

**Tuesday, May 14, 2018 • 6:30 pm @ SVCS**

There will be an opportunity to meet the candidates running for the Stockbridge Valley Central School Board of Education on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. following the budget presentation in the school library. Get to know the candidates and find out their views of the issues facing Stockbridge Valley.

### **Niki Maiura**

Hello, my name is Niki Maiura and I am asking for your vote so that I may continue to serve on the Stockbridge Valley School Board. I grew up in Munnsville,



attended and graduated from Stockbridge Valley and now reside in the district with my daughter, Marisa. I love being a part of this district and community.

I have served on the board for 5 years and would like the opportunity to continue to do so. I believe that our board focuses on the big picture and consistently considers the future for our students and community.

I believe that providing our children with a safe place to learn is of the utmost importance and should continue to be a priority. I also believe in encouraging every child to pursue their goals and giving them the tools they need to succeed at achieving them. I will strive to stay informed, student and community focused and fiscally responsible.

I will continue to support shared services with other districts and municipalities in order to keep offering opportunities at a reduced cost.

It would be my privilege to receive your vote and continue to serve with this Board. Thank you for your time.

### **Doug Reed**

Hi, my name is Doug Reed, I am a life-long resident of the district. I am seeking re-election to the Board of Education in Stockbridge Valley. I believe that as a School District we have a responsibility to educate the students and provide them with as many opportunities as possible while representing the tax payers and providing this education and opportunity with the utmost fiscal conservatism. I intend to continue to serve the district with all of the students' best interest in mind. I also intend to continue to monitor our fiscal solvency and try to



contribute to the budgeting process in a meaningful way as to allow continued progress and success of our students.

We as a board have set goals that include increasing student achievement and the opportunity to take more AP courses that provide college credit while still in High School. I will continue to stress the importance of these programs in our ever more competitive work places and society.

Please consider voting for me to represent you for the next three years as a member of the Board.

### **Michael Gough**

Hello, my name is Michael Gough. I have been a resident within the Stockbridge Valley school district for over twenty-five years. I have three children who have all obtained diplomas from Stockbridge Valley Central School. All of my children were highly successful within their class and made academics a very high priority in their life as well as excelling in sports year round. I believe all of my children had very positive experiences attending Stockbridge Valley.

It would be my goal in joining the school board to give other kids the same positive experiences my children had as well as promote future opportunities within the entire school. I hope this brief outline will provide you with a better understanding as to my reasoning for running as a candidate for the Board of Education. If you have any further questions or concerns, feel free to contact me anytime at 315-761-9452. I look forward to hearing from you.



Thank you for your consideration.

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## PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020

### Three Part Budget Summary

	2018-19 Adjusted Budget	2019-20 Proposed Budget	Inc./Dec. from prior year
<b>Proposed Program Budget</b>			
Teaching Regular Instruction	2,369,509	2,474,266	104,757
Career & Technical Instruction	498,222	475,109	(23,113)
Programs for Students w/Special Needs	1,104,290	1,115,016	10,726
Special Schools/Programs	114,800	126,699	11,899
Media & Computer Technology Services	315,443	367,956	52,513
Pupil Services	379,802	400,348	20,546
Interfund Transfer	21,500	21,500	-
Transportation Services	774,057	776,628	2,571
Employee Benefits	2,070,747	2,132,043	61,296
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,648,370</b>	<b>7,889,565</b>	<b>241,195</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>			
Facility & Grounds Operation & Maintenance	635,669	642,730	7,061
Debt Service	1,040,563	1,038,295	(2,268)
Employee Benefits	236,113	239,368	3,255
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,912,345</b>	<b>1,920,393</b>	<b>8,048</b>
<b>Administrative Expenditures</b>			
Board of Education	12,507	12,572	65
Central Admin./Finance	413,096	422,028	8,932
Central Services	326,267	317,313	(8,954)
Instructional Administration	347,586	363,048	15,462
Employee Benefits	407,088	411,935	4,847
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,506,544</b>	<b>1,526,896</b>	<b>20,352</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>11,067,259</b>	<b>11,336,854</b>	<b>269,595</b>

### Expenditures

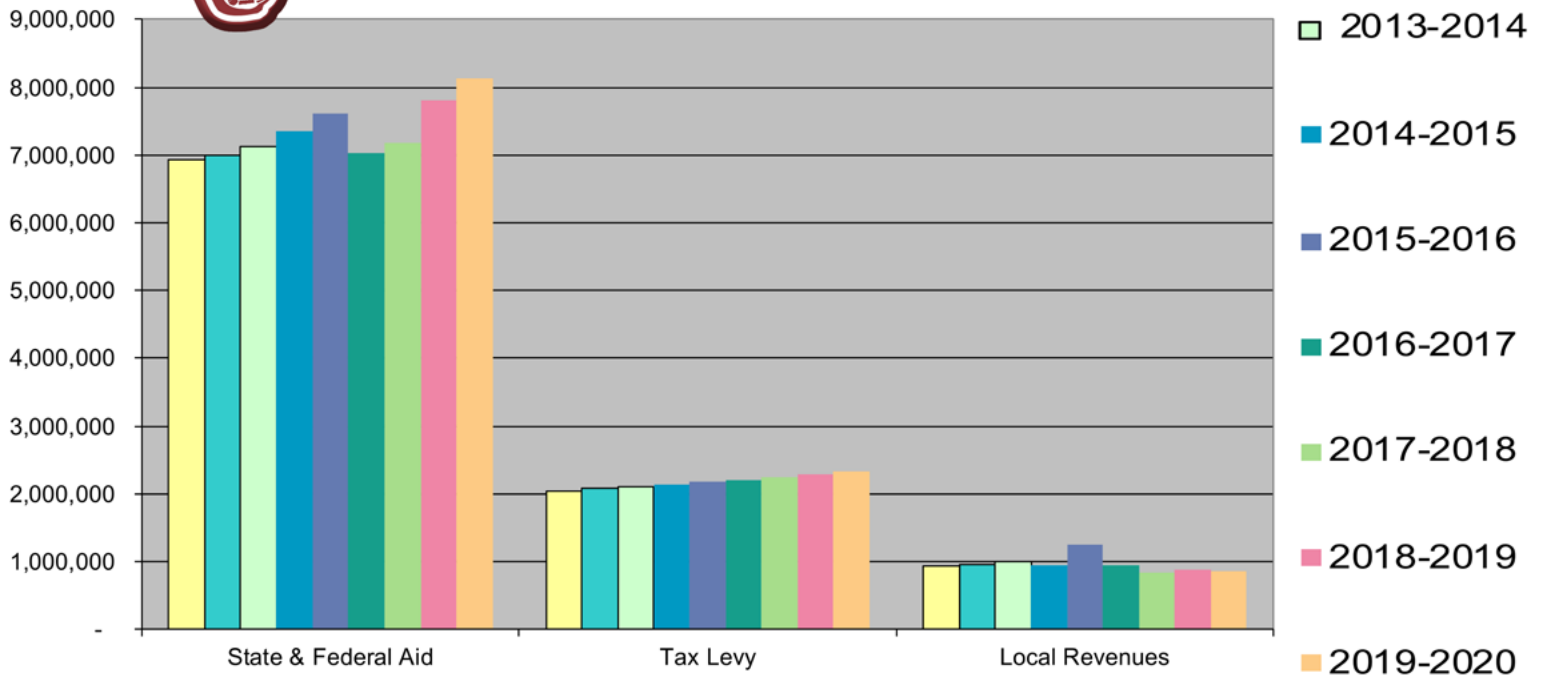
ADMINISTRATION	1,525,896	13.4%
INSTRUCTION	7,112,937	62.7%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	776,628	6.9%
CAPITAL	1,920,393	16.9%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>11,336,854</b>	



