



Happy Friday everyone, and thank you for reading this edition of the Weekly Wrap! This week, the wrap features important updates regarding bowling and my legislation to repeal the failure known as the START-UP NY program. I was proud to recognize some of our local dairy farms as they win some well-deserved awards from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets! I was also happy to sit down with local entrepreneur, Catherine Hover, to discuss the centennial of the 19th Amendment, and what it's like to be a woman in today's political world. You can find a link to my full interview in this week's newsletter. Do you have a question or concern regarding your state government? Please feel free to contact me at jordan@nysenate.gov, or call my office at 518-371-2751. It is an honor to serve as your State Senator!

Ready to roll, ready to bowl!



I was proud to bring bowling back and celebrate the reopening of bowling centers across the state during a special event held this past Friday at Spare Time Entertainment, right in my hometown of Halfmoon! I bowled a few frames in honor of the fun occasion, along with my colleague Senator Jim Tedisco, Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce President Todd Shimkus, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, and our very special guest, Joseph Gentiluomo of Schenectady, a 98-year-old World War II Veteran who holds the patent on the modern bowling ball. It was terrific to have led the effort to bring bowling back in New York State and celebrate the return of this iconic athletic and social activity that can be enjoyed safely and sensibly, with plenty of social distancing to ensure everyone's health and safety. Bowling Centers had been closed since March by Governor Cuomo and have since been preparing and planning for a safe re-opening including proper sanitizing, social distancing, and mask wearing. The Governor finally issued the green light for bowling centers to reopen last week, thanks to my successful advocacy and the continued advocacy of bowling center owners and operators. Mr. Gentiluomo is a World War II U.S. Army veteran who served in Okinawa and in Korea. An RPI graduate, Mr. Gentiluomo worked for GE and IBM and holds 28 patents including for different golf balls, and a mechanical hand that was used by NASA. Gentiluomo's bowling ball patent puts all the weight on the inside of the bowling ball, giving

bowlers more power to knock the pins down. I also delivered NYS Hand Sanitizer to Spare Time. Mr. Gentiluomo is pictured above with his daughter, Diane Simone, and family. Bowling is back — we're ready and so happy to roll.

Pushing for the repeal of failed START-UP NY Program



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Senate Bill S1841

2019-2020 Legislative Session

Repeals article 21 of the economic development law relating to the "START-UP NY program"

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Last Friday, the State Office of the Comptroller reported some troubling (but unsurprising) news regarding corruption-ridden SUNY Polytechnic and “Buffalo Billion” projects that

continue failing Upstate taxpayers, lack transparency, and miss job creation metrics. I strongly support a major overhaul of much-needed transparency and ethics reforms for taxpayer-funded projects to break this broken cycle. In fact, I sponsor legislation – Senate Bill S.1841 – that would take an important step by amending the State’s Economic Development Law to repeal the failed START-UP NY program. By repealing START-UP NY, our state can begin working towards real economic opportunities by removing Albany’s failed “smoke-and-mirrors” approach to job growth and end the discredited policy of bureaucrats using taxpayer dollars to try and pick economic winners and losers. The money used for advertising this failed initiative could be better suited towards providing mandate or tax relief, especially given the significant, serious drop off of state and local sales tax revenue. You can read more about my legislation here:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s1841>.

Honoring the New York Fluid Milk Quality Award Winners in the 43rd District



On Tuesday, I attended the 2020 “NY Fluid Milk Quality Awards Virtual Ceremony” via Zoom, sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University. Stewart's Shops took first place in the Best Fluid Quality category, followed by Garelick Farms of Rensselaer County. Stewart’s Shops also won first place in a new category this year, the “Best Chocolate Milk Award.” As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I’m proud to have both of these fantastic businesses operating in, and serving, my 43rd Senate District! Dairy is such a vital part of our economy and is New York’s largest agricultural sector. Our state ranks 4th in terms of total state milk production. NY’s number of milk cows totals 627,000, the amount of milk production per year equals 15.1 billion pounds, the average herd size is 162 cows, and the number of dairy farms is approximately 3,880. Dairy is also a key component of good health. As noted by the [National Dairy Council](#), dairy foods like low-fat or fat-free milk, yogurt and cheese are essential to good nutrition. Healthy eating styles that include fat-free or low-fat dairy foods have been linked to health benefits such as reduced risk of cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes in adults and improved bone health, especially in children and adolescents. Congratulations again to Stewart’s Shops and Garelick Farms on these awards and well-deserved recognition!

