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The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting event at Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market (Co-op), 30 N. Main Street, Gloversville, to celebrate its new coolers that were purchased with a grant from the New York State Low Income Investment Fund. These new coolers allow the Co-op to expand its meat and seafood offerings by partnering with Antonucci's Wholesale Produce & Seafood of Gloversville to provide fresh seafood on a retail level, and Northeast Livestock Processing Service Company of Sprakers (NELPSC) to offer local, grass fed meats. In the photo are Chris Curro, Co-op Manager (holding scissors) and Co-op staff members, economic development representatives Ron Peters (Fulton County Center for Regional Growth) and Christian Mercurio (Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council), Kathleen Harris from NELPSC, Co-op Board President Bob Galinsky and other Co-op board members, Gloversville officials, Chamber staff members and Ambassadors, and Co-op Member-Shareholders and shoppers. Visit the Co-op's website at www.mohawkharvest.org or the store's Facebook page or call (518) 706-8681.

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Cerasia Holdings at their building at 110 North Main Street, Gloversville. Cerasia Holdings is a superior provider of rental properties in the City of Gloversville. They take pride in the apartments they offer and many of the properties are newly renovated. They currently represent 84 units, most of which are one bedroom, but they also have 2-bedroom apartments available. They are currently undertaking a new project at the former Grandoe Corporation Building on Bleeker Street, which they are turning into 1- and 2-bedroom loft-style apartments. Watch for details, and for information on available rentals, on their Facebook page, website www.cerasiaholdings.com, by phone (518) 774-4135 or by email rentnow@cerasiaholdings.com. Pictured are, from left, the Chamber's Nicole Walrath, Cerasia Holdings' Chris Carpenter, Jenny Cerasia, Anthony Cerasia, and Chelsie Allen, and the Chamber's Becky Dutcher and Alex Ruggeri.



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



The Chamber hosted a Business After Hours in conjunction with the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce at the Stockyard Public House, 754 Corbin Hill Road, Sprakers. Pictured from left: Schoharie Chamber's Kris Northrop, FM Chamber's Gina DaBiere-Gibbs, FM Chamber's Alex Ruggeri, FM Chamber's Tara Ryczek, and in back Schoharie Chamber's Georgia Van Dyke. Visit the Stockyard Public House Facebook page.



Ron Peters, President of the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth, leads a seminar for over 20 business representatives at the Chamber's Gloversville office about the CDBG Microenterprise Grant Program for small businesses in Fulton County. Want more info? Visit www.fccrg.org

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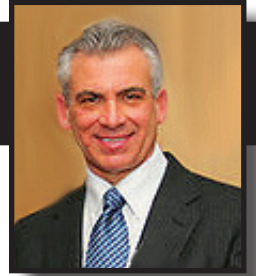
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**Message by
Mark Kilmer,
President / CEO
of the Chamber of Commerce**



At its most recent meeting on February 17, the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors officially adopted the Chamber's Legislative Agenda for 2016. The agenda is a fluid document that can change, be refined, or have specific issues added regarding federal, state, or local policy. It is a starting point focusing mostly on state matters since New York's legislative session convened in January and is scheduled to run through April. Our Chamber of Commerce often follows the advocacy priorities of the Business Council of New York State.

What follows is the Chamber's agenda in condensed form. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our policy points, I invite you to contact me at the Chamber to discuss.

Issues that the Chamber Supports

- Scaffold Law Reform- Reform this antiquated law by adopting a standard that assigns comparative negligence as opposed to the current standard of absolute negligence
- Repeal of 18a Energy Assessment - Full and immediate repeal of the 18a energy assessment as of 1/1/16 would save all New York utility consumers an additional \$200 million
- NYS Thruway Toll Initiatives- Maintain tolls at current levels for five years; reduce tolls for frequent users and eliminate tolls for agricultural businesses
- Ethics Reform
- Small Business Tax Reform- Adopt business tax reductions from small businesses organized as pass-through entities, sub-s corporations, LLC's and partnerships by increasing business income tax exemption under the personal income tax and decreasing the corporate franchise tax for small businesses
- Education and Workforce Development- Maintain the state's commitment to enhanced education standards and continue to fund and expand the state's PTECH program. Continue to develop career and technical education (CTE) and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) initiatives
- Infrastructure Investments- Dedicate the nearly \$2 billion in remaining financial settlement "windfall funds" to infrastructure programs including bridges, roads, water and sewer projects
- Workers Compensation Reform
- Maintain Budget Discipline – Encourage adoption of an on-time state budget that keeps operating spending growth under two percent. New York's fiscal discipline has allowed for the adoption of important tax reforms and avoided significant budget challenges.
- SEQRA- Legislative reforms to the State Environmental Quality Review Act

Issues that the Chamber Opposes

- Reject Wage/Benefit Mandates- Oppose new pay mandates including an increase of the minimum wage and expansion of paid family leave

Issues that the Chamber is Watching

- Non CPA ownership of firms- Support of legislation authorizing minority non-CPA ownership in public accounting firms.
- Mandate relief for counties and municipalities
- Canal corporation transfer-State is looking at transferring ownership of the canal to the NYS Power Authority
- Constitutional Convention

Throughout the legislative session, we do maintain contact with our legislators on your behalf. On March 8, we will travel to Albany to join other chambers of commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business to participate in "Business Day at the Capitol." This is our opportunity to meet with legislators from across New York State to voice our concerns. Anyone wishing to join us please contact me at the Chamber for details.

But, what is often most effective is if you take the time to contact your individual legislators to express your concerns. A full list of your federal and state legislators is listed on our website; there are also links to local elected officials there (www.fultonmontgomeryny.org/pages/LegislativeContacts) All of our voices matter and all of our voices do count. Only with strength and unity can we make a difference. To contact me at the Chamber, please call (518) 725-0641 or email president@fultonmontgomeryny.org. ■

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New Board Members

January 22, 2016 was the date of our successful **Celebration & Cocktail Party** at which our annual membership meeting was also held this year. At that meeting the members in attendance, as well as those not in attendance who sent in a ballot, approved the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce's new ByLaws, but also elected the 2016 Board of Directors, as well as the Slate of Officers:

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New Directors named to the Board for 2016:

Denis Wilson	Fulmont Community Action Agency
Juanita Handy	Crum Creek CSA

New Staff Member

The Chamber is pleased to welcome **Casey Croucher** to its staff as our new Marketing Specialist. In this new position, Casey assists contracted organizations with planning and facilitating events, is responsible for *Newsline* layout and design, advertising and sponsorship sales, assistance at Chamber events, and much more. In the upcoming months, we will be announcing new duties for Casey as she gets to know our members and our Chamber. Casey directly reports to Terry Swierzowski, the Vice President of the Chamber. Please welcome Casey as you see her out and about! We are so glad to have her on board!

