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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the August 6 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings this week:

- Attorney General Letitia James Report Concludes Governor Cuomo Sexually Harassed Multiple Women, and More
- My American Red Cross Blood Drive is NEXT week -- Register today!
- Delivering Broadband Access to Towns in Columbia County
- Hudson Valley Community College Foundation & GlobalFoundries Announce A Major Gift to the HVCC North Campaign
- Wilton Town Board Meeting & Honoring the Family of SPC Abigail Jenks

Other important news:

- Become a U.S.A. Flag Spotter
- State Police Submit an Incredible Photo to Nationwide Contest
- Chicken BBQ Next Week in Support of our Veterans
- NY's future is on the LINE: Here's your chance to help make history
- A Visit to the Arvilla E. Diver Memorial Library in Schaghticoke, NY
- Unveiling of the Ellen Hardin Walworth Exhibit

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

Attorney General Letitia James Report Concludes Governor Cuomo Sexually Harassed Multiple Women, and More



NEWS

from New York State Senator Daphne Jordan

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Statement from New York State Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon) in reaction to New York State Attorney General Letitia James' comprehensive, independent investigation that found Governor Cuomo sexually harassed multiple women, including a New York State Trooper:

"The just-released comprehensive, thorough, and independent report from New York State Attorney General Letitia James into the Governor's disturbing pattern of sexual harassment, and workplace intimidation while breaking state and federal laws leads to one inescapable conclusion – one that I reached months ago: Cuomo must resign, now! As detailed in the Attorney General's findings and a five-month-long investigation, Cuomo is a serial sexual harasser that has brought disgrace upon his office and stained our state. For the good of New York, Cuomo must go. He must immediately resign or face bipartisan impeachment during a Special Session of the state Legislature."

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The word-for-word conclusion by the AG's office is below.

CONCLUSION

"Upon completion of our independent investigation into allegations of sexual harassment brought against Governor Andrew Cuomo and the surrounding circumstances, we have reached the conclusion that the Governor sexually harassed a number of State employees through unwelcome and unwanted touching, as well as by making numerous offensive and sexually suggestive comments. We find that such conduct was part of a pattern of behavior that extended to his interactions with others outside of State government.

We also find the Executive Chamber's response to allegations of sexual harassment violated its internal policies and that the Executive Chamber's response to one complainant's allegations constituted unlawful retaliation. In addition, we conclude that the culture of fear and intimidation, the normalization of inappropriate comments and interactions, and the poor enforcement of the policies and safeguards, contributed to the sexual harassment, retaliation, and an overall hostile work environment in the Executive Chamber."

[Full Report](#)

I want to see you on August 12!



Blood Drive Sponsored by Senator Daphne Jordan

Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787

201 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson
Meeting Room

**Thursday, August 12, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



**American
Red Cross**

I will be sponsoring a blood drive next week, on August 12, and have 15 spots left of 65 spots total! With a nationwide shortage, there is certainly someone out there whose life could be saved with YOUR help. I hope to see you on Thursday, August 12 at the Hudson Elks Lodge!

[Register Here!](#)

Become a U.S.A. Flag Spotter



Make Patriotism Go Viral in 3 Easy Steps!

1. Look for the American Flag in your Community.
2. Photograph the American Flag on display outside, inside, & at special events.
3. Submit your best photos & a completed Entry Form to: Contests@NIFDA.net

Click below to learn more!

[Learn More](#)

Delivering Broadband Access to Towns in Columbia County



I, along with other State and local leaders joined Congressman Antonio Delgado in Ghent, NY for a press conference on securing broadband funding for the towns of Ghent, Canaan, New Lebanon, and Austerlitz.

Expanding and investing in broadband (high speed internet connection) is an issue that is so much bigger than partisan politics. It is a vital quality of life issue for Columbia County families and businesses.

I was proud to support this effort to secure funding in a letter to Congressman Antonio Delgado earlier this year, and I thank him for his support in delivering this investment. I'll continue working on and advocating for these issues and state legislation so that Columbia County families, schools, and businesses have access to reliable, affordable broadband that we've been promised for so long.

