



NEWSLINE

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A Publication of the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce supports our members and our region as a partner for business, workforce, and tourism development.

A BUSY APRIL BRINGS MEMBERS TOGETHER AND CELEBRATES MILESTONES



The Chamber helped the [Let's Twist Again Diner](#) in Perth celebrate its 5th year in business with a ribbon-cutting event in early April.



On April 15, ICAN, [Healthy Families of Oneida, Montgomery, & Schoharie Counties](#) celebrated their open house with a ribbon cutting.



[Montgomery County Executive Matt Ossenfort](#) gave a State of Montgomery County address in April. Matt shared an inspirational speech, celebrating highlights of the 10th anniversary as a County charter form of Government. L-R: NYS Association of Counties Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario, Ossenfort, Dan McCoy, Albany County Executive.

Pictured at right:
On April 18, [FMCC](#) welcomed 175 job seekers who visited over 65 businesses looking for employees at the FM Job Fair



Clean up day was a HUGE success. There are many partners to thank- [Joyce Royal](#), Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful, local municipalities, [City of Gloversville DPW](#), [National Grid](#), [Fulton County Center for Regional Growth](#), [Transitions](#) students, [Rob Constantine Recovery Center](#), [T-Mobile](#) Johnstown, local elementary, middle, and high school students, [Leslie Farrell Travel Agency](#), Elected Officials, Tourism agencies and local departments, [First Choice Financial Federal Credit Union](#), and all of our members who work continuously to keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful.



The [Fulton Montgomery Young Professionals Network](#) is back and better than ever! The group, spearheaded by Lanae Klingensmith, NBT Bank (pictured left) and Megan Ryder (center- Mega-bites Catering/The Bridge Walk) pose at the first FMYPN event on April 25 at The Bridge Walk



Message from the Executive Director

Dear Chamber Members,

Support Local Businesses for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Graduation...and Beyond!

Supporting local businesses is a wonderful way to celebrate upcoming holidays and events...starting with Mother's Day! Here are some ideas:

Gifts from local shops: Visit local boutiques, craft stores, or artisan markets to find unique gifts such as handmade jewelry, candles, artwork, or home décor items.

Chamber Checks: Purchase chamber checks and keep dollars local and in your neighborhood.

Flowers from a local florist/ordering a customized gift: Many local businesses offer personalized gifts like custom-made clothing, engraved jewelry, or handcrafted accessories. These thoughtful gifts show extra care and support for local artisans.

Food and treats: Treat yourself, family, and visitors to delicious goodies from specialty food shops, such as [Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market](#) in Gloversville. You could even plan a picnic with locally sourced cheeses, and craft beverages.

Services: Hire local photographers for a family photoshoot, book a cooking class with a local chef, or schedule a gardening session with a local landscaper. These experiences create lasting memories while supporting local entrepreneurs.

Handmade cards or crafts: Encourage kids to create homemade cards or crafts for Mother's Day using materials purchased from local art supply stores. It is a heartfelt way to show appreciation while supporting local businesses.

Support local charities: Consider making a donation to a local charity or organization that supports mothers and families in need. Your contribution will benefit the community while honoring the spirit of Mother's Day. By choosing to support local businesses, you not only find unique and meaningful gifts but also contribute to the vibrancy and resilience of your community. It's a win-win.

Even though the weather has been strange...summer is around the corner! Overall, tourism during the summer months plays a pivotal role in driving economic growth, cultural exchange, and sustainable development, making it a vital component of our region's prosperity and well-being.

There is SO much to do here- make sure you check out our calendar on www.fultonmontgomeryny.org – where Chamber member events are added daily! Send us your stories and events, so we can promote to our thousands of followers on social media and on our email list. Use your member benefit- it provides a platform for showcasing and promoting local products, music, arts, events, and more!

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FEMA NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS DIVISION FREE WEBINAR IN MAY

Active Shooter Guidance

Wednesday May 29, 2024 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm ET

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division in partnership with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for a condensed webinar on steps you and your employees can take during an active shooter event.

Preparing employees for a potential active shooter incident is an integral component of an organization's incident response planning. Because active shooter incidents are unpredictable and evolve quickly, preparing for and knowing what to do in an active shooter situation can be the difference between life and death.

Registration: [HERE](#)

For information on additional helpful webinars for businesses, visit <https://femacqpub1.cosocloud.com/content/connect/c1/7/en/events/catalog.html>

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

**Janet Davis, Director of
Membership &
Member Services**



Chamber Member Benefits Are Many- Take Advantage of All We Have To Offer!

You have made the decision to join the Chamber, Congratulations! So now its time to take advantage.....referrals, online exposure, the piece of mind in knowing that you are part of an organization that works for the betterment of the business community as a whole: Remember....put a little in, get a LOT out!

While there are many different outlets for involvement, here are just a few ways you can take advantage of your membership.

