

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the May 27th Memorial Day Weekend edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Honoring the Fallen on Memorial Day
- Recognizing our Military on Armed Forces Day
- My Successful Saratoga Springs Blood Drive
- Press Conference on bill to repeal the HALT Act
- My Rensselaer County Purple Heart Highway Bill Passes the Senate
- Habitat for Humanity Capitol Build Day
- Columbia County Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony

Other important news:

- Waterford Memorial Day Parade
- Mechanicville Memorial Day Service
- Ichabod Crane Boys Basketball State Champions
- A visit to the Waterford Canal Festival
- Pine Grove Family Campground Clean Up
- Sons of the American Legion Squadron 1450 Chicken BBQ
- The Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District is hosting a storm water run-off prevention class
- Ribbon Cuttings:
 - The Broadway Grind
 - Tiki Tours - Saratoga Lake

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

IN THE NEWS



NYSEG, RG&E request 13-22% rate hike

Energy costs continue to spiral out of control thanks to the Majority's failed leadership. Working families can no longer afford this radical energy agenda.

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Tracking the increased outflow of NY taxpayers in 2019-20

New York's mismanagement is forcing people out of the state. Our sky high taxes, and cost of living, have made it almost impossible to raise a family here. People vote with their feet, and right now New Yorkers are voting to leave.

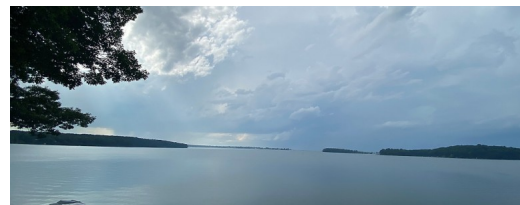
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Waterford Canal Festival draws eventgoers to local waterways

Eventgoers enjoyed a warm weekend exploring all that the local waterways have to offer at the 2022 Waterford Canal Festival.

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Weekend Weather

This weekend the weather is expected to be hot and stormy. Be sure to stay hydrated and safe if you are planning to be outside.

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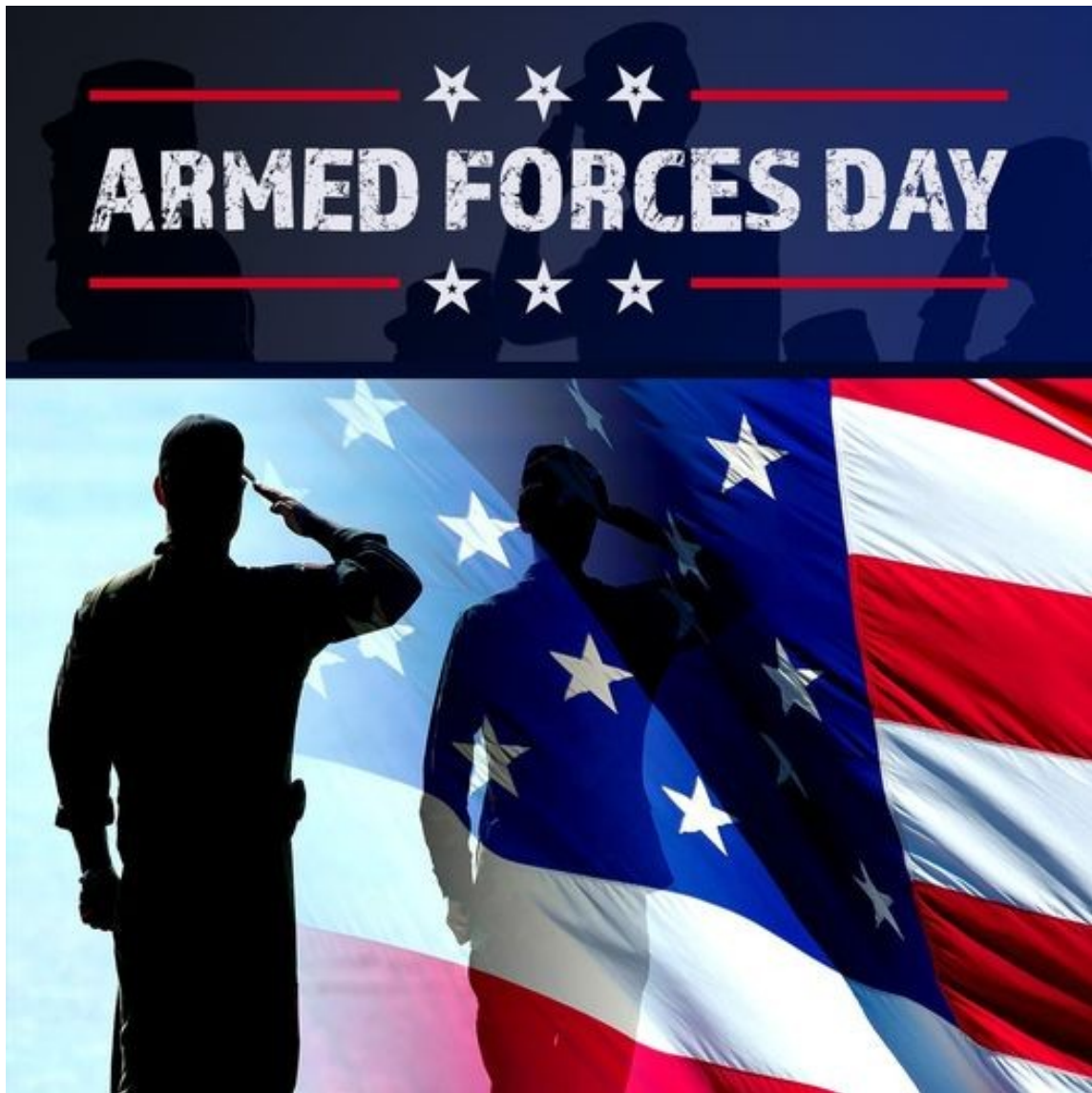
Honoring the Fallen on Memorial Day



