

Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the May 20th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

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- Speaking on the Floor in support of my bill that would designate "Marylou Whitney Way"
- NY Senate Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering Problem Gambling Roundtable
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- Ribbon Cuttings:
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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



New York State responds to baby formula shortage

Relieving the current baby formula shortage needs to be an immediate priority for New York State. Our families are struggling right now and we need to do everything in our power to fix this problem. Parents should not have to worry about finding basic supplies in New York!

[Read Article](#)



Gas Prices Surge Overnight to New, Eye-Watering Records in New York, New Jersey

Yet again gas prices have hit an all-time high! I cosponsor legislation that would begin to cap the state gas tax at \$2.25 per gallon and suspend it fully at \$3.00 per gallon in perpetuity, or until it goes back below \$3.00.

[Read Article](#)



New York's climate plan will cost hundreds of billions —and Albany is trying to hide it

The Majority has continued to push their radical energy agenda that only hurts middle-class New Yorkers. We need common sense policies that will bring down the cost of energy!

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Lawsuit: Hochul's office involved in retaliatory firing of ethics officer

More of the same out of the Governor's office. When Kathy Hochul entered office she promised a new era of transparency and openness and it turns out that means we find out about her scandals faster than her predecessor.

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My Efforts to Help Alleviate the Current Infant Formula Shortage



Last week I, along with Senator Serino and Senator Martucci, wrote a letter to Governor Hochul and New York State Health Commissioner Bassett asking them to seek immediate solutions to the infant formula shortage, harming families across the state and the country. This week I'm continuing my efforts to help alleviate the current shortage. If you or someone you know are struggling to find infant formula, please visit the links for community agencies that are providing help to families in need.

[Read my letter](#)

[Columbia County](#)

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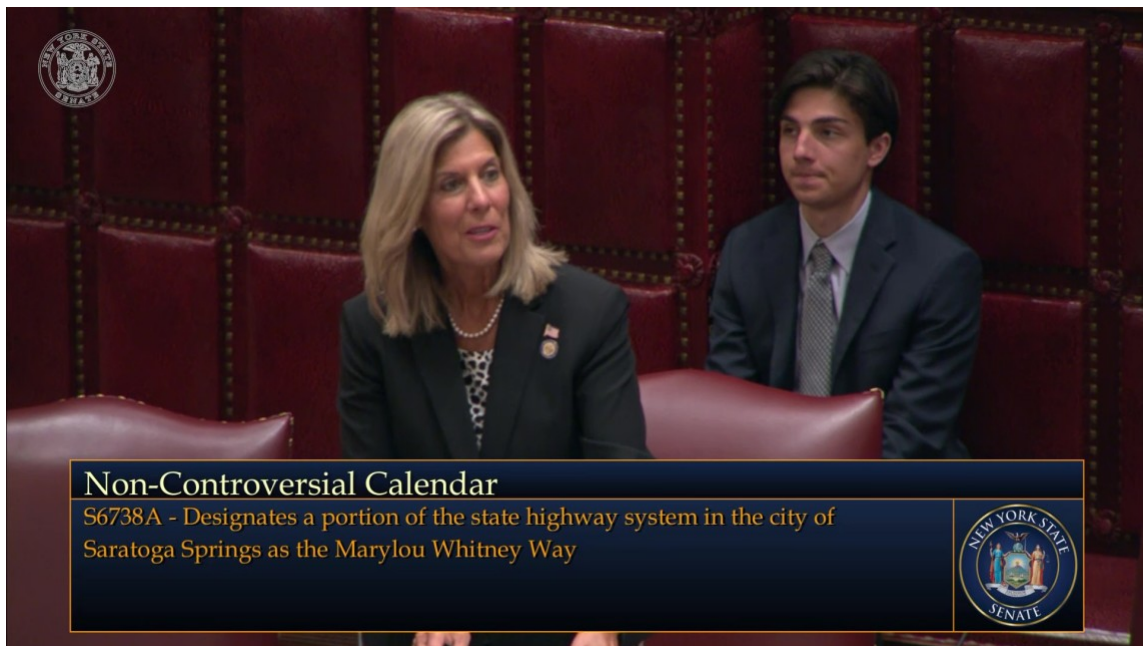
[Saratoga County](#)

Schenectady County

Washington County

HHS Factsheet: Helping Families Find Formula During the
Infant Formula Shortage

Speaking of the floor in support of my bill that would designate "Marylou Whitney Way"



On Monday, I was proud to speak in support of my bill that would rename part of Route 9P in Saratoga Springs after the "Forever First Lady of Saratoga Springs" Marylou Whitney. State Route 9P between I-87 and East Avenue, currently known as Union Avenue, and running adjacent to the Saratoga Race Course would be renamed to Marylou Whitney Way. Throughout her life, Marylou Whitney embodied all that is good, noble, and proud of Saratoga. Her philanthropic work in Saratoga transformed numerous lives and left an indelible mark on the city, county, and region. In the words of her husband John Hendrickson, "She loved Saratoga because of the people. She would be thrilled that a part of Saratoga is being named after her."