Attend a CHAMBER EVENT

The Chamber is always looking for ways to connect and create opportunities for our businesses. Networking is critical for establishing personal relationships that makes you and your business stand out from the rest. People do business with those they like and trust and that can only come from a personal connection. We have many upcoming events and this would be the perfect time to join us, and hone your networking skills.

Become a CHAMBER CHECKS Recipient

Chamber Checks are a wonderful way to keep shopping dollars LOCAL. These gift certificates allow the recipient to choose where and what they would like as a gift-from auto repairs, clothing, salon services, dining options and more. Chamber Checks have something for everyone. No gift is more flexible; but most importantly, it keeps shopping dollars in our local community. How do they work? Chamber Checks are issued by the Chamber in the form of a check. Anyone can purchase them in any denomination at the Chamber's Gloversville office or Ruby and Quiri in Johnstown. When a Chamber Check is presented to your business, you honor it as cash and deposit it in your business checking account. It's easy- ACCEPT, ENDORSE, DEPOSIT! For more information please give Janet Davis a call at (518) 725-0641 or email me at membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

These are just a couple of the ways you and your business can get more involved with the Chamber and truly make membership work for you.



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

April 2024

Thank you for your continued support!



41 – 50 YEARS

Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home - 44

31 – 40 YEARS

Century Linen & Uniform - 40

House of Pizza - 40

Lapland Lake Nordic Vacation Center - 39

21 – 30 YEARS

Town of Northampton - 30

Gloversville Public Library - 28

Sunset Bay Vacation Resort—RV Park & Marina - 28

Knights Inn - 25

11 – 20 YEARS

St. Johnsville Chamber of Commerce - 19

Ferguson & Foss, PC - 19

Geesler's - 19

NBT Bank—Hannaford Plaza - 19

Coldwell Banker Prime Properties, Inc. - 18

CDL Associates Insurance Agency, LLC - 15

Cioffi, Slezak, Wildgrube PC - 13

Dunkin' Donuts - 13

1 – 10 YEARS

A to Z Indoor Comfort Systems - 10

Gloversville Senior Center - 10

Lakeside Tavern & Marina - 19

New Process Cleaners - 10

The Stockyard Public House - 10

Versatile Wood Fabrication - 10

Flat Creek Cabin Ventures - 9

New York State Restaurant Association - 8

Sentinel of Amsterdam—An Assisted Living Facility - 7

Krutz Properties - 6

Blueberry Hill - 4

Joseph P. Mangione, Inc. - 3

Winsman & Hellert Wealth Management Group - 3

Betty Beaver Fuel Stop—Canajoharie - 2

Advanced Therapy PT OT SLP RN Psych PLLC - 2

Brownell Lumber & Hardware LLC - 2

J Jennings Construction - 1

Marquis Certified Home Care - 1

ATTENTION BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF GLOVERSVILLE

The [Gloversville Economic Development Corporation](http://GloversvilleEconomicDevelopmentCorporation.org) has loans available for businesses located in the City at comfortable and competitive rates for a variety of needs and purposes! Interested businesses should call the Chamber or email anneb@fultonmontgomeryny.org



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Business Resources You Can Use:

WE WILL CONTINUE THIS MONTH WITH THE NYS DOL AND HOW THEY CAN HELP YOU RECRUIT EMPLOYEES

The [New York State Department of Labor](#) can help you recruit and keep the right people to work at your business. Following are recruitment tools and services offered by the DOL:

SIGN UP FOR THE VIRTUAL CAREER CENTER (VCC)

The Virtual Career Center (VCC) is New York State's premier online job search site, designed with artificial intelligence to match job seekers to their next career and match businesses to qualified candidates. New York businesses can use the tool's advanced technology to tap into the state's workforce pipeline and find qualified candidates geared specifically to businesses' needs in seconds. The platform also enables business users to communicate directly with job candidates and allows them to advance prospective hires through different recruiting phases. Some of the many benefits of the VCC include:

- Intuitive, easy to use platform
- Businesses can receive a ranked list of candidates matching their job powered by artificial intelligence (AI) to target the best candidates to meet their needs.
- Businesses have the ability to review resumes and communicate directly with candidates through the platform throughout the hiring process.
- The VCC saves time and money by offering an all-encompassing platform to post jobs, find qualified candidates, communicate with applicants, and track them throughout the hiring process. Businesses can sign up at dol.ny.gov/virtual-career-center

POST A JOB ON THE NEW YORK STATE JOB BANK

Finding people with the talent and skill you need to grow your business can be tough. The New York State Job Bank can help. As New York State's main source for job postings and job seeker resumes, the Job Bank includes over 200,000 job listings, covering an array of industries. As a business you can:

- Increase interest in your openings
- Index postings directly from your company's website - [Learn More About Indexing](#)
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- Improve the "fit" of potential hires
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NYS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR- RECRUITMENT TOOLS & SERVICES TO HELP YOU FIND THE RIGHT PEOPLE FOR THE JOB

MEET YOUR JOB POSTING COMPLIANCE NEEDS

When you post a job on the New York State Job Bank, the Department of Labor can provide you with documentation to verify your posting for your Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) needs - all at no cost to you. To request documentation, contact the New York State Job Bank at NYSJobBank@labor.ny.gov.

