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Scheduled Borough Council Meetings
7:00 p.m. – Second Tuesday of each month, Municipal Building

Scheduled Borough Council Workshop Meetings

7:00 p.m. – Last Tuesday of each month, Municipal Building

Community Group Meetings

7:00 p.m. – 7/29, 9/30, 11/18

Verona Chamber of Commerce

7:00 p.m. – Third Tuesday of each month, Municipal Building

Verona Parks and Recreation Board

6:30 p.m. – First Tuesday of even months, Municipal Building
They will also be virtual until further notice. Link will be shared on our Face Book page, or by requesting a link by emailing veronaparksandrec@gmail.com.

Verona Historical Society

7:00 p.m. – Third Thursday of each month, Municipal Building

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

As summer draws to an end, the Fall Season will soon be upon us. Schools will be in session by the time you read this, so please drive with your utmost defensive driving skills. I would like to thank all of the Veronians who plan, sponsor, and conduct the many enjoyable events throughout our wonderful town. It has been a great summer and I am sure it will be just as great of an Autumn. See you around town!

Also, the Verona civil service committee will be interviewing for a full-time police officer. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

*As always keep GOD close.
Mayor David Ricupero*

Welcome New Parks and Recreation Board Members

(Verona Parks and Recreation Announcement)

The Verona Parks and Recreation Board is pleased to announce that we have three new board members. Bonnie Wilhoit, Isabelle McDade, and Brian Duncan were appointed by Verona Borough Council at the June 27th workshop meeting. We look forward to continuing to help bring great events and opportunities to the town of Verona. We would also like to thank all the board members and volunteers who have helped.

If you live in Verona and are interested in being an alternate Verona Parks and Rec board member, please submit a letter of interest to admin@veronaborough.org (we are looking to fill at least two alternate board member spots).

The Verona Parks and Recreation Board meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Verona Municipal building.

Water Trail Signage

William "Red" Craig, Verona Council

The new water trail signs should be ordered soon and will hopefully be installed by the end of August. These will replace the existing signage leading to the Public Dock. The new signs will have bright colors and the sign at the dock will have safety rules and other instructions added to them.

ATTENTION: If you are interested in contributing to the **Verona Community Newsletter**, by writing an article collecting news, writing, explaining a hobby, or taking pictures; contact **Donald (Don) Worf** at VeronaNewsRoom@gmail.com or at **412-828-3607**.

The next issue of the Verona Community Newsletter, the WINTER ISSUE 2024 will be published and delivered to Verona residents by December 1, 2023. Articles for the Winter issue are due to be sent, via email, to the VeronaNewsRoom@gmail.com by November 1, 2023

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Newsletter, contact **Sylvia Provenza** at **412-828-9542**.

Riverbank Park and Public Dock Grants Update

William "Red" Craig, Verona Council

Just wanted to give an update on the grants for Verona Parks. We have received a \$5000 grant, from the Port of Pittsburgh, for updating and making the public dock accessible. We have applied and are waiting for results from the Ohio Basin Access for Canoes and Kayaks Mini-Grant Program (OBACK) is also for public dock accessibility. We have also applied for and awaiting results for 2 grants (DCNR and DCED) for planning for the renovation and improvements for Riverbank Park and the Public Dock.

VERONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rhoda Worf, President
Verona Historical Society

The Verona Historical Society meets on the third Thursday of every month in the Verona Municipal Building at 7 pm.

Each month, a program is scheduled to reflect past and/or present historical events.

Meetings are open to the public, and we are always welcoming new Society members. So, mark your calendars and join us for an evening of often long-forgotten Local, Regional, and even National history.

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For more information...www.veronahistory.org

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- September 21, 2023, Thursday....."How Edgewater Got Its Name" presented by Dick Williams (OHS)
- October 19, 2023, Thursday....."Destination Moon-The Pittsburgh Story" presented by Emily Ruby (Heinz History Center)
- November 16, 2023, Thursday....."The Vietnam War and the Pennsylvanians Who Served" presented by Lawrence Woods (Heinz History Center)
- December 14, 2023, Thursday.....Annual Christmas Gathering.....details TBA

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Saturday, October 21st; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Fire Prevention Week

October 8th -14th, 2023

By Dan Tihey, VVF Chief

Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.

This year's fire prevention topic is a great way to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.

Cooking Safety

Did you know? Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths. What can you do? The good news is you can prevent most cooking fires and burns. Help keep your family safer with some simple but effective tips.

- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking.
- If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Watch what you heat. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.

Importance of Fire Prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk of fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

Please visit www.nfpa.org where you'll find loads of educational resources to ensure that everyone knows what to do in case of a fire. They have everything from apps to videos to pintables and much more to ensure you have the resources you need to keep your family and community safe.

