



Weekly Wrap: Remembering September 11
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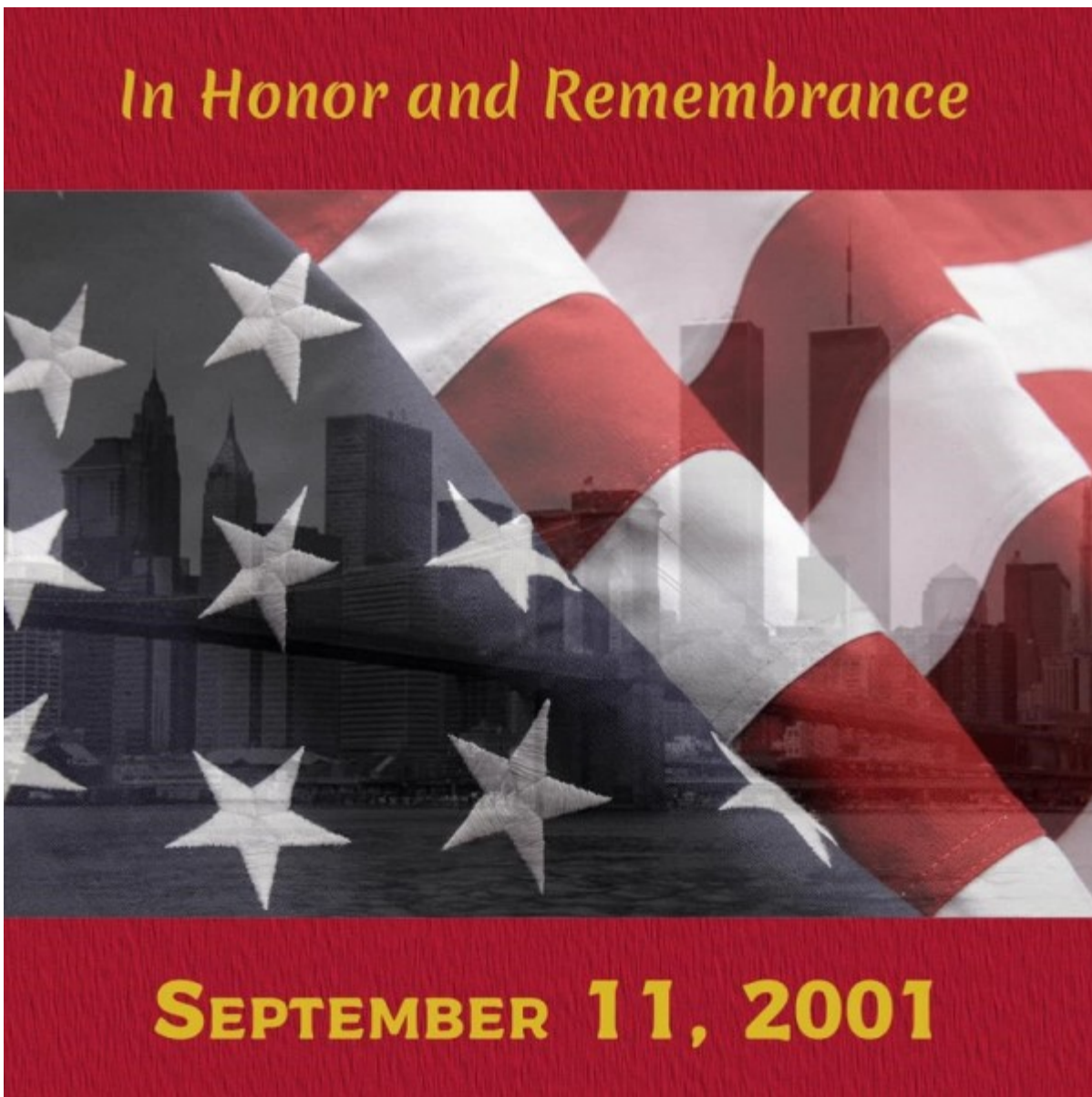
Welcome to my Weekly Wrap, for the week ending September 11, a solemn and sacred day for all Americans. This year marks 19 years since the cowardly terrorist attacks that shook our nation. We will always remember that terrible day, mourn those we lost, and be forever thankful for the incredible courage of our first responders and members of our armed forces who protect, serve, and defend our freedom.

