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COLUMN

Strengthen our conviction, give us courage

¶ or the 148th year on Monday, May 30, the National Memorial Day Observance to honor America's fallen military service members will take place at Arlington National Cemetery in the nation's capital. The ceremony is highlighted by a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, on which these words are inscribed, "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to

Therein lies the essence of Memorial Day: To pause in our daily lives, in our own ways, in our own places,



STATE SEN. TOM O'MARA

and to remember how many American soldiers now rest "in honored glory" in service to us, our families, our communities, state and nation.

The New York State Senate opens its daily legislative sessions by standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, which is then followed by an Invocation. Last week, Assemblyman

Phil Palmesano and I invited FatherLewis Brown of Painted Post to join us at the Capitol to deliver OpeningPrayers in the Assembly and Senate. Some of you may recall Father Brown as a former pastor at All Saints Parish in Corning. Prior to that, however, heserved 22 years of active duty as a United State Navy Chaplain in various

capacities including with the Marines in Okinawa, Japan; as ship's company aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz; and at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington. D.C., with duty at Arlington National Cemetery.

On Wednesday, May 25th

in the Senate, Father Brown offered one of the most wellreceived Invocations ever delivered in our Chamber. It was a "prayer for the military" — one so fitting as we prepared for Memorial Day – which included the inspiring words to "strengthen our conviction and giveus the courage to be a home for the brave and a land for the free." [Father Brown's full Invocation can be viewed on my Senate website, http:// www.omara.nysenate.gov]

Particularly striking for me were those repeated words. conviction and courage. It is conviction and courage, after all, which have led and

willalways lead our soldiers into battle. And it is through our own personal conviction and courage, in our own ways and walks of life, through which we can best honor the sacrifices of our military men and women.

Also last week in the Senate, we conducted our annual Veterans' Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and I was proud to have lifelong Yates Countyresident and decorated Vietnam War combat veteran P. Earle Gleason, former Director of the Yates County Veterans' Service Agency, represent our 58th Senate District.

It is important to remember – and to be proud – on

Memorial Day, which is why we will meet at cemeteries, parades and other ceremonies, large and small. We will stand together in Corning and Hornell, Elmira and Horseheads, Dundee and Penn Yan, Ithaca and Newfield, Watkins Glen and Southport, to name just a few of the many places we will gather throughout the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions. We will be proud that New York State is recognized as the "Birthplace of Memorial Day," which our nation has observed since the time of the Civil War. It's a time to reflect

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Americans have seen raising drug, health care, food and energy costs.

Tom Reed's voting record on senior issues doesn't match his self promoting rhetoric, his lifetime voting record on senior issues is 8 out of a score of 100.

The Alliance for Retired Americans tracts the voting record on senior issues of every U.S. Senator and Congressional Representative. Reeds 2015 voting record on senior issues: 1. Voted to make it more

difficult for workers to obtain disability benefits. 2. Voted 58 times to repeal health care reform. 3. Voted against a pro retiree budget resolution

that protects Medicare and Medicaid funding for SS disability.

4. Voted to cut \$5.5 Trillion from domestic programs important to seniors.

5. Voted to Repeal the federal estate tax a gift to a very few wealthiest Americans.

6. Voted for TAA and paying for it by cut-

ting \$950 million from

Medicare.

7. Voted for Fast Track. 8. Voted for a repeal of health care which would result in 10 million people losing health insurance. 9. Voted against a DOL rule, which requires that financial advisers provide advice that is in the best interest of their clients. 10. Voted for the 2016 spending agreement which lifts sequester levels for two years, he got this one right.

For a full report go to www.retiredamericans. org.

Jim Carr, Statewide president, PEF Millport

Library's best Friends raise \$30K

TO THE EDITOR | Congratulations to The Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library on their most recent book

The spring sale grossed \$30,000 and was the second-highest grossing

On behalf of the Trust ees of the Library, I extend my gratitude for all the volunteers who work so hard to make the sales a success.

Thousands of hours go in to each sale, and somehow, the dedicated book sale committee continues to have two sales a year.

Church members from the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, members of the Southern Tier Indian Association, along with some faculty members and students from Corning Community College, pitched in to help move the boxes of books for the set-up of the sale as well as at the end of the sale.

Such great community support is wonderful, and we are truly thankful for the time and effort all volunteers put in to help with this sale.

