

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the September 30th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce Van Rensselaer Awards Dinner
- Columbia County Honor a Veteran
- How to Help People Affected by Hurricane Ian
- Saratoga Giant Pumpkinfest
- Halfmoon Celebrations Harvest Festival
- Saratoga Motorcar Auction

Other important news:

- Honoring Gold Star Mother's Day
- Happy Rosh Hoshanah
- Spending time with my step-father Ed
- Ribbon Cuttings:
 - Choice Physical Therapy
 - 5th Anniversary of Community Resource Federal Credit Union

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



Hochul campaign hired son of donor tied to \$637M 'pay-to-play' COVID deal

Governor Hochul's Pay-to-Play scheme is nothing new in One-Party Albany. We need a balanced government that will hold people accountable and put an end to corruption. I join with my Republican colleagues in calling for a full investigation!

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Commentary: Don't lower farms' 60-hour overtime threshold

Local family farms like Dutch Hollow Farm in Schodack Landing, are struggling to stay afloat, but Albany bureaucrats are only making things harder. If the New York State Department of Labor decides to lower the farm OT threshold, countless farms across the state will see their workers leave for better opportunities in neighboring states, and consumers will see the already high price for food go even higher. Nate Chittenden knows a thing or two about farming and we made our voices clear at a press conference several weeks ago. Commissioner Roberta Reardon must listen to Nate and the other farmers across New York who understand that you got to make hay while the sun shines and that no farms means no food.

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These are the best apple orchards in the Capital Region

Apple picking season is here! Be sure to check out some of the great family-friendly orchards, right here in the 43rd Senate District.

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Valatie Rescue Squad trimming use of lights and sirens

Adopting guidance from a national group of emergency medical services, the Valatie Volunteer Rescue Squad will reduce but not eliminate deployment of lights and sirens in rapid responses and hospital transports.

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Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce Van Rensselaer Awards Dinner



Last night I joined the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce for their annual Van Rensselaer Award Dinner. For 30 years the Chamber has recognized businesses that invest in the economic, cultural, and humanitarian

advancement of Rensselaer County. This year's award recipients were St. Peter's Health Partners, Van Rensselaer Corporate Award, and UCM Digital Health, Van Rensselaer Small Business Award. In addition, the Chamber also honored Maryfran Wachunas, with the Edward Pattison Citizenship Award for her work as the Director of Public Health for Rensselaer County. Congratulations to all the award recipients!

Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce

Columbia County Honor a Veteran



On Monday, I presented a New York State Liberty Medal to the family of U.S. Air Force Veteran Airman 2nd Class William A. Hanson at the Columbia County Honor a Veteran Ceremony. Born in Chatham in 1941, William Hanson enlisted in the Air Force in October of 1961. He was trained as an Apprentice Aircraft Control and Warning Operator, before being stationed at Alacante Air Station in Spain. At this time of ever-present nuclear weapons and the Cuban Missile Crisis, Airman

Hanson's job as a radar operator was extremely sensitive to national security.

After completing his tour of duty, William Hanson married his wife Judith, and together they raised three children. William worked as an electrician for many years before starting Canaan Electric in 1972. In addition to spending time with his beloved family and running his successful business, William was a dedicated member of the community. He was the co-founder of the non-profit scholarship "Power the Way for Education," and was committed to helping his fellow veterans as a member of the American Legion in New Lebanon and Chatham. In addition, he was also a 50-year member of the Canaan Fire Company and served as the fire chief. Finally, he also served the people of Canaan as highway superintendent. Thank you to the Columbia County Veteran's Committee for putting on this monthly ceremony and my friend Columbia County Veterans Services Director Command Sergeant Major Gary Flaherty for honoring this great American.

How to Help People Affected by Hurricane Ian

How to help people impacted by

**Hurricane
Ian**

Volunteer

Help is needed across the country to help people when disasters strike.

Visit www.redcross.org/volunteer

Donate Blood

If you live in an unaffected area, schedule an appointment to give.

Visit www.RedCrossBlood.org/Give

Make a Donation

Your donation enables us to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from Hurricane Ian.

