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Class of 2022 Celebrates Graduation



SHOW 'N GO: Car Show, Wednesday, June 29 in Dundee 5-8 p.m.

New York responds to court ruling

NEW YORK STATE—Following the US Supreme Court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, Gov. Kathy Hochul and the New York State Department of Health announced a multi-platform, public education campaign to ensure New Yorkers—and all Americans—know that in New York state, abortion is legal and accessible. The statewide campaign includes multi-platform advertising efforts and a new website, providing a single destination for information about abortion rights, providers, supports, and payment options in New York.

"We feared this dark day—but New York did not hesitate to prepare for it," Hochul said. "The Supreme Court has dealt a crushing blow to all who value the ability to make decisions about their own bodies. Let me be clear: the Supreme Court has failed us, but New York state will not. Our 'Abortion Access Always' campaign builds on efforts to ensure that everyone knows that abortions remain safe, legal, and accessible here. As long as I am governor, this state will

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OBSERVER PHOTOS

Area schools celebrated the class of 2022 with outdoor graduation ceremonies Thursday, June 23 and Friday, June 24. Above are pictures of Penn Yan Class President Tyler Smith, Dundee Valedictorian Renae Gregory and Hammondsport Valedictorian Anya Brown. For additional photos, see the center and back pages of today's newspaper and www.observer-review.com.



Fireworks will be available in Dundee, Branchport, Hammondsport and Watkins Glen this holiday weekend.

Independence Day events set

BY BENJAMIN C. KLEIN

FINGER LAKES—Throughout the Finger Lakes municipalities, non-profits and more have a myriad of July 4th events packed with food, fun, music and fireworks this weekend.

The following is a breakdown of events over the holiday weekend:

Yates County
July 1

- The Windmill 35th anniversary street party, 5 to 8 p.m.
- Outlaw Speedway in Dundee hosts the \$20,000 fireworks extravaganza. Grandstands open at 5:30 p.m. with racing at 7:30 p.m. July 3
- The 2022 Lighted Boat will start at 9 p.m. with boats gathering at the buoys in

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US Supreme Court rules against state handgun law

By JESSICA GRESKO and MARK SHERMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has issued its biggest gun rights ruling in more than a decade. Here are some questions and answers about what the Thursday decision does and does not do:

What exactly was the Supreme Court ruling on guns?

The Supreme Court said that Americans have a right to carry firearms in public for self-defense. That's important because about half a dozen states have conditioned getting a license to carry a gun in public on the person demonstrating an actual need — sometimes called "good cause" or "proper cause" — to carry the weapon. That limits who can carry a weapon in those states.

In its decision, the Supreme Court struck down New York's "proper cause" requirement, but other states' laws are expected to face quick challenges. About one-quarter of the U.S. population lives in states expected to

be affected by the ruling.

The last time the court issued major gun decisions was in 2008 and 2010. In those decisions the justices established a nationwide right to keep a gun for self-defense in a person's home. The question for the court this time was just about carrying a gun outside the home.

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in the court's majority opinion that the right extended outside the home as well: "Nothing in the Second Amendment's text draws a home/public distinction with respect to the right to keep and bear arms."

How did the justices rule?

The gun ruling split the court 6-3, with the court's conservative justices in the majority and its liberals in dissent. In addition to Thomas, the majority opinion was joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and justices Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett. The court's three liberals who

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