



Dear Friend:

Welcome back to my Weekly Wrap! As per New York State Senate rules, my weekly e-newsletter has been on hiatus since October 2nd but, with the 2020 elections having concluded, my Weekly Wrap is back and full of news you can use including information about community events, and updates about my work as your State Senator. It's great to be back!

While the tabulation of absentee ballots remains ongoing, I'm confident in being officially declared the winner relatively soon due to the large margin of votes I received from Early Voting and also on Election Day. I want to thank everyone who voted for me and continued placing their trust and confidence in my abilities as your Senator. I remain committed to ensuring that state government hears YOUR voice and is responsive to YOUR concerns. Regardless of whether you voted for me or not, I pledge to be a bipartisan Senator for EVERYONE. I'll keep working hard to continually earn your trust and deliver the real results that make a positive difference for you and your loved ones.

Here is what's inside this edition marking the return of my Weekly Wrap:

- **Information on ways to contact my office and connect with me**
- **Update on the latest ribbon cuttings, grand openings, and public events**
- **Invitation to share your special occasions, community events, and important milestones within the 43rd Senate District**
- **Salute to America's true heroes for Veterans Day**
- **Weekly Wrap Recap of the public events I attended over the past month**
- **Special tribute to my good friend, Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno**

I'm looking forward to continuing to serve and represent you this fall and throughout the next two years as YOUR State Senator. Thank you!

– **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

Need Help? Contact me!

Whether it's helping constituents obtain needed benefits, intervening with a State Agency, or providing information and insights regarding a particular public policy, my office and I are here to help YOU! Since I took office in January of 2019, my office has helped thousands of constituents solve problems big and small. If you ever need assistance with state government, please contact me. My staff and I will do everything we can to be of assistance.

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Celebrating YOU!

As Weekly Wrap readers know, I always make it a priority to attend ribbon cuttings and grand openings for businesses across my 43rd Senate District. As the former owner of two small businesses, I believe it's important to celebrate the success of job creators, especially as we continue facing these tough economic circumstances. In fact, you'll read about some of the very latest local ribbon cuttings in this edition of my Weekly Wrap. If you have, or know of, a ribbon-cutting/grand opening for a local business, please let me know so I can help celebrate the special occasion!

Additionally, if you or a loved one have or know of a special event – a local community celebration, 50th wedding anniversary, milestone birthday (turning 90-years young, etc.), receipt of an award, noteworthy academic achievement, or non-profit/charitable event that you'd like to showcase, have recognized, or need assistance publicizing, email me the details at jordan@nysenate.gov. I'll be happy to help mark the occasion and also share the great news with my 30,000+ Weekly Wrap readers and my official Senate social media channels on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to publicize and promote your event.

Thanking America's heroes



Wednesday, November 11, was Veterans Day, and, on behalf of my 43rd Senate District and our state, I was proud to extend the deepest gratitude, respect, and appreciation to the heroes who have served and those currently serving in our Armed Forces.

Words cannot express the importance of your service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation and all it represents. God bless America's veterans, and THANK YOU for defending our freedom!

Taking part in the Village of East Nassau's Veterans Day event



Also on Wednesday, I was honored to speak at the Village of East Nassau's special Veterans Day ceremony with Chandler Young Veterans. I also presented a framed New York State Senate Proclamation honoring the Village of East Nassau on becoming the 43rd Senate District's latest local "Purple Heart Community."

Becoming a Purple Heart Community is a special way to recognize and honor the courage and commitment of Purple Heart recipients, which is so fitting for Veterans Day. The Purple Heart is the oldest, and among the most venerated, American military decorations awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after April 5, 1917, with the U.S. Military. To learn more about how your local municipality can become the latest local Purple Heart community, email me at jordan@nysenate.gov.

I'm pictured above at the Village's wonderful ceremony with Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, Village of East Nassau Mayor Adam Acquario, Village of East Nassau Trustee Mike Lever, Town of Nassau Supervisor David Fleming, and Rensselaer County Director of Veterans' Services, Peter Goebel, at the JJ Yager American Legion Post where the ceremony took place.

The Village also recognized and honored the distinguished military service of many of the Town and Village's veterans. I'm pictured above with one of the heroes who were recognized, Colonel Peter Goebel, who served with distinction in the United States Army from 1977 to 2012 and saw duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Thank you for your service to America, and your commitment to Rensselaer County veterans, Colonel Goebel!

City Center Parking Structure ribbon cutting



On Tuesday, I attended and spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the impressive new City Center Parking Structure in Saratoga Springs. It will now be much easier to shop at local stores and eat at local restaurants with so much new parking available. There are 600 parking spaces in the garage as part of this \$16 million local project and four hours of parking is FREE in the garage through December 31, 2020. Congratulations to the Saratoga Springs City Center Authority for their dedication and years of hard work in making this happen, as the project has been in the works since 2013. Best wishes to the City of Saratoga Springs on this wonderful new facility and a special thank you to our terrific Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce!

