

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the October 1 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Honoring Greg Fingar at the Annual Dinner for the Columbia County Association in the City of New York
- Columbia County Honor a Deceased Veteran Program: Honoring U.S. Army Veteran Henry V. Plass
- SEDC CEO Tour of the Hudson Headwaters Health Network
- Sign my petition: Law-Abiding New Yorkers Deserve To Be Safe!
- Village of Waterford celebrated the completion of a brand new state-of-the-art fire station
- Coming up: Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day
- Rensselaer County Sheriff Walk out Ceremony for Mike Dinardo

Other important news:

- Recognizing our Gold Star Mothers
- Working with our libraries to give back to our community
- Register to vote for this year's elections
- NYS Police Officers Memorial Ceremony
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Vaccine Information for Senate District 43
- Grand openings: "Tide & Purl" and "The Salon & Spa"

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at jordan@nysenate.gov or call my office at (518) 371-2751. Thank you for reading and subscribing to my Weekly Wrap. It's an honor and a privilege serving you!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

In The News



Area hospitals face tough decisions as 'alarming' staffing crisis worsens

New York State's Vaccine Mandate for healthcare workers is backfiring as hospitals face a major staffing crisis. Losing health care workers is detrimental to everyone's health. Governor Hochul needs to fix this, our healthcare depends on it!

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Over 2K tickets issued during 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign

Breathalyzer tests that can detect marijuana levels in someone's system should be in the hands of all law enforcement officers across the state.... If they only existed.

[Read Article](#)



How to address school student mental health, spawned by COVID-19

Mental health among students due to the government shutdown of schools and businesses took a toll on students. In this Capitol Tonight article, the author writes on "conversation starters" for parents who are concerned that their children are either experiencing abnormal amounts of stress or aren't handling anxiety well.

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Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce to host B2B Expo next week

Looking forward to this event put on by the Saratoga Chamber next week! More information on how to become a sponsor, book a booth, or register as an attendee is available online [HERE](#).

[Read Article](#)

Village of Waterford celebrated the completion of a brand new state-of-the-art fire station



It was a day to be proud in Waterford this past Saturday as the community celebrated the completion of the brand new state-of-the-art fire station. The three Village fire stations are now one consolidated fire station which provides for a central command center, efficient organization for even faster response time, houses all equipment and trucks, and provides a temporary emergency center if needed. Congratulations Mayor Bert Mahoney, Chief Donald Baldwin and the many people involved in the planning and building of this much needed project. Thank you to the many firefighters for placing your neighbors and community before yourself to protect and preserve our health, safety and property. The new firehouse will assist all in having an even safer Waterford!

Happy Fall!



Saturday was also a perfect day for the very well attended Harvest Festival in my hometown, Halfmoon!

Sunday: Gold Star Mother's Day



GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY

★ **HONOR** ★

★ **RESPECT** ★

★ **REMEMBER** ★



This past Sunday was Gold Star Mother's Day. A Gold Star Mother is someone who's son or daughter died in military service to our county. Our servicemembers and their families sacrifice so much on behalf of America. Thirteen mothers in our county have recently transitioned from being Blue Star Mothers to Gold Star Mothers, and I extend my deepest condolences and sympathies to them. To all of our Gold Star Mothers, who have had to endure unimaginable loss and sacrifice, we honor you today. Our nation will always remember and treasure you.

Working with our libraries to give back to our
community

THE GREAT GIVE BACK

As part of the Great Give Back on October 16, libraries across New York will be connecting community members with opportunities to help others through cleanup events, food drives and more. Find out how you and your library can support your community!