NYS DOL CAN ALSO POST YOUR JOB FOR YOU

The DOL can post a job for you on the New York State Job Bank. Follow the instructions below to submit a job posting by fax, email, or phone:

By Fax: For jobs located in New York State (not in New York City) fill out the [NYS Fast Fax Form](#) and fax to (518) 485-1333. By email: For jobs located in New York State (not in New York City) complete this [fillable job order form](#) and email to nysjobbank@labor.ny.gov. By phone: For jobs located in New York State (not in New York City) call (888) 4-NYSDOL.

HOLD A CAREER FAIR OR CUSTOM RECRUITMENT EVENT

These no-cost events enable you to meet several qualified candidates face-to-face. We can target events to specific industries or to an individual business. Participation can save an estimated \$13,000 in recruitment costs. Services include:

- Organizing the right recruitment event to fit your needs: Whether you are looking for a large-scale career fair to fill a variety of positions for your business or a small informational booth at one of the DOL's local [Career Centers](#), they can help tailor the event to fit your need.
- Choosing a Location: They will assist you with holding your event at your business, a DOL Career Center, or another location.
- Marketing: They will advertise your event through the local media, online, and through our network of [Career Centers](#).
- Assisting with Candidate Review and Hiring: They can assist you with reviewing applicants and identifying the most qualified candidates.

READY TO RECRUIT? Contact the Mohawk Valley's Business Services Representative - James Bepko at the Utica office, (315) 793-2271 or James.Bepko@labor.ny.gov. James is also the Mohawk Valley's HR Representative



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CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 6, 2024!

The Fulton Montgomery Chamber Scholarship Program was established in 1986 to provide financial assistance and incentives for students interested in pursuing a course of college study. Since its inception 35 years ago, the Chamber's scholarship program has provided over \$130,000 in scholarships to deserving regional school students. This year's program will consist of five, one-time, \$1,000 awards.

Scholarship applications can be found at <https://www.fultonmontgomeryny.org/scholarship/> or by contacting your high school guidance office. The application and all accompanying materials must be

received by the Chamber by 4:30 PM on MONDAY, MAY 6TH by mail, 2 N. Main Street, Gloversville, NY, 12078, email, anneb@fultonmontgomeryny.org or fax (518) 725-0643.

Questions can be answered at (518) 725-0641 or anneb@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

YOUR CHAMBER CHAMPIONS CLEAN UP DAYS

On April 15, your Chamber was part of a press conference to promote the clean up days in Fulton and Montgomery Counties for Earth Day.

Thank you to Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Reed Chronis from Congresswoman's Elise Stefanik's office, and Dan Fogarty, Chamber Board member and Associate Dean at SUNY Fulton-Montgomery for attending the press conference.

As always, special thanks to Joyce Royal- Joyce Royal Real Estate who has championed this cause for 20+ years and has personally helped clean up Gloversville's Main Street, and is a Clean Up Day sponsor, Vince DeSantis, Mayor of Gloversville, Amy Praught, Mayor of Johnstown, Robert Purtell, Montgomery County Legislator and Cleanup day partner, City of Amsterdam, Fulton County CRG, Heather Devitt and Samantha Francisco from Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, and Greg Young Fulton County supervisor for also taking the time to attend.

Remember, you can organize a clean-up any day of the year! Together, we have the power to make a difference. Each one of us can contribute to positive change and to help keep our region beautiful and inviting for the thousands of visitors we host each year. Whether it's reducing our carbon footprint, supporting sustainable practices, or taking time to pick up trash, every action counts. Thank you for doing your part to Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful!



CAROGA HISTORICAL MUSEUM ANNOUNCES 2024 SCHEDULE



The [Caroga Historical Museum](http://www.carogamuseum.org) recently announced its upcoming summer events schedule. All events will take place on the museum grounds, 145 London Bridge Road in Caroga.

This season opens with a reception for Janene Bouck featuring her exhibit “Earth and Echo – Journeys Inward” on Thursday, June 27th from 7 to 9 pm in the Exhibit Barn. In her exhibit, Janene explores the growing relationship between her memories and worldly exposure. Her works are inspired by her deep affection for the Adirondacks and Mohawk Valley frequently utilizing salvaged materials. This practice acts as a protest against wastefulness and stands as a testament to the passage of time. The exhibit runs from June 27th through July 28th.

