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### **Village of Camden Wins Tap Water Taste Contest at Boonville-Oneida County Fair**

The Oneida County Health Department announced today that the Village of Camden won the 2018 Tap Water Taste Contest. The contest was held at the Boonville-Oneida County Fair on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. The contest promotes awareness of the value of public drinking water to the public. The contest has been held throughout New York State for the past 21 years. Its goal is to enable the general public to become aware of the value and the quality of public tap water through a non-scientific and publicly involved competition.

The Tap Water Taste Contest is an event where water systems from across Oneida County are invited to join together for a friendly competition. Each water system submits tap water for the contest. The public is encouraged to try each water system's water and select the water they liked the best. This year, five (5) water systems participated. The Village of Camden received the most points, with Deansboro WD receiving the second most points.

Oneida County Health Department, Director of Health, Phyllis D. Ellis congratulates the Village of Camden, "We congratulate the Village of Camden and we recognize all of our public water systems in their efforts to provide safe drinking water to the residents and visitors of Oneida County. Safe drinking water is one of our most vital resources. It is due in large part to the hard work and dedication of the many water operation specialists that our tap water is inexpensive and safe to drink."

The Village of Camden water will advance to the August 10, 2018 Regional Competition to be held at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnett Park in Syracuse. At this competition, Village of Camden water will be competing against the winners of contests held in the Central New York Region, including Madison, Oswego, Onondaga, Tompkins, Cortland, and Broome counties. The winner of this competition will advance to the Final Contest at the New York State Fair.

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