

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the September 9th edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- Saratoga County Senior Picnic
- My reaction to the Farm Labor Board Report
- Susan B. Anthony Reenactor Linda McKenney

Other important news:

- Stillwater Family Fun Day this weekend
- Ribbon Cuttings
 - Bower Family Acupuncture
 - Colwell Law Group, LLC

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





Queen Elizabeth II has died

For over 70 years Queen Elizabeth II has been an inspiration to the people of the United Kingdom, and the world. My condolences to her family, and to the people of Great Britain. Rest in Peace.

[Read Article](#)



Unfair unemployment debt is hurting New York businesses

New York had a \$10 Billion surplus when we started budget negotiations, and instead of being responsible and paying off this \$9 Billion debt, the Democrat Majority pumped Billions into their personal slush funds. One-Party Albany is all about making New Yorkers Pay, while the Elite Play.

[Read Article](#)



Flu shot clinic on Saturday, September 17th

The Roe Jan Library and the Columbia County Health Department are hosting a flu shot clinic on Saturday, September 17th. This is a drive-through clinic and registration will be required. The senior shot will be available. In order to register, you must fill out this online form.

[Sign Up](#)



New Sitterly Road overpass opens in Clifton Park

As anyone in Southern Saratoga County knows, traffic has been significantly worse since the Sitterly Road Bridge was closed earlier this summer. Now, thanks to the hard work of Capital Region DOT and many others, the bridge was reopened five days ahead of schedule.

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Saratoga County Senior Picnic



It was wonderful to join Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, County Clerk Craig Hayner, County DA Karen Heggen, and Halfmoon Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen for the annual Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services Senior Picnic on Thursday. Thanks to Director Sandra Cross, this year's Picnic had over 750 seniors in attendance, including so many of my good friends from Halfmoon. They are always looking for volunteers to help with their programs, so if you are interested go to the link below.

[Learn More](#)

My reaction to the Farm Labor Board Report



There were 440,000 acres of farm land in the 43rd Senate district when I became Senator in 2019. I personally know of farms that have dried up and closed up since then and I know of more that won't be able to make it economically if the overtime threshold is decreased from the current 60 hours to 40 hours.

There is a grave misconception among the downstate interests that pushed for the lower threshold in comparing farming to the standard 40-hour workweek and overtime pay in manufacturing and other industries. You see, in farming, you gotta make hay while the sun shines. For those of you that don't know, when you cut hay for feed, you've got to put as many man hours as it takes to bale that hay and store it away before it rains and loses its nutrients and consequently is no good. That saying holds true for planting seeds and harvesting fruits and vegetables. Farming is not the constant hum of machinery in manufacturing ...hour by hour...day by day...week by week.

There is also a misguided thought that New York's agricultural community is dominated by large, corporate-supported factory farms that are common in the West and Midwest and therefore, farms should abide by a 40-hour manufacturing workweek. Actually in New York, 96 percent of farms are small, family-owned businesses. These small family farms ensure quality farm products to nourish New Yorkers and also, drive economies of rural communities.

The Farm Laborers Wage Board needs to be reminded of the recent state-funded report conducted by researchers at Cornell University. The study found that if the overtime threshold was lowered to 40 hours, two-thirds of dairy farmers would make significant changes to their operation, including leaving the industry or investing out of state, and half of fruit and vegetable farmers indicated they would decrease their operations or leave the industry.

It was also reported that approximately 70 percent of H-2A workers would be less likely to do their current job or would consider going to another state without capped hours if they were capped at 40 per week. The findings of the report are what we hear from our farmers and farmworkers. The Wage Board heard these same concerns from farm managers at their public hearings.

The Farm Laborers Wage Board's recommendation to lower the overtime threshold to 40 hours on Tuesday, ignored what New York Farmers and farmworkers told

them. Department of Labor Commissioner Reardon has 45 days to accept or reject the Wage Board's recommendation. I urge the Commissioner to listen up and heed New York's farmers and farmworkers; the future of New York's farms is hinged on this decision.

If anyone is to remember anything, common sense prevails in just two sayings:

Gotta make hay while the sun shines...

