



Dear Friend:

Welcome to the Thanksgiving Edition of my Weekly Wrap! With so much to be thankful for, I want to share some recent events highlighting good works for great causes. If I may be of assistance, call my office at (518) 371-2751, or e-mail me at jordan@nysenate.gov. Happy Thanksgiving. I hope your holiday is a wonderful day filled with family, food, and fun. – **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

Happy Thanksgiving



This Thursday is Thanksgiving, a special time for families and our nation as we give thanks for all of our incredible blessings. As Americans, we have so much to be thankful for: living in the freest, greatest nation, defended by our best, bravest and brightest – the courageous men and women of our armed forces – and protected by our brave first responders who always answer the call. I am truly thankful for the opportunity and privilege of serving as your State Senator and representing the families, small businesses, and communities of the 43rd Senate District. From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Last Friday, I took part in the food pickup program sponsored by New Country Toyota of Clifton Park, located in the Town of Halfmoon. This is a fantastic community initiative where the Team at New Country Toyota of Clifton Park collaborates with the community to provide a Thanksgiving Dinner to those in need. The initiative brought together food pantries in Mechanicville, Stillwater, Halfmoon, Schaghticoke, Pittstown, and volunteers to collect enough food to provide meals for 1,200 local families! I'm pictured above with Mike Raucchi, General Manager at New Country Toyota of Clifton Park, whom I also honored with a Senate Commendation Award for his outstanding, tireless commitment to and leadership in the community. My thanks and gratitude to the many businesses and individuals that donated palates of food, as well as their time, to serve a bountiful Thanksgiving to 1,200 families in the Towns of Halfmoon, Mechanicville, Stillwater, Schaghticoke and Pittstown in the 43rd Senate District.

Thanksgiving Deliveries to Halfmoon Residents



Last Saturday morning and afternoon provided another great opportunity to give thanks for all of our blessings and make a positive difference in the lives of my Halfmoon neighbors. Our wonderful day featured over 100 Halfmoon Thanksgiving deliveries. So many volunteers showed up in this community effort to pack-up and deliver food baskets and other items to Halfmoon residents. So many wonderful, smiling, and thankful people accepted their special deliveries. I was proud to be part of this special effort that showed the true helping heart of Halfmoon!

Rock for Tots



Saturday night was a rockin' good time at the Rock for Tots! The Kyle Bourgault Band (pictured above) and the River Junction Band rocked the house at this awesome event. I'm pictured here presenting a Senate Proclamation to Andy Walters, whom I also honored with a Senate Commendation Award for his advocacy in coming up with the Rock for Tots event that's been going strong for 20 years and collecting 1,500 to 3,000 toys. Thank you to everyone who made Rock for Tots such a terrific event.

O Christmas Tree





At Boulder Brook Farm this Monday, I joined State Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball, Assemblyman Dan Stec, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, and Boulder Brook Farm Owner, and Christmas Tree Association President-elect, Peter Brooks, and family, in kicking off the Christmas season with a special tree-cutting event to support NYS agriculture. We promoted the purchase of New York State grown Christmas trees with a tree-cutting event at NYS Grown & Certified Boulder Brook Farm. Our event also featured a special presentation to Peter Brooks by Commissioner Ball. New York's Christmas tree industry is estimated to be a \$13.8 million industry and there are approximately 750 tree farms across the State. Nothing beats a fresh cut Christmas Tree and I'm proud to support our local Christmas Tree farms and this vital part of our agricultural sector!

Harvest Connection App Rollout



Pictured above is a photo from the recent release and rollout of the Harvest Connection app at Engel's Acres. This innovative app will be another tool to help bridge consumers with fantastic local agricultural products and help our local farmers with farm gate sales. The footprint of this app currently includes seven area counties: Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Washington, respectively. Great job to everyone on the Harvest Connection app launch.

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