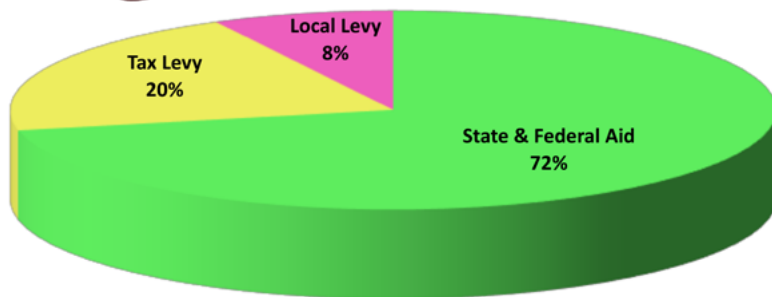
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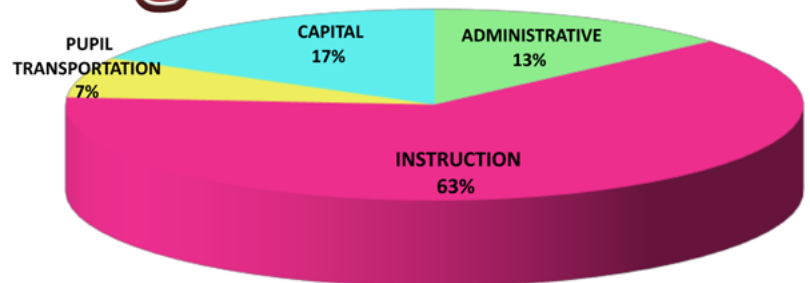
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## WHERE IT GOES

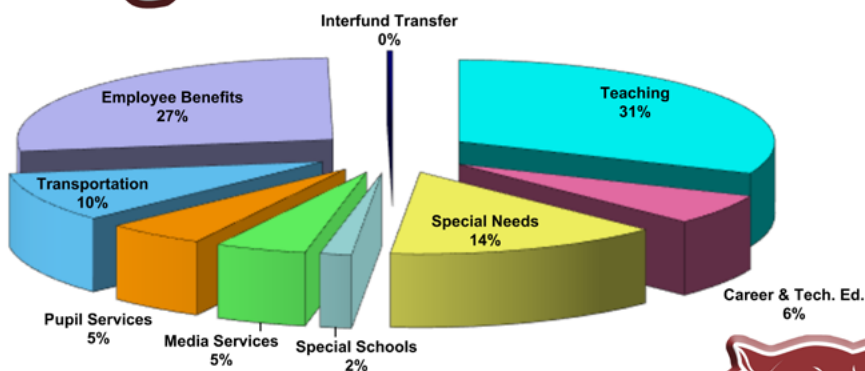




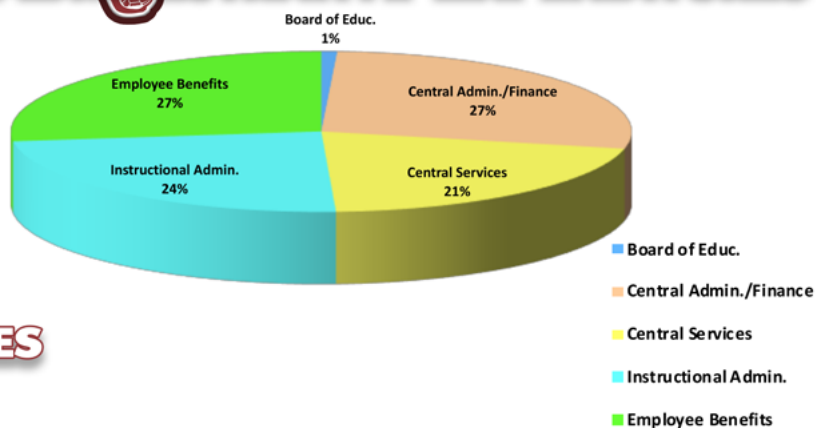
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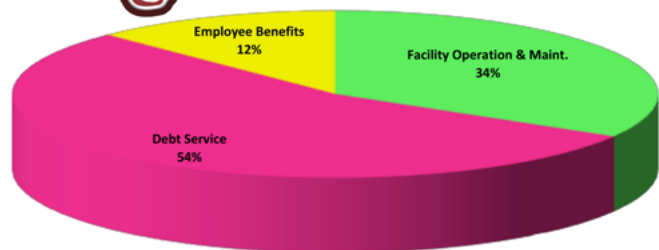
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## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES



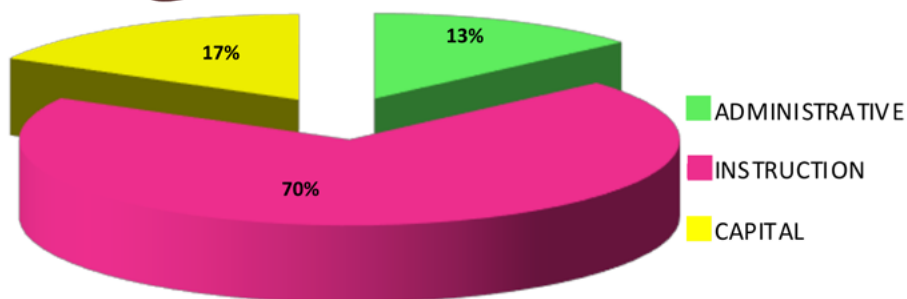
## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES



Facility Operation & Maint. Debt Service Employee Benefits



## 3 PART BUDGET



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# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CSD 2019-20 BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 11,067,259	\$ 11,336,854	\$ 11,299,104
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$ 269,596	\$ 231,845
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.44 %	2.09%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 2,283,785	\$ 2,340,990	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 2,283,785	\$ 2,340,990	\$2,283,785
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$	\$ 22,078	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 2,307,352	\$ 2,386,972	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 2,283,785	\$ 2,340,990	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 23,567	\$ 45,982	
Administrative Component	\$ 1,506,544	\$ 1,526,897	\$ 1,525,997
Program Component	\$ 7,648,370	\$ 7,889,564	\$ 7,876,714
Capital Component	\$ 1,912,345	\$ 1,920,393	\$ 1,896,393

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

In projecting the contingency budget for 2019-2020, the District has assumed a total of \$37,750 of non-contingent items to be removed from the proposed budget.