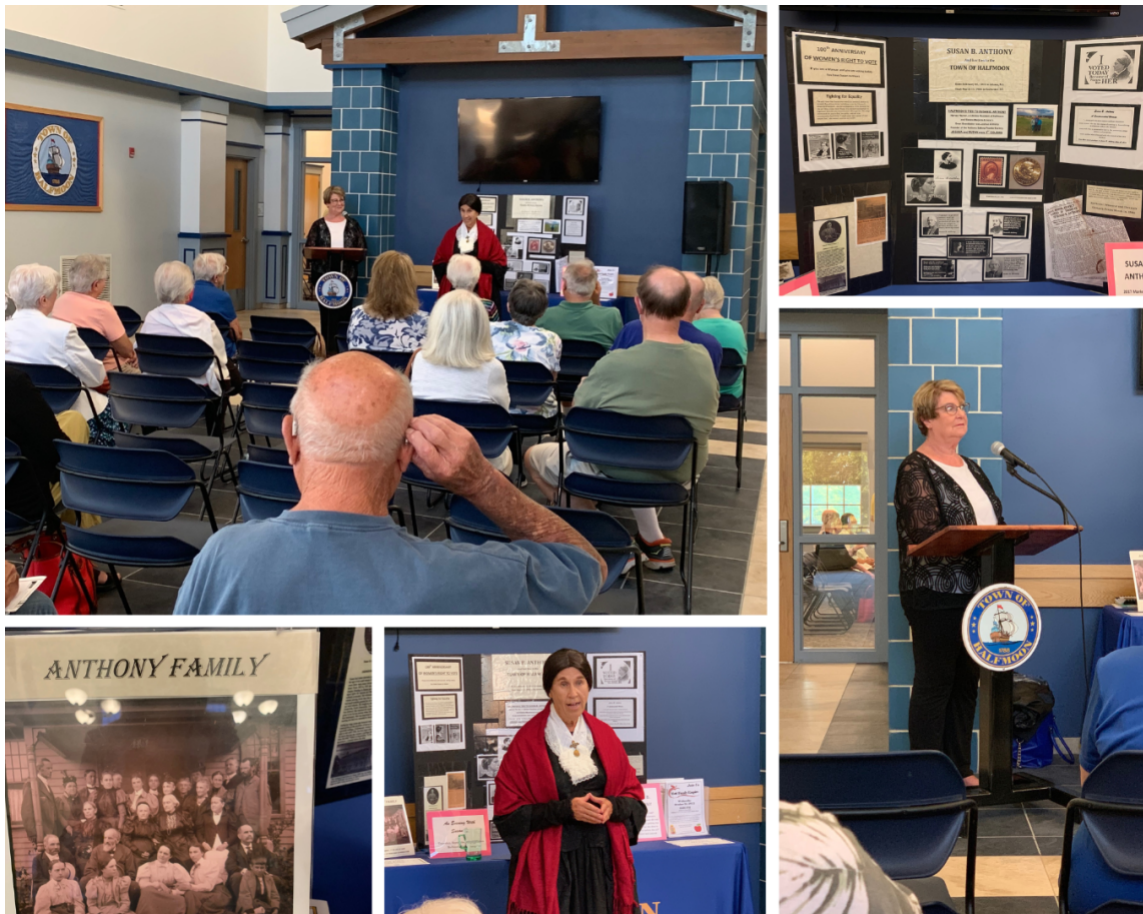
And...

No farms, no food.

Spectrum News Report On Our Farm Rally

NY Farm Bureau Statement

Susan B. Anthony Reenactor Linda McKenney



Thank you to Lynda Guyer Bryan, who serves as both Halfmoon Town Clerk and

President of the Halfmoon Historical Society, for inviting Linda McKenney to come present last night. Mrs. McKenney is a Susan B. Anthony reenactor who educates people on the great accomplishments of her life. From Temperance and Abolition to Women's Suffrage, there is a lot to learn about this incredible woman.

[Learn More](#)

Stillwater Family Fun Day this weekend

Stillwater Family Day

FRI., SEPT. 9th (5p-9p) / SAT., SEPT. 10th (11a-9p)

STILLWATER AMERICAN LEGION POST 490

One American Legion Rd., Stillwater

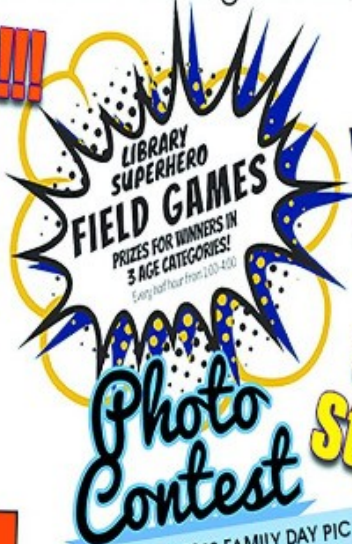
FREE RIDES!!!



