

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

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

BIG happenings:

- Saratoga Race Course Opens for 2022 Season
- Saratoga Children's Museum Opening
- Saratoga Racecourse Backstretch Clinic Groundbreaking
- Rensselaer County Honor A Veteran Ceremony
- Old Tavern Farm and Winery Tour
- Honoring Saratoga Springs Suffragettes

Other important news:

- Congratulating Chatham Baseball on capturing the Class-C State Championship
- Congratulating the Averill Park Baseball on capturing the Class-A State Championship
- 2022 Capital District Law Enforcement Recruitment Weekend
- I'm hosting a Blood Drive July 22nd
- New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program
- Ribbon Cuttings
 - Siro's Saratoga Restaurant
 - Sapphire Spa Boutique
 - cb20

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! I hope everyone has a safe and happy Fourth of July!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

IN THE NEWS



In wake of prison violence, revisit solitary confinement law

I am a co-sponsor on my colleague Senator Dan Stec's legislation to address the rising violence we are seeing in prisons. We must repeal the HALT Act!

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Inflation rose 9.1% in June, even more than expected, as consumer pressures intensify

9.1% INFLATION!!! New Yorkers can't afford the out of control spending in Albany and Washington! One-party rule is not working!

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Saratoga County DMV offices getting extended hours

Saratoga County Clerk Craig Hayner has announced all Saratoga County DMV locations will be open from 8 am to 4:45 pm, Monday through Friday with extended hours until 6PM on Wednesdays. The extended hours took effect on July 11 at the Ballston Spa, Clifton Park, and Wilton DMV locations.

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DA offices grapple with continued exodus of attorneys

Thanks to the Democratic Majority's disastrous Bail Reform Law, the job of prosecutors has become almost impossible. Since June the Albany County DA's Office has lost 5 prosecutors, and we are seeing similar problems across the New York. We must repeal Bail Reform and restore Public Safety!

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Saratoga Race Course Opens for 2022 Season



Thursday was the first of what are sure to be many beautiful days at Saratoga Race Track! I had a wonderful time (did not lose any money) and met up with friends along the way... John Hendrickson and at the Saratoga Economic Development Corp gathering in the 1863 Club, SEDC President Dennis Brobston and so many business and governmental friends attending. The track has been a staple of Saratoga summers for generations and I am so glad to see it is as popular and lively as ever! Plan your visit now.

[Saratoga Race Course Website](#)

Saratoga Children's Museum Opening



On Monday I joined The Children's Museum at Saratoga for the ribbon cutting of their new location in Saratoga Spa State Park. This \$3.1 million renovation of the Lincoln Bathhouse brings life to a historic building, and provides additional space for new and exciting interactive exhibits sure to delight children and parents. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to imagine, fund and complete this project. We celebrated the Museum as a result of imagination and we celebrated the Children's Museum for sparking the imagination of young minds to produce real results in their lifetime. I was happy to present a proclamation to Executive Director Sarah Smith and Museum Board President, Dave Martin to commemorate the occasion.

Children's Museum Website

Saratoga Racecourse Backstretch Clinic
Groundbreaking



On Wednesday at the Saratoga Race Track, NYRA hosted the ceremonial groundbreaking (or in this case hammering) of the new Backstretch Clinic. I presented NYS Senate Proclamations and awards to the three entities / people that have collaborated to make sure the backstretch community has access to healthcare when they take up residence in Saratoga Springs to care for the horses during the Saratoga Meet each year. Backstretch Employee Service Team (B.E.S.T) mission is to provide healthcare and wellness services for the backstretch workers and their families. They started their Saratoga mission in a trailer in 2005. In 2009, Saratoga Hospital partnered with BEST to help provide the needed care. That partnership is still going strong today. For their service and assistance to the backstretch community, as well as their help to make the clinic a reality, I presented each with a NYS Senate Empire Award, the highest award a NYS Senator can give to a non-for-profit or a business for their exemplary contributions to the community.

