

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the April 29th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- Red Cross Emergency Prep Course
- My Purple Heart Bill Passes the State Senate
- Clifton Park Trails and Parks Clean Up Day and Halfmoon Clean Sweep
- New York State Town Clerks Associations 40th Anniversary
- Columbia County Honor a Veteran Ceremony
- Capital Area Chapter of NYAPT Operation Safe Stop Press Conference
- Rensselaer County DWI Victims Memorial Ceremony

## **Other important news:**

- Tour of Peregrine Market Access
- South Glens Falls Arbor Day Event
- National Day of Prayer Thursday May 5th
- Rensselaer County Drug Take Back Day This Saturday
- 10th Anniversary of West Side Management, LLC
- Ribbon Cuttings:
  - Five Roots Floral and Events
  - Olde 1811 Antiques Shoppe
  - Samantha Nass Floral Design, LLC

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto: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



## 2 dead after Mercy Flight helicopter crash during training mission in Genesee County

Two people are dead after a Mercy Flight helicopter crashed in Genesee County Tuesday afternoon. I am heartbroken to hear about this terrible tragedy. I am praying for the victims and their families.

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## New York Court of Appeals rejects lawmaker-drawn redistricting maps

New York's top court on Wednesday rejected the congressional and state Senate maps drawn by the Democratic-led Legislature earlier this year as unconstitutional in a key victory for Republicans. The will of the People shall prevail!

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## A new push for increasing the minimum wage in New York underway

I cannot think of a worse time to do something like this. At a time when our small businesses are being crushed by inflation and supply chain problems, The Majority now wants to increase labor costs as well. They may as well just pass a law mandating small businesses close forever.

[Read Article](#)



## Union: Legislature must address rising prison violence

I stand with the brave men and women of NYSCOPBA as they face a terrible rise in violence thanks to the Majority's misguided criminal justice approach. They have had their arm tied behind their backs leading to an explosion in prison violence. We need to stop coddling criminals!

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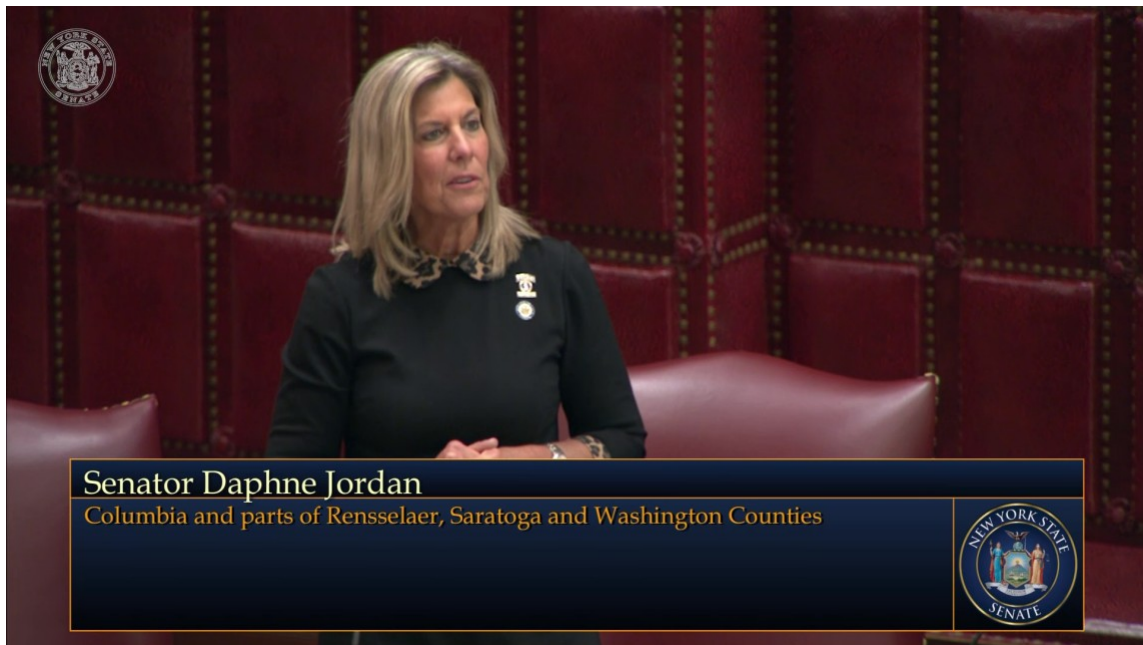
## Red Cross Emergency Prep Course



Thank you to everyone who came out to the American Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Course I was proud to sponsor at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library. It's so important to be ready for emergencies that might arise. I especially want to thank Jamaica from the Red Cross for the wonderful presentation. If you were unable to attend please check out the link to learn more.

