

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the April 1st edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- BUDGET UPDATE
- Columbia County Honor a Veteran Ceremony
- Senate and Assembly Republican Press Conference on Bail Reform
- I Introduced an Amendment to Repeal Bail Reform
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- My Bill with Senator Tedisco to Cap and Suspend the State Gas Tax
- Opioid Settlement Advisory Board Press Conference
- Hosting an Opioid Forum With Sheriff Zurlo, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh & the Town of Halfmoon
- My Senate Republican Colleagues and I call for Lyme Disease and other TBD prevention funding.
- My Call for BOCES Funding

Other important news:

- Commemorating National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- National Autism Awareness Month
- DeCrescente Distributing Company Added to the NYS Historic Business Preservation Registry
- Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Lapinski Dental in East Greenbush
- Ribbon Cutting for Hatsationals' new flagship store

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



New plan emerges for use of former Mount McGregor prison

Since closing in 2014 the former Mount McGregor Correctional Facility has been left as a burden to the state and the taxpayers. This new opportunity to utilize the property for historical tours, photography tours, paranormal tours, and special events is exactly the kind of innovation our economy needs. I am proud to support Steve and Mark as they work to make this a reality.

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New York lawmakers want gas tax relief 'in perpetuity'

New York families are fed up with the out of control gas prices. Senator Tedisco and I have introduced legislation that will permanently scale back the gas tax whenever prices begin to rise above \$2.25 and when prices hit \$3, the tax would be suspended. This safety valve will ensure whenever prices begin to rise, New Yorkers won't have to wait for the Legislature to act, the cost reduction will be automatic.

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New York is 2022's state with the most tax burden

With record amounts of spending sure to come from the Majority's budget, it comes as no surprise that New Yorkers carry the heaviest tax burden in the country. We need to reduce costs for New York families now, before even more people leave for lower-tax states.

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LaTorre brothers set to make history at Augusta

The Capital Region has seen it's fair share of kids head to the Drive, Chip, and Putt finals at Augusta National. But never has the area had two brothers competing together, until now.

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Budget Update



Yesterday, the Majority sent their members home without reaching an agreement on the 2022-23 State Budget. Today, April 1, is the state's fiscal deadline, which means it's also the deadline for the state budget. Unfortunately, that deadline will be missed and the budget will be late.

Two major sticking points in negotiations right now are bail reform and the gas tax. Had it not been for my Senate Republican Colleagues and I voicing our opposition to bail reform and our strong, vocal support for suspending the gas tax, these issues would not even been part of budget negotiations. We stand ready to work with the Majority to ensure that New Yorkers get the public protection and relief they need and the fiscally responsible budget they deserve.

Columbia County Honor A Veteran Ceremony



Monday, I was honored to present a New York State Liberty Medal to the family of Army Specialist Arnold Anderson. Born in Norwich NY in 1950, Arnie went on to graduate from Columbia-Greene Community College with a degree in business administration. In 1968 he enlisted in the US Army where he became a heavy vehicle driver. Specialist Anderson was deployed to Vietnam for 11 months from May of 1969 to April of 1970.

After completing his enlistment, he married his wife Helen and raised three children, Melissa, Arnold, and Bobbiejo. Arnie worked as a long haul truck driver for 20 years, but was always a committed member of his community. He served as a member of the Columbia County WWII Armed Services Committee, Honor A Vet Committee, Vietnam Veteran's Association, Northeast USA Vietnam Veteran's

Reunion Committee, DAV Post #194, American Legion Post #178, Copake VFW Post #7955, where he was a founding and lifetime member, Rip Van Winkle Country Council VFW, District 3 VFW, and the Claussion-Raught Community Rescue Squad.

Thank you to Columbia County Veterans Affairs Director Command Sergeant Major Gary Flaherty and the Honor a Vet Committee for honoring Specialist Anderson for his dedicated service to our Nation and to Columbia County.