The Great Give Back Events

Columbia County Honor a Deceased Veteran
Program: Honoring U.S. Army Veteran Henry
V. Plass



On Monday morning, we honored U.S. Army Veteran Henry V. Plass posthumously with the New York State Senate Liberty Medal at the Columbia County Honor a Deceased Veteran Program. Take a moment to read about his incredible story in service to our country:

Henry V. Plass worked as a painter in construction and maintenance, until he was drafted into the United States Army as a private on February 18, 1941. Corporal Plass was trained in mechanized armor and then assigned to the European Theater of Operations as a member of Company D, 81st Tank Battalion, 5th Armor Division, later seeing action in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, and the Ardennes.

On March 5, 1943 Corporal Plass re-signed as an enlisted man, and on March 6 he accepted a battlefield commission, serving as First Lieutenant in the 5th Armor Division.

After discovering that the Germans had infiltrated and mined a supply route, First Lieutenant Plass devised method of transporting needed supplies while under artillery fire, by using a disabled engineer's truck as a minesweeper in front of his tank laden with supplies, cutting a path through the contested area, thus transporting the urgently needed ammunitions and rations to the front.

This simple act of American ingenuity was one of many that helped bring World War II to its successful conclusion, and First Lieutenant Henry V. Plass was cited on many occasions for his leadership while serving as a tank commander.

First Lieutenant Plass was discharged on November 30, 1945, and for his courageous service he was awarded the Bronze Star, the European-American-Middle East Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the American Campaign Medal. He then married Betty A. Cernak on August 12, 1951, and worked for the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation at 100 Fairview Ave in Hudson, NY. First Lieutenant Plass passed away on December 23, 2008. We will never forget his courage and sacrifice to our country.

V O T E !

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National oter Registration Day

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD



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Although National Voter Registration Day passed on Tuesday this week, I want to share the timeline of important registration information. There is still time to get out and register!

Sep 28 - National Voter Registration Day
Oct 8 - Voter registration forms must be postmarked by this date
Oct 13 - BOE must receive the voter reg. form
Oct 18 - absentee ballot application must be received by the BOE
Oct 23 - Early voting begins
Nov 2 - Election Day!

Register online or download the forms to mail by clicking below:

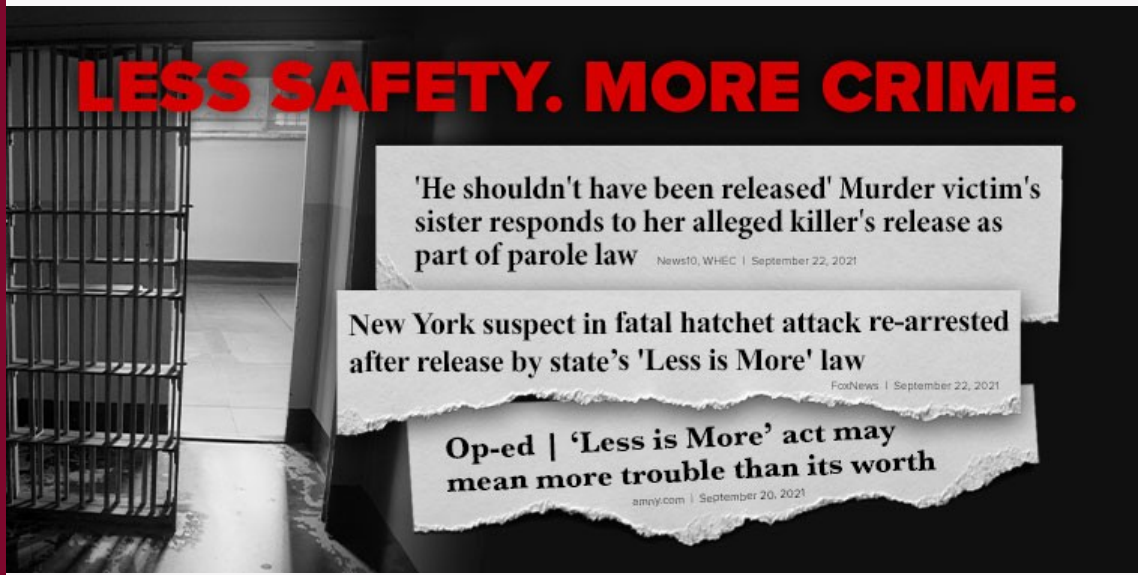
[Register to Vote](#)

