

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the September 16th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Remembering the Victims of September 11th, 2001
 - Mechanicville Remembrance Ceremony
 - Halfmoon Remembrance Ceremony
- Remembering Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency Director, Peter Goebel
- Columbia Greene Community College Scholars Ball
- Rensselaer County Honor a Veteran Ceremony

Other important news:

- Summit Senior Living Groundbreaking
- Reverse Rett Upstate New York Family Fun Day September 17th
- Halfmoon Harvest Festival and Chicken BBQ September 24th
- Ribbon Cuttings:
 - Shear Gold Salon & Spa
 - Shenendehowa Central School District Multi-Purpose Turf Fields

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



Marylou Whitney, British royal family shared passion for horses

Beloved Queen Elizabeth II was friends with our beloved Marylou Whitney.

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New York provides grants for new small businesses

New York is offering grants to small businesses that are getting off the ground in the post-pandemic economy. Learn more at the link below.

[Read Article](#)



Shenendehowa High School earns Special Olympics New York recognition

Special Olympics New York President & CEO Stacey Hengsterman recently announced Shenendehowa High School has earned National Banner status in recognition of its leadership in creating an inclusive school community.

[Read Article](#)



Albany, Saratoga airports to receive state funding

Earlier this week Governor Hochul announced that Albany International Airport would receive \$60 million in state funding for a major renovation of the security checkpoint. In addition, Saratoga County Airport will receive \$27 million for a new terminal building. I advocated for the important upgrades to our Saratoga County Airport and am thrilled to see them come to fruition.

[Read Article](#)

Remembering the Victims of 9/11



21 years ago, our nation was attacked and our lives changed forever. We will forever mourn the lives lost and lives affected. We will carry the memory of 9/11 in our hearts for the rest of our days. We will never #NeverForget.

Mechanicville 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony



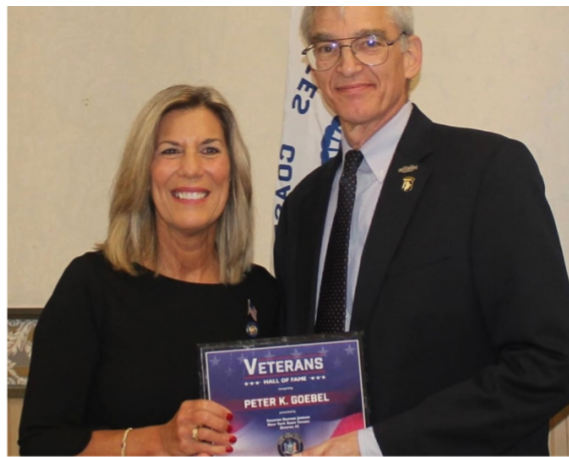
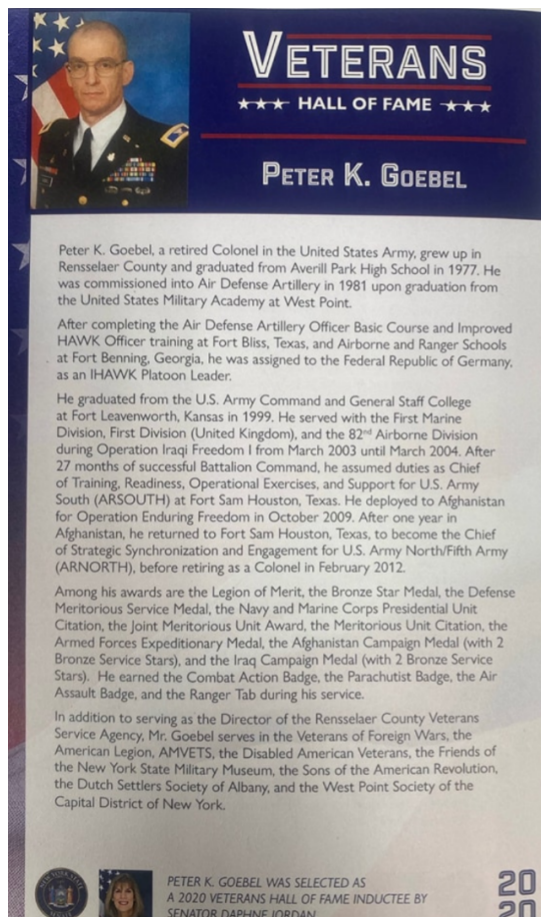
Sunday afternoon I joined the Mechanicville Stillwater Elks Lodge #1403, and the Mechanicville Fire Department, for their annual September 11th Remembrance Ceremony. This moving ceremony was dedicated to the First Responders who, because of a deep commitment to duty, put the needs of others above their own. Thank you to my good friend Korean War Veteran and Chaplain Paul O'Keefe for his beautiful invocation, and thank you to Theodora Meyer for coordinating the event. It was wonderful to see so many Americans come together and honor the fallen, including Saratoga County EMS Director Mike McEvoy, Exalted Ruler Joseph DeVito, Justine Crowley Duncan, Claire Jeseo-Palmieri, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Stillwater Supervisor Ed Kinowski, and a 75-year member of Mechanicville Fire Department TJ Dugan.