FREE FACE PAINTING!
Sat. 1pm-4pm



**Safe Child
ID Booth ~ Sat.**



Submit your Best 2022 FAMILY DAY PIC
to dcowin@stillwatery.org by 9/14!
Best image will win a GIFT CARD!

Food & Craft Vendors

**2nd ANNUAL
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**
Sat. at 11am **BLIND DRAW**

**Photo
Contest**

**Selfie
Station!**

MAGIC



**McClements
Magic Act ~ Sat.**

**FROZEN
T-SHIRT
CONTEST**
Sat.

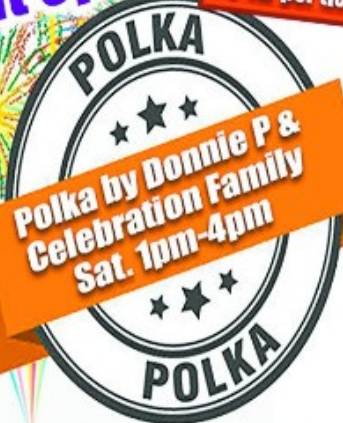


**POST 490 PIG ROAST
& CHICKEN BBQ**
\$12 per ticket ~ SAT. 4P-7P

**Fri. 5PM-7PM
by DJ CHRIS
KARAOKE
CONTEST**

**FIREWORKS
Sat. at 9pm**

**Prizes &
Raffles!**



**Polka by Donnie P &
Celebration Family**
Sat. 1pm-4pm



Sat. 6pm - 9pm

The Electric City Horns

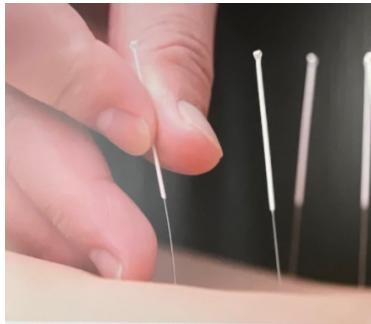
Schedule will be posted at stillwatery.org and Town facebook

This Friday and Saturday the Town and Village of Stillwater will be having their annual Family Day at American Legion Post 490. With food and activities for the whole family its sure to be a great time!

[Learn More](#)



Bower Family Acupuncture



I joined Assemblyman Jake Ashby, County Executive Steve McLaughlin, County Legislators, Tom Grant Sr, Scott Bendett, Robert Loveridge, Director of

Operations Rich Crist and the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce for the grand opening of Bower Family Acupuncture. Located on Miller Rd. in Castleton-On-Hudson, the husband-and-wife team of Karl and Marcie Bower each have over 10 years of experience.

Business Website

Colwell Law Group, LLC

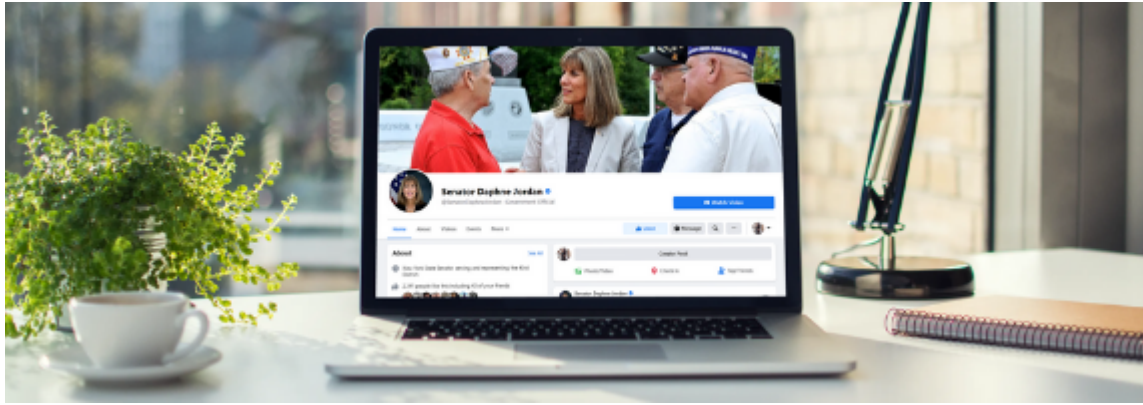


Congratulations to Kevin and Mary Theresa Colwell on the opening of their new law practice in Saratoga Springs. The Colwell Law Group, LLC specializes in divorce, family law, and child custody. Their team has decades of experience and will work to get you the outcome you deserve.

Business Website

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