Funding for this facility was generously donated by my good friend John Hendrickson who is honoring his late wife Marylou Whitney's commitment to the Backstretch workers who work hard to enable the world-renowned thoroughbred racing we love and expect at the Saratoga racetrack. I presented John with a NYS Senate Commendation Award which is the highest honor a NYS Senator can bestow recognizing those individuals who have made a dedication and lasting contribution to their community. This new facility will allow, BEST and Saratoga Hospital to greatly improve the care provided to the backstretch community. The welfare of the backstretch workers was a cause near and dear to the heart of Marylou Whitney and her husband, John Hendrickson, and this facility will appropriately honor her legacy of kindness to everyone.

Rensselaer County Honor A Veteran Ceremony



On Monday, Rensselaer County honored the life of World War II veteran Robert Smith. After graduating from the Roessleville School in Colonie, Robert enlisted in the Navy in March of 1944. He would go on to serve as an anti-aircraft gunner on the USS Taylor DD-468. While serving aboard USS Taylor, Seaman Smith participated in the Battle of the Surigao Strait, itself part of the larger Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in history. The USS Taylor would go on to serve in the Philippines for the remainder of the war, supporting numerous amphibious landings including the islands of Luzon, and Mindanao. Following the cessation of hostilities on August 15th 1945, the USS Taylor joined the 3rd Fleet under Admiral William "Bull" Halsey and was present in Tokyo Bay for the official Japanese surrender on September 2.

After the war, Robert Smith returned home to Lansingburgh and his wife Shirley where they would raise 5 children. Robert worked at F&M Brewing Company in Albany and was a member of Teamster Local 294, Brewery Workers 1015, the Tin Can Sailors Associations, and VFW Post 469 where he served as Vice Commander.

Thank you to Halie Northrop for presenting Robert Smith's family with a New York State Liberty Medal on my behalf. God Bless Robert Smith, his family, and all of our brave veterans.

Old Tavern Farm and Winery



On Tuesday at the Old Tavern Farm Winery, I joined my good friend Walt Borisenok and his daughter Nicole for a tour of their beautiful farm and a roundtable discussion about the wine and racing industries here in New York. Walt has been running Old Tavern's thoroughbred-breeding operation since 2016, while Nicole is in charge of the wine operation. Dennis Brobston of Saratoga Economic Development Corp, and VP Tori Riley set up this informative and FUN tour inviting local State Legislators including Assemblywomen Mary Beth Walsh and Carrie Woerner, Saratoga Economic Development Corp Board members Doug Ford of Curtis Lumber Company (where the lumber for the magnificent barn came from), Mike Relyea and Cindy Hollowood accompanied by husband Brien (both prominent Saratogians, Capital Region Volunteers and friends). Najja Thompson, Executive Director of New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. spoke about the impact of the thoroughbred breeding and racing industry in New York State, both economically and in terms of farmland conservation. Did you know that thoroughbred racing in our state employs 19,000 people?

Check out Old Tavern Farm Winery for their wine tasting opportunities and to purchase their wine.