The annual Artisan and Vendor Fair will be on July 13th from 10 am to 3 pm. The event will feature food services provided by Something Different, music by Daniel Graper, Stewart’s make your own ice cream sundaes, a bake sale, and raffles in addition to the offerings from a variety of artisans, vendors, and crafters. Drawings for the raffles will be held at 2 pm.

On July 28th, the Caroga Lake Music Festival returns to the museum for a concert and ice cream social from 6 to 8 pm. There will be a free will offering to support the music festival. Sundaes will be available 15 minutes before and during the concert. Attendees are asked to bring their own seating for the event.

A gallery opening reception for the August exhibit, “Paul Bransom: Encountering the Wild” will be held on August 1st from 7 pm to 9 pm. Bransom, a long-time summer resident of Canada Lake, was known as the Dean of American Animal Art. His work appeared on the covers of magazines like The Saturday Evening Post, The Country

Gentleman, and Field & Stream and illustrated books like The Call of the Wild and The Wind in the Willows. The exhibit has been curated by Allen Farber and Dick Loomis. The exhibit will feature a selection of Bransom’s works from local collections while telling the story of his career and the connection to this area. The exhibit runs from August 1st through September 1st.

On August 6th, the museum will feature an evening of contra/barn dancing from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The museum is pleased to have Anita Mason returning as caller with her husband, Pat Mason, providing the music for the evening. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes for dancing on the lawn.

To supplement the August Paul Bransom exhibit, the museum features a guest speaker on August 15th at 7 pm. Allen Farber will present “Encountering the Wild in the Artwork of Paul Bransom”. Allen was a professor in the SUNY-Oneonta Art Department. Refreshments will be available.

The museum offers a variety of workshops throughout the season. The workshop schedule includes basket weaving, a jewelry making, making potholders, and an alcohol ink painting. The registration fee for all workshops is \$15.

The Caroga Historical Museum will be open Thursdays through Sundays from 1 to 4 pm starting June 27th through September 1st. For further information on the events and workshops, please visit the museum’s website at <http://www.carogamuseum.org>.

LIBERTY ARC RELEASES 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

2023 was a year full of great recognition and accomplishments for the staff and people supported by Liberty ARC. On their website, they said, “It’s always rewarding to see our work, and great people associated with Liberty ARC, recognized. This was also a year where we forged ahead with plans to strengthen our ties in the community and build towards a stronger future. Thank you for being an important part of Liberty ARC!

Together, we support people with disabilities to achieve the quality of life each person values.” You can find the .pdf of the Liberty ARC Annual Report [here](#)





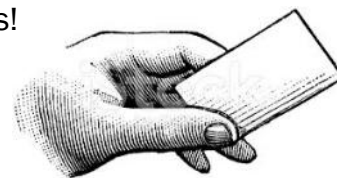
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COMMUNITY BBQ AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL FUNDRAISER AT THE FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Friday, May 17th from 4-7pm, join us for an exciting new community celebration and fundraiser at the museum! All the best parts of the Ice Cream Social, plus delicious BBQ by Sturgess Family Catering. Eat in or take-out. Stump City Brewing will be on-site selling delicious locally-brewed farm-fresh beer (eat in only). Enjoy tunes from Sheaman and Marty, then take a tour of the museum and check out this year's special exhibit, "Road to Revolution!" Tickets are \$18 for a BBQ dinner and make your own sundae; \$15 for BBQ only; or \$5 for make your own sundae only. Tickets are available online at fultoncountyhistoricalsociety.org or can be purchased by contacting 518-725-2203 or ssaladino@fultoncountyhistoricalsociety.org. All proceeds benefit the FCHS and directly support its mission to acquire, preserve, and promote the history of Fulton County and to convey the significance to the public with tours, exhibits, programs, and research. The Fulton County Historical Society is located at 237 Kingsboro Ave. in Gloversville. Free street parking is available.

Fulton County Historical Society programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

ADIRONDACK TURTLE PRESENTATION AT THE GLOVE THEATRE, MAY 5 - 2PM

[The Glove Theatre](https://www.theglovetheatre.com/) (42 N Main Street, Gloversville) is happy to welcome Dancing Turtle Rescue on Sunday, May 5th at 2pm for a fun educational event about native Adirondack turtles.

This event is part of The Glove Theatre's new "Education Series" focused on bringing engaging education programs to continuous learners of every age! This event is free to the public thanks to generous sponsorship by Sunday and John Blackmon.

Did you know that turtles can breathe through their butts? Get a glimpse into the fascinating lives of freshwater turtles and their unique history and anatomy. Meet ambassador turtles from the Adirondacks and beyond and find out why turtles are disappearing and what you can do to make sure we have turtles to love for generations to

come. This program will educate and entertain people of all ages.