Stay safe and God Bless!

Dan Tihey,
Chief, Verona VFC

**With this year's fundraising campaigns we would like to thank all of our donors, sponsors, and supporters. All your help makes it possible for us to continue to help you. From all the members of the Verona VFC, Thank you!P*

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It Takes A Village To Run A Summer Camp

By Shirley Davis and Judy Myers

We would like to introduce Verona United Methodist's new pastor Dale Reese to the community. Pastor Dale comes to us after last pastoring Trinity Towers U.M. in Penn Hills. He looks forward to getting better acquainted with the Verona area. Please give him a good Verona welcome when you meet him.

Recent Community Dinners have gone well as we transitioned back to sit-down meals in April. Dinners continue to be on the last Wednesday of the month from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Verona U.M. Church. 4:30 to 5:30 PM is for sit down only, while 5:30 to 6:30 PM can be either sit down or take out.

Thank you to those who provided food for the dinners in April, May, June, and July, with special thanks to Trinity Lutheran Church for desserts. Upcoming dinner sponsors are Aug. 30- Borough of Verona; Sep. 27- Oakmont Methodist Church; Oct. 25- Verona Moose- Nov. 29- Verona Chamber of Commerce; and Dec. 20- Riverside Community Church and Verona United Methodist Church.

Thank you UPMC nurses headed by Teri Pellagreno. We hope they come more regularly now that we are having sit-down dinners again.

Summer Camp Updates

Twin Boro Health Ministries are helping the Summer Lunch and Fun Camp at Verona's U.M. church this year from June 12th through August 4th. The campers did a wide variety of activities and spent a lot of outdoor time at Cribbs Field when weather permitted.

Crafts were a highlighted indoor activity with a lot of variety. Campers assembled, decorated, and took home sturdy Bird houses made possible by materials donated and cut to specifications by the James Munion family of Oakmont. Special signs were created from material donated by Chelsea of Oakmont, with colorful individuals' finishing touches. Special games were donated by Ewing Insurance and by Jeff and Julie Martin of J.A. Martin Enterprises. Many miscellaneous crafts were created under the supervision of Samantha Lape. Our other talented councilors include Brady Daugherty, Katie Carlino, Emenet Richardson, and David Queen-Walter.

Other valuable helpers include Mary, Mirabell, Daniel, Vera, Karyna, Adelle, Michelle, and Diane.

- A special treat was set up by Vince Flotta and Tim Long along with Lower Valley Athletic Association to provide the food for a field trip to Highland Park's, "Let's Go Fishing." Spencer Simon and Phil Papa were instrumental in providing this special outing for our campers.
- Breakfasts and lunches were provided through the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, with Christopher Richardson as the site supervisor for this food part of the camp program.
- Many people contributed to the success of this year's camp. To mention a few:
 - Oakmont Bakery provided snacks once a week for the campers.
 - Elier's Hardware helped with a variety of materials.
 - Many people gave donations of money to make the camp possible.
 - Numerous people donated school supplies to equip the campers for the new school year.
 - Trinity Lutheran Church provided backpacks for the new year.
 - Many individuals donated water and other drinks, freeze pops, popsicles, and money to purchase more. Thank you!
 - Special thanks to Karen at the Oakland Library for all the trash bags and books for the kids!
 - Josh Hull, with Nexus, who spent most Thursdays with the campers and treated them to many games for their favorite... Gaga Ball. Ian Hosey provided the Gaga Ball Pit for the camper's use!



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Summer Camp *Continued from page 6*



As you can see, it takes a village to run a summer camp. Without the help of many local friends of the children, this camp would never get started. If we missed mentioning anyone, we truly apologize. Thank you ALL!!

It also takes someone to coordinate all the ideas and activities and organize eight weeks of the camp program, Thank you Shirley Davis!



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"LET'S GET IT ON" WITH THE CLASS OF 1973

By Suzie Davis

It's a fun-packed weekend planned, so everyone get ready to party like it's 1973. Reunion dates are October 27th, 28th and 29th.

Friday, October 27th at 6 PM we'll kick off the excitement with a "Happy Hour" place to be determined. Then Saturday get ready for a busy day. Starting with a tour of the "Newish" high school at 10 AM, followed by a "Coffee hour/tailgate" at 11 AM. Then bring your old Black & Gold to cheer on the Raiders as they kick butt against our "Archrival Springdale" at 1 PM. At half-time, our class will be recognized.