[Learn More](#)

## My Purple Heart Bill Passes the State Senate



I have been incredibly proud to lead a successful non-partisan, grassroots effort in the 43rd district to have all 4 counties, Washington, Saratoga, Rensselaer, and Columbia, and all 60 towns and villages, designated as "Purple Heart Communities"! That is why I am so grateful to see my bill, which would designate New York as a "Purple Heart State", pass unanimously in the Senate on Wednesday. By doing so, we are showing every member of the armed forces who has been awarded the Purple Heart, that we respect and honor the sacrifices they have made for our nation. First awarded by President Washington to those who were wounded or killed while serving, the Purple Heart is not an award anyone seeks out, but for those who earn the award we must continuously express our gratitude!

[Watch my remarks](#)

[Read the Bill](#)

## Clifton Park Trails and Parks Clean Up Day and Halfmoon Clean Sweep





Beautiful day Saturday in Clifton Park and Halfmoon! It was great to see so many people come out to help clean up our towns. I want to thank, Cubmaster Ryan Fava, Cubmaster Kevin Stickles, Joanne Coons, NABCEP Associate VP at HVCC as well as Halfmoon Town Councilman John Wasielewski and Halfmoon Trails and Open Space Committee Chairman John Mitchell, for working so hard. We all individually have an important role to play in making sure our communities are clean and nice places to live.

## New York State Town Clerks Associations 40th Anniversary

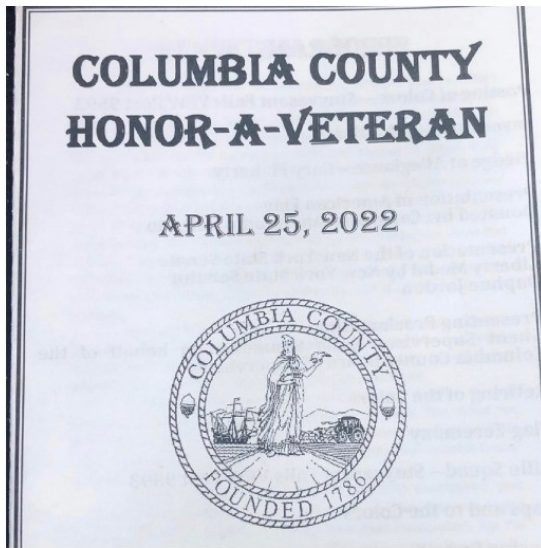


For 40 years the New York State Town Clerks Association has been educating and supporting town clerks all across New York. Monday morning I had the honor of welcoming our terrific, tireless town clerks to their annual conference and to present a New York State Senate Proclamation to NYSTCA President and Austerlitz Town Clerk Susan Haag commemorating NYSTCA's 40th Anniversary. Since their first official conference in 1983, NYSTCA has grown to over 800 members, in every county. As a former member of the Halfmoon Town Board, I know firsthand how important the town clerk is to everyday operations. I want to thank NYSTCA for the invitation and to thank our hard-working town clerks who are the smiling faces that get the government work done in our local governments.

New York State Town Clerks Association Website

## Columbia County Honor A Veteran





Monday I was honored to have my staff present a New York State Liberty Medal to the family of US Navy Veteran, Kenneth Harry Wilber. Kenneth enlisted in the Navy in October of 1965 and after completing his training was stationed aboard the USS Navasota (AO-106). While he was on board, The Navasota was deployed to the Sea of Japan in support of operations following North Korea's capture of the USS Pueblo.

After leaving the Navy in 1971, Kenneth met his wife Jeannette, with whom he raised 2 children. Kenneth became a dedicated member of the Columbia County Community, where he was a member of numerous community organizations including, the commander of Ghent VFW #5933, Ghent Marching and Concert Band, Chatham, American Legion Post 42, Post Commander of Rip Van Winkle Counties Council Veterans of Foreign Wars, Chairman of Columbia County Honor-A-Vet, Congressional Military Academy Selection Committee, Vice Chairman of the Columbia County Republican Committee, President and Chaplin of Ghent Volunteer Fire Company, Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Assoc., Columbia Greene Community College Board of Trustees, and was a long time parishioner at Chatham Christ Our Emmanuel Lutheran Church. I want to thank Columbia County for honoring such a dedicated member of the community, who did so much for his home and his nation!

## Capital Area Chapter of NYAPT Operation Safe Stop Press Conference



Operation Safe Stop is an annual public safety effort pairing local law enforcement and school transportation coalitions to reduce the number of vehicles passing stopped school buses. On Wednesday, I joined the New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT) to raise awareness about this important issue. Every day 50,000 New York motorists pass stopped school buses with flashing red lights. Each one of these incidents is a tragedy waiting to happen. As a mother who put her children on the school bus for years, I want to thank school bus drivers all over New York for keeping our children safe. I also want to thank Pupil Transportation Safety Institute President Joe LaMarca, New York State PTA Traffic Safety Coordinator, Draca Hing, Shenendehowa Central School District Transportation Director Alfred Karam, NYSAPT President Ted Nugent, and the President of the Capital Region NYAPT Belinda Govich, for their hard work and dedication to protecting our most precious cargo. To get a refresh on what to do when a school bus stops, please go to the link below.