***Please take a moment to read more about this important package of legislation by clicking my article [here](#).

Also in attendance and speaking at Monday's press conference were Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, Ghent Town Supervisor Michael Benvenuto, Canaan Town Supervisor Brenda Adams, Town of New Lebanon

Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling, and Town of Austerlitz Board Member Jere Wrightsman.

State Police Photo Contest



The New York State Police recently entered into a photo contest where each state police across the country entered their best photo of a police or trooper car with a background that represented their state. I just thought New York's picture was so beautiful that I had to share! (I would offer the link to vote for NY, but the contest is now closed!)

Chicken BBQ in Support of our Veterans

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #1450



Chicken BBQ And Picnic



Saturday, August 14, 2021 - Noon – 6pm

1/2 BBQ Chicken Dinner - \$30.00

Held at Post 1450 Pavilion



Includes Picnic

Noon - 3 pm

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Clam Chowder

Noon - 5:30 pm:

Coffee, Soda, Draft Beer

Dinner Served at 4:00 pm

Dinner Includes $\frac{1}{2}$ BBQ Chicken, Potato, Corn, Dinner Roll
Enjoy Music, Horseshoes, Volleyball, and Bocce Ball.

ALL Dinners must be picked up by 5:30 pm

Tickets Available July 1st Thru August 6th

Pre-Sale Only - See Bartender for Tickets

For Information Call 371-4463

American Legion Post #1450

275 Grooms Road, Halfmoon

Exit 8A off I87. Head East on Grooms Road, 1 Mile on the Left.

The [American Legion Mohawk Post #1450](#) is having a Chicken BBQ Saturday August 14. Enjoy some food, fun, and supporting our local veterans. I hope to see you there!

Hudson Valley Community College
Foundation & GlobalFoundries Announce A
Major Gift to the HVCC North Campaign



I am very proud to have Hudson Valley Community College's main campus in the 43rd Senate District. It was great to celebrate with President Ramsammy, who is a relentless leader in guiding HVCC to the next step – the announcement by the HVCC Foundation and GlobalFoundries of a major Gift to the HVCC North Campaign.

HVCC is broadening opportunities at HVCC North, the college's extension center in Malta, where they specialize in the growing fields of healthcare, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), and skilled trades. Their new education center and renovations to the existing Training and Education Center for Semiconductor Manufacturing and Alternative and Renewable Technologies, or TEC-SMART, will allow HVCC to increase enrollment in high-demand programs by 10-20%.

Expanding training opportunities right here in Upstate NY will create a positive impact for our economy. Congratulations to HVCC, the HVCC Foundation Board, and GlobalFoundries on this fantastic news!

NY's future is on the LINE: Here's your

chance to help make history



Reform gives citizens a greater say in reshaping our government

An historic reform is changing the way NY draws its legislative and congressional district maps—a once-a-decade process that helps decide who will represent you in the halls of state and federal government for the next 10 years.

A new, voter-approved Independent Redistricting Commission will rely on input from citizens—not politicians—to decide how best to divide the state into the required number of Senate, Assembly and Congressional districts while ensuring that individual neighborhoods and communities are fairly represented.

This new process will ensure that no region, special interest or political party gain an unfair advantage or too much power at the expense of the others. But it only works if citizens like you join with neighbors, friends and communities to get involved and make your voices heard.

The Commission is planning a series of hearings and any group, community or individual may submit testimony, either in person, or through its website, www.nyirc.gov. This is your chance to learn more and get involved.

Please consider submitting testimony related to how redistricting will affect you, your family and your community. This feedback is critical and is your chance to help steer the future of New York and speak out for the concerns of our communities.

I hope you will visit the Commission's website to see the schedule of hearings and to learn more.

New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

A Visit to the Arvilla E. Diver Memorial Library in Schaghticoke, NY



On Thursday afternoon, I had the opportunity to visit the Arvilla E. Diver Memorial Library in Schaghticoke where I met the Library Director, Nick Matulis and Board Member Angela Ross-Hixson. This is certainly a one-of-a-kind library, with a lot of charm, and much caring thought and service going out to its patrons. It was named by Arvilla E. Diver's husband, who passed in 1939, leaving a trust to turn the family home into a library. Learn more and stay up to date with the Diver Library by visiting their website [here](#).

