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Village of Remsen Wins Drinking Water Taste Test at Boonville-Oneida County Fair

The Oneida County Health Department announced today that the Village of Remsen won the 2014 Best Tasting Drinking Water Taste Test Contest. The contest was held at the Boonville-Oneida County Fair on Tuesday July 23, 2014. 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 20 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 Best Tasting Drinking Water Taste Test 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, seven (7) water systems participated. The Village of Remsen received the most votes, with the Village of Camden and City of Rome receiving tie scores for second place.

Oneida County Health Department Director of Health, Phyllis Ellis congratulated the Village of Remsen, "We congratulate the Village of Remsen 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 Remsen's water will advance to the August 8, 2014 Regional Competition to be held at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnett Park in Syracuse. At this competition, Remsen water will be competing against the winners of contests held in the Central New York Region, including Madison, Oswego, Onondaga and Chenango counties. The winner of this competition will advance to the Final Contest at the New York State Fair.

In 2013, the Village of Barneveld won the Oneida County contest and received second place at the Regional event allowing their water to participate in the New York State Fair contest. Although they did not win the competition, it is an honor to be considered one of the best tasting drinking waters in New York State.