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmats@nysed.gov](mailto:emscmats@nysed.gov)

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year

\$ 588.00

## Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Stockbridge Valley School District, Madison County, New York, will be held at Stockbridge Valley C. S. in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 10:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the School Foyer, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

# School News School News School News

## 2019 Valedictorian - Aliyah Frederick

Stockbridge Valley Central School recently announced **Aliyah Frederick** as the Class of 2019 Valedictorian. Aliyah is the daughter of Terry and Charmy Frederick of Oneida, NY.



Aliyah has been accepted to SUNY Potsdam, Ithaca College, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Oneonta, Clarkson, SUNY Brockport and SUNY Cortland. She plans to attend SUNY Geneseo and major in psychology.

Throughout high school, Aliyah has been recognized with several awards including the University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award and the 2018 Clarkson School Scholars Award. She has also excelled in the Syracuse University Project Advanced course and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Aliyah has been involved in several extracurricular activities including youth group, school sports and clubs. She has volunteered at the Congregational Church's Soup and Pie Day, food kitchens in Oneida and as a church group youth leader.

When asked to describe a highlight or personal accomplishment, this is what Aliyah said, "I feel so proud to be named Valedictorian. I've worked so hard and it hasn't been easy. It's rewarding to see my hard work finally pay off and be recognized for it."



I hope everyone enjoyed their winter and is now ready for spring. It is truly nice that the weather is getting better and we can usher in the final quarter of our school year.

Spring sports have begun and our teams are off to a great start. Softball and Golf are defending league titles and the Baseball team is young and hungry for success. Our modified teams are also looking to grow and build on success from previous seasons. Come out and support the Cougars and enjoy the beautiful weather.

There are many other events going on at SVCS. Since our last newsletter we have had the Madison-Stockbridge Exchange Concert, our FFA Maple Weekend and Junior Class Bazaar, the Culinary Club sponsored a Pizza War, and we held a STEM Night with Marquardt Switches.

## 2019 Salutatorian - Kevin Miller

**Kevin Miller** has been named the Salutatorian for the Stockbridge Valley Class of 2019. Kevin's parents are Ronald and Mandy Miller of Munnsville, NY. Kevin has been accepted to SUNY Delhi and SUNY Cobleskill. He will attend SUNY Delhi in the fall to major in Veterinarian Science.

Kevin has been a member of the National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, Marching Band, Select Choir, Drama Club, Yearbook Club, Library Club, Athletics, Student Council and Journalism Club. He has received the Merit Scholarship of Excellence, Cornell Book Award, Syracuse University Award of Recognition, Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, and the Prudential Spirit of Community Certificate of Achievement.

Kevin has earned community service credit by volunteering at Camp Lookout, New Beginnings Community Church Children's program and the local church food pantry.

"One personal accomplishment of my high school career would be that of getting recognized as a member of the National Honor Society. It really showed my family that the hard work and dedication I've put in over the years has finally paid off. It also proved that everything that I had done to achieve academic excellence was worth the time and effort."



## News from the High School Office

We also have two new clubs doing great things at SVCS. Our News Team is putting out bi-weekly newsletter with stories written by our students. It has been a really positive way for our kids to celebrate each other and do some creative writing. The Clay Target Club has gotten started and the feedback from students, parents, and teachers has been overwhelming positive. Our teachers are providing our kids with tremendous opportunities and the kids are taking full advantage.

I also want to remind everyone of the importance of our final two months. After Spring Break we have less than 50 school days left. It is really important for students to be in school and preparing for the final push towards Regents and Final Exams. Please help us with attendance and ensure our students finish the year strong.

Lastly, please follow me on Twitter(@SVCS\_Kilian) for important updates and reminders about what's happening at Stockbridge Valley.

### Important Dates to Remember

- 5/1/19-5/2/19-NYS 3-8 Math Exams
  - 5/2/19-5/4/19-FFA State Convention
  - 5/17/19-5/18/19-Math and Science Club Trip
  - 5/21/19-Honor Roll Breakfast
  - 5/25/19-5/27/19-Memorial Day Weekend
- Please call our office with any questions you have, 315-495-4450.

*Mr. Kilian*

Mr. Kilian • 7-12 Principal



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## Applying Literature to Real Life Survival

The freshman class is about a quarter of the way through their Lord of the Flies unit in English 9. The class has been having deep and meaningful discussions about the impact of society on human nature. The novel focuses on boys trapped on a tropical island and having to battle between social pressure from their peers and the pressure put on them from their need to survive and try to be rescued.



The students were able to put reading into action before break as the class took a trip out into woods to try their hands at building their own shelters. One of the most contentious battles in



the novel is about the boys' need for shelter from the elements and a mythical "beastie." The students broke up into their own groups to try their hand at making a shelter from scratch.

At the end of the period the students reflected on how they dealt with conflict within their groups and how they worked together to achieve a common goal. They had to think about what rules they established even if they didn't speak them out loud, and they discussed who took on leadership roles



and who did the work. Overall the class seemed to enjoy the great weather and hands on learning.

*Jay Lehmann*

Jay Lehmann • English Teacher

## Stockbridge Valley FFA Competes in Leadership Development Events

Stockbridge Valley FFA hosted District 5 competitions on Saturday, February 2, and has several students moving on to compete in Sub-States.

There was approximately 150 FFA members in attendance from chapters such as Madison, Hamilton, Fonda-Fultonville, Mohawk Valley, VVS, Remsen, and several others.

District Competitions get FFA members involved in competitions such as Job Interview, Parliamentary Procedure, Chapter Meeting, Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Ag Issues, People in Ag, Creed, and more.

These competitions get students ready for real-life careers and situations, while giving them the chance to have fun and compete against their friends.