Halfmoon 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony



On Sunday night, the Town of Halfmoon honored the memory of nearly 3,000 of our fellow Americans that were murdered by terrorist cowards 21 years ago on September 11th 2001. More than 400,000 responders worked around the clock to clean up the bodies and debris left behind. To date, over 4,000 responders have lost their lives after being exposed to toxic air in the clean up. More die each day. We reflect upon the evil that confronted America - and how Americans united in common cause, were to strike back and win the global war on terror. Now, 21 years later, never forget! Always Remember! Let us recall that spirit of service, patriotism and unity as we reflect upon all that we lost, and very importantly, everything we still have! Thank you to Supervisor Kevin Tollisen, all Town elected officials and dedicated staff for providing this moving ceremony for the 21st year. A special thank you to Judge Joe Fodera for his remarks as a responder who worked tirelessly at Ground Zero.

Remembering Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency Director, Peter Goebel



It was an honor for me to induct Colonel Peter K. Goebel into the NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame in 2020. Peter was one of my friends and a friend to the thousands of veterans he assisted over the years as the Director of the Rensselaer County Services Agency. I was heartbroken to learn of his passing this past weekend. Memory eternal.

Troy Record Article

Columbia Greene Community
College Scholars Ball



My friends and I were happy to lend support at Columbia Greene Community College's Scholars Ball on Saturday. The Scholars Ball raises scholarship funds to help the most deserving students attain their educational goals.

I am pictured above with Dutchess County Executive Marc Moliaro, Senator Sue Serino, Congressman John Faso, and Brandon Gaylord.

Columbia-Greene Community College Foundation

Rensselaer County Honor a Veteran Ceremony



I presented a New York State Liberty Medal to the family of Dale R. “Dick” French at the Rensselaer County Honor A Deceased Veteran Ceremony. A 1947 Graduate of Milne High School, Dick enlisted in the Army in February 1951, and went to serve in the 514th Medical Clearing Company in Korea. He referred to his medical clerk position as Radar from M*A*S*H, without the teddy bear. After serving for two years, Corporal French was awarded the Korean Service Medal with Two Bronze Stars, the United Nations Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. Dick returned home and worked at the Boston Shoe Store in Troy and later relocated to Melrose where he operated a dairy farm with his first wife, Carole Mae Rigg. Dick served as a Town of Schaghticoke Councilman for four years and as Village of Nassau Trustee for sixteen years. He also was actively involved with the Schaghticoke Fair, serving as the Director for fifty years, and as President for five. Corporal French was a lifetime member of the Nassau VFW Post #8162. After Carole passed away in 1991, Dick married Margaret Van Deusen in 1994. It was my honor to recognize Corporal Dale French for his service to our Nation, to all New Yorkers and to his community. Thank you to Rensselaer County for honoring this great American!

Summit Senior Living Groundbreaking



I was happy to celebrate the beginnings of a new addition in Halfmoon Tuesday with Frank Nigro, President of Summit Senior Living, my friends Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, and Halfmoon Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen, Steve Obermeyer Chief Financial Officer of BBL Construction Services, and Geoffrey Rightmyer VP of Commercial Banking Relationship Manager at NBT, for the groundbreaking at Summit Senior Living's Fifth Community Property. Halfmoon and the 43rd District have a serious need for quality senior housing and for years Summit has been providing great service to our seniors with their existing properties in Saratoga Springs and North Greenbush. With the new facility in Halfmoon, they will continue to expand their offerings and improve seniors' lives. Congratulations to Frank and the entire team at Summit.