Freedom is not free. Our nation was built on the bravery of the men and women in uniform who paid the ultimate sacrifice for us.

Please keep our fallen American servicemembers in your hearts, in your prayers, and on your minds this Memorial Day.

Armed Forces Day



Saturday was Armed Forces Day, a joint celebration of all five branches of the U.S. military, and all the heroic Americans currently serving in the U.S. armed forces. As Americans, we are forever grateful for the service of the Army, the Navy, the Coast Guard, the Marine Corps and the Air Force.

A History of Armed Forced Day

Successful Saratoga Springs Blood Drive



Yesterday's American Red Cross blood drive that I proudly sponsored in Saratoga Springs was a big success! We had all 75 appointments filled (plus a few extras)! Thank you to all of the hard working volunteers and staff who make these blood drives possible. Our nation is currently experiencing a national blood crisis so if you are eligible to give please go to the link below to find a drive near you!

Sign Up

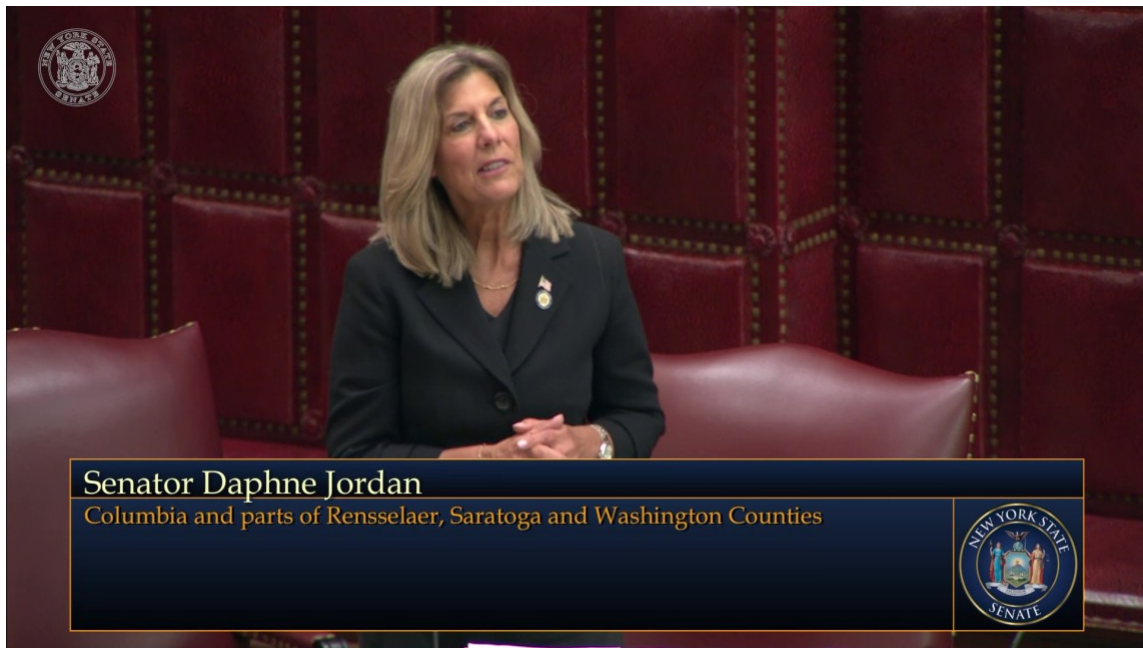
Press Conference on bill to
repeal the HALT Act



This week, I joined my colleague Senator Dan Stec as he discussed the bill he has proposed and I am co-sponsoring to repeal New York's HALT Act. Over the last decade we have seen assaults on incarcerated individuals increase by 66 percent, and assaults on corrections officers increase by 109 percent. In the midst of this out of control violence, the HALT Act removed correctional officer's primary means of preventing violence by sequestering violent inmates from the general population. Our bill seeks to repeal the HALT Act, and untie our brave corrections officers' hands. Thank you to NYSCOPBA President Max Powers for joining us to discuss this vital issue.

Read the Bill

Rensselaer County Purple Heart Highway



