

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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NYS SENATOR DAPHNE JORDAN  
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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the October 15 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day is TOMORROW
- NYS Republican Conference responds to staffing shortages at healthcare facilities
- Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Town of Moreau Sewer Extension
- Town of Greenfield, NY: A "Purple Heart" Community
- Honoring our veterans in the Town of East Greenbush Honor a Veteran Program and Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony
- Green Meadow Elementary School recognized as a "2021 National Blue Ribbon School"

## **Other important news:**

- Honoring HVAA founder Al Lewis
- Celebrating Columbus Day
- NYSLSA 12th Annual Trade Show
- Celebrating the 246th year of the U.S. Navy
- Ribbon Cuttings:
  - Saratoga Regional YMCA brand-new Golf Simulator
  - All Aboard Travel, Inc. and Hudson Home Insurance & Inspections
  - On the Move Health & Fitness, LLC
  - Anderson Financial Group

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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# IN THE NEWS



## \$125 million in state funding for small landlord rent relief: Too little, too late?

Although \$125M is a start for small business landlords, it's not enough to cover a year and a half's worth of rent, let alone how late this funding is...read more below.

[Read Article](#)



## Achieving equity through mediocrity: Why elimination of gifted programs should worry us all

Not every child learns the same way or at the same pace, which is why different school programs, such as accelerated programs, provide great opportunities for students. Taking this opportunity away in the name of "equality" will only hinder the learning opportunities and competitiveness that our NYS school system provide.

[Read Article](#)



## New Yorkers sound the alarm on crime rates: 'The wild, wild West'

This revolving door for criminals has taken a toll on NYC. Elected officials are supposed to keep citizens safe, not allow offenders back on the streets to commit the same crime or worse...

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## The Landlord Rental Assistance Program (LRAP) is now accepting applications

These applications are for landlords who have been unable to participate in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) because their tenants vacated the rental residence with past due rent or declined to complete an application.

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I hope to see you tomorrow!

*You're Invited:*

# COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY FAMILY FUN DAY



**DAPHNE JORDAN**  
NYS SENATOR

Car Seat Safety Check • Child ID Cards • Senior ID Cards  
UTV Rides & Games with **Columbia County Sheriff's Deputies**  
(Kickball, Basketball, Cornhole and MORE)  
Free Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Ice Cream & Balloons for Kiddos  
Face Painting for Kids  
Drone & K9 Demonstrations  
Sheriff's Office Equipment on Display  
Entertainment For All Ages

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, October 16**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Greenport Town Park**  
**413 Joslen Blvd, Hudson**

**Join Senator Daphne Jordan and the  
Columbia County Sheriff's Office  
for this Free Outdoor Event.**

**Events, services, and lots of FUN for  
Columbia County families and children.**

**Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day is this Saturday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Greenport Town Park (413 Joslen Blvd, Greenport). I'm proudly partnering with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to sponsor this family-friendly FUN event!**

Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day this Saturday will feature **FREE** events, services, and plenty of **FUN** for Columbia County families and children including:

- Car Seat Safety Check
- Child ID Cards
- Senior ID Cards
- UTV Rides
- Face Painting for Kids
- Games with Columbia County Sheriff's Deputies & Correction Officers (Kickball, Basketball, Cornhole & MORE)
- Free Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Ice Cream & Balloons for Kiddos
- Drone & K9 Demonstrations
- Sheriff's Office Equipment on Display
- Entertainment For All Ages

To alleviate COVID-19 concerns and ensure attendee safety, Family Fun Day is



being held outdoors. In the event of inclement weather on Saturday, we will be set up at the Pavilion at the Park.

**I hope to see you this Saturday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Greenport Town Park for Columbia County Public Safety Family Fun Day!**

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## Honoring HVAA founder Al Lewis



On Sunday we celebrated 50 years of Albert R. Lewis' dedication to the Hoosic Valley Athletic Association. Albert, known as Al in the community, is a founding member of this great association that has grown from 8 teams to 80 teams over the past 5 decades and has provided thousands of children to play sports! I was honored to be there and present Al with a NYS Senate Commendation Award and a NYS Senate Proclamation, both of which are very high honors.

It was great to see some of the game and all who came out to honor Al for all he's done and continues to do for the HVAA.