From the Stockbridge Valley chapter, the Parliamentary Procedure team and the Chapter Meeting team placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Logan Godaire placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Austin Nolley placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Senior Extemporaneous speaking; Austin Nolley and Michael Wagner tied for 1<sup>st</sup> and Rebecca Ax placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Employment Skills; Rebecca Ax and Austin Nolley tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in Sr. Prepared Speaking; Madison Nolley placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Jr. People in Ag; Myah LaFave placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jr. Extemporaneous Speaking; Braden Renner placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Jr. Prepared Speaking; Myah La-

Fave placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Ethan Smith placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tristan Ellerbruch placed 7<sup>th</sup> and Faith Hartle placed 8<sup>th</sup> in Jr. Creed; Abby Smith competed in Jr. Creed; Brandon Burton, Sam Smith, and Kaleb Jones competed in Sr. Prepared; Sam Smith competed in Employment Skills.

Great Job to the Stockbridge Valley FFA and good luck at Sub-States!

Submitted by Adriene Byron  
Sr. High FFA Reporter

## Stockbridge Valley FFA Competes at Sub States

On March 16, FFA Sub States were held at Cazenovia High School. All students that qualified at Districts on February 2 traveled to Cazenovia to compete against the best of our segment of New York State.

After hard work and perseverance, many Stockbridge students are moving on to the State level. The Parli Pro team, consisting of Austin Nolley, Ethan Smith, Alex Smith, Adrienne Byron, Becca Ax, and Logan Godaire (with Abby Smith as alternate) will be practicing for States



until the competitions take place in May. As individuals, Austin Nolley will compete in Sr. Extemporaneous Speaking and in Jr. People in Ag Madison Nolley





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has qualified. Good job and congratulations to everyone that competed, and a special shout out to Ethan Smith, who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Jr. Creed, and Logan Goudaire who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sr. Extemporaneous Speaking. You were so close, boys, and we're proud of all of you!

Submitted by Myah LaFave  
Jr. High FFA Reporter

Pictures by Rowan Cady

### The SVCS Clay Target Club Is Off and Running!

The students are shooting trap at Vernon National Shooting Preserve in Vernon. Following the motto of the USA Clay Target League, "Safety, Fun and Marksmanship", the students are learning all about the aspects of trap. The students



are surprising the coaches with their abilities on the range. Competition starts in two weeks, good luck to all the members!

*Patty Waldron*

Patty Waldron • Club Advisor

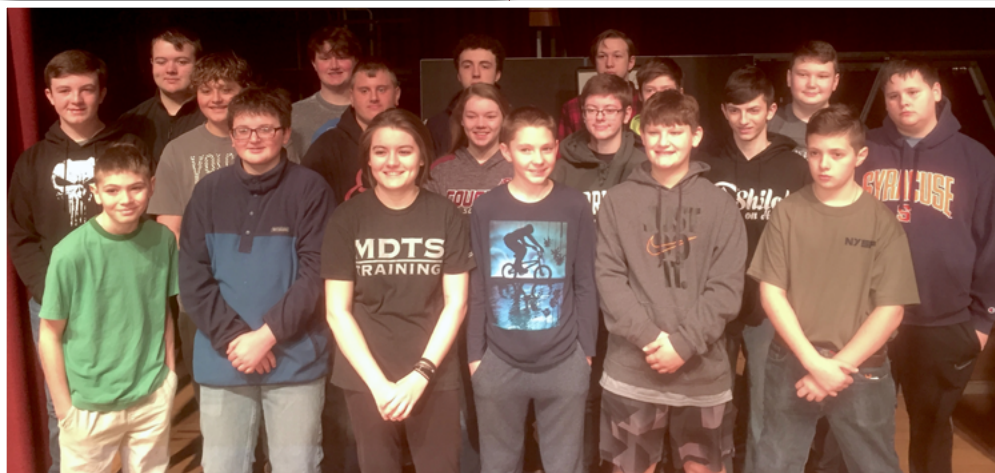
### COUGAR PRIDE SVCS Athletics

#### SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team for being awarded the NYS-PHAA Scholar Athlete Team Award. The Girls Varsity Volleyball team has been recognized for outstanding academic achievement for maintaining an overall team GPA over 90%.

The following individuals also have been recognized as scholar athletes for the 2018-2019 winter season for maintaining a 90% average or higher and will be receiving a pin at the end of year athletic awards.

Darian Eaton  
Kaleb Jones  
Melissa Bartlett  
Camdyn Cross  
Madeline Cross  
Markalynn Eaton  
Barbara Guinto  
Abby Reed  
Abby Tucker  
Rebecca Ax  
Alyssa Enslow  
Rachel Mennig  
Elizabeth Wagner



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### MEET OUR SENIORS

#### Boys Basketball Andrew Wilson

Andrew is the son of Kathleen and Jeremy Wilson. He has played basketball for four years and has been a two-year member of the Stockbridge Valley Boys Varsity Basketball team. Andrew plans on continuing his education in college this fall.

#### Archie Linnaberry

Archie is the son of Kim and Archie Linnaberry. He has played basketball for four years and this was his first season as a member of the Stockbridge Valley Boys Varsity Basketball team. Archie's favorite memory of playing basketball was when Andrew scored on his own basket during a modified game. Archie plans on continuing his education at SUNY Morrisville this fall.

#### Wyatt Becker

Wyatt is the son of Amy and Pat Becker. He has played basketball for four years and has been a three-year member of the Stockbridge Valley Boys Varsity Basketball team. Wyatt was a member of the SVCS cross country team for one year and a four-year member of the varsity baseball team. Wyatt's favorite memory of playing basketball was the amazing atmosphere during the sectional game vs. Alexandria Bay. Wyatt plans on attending either Miami or Tennessee University where he will study Business Analytics.

#### Jacob Wilson

Jacob is the son of Micah Wilson. He has played basketball for four years and this was his first season as a member of the Stockbridge Valley Boys Varsity Basketball team. Jacob has also been a member of the Varsity Golf team for one year. Jacob's favorite memory of playing basketball was sprinting down the court and back pedaling back. Jacob's future plans include becoming president of the United States.

#### Darian Eaton

Darian is the son of Jennifer Story. He has played basketball for two years and this was his first season as a member of the Stockbridge Valley Boys Varsity Basketball team. Darian's favorite memory of playing basketball was the opportunity to spend time with his friends. Darian plans on continuing his education at SUNY Plattsburg in the fall and major in history education.