Johnstown native, Casey Croucher, is the new Marketing Specialist at the Chamber. Casey received her Bachelor's Degree in 2013 from SUNY Oswego in Journalism/Communications with a minor in Political Science. She's worked as a newspaper reporter for The Leader-Herald and The Recorder, and she's done freelance radio reporting for WENT 1340 AM Radio. As a reporter she covered a variety of topics including local and county governments, school districts, businesses, the court system and community events.

She also worked as a sales associate at Kay Jewelers, where she learned the principles of retail sales in a competitive environment. In her free time Casey enjoys athletics and competition at the gym. She developed that love in high school while playing on the Johnstown girls varsity basketball team. She believes she learned about leadership and teamwork while playing and serving as co-captain her senior year helping to lead the team to a 20-4 record, including three playoff wins and a Foothills Council Championship. ■



The Fulton Montgomery Young Professionals Network held a pop-up event at Sharpshooters in Amsterdam on February 19. Pictured from left: Kim Arnold, Maureen Luci, Jess Gosson, Brian Nellis and Sam Zimmerman in back. Visit the FMYPN Facebook page to find out when the next event is.



The Chamber held a Speed Networking event at Nicolino's Restaurant & Wine Bar in Amsterdam on February 23. Professionals were given the opportunity to make contacts and have a good time. Contact Alex Ruggeri at 725-0641 or membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org for information on Speed Networking.



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Chamber's Education Committee

PTECH - A Look Back...and A Look Ahead

What's happened in two years and what's on the horizon



History and Success After Two Years

In 2013, HFM-BOCES was awarded one of 16 grant awards to start a Pathways in Technology Early College High School, PTECH, at the former Jansen Avenue School in Johnstown. The first class of 50 students started in September 2014 and came from 13 participating school districts. PTECH is a hybrid school model where students can attend for 4-6 years and, upon graduation, will receive a Regents high school diploma AND a 2-year degree from Fulton Montgomery Community College – all free of charge.

For prospective students, the application process begins in 8th grade, where counselors and teachers will look for students who are excited about science, math and technology. Students fill out an application through their home school, and must include a teacher and counselor recommendation; there is also a parent piece to the application. The applications are then vetted through a PTECH Committee and finalists are interviewed by the PTECH principal, Mike Dardaris.

Students can choose from five career pathways (pathways must be chosen and secured by the end of sophomore year) from Business Management, Advanced Manufacturing (clean technologies), Information Technology, Health Sciences, and Renewable Resources. FMCC offers 11 Associate Degree programs through PTECH.

PTECH students spend their 4-6 years at the following locations - Years 1-2 at Jansen Ave in Johnstown, Years 3-4 at HFM BOCES Career and Tech Ed/FMCC and Years 5-6 at FMCC.

Curriculum for the 4-6 years are focused:

- Years 1-2 learn Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies & Career Exploration
- Years 3-4 learn Career and Technical Education (CTE) & Career Focus
- Years 5-6 learn degree path and become career ready

Currently PTECH houses 50 sophomores and 55 freshmen who are already on the path to great success! 2014-15 school year stats for HFM PTECH:

- 100% of students completed at least one college course
- 96% of students received 6 college credits
- 95% daily average attendance rate
- 74% passed Earth Science Regents
- 78% passed common core Algebra Regents

Another gauge of the success of PTECH is the fact that the school was selected as a model school for 2016 by the International Center for Leadership in Education. Model schools will share their best practices at the 24th Annual Models Schools Conference in Orlando Florida this June. This conference is the nation's premier event for rapidly improved K-12 school and districts.

Partnership between Chamber and HFM PTECH

A partnership between the Fulton Montgomery Chamber and PTECH began in January 2015. For PTECH, the Chamber acts as the premier organization linking businesses and community resources of both volunteers and materials with HFM PTECH. The Chamber encourages and provides the opportunity for involvement in schools from large and small companies and organizations, as well as individuals who want to be supportive of the PTECH school community. This is accomplished by the hiring of a dedicated Business & Education Partnership Coordinator, Nicole Walrath.

The Chamber-PTECH partnership is also a successful piece of the PTECH initiatives, realized in growing of business partners from 15 committed when the original grant was funded, to today's 40 businesses participating in programming/

The role of a Business Partner in the PTECH program is vital, with the end game to have students gain real-world experiences early on in their career through businesses in our community. Business partners and their representatives form a strong partnership with PTECH and students, identify mentors and internships for PTECH students, provide workplace visits and speakers for in-school panels and events.

Nicole Walrath facilitates the current PTECH Mentorship program which utilizes MentorPlace software to provide exclusive opportunities for the mentee (student) and mentor to communicate online. MentorPlace focuses on essential skills, traits and mindsets and is a great way for students to learn professional business skills needed for the workforce. Also introduced this year, January 2016-Third Thursday Professional Series where PTECH students will meet in small groups with participating mentors in order to have round-table discussions about professional skills that make our students career and college ready.

AG PTECH – HFM BOCES is again successful with a new grant, this time for a school with an agricultural focus

AG PTECH, a school specifically geared towards Agriculture, will begin in September of this year and will be located at the former D.H. Robbins Elementary School building in the Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville School District. AG PTECH students will focus on the pathways of Agricultural Science; Engineering; Business/Sustainability; Environmental Science; Fisheries and Wildlife Technology. There are already 15 business partners who will be involved with AG PTECH which will partner with SUNY Cobleskill, Herkimer Community College and FMCC for associates degrees.

AG PTECH has already hired a Principal, Kristy Shafer, who is currently shadowing with Michael Dardaris, the PTECH Principal. The school is in the process of hiring staff and starting its recruitment efforts through all of the HFM BOCES component school districts to recruit 50 students for school year beginning in September 2016. The Chamber is thrilled to partner with AG PTECH as it does with PTECH – Nicole Walrath will be in the business of helping to find business partners and mentors, and helping promote this exciting new school to the community.

How can you be involved with these exciting initiatives that are changing the face of public school education in New York?