Earlier this week, I stopped by Pirate's Hideout to honor them as they received the Community Recognition Award from the Halfmoon-Waterford Fire Department. I am grateful for all of the wonderful first responders who work hard to protect my constituents here in the 43rd District, and for great businesses like Pirate's Hideout who support the heroes in our community.

I was also in attendance at the Saratoga County Office of the Aging Senior Picnic where it was wonderful seeing so many friends and neighbors. In addition to attending community events, this week I proudly advocated on behalf of Hoosick Valley Contractors, a successful local, women-led, woman-owned business that requested my help regarding Empire State Development's denial of their WBE recertification.

Thank you for reading my Weekly Wrap! As always, if you have a comment, question, or concern, email me at jordan@nysenate.gov, or call my district office at (518) 371-2751. It is an honor and a privilege to serve YOU in the New York State Senate. – **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

Remembering September 11, 2001



The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 can never, and will never, be forgotten. During times of peace and prosperity, as well as times of great strife and difficulty, we must always endeavor to remember that there is more that unites us as Americans than divides us. Together, as Americans, we can overcome any obstacle and challenge ahead of us. Honor, remember, and never forget our fellow Americans we lost that terrible day. May God continue to look after their families and all who defend our freedom.

Attending the Germantown 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony



This morning, I had the honor of speaking at Germantown's special ceremony marking 19 years since the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. We also recognized Germantown on becoming a "Purple Heart Community." I was proud to stand at Germantown's 9/11 Memorial with Germantown Supervisor Robert Beaury, Sergeant Major, and Director of Veterans Services for Columbia County, Gary Flaherty, the Color Guard from the Germantown American Legion Post #346, Boy Scout Troop #122, members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, members of the Germantown Fire Department, and so many friends today.

September 11 is a date that we will never forget, as a community, as New Yorkers, and as Americans. We lost almost 3,000 of our fellow Americans on that terrible day, as terrorist cowards struck at the very heart of our nation.

We all remember seeing terrible images and witnessing the unbearable pain and anguish of

those who lost a loved one. In the heart of all that darkness, we also saw the bright, shining light of our heroic first responders who courageously ran toward the danger. So many first responder heroes risked and lost their lives so that others may live. We saw our country and communities united – not as Republicans or Democrats, but as proud Americans – as we stood with, and supported, the fallen and their families, our first responders, and our armed forces.

Today we remember and reflect upon the heroes of September 11 and all who answered the call to serve and defend America during our darkest hour. We also remembered our Purple Heart heroes so many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice. I was proud to be part of this special ceremony and also present an NYS Senate Proclamation commemorating Germantown on becoming a Purple Heart Community. God bless America and all who defend our freedom, and may we never forget those we lost on September 11, 2001.

Honoring Pirate's Hideout on receiving Community Recognition Award from the Halfmoon-Waterford Fire Department



A Saturday afternoon with Chief Anthony Bonventre, officers, and members of the Halfmoon-Waterford Fire Department (HMFD) and Halfmoon Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen is always a pleasure! I'm thrilled to recognize heroes in the 43rd Senate District and I was surrounded by them at Pirate's Hide-Out in Halfmoon.

Our firefighter heroes of the HMFD who protect us 24-7, 365 days a year presented a community business hero with their Community Recognition Award. Bill and Jane Cartier, owners of Pirate's Hideout have given 20% of their proceeds from the last week of their season to the fire department for the past several years. The donation this year is particularly remarkable in that the Cartier's miniature golf was shuttered due to COVID-19 for 3 of their 5-month season which equates to an enormous economic loss to their business.

I wrote a letter to the Governor and ESD back on May 14 requesting that Pirate's Hideout and

other miniature golf businesses be open with safe sensible protocols in place. The reopening was not allowed until July 6. Facing a loss to themselves, the Cartier's gave much-needed funding to the fire department which in turn gives so much to our community. Thank you, Bill and Jane and Pirate's Hideout, and thank you to the Halfmoon-Waterford Fire Department!

