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Dear Friend:

My first installment of the "Weekly Wrap" contains news you can use on upcoming community events, honoring an American hero, and the latest developments regarding the Governor's license plate "stealth tax." Read on!

**Veterans Free Resource Fair: September 28**

Assemblyman Jake Ashby and I are teaming up to host a **Veterans Free Resource Fair on Saturday, September 28, at the Chandler-Young VFW Post 8162 (7 Lyons Lake Road, Nassau), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Representatives from community outreach programs, and County, State, and Federal agencies will be available with information on health and wellness, housing, transportation, education, legal referrals, benefits-case management, outreach and enrollment, and peer support. **For more details, call Assemblyman Ashby's office at (518) 272-6149, or my office at (518) 371-2751.**

**Halfmoon Harvest Festival: September 28**

**Also on September 28, the Town of Halfmoon's Harvest Festival takes place at the Halfmoon Town Park (162 NY-236, Halfmoon), from noon to 4 p.m.** This great event features plenty of family-friendly fun including bounce houses, rock climbing wall, pony rides, petting zoo, games, magician, face painting, EMS, police and fire department demonstrations, Child ID's, and a chicken BBQ. A parade, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., starting at Halfmoon Town Hall and ending in Halfmoon Town Park, will kick-off the Halfmoon Harvest Festival. For more details, visit [www.halfmooncelebrations.org](http://www.halfmooncelebrations.org).

**Golden Gathering: October 5**

**The Golden Gathering Returns Saturday, October 5!**



You're invited to New York State Senator  
Daphne Jordan & Columbia County Clerk  
Holly Tanner's

## Golden Gathering!

**Saturday, October 5**  
**9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**



**Columbia-Greene Community College**

**4400 Route 23, Hudson, NY 12534**

Celebrating its 27th year of serving the community, the Golden Gathering is a free health and wellness fair for senior citizens and their families. This year's Golden Gathering will have over 60 health care exhibitors offering free services including:

- Flu Shot Clinic (please bring your health insurance card), free flu shots for uninsured individuals sponsored by Mid-Hudson Cable
- Free Senior Citizen ID Cards, courtesy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office (this is a Columbia County Senior Citizen ID)
- Free blood pressure and hearing screenings provided by healthcare professionals
- Opportunity to speak directly with state and local representatives and service providers about various issues including healthcare, long-term care, and transportation
- Sign a Christmas card for the troops
- Free tote bags and light refreshments
- Free door prizes and live musical entertainment
- Come meet your new State Senator, Daphne Jordan!



For more details, call Senator Jordan's office at (518) 455-2381,  
or e-mail [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov).

Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner and I are sponsoring the **27th annual Golden Gathering** – a free health and wellness fair for senior citizens and their families – on **Saturday, October 5**, from **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, at **Columbia-Greene Community College (4400 Route 23, Hudson)**. The Golden Gathering features a flu shot clinic, free senior citizen ID cards, free blood pressure screenings and hearing screenings, Assemblyman Jake Ashby with Christmas Cards for our troops, state, and local representatives and service providers with details on healthcare, long-term care, and transportation, as well as free tote bags, door prizes, light refreshments and live musical entertainment. **Don't miss the Golden Gathering on October 5!**

**Honoring an American Hero**



On Saturday, September 14, Assemblyman Jake Ashby and I formally dedicated the Roger J. Mazal Memorial Bridge, located at the overpass on Route 203 in Valatie crossing the Kline Kill. I sponsored the new state law with Assemblyman Ashby naming the bridge after Roger Mazal, a Valatie native killed in action during the Vietnam War. Specialist 4 Roger Mazal was a highly decorated member of America's armed forces killed in action March 7, 1969, at 20 years of age in the Pleiku province in Vietnam while serving as a member of Company D, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division of the United States Army. It was our privilege honoring this true American hero who made the ultimate sacrifice.

#### **A Victory for Taxpayers**

Reports that Governor Cuomo backed off his proposed "stealth tax" that would have required motorists to dig even deeper into their wallets and pay \$25 for new license plates the state deemed as needing replacement is a victory for taxpayers. I also have new Senate legislation that would not allow any new license plates to be yet another Albany money grab as the Governor's plan was. While we need to make 100 percent certain the Governor's wildly unpopular proposal is gone, the initial news is a great example of what pressure from legislators and the public can achieve! You can read my comments on this latest development, as well as my monthly columns on this issue, at <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/daphne-jordan>.

#### **Upcoming Community Event? Let Me Know!**

If you have or know of, an upcoming non-profit, charitable, or community event like those listed above, let me know! My office will share the event information via e-mails like this and on social media. E-mail your event

information (event title, day, date, time, location, purpose) to my office at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov) so we can help publicize your event. This is a brand new feature my office is providing and we will continue working and learning how to best share community happenings through this and other formats. As always, if my office can help you or your loved ones, call me at (518) 371-2751, or e-mail me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov).

That's the Weekly Wrap – have a great weekend!

Sincerely,



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