Watch my remarks

Read the bill

NY Senate Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering Problem Gambling Roundtable



As the Ranking Republican Member on the Senate's Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee, I took part in an important roundtable discussion with fellow lawmakers and experts regarding the state's problem gambling funding. The Council on Problem Gambling is working very closely with OASAS to expand access to addiction services as gaming is legalized across the state. If you need help please call 877-846-7369 or visit the link below.

NY Council on Problem Gambling Website

Saratoga Springs "All Together Now" Press Conference



Saratoga Springs is a premier destination for the arts and entertainment, for culture and community that is rapidly gaining prominence with performers and artists from around the country and the world. That is why, on Tuesday, I joined with Mayor Ron Kim, Louise Kerr, Executive Director of Saratoga Arts, Sarah Craig, Café Lena Executive Director, Elizabeth Sobol, President and CEO of Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Ian Berry, Director of the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery, Angela Schlansker, Director of special events, and Todd Shimkus President of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce to promote the All Together Now: Arts Celebration Weekend from June 2nd to the 5th. This community event will serve as the official re-opening of Saratoga's cultural destinations and will feature 40 events for locals and tourists to experience everything that Saratoga has to offer. If you are interested in learning more or getting tickets please click on the link below.

All Together Now: Arts Celebration Weekend

Saratoga County Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony



Tuesday, I was honored to have my staff present a New York State Liberty Medal to the family of US Army Veteran Lawrence "Rex" Carney. After graduating from Stillwater High School, Lawrence enlisted in the Army in July of 1941. He was trained as an Anti-aircraft gunner and was deployed to the Pacific theater as an instructor in the Jungle Training Center. He was serving in the Mariana Islands when the United States dropped the atomic bombs that ended World War II.

When he returned home he married his beautiful wife Elizabeth (Betty) and together they had 4 children, Timothy, Patrick, William and Maureen. Lawrence worked for Westvaco and was a member of the Steamfitters and Plumbers Local No, 1905 in Schenectady until his retirement in 1983. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 409, the VFW Post 6328, was the former secretary and treasurer for the Stillwater Baby Ruth League, and a member of the Board of Director for the Mechanicville Stillwater-League.

Thank you to Lawrence Carney for your service and Saratoga County for honoring this great American, and steadfast member of the community.

Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner



Tuesday evening, I joined the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for their Annual Dinner and reception held at the Saratoga Hilton.

The Chamber proudly honored its two past chairs, [Kevin Hedley](#) (2020) and [Skip Carlson](#) (2021), its two Joseph Dalton Community Service Award Winners, [Julie Stokes](#) (2021), and [Cliff Van Wagner](#) (2022) and its Chamber's two Impact Sector Volunteer Award Winners [Ellen Sax](#) (2021), and [Cindy Schmiel](#) (2022).

I presented framed New York State Senate Certificates to, Kevin Hedley and Skip Carlson, and New York State Senate Proclamations for, Julie Stokes, Cliff Van Wagner, Ellen Sax, and Cindy Schmiel.

Congratulations to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce and all of the honorees!

Saratoga County Chamber Website

I'm hosting a blood drive May 26th



Saratoga Springs City Hall Blood Drive

**Sponsored by
State Senator Daphne Jordan**

474 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Music Hall

**Thursday, May 26, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



Please join me Thursday, May 26, from noon to 6:00 p.m., for a community blood drive that I'm sponsoring with the American Red Cross. Our community blood drive is taking place at Saratoga Springs City Hall, 3rd Floor. There is currently a nationwide blood shortage crisis and all blood types are urgently needed. If you or someone you know is interested in taking part in my community blood drive, visit redcrossblood.org and use code SARATOGACITYHALL. Thank you!