Senate and Assembly Republican Press Conference on Bail Reform



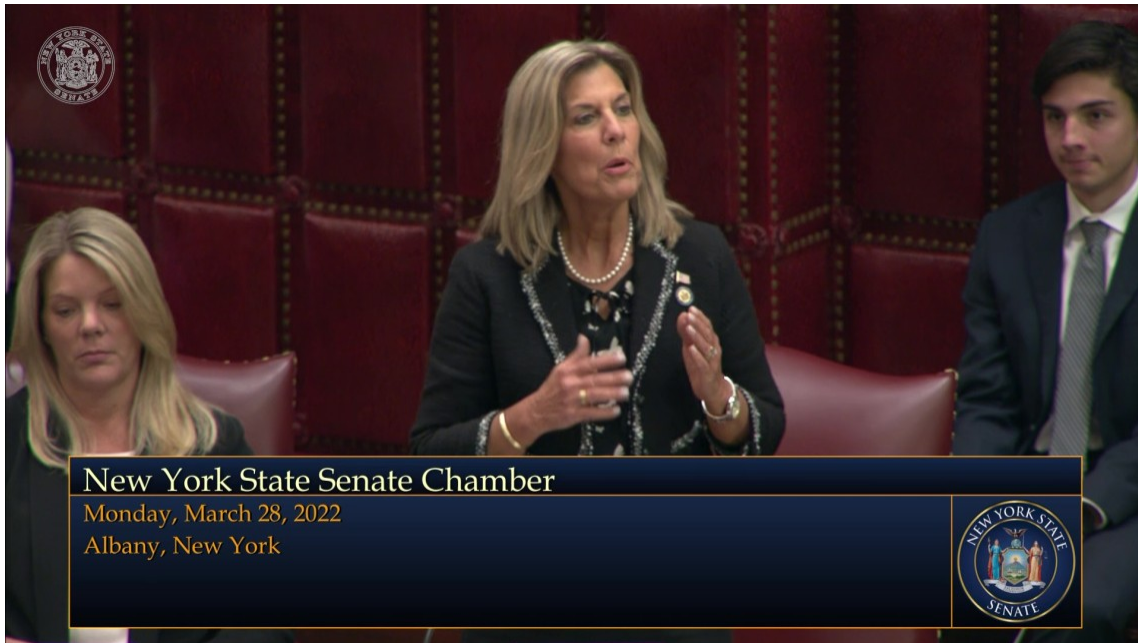
On Monday, I was joined by my New York State Senate Republican, and Assembly Republican Colleagues as well as law enforcement professionals from across New York, including District Attorneys Karen Heggen and Tony Jordan, to discuss the Majority's Disastrous Bail Reform law. New Yorkers are fed up with this rise in crime brought on by bail reform. It is time to hold criminals accountable for their actions and to protect the rights of victims.

[Watch the Press Conference](#)

[Watch my Remarks](#)

Watch the WTEN Report

I Introduced an Amendment to Repeal Bail Reform



On Monday, I introduced a common-sense amendment seeking repeal of the Majority's disastrous bail "reform" law. Unfortunately, the Majority voted NO on the amendment. Soft-on-crime policies have led to skyrocketing crime rates across our state and are endangering the public safety of all New Yorkers. My New York State Senate Republicans colleagues and I will continue standing up for crime victims to ensure they get the justice they deserve, and we'll keep standing with the courageous men and women of law enforcement for safer communities.

Watch My Speech on the Senate Floor

I Vote No on The Debt Service Bill





On Tuesday, we voted on the Debt Service Bill, Senate Bill S.8002, one of the 10 bills comprising the annual State Budget that must be enacted by the State's April 1 fiscal deadline. This fiscally irresponsible measure authorized \$9.3 billion in bonds for new spending, a staggering, totally ludicrous amount of money considering all the 'surplus money' that New York State currently has. Until Members actually see the Capital Projects Bill, we won't even know what that \$9.3 billion in taxpayer money is being spent on. We are already paying \$60 billion in debt service of outstanding bonds on State debt and this bill would further increase our indebtedness by 13 percent. Let's also not forget that the state owes the federal government \$9 billion in unemployment funding. Albany needs to finally learn to live within its means and pay its bills before enacting billions in new spending and more borrowing, Hard-working taxpayers can't be asked to continue funding ever-increasing bloated budgets. I voted against this measure to help protect taxpayers from Albany's continued fiscal irresponsibility.

My Statement

My Bill with Senator Tedisco to Cap and Suspend the State Gas Tax



The bill Senator Tedisco and I have put forward places a cap on the state gas tax when prices hit \$2.25 per gallon. Once prices reach \$3 per gallon the gas tax would be suspended until prices drop below \$3.00 again. The Governor and the Majority

must include this proposal in the budget to ensure that working and middle class families get the relief they need.

[Read The Daily Gazette Article](#)

[Read our Press Release](#)

[Watch WRGB Report](#)

Opiod Settlement Advisory Board Press Conference



On Wednesday, I stood with Senator Fred Akshar, Senator Sue Serino, and my New York State Senate Republicans colleagues to call on Legislative leaders to fill vacancies on the Opioid Settlement Advisory Board and ensure opioid settlement

funds are directed toward prevention, treatment, and recovery services. I especially want to thank Linda Ventura and Amanda Richline for their tireless dedication to this cause. The opioid epidemic has taken far too many New Yorkers from us, and these settlement funds must be utilized appropriately.