Wilton Town Board Meeting & Honoring the Family of SPC Abigail Jenks



On Thursday night, I had the honor and privilege to present a Senate Proclamation to Mary Jenks, the mother of fallen soldier SPC Abigail Rose Jenks, a paratrooper for the United States Army.

Sadly, SPC Abigail Jenks passed away from a fatal training accident on April 19, 2021, while performing a static-line parachute jump from a UH-60 Black Hawk

helicopter. Abigail was just 20-years-old. We mourn the loss of Abigail and revere her as a true patriotic hero.

SPC Abigail Jenks was an accomplished artist at a very young age. Mary Jenks will be honoring her daughter by creating a traveling art exhibit. The first art show will be held at The Wesley Community Nursing Home located at 131 Lawrence St. in Saratoga Springs. My deepest condolences to the family and friends of SPC Abigail Jenks.

I also had the honor of presenting a Senate Proclamation to the Town of Wilton for passing a resolution to become the latest Purple Heart town in the 43rd Senate District.

My 43rd Senate District includes 60 municipalities, 50 of which have become local Purple Heart Communities – with more on the way as I continue to push my grassroots effort to have every municipality become a purple heart town. All four counties in my district – Saratoga, Rensselaer, Washington, and Columbia – successfully passed local resolutions and have become Purple Heart Communities and Counties.

During our recent legislative session, my bipartisan legislation establishing August 7 – this Saturday – as “Purple Heart Day” here in New York State was passed in the Senate. We’ll have to start over next year, to get the bill passed in both houses. I believe we can make this happen!

Our military veterans deserve nothing but the best treatment and respect. This is an important way that we can send a heartfelt message of just how much America’s heroes mean to us – and how grateful we are for their honorable, faithful service.



Unveiling of the Ellen Hardin Walworth Exhibit



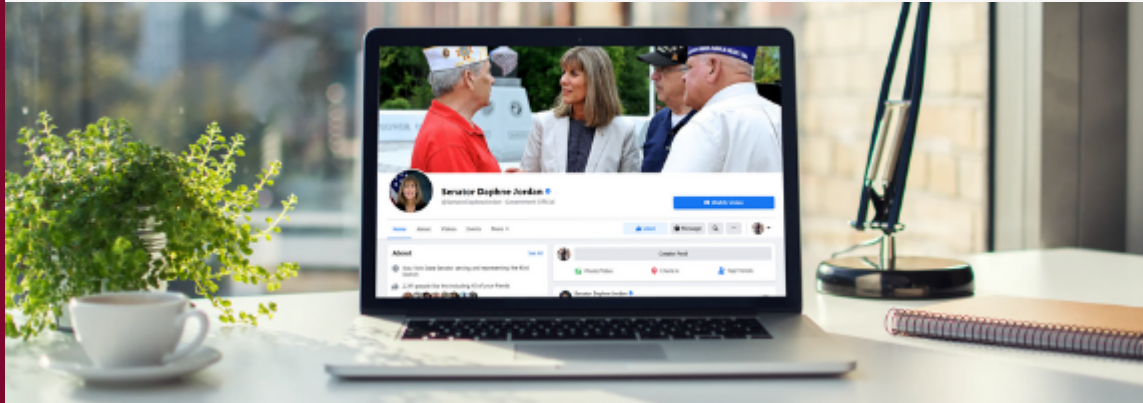
It was wonderful being at the Saratoga Springs History Museum for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution District IV's unveiling of the Ellen Hardin Walworth Exhibit!

Ellen Hardin Walworth was a true American patriot, pioneer, and trailblazer who lived right in Saratoga Springs. She became a prolific writer on patriotic and historic subjects, emerging as an authority on the battlefields of Saratoga, and publishing an account of the Burgoyne campaign. She also served as the only woman Trustee on the Saratoga Battlefield Monument Commission where she was responsible for outlining a plan to mark the points of interest for the Battlefield.

My thanks to the Saratoga Springs History Museum for dedicating a room celebrating this amazing woman and all of her accomplishments. Also, my special thanks to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the New York State Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Saratoga Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which generously donated to create this great new exhibit.

Ellen Walworth

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