Be a Business Partner of either, or both, of these schools. Being a Business Partner will allow you, or your employees to become MENTORS, to offer INTERNSHIPS to PTECH/AG PTECH students, participate in THIRD THURSDAY PROFESSIONAL SERIES, or engage the students with real-world learning projects through your business.

Contact Nicole Walrath to get involved – she is located at the Chamber at (518) 725-0641, at PTECH on Tuesdays and Thursdays (518) 762-9119, or via email at nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org. ■



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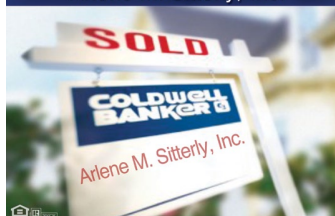
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Fulton County Department of Solid Waste Offers Free Recycling Drop-Off for Businesses

In light of changes to two local companies that accepted commercial recycling, local businesses may have been left with few recycling options. Private garbage haulers should offer recycling pick up, but small businesses can also drop off recycling directly, at no cost, at the Solid Waste Department.

Recycling is a Fulton County and New York State law, and your garbage hauler should offer the option of collecting recycling separate from regular garbage. Another option is the Small Business Recycling Program offered by the Fulton County Dept. of Solid Waste. For a \$25 annual permit fee, a small business can drop off recycling (no garbage) all year, at no further cost. It can be used with any vehicle, and no special insurance is required. The \$25 annual fee is waived for non-profits, who can also drop off recycling.

Green Fiber of Hagaman, a cellulose insulation manufacturer that placed collection containers at schools or businesses and paid for the paper or cardboard collected, closed the local plant and left the area in 2015. Then in February of this year, Bornt's Waste Metal (which accepted cardboard and some mixed paper drop-off from businesses) announced they will cease that part of their business, although the scrap metal yard will remain open.

Beginning in January of 2015, there is no charge for commercial recycling (for materials dropped off to the Recycling Facility at 847 Mud Road, Johnstown). The FCDWS offers the zero tipping fee for recyclables to encourage businesses and haulers to take the effort to separate garbage and recycling. This applies to:

- Commercial Trash Haulers: There is zero per/ton tipping fee for recyclables (with a current haulers permit);
- Small Businesses: Free recycling drop off, with a \$25/year Small Business Permit;
- Non-Profits: Free recycling drop off, no permit needed, but you must sign up.

Small Businesses and Non-Profits are also allowed to use the no-cost Electronics Drop-off and Thermostat Drop-off, both located at the Solid Waste Department, 847 Mud Road, in the Town of Johnstown.

For any questions on recycling or garbage disposal, please call the Recycling Info-Line at 736-5504. ■

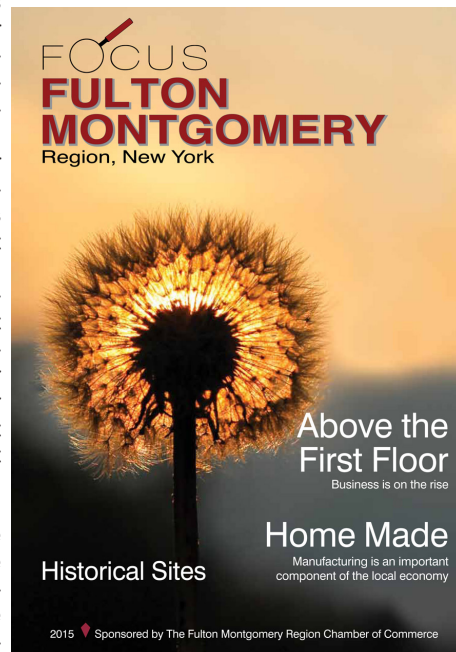


The Chamber & The Recorder begin Ad Sales for 2016 issue of Focus, Fulton Montgomery Region, New York

Your Chamber is happy to announce that our magazine for 2016, Focus Fulton Montgomery Region, New York will continue to be produced right here in our region. It will be a full-color, glossy, quality-of-life magazine written by reporters from The Recorder, with ads sold by the Recorder's Advertising Director Brian Kohn. It will feature YOU, our Chamber member businesses, and how you are at the heart of our communities, with wonderful feature stories and listings, and great photography which showcases our beautiful region. And, best of all, we are publishing the magazine in our region, with a Chamber member business, at advertising rates that are greatly reduced!

Advertising for the project will be sold throughout the month of March; production will take place in April, with publication in early May. Each Chamber member will get a copy, advertisers will get a quantity of copies for their businesses, and the visitor's centers in each county will have a quantity for distribution. In addition, both counties' economic development entities will have them to help "sell" our communities. Don't have a copy of the 2015 edition? Call us and we will send you one, or drop off a few or check it out on our website: Focus Fulton Montgomery Region NY

Please see the insert in this issue of Newsline for details on advertising rates, and make sure all of your contact information is updated in our database. To update your information, you can login to your ChamberMaster account at www.chamberlogin.com. If you don't know your login and password, please contact Alex Ruggeri at the Chamber (518) 725-0641 or membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org. Terry Swierzowski is the staff member that you can contact if you have any questions or need further information about the magazine – terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org. ■



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Applications Available for Fulton Montgomery Chamber Scholarship Program



Applications for the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce scholarship program are now available. For 2016, the Chamber will award at least four \$1,000 academic scholarships.

Eligible applicants must be seniors graduating from a Fulton County or Montgomery County high school in June 2016 or be previous graduates of high schools from either county, and must be entering or attending a two- or four-year accredited college or university as of September 2016.

Academic winners will be chosen by the Chamber's Scholarship Committee, whose members will review applicants' qualifications in scholastic achievement, community involvement, school activities, and economic need. Applicants are asked to submit a 500-word essay explaining their career goals and why the scholarship is important to them.

For a scholarship application, please call the Chamber at (518) 725-0641, stop by the Chamber offices at 2 North Main Street, Gloversville, or 1166 Riverfront Center in Amsterdam or e-mail terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org. Applications also are available in high school guidance offices and on the Chamber website at <http://www.fultonmontgomeryny.org/pages/Scholarship2016>. Deadline for receipt by the Chamber of completed applications and accompanying materials is Friday, April 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Since its inception twenty seven years ago, the Chamber's scholarship program has provided over \$100,000 in scholarships to deserving regional school students. These 2016 academic scholarships were funded through the Chamber's Scholarship Golf Tournament that took place in August of 2015. ■

April 20th Job Fair at FMCC Free Opportunity to Find Employees

The Chamber, Fulton-Montgomery Community College and FMS Workforce Solutions are pleased invite you to promote your business at our annual spring job fair on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 12pm to 3pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with potential employees at no cost to you. We have had a great turnout in the past, and hope that you can be a part of it this year!