On Wednesday the Senate passed my bill to designate State Route 43 as the "Rensselaer County Purple Heart Highway". Stretching over 20 miles from the Massachusetts border near Stephentown to the intersection with I-90 in North Greenbush, this designation will pay homage to those military members who earned the Purple Heart. Awarded to service members who are wounded or killed in combat, the Purple Heart is an award no one wishes for, but one everyone must respect. That is why, since taking office, I am proud to have led a successful grassroots campaign to have all municipalities and counties in the 43rd Senate District designated as Purple Heart communities. We owe all of our veterans a great debt, especially those who sacrificed their bodies and their lives, and this is a small way we can do that.

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Habitat for Humanity Capitol Build Day

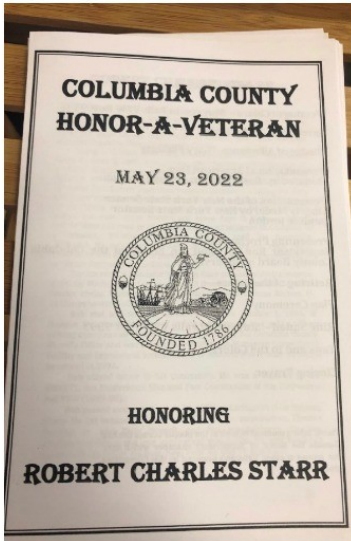


On Tuesday, 100 volunteers from Habitat for Humanity New York State and Habitat for Humanity of Northern Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties built the frame of a house at the Capitol Building in Albany. This 3-bedroom house will be loaded up and sent to Glens Falls to help a family in need. Thank you to Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties Adam Feldman for inviting me to join the volunteers and thank you to Issac Trowbridge for helping me hammer some nails! Great seeing Senator Rob Ortt, Assemblyman Matt Simpson, Assemblyman Josh Jensen and so many others working to make their communities a better place!

Habitat for Humanity of New York State

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Saratoga, Warren &
Washington Counties

Columbia County Honor a Veteran Ceremony



On Monday I was honored to have Halie Northrop from my staff, present a New York State Liberty Medal to the family of US Army Veteran Robert Charles Starr.

