



Dear Friend:

This edition of the Weekly Wrap leads with two items from the previous week that I wanted to share with you: the unveiling of the new 3-D Mammography Unit at Columbia Memorial Health, and the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center 50th Anniversary. Those two items, along with special events in Columbia, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties, feature in this Weekly Wrap. Have a wonderful weekend! – **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

### **Ribbon Cutting for Columbia Memorial Health's New 3-D Mammography Unit**



Last Thursday, I attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Columbia Memorial Health (CMH) for the facility's new 3-D Mammography Unit. Congratulations to CMH on this impressive new unit that will help in the early detection and treatment of breast cancer and save lives!

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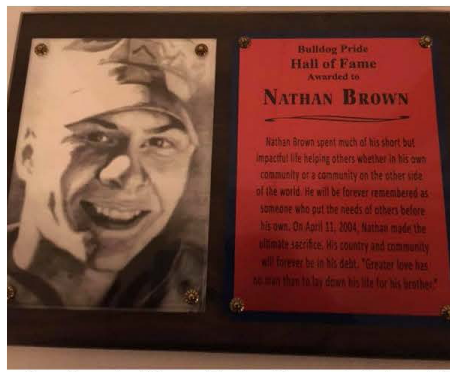
In addition, last Thursday, I took part in the 50th Anniversary of the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center, Inc. (MACSC). I'm pictured above with Megan Quillinan, MACSC's terrific Executive Director, whom I presented an NYS Senate Proclamation in honor of the special occasion. MACSC provides important services to the community including family assistance, circle time program (pre-school), food and nutrition programs, school-age childcare program, youth development, and seniors living well. Happy 50th Anniversary to the MACSC and here's to 50 more years of serving the community!

## **Claverack Free Library and Community Center Grand Opening**



Saturday saw the grand-opening and dedication ceremony for the new Claverack Free Library and Community Center that will serve as an important destination for Columbia County families. This new facility ensures that the Claverack Free Library will build upon, and further enhance, its longstanding commitment to providing excellent services and supportive programming for the community.

## **South Glens Falls Central School District's Bulldog Pride Hall of Fame 13th Annual Induction Ceremony**



Saturday also was the South Glens Falls Central School District's Bulldog Pride Hall of Fame 13th Annual Induction Ceremony. The family of Glens Falls native Nathan Brown accepted his induction into the Hall of Fame, posthumously. PFC Nathan Brown proudly served his community, state, and country as a member of the New York Army National Guard and made the ultimate sacrifice. We honor his service and faithful commitment to America.

### **Celebrating 50th Anniversary of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library**



Saturday evening I attended the Clifton Park Halfmoon Public Library's fabulous 50th Anniversary that had 300 people celebrating! The Library is like home to me and I'm proud to have been part of the effort in advancing this fantastic institution. I served as a Trustee, Member of the Executive Committee, Building Committee, and as Treasurer for the new Library, managing a \$3 million operating budget, and \$15 million construction budget for the Library completed on budget by the collaborative effort of a terrific team. I'm proud that the building committee had the foresight to work with NYSERDA to facilitate and procure a \$408,000 grant for a Green and LEED Certified Library.

Thanks to a dedicated group of advocates, the Library has continued growing with our community. Today, the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library has a total collection size of 165,830, which includes print and media, and in 2018 had a circulation of 564,194. By 2018 figures, the Library hosted 1,500 programs for adults, teens, and children attended by 29,000 people. 2018 showed 42,000 active library cardholders, a number that will continue to rise as the communities the Library serves are the fastest growing in New York State!

## Honoring Columbia-Greene 4-H on 90 Years of Serving the Community



Saturday night marked the 90th Anniversary Celebration Dinner for Columbia-Greene 4-H. Pictured above are Linda Tripp, 4-H Youth Development Issue Leader, Aizlyn O'Connell, and Edward Ross. 4-H is an important organization that's given nearly six million children a powerful voice to express who they are, and how they can make their communities and lives better. In Columbia and Greene Counties, 4-H has increased to 40 clubs and continues growing in popularity, with educational programs in schools, libraries, and community centers positively affecting over 8,000 youths in 2018.

## Advocating for Crime Victims



On Monday, I took part in a Senate Codes Committee meeting in Albany on Discovery Reform. This is a critically important issue affecting every New Yorker because it's about ensuring the safety of crime victims and witnesses. As Senator, I've heard serious concerns from District Attorneys, Town Justices, law enforcement officers and the public who want to know they are protected from criminals. During the meeting, I heard many important insights from the District Attorneys who testified. Crime victims should always be protected!

## Recognizing Power's Inn & Pub In Halfmoon



On Wednesday, I honored Bryah Gifford (who I'm pictured with above) with an NYS Senate Proclamation for his outstanding efforts to preserve and restore the early 19th Century barn at Power's Inn & Pub in Halfmoon. There is a storied history for this location. Christian Meyer operated a blacksmith shop out of the barn, and the land remained in hands of the Meyer family for several years, as the property was passed on to their son Frederick, who passed in 1937, and then to Frederick's son, Archie.

The property was sold to the Hoffman Family in 1968, as part of Archie's real estate. Bryah Gifford, his father Randy, and Peter Hoffman worked together to restore the building that houses Power's Inn and Pub, which has become a staple in our local community. After they completed the restoration of Power's Inn and Pub, Bryah, Randy, and Peter focused their attention on Archie's Barn, raising, and restoring this masterpiece of craftsmanship adding to the space that Power's Inn and Pub provides for its patrons. I was proud to recognize Bryah Gifford for his outstanding efforts to preserve and restore the barn at Power's Inn and Pub in Halfmoon.

## Meeting with Exchange Students



On Wednesday, I met with 31 wonderful students (and their chaperones) from France. The students were visiting as part of an exchange program with Shenendehowa Central School District. The group was accompanied by Amber Renaldi, an American Government Teacher from Shenendehowa. I invited the students and their chaperones to join me in the Senate Chamber and also on the Million Dollar Staircase in the State Capitol. It was wonderful meeting the students and sharing with them some insights regarding New York State government, as well as hearing and learning more about their experiences

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