Debbie Philp is a NYS licensed wildlife rehabilitator and the founder of Dancing Turtle Rescue, a small non-profit dedicated to saving native freshwater turtles and their wetland habitats. Debbie is a certified master herpetologist with a strong background in natural history. She brings her knowledge and passion to her public education programs. Debbie shares her home with rescued pets including 15 turtles, a lizard, a snake, and two frogs, in addition to her licensed educational ambassadors and any injured native turtles in care. Debbie is a member of North Country Wild Care, a network of wildlife rehabilitators in northeastern New York, and is currently serving as president.

Donations to The Glove Theatre and to Dancing Turtle Rescue are welcome.

The Glove Theatre's mission is to establish an accessible platform of expression for the arts that engages, entertains, and educates the regional community to foster talent and economic development opportunities for the Southern Adirondack and Mohawk Valley regions. Visit The Glove Theatre's website page to learn more about The Glove and upcoming events at <https://www.theglovetheatre.com/>. Like and follow The Glove on Facebook to stay up to date: <https://www.facebook.com/theglovetheatre>.



DRIVE 4UR SCHOOL FOR GLOVERSVILLE SCHOOLS @ BROWN'S FORD

Wondering what it's like to drive an electric vehicle? Well here's your chance to find out AND support the [Gloversville School's Educational Foundation](https://www.gloversvilleeducationalfoundation.org/)! On Saturday, May 4 from 9am to 2pm at Brown's Ford, 121 N. Comrie Ave, Johnstown, you can test out a Ford electric vehicle—the F150 Lightning or a Mustang Mach E. There will also be a food truck on site to add to the fun! Brown's Ford will donate \$50 to the Gloversville Educational Foundation for every test drive. For more information, contact [Brown's Ford](https://www.brownsford.com/).



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FOOTHILLS ARTS COUNCIL, INC. PRESENTS STAGED READING AT FMCC

[Foothills Arts Council, Inc.](#) will present a staged reading of *Love/Sick* by John Cariani, with performances on Saturday May 18th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday May 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Rao Theater on the campus of SUNY Fulton-Montgomery County Community College, 2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown.

Love/Sick is a multi-scene, multi-character look into love and loss and ultimately, modern love.

Directed by Cheryl Charbonneau who is a veteran of decades of area theater, including CTP in Sand Lake Center for the Arts and the Colonial Little Theatre in Johnstown, NY.

Cheryl decided to direct this play because she has great affection for John Cariani's work, having directed his play "Almost, Maine" in 2019 for Foothills Arts Council, Inc.

She said "I am most interested in the emotions of these characters, and the complexity of relationships in this play, and I am inviting people to come join us."

This marks the first play of an expanded theatrical production schedule for Foothills Arts, and the first at FMCC this year. The second production is our 4th annual Short Play Festival in the Rao Theater in September.

Tickets for the staged reading of *Love/Sick* are \$10 at the door.

ST. MARY'S HEALTHCARE PROMOTES GRANT NORTON TO DIRECTOR OF PATIENT ACCOUNTS

Grant Norton, of Scotia, has been named director of patient accounts at St. Mary's Healthcare. Previously, he was a senior business analyst at this local, independent healthcare provider.

Norton also has held positions at other Capital Region hospitals and healthcare-related organizations. He has served as practice manager for system outreach at the Albany Med Health System, performance consultant for the Healthy Alliance social care network, and manager of pediatrics for Ellis Medicine.

Norton joined St. Mary's in February 2023 and quickly earned recognition for both his collaborative approach and ability to identify and improve billing processes, according to Keith Waters, St. Mary's vice president and chief financial officer.

Norton has strong ties to the Capital Re-



gion. He grew up in Scotia, graduated from Scotia-Glenville High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from Siena College. He also holds a Master of Science degree in healthcare data analytics and a Master of Business Administration in healthcare management, both from Clarkson University.

ST. MARY'S HEALTHCARE RECEIVES STEWART'S HOLIDAY MATCH FUNDS

\$1,000 grant will help provide food for children and necessities for newborns

[St. Mary's Healthcare](#) has received a \$1,000 Stewart's Holiday Match Grant to feed local children and support the hospital's youngest patients and their families. The grant will help St. Mary's stock its mission cupboards and "Annie's Closet."

The cupboards provide nonperishable food items for patients and employees who need extra help with groceries. Annie's Closet is filled with supplies to support parents and their babies. Located in the St. Mary's Obstetrics and Gynecology Health Center, the closet is actually an entire room, filled with diapers, infant goods, personal care items and more.

Each year since 1986, from Thanksgiving until Christmas, Stewart's has collected and matched donations from customers in its shops. As a result, since its founding, Stewart's Holiday Match Program has awarded over \$38 million to support children under 18 in Stewart's market areas.