Hosting an Opioid Forum With Sheriff Zurlo, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh & the Town of Halfmoon

Please join us



Tuesday, April 5, 2022

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Town of Halfmoon

2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, Halfmoon



Join us as panel of experts including Law Enforcement and Community Partners,
representative help concerned residents, friends and
family members better understand substance abuse and addiction.
The Reality & Real Solutions!

This educational community forum is sponsored by



On April 5, 2022 from 6 PM to 8 PM Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office and I are sponsoring an educational community forum on the opioid crisis at the Town of Halfmoon, Town Hall. Narcan training will be provided as well.

[Learn More Here](#)

My Senate Republican Colleagues and I call for Lyme Disease and other TBD prevention funding.



On Monday I partnered with my colleagues Senator Sue Serino, Senator Alexis Weik, and public health advocates for a virtual press conference where we advocated for the inclusion of critical funding for Lyme and Tick-Borne disease prevention and education in the final 2022-23 State Budget that was to be due in three days. Tick-Borne Disease cases have been on the rise for years, yet the Senate and Assembly One-House Budgets didn't provide any funding for disease prevention, funding which had been provided in previous years. I called on my colleagues across the aisle to include \$1.5 million in funding to ensure New York doesn't fall behind in the fight against Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases. New York State accounts for almost 1/4 of all tick-borne cases in the United States every year. With a \$10 billion surplus, we can afford this investment to protect New Yorkers and prevent suffering.

Times Union Article

My Call for BOCES Funding

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March 29, 2022

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
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Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
President Pro Tempore & Majority Leader
NYS Capitol, Room 330
Albany, NY 12247

Honorable Carl E. Heastie
Speaker of the NYS Assembly
LOB 932
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Governor Hochul, Senator Stewart-Cousins, and Speaker Heastie:

As we begin to come out of the worst of the pandemic we know that many regions and industries, will experience increased demand for trained and skilled employees for critical areas such as the health care industry. Boards Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) programs and Special Services programs have long provided such career technical education to not only prepare students to enter the health care industry, but they are also leaders in training certified mechanical and electrical engineers and future employees for all aspects of the hospitality industry. We know that demand is outpacing supply. That is why today I am writing to support increased state support for BOCES Career Technical Education (CTE) positions as well as increased funding for Special Services programs otherwise school districts will not be able to continue to support programs at a participation level that allows these programs to expand and meet the student and industry needs.

BOCES-based CTE programs and Special Services CTE programs have proven incredibly effective in providing students with the essential skills they require to successfully transition to college and career. CTE programs also help businesses in New York have the skilled workers demanded by our economy. Increasing funding for these proven programs is a smart investment that's good for students, good for employers, and good for our economy

Read the Letter

Commemorating National Vietnam War Veterans Day



March 29th was Vietnam Veterans Day, a day to commemorate and honor the service and sacrifices made by the nearly 3 million service members who served in the Vietnam War. Thank you to our Vietnam Veterans for their courageous, brave, and selfless service. God Bless you all.

[Learn More Here](#)

National Autism Awareness Month





April is National Autism Awareness Month – a national and worldwide effort to increase awareness.

Together, in our communities, let's work to ensure that all individuals affected by autism are able to achieve happiness and the highest quality of life possible.

[Learn More Here](#)

DeCrescente Distributing Company Added to the NYS Historic Business Preservation Registry



The New York State Parks & Historic Sites asked me to nominate a local business for the Historic Business Preservation Registry. I am proud to announce that DeCrescente Distributing Company of Mechanicville has been added to the registry. DeCrescente has been serving the Capital Region and beyond since 1948 and is one of the most recognizable brands in the area. From donating to the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, Saratoga Hospital, to supporting CAPTAIN Community Human Services and the Mechanicville Area Community Service Center, DeCrescente has been a positive force in the community. Congratulations to DeCrescente Distributing Company on this great honor!

[Learn More about DeCrescente Here](#)

[Learn More about the Registry Here](#)

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Lapinski Dental



Congratulations to Lapinski Dental on 25 years of serving the Capital Region!
Since 1997 this family-operated business has been providing top-notch care and is
always accepting new customers. If you are interested in learning more check them
out at:

Business Website



Hatsationals



Congratulations and best wishes to Joyce Locks in your new location on Broadway in Saratoga. Hatsationals offers the finest hats and accessories for men and women. In fact, in 2019 Hatsationals received the Retailer of the Year Award from the Headwear Association. I'm always happy to promote and celebrate businesses with Todd Shimkus and the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce. Be sure to check out

Business Website

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