Most of the money raised through the book sales is donated yearly to the Library and asked to be used for programming.

In 2015, more than 35,000 people attended programs at the Library, so the impact these sales have on our community is tremendous!

In addition, books are donated to the Corning Community Food Pantry and the Bright Red Book shelf program all year long, again extending out to our community. (Check the calendar at ssclibrary. org to see the programs offered).

Once again, thank you to the Friends of the Library for their unwayering support and to all the volunteers who help make the book sales so worthwhile.

Sarah Collins, president **Southeast Steuben County Library Board of Trustees**

Softball team wrongly ejected

TO THE EDITOR | On May 22, the U16 Campbell Cinderella team "The Outsiders" was asked to leave the EVPP tournament on the day of the finals.

EVPP President Scott Austin accused us of being a travel team after we had already played five games in the tournament.

We are not a travel team.

I am proud of all 12 of my girls for holding their heads high and walking off the field with respect even if we didn't agree with the decision.

We will perseven

Teresa Soporowski **Head coach, The Outsiders Campbell Cinderella Softball**

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the largest source of tax revenue: the middle class.

Not only will middle class families be forced to give the federal government more of their hard-earned money, they will see significant cuts to critical programs and services like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, housing, transportation, and public assistance in order to meet these debt obligations. That is not right.

The only viable solution to defuse Obama's middle class trap is to adopt fair, proactive policies that will responsibly reduce government spending, stimulate economic growth, and create new job opportunities across America. That is why we have worked tirelessly to support American manufacturing and domestic energy production, both of which present great opportunities to create jobs for middle class families. That is why we are working to fix our broken tax code by creating a fair and competitive tax system for the 21st Century. That is also why we only support trade that includes rules-based frameworks that create lower competitive markets, on which United States job

creators can blossom again.

We care about protecting workers, caring for families, and ensuring economic opportunity for all Americans. That is why we are focused on developing and implementing real solutions, not hollow political rhetoric, that empowers working families to break out of the "trap" created by Obama's misguided policies. Please join us in this effort.

-U.S. Rep. Tom Reed, *R-Corning*, represents the 23rd Congressional district.





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purchases.

One village official said he doesn't think an audit would find anything illegal about the project.

"I think that in terms of the state audit, I don't think there is anything done that was shady," said Trustee Mike Sweet. "I'm not overly concerned. I really don't think it will bear any fruit in terms of anything that was done illegally, that's for sure."

Von Hagn said the only work that will occur at the plant is required to meet the standards of the Chesapeake Watershed Cleanup Initiative. That work, which is funded by a state grant, will reduce nitrogen and phosphorus discharge levels.

"Everything else has been put on hold," von Hagn said. Sweet said the creation of a

resource recovery hub is very positive for the Bath area. The hub, once complete, would allow BEGWS to turn sewage and other waste into

electricity, officials have said.

"We're interested in utilizing that technology," Sweet said. "I think the utility commission wants to make sure they're getting the best value and still beable to achieve the goal of a resource recovery hub. It's do-able and going to give the best return."

The return on investment concerns von Hagn, who said the initial projectreport indicated a return on investment in 7-9 years, but then it increased to 10-15 years. Then, an analysis by the state Department of Environmental Conservation estimated the hubwould make only \$7,000 a year once it was up and running and that it would take the village 1,272 years to see a return on investment.

The DEC's analysis, which it cited when denying a permit for the project in February, also questioned the estimated maintenance and replacement costs, the basis for assumption of methane production and the project's cost breakdown.

At the time, von Hagn said

the DEC calculations were "ridiculous" and that the village would submit another

permit application. Meanwhile, the project's estimated cost has increased from \$15.5 million in January 2014 to almost \$21 million today.

"I have major concerns about this project," von Hagn said. "I have had many sleepless nights over this. I thought the risk was very high and I expressed my concerns."

Hallgren said he is not surprised costs have increased.

"Some asbestos abatement and structural deficiencies have been found, which raised the overall price," Hallgren said.

Von Hagn said the state Comptroller's Office has yet to make a decision on the audit request.

"The timetable has not been determined," von Hagn

The Bath Electric, Gas & Water Systems Utilities Commission will meet at 4:30 June 7 at 144 E. Morris St.

UPGRADE

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Also, the heating and boiler system needs to be replaced.

