

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the May 21 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings this week:**

- Cuomo's \$5.12 million earnings off the pandemic
- Guidance has finally been released on overnight summer camps
- Cuomo Administration is forcing daycare children to wear masks
- NYS marijuana laws clash with Federal gun ownership laws
- Saratoga County is authorizing expansion of youth hunting

## **Other important news:**

- Wash Boss Car Wash officially open in North Greenbush
- Honoring the Rensselaer County Sheriff Highway Patrol and Correction Officers
- Two of my bills passed the Senate
- My new bill passed the Senate Codes Committee
- Windy Hill Orchard concert – some normalcy!
- Hillsdale calling for town seal submissions
- Rensselaer County announces vaccine opportunities at home baseball games
- Honoring our Emergency Medical Service Professionals
- Smiles for Life Dental Care officially taking patients in Saratoga Springs
- Glennpeter Jewelers' new location in Halfmoon along with Heaven & Earth Gift Shoppe

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

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## Wash Boss Car Wash Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to Wash Boss Car Wash on their official ribbon cutting ceremony! Wash Boss Car Wash is owned by the Enzine Family and is located on Route 4 in North Greenbush.

[VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

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Honoring the Rensselaer County Sheriff  
Highway Patrol and Correction Officers



It was great being able to speak with the Rensselaer County Sheriff Highway Patrol and Correction Officers in Troy. Thank you to Sheriff Pat Russo for your continued leadership! I had the opportunity to honor both groups with Proclamations recognizing all they do for our community. We appreciate you and thank you for your service!

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## My Senate Bill S2095 Passed the Senate Floor



[Senate Bill S2095](#) provides a tax check-off box on tax returns for gifts to the New York State horse retirement fund and rescue fund. It also directs the commissioner of agriculture to compile a list of approved rescue programs.

S2095

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## My Senate Bill S6019 Passed the Senate Floor



[Senate Bill S6019](#) will allow for [Saratoga Arms](#), a boutique hotel in Saratoga Springs, to be issued a retail liquor license despite their proximity to [Temple Sinai](#). Alcohol is not always permitted to be sold within a certain distance from a church or temple, however, the leadership of Temple Sinai fully supports Saratoga Arms' request. Next, this bill will have to be passed by the Assembly before it's sent to the Governor's desk.

S6019

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## My Senate Bill S2563 Passed the Senate Codes Committee



I am pleased that my [Senate Bill S2563](#), designating the animal control officer of the Town of Sand Lake in Rensselaer County as a peace officer, passed the Senate Codes Committee. This action was requested by the town and allows the animal control officer to enforce provisions of the Agriculture and Markets law relating to animal cruelty. We are one-step closer to helping the town better respond to and handle incidents of animal cruelty while relieving the administrative burden on local law enforcement. The next step is to get this bill passed by the Senate and Assembly.

S2563

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Windy Hill Orchard



Lots of happy faces at Windy Hill Orchard this past weekend enjoying the Kyle Bourgault Band, Rollin' Smoke Handcrafted BBQ LLC, kettle corn, baked goods, cider, the great outdoors and the company of other people! Two days in a row with my friend Kyle Bourgault in his two very different careers. Happy to meet a new member of the band, Tom Keenan, from my hometown, Halfmoon.

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## Marijuana Laws and Federal Gun Ownership Laws



Marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance under federal law and federal law prohibits firearm possession by anyone who is an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance.

Any individual legally purchasing a firearm is asked on an ATF Form: Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance?

Providing a false statement on an ATF Form is a crime and punishable by up to 10 years in prison under federal law.

An Individual found to be an unlawful user of drugs and in possession of a firearm can receive up to five years in prison under federal law.

Any individual that is convicted of a felony or a "serious offense" is prohibited from possessing or buying a firearm in New York State according to state law.

Any person convicted of illegally possessing five or more pounds of marijuana, or illegally selling 16 or more ounces, would be guilty of a felony under state law and be prohibited from possessing or purchasing a firearm in New York.

Use of marijuana for medical purposes is still prohibited under federal law and would prohibit someone from possessing and/or purchasing a firearm.

**Even under the state's new marijuana laws, individuals that use marijuana recreationally or for medical reasons in New York State cannot legally possess or buy a firearm because they would be in violation of federal law.**

Above are some facts on New York State's marijuana laws and how they can seriously conflict with federal gun ownership laws.