HIGH ROLLERS OFFERS FULL CALENDAR FOR MAY

[High Rollers Skating.](#)

4313 State Highway 30, Amsterdam offers skating and more for people of all ages. Their calendar is full for May, with features

such as: **Children's Learn 2 Skate:** \$25 per lesson, offered Saturdays May 4, 11, 18—Beginner/Intermediate and offered to new skaters 11:15am includes warm-up, lesson, game, and admission to open skate following lesson. Advanced Skaters (must be approved) can participate at 10:45am on the same days. No registration needed. **Adult Night with DJ Starks**—Best Skate Jams in the 518—Saturday, May 18, 10:30pm—1am. Entry \$15/18+ with valid ID

Christian Night—Monday, May 20, 6pm-8pm—Admission \$6, skate rental \$3, spectator \$3

Girls on the Run Central New York Fundraiser, Thursday, May 16, 6pm-8pm, \$10 admission/skates included, raffle baskets and more

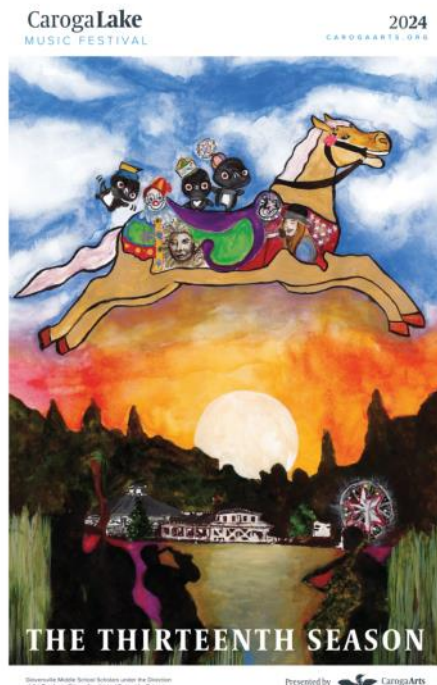
Swiftie Skate—Thursday, May 23, 6pm-8pm. For more information, and a full calendar, visit High Rollers on [Facebook](#), on their [website](#), or call (518) 843-0783.



CAROGA ARTS COLLECTIVE ANNOUNCES 2024 CAROGA LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL PROGRAMMING

The 13th Annual Caroga Lake Music Festival

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season, Caroga Arts will bring more than 150 artists from around the world to Caroga for 40 events spanning genres from funk, rock, pop to jazz, americana, classical and even comedy -- including notable artists Cory Wong, Sawyer Fredericks, Eddie Barbash, Alex Moffat, Henhouse Prowlers, and rising superstar Eddie Benjamin. In addition, over 100 Resident Artists from 24 states and 5 countries will be in residence across six weeks and perform major orchestral pieces like Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and Copland's Appalachian Spring, as well as prominent solo and chamber works.

Performing at CLMF for the first time this year are '80s rock band Generation Radio (featuring former members of Chicago, Rascal Flatts, and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers), Americana/country group The Mallett Brothers Band, and jazz vocalist Shayna Steele. Other highlights will include:

- "Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue at 100," performed by Caroga Arts Ensemble and conducted by Grammy winner David Alan Miller, with Kevin Cole on piano
- The return of the free Kids Carousel Concert series including a performance of Louie the

Loon, back by popular demand

- Bridging art forms together, CLMF will feature special performances by The Queen's Cartoonists and collaborations with Running Wild Media and Utica Dance
- Multi-instrumentalist and musical prodigy Eddie Benjamin, who toured with superstar Justin Bieber, collaborates with Caroga Arts Ensemble
- "Tribute Night: Eagles meets AC/DC," with Live Wire AC/DC Tribute and Epic Eagles

The majority of CLMF concerts will once again be held at Sherman's Park, the historic and much-loved former amusement park in Caroga Lake, NY. With a lakeside pavilion and classic dance hall, Sherman's Park is an idyllic backdrop for the season's performances and community events. Caroga Arts is proud to welcome concert goers of all ages to ride the George and Ruth Abdella Carousel before every CLMF concert at Sherman's Park. Throughout the season, CLMF resident artists will also perform at partnering venues and festivals across the region as part of CLMF on Tour performances.

In Fall of 2023, Caroga Arts launched the String Project & Arts Collaborative Education (SPACE) program in Wheelerville and Johnstown schools. This groundbreaking initiative aims to deliver accessible music lessons and mentorship opportunities to students in schools where the offerings are not otherwise provided in their music programs. This summer marks another milestone for Caroga Arts as they introduce the SPACE Summer Camp, previously recognized as the CLMF Lessons & Ensemble Program. The camp is designed to continue the momentum of providing individual and small group lessons throughout the summer, offering students the opportunity to learn from the esteemed Resident Artists.

Discounted Season Passes are now available for purchase (as of 4/11/24) and tickets for individual performances will go on sale April 26, 2024. All Caroga Arts presented events are FREE for children and students age 17 and below, excluding fundraising events. To learn more about Caroga Arts, see the full schedule and reserve tickets, please visit <https://carogaarts.org/>.