Our job fair will be held in the gymnasium at Fulton Montgomery Community College in the physical education building, located at 2805 State Highway 67 in Johnstown. The event is open to students and surrounding community members. A table will be available for your set up and lunch will be provided! You are welcome to set up early and have lunch prior to the start of the fair. Lunch will be available beginning at 11:15 in Raiders Cove. Please be aware that if you require electricity, it will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so please register early if this is a necessity.

If you are interested in boosting your applicant pool, please fill out the registration here: <https://www.collegecentral.com/CCNEngine/LiveEvents/LiveEvents.cfm?EventID=1672>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Andrea Scribner at FMCC at (518) 736-FMCC, x8161 or Terry Swierzowski at the Chamber. ■



The Breakfast Buzz



Come and discuss business issues, or any issue affecting your business.

Any Chamber member/employees and/or any business interested in the Chamber is invited to attend. Conversation is driven by attendees at each of these events. Second half of the event will be Chamber staff, with computers and internet access, spending some one-on-one time with Chamber members showing you how to promote yourself and your events through the Chamber and tourism websites, and how to get your business listing on Google through the "Get Your Business on the Map"

When: Friday, March 18th 7:30-9am

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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Come enjoy an evening of great conversation and delicious food while making valuable connections!

Also, please join us for Member Orientation at 4:30 pm.

This orientation is open to new members as well as any member looking to better acquaint themselves with the Chamber, our staff or our events.

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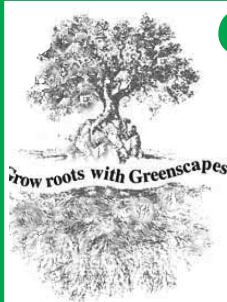
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Health Insurance News

by Matt Clarke
of Bouchey & Clarke Benefits, Inc.

The Consumer Side of Healthcare and Health Insurance

As more and more of our clients become responsible for both care decisions and cost decisions, we find ourselves spending more and more time developing ways to educate them on what their health plan is, how it works and how they can save money. The other side to this issue is that lack of education often leads to misunderstanding and consumer frustration.

A recent study shows that only 14% of consumers who have health insurance can accurately explain deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket maximums. Yet the health insurance industry, like all businesses expects to deliver a satisfying consumer experience. How is it possible to deliver a satisfying experience when the average member does not understand what they have purchased? As industry experts, brokers need to work harder to bridge this gap in understanding.

Employers are seeing significantly higher premiums and employees are seeing both higher premiums and higher cost-share when they are using their plans. This is throughout our region and the nation and the increased costs don't seem to be slowing down. We all have more skin in the game at this point.

While there does not seem to be a single silver bullet solution to stop the economic freight train from running off the cliff, the one thing that is clear to me is that we all need to be better healthcare consumers. This doesn't mean just shopping for plans, but means that we have to think of health insurance and healthcare in a different light. We have to shop at different pharmacies to buy our medications; we need to ask questions of our medical providers to ensure that tests performed are necessary; we need to get estimates prior to engaging in expensive medical procedures to be sure of the value. As a population, we also have to make better health choices with our food, exercise, stress management because the easiest way to reduce health care cost is to not have to use it!

The health insurance companies, pharmacies, hospitals and employers all have access to wellness resources and consumer tools. Beyond the copay, deductibles, coinsurance and coverage definition, all of the carriers in the Capital Region have invested heavily in these resources, so take some time to learn about your plan. When your employer or benefit consultant is setting aside time to hear more about your plan, make sure you hear about all of the tools at your disposal.

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Congresswoman Stefanik Visits FMCC

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik paid a visit to Fulton-Montgomery Community College February 8. She met with FM President Dr. Dustin Swanger and members of the Board of Trustees to discuss important issues facing education today. During her visit, Dr. Swanger took her on a campus tour where they made stops in several of the College's labs including the Cleanroom, Automated Manufacturing Lab and Nursing Lab.

Stefanik represents New York's 21st District in the House of Representatives where she is a Member of both the Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Education and the Workforce. ■



Dr. Swanger shows Congresswoman Stefanik FM's Nursing Lab including the high-tech computerized simulator patients.

FMCC Board of Trustees member Lee Hollenbeck, Dr. Swanger, Congresswoman Stefanik, Board of Trustees Member Taiyeb Ghazi-Moghadam and Board of Trustees Vice Chair Jennifer Gardella.



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Gloversville Public Library's Capital Campaign Receives Donation



Patsy Suydam (at left) presents the proceeds from the sale of her book "The Kasson Opera House" to the co-chairs of the Gloversville Public Library's Capital Campaign, Betsy Batchelor and Chris Pesses (center and right respectively). Mrs. Suydam's donation will be matched dollar for dollar as part of the Campaign's \$125,000 Winter Challenge which started in January and will continue until March 15. Suydam received a letter from Senator Farley commending her for her donation in recognition of the history between the Library and the Kasson Opera House. That history began before the Gloversville Library even became the Gloversville Free Library. Many of the Library's books were bought through the income from funds furnished by A. J. "Hicks" Kasson and his wife, Mary. When Kasson died in 1892, he left the Opera House jointly to the Library and his wife. Upon her death in 1904, Mary bequeathed her holdings to the Library. In 1925 the Schine Theatre Corporation bought the Opera House from the Library. The proceeds from the sale went into a special fund known as the "Alexander J. and Mary M. Kasson Memorial Fund." The endowment, with all of its funds and donations, has been a critical piece of the library's operating budget since it was established in the late 1800's. "We would not still be open today without it," said Library Director Barbara Madonna. As of 2004, the endowment stands at over \$93,000.

Suydam donated a copy of the book to the Library as well. The book may be purchased at Micropolis Gallery located inside Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market, 30 N. Main Street, Gloversville. To donate to the Gloversville Public Library's Capital Campaign, please visit www.gloversvillelibrary.org or call the Campaign office at (518) 725-2819. ■

Littauer Announces the Goodwill Employee of the Quarter

Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home announced its Goodwill Employee of the 2015 fourth-quarter. Barbara Hill, a 27-year Littauer employee, who currently works as a medical receptionist in the OB/GYN Primary Care Center, was the recipient.