NYS Police Officers Memorial Ceremony



On Tuesday afternoon, I attended the NYS Police Officers Memorial Ceremony. We Remembered and honored the 1,668 officers whose names are engraved on this beautiful memorial wall seen in pictures above. The design was based on a concept submitted by Colleen Dillon Bergman, daughter of State Trooper Emerson J. Dillon Jr. who was killed in the line of duty in 1974 after 16 1/2 years of service with the New York State Police. May God bless and look after all of our courageous men and women of law enforcement.

Law-Abiding New Yorkers Deserve To Be Safe!



Under the Democrats' Less is More policy, parolees who violate their parole are no longer sent back to prison. They are given a free pass..no penalty! No penalty for not showing up to their assigned meetings with parole officers...no accountability! Remember, that parolees have not finished their sentences; their sentences are completed when they are no longer on parole. On September 17, when Governor Hochul signed the "Less is More" bill, and in advance of it being enacted, she ordered the release of hundreds of criminals across the State. Pro-criminal policies must stop if we are to keep our communities safe!

On Tuesday, I launched a petition calling on Gov. Hochul and the Democrats in the Legislature to finally put law-abiding New Yorkers first. I hope you'll sign it and join me in sending a strong message to state Democrats: it's time to restore common sense and public safety in New York.

SEDC CEO Tour of the Hudson Headwaters Health Network



On Wednesday, I was happy to attend the SEDC (Saratoga Economic Development Corporation) CEO Tour of the Hudson Headwaters Health Network in Moreau, NY. Hudson Healthwaters has 17 facilities serving Moreau to the Canadian border. They have been serving the Lake George/Adirondack and Glens Falls Region since 1981 and the northern Clinton County area since 2012.

The Moreau Family Health Facility opened in March, 2020 (2 weeks prior to COVID) and is the only Hudson Healthwaters facility in the 43rd Senate District.

Thank you to CEO, Tucker Slingerland, MD for the tour and for answering so many questions!

Services include comprehensive primary care, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, behavioral health, dentistry, podiatry, select specialty services, lab and imaging. In addition to this, an on-site pharmacy is coming soon.

They served 12,000 patients this year, 2,000 of which were virtual. The practice increased this year by 1,500 new patients and has doubled since 2013.

The Building features a center open space for the Medical Doctors to do their paperwork and dictations. The building also includes 20 exam rooms. In the last

picture you can see a stand-up computer, which serves as a translator for patients that do not speak English as well as serving the deaf.

Clients served are 25% medicaid, 25% medicare, and the remaining 50% are commercial clients. No one is turned away.

They were one of the original designation sites for administering the COVID-19 vaccine and administered 6,000 shots. They've also administered about 5,000 COVID-19 tests and offer rapid testing. Patients with COVID-19 symptoms are seen curbside, where a test is administered and then the patient is treated.

They also offer Mobile Health (see in photos) that serves the under-served regions of greater Glens Falls, Adirondack and the North Country. It is the first primary care mobile health program in the region!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

For important screening and healthcare information

1-800-877-8077

or visit

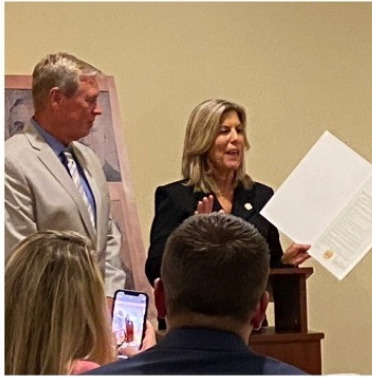
breast-cancer.adelphi.edu

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month we celebrate survivors, honor those who succumbed to this illness, and highlight the importance of screening for early detection. I've been proud to partner with Adelphi on its statewide breast cancer hotline. From support services for survivors and those currently in treatment to its wealth of referrals and information on all aspects of breast cancer and health services, the Adelphi NY Statewide Hotline and Support Program is a valuable resource. To learn more, call 1-800-877-8077 or visit their website by clicking below.