Attending Incredible Nutrition's ribbon cutting



Also on Tuesday, I attended the official ribbon cutting (pictured above) for Incredible Nutrition in Saratoga Springs. Incredible Nutrition is a local nutritional shop specializing in

shakes – plant-based or whey protein – and delicious caffeinated teas and is owned by cousins Cynthia Ward, Michael Hagerty, and Sarah Dauphinais (Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce President Todd Shimkus is also pictured above). Congratulations to the incredible team at Incredible Nutrition!

Happy 245th birthday to the United States Marine Corps



In addition, Tuesday, November 10, marked the 245th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, the Marines have defended our nation, preserved liberty, and protected democracy. America proudly celebrates this wonderful milestone for the few, the proud, the Marines!

Weekly Wrap Recap: Halloween breakfast at Prestwick Chase



Saturday, October 31, featured a special Halloween breakfast at Prestwick Chase in Saratoga Springs. During the breakfast, I gave out goodie bags with face masks, hand sanitizer, and brochures on senior services. My thanks to John Rowe, Marketing Director, and CEO Fred McNeary, Jr. for the invite. It was a terrific time in such beautiful surroundings, and I enjoyed meeting so many lovely people during my visit.

Weekly Wrap Recap: Endless Infinite LLC ribbon cutting



Thursday, October 29, was the ribbon-cutting for the Endless Infinite LLC's newly expanded location in Mechanicville. This wonderful local business is a beauty bar, spa, and boutique, all-in-one. I also presented Endless Infinite Beautique owner Ashley Arpey an NYS Senate Certificate in honor of her ribbon-cutting, which was a Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce event. Congratulations Ashley and everyone at Endless Infinite Beautique!

Weekly Wrap Recap: Observing National First Responders Day

Senator
DAPHNE JORDAN

**Observes National
First Responders Day,
October 28**



*“Thank you to our dedicated,
hard-working and courageous
first responders for keeping
us safe!”*

- Senator Daphne Jordan

On Wednesday, October 28, I proudly observed “National First Responders Day” honoring our firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and all who protect and serve our communities. Thank you all for your dedicated service!

Weekly Wrap Recap: Trevor Levan’s Eagle Scout Court of Honor





Sunday, October 25, was a special day, as it was Trevor Levan's Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Brunswick Sportsman's Club. Trevor and his family are my constituents and reside in the Town of Pittstown. My Director of Constituent Services, and Rensselaer County Legislator, Dan Casale, presented Trevor a New York State Senate Resolution on my behalf in recognition of the wonderful occasion.

Trevor (pictured above at podium) is a 17-year-old senior at Tamarac School and a member of Troop 537 in Center Brunswick. Trevor's Eagle Scout Project was renovating the youth playground at the Brunswick United Methodist Church.

The project included removing overgrown vines, weeding, and adding surface mulch in the play areas, repainting existing play structures, swings, staining existing retaining walls, and adding flower beds. Trevor is pursuing a career in the HVAC field after high school. In addition, Trevor is a member of the Raymertown Fire Department. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, hunting, ice fishing, and camping. Pictured above, from left to right, are Ethel Levan (Trevor's Grandmother), Ron Levan (Trevor's Uncle) Eagle Scout Trevor Levan, Tim, and Christine Levan (Trevor's parents), and Rensselaer County Legislator Dan Casale.

As noted on the Boy Scouts of America website, since 1912, the Eagle Scout rank has represented a milestone of accomplishment that is recognized across the country and even the world. Those who have earned the Eagle Scout rank count it among their most treasured achievements. "Eagle Scout" is not just an award; it is a state of being. Those who earned it as youth continue to earn it every day as adults. That is why an Eagle Scout IS an Eagle Scout, not was. You can now add Trevor Levan to this distinguished list. Congratulations to

Trevor and the entire Levan family!

Weekly Wrap Recap: Pitching in for Operation Adopt a Solider





On Saturday, October 24, I brought several bags of donations to Operation Adopt A Soldier's food drop-off in Gansevoort. Operation Adopt a Soldier is a terrific organization that I'm proud to continue supporting as it does great work that helps the men and women of our armed forces. Operation Adopt a Soldier needs food donations so please visit their website, www.operationadoptsoldier.org, and also view some of the other needed items such as shampoo and personal supplies. I'm pictured above with my good friend Cliff Segun, Chairman of Operation Adopt a Soldier that supports U.S. soldiers stationed worldwide.

Weekly Wrap Recap: Honoring my 2020 Senate Woman of Distinction, Patricia Klimkewicz CAPT, Ph.D.