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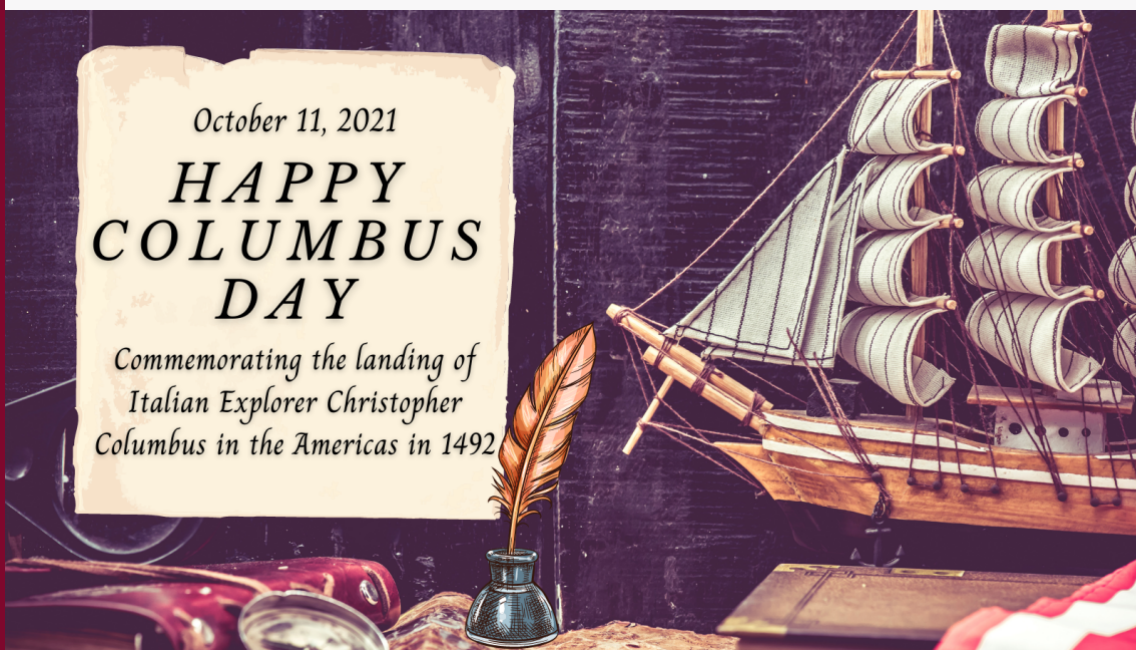


## Hello Fall colors!

This past weekend I went out for a walk and had to share a few photos of the beautiful fall foliage! I hope you get out and enjoy some fresh air and fall colors this weekend.

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## 529 years ago...



On Monday we recognized and celebrated the spirit of exploration that made the founding of our great nation possible!

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## Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony

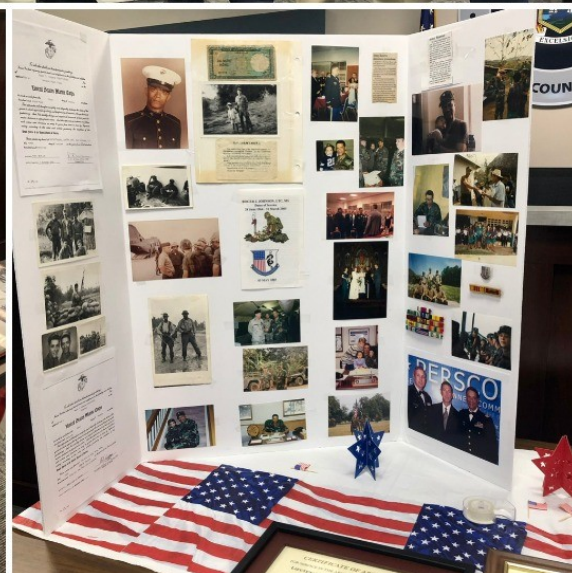




We honored the life of U.S. Army Veteran James H. Miner this early this week at the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony. SP4 Miner served in the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps and was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal and the Rifle Marksman Badge (M-1 and M-14). On April 11, 2017 James sadly passed away, leaving behind his partner of 27 years, Gail, and his loving family. We thank and honor James for his service to this country and his community, Hoosic Falls.