[Learn More](#)

Honoring Greg Fingar at the Annual Dinner for

the Columbia County Association in the City of New York



GREGORY FINGAR BIOGRAPHY

Greg attended Germantown Central School and graduated from Pine Bush Central. After graduation, he settled in Cincinnati Ohio where he attended the University of Cincinnati. At the same time, Greg began his musical career playing five string banjo. He played with several Bluegrass bands, culminating with playing at the Grand Old Opry in the late 70's.

After moving back to New York in 1981, Greg started his professional career, joining his father Peter, at Fingar Insurance. Fingar Insurance was established in 1931 by grandfather Luther B. Fingar. Several years later, Greg's brother Mark joined the agency and today Greg and Mark are the Principals of the Firm.

Greg quickly became involved in the local community. Giving back to the community is near and dear to the Fingar family. Greg's volunteerism has included:

- President, Elder and Deacon of the Reformed Church of Germantown
- Organization and Construction of Palatine Manor Sr. Housing
- President of the Hudson Rotary Club
- Life member Germantown Lions Club
- Board of Directors of Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
- Vice President of the Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation
- 22-years on the Columbia Economic Development Corporation Board
- Town Board Member of the Town of Clermont
- Organized and constructed the Germantown Hamlet Park
- President Columbia County Association in the City of New York
- Chairman, Columbia County Republican Committee

Greg and his wife of 35 years, Donna, reside in Clermont, New York. They have 3 children. Peter, Nina and Alexandra. Peter and Nina work for the insurance agency. Alexandra is a registered nurse. Peter and his wife Liz reside in Greenport with their daughter Eliana and Penelope and another baby arriving in April. Nina and her husband Scott reside in Clermont, NY with their daughters Abbey and Charlotte and son Rhys. Alexandra and her husband Casey live in Ghent with their daughter Nora.

A terrific time with my Columbia County friends at Thursday night's Annual Dinner for the Columbia County Association in the City of New York. Pictured above with Greg Fingar; Holly Tanner; David Bartlett, Columbia County Sheriff; Paul Czajka, Columbia County District Attorney; John Faso; Marc Molinaro; Michael Tucker; and PJ Keeler, Columbia County Treasurer. I was honored to present my good friend, Greg Fingar, with a special New York Senate proclamation to mark the night's occasion and the receipt of his prestigious award as Columbia County Association in the City of New York Distinguished Citizen of the year!

Greg Fingar is devoted and dedicated to his Columbia County community. His

volunteerism and community leadership are extensive, noteworthy, and impactful!

They have included his service as President of the Hudson Rotary Club, Vice President of the Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation, President of the Columbia County Association in the City of New York, Chairman of the Columbia County Republican Committee and so much more! (See the photo which lists all of his community service.) All of this extensive community service is in addition to running a very successful private business, Fingar Insurance.

Giving back to the community, helping, and serving others, and making a positive difference are all deeply held values that are near and dear to Greg, and I was happy to be there and honor him last night!

Vaccine Information for Senate District 43



Below is recent information regarding COVID-19 vaccine/booster clinics for the 43rd Senate District:

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Weekly Clinics at 325 Columbia Street, Hudson

The Health Department is now offering COVID-19 vaccine at its weekly immunization clinics at 325 Columbia Street, First Floor, in Hudson. Clinics are held every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Every third Tuesday of the month, the immunization clinic runs from 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. COVID-19 vaccine is available at these clinics by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling (518)828-3358, option 4. Please call ahead if you would like to check what vaccine is available at any given clinic or visit <http://vaccines.gov>.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

The Rensselaer County Department of Health will be holding a series of Pfizer Booster Clinics during the month of October, County Executive Steve McLaughlin and Public Health Director Mary Fran Wachunas announced.