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## Hillsdale Calling for Town Seal Submissions



Hillsdale, in Columbia County, is looking for town seal submissions. Please pass this along to anyone you think may be interested!

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## Cuomo's 5.12 Million Dollar Book Deal



During the business-crushing COVID-19 lockdowns last year (and well into this year!), while Governor Cuomo was fully enjoying his one-man-rule and king-like powers, he was also profiting off the tragedy and raking in seven figures through the publishing of his book on "leadership." It's quite ironic given that he sent COVID-19 positive patients into nursing homes, intentionally changed numbers of nursing home deaths, was accused of 10 sexual harassment incidents, and allegedly used government resources for the making of his book.

[VIEW ARTICLE HERE](#)

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## Rensselaer County Announces Vaccine Opportunities



I wanted to spread the word on these seven different vaccine opportunities in Rensselaer County, posted by the [Rensselaer County Legislature Facebook page](#):

“Members of the Legislature joined County Executive Steve McLaughlin and Rick Murphy, Vice President of the ValleyCats, at the Joe Bruno Stadium on Monday morning for a big announcement.

Rensselaer County has teamed up with the Tri-City ValleyCats to kick off their 2021 season by announcing 7 vaccination clinics during home games. There will be promotions and giveaways for those that choose to get vaccinated at “The Joe.”

Chairman of the Legislature Michael Stammel, Vice-Chair Kelly Hoffman, and Legislators Bob Loveridge, Tom Grant, and Scott Bendett were joined by County Clerk Frank Merola and County Public Health Director Mary Fran Wachunas, and Director of Central Services James Gordon.

The new ValleyCats manager Pete Incaviglia was also on hand for the big announcement and to see the ValleyCats mascot Southpaw get vaccinated.”

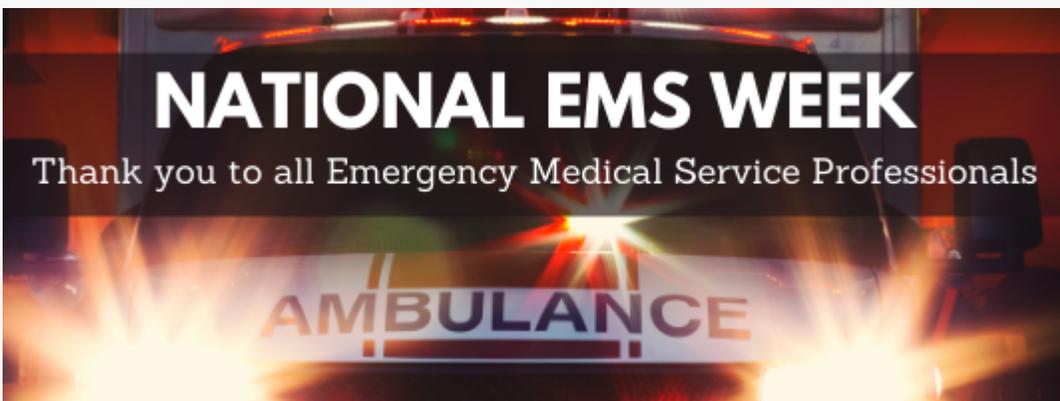
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## Honoring Pamela Wright’s Retirement Serving Saratoga County for 33 Years



Congratulations on 33 years of service to Pamela Wright, who served as Clerk for the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. Thank you for serving the people of Saratoga! Senator Jim Tedisco and I honored Pam with a Proclamation, although I'm sorry that I couldn't be there in person! Wishing you all the best in this new season of retirement!

## National EMS Week



This week is National EMS Week, and I want to thank all our emergency medical service professionals who have never stopped responding to emergencies throughout the entirety of the pandemic. These men and women continue to prioritize the health and safety others. Your heroism does not go unnoticed and we appreciate you!

