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(R, C, IP, REF) 43RD SENATE DISTRICT



Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the September 24 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- My Statement on the resignation of Howard Zucker
- Visit and Tour of Fort Drum for the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs
- A successful Blood Drive with Red Cross Eastern New York
- Upstate organic dairy farms facing crisis as key contract ending

Other important news:

- 5th Annual Saratoga Motorcar Auction happening *today and tomorrow*
- Pinnacle Nutrition now located in Saratoga Springs
- Center Square Asset Management 15th Anniversary
- Congratulations Sean Hill on becoming an Eagle Scout!
- The Halfmoon Harvest Festival is tomorrow and I hope to see you there
- Job opportunities at Olana!

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

Statement from New York State Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon) on the resignation of Howard Zucker

“The resignation of Howard Zucker as State Health Commissioner is a positive, necessary, long-overdue step for New York. While we can finally begin the fresh start that our state needs, Zucker’s resignation does not equal a clean slate. There still must be answers, accountability, and justice regarding the tragic nursing home deaths that took place because of Zucker and Cuomo’s disastrous, deadly mandate. Families, my Senate Republican colleagues, and I have continually demanded this since the spring of 2020.

We must set a firm precedent for current and future leaders that the truth and public health will not fall victim to politics or political cover-ups, such as those perpetrated by former Governor Cuomo, Zucker, and their enablers. Our state lost over 15,000 senior citizens due to Cuomo and Zucker’s deadly mandate that forced nursing homes to take in COVID-19 positive patients. Zucker and Cuomo tried to cover up their disastrous policy but the truth – and families – were more powerful than their schemes. I am thankful for the strength, courage, and resilience of the families that stood with us, and I will continue advocating for Zucker’s resignation to not be the final word in this important effort to ensure accountability in state government.”

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In The News



NY Health Chief Howard Zucker, Accused in COVID Nursing Home Saga, Resigns

There still must be accountability and answers regarding nursing homes deaths that we have been asking about for over a year now. Resignation does not equal a clean slate. We must set a firm precedent for current and future leaders. NYers need truth.

[Read Article](#)



Upstate organic dairy farms facing crisis as key contract ending

Important story from Times Union's Josh Solomon on the many challenges facing organic dairy farms in Upstate. As I mentioned in his article, Horizon's departure should serve as the impetus for New York to explore transferring these affected farms into an organic co-op to help market and sell their products and facilitate their transitioning toward producing more organic cheese. NYS needs to partner with, and help, our hard working dairy farmers that are the backbone of our agricultural sector.

[Read Article](#)

Visit and Tour of Fort Drum for the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs



Monday's visit to U.S. Army Fort Drum & 10th Mountain Division was one I'll never forget. As a Member on the Senate Veterans, Homeland Security, and Military Affairs Committee, I had the opportunity to attend a 6 hour tour of the base with Senator Patty Richie, Senator John Brooks, and Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick.

Fort Drum is the most deployed Army Base in the nation and had the last troops out of Afghanistan. It's 30 miles long, over 100,000 acres and has just under 25,000 military members. The Community and the base are integrated and work together for certain needs. Their local annual impact to the economy is \$1.8B.

It was an honor to meet Brigadier General Lori Robinson; Command Sergeant Major Mario Terenas; Andrew Kennedy, Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security; Colonel Travis McIntosh; and all others who welcomed us. I thank them all for the time they took to meet with us, and am looking forward to working with them in the future on important military issues within our state.

Blood Drive with Red Cross Eastern New York



A successful blood drive yesterday in Saratoga Springs with 52 units of blood collected. Thank you to my amazing staff Halie Northrop and Laurie Huneau for helping to run the event. By donating blood, you are making a major impact in someone else's life. Thank you to all who donated! Love partnering with American Red Cross Eastern New York and appreciate all they do. Also, I was so happy to see Mary Torres (bottom right picture), a classmate of mine from Lehigh University class of 1981!! Great seeing you Mary!