To end the day, were off to Futules' Harmar House from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM for dinner. The cost is \$50.00 per person and a cash bar. We'll get to see, talk, and laugh the evening away. Then on Sunday, October 29th, we'll meet up to watch our Steelers kick the Jaguars. Kickoff is at 1 PM at a place to be determined.

Checks are to be made out to "Riverview 1973 Reunion" again at \$50.00 per person. Donations accepted.

Mail to:

Riverview 1973 Reunion
5151 Edloe St Apt 12202
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- You can find more updated information by emailing: riverview73reunion@gmail.com
- In addition, the *Oakmont/Plum Patch* published an article highlighting the reunion. Use your smartphone's QR Code Reader app to open this link to get a '73 Riverview Class Reunion events itinerary.
- We'd like you to complete a questionnaire/survey. Open this QR Code to reach the survey.
- If you know the whereabouts of other classmates, please reach out to them to spread the word.
- The more we have, the better the reunion will be.
- And finally, if you know of the passing of any of our friends and classmates, please reach out to us (or me at sdavis537@comcast.net). We would like to acknowledge those friends we have lost but not forgotten. Hope to see ya at the reunion! Go Raiders!



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CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE RHS CLASS OF 1975!

Riverview High School Class of 1975 Reunion Committee

A committee of the Riverview High School Class of 1975 is planning a 50th High School Reunion for 2025. We are currently planning, getting the word out, and seeking contact information for our classmates.

Earlier, we sent Members of the Class of 1975 (whose contact information we had) a very brief online survey form to complete so that we have accurate contact information for everyone. Many have responded but we still do not have accurate contact information for all of our classmates.

We are asking all Members of the Class of 1975 who have not already completed the online survey form to contact the Reunion Committee so that we can be in touch.

Please contact:

By Email: 1975rhs.reunion@gmail.com

By US Mail: RHS Class of 1975 Reunion
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We are asking classmates to **please include their email addresses or cell phone numbers** in the contact so that we can cut down on our mailing expenses.



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Tuesday - Yoga Flow at 9:15 a.m., Walk 15 at 9:45 a.m. and Pump You Up at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday - Somatics at 10:30 a.m.

Friday - Line Dancing at 10:00 a.m. and Let's Get Movin' at 11:15 a.m.

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COME FLY WITH ME

By Frank W. Santucci

Have you ever thought about taking a hot air balloon ride? Many Pennsylvania towns are named for hamlets and cities of ancient European countries. Can you envision you are viewing the “well-known villages and towns of the world” just by flying over our magnificent state?

Imagine the history of Verona and Italy and Romeo and Juliette. Heading north through Bradford County we see Rome - no gladiators or a coliseum here. With the wind directing us south, we pass over Loretto – say a small prayer or two. Further south, we come upon Venice, but no canals or gondoliers in their gondolas. Going north again we come upon Corsica – nice people those Corsican brothers. As we fly over stunning green meadows it appears as if you are flying over a German autobahn when in reality it is the Pennsylvania Turnpike and the town of Berlin. Back in Allegheny County, passing over Heidelberg, you crave a kraut sandwich. Heidelberg, Pennsylvania has a history of being known worldwide

wide for its soccer during the 1920s and 30s. Heading out of this area you view a little hamlet of Alsace; was once part of Germany but after WWII belonged to France.

Getting close to Ireland, the sounds of dancing shoes appear to be coming from Sligo. Looking west we see Dublin and local Irish Beer. A silly little burg in eastern Pennsylvania called Limerick boasts of Irish whiskey and step dancers. In 1770 Limerick was the first United States city named after a European town. Hopping over Valencia and flying north to Venago County there’s Lisbon (no flamenco dancers and or Spanish spoken here.) Keep on flying east to Moscow and St. Petersburg close to the Ohio County line, however no Russian bears in either town. As we pump more air into the balloon, it directs us over Lancaster. Liverpool and Glasco in Perry County light up the trip north.

The wind is now gearing up and taking us north to the New York border above Athens – no Greek islands to be seen. No beaches in Tripoli as it is landlocked. Chalfont may

sound French, and it is, but located in a rural region. Charleroi boasts that it is French; not a single French pastry to be had anywhere. Little Alexandria is in the central part and has a charming name – although no seashores or Great Tower are to be seen. The hot air balloon ride was over, and it was time to get off. There are at least fifteen more towns with world roots located in Pennsylvania.

An American icon city, the town of Hollywood in California, offers us a very interesting story along with some local history. Part folklore and part true facts. At the confluence of Plum Creek and the Allegheny River in the 1800s, there was a thriving shipbuilding company named Robbins. Once the railroad industry came to Verona in the 1840s, the local shipbuilding business was devastated and finally deserted. Partially built boats and ships were left to rot. Poorer families moved into these deserted structures and then disappeared in the 1950s.