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## Guidance Finally Released on Summer Camps



MONTHS ago, I started advocating for overnight summer camps and TODAY new guidance for health and safety measures at childcare, day camp and overnight camp programs have finally been released.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT NYS GUIDANCE](#)

[MY FEBRUARY LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR](#)

[SEE MY FEBRUARY PRESS RELEASE HERE](#)

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## My Statement on Forcing Daycare Children to Wear Masks



## NEWS from New York State Senator Daphne Jordan

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### **Statement from NYS Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon) on the Cuomo Administration's ridiculous new government mandate that children over the age of two wear masks in daycare:**

"Today, tucked deep inside its repeatedly delayed guidance for the resumption of overnight summer camps, the Cuomo Administration issued a new government mandate that children over the age of two now must wear masks while in daycare. This is an absurdity and the latest embarrassing Albany overreach from King Cuomo. Children are among the least affected by COVID, does the Governor not know this? For the entirety of the COVID-19 pandemic, children in daycare were not subject to such an onerous mandate. Now, just days after the CDC, countless credible public health experts, and even Governor Cuomo himself essentially said that the trajectory of the pandemic has finally turned in a positive direction, the Cuomo Administration issued this ridiculous new government mandate targeting children in daycare. The Cuomo Administration just reminded everyone of its sheer ineptitude and staggering incompetence. A true end – not a sham rescission decision like the scam recently perpetrated by the Senate and Assembly Democratic Majorities – to this tyrant's emergency executive powers must happen. Cuomo's Democratic enablers need to follow the Senate Republicans' lead and say enough is enough to this Governor's nonsense."

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Above is my statement released Wednesday on the Cuomo Administration's RIDICULOUS new government mandate on forcing children to wear masks in daycare. To read the official guidelines, click the button below.

[NYS OFFICIAL DAYCARE GUIDELINES](#)

Parents have every right to be furious over the Cuomo Administration's sudden decision to mandate face masks on children 2yrs & older in daycare. Children are among the least affected by COVID. Enough is enough! Let them get some air and play mask-free!

[WNYT news broadcast: New mask rule at daycares, summer camps confuse parents](#)

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## Smiles for Life Dental Care Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to Smiles For Life Dental Care of Saratoga Springs on their ribbon cutting today! Dr. Joseph Juracka and his team are now welcoming new patients and offer many dentistry services. Also a big thank you to my amazing Community Liaison, Debbie Curto for presenting a Certificate of Recognition on my behalf!

[VISIT THEIR WEBSITE](#)

[VISIT THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

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Saratoga County Authorizing Expansion of  
Youth Hunting



I strongly support the establishment of a deer hunting pilot program allowing license holders 12 or 13 years of age to hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, or shotgun during hunting season. I also appreciate our Saratoga County Board of Supervisors' continued strong leadership and backing of this necessary pilot program. Hunting is good for our economy, good for the next generation, and good for Saratoga County.

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**Glennpeter Jewelers' New Halfmoon Location  
along with Heaven & Earth Gift Shoppe**





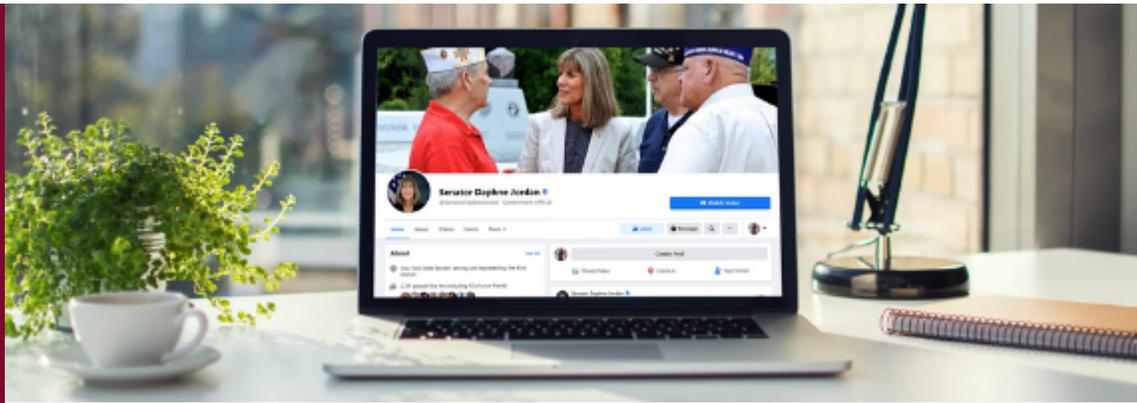
Congratulations to Glennpeter Jewelers Diamond Centre, owned by Jeff Weiss, on opening a second location in Halfmoon! ALSO congratulations to Heaven & Earth Gift Shoppe, owned by Glennpeter Jewelers, on their ribbon cutting right next door! Heaven & Earth is a unique gift shop featuring local artists. Go check them both out!

GLENNPETER JEWELERS DIAMOND CENTER

HEAVEN & EARTH GIFT SHOPPE

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