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Advanced Cleaning would be delighted to schedule a meeting or call to further discuss how their services can benefit you. Contact Emily at 518-448-2961 or emily@moldnwater.com.

ROSE & HUGHES OFFERS WORKSHOP



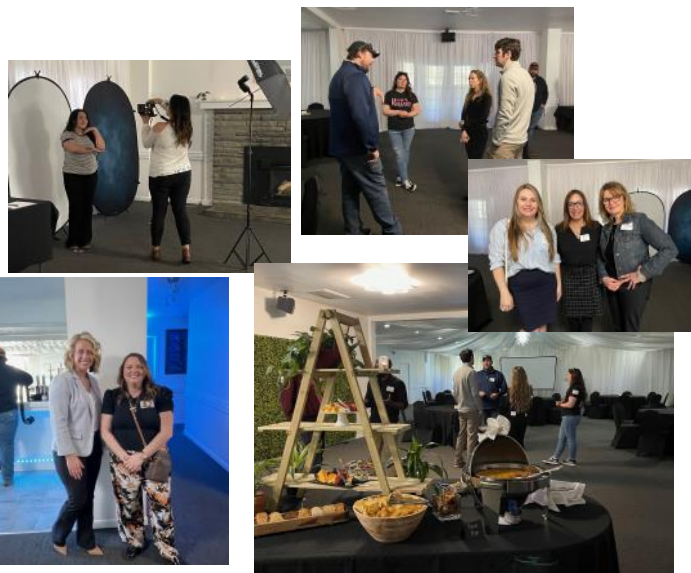
Join [Rose & Hughes Funeral Home](#) for a community conversation on planning for end of life events.

You're invited to a FREE & no obligation workshop to learn about planning your funeral in advance. Preplanning - and pre-funding - can provide peace of mind for yourself and your family.

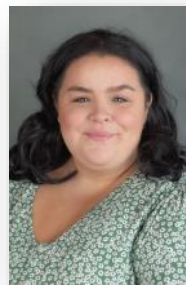
Join them for refreshments, conversation and guidance from your neighbors Pete, Marty and George. To RSVP, call 518.843.2550.

FMYPN REINVIGORATED AND HOSTS FIRST MEET UP

The Chamber's [Fulton Montgomery Young Professionals Network](#) held their first meet up on Thursday, April 25 at The Bridge Walk. The Chamber wants to thank Megan Ryder and The Bridge Walk for hosting and providing hors d'oeuvres. Megan and Lanae Klingensmith are the impetus behind the group coming back together. Lanae said of FMYPN, "For NBT Bank, my previous position was in the Waterville/Utica area where I was involved with a young professionals group. My current position is now in this region, and when I met Anne Boles, I talked with her about the possibility of putting together a similar group. She was totally on board." She continued, "We wanted a way to help young professionals connect, something upbeat and fun. It is important for young professionals to have an outlet, to learn from one another, and to network. We are hoping this group can meet these challenges." Anne and Lanae then connected with Megan Ryder, who also was passionate about getting young people together from our region. Megan was happy with the turnout and the event on April 25. "We can see this group just growing and getting stronger, and this was a great way to kick-off." Natalie May and Nicole Walrath from the Chamber, reestablished the old FMYPN Facebook page as a form of communication for the group and to keep interested people updated. Anne Boles added that the group plans to meet monthly at rotating Chamber members. They are looking at putting together a family-oriented event, one at a golf course, and more! Stay tuned as FMYPN becomes a strong, important part of the Chamber!



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YOU'RE INVITED!
Save the Date- October 3
Come celebrate the 10th anniversary of HFM PTECH on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at The Allen House at SUNY FMCC. More details to follow in future Newsline issues and in Chamber email messages.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS SURVEY

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce is always looking to align school districts in Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery counties to the needs of the current workforce. We encourage businesses to complete our annual survey by visiting <https://forms.gle/XEnUHMnsAik7jEhU7>. For more information, contact Nicole Walrath at nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

WARNER BROS GAMES PRESENTATION

"Their questions were some of the best questions I ever gotten from a group of students, and I have done a TON of these school visits. I was super impressed with their passion for games." These enthusiastic words from Elliott Haase, Executive Producer at Warner Bros. Games are exactly what we want to



hear after a productive Workplace Wednesday at HFM PTECH. Thank you to Elliot for providing this opportunity for our students to explore the

gaming pathway. This face-to-face guidance is a key element in successful career exploration.

ST. MARY'S AND NATHAN LITTAUER HOSPITAL HONORED AT HFM BOCES

HFM BOCES recognized a pair of healthcare agencies for their exceptional business partnership at the organization's Annual Meeting held on April 10 at the HFM BOCES Career & Technical Education Center.