Text **IAN** to **90999** to make a **\$10 gift.**

Please pray for the people of Florida. It will be days before we know the full scope of the damage caused by Hurricane Ian, but there are a few things you can do right now to help those impacted:

Donate to help people who have been affected. Help ensure they don't go through this difficult time alone.

It's the blood already on the shelves that helps during an emergency. Schedule an appointment to give, ensuring it's available for hospital patients.

Sign up to become a Red Cross volunteer so that you can help respond to disasters like Hurricane Ian.

[Learn More](#)

Saratoga Giant Pumpkinfest



This past weekend was the Saratoga Giant Pumpkinfest. The winning pumpkin was 2006 pounds! I learned a lot about “pumpkin culture” from my friend Wayne Seelow of Seelow’s Pumpkin Patch in Edinburg. Did you know that these contests are world wide and governed by the Giant Pumpkin Commonwealth? The pumpkins grow HUGE in the last 30 days anywhere from 50 to 100 lbs per day.... Wooooah! They are fed and watered over 100 gallons per day.

Saratoga Springs was packed with onlookers as the pumpkins were weighed. We had a big crowd for the Pumpkin Drop too and yours truly had a great time dropping the pumpkins from the top of the City Center Parking Garage. SPLAT! The Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce did a fantastic job in making this a great day for businesses downtown and the incredibly busy farmers market, as well as a memorable day for thousands of people.

Saratoga Motorcar Auction



I made sure to take my husband Phil to the Saratoga Motorcar Auction on Saturday because he is a car enthusiast! Phil would tell me the year, model and make before it was announced. We had fun and enjoyed bumping into our good friends and neighbors, Debbie and Art. In case you wanted to know, I was outbid on all of my favorite cars.

Halfmoon Celebrations Harvest Festival



Saturday was also a beautiful day for the annual Town of Halfmoon Harvestfest, enjoyed by over two-thousand families free of charge by the Halfmoon Celebrations Events in partnership with the Town. Hayrides, children's games, a climbing wall, pumpkin painting, oodles of vendors and food, live music and fireworks provided a feast of delight for all! Each year Halfmoon Celebrations does an amazing job planning this family friendly event, and this year was no exception! Thank you to the Committee, Supervisor Kevin Tollisen, Town Board members and Staff for working so hard to make Halfmoon a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Honoring Gold Star Mother's Day

GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY



*Honoring all servicemembers and
their families for the sacrifice they give
every day for our great nation.*

This past Monday, September 26th was Gold Star Mother's Day. No loved one is more affected by the ultimate sacrifices made by our military members than a loving mother. Let's hold Gold Star Mothers in our hearts, minds, and prayers.

Happy Rosh Hoshanah



Celebrate

Rosh Hashanah

On Rosh Hashanah, to all those who celebrate, especially my step-father, I wish you a sweet new year filled with good health and happiness.

Shanah tovah!

Spending time with my step-father Ed



Relieved that my stepdad, Ed is not at his home where Ian made landfall this week. He was with his daughter and her family in Purchase for Rosh Hashana. We met each other halfway as planned (perfect timing) and are so happy to spend time together and to know that he is safe!



Choice Physical Therapy



On Wednesday, I joined the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce, Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Rensselaer County Legislators Daniel Casale, Tom Grant, Kelly Hoffman, and Leon Fiocco, and North Greenbush Town Supervisor Joeseph Bott, to cut the ribbon on the third Choice Physical Therapy location. Since 2015 Joe and Erin Napoleone, have grown Choice Physical Therapy into one of the top physical therapy practices in the Capital Region from their first two locations in Troy and Schaghticoke, and this new location in Wynantskill. They offer great individualized hands-on care from their great team of doctors and assistants. If you are looking for first-class care be sure to check them out.

Business Website

5th Anniversary of Community
Resource Federal Credit Union



It was my pleasure to join Community Resource Federal Credit Union to celebrate the 5th anniversary of their branch in North Greenbush. The festivities will continue tomorrow with their 1st annual Community Day, where they will have free paper shredding, free kids IDs and fingerprinting free food, and more! Community Resource FCU has been in business for 85 years and offers top-notch customer service, check them out.

Business Website

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