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**Kaleb Jones**

Kaleb is the son of Rebecca and Bryan Jones. He has played basketball for six years and has been a two-year member of the Stockbridge Valley Boys Varsity Basketball team. Kaleb has also been a member of the Varsity Soccer team for the past four years and a member of the Varsity Baseball team for the past two years. Kaleb's favorite memory of playing basketball was playing in close games when the crowd is going crazy. Kaleb plans on enlisting in the United States Marine Corps and training to become an intel specialist.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL****Melissa Bartlett**

Melissa is the daughter of Steve and Christina Bartlett. She has played volleyball for seven years and this has been her first season as member of the Stockbridge Valley Girls Varsity Volleyball team. Melissa's favorite memory of playing volleyball was the McFlurry® on the bus seat and the "Who Did This?" French fry. Melissa plans to enter the workforce upon graduation.

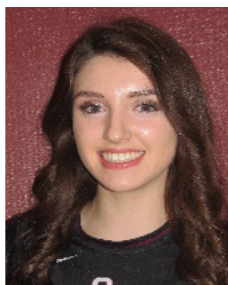
**Madeline Cross**

Madeline is the daughter of Lindsey and Chuck Cross. She has played volleyball for eleven years and has been a two-year member of the Stockbridge Valley Girls Varsity Volleyball team. Madeline was named to the CCL All-Star team in 2017-2018. She also been a member of the Varsity Soccer team for the past two years and a

member of the Varsity Softball team for four years. Madeline's favorite memory of playing volleyball was the team bonding games played during practice. Madeline plans to continue her education in college this fall, majoring in psychology.

**Haylee Eaton**

Haylee has played volleyball for seven years and has been a four-year member of the Stockbridge Valley Girls Varsity Volleyball team. Haylee has been nominated as a CCL All-Star for the 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 seasons. She was also named MVP for the 2017 Cooperstown tournament and was a 1st Team All-Star in the 2017 South Lewis Tournament. Haylee has also been a member of both the varsity soccer and softball teams for the past four years. Haylee's favorite memory of playing volleyball was earning the nickname Tank. Haylee plans to serve her country after graduation as a member of the United States Air Force.

**Barbara Guinto**

Barbara is the daughter of John and Kristin Guinto. She has played volleyball for six years and has been a two-year member of the Stockbridge Valley Girls Varsity Volleyball team. Barbara has also been a member of the varsity soccer team for the past two years and a member of the varsity softball team for three years. Barbara's favorite memory of playing volleyball was meeting new friends, growing closer as a team, early morning Dunkin Donuts® and Ray's broken clipboards. Barbara plans to continue her education in college this fall, majoring in nursing.

**Hannah Reaves**

Hannah is the daughter of Bryan and Barbary Reeves. She has played volleyball for six years and has been a two-year member of the Stockbridge Valley Girls Varsity Volleyball



team. Hannah has also been a member of the varsity soccer and softball teams. Hannah's favorite memory of playing volleyball was having the opportunity to get to know and play with her best friends Elizabeth Collins, Aliyah Fredrick, Madeline Cross and of course Melissa Bartlett. Hannah plans to continue her education in college this fall, majoring in biomedical engineering.

**Reed & Greene Earn Oneida Dispatch Athlete of the Week Honors**

Lady Cougar Softball pitchers Abby Reed and Kelly Greene received back-to-back Athlete of the Week recognition from the Oneida Dispatch in the month of April. Reed pitched a no-hitter, striking out 17 batters in the win over McGraw. She also went 6-for-8 at the plate for the week.

Greene pitched a perfect game the following week, retiring 15 consecutive batters, striking out 11. Her batting total for the week was 8-for-8 with 8 RBI's.





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## Greetings from the Elementary Office!

Our Elementary School along with the entire district has begun to implement a positive framework geared towards developing and strengthening our culture of hope, called Capturing Kids' Hearts. This amazing program outlines a process staff can use to continue to build meaningful connections between staff and students, students and their peers, and between staff and their families. The goal is to capture kids' hearts in order to capture their minds. Research shows that when students feel more connected to their school and staff, they achieve higher academic success and are less likely to have attendance or behavioral issues. Students thrive when they feel cared for and are engaged. We are being intentional in engaging students and helping them feel connected from the moment they enter school. Every morning teachers greet their students at the door and let them know how excited they are to see them. Beginning the day positively has been shown to increase academic achievement and decrease behavioral concerns. We are excited to implement this framework further into our daily routine of building strong relationships and helping our children succeed!

We have some important dates coming up in the Elementary as our year enters the final few months.

- May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Math State Testing
- May 14<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Grade 4 Science Test
- May 24<sup>th</sup>: Sixth Grade Progress Reports brought home
- May 29<sup>th</sup>: Elementary Spring Concert 6:30
- May 31<sup>st</sup>: Pre-K -6 Character Education Assembly 1:15pm
- June 21<sup>st</sup>: Sixth Grade Graduation 1:00pm
- June 24<sup>th</sup>: School Picnic, Field Days, and Kindergarten Graduation

*Julie Suber*

Julie Suber  
K-6 Principal



## Elementary Student Council

For their winter service project, the Elementary Student Council collected donations for Wanderer's Rest Animal Shelter in Canastota. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, Student Council officers traveled to the shelter to deliver the donated items. They were thankful to receive the generous donations of blankets, towels, food and toys from our community.

*Mrs. Latella*

Mrs. Latella  
Elementary Student Council Advisor



## Elementary Artists

### Mother's Day Clay Project

Students in grades Pre-k - 6 all worked on individual clay projects with ceramist Jessica Hofmeyer. The students created and underglazed their project in class. Jessica takes all of the students' projects to her studio and fires and reglazes them and then returns them to each student. This opportunity for the students was made possible with funding from the Stockbridge Valley Educational Foundation and the SVCS PTO.



## Earlville Opera House Presents 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Art 2019

The following SVCS elementary students were selected to have their art work displayed at this show. Artwork was on display at the Earlville Opera House through April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to the following students:

Miranda Mathews  
Maddy Greene  
MaKayla Cureton  
Jadelyn George  
Hannah Sherman  
Esther Mann  
Michael Beecher  
Kaelyn Rahauiser  
Jaiden Drake  
Kendra Genge  
Levi Claxton  
Gabby Davis  
Rebekah Cullen  
MaGavin Moot  
Dylan LaFave  
Lilly Stevens  
Abby Jantzi  
Jason Caufield  
Leah Flaherty  
Delilah McEathron  
Karalynne Carmon  
Ryleighann Kern  
McKenzie Davis  
Tucker Wallace  
Avery Ellerbruch  
Devynn Bingel  
Shyleigh Elford  
Areyanna Homer



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## Maple Weekend

The Stockbridge Valley Class of 2020 held the first ever Annual Spring Bazaar during Maple weekend this year. In conjunction with FFA, it was maple madness weekend here in the valley. The junior class invited vendors from the area



who were selling everything from soaps and candles to spring crafts and woodworking. Our large gym was full of talented artisans and the cafeteria featured numerous student groups.