"We all touch patients in one way or another here at Littauer," said NLH President and CEO Laurence E. Kelly. "Barb is one of our employees who emulates our core values, and one whose actions we choose to celebrate."

Hill's co-workers, friends and family joined her in the NHL cafe for the recent announcement. Hill was nominated by her peers, who welcome her constant smile, her true care and compassion, and her love of patients.

"I love working here," said Hill. "I'll be here forever." She added, "After 27 years, I have seen so many great co-workers awarded; I never expected to be one of them."

Nominations for the award are made by NLH employees, providers or patients, and then submitted to the Goodwill Committee. Award winners are selected using a blind format. Hill received a plaque and a check along with the special honor.

Nathan Littauer Hospital and Family of Health Services serves Fulton, Montgomery, and Hamilton counties in upstate New York with a full-service, 74-bed acute care hospital, nine primary care centers, a nursing home and a community education center. The hospital was founded in 1894 and has 1,000 employees. Nathan Littauer continues to offer the latest in diagnostic imaging, including a new MRI suite. Littauer's medical staff provides well over 100,000 patient encounters each year. For more information, please visit www.nlh.org. ■



Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home President and CEO Laurence E. Kelly presents medical receptionist Barbara Hill with the NLH 2015 fourth-quarter Goodwill Award.



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A Call For Artists

Micropolis Gallery to Celebrate Fifth Anniversary with Juried Art Show

An exhibition to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the founding of Micropolis Cooperative, Inc. will be on display from May 6 through June 24, 2016. Because the gallery is surrounded by food and the energy of its home inside Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market, the theme for this juried show will be Art—FOOD for the Soul!

A "Call for Artists" to participate is now going out. The show will be open to all artists 18 years and older living within 150 miles of Gloversville. Entries may include any original two or three dimensional media including digital art (no crafts or non-original images).

Artwork will be selected from submitted entries by Doretta Miller who will be the juror. Miller is Professor of Art, Department of Art, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Ripon College, a Master of Fine Art and Doctor of Education from Northern Illinois University. She received a purchase award from the Albany Institute of History and Art for the 2015 Mohawk Hudson Regional Show. Her work is in two regional collections—the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls and the Albany Institute of History and Art. She is a participating member at the First Street Gallery in New York City.

The juried show will be on exhibit in the Fulton Montgomery Chamber Rotunda Gallery, 2 N. Main St., Gloversville and in the Micropolis Gallery, just steps away at 30 N. Main St. An opening reception will be held on Friday, May 6 from 5-7pm.

Cash prizes and an opportunity for one individual to be the guest artist at the Micropolis Gallery during January and February of 2017 will be awarded. A link to the prospectus and application is available online at www.MicropolisGallery.com detailing all the criteria and the schedule. For more information about the gallery visit the website www.micropolishgallery.org or the Facebook page. Food and art are essential for life and we celebrate both! ■



Mental Health Association in Fulton & Montgomery Counties' Announces 2016 Scholarship

The Mental Health Association in Fulton & Montgomery Counties will honor two high school seniors, who are living in Fulton or Montgomery Counties, attending high school on a full-time basis, and will be majoring in a mental health-related track to prepare for a career in the mental health field. The aim of the MHA Scholarship is to encourage the education of young adults to assist in the prevention and treatment of mental illnesses, the promotion of mental health, and the empowerment of adults, children, and families whose lives have been affected by mental illnesses.

Two individual scholarships will be awarded for college related expenses in the amount of \$500.00 for a scholarship winner from each Fulton and Montgomery County. Applicants must be a current high school senior living within Fulton or Montgomery Counties; attending school full-time; and a legal resident of New York State. Scholarship applications are available at the Mental Health Association in Fulton & Montgomery Counties' administrative offices, located at 11 Mohawk Place, Amsterdam and 307-309 Meadow Street, Johnstown as well as MHA's website at www.mentalhealthassociation.org.

Application submissions must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2016. Winners will be recognized at the MHA Annual Dinner on May 26, 2016. ■

Local Organizations to Host 5K Triple Crown Running Event

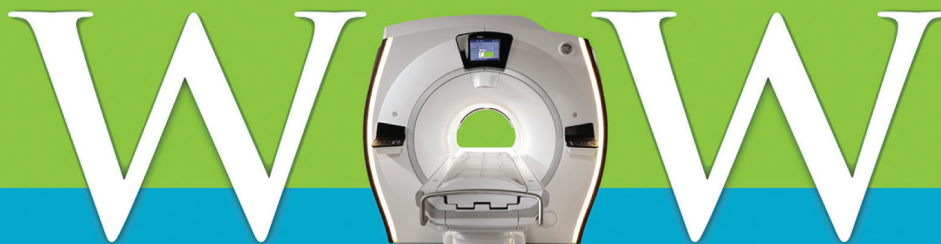
Three local groups are joining forces to raise money and promote their causes with the 3rd Annual 5K Triple Crown. 5K races will be held on three different days to coincide with the Triple Crown horse races resulting in one male and female grand champion. There will also be cash prizes and medals awarded and other prize drawings for those who enter all races in the 5K Triple Crown. Glove Cities Rotary will host the Run for the Roses 5K on Saturday, May 7th. There will be a 7:30 a.m. registration and 9 a.m. run starting from Partner's Pub, 21 S. William St., Johnstown.

Mountain Valley Hospice will host the second 5K run on Preakness Weekend Sunday, May 22nd with an 8 a.m. registration and 9 a.m. run. This will be followed by their annual walk which will begin at 1pm.

Lexington will host their 12th Annual 5K race on the day of the Belmont Saturday, June 11th with 8 a.m. registration and a 9 a.m. run, starting from Lexington, 465 N. Perry St., Johnstown.

Register online at: 5ktriplecrown.racewire.com for updates visit [FACEBOOK.com/5ktriplecrown](https://www.facebook.com/5ktriplecrown).

All Triple Crown entries are automatically entered to win prizes. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information contact Lisa McCoy at Lisa.mccoy@mvhcares.org. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. ■



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FM Offers Golf Program, Recruits Bond for Inaugural Season

Fulton-Montgomery Community College has added a golf program to its list of sports offerings. The golf program, both men's and women's, will be headed by Rich Scott, the PGA Head Professional and Owner at Fox Run Golf Club in Johnstown. Scott has been in the golf industry for over 15 years, with 10 of them spent at Fox Run. An active member in the PGA, Scott has served on several committees as well as currently serving as the Committee Chairperson for the Junior Committee. A 2015 recipient of the NENY PGA Junior Player Development Award, Scott has built a name for himself in the ranks of developing junior players. Prior to obtaining PGA Class A status, Scott attended Herkimer County Community College as well as Simmons Institute of Funeral Service.