Raised in Pawling NY, Robert graduated from both Carmel High School and Columbia Green Community College. After graduating, Robert enlisted in the Army in April of 1967. In October of that year, Specialist Robert Starr was sent to the Republic of Vietnam where he would go on to fly 25 combat missions as a Huey helicopter crew chief. Specialist Star would serve over 19 month in Vietnam before retuning to the United States and joining the National Guard. Bob met and married his wife Carole in 1983, in Hudson, NY. He worked in law enforcement as a police officer serving communities of Cossackie, Livingston and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and was a correctional officer at Mattawan Correctional Facility and Brookwood Secure Center in Hudson, NY where after 30 years he retired in 1992. In addition Bob was also an active member of AMVETS, the Kinderhook Elks and was the Past Commander of the Stuyvesant Fall VFW.

Thank you to Columbia County for honoring this great American, and God bless Robert Charles Star for his lifetime of service to his nation and community.

Waterford Memorial Day Parade



I had a great time at Wednesday evening's Waterford Memorial Day Parade! It was wonderful to see so many people come out and honor those who sacrificed everything for our nation. It was also my honor to present World War II veterans Thomas Catallo and Frank Gimmelli with Certificates of Recognition for their role as the Grand Marshalls of the parade. God Bless all those who have served, and all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Mechanicville Memorial Day Service



It was my honor to join the City of Mechanicville last night for their Memorial Day Service. Every year the city honors the life of a veteran who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. This year they honored Harold Patenaude who was killed in Vietnam.

In addition I was also proud to present Mayor Michael Butler with a Proclamation in recognition of the city becoming a Purple Heart Community! One of my top priorities as senator has been to ensure all of the municipalities in my district are Purple Heart Communities, and I'm proud to say that effort has been successful. Thank you to all those who came out last night to remember our fallen heroes, especially Jim Peluso who was awarded the Purple Heart, Mechanicville Supervisor Tom Richardson, Chaplain Paul O'Keefe, the Patenaude Family, Claire Palmieri, Justine Crowley Duncan and Master of Ceremony Joseph Maiello.

God bless the United States and all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Ichabod Crane Boys Basketball State Champions



It is a tradition that New York State Champions visit the Capitol so they can be recognized for their achievement. On Wednesday, the Ichabod Crane Central School District boys basketball team came to visit after winning the 2022 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class-B State Title. Athletics play a central role in a well-rounded education because of all of the important lessons it can teach us. These boys have learned those lessons firsthand, which will serve them well as they continue on with their education and athletic careers. Congratulations on the Championship!

[Watch My Remarks](#)

A visit to Waterford Canal Festival



Saturday was a beautiful day for Waterford's Canal Fest! This annual celebration at the start of the New York State Canal Season is jointly sponsored by the Capital Region Chamber and the Village of Waterford. The festivities include all-day live music, craft, and food vendors, kids activities, dance performances, and more.

One exciting thing I was honored to do was take a ride, and do a little driving, of Solar Sal, a solar-powered boat owned by retired RPI professor, David Barton.

First opened in 1825, the Erie Canal has played a central role in shaping not only the Capital Region but also the nation as a whole. Today it is still a vital, and environmentally friendly means of transporting goods and also allows for easy access to the Great Lakes for leisure boaters. Be sure to check out the Canal this summer.

Waterford Harbor Visitor Center Website

Pine Grove Family Campground Clean Up



Saturday morning I had the opportunity to visit with Kim Weir, the Race Track Chaplaincy NY, and volunteers from the Church of Saint Peter, Saratoga Springs, NY and the local neighborhood as they prepared the cabins that will be the home to the backstretch workers and their families this summer. The New York Race Track Chaplaincy is a great organization that provides children's enrichment programs, social services, recreational, educational, and non-denominational services. These hardy volunteers picked a warm weekend to get to work but if you are interested in joining them they will be continuing their work on June 4th and 11th.

[Sign Up Here](#)

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 1450 Chicken BBQ



Phil and I were happy to support the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 1450 Saturday evening at their chicken barbecue! We were extra happy to eat such a delicious dinner!

The Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District is hosting a storm water run-off prevention class



A Day At The Beach

RAIN GARDEN AND VEGETATIVE BUFFER DEMO FOR STORMWATER RUN-OFF PREVENTION AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY VALUES

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 4 - 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: BROWN'S BEACH TENT, 511 Route 9P, Stillwater
WHAT TO BRING: A CHAIR, YOUR SNACK, BEVERAGE, NOTE PAD, AND PEN
REGISTER: E-MAIL cristina.connolly@slpid.org

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATIONS BY:

Blue Neils, Saratoga County/Cornell University Cooperative Extension Intermunicipal Stormwater Management Coordinator

Blue will present, How stormwater run-off pushes excess sediment and nutrients into the lake and effects of the nutrients fueling algae and weed growth while creating lower oxygen levels in the lake. Highlighting the BUFFERBOOK and discussing simple changes property owners can use for preventing stormwater run-off into the watershed.

Dan Buckley, Ph.D.

Dan will be presenting a discussion on simple changes property owners can use for preventing stormwater run-off into the watershed. Inviting property owners to welcome an on-site visit to learn the small changes that can be made for the health of the lake.

Paul Guillet, Senior Civil Engineer & Norabelle Greenberger, AICP of LaBella Associates

LaBella Associates will provide an overview of the work completed to date to identify sites where stormwater management practices beneficial to Saratoga Lake could be installed within the Town of Stillwater portion of the watershed. This will include a discussion and preliminary results of the ongoing water quality testing that we have performed to support this effort.

Q&A Session to Follow the presentations

Learn More by visiting www.SLPID.org and take the Lake Pledge today!



Department of State

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On Saturday June 4th The Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District - SLPID will be hosting a storm water run-off prevention class at Brown's Beach Tent in Stillwater. If you live on or near Saratoga Lake this is an important way to make sure we keep contaminants out of Saratoga Lake and protect property values around the lake.

Learn More



The Broadway Grind



On Wednesday, the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce helped cut the ribbon at Saratoga Springs' newest coffee shop The Broadway Grind. Owner Kelly Groff is an experienced restaurateur having previously owned and operated Kelly's Kitchen in Wilton. Her new shop right on Broadway in downtown is sure to be a hit! Good luck!

Business Website

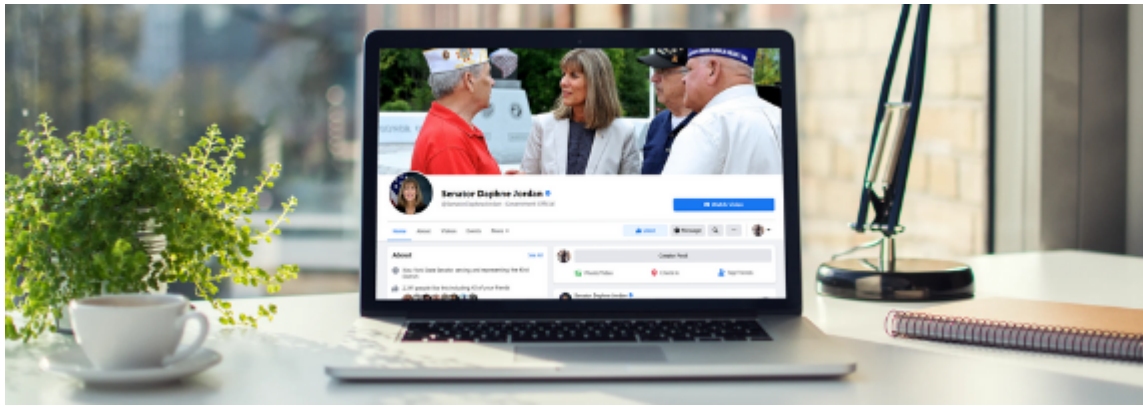
Tiki Tours - Saratoga Lake



Welcome back to Saratoga Lake Tiki Tours! They have been a staple on Lake George for years and are now returning to Saratoga Lake for the first time since 2017. They offer unique tours for 1 to 12 people seven days a week. Thank you to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for helping celebrate! If you want to learn more go to the link below.

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