Math and Science Club hosted a pancake breakfast featuring Stockbridge Valley maple syrup and went on to sell lunches to the community and vendors. Culinary Club sold pulled pork sandwiches and macaroni and cheese, and Dylan Skellham was selling and taking orders for his artwork which is currently being featured in the Community section of the Sherrill library. The FFA offered tours of their maple facility and sold maple products at the sap house.



If you would like to be added to the mailing list as a possible vendor for the maple madness bazaar next year, please email Karen Byron at [kbyron@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:kbyron@stockbridgevalley.org).

*Karen Byron*

Karen Byron • Junior Class Advisor

## Stockbridge Students Champion Efforts to Educate Elected Officials



Scouts Rocco Pizzuto and Tim Bernet meet with Assemblyman John Salka and Madison County Chairman of the Board, John Becker.

## Reality Check

Several students from Stockbridge are members of Reality Check and we have been very busy over the past couple of months. Reality Check is a youth led organization against the tobacco industry, we are not against smokers or anyone that uses tobacco. Our organization includes students from



multiple schools around the state, and our group is made up from teens from Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer Counties.

Reality Check members Adam Wojsiat, Rocco Pizzuto, Rachel Mennig and Kat Wojsiat attend Town Public Hearing.

On Monday February 4<sup>th</sup>, Reality Check members went to Albany for Legislative Education Day. At Legislative Education Day we were able to meet with many people and discuss our concerns regarding the tobacco industry and how they advertise and market their products toward kids. While in Albany we met with Assemblyman John Salka, Senator Rachel May, Assemblywoman Buttenschon, and other students from across the state met with their representatives. During our visits we were able to share our concerns regarding tobacco use and

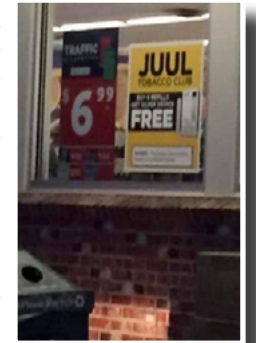
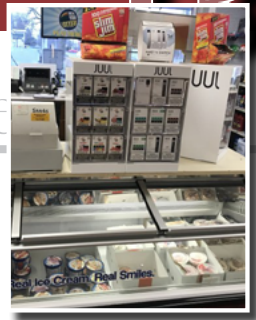


how the tobacco industry advertises and displays their products in stores where kids shop. We want children and adults to be aware of the dangers of smoking, vaping, and other tobacco use.

Members of Reality Check in Albany on Monday February 4.

Back row, Left to Right: Francesca Matteson from Madison, William Racuh from Dolgeville, Josh Drake from Madison, Tanner Jaquay from Dolgeville Front row, Left to Right: Amélie Rohlin and Tori Allen from Chittenango, Kat Wojsiat, Rocco Pizzuto, and Adam Wojsiat from Stockbridge.





While in Albany we also attended an event where students were given awards for their work over the past year in tobacco prevention. Kat Wojsiat from Munnsville was recognized as this year's New York State Central Region Youth Advocate of the Year, and Rachel Mennig, a Freshman at Stockbridge Valley, was acknowledged with an honorable mention.

In addition to our efforts in Albany, we also were busy in our local communities. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity along with Tim Bernet, a fellow scout, to attend Assemblyman John Salka's Open House at his office in Oneida. While we were there we were able to meet with other elected officials including the Madison County Chairman of the Board John Becker, Sheriff Todd Hood and Town of Stockbridge Board member Roland Shea.

Earlier that day, Tim Bernet and I were also able to meet with the Stockbridge Valley Foods manager about her perspective and thoughts about tobacco sales, ads, and products in the store. We have seen an increase in the amount of products, displays, and ads, and we wanted to share our concerns and see what they might be able to do to help. Unfortunately, there is not a lot that they can do to reduce the ads and displays as that is done by the tobacco industry when a contract is signed with a store. So on February 21<sup>st</sup>, Reality Check members from Stockbridge Valley attended the public hearing regarding the possibility of a Dollar General coming to Stockbridge. We know that Dollar Generals sell tobacco and we did not want to see another store that sells tobacco in our town. We were able to share our concerns about tobacco marketing in stores, and we are hoping that our Town and our Village will be able to do something to protect us and future generations from tobacco marketing in our small community.

*Rocco Pizzuto speaking with Corey Mosher, Representative from Senator Rachel May's Office.*

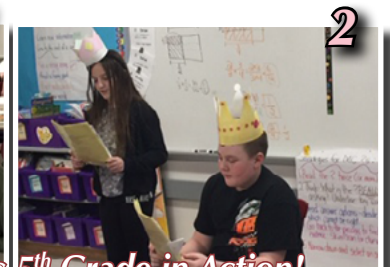
The United States Surgeon General took notice of our work in February and sent out five messages on his Twitter sharing our message. We were pretty excited about that.

Just recently I had the opportunity to speak on behalf of Stockbridge Valley at the Madison County Youth Summit to share what teens want and don't want in their communities. I was able to meet and speak with Congressman Anthony Brindisi and a representative from Senator Rachel May's Office. Several other elected officials and key leaders in our community were there to hear what we had to say. It was pretty great to know that they really do want to know what we think.

If you would like to find out more about Reality Check and how to get involved please talk to me or any of the Reality Check members from Stockbridge. You can also email us at [realitycheckcny@gmail.com](mailto:realitycheckcny@gmail.com) or visit our state website at [realitycheckofny.com](http://realitycheckofny.com)

*Rocco Pizzuto*

Rocco Pizzuto • 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reality Check Leader  
Munnsville Troop 7 Scout



*Mrs. Wright's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Action!*



1 - Working with Seniors to develop their sense of author's craft

2 - Having fun putting on a play with the actors from Merry-Go-Round Theater

3 - Celebrating their 1000<sup>th</sup> day of school

## Truth Initiative • Inspiring Tobacco-free Lives

The rapid ascension of JUUL® - the new e-cigarette that is so popular with young people that it has accumulated a majority of the e-cigarette market share in just two years - has left a trail of questions and concerns. Here are six important facts to know about JUUL®.

### 1. One JUUL® pod contains 20 cigarettes worth of nicotine.

The amount of nicotine in one JUUL® cartridge is roughly equal to the amount of nicotine in a pack of cigarettes, or about 200 puffs, according to the product website. While less toxic than combustible cigarettes, e-cigarettes can make youth more likely to use cigarettes and still contain toxins and the addictive chemical nicotine, which is harmful to adolescent brain development.