Summit Senior Living Website

Reverse Rett Upstate New York Family Fun
Day September 17th



On Saturday, September 17, 2022, Reverse Rett will be hosting its first annual Reverse Rett Upstate New York fundraiser. They will be at the Speigletown Firehouse for a day filled with great food, drinks, music, and community. I hope to see you there! [Learn More](#) at the link below.

[Learn More](#)

Halfmoon Harvest Festival and Chicken BBQ

Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 24, 2022

12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

EXTENDED HOURS AND ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR

Halfmoon Town Park, 162 Route 236, Halfmoon, NY 12065

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Pony Rides * Hay Rides
Rock Climbing Wall * Petting Zoo
Carnival Games * Stilt Walker

12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Face Painting * Balloon Artists
Pumpkin Decorating * Circle of Safety
Food to Purchase * Bounce Houses
Shopping/Vendors and much more . . .

Live Music

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Featuring Jukebox Rebellion



Fireworks at Dusk



CHICKEN BBQ

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

\$15.00

1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato,
Cole Slaw & Dinner Roll

Tickets can be pre-ordered at Town Hall
Town Clerk's Office
or the Recreation Office

For BBQ information contact Ross MacNeil,
Recreation Director (518) 371-7410 x 2272
or rmacneil@townofhalfmoon.org

To benefit Halfmoon Celebrations Association
& Character Counts



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Fireworks

At Dusk

On Saturday, September 24th, Halfmoon Celebrations Events and the Town of Halfmoon, will be hosting the annual Harvest Festival and Chicken BBQ. With music, fireworks, and good food it's sure to be fun for the whole family. You can get tickets in advance at Halfmoon Town Hall.



Shear Gold Salon & Spa



Congratulations to Sydney Reichart and her wonderful staff on the grand re-opening of Shear Gold Salon & Spa. They offer a wide range of luxury beauty services as well as a convenient location on Route 9P next to Saratoga Lake. Big thank you to the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for helping cut the ribbon! If you want to learn more about their services check them out.

Business Website

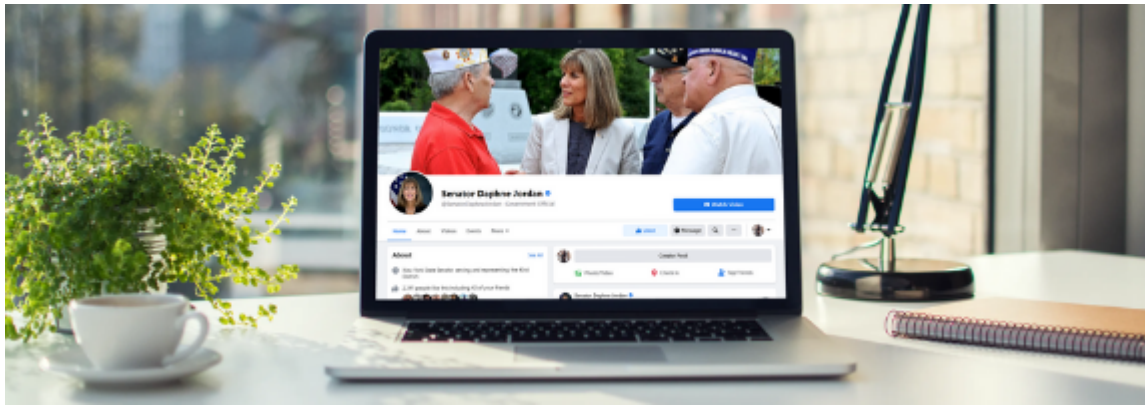
Shenendehowa Central School District Multi-Purpose Turf Fields



On Monday afternoon, Shenendehowa Central School District officially opened their new multi-purpose turf field. Located next to Koda Middle School on the main campus, the field will service lacrosse, soccer, and field hockey teams as well as middle school physical education classes. Congratulations to Superintendent Dr. Oliver Robinson, Athletic Director Christopher Culnan and the entire team at Shenendehowa for their continued investment in extra-curricular activities for their students.

[School District Website](#)

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