To us, older local Veronians, this area was called a “slum region” and known as “Little Hollywood.”

Politics Are Local! Go Out And Vote Because It Is Your Right!

By Sheri Kai

I was born and raised in a communist country. Regular citizens have no say in electing anyone that oversees any governing position. It is determined by the Communist party leaders. I voted for the very first time after I became an American citizen. An immigrant like me takes the democratic process very seriously. Voting right is a privilege unique to democratic countries. Once I became a mother, I became more interested in politics. I started to get involved and take the time to do research on political candidates. Here are my feelings when comes to local elections.

Local elections are an essential part of our democratic process. They give citizens the opportunity to choose the leaders who will represent them in their



local government. It is crucial for voters to be informed about the candidates running for office and to focus on the merit of the candidate, not their party affiliation or popularity.

First and foremost, it is important to assess a candidate's contributions to their community. A candidate who has a track record of actively engaging with the community, listening to their con-

cerns, and addressing them effectively should be given serious consideration. Such a candidate is likely to have the best interests of the community at heart and will work tirelessly to improve the quality of life for its residents.

It is also important to examine a candidate's qualifications and experience. A candidate with a strong educational background and relevant experience in public service or community involvement is likely to be better equipped to handle the responsibilities of local government. It is crucial to assess a candidate's skills and knowledge in areas such as budgeting, planning, and problem-solving, as these are essential qualities for an effective local government leader.

Allegheny County Council

Nick Futules

Riverview School Board Candidates

**Melissa Botta-Havran
Jennifer K. Chaparro
Leanne Jacobs-Rohan
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Verona Borough Council Candidates

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Furthermore, it is important to look beyond a candidate's party affiliation. While political parties can provide a general sense of a candidate's political beliefs, they do not necessarily reflect a candidate's ability to govern effectively. It is essential to assess a candidate's specific policy proposals and how they align with the needs and values of the community. Voters should prioritize finding a candidate who is committed to serving the community and is willing to work across party lines to achieve common goals.

Finally, it is important to avoid treating local elections as a popularity contest. Candidates who are well-known or have a strong social media presence may have an advantage, but this does not necessarily translate into effective governance. Voters should focus on the candidate's character, integrity, and commitment to public service. A candidate who is honest, trustworthy, and has a clear vision for the community's future should be given serious consideration.

In conclusion, local elections are an opportunity for citizens to choose the leaders who will represent them in their local government. It is crucial for voters to be informed about the candidates running for office and to focus on the merit of the candidate, not their party affiliation or popularity. By examining a candidate and their contributions to the community, qualifications and experience, policy proposals, and character, voters can make an informed decision that will benefit their community in the long run.

This is a local election year which means many voters do not pay attention to the election nor care about the candidates. However, to many of us, local elections are just as important. Your local representatives are accessible and have a more direct influence on your community. Here are candidates that are running for Riverview School Board, Verona Borough Council, and County Council. Please take some time to get to know these folks. One way to do it is to attend School Board meetings and your local Council meetings. You will most likely catch one of the candidates there.

*Sherry Kai is the co-host of the YouTube Show Mostly Politics with Bob and Sherry



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By Stefani Garabay, President of the Verona Chamber of Commerce

Another Holiday season is upon us. Get ready and make plans for a fun-filled, family day in Verona as you attend this year's Jolly Verona Jolly Jamboree & The Verona/Oakmont Holiday Parade.

Festivities are planned for both before and after the parade. Activities and entertainment include but are not limited to:

From 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Before the Verona/Oakmont Holiday Parade)

- Business Window Decorating Contest and Cookie Tour (Limited supply. First come basis.)
- Hot Chocolate – Sponsored by Jessie Co. (Limited supply. First come basis.)
- Ornament Contest - 12:00 - 3:30 pm. Ages: 3 – 12 years old.
- Molly Trolleys – 12:00 – 9:00 pm)

From 4:00 – 5:00 pm

- Brewery Bonfire*- Featuring local breweries (*pending approval)
- Raffle Baskets

From 6:00 – 9:00 pm (After the Verona/Oakmont Holiday Parade Activities)

Would you consider becoming a Jolly Jamboree Sponsor?

Sponsors will have their logo/name added to our Trolley Banner and will be featured on the Verona Chamber's website through the month of December. Your sponsorship or donation is greatly appreciated, and we sincerely appreciate and thank you for your patronage! HURRY THOUGH! Sponsorships are limited!

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We are looking forward to providing community-oriented activities for ALL to enjoy during this Holiday Season. We hope you and your family will join us for a Special, Magical Night!