5th Annual Saratoga Motorcar Auction



It was a great time kicking off the 5th Annual Saratoga Motorcar Auction Thursday on Preview Day at SPAC!

The Auction is the largest annual fundraiser for the Saratoga Automobile Museum and draws local, regional, national, and international attention and acclaim – and deservedly so.

With nearly 300 vehicles up for bid, this year's Auction is already looking to be the biggest and best ever.

Pictured here in these photos (from our press conference announcement and tour of the auction grounds this morning. You can [see ALL of them on my Facebook page.](#)) with Todd Shimkus, President, Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce; Darryl Leggieri, President, Discover Saratoga; Carly Connors, Executive Director, Saratoga Automobile Museum; Dan Ritopecki, Auction Director; Dustin Lanterman, Communications Director, Facilities Manager, and Volunteer Coordinator, Saratoga Automobile Museum; and Alane Ball Chinian, Regional Director, Saratoga - Capital District Region, New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Last year, despite the global pandemic, the Auction saw sales of \$3.7 million in

vehicles and memorabilia and achieved a 70% sell-through rate. Those are huge numbers during an incredibly challenging time.

Americans have a genuine love of automobiles: my husband is one of them and my Dad was one of them as well! Nothing beats the precision, quality, craftsmanship cool aesthetic of a classic car! There are an estimated five million classic cars in the United States, proof of the enduring staying power of classic cars and the importance of classic car collectors. **The auction today and Saturday is a can't miss event and has the distinction of being the ONLY classic and collector car auction in NYS.**

Saratoga is the place to be when it comes to classic cars, as well as low taxes, a strong economy, and a quality of life that's second to none!

Pinnacle Nutrition now located in Saratoga Springs



Congratulations to [Pinnacle Nutrition Saratoga](#) owner Lindsay Ferrara on your new office space and one full year since opening your business! Lindsay has

clients of all ages and teaches them how to never go on a “diet” again. Give her office a call at 518-290-0447 or visit the office at 15 Maple Dell Ave in Saratoga.

Pinnacle Nutrition Website

Center Square Asset Management 15th Anniversary



Congratulations to [Center Square Asset Management](#) on their 15th Anniversary! Located at 1651 Columbia Turnpike, Castleton, NY 12033, the Center Square Asset Management is an independent, family-owned wealth management firm founded in 2005 by the husband-and-wife team of Kenneth and Deborah Lane. They also have a second office located in Bennington, VT. Thank you to my Director of Constituent Services Daniel Casale for attending this special event on my behalf!

Congratulations Sean Hill on becoming an Eagle Scout



The Eagle Scout Award is Scouting's highest rank and among its most familiar and cherished icons. People who have earned the rank count it among their most treasured possessions — and rightly so. Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout is a huge accomplishment and personal milestone.

So last Friday was assuredly a special day, as it featured the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Sean Hill, Boy Scouts of America Troop 537, Yankee Doodle District, Twin Rivers Council, at the Brunswick Elks Lodge #2556.

My Director of Constituent Services (and Member of the Rensselaer County Legislature) Daniel Casale represented me at this special event. Dan presented Sean a NYS Senate Proclamation on my behalf to celebrate the happy occasion. In the picture with Sean are his proud parents, John and KiKi Dee Hill, and brother Stephen Hill.

Congratulations to Sean Hill and his family on this incredible achievement!

Job opportunities at Olana!



Jobs available at the [Olana Partnership](#). Olana is one of the gems in the 43rd Senate District!

The Halfmoon Harvest Festival is tomorrow
and I hope to see you there!

Halfmoon *In conjunction with the Town of Halfmoon*
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Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 25, 2021

12:00pm-4:00pm

Halfmoon Town Park located at 162 Route 236, Halfmoon, NY 12065

Face Painting * Balloon Artist * Pumpkin Decorating
Shopping/Vendors * Rock Climbing Wall * Circle of Safety
Food to Purchase * Bounce Houses * Pony Rides
Petting Zoo * Carnival Games
Stilt Walkers * Hay Rides
And so much more . . .



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