Recognizing “International Overdose Awareness Day”



Memorial Awareness Event
Monday, August 31st 6pm

**We gather to remember our lost loved ones, bring hope, support
for those who struggle with substance use disorders and
celebrate those who are in recovery.**

**Join our vehicle procession from the Miller Hill Elementary School
to the West Sand Lake Elementary School .**

Sponsored by Nopiates Committee

**We are excited to announce that we have partnered with
WVCR The Saint (88.3)**

**Join us as we "take over the airways" during the time of
our event 6pm-7pm.**



**Everyone is urged to
TUNE-INTO 88.3 FM
To listen to our Memorial Event**

*Do you have a loved one that you would like remembered during our memorial event?
Do you want to share a photo of loved one, or prerecord a message of hope and
encouragement or do you have a recovery support opportunity that you want to promote?*

Email: nopiatesevents@gmail.com for additional information

*Participants are encouraged to promote awareness along with
positive recovery messages on their vehicles.*

Sharing this informational flyer from the Nopiates Committee regarding their upcoming community recognition of "International Overdose Awareness Day" on August 31st, and their special memorial event. More details are in the posted flyer, my thanks to the Nopiates Committee for all of the vital work they continue doing on this important issue.

Update on the Investigation into NY's COVID-19 Response



I wanted to share this important development regarding the ongoing, bi-partisan push for answers and accountability regarding NY's COVID-19 response and the tragic deaths of more than 6,400 senior citizens in nursing homes due to the Governor and State Department of Health's deadly mandate. Read more here:

<https://nystateofpolitics.com/state-of-politics/new-york/politics/2020/08/26/u-s--justice-department-investigating-nursing-home-resident-deaths-in-ny>.

Diversity with Daphne



I had an enjoyable time speaking with Catherine Hover, owner of Palette in Saratoga Springs, on Wednesday afternoon. I took part in a special conversation that was terrifically moderated by Catherine, where we recognized the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. We also talked in-depth about my background, motivation to enter public service at the local and now state level (to help people!) and the necessity of supporting more women running for office and serving in public life. My thanks to Catherine for such a wonderful conversation and a fantastic opportunity to share my voice and views! To watch my full interview, click [here](#)!

Celebrating first time home ownership!



A great way to start off the day . . . A heartwarming Saratoga Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting this morning celebrating first time homeownership for Kristina Toomey and her son, Cam. Congratulations! This house built by Habitat for Humanity using funding provided by NYS Affordable Housing Corps. grants through NYS Home and Community Renewal AND many generous donations of time, talent and materials from private sector businesses along with much sweat equity by the Toomey family and the many volunteers of Habitat for Humanity, will be Home Sweet Home when the Toomeys move in on Saturday. This successful public-private sector partnership is another exemplary project brought to fruition by Adam Feldman, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties and crew. Thank you for improving the 43rd Senate District one house at a time. Huge thank yous to Curtis Lumber Company, Saratoga Builders Association, Studio A, VMJR, Engineering America, Lowe's, The Prime Group, Sheet Metal Union, EDP, Paragon Roofing, and Schiocchetti and Abbott for your contributions. So great . . . This should all be on HGTV.

More Hometown Heroes for my 43rd Senate District!

Thank you! *Hometown* **HEROES** 43RD NYS SENATE DISTRICT

Proud to again recognize some terrific #HometownHeroes from my 43rd Senate District for all they're doing to help the community.



Another week means another terrific opportunity to recognize more Hometown Heroes for my 43rd Senate District! Hometown Heroes make helping and serving others a top priority and, in doing so, preserve, protect, and improve our special quality of life. The Hometown Heroes recognized this week are “Mia’s Cookie Jar” in Stillwater, and Saxton Sign Corp of Castleton, my thanks to both for making a positive difference!

Mia's Cookie Jar, Stillwater

Mia Villa has spent her summer bringing delicious, homemade chocolate chip cookies and smiles to first-responders across our Capital Region. The young baker has made more than cookies from her Stillwater home since July through a project the family is calling "Mia's Cookie Jar." She and her mom, Devin Villa, make deliveries a few times a week to police stations, hospitals, fire stations, and other places. "With the pandemic and everything being shut down, there's a lot of pressure on the first-responders," Devin said, "I use this is a way to teach her about the people that we are most grateful for and she can do something she loves. This week's delivery was to Mechanicville Police Department. This thoughtful 3-year-old Stillwater girl bakes cookies and spreads kindness!

Saxton Sign Corp, Castleton

Thanks to a generous offer from Saxton Sign Corp, the Town of Schodack Police Department car will be sporting a new look around Town. On hand to review the first car are Chief of Police John Hourigan, Officers Jordan Harrington, and Rich Eckel, Pat Boni from Saxton Sign, Supervisor David Harris, as well as Mike Lukovits, and Rebecca Meisser from Saxton Sign's Automotive Graphics Department that helped make this possible!

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