The program will begin in Fall 2016 and Scott is pleased to announce Broadalbin-Perth Senior Alex Bond will be joining the team.

"I am extremely happy to have Alex committed to the program," said Scott. "Alex boasts a 2 handicap and his distance off the tee makes him the quality player we are looking for to make this program top notch. I couldn't be happier with Alex's decision to stay local and be a part of our inaugural season."

Bond was born and raised in Broadalbin. A member of the Section II Second Team All Star in both his junior and senior years; a Foothills Council All Star in his sophomore, junior, and senior years; and Section II NYS Golf Team Alternate in his junior and senior years, Bond brings a wealth of experience to the team.

"I always had an interest in golf because my dad is a PGA Professional, but I was probably around 10 years old when I really started taking it seriously," Bond says. Bond was recruited for the varsity golf team in 7th grade and named team captain both his junior and senior years.

Bond said he decided to come to FM because it was close to home and he could save money before transferring to a college down South, preferably Florida. He currently resides with his parents, Shawn and Lynn Bond and his younger brother, Stuart.

Asked if his brother was a better player, Bond responded, "No, not yet. But I guarantee he'll be better than me someday."

To find out more about FM's Athletic programs, contact the Admissions Office at (518) 736-FMCC (3622), ext. 8301 or the Athletic Department at ext. 8113. ■



Broadalbin-Perth Senior Alex Bond, left, with FM's Golf Coach Rich Scott, right.

Babies at St. Mary's Wearing Red Caps for Heart Disease Awareness



In Celebration of the American Heart Association's National Annual Wear Red Day February 5, 2016, newborn babies at St. Mary's Hospital donned red caps while their mom's received heart healthy information.

The event is part of the "Go Red for Women" campaign to bring awareness about heart disease, the number one killer of women. The "Go Red for Women" campaign helps educate women on heart disease and its symptoms, which are often difficult to detect.

The American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" offers educational programs to advance women's understanding of their risk for heart disease and provides tools to help women live healthier, stronger lives.

For more information, visit www.GoRedForWomen.org.

St. Mary's newborn nursery is also participating in the "Little Hats, Big Hearts" awareness building campaign which highlights the importance of newborn screening for congenital heart defects, the most common type of birth defect. St. Mary's provides screening for every baby born to ensure early identification of most congenital heart defects.

For more information about St. Mary's Maternity Services, The Birth Place or educational programs, please contact Julia Shafer, Director of Women's Services at shaferju@smha.org or 841-3862. Or visit www.smha.org. ■

SVAN Presents the Boxcar Lilies at The Inn at the Bridge

March, 13 at 3:00pm, the Boxcar Lilies will be playing their unique mix of folk, country, and bluegrass at the Inn at the Bridge, 641 Main St., Northville. This talented group from Western Massachusetts



is known for their luscious harmonies and the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network is extremely excited to bring them to the community for the first time. Come and enjoy their beautiful voices!

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FMCC Radiologic Technology Student Captures First Place in National Conference

On Wednesday, February 3, at the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology (ACERT) Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Rachel Shannon, second year Fulton-Montgomery Community College Radiologic Technology student won first place at the national student challenge competition.

According to Cindy Close, Director of Radiologic Technology and Assistant Professor at FM, unlike the New York State team competition, the ACERT hosted an individual challenge that encompassed at least 450 students from a variety of colleges including Midwestern State University and Arkansas State University. Students are disqualified in single elimination when a question is missed. Rachel was the first out of four finalists to answer every question correctly, thus earning first place.

"Karllyn (LaBate, Assistant Professor of Radiologic Technology) and I are unbelievably proud of and excited for our students!" exclaimed Close. ■



Rachel Shannon (circled) with classmates and Assistant Professors Close and LaBate celebrating at the the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology Conference.

Tribes Hill Heritage Center Shares Plans for Future



An informational presentation was recently held at the Montgomery County Business Development Center to highlight the accomplishments and future plans of the Tribes Hill Heritage Center.

The purpose of the Center is to provide multicultural exposure to all visitors by demonstrating the past life and events of the Mohawk Valley area through historical reenactments and story-telling and to preserve the cultures and ways of life of those that came before us in this area. The center will emphasize the necessity of natural land, living with wildlife, conservations efforts, environmental issues and geological circumstances that made the valley possible.

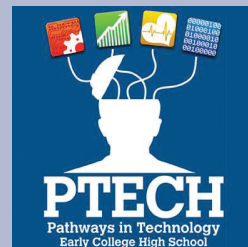
The Tribes Hill Heritage Center's Board of Directors is headed by Marjorie Ann Dancing Wind Heacock, Nicholas Heacock and Terrie Robbins, the Center also has an Advisory Board in place. The presentation, given by Dance Heacock featured the accomplishments to date and the future of the project including floor plans, on-site retail opportunities and educational opportunities. For more information on the project please visit their Facebook page or contact Marjorie Ann Dancing Wind Heacock at (518) 829-7031 or Terrie Robbins at (518) 844-0144. ■



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Nathan Littauer's THE EVENT

An elegant evening with The New York Players in support of outpatient dialysis at Nathan Littauer Hospital.



THE EVENT is an ever-changing extraordinary gala to benefit Nathan Littauer Hospital. Each year we choose a theme and create an experience to remember. This year, we are hosting a Black & White Ball with entertainment by Upstate NY's premier event band The New York Players. The newly renovated indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) public spaces of the Holiday Inn, Johnstown, NY will be decorated to create unique spaces for dining, dancing and conversation. Enjoy an elegant evening and support the new dialysis center at Nathan Littauer Hospital. Do

not miss The EVENT, as this years' gala will have new features that are sure to please. Guests usually choose to attend The EVENT in cocktail attire, evening wear or costume. Patron tickets are \$250.00 per person, General Admission tickets are \$125.00 per person and for those 40 years and younger, tickets are \$75.00 per person or two for \$125.00. For more information or sponsor opportunities, please contact the Nathan Littauer Foundation office at 773-5505, or NathanLittauerFoundation@nlh.org. ■

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Maple Weekends



The Upper Hudson Maple Producers Association will once again host Maple Open House Weekends, March 19, 20, 26 and 27, and April 2-3, allowing the public to take a free tour of area sugarhouses and see maple syrup made onsite.