[Learn More](#)

## Rensselaer County DWI Victims



## Memorial Ceremony



Tuesday I was honored to join Rensselaer County DA Mary Pat Donnelly, Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, County Legislator Tom Grant, Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office Patrick Russo, Deacon Jerry Ford, and many others to remember those we have lost to DWI accidents. Even as we work tirelessly to raise awareness and implement prevention measures, we are still suffering tragedies, including just last week in Poestenkill. With the recent legalization of marijuana in New York, it is important to remember that driving while high can be just as dangerous as driving drunk. If you are ever questioning your ability to drive, whether after drinking, smoking, or if you're just tired, please be responsible and take an Uber or cab.

DWI Victims Memorial Website

## South Glens Falls Arbor Day Event



I was happy to join the Village of South Glens Falls and the students of Harrison Avenue Elementary School to celebrate Arbor Day! Thank you to, Mayor Nicholas Bodkin, Superintendent Kristine Orr, and TJ Chagnon Highway Maintenance Supervisor for inviting me to celebrate Arbor Day and planting this beautiful tree. Our planet is a great, big, beautiful place, and everybody can do something to make our planet, better, safer, and healthier. Even a simple act, like planting a small tree, can GROW into something BIG! [Click here to find out more about Arbor Day.](#)

[Learn More](#)

## National Day of Prayer





**JOIN US IN PRAYER  
10:00AM**

Jonesville Fire Station #1 Pavilion  
953 Main Street  
Clifton Park, NY

This Thursday, May 5th, is the National Day of Prayer. There will be a community prayer event at the Jonesville Fire Station at 10 AM.

National Day of Prayer

**Rensselaer County Drug Take Back Day This**

# Saturday!

## Rensselaer County Locations NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY



Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal  
Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 10am to 2pm

Proper disposal of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications is important to protect both people and the environment. Unused prescription and over-the-counter medications that remain in the home can cause serious harm to people if they are taken accidentally, intentionally misused or inappropriately given to someone else. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. Unused medications that are flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink can enter the water supply, harming fish and other wildlife and posing a potential risk to people.

### Collection Sites in Rensselaer County

**EAST GREENBUSH**  
Police Department  
225 Columbia Turnpike  
Rensselaer, NY

**SCHODACK**  
Police Department  
@ Walgreens  
1645 Columbia Turnpike  
Castleton, NY

**VILLAGE OF HOOSICK FALLS**  
Police Department  
24 Main Street  
Hoosick Falls, NY

**NORTH GREENBUSH**  
Police Department  
133 Bloomingrove Drive  
Troy, NY

**CITY OF TROY**  
Police Department  
55 State Street  
Troy, NY

**RENSS. COUNTY SHERIFF**  
West Sand Lake Fire Dept  
3697 Rte 43  
West Sand Lake, NY

**RENSSELAER POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
North End Fire House  
2 St. Francis Place  
Rensselaer, NY

**Do not** bring hazardous wastes, sharps such as used needles, or illegal drugs.

For more information or for additional collection sites go to:

[https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html)

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Sheriff Patrick Russo  
Rensselaer Co Sheriff

Maryfran Wachunas  
Public Health Director





This Saturday! If you have unused or expired medications this is a perfect opportunity to safely dispose of them!

Rensselaer County Public Health Website

## 10th Anniversary of West Side Management, LLC



I'm happy to celebrate milestone events in the 43rd Senate District. Wednesday I stopped by to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of West Side Management of Saratoga, LLC with owner, Sonny Bonacio and my friend who is now the Operations Director and former Mayor of Saratoga Springs, Meg Kelly, and their entire team. West Side Management of Saratoga is a premier residential and commercial property management company in the Capital Region. If you are in the market, be sure to check them out.

## West Side Management, LLC Website

Five Roots Floral and Events, and Olde 1811  
Antiques Shoppe

Congratulations to Five Roots Florals & Events and Olde 1811 Antique Shoppe on their ribbon cuttings on Main St. in Chatham yesterday! Both stores are relaunching their operations, and happen to be across the street from each other. Five Roots Floral and Events is a European-style floral/garden shop and they offer local cut flowers, potted plants, and coordination services for weddings, bridal showers, and corporate events. Their neighbor, Olde 1811 Antiques Shoppe is in



the very first building erected in Chatham and offers a wide variety of one-of-a-kind antiques as well as creations from local artisans. Thank you to the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce for helping celebrate the relaunch of these great stores!

## Five Roots Floral and Events

## Olde 1811 Antiques Shoppe

## Samantha Nass Floral Design



Congratulations to Samantha Nass Floral Design on the opening of her new storefront in Saratoga Springs. In addition to continuing the events business, owner Samantha Nass will also now offer retail floral arrangements, plants and vessels, and gourmet gift boxes. Thank you to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for helping us celebrate this beautiful new store in Saratoga. Check them out here:

## Website

## Stay up-to-date with me throughout the week on Social Media!



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