Fighting for small business owners in the 43rd Senate District



Earlier this week, I was proud to stand up for Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc., a successful woman-led, woman-owned small business, that's been unfairly treated by Empire State Development. I recently wrote Governor Cuomo and ESD urging them to re-examine and correct the sexist denial of WBE (Woman Business Enterprise) recertification for this local business.

I began my advocacy on this issue after having been contacted by my constituent Stefanie Wiley (pictured above), the owner, operator, majority shareholder, and president of Hoosick Valley Contractors, which has been in operation since 1978.

Ms. Wiley conveyed that her business has been the subject of unfair, arbitrary, and discriminatory treatment from ESD that recently decertified her company's status as a WBE and asked for my help. In 2014, Ms. Wiley purchased the business Hoosick Valley Contractors from her father upon his retirement, effectively becoming the business' president, majority shareholder, and owner, respectively. Later in 2014, after having acquired the business Ms. Wiley applied for, and successfully obtained, New York State Certification as a

WBE in 2014. At that time, the WBE certification lasted for three years. Ms. Wiley subsequently filed for recertification in 2017. On July 29, 2020, ESD notified Ms. Wiley of its denial of her business' recertification as a WBE citing misinformation and erroneous points.

Needless to say, the loss of WBE certification will be a huge blow to Ms. Wiley's business. As the former owner and operator of two successful small businesses that employed 14 individuals, I know how important it is to stand with job creators and ensure that government is a productive partner, not a hurtful roadblock. I'll be introducing legislation in the State Senate to ensure that ESD doesn't unfairly deny WBE recertification for Hoosick Valley Contractors and other successful woman-led, woman-owned businesses.

Link to my press release and letter to the Governor and ESD with more details can be found at this link:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/daphne-jordan/senator-daphne-jordan-stands-local-woman-led-business-treated>

The Albany Business Review recently published an article regarding my advocacy on behalf of Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. You can read the story here:

https://www.bizjournals.com/albany/news/2020/09/08/hoosick-valley-contractors-wbe-renewal.html?fbclid=IwAR3qcjEZklF5p4eLqev_U1o2WN6qYgZxt1CHCttR_vB1xmohYZY0M_JSfxE

Taking part in the Saratoga County Office for the Aging's Senior Picnic



I had a wonderful time during the Saratoga County Office for the Aging's Senior Picnic held Thursday at the Saratoga County Fairgrounds & Expo Center. Lunches were picked up and I handed out "Shoo the Flu" bags which included helpful information on getting flu shots, a thermometer, wipes, masks, tissues, sanitizer, and a can of chicken soup, all ingredients to keep everyone healthy! Cars were parked 10 feet apart and the seniors tailgated with their picnic lunches. I'm pictured above at the picnic with my good friends and colleagues Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Jim Tedisco, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, Saratoga County Clerk Craig Hayner, and Halfmoon Town Councilman Paul Hotaling.

Celebrating this week's Hometown Heroes for the 43rd Senate District!

Thank you!

Hometown HEROES

43RD NYS SENATE DISTRICT

Proud to again recognize some terrific #HometownHeroes from my 43rd Senate District for all they're doing to help the community.



Hometown Heroes for my 43rd Senate District are the kind, caring, and compassionate individuals, non-profits, and small businesses that make our communities and state a better place to live, work, raise a family, and start or grow a small business. This week's Hometown Heroes for my 43rd Senate District are Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Mechanicville, and Darn Good Yarn of Halfmoon. Hats off to both of these fantastic Hometown Heroes for serving and helping others!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Mechanicville

Sleep in Heavenly Peace recently partnered with All Saints on the Hudson Church in Mechanicville and St. Luke's on the Hill in Halfmoon during August to build beds and further their mission to make sure no kid sleeps on the floor and to help more children in need sleep better.

Darn Good Yarn, Halfmoon

Darn Good Yarn of Halfmoon recently sent an incredible 30,000 masks for the homeless, disabled, and nursing homes all across the United States to help protect individuals from COVID-19 during the outbreak and assist them in staying safe and healthy.

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