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## Town of East Greenbush Honor a Veteran Program



On Tuesday morning, we recognized United States Marine Corps and Army Veteran Roger J. Johnson at the Town of East Greenbush Honor a Veteran Program. Roger dropped out of high school to join the United States Marine Corps, fighting in Vietnam for two years before he became an infantry officer. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and a letter of appreciation from President George W. Bush. After returning home, he continued his education, earning a Master's degree before serving as a NYC Police Officer. He then accepted a commission in the U.S. Army Reserve and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In retirement, Roger Johnson lives in Rensselaer with his wife and granddaughter.

Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Roger J. Johnson has demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore the highest respect of his State and Nation.

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## NYSLSA 12th Annual Trade Show





After last year's event unfortunately being canceled due to the pandemic, the NYS Liquor Store Association's (NYSLSA) 12th Annual Trade Show was held at The Crowne Plaza in Albany on Tuesday! I'm so glad it was able to happen this year. There were 146 vendors displaying new products and samplings. The NYSLSA focuses on 1,100 licensed retail owners in the state.

I'm pictured above with Todd Vandervort, President & CEO of The Vandervort Group; and NYSLSA board members Steve Carpenter and Stefan Kalogridis.

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## Honoring our U.S. Navy

# Happy Birthday U.S. NAVY!



**Protecting Our Seas**

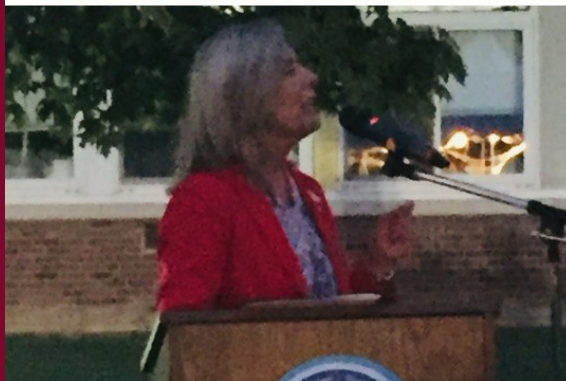
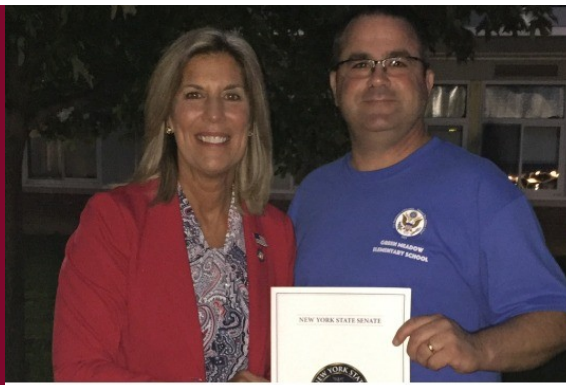
**Since 1775**

This past Wednesday was the 246th year of the U.S. Navy. It started with two ships and 80 men -- now, it's the largest and most powerful navy in the world. Thank you to the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve in the Navy. Our nation is stronger and safer because of you!

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**Green Meadow Elementary School recognized  
as a "2021 National Blue Ribbon School"**





On Wednesday night, we lit Green Meadow Elementary School blue to celebrate being recognized as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School! There were food trucks, snow cones, a DJ, magician, balloon artist, student performances, and fireworks! There are 130,000 elementary schools in the nation and 325 are awarded nationally. GM Elementary was 1 of 19 awarded in NYS!

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## Town of Greenfield, NY: A "Purple Heart" Community





I was very happy to present a NYS Senate Purple Heart Proclamation during the Town of Greenfield's board meeting Thursday night, recognizing the town as a Purple Heart Community. It's important to make efforts in honoring and recognizing the service and sacrifice of NY's best and bravest - our military veterans wounded or killed while serving with the U.S. Military.

You can read more about my Purple Heart initiatives at the links below:

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<http://ow.ly/GZey50Gs4O9>

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## Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Town of Moreau Sewer Extension



Today's Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Town of Moreau Route 9 Sewer Extension is a start to what will deliver many benefits for the community, county, and region. This \$16 million initiative is the largest public works project in the Town of Moreau's history. It will bring for a new era of job creation, tax base expansion, environmental protection, and increase public safety. The sewer project will consist of over 48,000 linear feet of low-pressure sewers and more than 22,000 feet of force main.

As a result of this project, barriers to economic development that has hampered economic growth in Moreau for years will be removed and a major road will be open for business.

Without the municipal sewer service, town and local landlords were unable to close on investments and development opportunities that would help expand and diversify the tax base and bring essential jobs to the community.