Red Cross Website

Take a Bite Out of Lyme Challenge



This week, I helped "Take a Bite out of Lyme Disease" with the #LymeDiseaseChallenge! Did you know: Lyme disease has been called "The Great Imitator" and can be mistaken for ALS, MS, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Autism, and other illnesses.

If you want to take part in the challenge be sure to:

1. **TAKE A BITE:** Bite a lime and **TAKE A PHOTO OR A SHORT VIDEO** of the act – the more sourpuss your face, the better (and funnier!).
2. **SHARE A FACT:** State **ONE BRIEF FACT ABOUT LYME DISEASE**. You can say them in your video, write them on your photo, or include them in your post. Help us spread the true facts about Lyme disease!
3. **PASS IT ON:** Keep the campaign going — **CHALLENGE THREE OTHER PEOPLE** – your friends, family, whomever! – to take a bite! Mention them in your video or if you do a photo tag them in your post.

Join the Challenge!

My Son James Coaching His Special Olympics Team



James Jordan (blue t-shirt) has told me numerous times that he gets ultimate enjoyment coaching his Special Olympic Swimmers in Geneseo. The photo has just a small segment of the team in it. After their meet today, Coach James says the

Water Rockets are looking forward to State Championships in Ithaca in June. Go Water Rockets!

Special Olympics of New York Website

A visit from the the New York Giants' 2008 Lombardi Trophy!



Wednesday was an exciting day in Albany with a visit from the New York Giants' 2008 Lombardi Trophy!



Paul Puccio School at Maple Hill



Today Questar III opened the new Paul Puccio School at Maple Hill. The School was named in honor of Paul Puccio, who dedicated his life to public service and community involvement, and was involved with both the Schodack and Questar III Boards of education for many years, as well as a founding member of the Tech Valley High School Operating Board. The Paul Puccio School at Maple Hill recognizes Paul Puccio's outstanding leadership and service to the Schodack Central School District as well as his commitment to all students, schools, and the greater Schodack community.

This new school will have a Middle School Therapeutic Youth Program (TYP) and a K-12 Skills and Achievement Credential NYSAA program. I am proud to have Halie Northrop from my staff there to celebrate the opening of this new school. I will continue to work closely with BOCES programs across the Capital Region as they prepare our students to enter the workforce. Thank you to the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce for helping cut the ribbon on this new chapter for Questar III.

I would also like to extend special congratulations to Dr. Gladys I. Cruz who was awarded the Excellence in Management Award by the Women's Business Council of the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as the District Superintendent for Questar III.

Hudson Valley 360 News Article

Learn More about the Paul Puccio School at Maple Hill

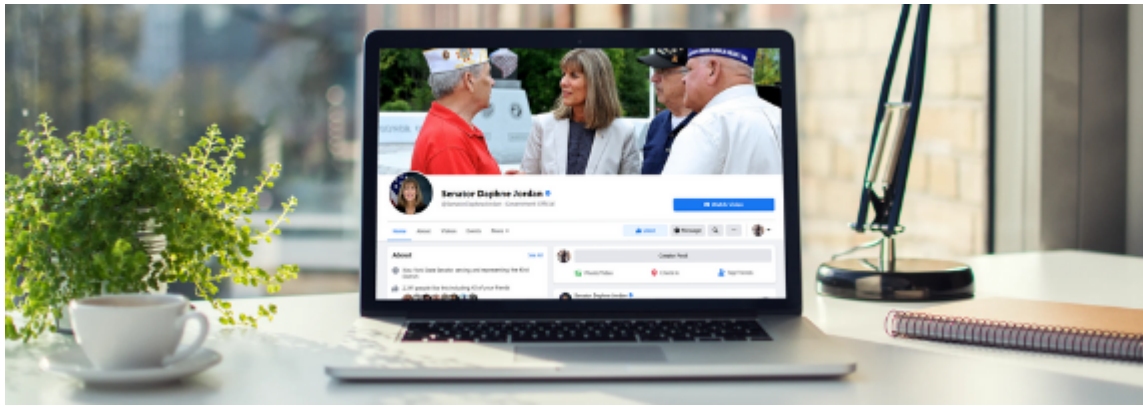
Hatchet Hardware



The Capital Region Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Wynantskill, cut the ribbon on the new Hatchet Hardware on Main Ave, next to the American Legion Post. This is the 6th location for Hatchet Hardware and owners, the Grasso family. The other locations are in, Brunswick, Troy, Waterford, Palatine Bridge, and Niskayuna. If you are looking for a local hardware store with a personal touch be sure to check them out.

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