"The heating system and boilers are a biggie here," Dio-Guardi said. "They're decades old and need to be replaced as soon as possible."

Renovations to the high school auditorium are also being discussed.

The second phase included a two-story addition at the middle school, STEM and art labs, a new events center, a new eight-lane track and renovations to the baseball/ softball fields at Tuscarora Elementary.

"We haven't had a home track meet in literally over 20 years," DioGuardi said.

Phase three would be funded much the same way as phase two, he said.

"Most of it was through building aid; we get well over 90 percent building aid on all eligible work for construction," DioGuardi said. "Between the building aid from the state and from our



Tuscarora Elementary's new track was constructed as part of phase two of a massive project to renovate the Addison School District's facilities. STEPHEN BORGNA/THE LEADER

capital reserve fund, the combination of those two things really funds this project 100 percent."

"We didn't ask the taxpayer for an extra nickel on (phase two,)" DioGuardi said. "And we did the same thing in phase one."

The next step for phase three includes additional meetings with village and district officials, parents, and various other community members.

"We're really narrowing things down to get to a final scope of work," DioGuardi said. "The committee will recommend a final scope of work to the board, and the board's going to have to adopt that plan."

"We're hoping to have all of that happen hopefully by the end of the summer," he added.

After the board adopts a proposal, they'll put it before voters in December. If the project is approved, it would likelybe at least another year before preliminary construction begins.

GLASSFEST

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Judy Wilding said.

This year they brought their grandson, Jacob Holmes, 11.

"We bought him a fox pelt," Judy Wilding said as she pulled it from the bag.

"His mom may not be too happy about that."

George Laszlo and Eileen Sullivan, of Manhattan, came early for the music.

They were busy setting up chairs in a prime spot in Riverfront Centennial Park for Saturday night's DSB performance.

to begin until 8:15 p.m., but she said. "I had one of those they're really big fans of the Journey tribute band.

"Our cousin Henry O'Neill is the keyboardist," Sullivan said proudly.

Emily Rummel, of Hornell, made a second stop at the tent selling jerky.

"I like it all, but the Buf-The concert wasn't set falo sticks are really good,"

earlier."

Others were enjoying the sunny skies and the holiday weekend.

"We needed a day out," said Angela Ventra of Watkins Glen, as her niece Aleah Ventra, 6, proudly held a flower balloon.

Cold drinks and snow

cones were big sellers.

Dan Wilcox, manager of Mooney's Sports Bar and Grill, was well-prepared.

The restaurant, which doesn't open on Market Street for a few more weeks, has a tent outside its future location this weekend.

"We've got macaroni and cheese and hog wings.

And water. Lots of water." Wilcox said. "I bought 25 cases and will probably go get more."

Things will cool off onlyslightly today, with temperatures expected to be in the high 80s, as GlassFest celebrates its final day with more glass, art, music and activities.

COURAGE

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on the greatness of a nation built on the sacrifices of the soldiers who fought for the underlying dreams of their homeland: freedom and peace, compassion and decency, and democracy. In remembering, we

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reaffirm our pride in this nation's servicemen and service women and, of course, turn enduring thoughts and prayers to the young soldiers, the heroes, whom we've lost. We honor our wounded warriors. We salute all of the veterans living in New York State and the millions more across the nation. And we support the men and women serving in harm's way at this very moment. They are shining examples of the bravery, courage, conviction and honor on which the American way of life has been built andremains strong.

Because of our veterans, we will look into the eyes of young people this Memorial Day, the faces of the future, and have faith that they,

too, will be instilled with the devotion to keep America great. To keep believing that the American way is a good, decent, worthwhile way. In the end, this may be the greatest victory for all of the missions flown, the foxholes dug, the hills taken and the battles fought. Our soldiers - America's soldiers - have made and will continue to make the

ultimate sacrifice tokeep America free, so that she can lead the way to a more free world.

The sacrifices of our soldiers will keep alive America's promise, so that people throughout the world will look to her for inspiration. Our soldiers will keep America strong, so that other nations will draw courage from her strength.

For as long as we remember and keep our soldiers alive in our hearts, we will stand as we do - free in a land of opportunity and promise.

−State Sen. Tom O'Mara represents New York's 53rd Senate District, which includes Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler and Yates counties, and a portion of Tompkins



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