

Married 75 years

By Mark Frost
Chronicle Editor

Phil and Grace Battiste's 75th wedding anniversary was Wednesday, June 29. He's 97 years old. She's 93.

Phil grew up in Hudson Falls, has lived there all his life.

Grace was 18, lived in Brooklyn. She emigrated from Italy at age seven.

Phil was 22. "He just got out of the service," in the U.S. Army in Italy during World War II, says Grace.

"We met at a wedding in New York. His cousin was a really good friend with our family."

"He said when he saw me that I was gonna be it," says Grace. Phil "fell in love sooner than me." Phil had competition — the future singing star Vic

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A guy from Hudson Falls met a girl from Italy in Brooklyn...



Phil & Grace Battiste on June 29, 1947 — and now.



Fireworks!

Options abound to see fireworks this 4th of July (and 2nd and 3rd and 7th, etc.). **Here are some of the "biggies!"** Many others are listed inside.

MONDAY, JULY 4

Lake George Village: 9:30 p.m. Mayor Bob Blais urges: Come early to find parking; stay for a while afterward to avoid the traffic jam. Free.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Glens Falls: Glens Falls Symphony Orchestra's Independence Weekend Pops Concert in Crandall Park, now with an expanded family festival beforehand & fireworks at dark. Free. Info: TheGlensFallsSymphony.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Queensbury: Dusk at West Mountain, following first-ever Music at the Mountain festival, featuring Ten Most Wanted. Tix: \$20, \$15 youth, \$10 child, under 6 free, advance only at westmountain.com.

SAT.-MON., JULY 2-4

The Great Escape: "Coca-Cola July 4th Fest." **Fireworks** at 9 p.m., all three days.

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Warren County nixes gas tax cap

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

The Warren County Board of Supervisors on June 15 rejected a resolution to cap collection of sales tax on gasoline and other motor fuels at the first \$2.00 per gallon.

In May, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors passed such a gas sales tax cap, effective June 1 through Dec. 31.

Doug Beaty, Queensbury At-Large Supervisor, championed the resolution from "a bi-parti-

san coalition of Supervisors."

Mr. Beaty emailed after the vote: "The top 2 issues facing Americans are 1. Food costs. 2. Gas prices. We as a county board could have shown not only empathy but actual help in capping the gas tax at \$2 per gallon in Warren County."

"We at Warren County are \$9 MILLION plus in surplus over budget from last year thru

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Beaty: Aid taxpayers; Strough: Let visitors share cost



Fireworks & Glens Falls Symphony free, July 3 at Crandall Park ► 5

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Queensbury Hotel: We got no USDA money; bank got guarantee; lets it lend to others

Editor:

Thank you for your continuing support for our investments in the historic Queensbury Hotel in Downtown Glens Falls where so many good things are happening.

A letter in last week's *Chronicle* focused on the "USDA loan" the hotel received, as reported in an earlier issue of *The Chronicle*. We are writing to clear up a misunderstanding.

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