Families are invited to experience first-hand the sights, smells and sounds of maple sugar-making. Past events have been so successful they have been expanded to multi-weekends,

giving more opportunities to visit sugarhouses.

Signs will be placed along roadsides over the course of the weekends to direct motorists to the sugarhouses. The sugarhouses will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Most sugarhouses will offer samples and demonstrations. Many of the locations will be serving pancake breakfasts as well.

Participating Fulton County sugarhouses:

Brower Road Sugar House, Gloversville, (518) 848-7685

- Frasier's Sugar Shack, St. Johnsville, (518) 568-7438

- Mud Road Sugar House, Ephratah, (518) 863-6313

- Peaceful Valley Maple Farms, Johnstown, (518) 762-0491

Maple season generally runs from now through the beginning of April. The Upper Hudson Maple Producers Association is a trade organization representing maple producers in Washington, Warren, Saratoga, Montgomery, Fulton and Rensselaer Counties. The Upper Hudson region is among the biggest syrup producing areas in New York State. To find more information about the event, local sugarmaking, and maple recipes, visit www.upperhudsonmaple.com. ■

Home Show

The Fulton-Montgomery County Home Show and Craft Fair will be held at the Broadalbin-Perth High School Gymnasium on Saturday, April 9 from 10am-5pm and Sunday, April 10 from 10am-4pm. Approximately 70 vendors and crafters will be on hand for an array of home needs including contractors, heating and plumbing professionals, and pavers. Lowe's will be in attendance with kids workshops and law enforcement agencies will offer Child Safe identification cards.

The Home Show and Craft Fair admission fee is \$3. The show was started in 2010 by the Broadalbin Youth Commission with the goal of raising money to build a park on unoccupied town land near the intersection of Route 29 and Honeywell Corners Road. For more information please visit www.byckids.com. ■

Great Sacandaga Challenge Triathlon

The second annual Great Sacandaga Challenge Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, June 18 at the Sacandaga Bible Conference Center in Broadalbin. This family event offers an adult sprint triathlon and kids triathlon distances. The goal of the Great Sacandaga Challenge is to introduce new people, of all ages, to the sport of triathlon while providing veteran triathletes a great local race on the Great Sacandaga Lake.

The Great Sacandaga Challenge is a USA Triathlon (USAT) sanctioned Sprint distance (750m swim, 20k bike, 5k run) triathlon, youth triathlon (100yd swim, 3.1 mile bike, 1 mile run), and kids "Splash and Dash". Youth and adult triathlons are professionally chip timed and managed. Proceeds from the Great Sacandaga Challenge will be used to fund activities and programs to promote a healthy lifestyle for the youth surrounding the Great Sacandaga Lake communities and the greater Fulton County region.

For more information about the Great Sacandaga Challenge Triathlon, to register, or to become a sponsor, please visit www.sacandagatriathlon.com. ■

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Walleye Challenge Recap



While the weather has not been ideal for safe ice fishing conditions, the Walleye Challenge prizes were awarded at Lanzi's on the Lake on January 30 at a Fisherman's Party. With 53% of the registered participants from outside of Fulton County, representing 10 states and 70 various towns and cities, many of them still travelled to enjoy the fun. The crowd was excited and enjoyed the comradery of the day. The Great Sacandaga Lakes Fisheries Federation will again benefit from the partial proceeds of the day to stock the walleye in the Great Sacandaga Lake.

Thank you our sponsors Saratoga Eagle, Frank's Gun and Tackle Shop, and Runnings. And a special thank you to all of the other local businesses and volunteers that help make this event possible. ■



By Gina DaBiere-Gibbs, Director of Tourism
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American Revolution in the Mohawk Valley Conference

The Fort Plain Museum is proud to announce that registration is open for the Second Annual Conference on the American Revolution in the Mohawk Valley held June 9-12. The conference will open with two "Mohawk Country" bus tours of Fulton and Montgomery Counties' historic sites and a cocktail reception and "Meet & Greet."

The presentations on Saturday and Sunday include:

- J.L. Bell –The Road to Concord: How Four Stolen Cannon Ignited the Revolutionary War
- Darren Bonaparte-Colonel Louis, Oneida at Oriskany
- Todd Braisted-Grand Forage 1778: The Battleground Around New York City
- Lois Huey-Molly Brant A Legacy Of Her Own
- Edward G. Lengel-First Entrepreneur: How George Washington Built His and the Nation's Prosperity
- James Kirby Martin-Benedict Arnold, Revolutionary Hero: An American Warrior Reconsidered
- Dr. Bruce Venter-The Battle of Hubbardton: The Rear Guard Action that Saved America
- Philip D. Weaver-The 3rd New Jersey in the Mohawk Valley
- Archeological Review of New York's British & American Revolutionary War Fortifications

This year's event has expanded with more tours, more authors, and more presentations. The conference will be held at Fulton-Montgomery Community College. Space is limited and early registration is suggested. The registration deadline is May 27. For registration fees and more information, email fortplainmuseum@yahoo.com or call Brain Mack at (518)774-5669.



Taste of the Mohawk Valley Farmers Market



The Taste of the Mohawk Valley Farmers Market is a seasonal indoor market featuring local products such as meats, cheeses, eggs, honey, wine, baked goods, gifts and more. The spring markets will be held on three days. The April 16 market is 10am-2pm at Alpin Haus RV Center, 1863 State Highway 5S in Amsterdam. The April 22 and 23 markets are located at Montgomery County Soil and Water District office, 4001 State Highway 5S in Fultonville. The hours on April 22 are 9am-3:30pm and on April 23 are 9am-12pm. For more information contact Julicia Godbout at 853-4015 x 111.

Schoharie Crossing Winter Writing Contest



Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is once again conducting a Winter Writing Contest. This year the contest is asking for poems to be written by children as well as adults. Local judges will read, review and select winners for each of the three categories: Child (up to 12 years old), Young Adult (13-17), and Adult (18 and up).

For this year's contest, the site is asking that submissions of poems that express your own interpretation of a traveler's experience on the Erie Canal be submitted no later than 5pm on April 6, 2016.

Each poem should demonstrate an understanding of the social, economic and engineering systems that were part of traveling across New York State on the Erie Canal. The poems could be set during any era of canal travel, from the 1820's through today. Traveling on the canal was always quite the experience. It could often be difficult and dangerous or it could also be a way to a better life. That diversity of experiences from Albany to Buffalo along the artificial river meant that each person had a unique story to tell.