Thank you to the leadership of my good friend Todd Kusnierz, Moreau Town Supervisor & Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, for making this project a reality! Also thank you to Sam Whanon, a local business owner, property owner and strong supporter of this important project.



# NYS Republican Conference responds to staffing shortages at healthcare facilities



New York's statewide healthcare worker shortage means delayed medical care, and puts an even greater strain on our frontline workers. Burnout from non-stop COVID challenges has hit our healthcare workforce especially hard, and we continue losing the dedicated workers who've courageously served on the pandemic's frontlines. My legislation, S.2553, would create a healthcare worker peer support program modeled after the successful Joseph P. Dwyer Program. My bill would deliver support and funding to empower healthcare workers to speak with someone who's shared their experiences and can help provide counseling. A healthcare worker peer support program is a smart solution to address this serious, growing challenge.



**Senator Daphne Jordan**

*Ranking member of the Senate Committee on Women's Issues*

My Senate Republican colleagues and I are proposing solutions and calling for action to alleviate staffing issues at healthcare facilities and for home care patients in communities throughout the state.

Staffing shortages have worsened by Governor Hochul's vaccine mandate placed on healthcare workers and the lack of an alternative testing option, leading to forced closures and reduced quality of care.

Read the full press release below.

**NY Senate Republicans Propose Solutions & Call for Action to Help Alleviate Staffing Issues at the Healthcare Facilities**



# RIBBON CUTTINGS

## All Aboard Travel, Inc. and Hudson Home Insurance & Inspections

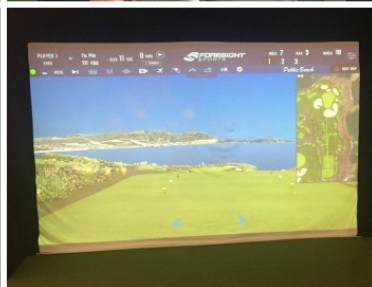


Congratulations to [All Aboard Travel, Inc.](#) and [Hudson Home Insurance & Inspections](#) on their new spaces located at 396 Route 23B in Hudson! The [Columbia County Chamber of Commerce](#) provided a great double ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, and afterwards there was an open house for all the



businesses housed in the building including L'Hair Studio, Samantha's Serenity Spa, Elizabeth Bucci Esthetics and Watz Law Firm.

## Saratoga Regional YMCA brand-new Golf Simulator

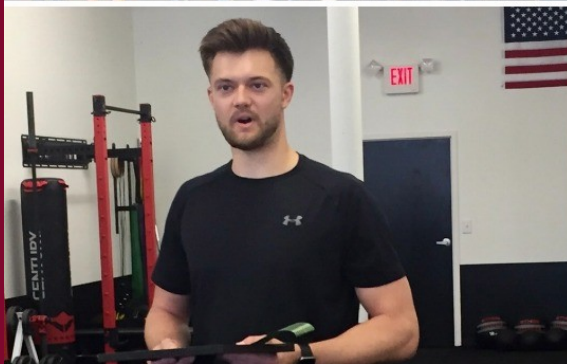


On Thursday, the Saratoga Regional YMCA celebrated the opening of their brand-new Golf Simulator area due to the generosity of Maria Notar & family who donated the funds! The Golf Simulator features 12 courses. Pictured golfing is Dottie Pepper, a Pro golf player and Saratoga native. The YMCA Wilton Branch also has their very own golf pro, Anthony Therrien.

I hope you get the opportunity to go check this place out! Thank you to my Community Liaison, Debbie Curto for joining the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce in this special event and presenting a NYS Senate Certificate of Recognition on my behalf!

Pictured with Maria Notar and Dottie Pepper are Aaron Dutch, Executive Director and Scott Clark, CEO of Saratoga Regional YMCA.

## On the Move Health & Fitness, LLC



I love to see new businesses opening that will contribute to the health and well-being of our community! [On the Move Health & Fitness, LLC](#) is committed to providing personalized fitness to their customers. Located at 217 Guideboard Rd in Halfmoon! Congratulations to owner & trainer Mike Verschelden!

## Anderson Financial Group





Congratulations to [The Anderson Financial Group](#) on their ribbon cutting this afternoon! They presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to [Denyse and Warren Mackey Foundation](#), a local family who help to provide support to youth, underserved communities, and health initiatives.

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on Social Media!



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