Sincerely,

The *Jolly Jamboree Committee* and the *Verona Chamber of Commerce*

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From the Director, Beth Mellor

September always begins with our Love Your Library (LYL) campaign and it also starts the release of some great books that help us ease into the winter months.

For the seventh year, ACLA and CLP have partnered with the Jack Buncher Foundation which has generously provided \$200,000 to partially match donations received by all Allegheny County libraries.

Each library gets a prorated match for eligible donations made in September. The match percentage is the matching pool (\$200,000) divided by the total amount of eligible donations (typically around 24 cents on the dollar). We use these funds to upgrade portions of the book collection and continue our Best Seller Collection.

For your reading planning, here are some of the most anticipated September releases: Ben Lerner, *The Lights: Poems*; Zadie Smith, *The Fraud*; Kate Atkinson, *Normal Rules Don't Apply*; Mona Awad, *Rouge* and Paulette Jiles, *Cheneyville*.



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- **Story Walk at the Library: Open Library Hours, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
- **September StoryWalk: "If I Built a School"**
- **October StoryWalk: "Hello, Fall!" By Deborah Diesen**

Enjoy reading & the outdoors at the same time! Laminated pages from a children's book are installed along our outdoor path in our garden area on the Allegheny River Blvd. side of the library. As you walk on the path, you are directed to the next page of the story. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition & Kellogg Hubbard Library.

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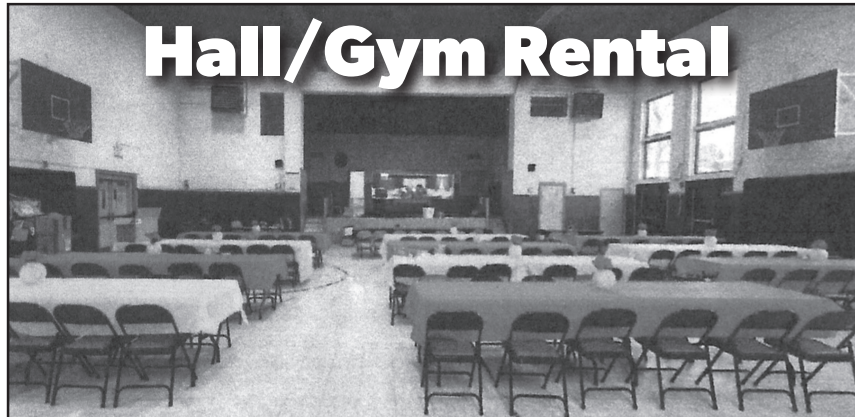
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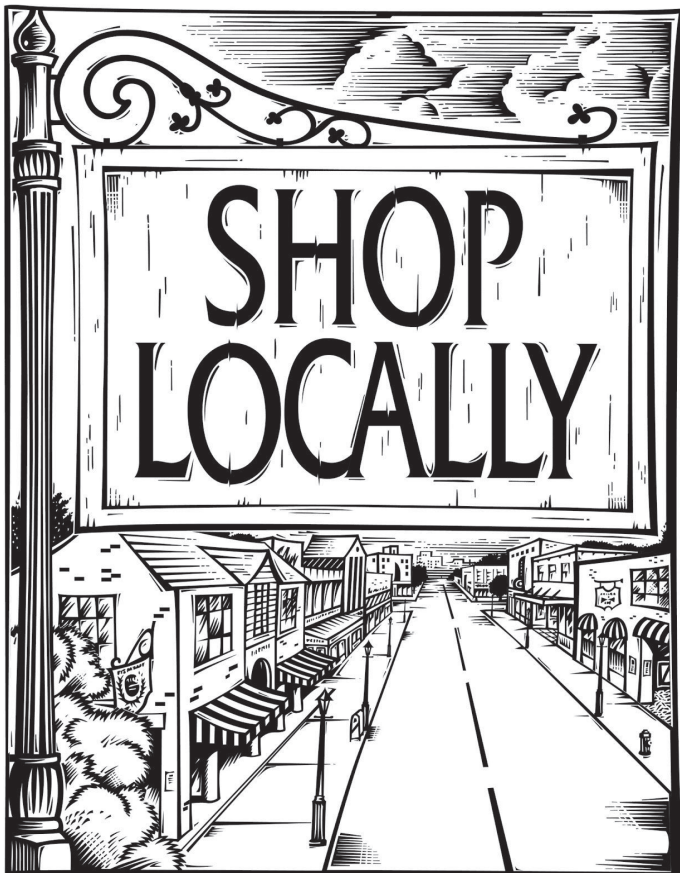
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