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## 2. *Almost one-fifth of middle and high school students have seen JUUL® used in school.*

JUUL® is easy to hide because it looks like a flash drive and can be charged in a USB port. It also does not produce a strong odor. These characteristics enable discreet use, especially in schools. Almost one-fifth of middle and high school students have seen JUUL® used in school, according to an April 2018 Truth Initiative® survey of more than 1,000 youth between 12 and 17 years old.

## 3. *JUUL® comes in sweet and fruity flavors, which make it especially dangerous.*

JUUL® comes in a variety of flavors, such as fruit medley, mango, cool cucumber and creme brulee. Flavors in tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, have been proven to appeal to young people. Flavored e-cigarettes are especially dangerous, not only because they attract youth, but because their young users are likely to be misinformed about the harmfulness of the products. Many youth e-cigarette users incorrectly believe they aren't consuming nicotine when they vape. The majority of youth e-cigarette users think they vaped only flavoring, not nicotine, the last time they used a product, according to an annual national survey of more than 40,000 students from the University of Michigan 2016 Monitoring the Future study.

## 4. *Minors are getting JUUL® in stores, online and through friends.*

By law, people under the age of 18 (or 21 in some areas) should not be able to purchase any tobacco products, including JUUL®. So, how are so many young people getting their hands on JUUL®? Truth Initiative surveyed a national sample of more than 1,000 12- to 17-year-olds in April 2018 and found that nearly three quarters - 74 percent - of youth said that they obtained JUUL at a store or retail outlet. Just over half - 52 percent - reported that they received JUUL® from a social source, such as a friend or family member. Although the internet was not the most common way youth obtained JUUL® - only 6 percent reported that they received the product through an online transaction - nearly all youth who tried to buy the product online were successful.

## 5. *Copycat products are flooding the market.*

Many companies are producing look-alike products to try to cash in on the profits of the top-selling e-cigarette. There are so many new devices that a social media account dedicated to e-cigarettes and vaping devices, Salt Porn, posted in May, "It feels like there is a new pod system released every day and we receive tons of them ... So many in fact that there is no way we can review them all." These products are not only putting a generation of youth at risk of nicotine addiction, but they appear to be breaking the law.

## 6. *The FDA has taken some action, but more needs to be done.*

In recent months, the Food and Drug Administration has taken some actions regarding JUUL®, including issuing warning letters to retailers for selling the product to minors. The FDA also asked the maker, JUUL® Labs, to turn over documents related to marketing, health effects and use among youth. While these actions are encouraging, problems with tobacco products like JUUL® won't be addressed until the FDA fully regulates e-cigarettes and establishes a strong pre-market review process to prevent these kinds of products from being sold in the first place.

Truth Initiative and five other public health and medical groups called on the FDA to take action on JUUL® in April. The groups specified five actions, including removing certain JUUL® flavors, suspending internet sales and prohibiting branded merchandise.

### LETTER:

### Seventh-grader wants tobacco ads removed from local haunts

To the Editor:

Recently my family and I stopped for gas and snacks at a Circle K. On the window, I noticed two big tobacco signs. They were colorful and attention-grabbing. My sister saw them and asked what they were. I had to explain to my 7-year-old sister that JUUL is a vape and it is unhealthy.

She thought it was jewelry and not something that can damage your health. If the signs weren't there, she wouldn't have been exposed to tobacco. I also see these ads on the doors of SV foods in my home town and two big displays on the counter near the ice-cream and pizza (two of our favorite foods).

I hope to see that tobacco ads will be placed indoors and in adult only areas.

Respectfully, **Rocco Pizzuto**, Stockbridge

*Recently published in the Madison County Courier...*

# Honor Roll Honor Roll Honor Roll

## January 2019

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### HIGH HONOR

Hailey Beecher  
 Marlie Brummer  
 Levi Claxton  
 Makayla Cureton  
 Emma DeMenezes  
 Wyatt Douthit  
 Jadalyn George  
 Madison Greene  
 Madison Hartle  
 Marilyn Jones  
 Serena Keville  
 Esther Mann  
 Marcus Moot  
 Kaelyn Rahauiser  
 Braden Renner  
 Hannah Sherman  
 Shayden Tift

#### HONOR

Ashton Blanchard  
 Hayden Dye  
 Carter Highers  
 Phoebe Masters  
 Lachlin McHugh  
 Barbie Myers  
 Kaiden Phillips  
 Cole Russ  
 Sullivan Tift  
 Kaden Wilson

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### HIGH HONOR

Nathan Baker  
 Mary Jane Beecher  
 Ella Bonvicino  
 Summer Boronow  
 Rebekah Carey  
 Edward DeMenezes  
 Abigail Fisher  
 Joshua Kiehn  
 Lily Kiehn  
 Kassidy March  
 Siena Marzan  
 Madison Nolley  
 Nicholas Smith

#### HONOR

Jack Cross  
 Paige Webb

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### HIGH HONOR

Evan Baker  
 Amanda Brown  
 Charles Cross  
 Tristan Ellerbruch  
 Ava Genge  
 Faith Hartle  
 Benjamin Jantzi  
 Hayla Josephs  
 Myah LaFave  
 Riley LaLonde  
 Abigail Reed  
 Abigail Smith  
 Devin Smith

#### HONOR

Rowan Cady  
 Caeleigh Harrington  
 Brienne Tehan

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### HIGH HONOR

Grace Bump  
 Alyssa Enslow  
 Brooke Gillespie  
 Rachel Mennig  
 Autumn Mills  
 Nevaeh Randel

#### HONOR

Shirley Coe  
 Jace Douthit  
 Tyler Fisher  
 Dylan Skellham  
 Alexander Smith  
 Ethan Smith

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### HIGH HONOR

Rebecca Ax  
 Adriene Byron  
 Camdyn Cross  
 Markalynn Eaton  
 Thomas Meeker  
 Austin Nolley

#### HONOR

Emma Copperwheat  
 Tanner Dager  
 Logan Godaire  
 Hannah Greene  
 Chloe Inman  
 Vanessa Inman  
 Erin Marshall  
 Wyatt Reed

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### HIGH HONOR

Brandon Burton  
 Todd Conklin  
 Brittany LaShure  
 Heather MacKay  
 Lillian Norrs  
 Abby Tucker  
 Elizabeth Wagner  
 Joshua Wagner  
 Makenzi Wilson

#### HONOR

Sarah Bender  
 Andrea Collins  
 Kelly Greene  
 Dani Lynn Mills  
 Michael Wagner

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### HIGH HONOR

Melissa Bartlett  
 Madeline Cross  
 Darian Eaton  
 Aliyah Frederick  
 Barbara Guinto  
 Kevin Miller  
 Samuel Smith  
 Jared Werthman

#### HONOR

Michael Andrews  
 Wyatt Becker  
 Jasmine Vaillancourt  
 Andrew Wilson

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## April 2019

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Marlie Brummer  
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Maddy Greene  
Madison Hartle  
Marilyn Jones  
Kaelyn Rahauiser

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Hannah Reaves  
Jasmine Vaillancourt  
Jared Werthamn

#### HONOR

Archie Linnaberry  
Breann Moot  
Madison Piersall  
Samuel Smith  
Andrew Wilson



# Stockbridge Valley FFA Annual Plant Sale

May 9 to June 8

Open

Thursday 3:00-5:00pm

Friday 5:00-7:00pm

Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm

or by appointment, call 495-1935.

