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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the November 18th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Two of my statewide veterans bills have been signed into law
- Celebrating the retirement of Halfmoon Senior Center Director Eileen Pettis
- Saratoga Automobile Museum Bond In Motion Exhibition

Other important news:

- Ribbon Cutting:
 - AAA Hudson Valley

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

IN THE NEWS





NYSDOL audit reignites fury over business surcharge to pay back billions lost to fraud

This audit of the Department of Labor only confirmed what we already knew, there are serious problems at the Department of Labor and they were ignored by leadership. The amount of taxpayer dollars lost to fraud is staggering, almost \$11 BILLION! What is most sickening to me is that New York owed the federal government \$9 billion for extra unemployment payments and the Department of Labor made businesses pay additional unemployment taxes to pay it back. The leadership at the Department of Labor must be held accountable for passing their mistakes onto hard-working taxpayers.

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Criminal justice reform advocates pushing Gov. Kathy Hochul, lawmakers to overhaul New York laws

New York's #CrimeWave is still out of control but the Governor wants to do more to empower criminals. Serious measures need to be taken to protect our communities from the rising levels of violence that Bail Reform has brought on.

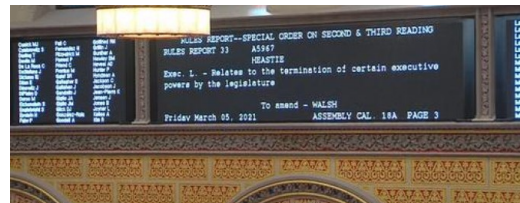
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Rising food costs take a bite out of Thanksgiving dinner

In early November, Hays Culbreth's mother sent a poll to a few family members. She said she could only afford to make two sides for their group of 15 this Thanksgiving and asked them each to vote for their favorites.

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Comptroller, lawmakers call for changes in how state handles emergency powers

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic we saw unimaginable power concentrated in the Governor's Office. Millions of taxpayer dollars were sent out with almost no oversight. Going forward New York must do a better job protecting against Executive Overreach.

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Two of my statewide veterans bills have been signed into law



I am pleased to report that two of my statewide Veterans bills were signed into law on November 10th. S2901 establishes the New York State Korean War Service Medal for members of the armed forces or organized militia serving abroad in the Korean War during the period of time from June 25, 1950 through July 27, 1953. S2089 establishes the New York State Vietnam War Commemorative Medal for members of the armed forces or organized militia serving abroad in the Vietnam War. This is a tremendous accomplishment that I'm proud to share with our Korean War and Vietnam War Veterans, so many of whom strongly supported my legislation and joined me in advocating for its passage.

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Celebrating the retirement of Halfmoon Senior Center Director Eileen Pettis



It was so nice to celebrate the great career of Eileen Pettis, who has served as the Halfmoon Senior Center Director since 1999. After graduating from Shenendehowa High School Eileen went on to earn a degree in Social Work at Keuka College. Thanks to numerous opportunities and activities, including free health insurance seminars, crafting, friendship dinners, holiday bazaars, support groups, celebrations, card games, field trips, as well as special outings, and more, the Senior Center has grown to over 950 members since Eileen took over. In addition to her role as Director of the Halfmoon Senior Center, Eileen Pettis is a long-standing member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary No. 1498, serves on the advisory councils for both Saratoga County Office for the Aging and Care Links, and is an assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 45 in Halfmoon. Thank you Eileen for your years of hard work for the Senior Community and for the Halfmoon Community. You have been a driving force for positive change and you will be missed.

Saratoga Automobile Museum

Bond In Motion Exhibition



To mark the 60th anniversary of the James Bond film franchise, the Saratoga Automobile Museum celebrated the grand opening of a major new exhibition called BOND IN MOTION featuring twenty-five official vehicles from the past six decades of the longest-running film franchise in cinematic history. Executive Director of the Museum Carly Connors, the Board of Trustees, and the amazing staff have done a fantastic job bringing the silver screen to life. If you want to visit this incredible exhibit and see some of the unique cars like the 1964 Aston Martin DB5 or the 1977 Lotus Esprit, go to the link below.

Bond In Motion



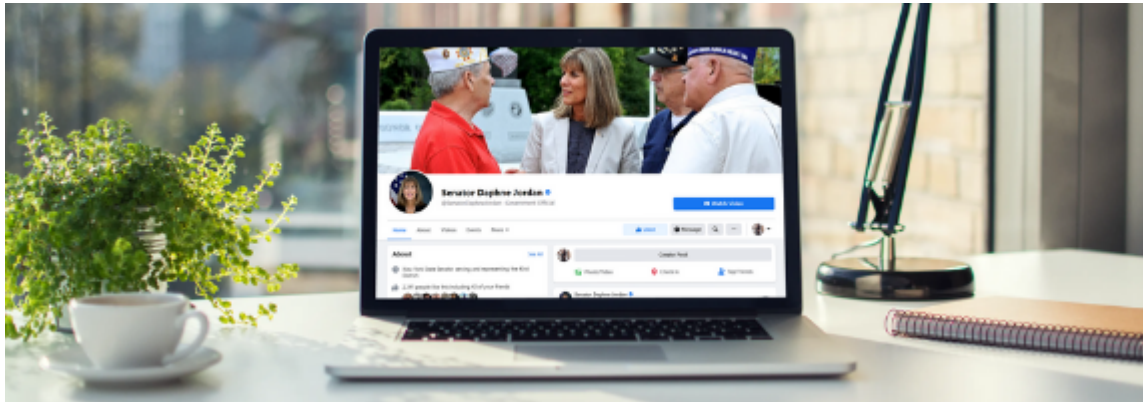
AAA Hudson Valley



Wednesday morning I joined the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce for the ribbon cutting at AAA Hudson Valley's third location in the Capital Region. This new location at 112 N. Greenbush Road in Troy, will allow AAA Hudson Valley to better serve the people of Rensselaer, Columbia, Albany, and Greene Counties. President and CEO Michele VanEpps and her team earned a stellar reputation already so if you want to learn more about their services or want to become a member visit their website.

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