The Pfizer Booster Clinics will be held on Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on October 6, October 13, October 20 and October 27. The county will return to the Hudson Valley Community College campus for the vaccination clinics, this time utilizing the college's Bulmer Center.

Those seeking the Pfizer Booster vaccine, are asked to please bring a photo ID and vaccine card.

For those still looking for their first or second vaccine, the county will be offering Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

SARATOGA COUNTY

Saratoga County Public Health Services department (SCPHS) is holding the following free COVID-19 Pfizer booster clinic:

Friday, October 1: Pfizer Booster Clinic at the Saratoga County Public Safety Building, 6012 County Farm Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, from 9:30AM to 11:30AM and from 1:30PM to 3:30PM.

This clinic is for those age 65 or older who received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine on or before April 1, 2021. Individuals who received Moderna or Johnson and Johnson vaccine are not eligible to attend this clinic.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

There are so many options available for access to vaccination, we encourage everyone in our communities to ensure you explore every available option if you want to be vaccinated!

- NYS Vax sites: http://bit.ly/COVID19_AmIEligible
- Check our site for updates: washingtoncountyny.gov/coronavirus
- Sign-up for our Vaccine Registry: bit.ly/WashCoNYVaxInterest
- No internet access? Call (518)746-2422 (County events / info)
- No internet access? Call (833)NYS-4VAX (state run sites)
- Check with your Healthcare Provider
- Check with local Pharmacies
- > Walgreens at http://bit.ly/Walgreens_CovidVax
- > Rite Aid at http://bit.ly/RiteAid_CovidVax
- > CVS at http://bit.ly/CVS_CovidVax
- > Hannaford at http://bit.ly/Hannaford_CovidVax

Rensselaer County Sheriff Walk out Ceremony for Mike Dinardo



This morning, the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department held a Walk Out Ceremony for Sgt. Mike Dinardo, who served for 23 years with the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office. We thank and honor him for his outstanding dedication and commitment to protecting our community!

Tide and Purl Grand Opening



Congratulations to Tide and Purl, located in Schuylerville, on their grand opening today! They are a modern gift shop boutique, and is also promoting space for meetings, workshops, and knitting classes.

The Salon and Spa Grand Opening



Congratulations to The Salon and Spa, located in Schuylerville, on their grand opening this afternoon! Head on over for all your hair and beauty needs!

Coming up: Columbia County Public Safety
Family Fun Day



New York State Senator Daphne Jordan & Columbia County Sheriff David Bartlett

invite you to

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY FAMILY FUN DAY that's being held outdoors.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Greenport Town Park, 413 Joslen Blvd, Hudson**

Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day will have FREE events, services,
and lots of FUN for Columbia County families and children.

Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day will feature:



- ✓ Car Seat Safety Check
- ✓ Child ID Cards
- ✓ Senior ID Cards
- ✓ UTV Rides
- ✓ Games with Columbia County Sheriff's Deputies
(Kickball, Basketball, Cornhole and MORE)
- ✓ Free Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Ice Cream & Balloons for Kiddos
- ✓ Drone & K9 Demonstrations
- ✓ Sheriff's Office Equipment on Display
- ✓ Entertainment For All Ages

*The entire community is invited and welcome to attend this special free event.
To alleviate COVID-19 concerns, the event will be held outdoors. Masks are optional.*

For more details, email Senator Jordan's office at jordan@nysenate.gov.

See you on Saturday, October 16, at Greenport Town Park for Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day!

Contact Senator Daphne Jordan: Phone: (518) 371-2751 | Email: jordan@nysenate.gov | Website: jordan.nysenate.gov   

I hope to see you at this wonderful event with Columbia County Sherriff David Bartlett! It's just two weeks away!

Stay up-to-date with me throughout the week on Social Media!



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