## Prices:

6-pack \$ 2.25

Full tray of 6-pks \$16.00  
(can be mixed)

4" pots \$ 3.50  
6 for \$18.00  
10 for \$25.00

Veggie Singles \$ 2.50  
10 for \$20.00

10" Hanging Baskets \$15.00  
2 for \$25.00

12" Hanging Baskets \$20.00  
2 for \$35.00

Patio Pots \$25.00

A wide variety of hanging baskets, bedding plants  
and vegetables are available.

Come early for the best selection!





# MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMI-FORMAL

*Sponsored by the Class 2022*

JUNE 7, 2019  
7pm - 9pm

\$8- Single \$15- Couple

Refreshments will be sold!

Advanced Tickets Will Be Available from

Mrs. Mclean

Starting May 20, 2019

OR

At the Door



# Stockbridge Pre-Kindergarten Program

## Fall 2019

### Still accepting applications for 3 and 4 year-olds

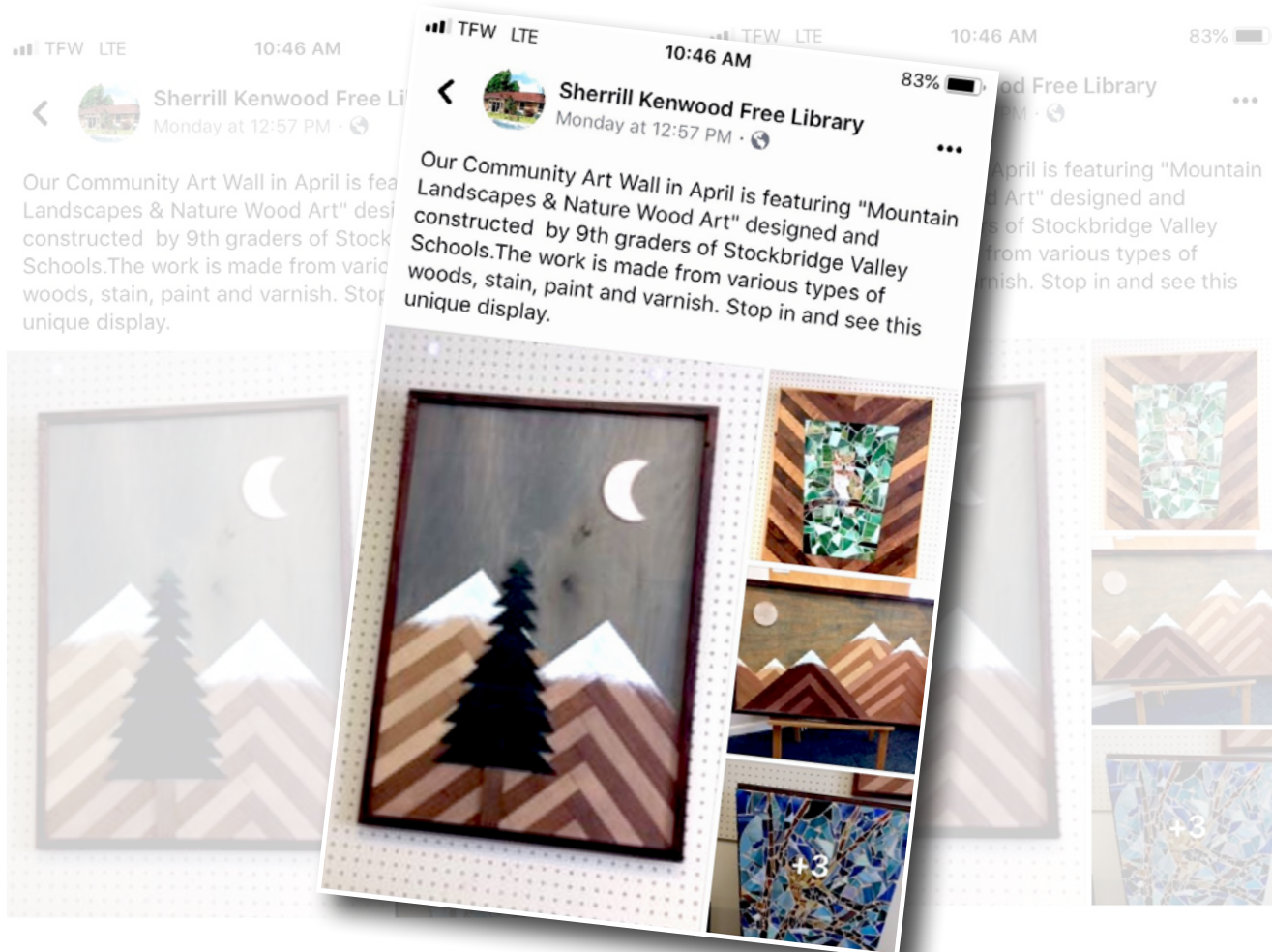
**Madison-Oneida BOCES  
New York State**

**Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Program for 4-year-olds  
3-year-olds hours are 8:30-11:30 A.M. with self-transport  
A high quality Early Childhood Education Program for eligible children  
who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2019.**



**Applications are available as follows:**

- Stockbridge Valley Elementary School office
- Download: [www.moboces.org](http://www.moboces.org) - website
- By calling Madison-Oneida BOCES at 361-5903





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Mrs. Julie Suber, K-6 Principal  
Mr. Jonathan Kilian, 7-12 Principal  
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### *Cafeteria Manager*

Ms. Kathy Carney • 495-1909

### *CSE Office*

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### *Head Bus Driver*

Ms. Pam Mitchell • 495-4599

### *School Nurse*

Mrs. Mattie Shea • 495-4500