I'm proudly pictured above on Friday, October 23, with my New York State Senate 2020 Woman of Distinction for my 43rd Senate District, Patricia Klimkewicz CAPT, Ph.D. Dr. Klimkewicz was named Hudson Valley Community College's new Dean of Health Sciences after serving for six months in an interim capacity. Dr. Klimkewicz is a registered nurse and, prior to becoming Dean, worked as a professor in the college's nursing department for 19 years. She was recently deployed to the Javits Center to care for and treat COVID-19 patients. While serving in New York City, she was promoted to U.S. Navy Captain during a

special ceremony in Times Square. Congratulations to my 2020 Woman of Distinction, Dr. Patricia Klimkewicz, and thank you for your outstanding service to our country and community! You can read more about Dr. Klimkewicz and her distinguished background at the following Senate link:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/.../patricia-klimkewicz-capt-phd>.

Weekly Wrap Recap: Taking part in the Stillwater Police Department's Domestic Violence Awareness Event



On Thursday, October 15, I once again proudly stood with the men and women of local law enforcement who keep us safe and took part in the Town of Stillwater Police Department's annual Domestic Violence Awareness event. Stillwater Police Sergeant Cordani is to be especially commended in spearheading this successful event that coincides with October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month." The thousands of cellphones collected are valuable lifelines for victims of domestic violence and are a tool for their security and safety.

On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the U.S., equating to more than 10 million women and women in one year's time. 2020 has been most unkind to domestic violence for two main reasons. COVID-19 and the shuttered existence we have all lived for several months or more, accounted for an increase. But pre-COVID, counties around the state already saw an increase in domestic violence affiliated with the new bail "reform" law that went into effect January 1, 2020.

In New York State, domestic violence is considered a family offense in the penal law and pertains to certain crimes, like assault, stalking, harassment, aggravated assault, menacing, reckless endangerment, strangulation, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, forcible touching, ID theft, grand larceny and coercion. Very sadly, domestic violence victims, who are already at an especially high risk of re-victimization immediately after arrest, have had their safety severely compromised under the new bail “reform” law.

Why? Because most of the domestic violence crimes I listed above are not eligible for bail which allows the defendant to be released without being held, only to seek the victim again and reoffend. Also, because with the new bail “reform” measures, a defendant’s criminal history, or the fact that they may pose a clear physical threat to another person, can’t be considered. Judges only have the power to set bail IF they determine that a defendant is a flight risk.

A system has been created in which a violent offender is sent back into the community, unsupervised and able to come into contact with their victim, the victim’s loved ones, and others. Prior to the bail “reforms,” at least an overnight to jail allowed for an important cooling off period of the domestic violence perpetrator. Our justices have lost their discretion in making this happen.

What can we do to help?

We must ensure the safety and well-being of victims of domestic violence. We need to make certain they have safe and secure places to go. Ensure that support groups like Well-Spring, Mechanicville Area Community Services Center have the funding and ability to help victims. Create awareness to victims that there is help.

And most importantly, society and the New York State Legislature and the Governor must work with law enforcement, and our judiciary and find real solutions that help victims, protect victims, and punish criminals.

My thanks again to Sergeant Cordani and the Stillwater Police Department for your life-saving collection of cellphones for domestic abuse victims and for providing awareness of domestic violence. I’m sure you’ve saved more lives than you will ever know!

Weekly Wrap Recap: Observing 4th anniversary of Halfmoon’s Veterans Memorial





Saturday, October 10, was a special ceremony marking the fourth anniversary of the Town of Halfmoon's Veterans Memorial that took place at the Veterans Memorial in Halfmoon Town Park. I was honored to join my good friends and colleagues Halfmoon Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen, Halfmoon Town Councilman Jeremy Connors, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, and Donna Vickery, Blue Star Mother President, and wife of a Vietnam Veteran, in reading the names of over 300 veterans inscribed on the bricks. I also honored Ed Jordan on his 20 years of dedicated service to the community. Ed and I are pictured above at the park bench that he generously donated. We also held a special dedication and presentation of this magnificent bench.

Weekly Wrap Recap: Remembering my friend Joe Bruno



Wednesday, October 7, was an incredibly sad day for me and thousands of Capital Region residents as we learned of the passing of our beloved dear friend, former New York State Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno. Senator Bruno was a true lion of the Senate, an incredible leader, public servant, father, fighter, and friend, always working for the betterment of our Upstate region and our entire state.

Upstate, and our Capital Region, in particular, will be forever grateful for Senator Bruno's principled leadership that touched and improved countless lives and communities. Look for a special video tribute to Senator Bruno that will be coming soon from me and my Senate Republican colleagues as we commemorate and celebrate Senator Bruno's incredible life and legacy of public service. I'll be sure and share our video with you in an upcoming edition of my Weekly Wrap.

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