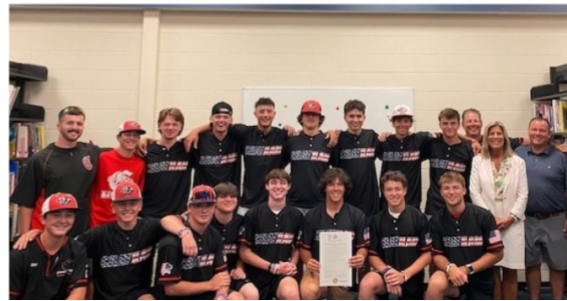
Honoring Saratoga Springs Suffragettes



Suffragettes in New York and Saratoga Springs in particular, have played a leading role in the fight for women's suffrage here in the United States. I joined Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts and a multitude of women for the unveiling of a National Votes for Women Trail Historic Marker, celebrating and honoring Kathryn Starbuck's role in the suffrage movement. Kathryn Starbuck was born, raised, and died in Saratoga Springs and lived in the Starbuck family house at 11 Fifth Avenue where the marker is placed. Kathryn Starbuck served as the Saratoga County Assembly District Leader of the New York State Woman Suffrage Party. In 1918 she ran unsuccessfully as a candidate for the New York State Assembly and in 1920 she became the first chairman of the Saratoga County League of Women Voters. The marker is placed outside of the old Starbuck house which is beautifully maintained and owned by Holly Grande and her family for over 50 years. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on preserving this piece of history in Saratoga Springs!

[Learn More about Kathryn Starbuck](#)

Chatham Baseball Class-C State Champions



It was my pleasure to join the Chatham Central School District Board of Education as they honored the Baseball team for their New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class-C Championship this year. The team put together an extraordinary season with a 27-1 record! Congratulations to Coach Scott Steltz and all of the outstanding athletes on the Chatham Boys Baseball Team, who captured the school's first Baseball State Title and can take the lessons they have learned and apply them throughout their lives.

Averill Park Baseball Class-A State Champions



Congratulations to the Averill Park High School Warriors Baseball Team for capturing the Class-A State Championship! I met with Coach George Brooks, the talented young men that make up the team, Athletic Director Mark Bubniak, and Athletic Trainer Rachel Brown at the high school to offer my personal congratulations. With an overall record of 21-6, these boys put together an amazing season, including outscoring their opponents 43-9 in their seven postseason games. It was my honor to present each team member a Senate Proclamation commemorating their state championship.

2022 Capital District Law Enforcement Recruitment Weekend

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**JULY 16TH &
JULY 17TH**



**CROSSGATES MALL
(NEAR APEX)**

**JOIN
OUR
TEAM**

PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS



This weekend our local police departments will be having a recruitment drive at Crossgates Mall! If you are interested in a career of service to the community stop in and learn more!

New York State Police

New York State Park Police

Saratoga Springs Police

July 22nd Blood Drive



American Legion Post 70 Blood Drive

**Sponsored by
State Senator Daphne Jordan**

34 West Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Friday July 22nd, from 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.



I will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday July 22nd from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post at 34 West Ave, Saratoga Springs. Our nation is currently experiencing a blood crisis so if you are eligible to give please check out the link below.

Sign Up

New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program

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New York State COVID-19 Pandemic small business recovery grant program provides flexible grant assistance to currently viable small businesses, micro-businesses and for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations including independent arts contractors in the State of New York who have experienced economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants must be used for COVID-19 related losses or expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021.

For eligibility information and to apply, visit the link below.

[Learn More](#)



Siro's Saratoga Restaurant



With Racing Season here, the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the re-opening of Siro's on Tuesday! Located just across the street from Saratoga Race Track, new owners Peter and Jake Spitalny are a Father-and-Son duo who have redesigned Siro's, with outdoor menu additions, and welcomed new chef, Elliot Vogel! Thank you to Jake Spitalny's fiancée Annie Druker, and Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce President Todd Shimkus for helping celebrate. Siro's will follow the track schedule so be sure to check them out next time you visit!

Sapphire Spa Boutique



Congratulations to Johanna Cantera on the opening of Sapphire Spa Boutique in Saratoga Springs. This spa offers personalized services for anyone, right in downtown Saratoga and has its own convenient parking lot. Thank you to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for welcoming the newest addition to the Saratoga Springs community.

Chamber of Commerce Page

cb20



Wednesday was a busy day in Saratoga Springs with our last ribbon cutting of the day at cb20. This technology solutions provider has been in business for over 30 years and offers a true sense of control and the highest quality, end-to-end customer experience in the business. Thank you to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for helping celebrate and good luck to President and CEO Christopher Pickett and his team at cb20!

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