Prizes this year are \$100 each for the Adult, Young Adult and Child categories. Submissions may be sent via mail to Schoharie Crossing Writing Contest, P.O. Box 140, Fort Hunter, NY 12069, or electronically to: SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov.

For contest topics, rules and guidelines or other information, please contact the site at (518) 829-7516. ■

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*The following businesses realize the value of their Chamber investment and have renewed their membership in the month of **February**. Please note these members and the year they joined! Thank you to all our renewing members.*

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Johnstown Historical Society.....	2015
Ehle and Barnett Family Funeral Home, LLC.....	2013
Price Chopper Supermarkets-Palatine Bridge.....	2014
Naif's Groceries.....	2013
Shelly VanNostrand; CPA, PLLC.....	2014
Mohawk Valley Economic Development District..	2015
Orthotronics, Inc.....	2013

5 to 9 Years

Johnstown School Museum.....	2011
Lamar Advertising.....	2011
Resource Center for Independent Living.....	2011
Saint Johnsville Chamber of Commerce.....	2008
Vern's Auto Body and Sales, Inc.	2008
Sacandaga Protection Committee.....	2009
Pleasant Dry Cleaners & Laundromat.....	2010
Center for Economic Growth.....	2010
Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Consortium....	2008
Miller Printing & Litho, Inc.....	2009
A.F.L.A.C. New York, Margie Hicks.....	2010
Adirondack Westport Chair.....	2009
Hummel's Office Plus.....	2008
Demi's Wines and Liquors.....	2008
R&W Customs.....	2009

10 to 19 Years

Betz, Rossi, Bellinger & Stewart-Amsterdam.....	1998
Betz, Rossi, Bellinger & Stewart-Canajoharie.....	1998
Betz, Rossi, Bellinger & Stewart-Fultonville.....	1998
Fiber Conversion.....	1997
Putman Enterprises.....	1999
Stewart's Shops.....	2006
Sacandaga Valley Arts Network.....	2003
Twin Cities Sports Promotions.....	2004
Fort Plain Animal Hospital.....	2006
Smith & Smith Contractors, Inc.	1998
Rose & Kiernan, Inc.....	2005
The Daily Gazette.....	1998
DiBlasi Agency, Inc.....	1998
Advantage Builders.....	2005
Bob's Paving and Excavating.....	1998
Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville Central SD	1997

Assemblyman Marc Butler.....	2001
Patriot Federal Bank-Canajoharie.....	2006
B&M Leather, Inc.....	1997
Express Taxi & Chauffeur Services.....	2006
Gloversville True Value Hardware.....	2003
Northville Liquor Store.....	2001
Women's Health of Amsterdam.....	2005
City of Gloversville.....	1998
Cranesville Block Company, Inc.....	1998
Chris Rizzo; Trucking, Inc.....	1999
Thomas Persse Insurance Agency.....	2005
Northville Central School.....	2002
Brott Law Office, P.C.....	2002
Saint Mary's Healthcare.....	2003

20 Years and Over

Keller Marine & RV Service.....	1992
Kingsboro Lumber Co, Inc.....	1974
Washburn's Dairy.....	1974
Gloversville Enlarged School District.....	1988
Gloversville-Johnstown Wastewater Treatment ..	1998
Sunderland Leather Co, Inc.....	1974
Town of Broadalbin.....	1991
The Leader-Herald.....	1974
C.T. Male Associates, P.C.....	1974
King Cole Laundromats, Inc.....	1983
Townsend Leather Company Inc.....	1995
City of Johnstown.....	1987
First Presbyterian Church-Johnstown.....	1976
Jones and Naudin Leather.....	1990
Steven E. Smith, P.E.....	1991
Brilliant Design & Print.....	1985
Fulton County Community Heritage Corp.....	1989
Johnson Hall State Historic Site.....	1985
Town of Mayfield.....	1993
Paul J. Kolodziej, Attorney & Counselor.....	1985
Mental Health Association.....	1996
Simco Leather Corp., Inc.....	1976
H.F.M. Prevention Council.....	1986
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Upcoming Chamber Events!

Friday, March 11 • 11:30am-1pm

Luncheon & Address with Amsterdam Mayor Michael Villa

The Clubhouse at the Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course, Upper Van Dyke Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010

Newly Elected Amsterdam Mayor Mike Villa will address Chamber members, businesses and residents about his plan for the city for 2016 and beyond!

Lunch costs \$25 per person and includes a buffet that begins at 11:45am. RSVP to Terry Swierzowski at 725-0641 or terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org

This event is sponsored by:



Friday, March 18 • 7:30-9am

Breakfast Buzz at Hill & Markes

1997 NY-5S, Amsterdam, NY 12010

Come and discuss business issues, or any issue affecting your business. Any Chamber member/employees and/or any business interested in the Chamber is invited to attend. Conversation is driven by attendees at each of these events. Second half of the event will be Chamber staff, with computers and internet access, spending some one-on-one time with Chamber members showing you how to promote yourself and your events through the Chamber and tourism websites, and how to get your business listing on Google through the "Get Your Business on the Map." FREE! Light breakfast will be served

RSVP to Terry Swierzowski at (518) 725-0641, or terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org

Wednesday, April 6 • 5-7:00pm

Business After Hours at River Ridge Living Center

100 Sandy Drive, Amsterdam, NY 12010

Come enjoy an evening of great conversation and delicious food while making valuable connections!

This event is FREE for Chamber members, \$10 for future members.

Also, please join us for Member Orientation at 4:30 pm.

This orientation is open to new members as well as any member looking to better acquaint themselves with the Chamber, our staff or our events.

RSVP to Alex Ruggeri at 725-0641 or membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

Wednesday, April 20 • 12-3:00pm

Spring Job Fair at Fulton-Montgomery Community College

2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown, NY 12095

This is a great opportunity to meet with potential employees at no cost to you. We have had a great turnout in the past, and hope that you can be a part of it this year! Our job fair will be held in the gymnasium at Fulton Montgomery Community College in the physical education building. The event is open to students and surrounding community members. If you are interested in boosting your applicant pool, please fill out the registration here: <https://www.collegecentral.com/CCEngine/LiveEvents/LiveEvents.cfm?EventID=1672>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Andrea Scribner at FMCC at (518) 736-FMCC, x8161 or Terry Swierzowski at the Chamber.