More than 70 component school board members, district leaders, and the BOCES administrative team were in attendance as HFM honored Nathan Littauer Hospital and St. Mary's Healthcare for their commitment to helping advance the futures of students enrolled in CTE. Principal Michael DiMezza presented representatives of each organization with plaques to mark the occasion.

"When we have an outstanding business partner with CTE, it is important to recognize that they are also an outstanding business partner to our entire region. St. Mary's Healthcare and Nathan Littauer Hospital are pillars to the success of our healthcare programs and are pivotal in the wellness of our entire community," stated DiMezza.

According to HFM BOCES Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Jay DeTraglia, both organizations have provided students of the HFM region with experiences including internships, work studies, clinical rotations, and ultimately employment. He also highlighted their participation on program advisory committees along with program reviews to ensure HFM BOCES is fully preparing students for healthcare careers.

"Our long-standing partnerships with Nathan Littauer Hospital and St. Mary's Healthcare have provided our students with invaluable experiences in the high demand healthcare field, and we truly value and appreciate our collaboration with both," said DeTraglia.

The partnership doesn't end with HFM CTE, though. Each organization also works closely with HFM PTECH students to provide guidance for professional skills development and workplace tours.

Guests at the annual meeting were treated to dinner, dessert and mocktails, which were prepared by CTE students enrolled in the Culinary Arts and Foundations of Food Services programs.



THE CHAMBER MAKES CONNECTIONS FOR OUR CHAMBER MEMBERS WITH OUR REGIONAL STUDENTS

Chris, a student at SUNY Fulton-Montgomery, needed to have a job shadow experience for a class he was taking with Professor William Eipp at FM. This was for Chris' Professional Development lecture, that includes a project that consists of creating a 10-minute presentation about a job shadow experience in the Information Technology Field. Chris had been having difficulty finding a job shadow experience that fit the criteria for the project and was recommended to reach out to the Chamber for help. The job shadow would have to be at least two hours.

Anne Boles got the request from Chris, and then reached out to Mallory Jennings, co-owner of new Chamber member Total Tech Solutions. Anne knew Total Tech would be a good fit, and Mallory Jennings generously agreed to volunteer her time to Chris, even though this was the business' first experience with a student in our region.

[Total Tech Solutions](#) helps businesses grow through technology; they also offer residential services. They specialize in business security camera and alarm systems, website design and optimization, technology hardware installation and maintenance, IT consulting, internet and network upgrades and off-site storage.

Job shadowing is an experience where a job seeker or student follows and observes a professional throughout their workday. It is a great opportunity to test your compatibility with a career and make professional connections. When done properly, a job shadowing experience can help you choose a good career path and become a stronger candidate when applying for jobs.

Chris was able to shadow both Mallory and Noah Scott, a Total Tech co-owner, with a residential security camera install. Chris was able to help them put in a security system in the home and spent three hours with Total Tech. Mallory reported that Chris was "super nice, and he showed that he really has a good head on his shoulders. He seemed very interested in the experience and was very attentive." He told Mallory that he was grateful to be able to do his job shadow experience locally, especially in the technology field. "Chris was excited to be with us because we were a local business. He expressed that he likes the hardware side of technology and likes to do physical work. He has some experience with woodworking with his father. He seemed to really enjoy the experience with us and we are grateful that we were able to accom-



Chris and Mallory

modate him," said Mallory. The experience was especially meaningful for Mallory and Noah. "It was a cool full-circle moment for us because we both had Dr. Eipp at Broadalbin-Perth High School and the fact that now we are in business and could give a job shadow experience for one of his FM students was great."

Because of this positive student experience, Mallory is now exploring other experiences with the Chamber's education initiatives at PTECH, mentoring and more. She's even open to make job opportunities available at Total Tech for trained students.

This was a win-win experience both for the business, as well as for the student. Interested in giving a student hands-on experiences at your place of business, or being a mentor at PTECH? Contact Nicole Walrath, Director of Workforce Development, nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org or Natalie May, Business & Education Partnership Coordinator, nataliem@fultonmontgomeryny.org.



Noah Scott doing camera install

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TOURISM NEWS & UPDATES

FULTON COUNTY TOURISM UPDATE MAY 2024

Welcome May! Fulton County is warming up in pre-summer mode!

At the Glove Theatre, Adirondack Turtles with NYS licensed wildlife rehabilitator and the founder of Dancing Turtle Rescue, Debbie Philip. And if animals are your thing, then Baby Goat Snuggles are Back at Westmeadow Farm & Dairy on **Saturday, May 11**.

Also on Saturday, May 11, there is a craft and vendor fair- the 2nd annual at the Perth Town Hall at 9 am.

Friday, May 17: support the Community BBQ & Ice Cream Social Fundraiser at Fulton County Museum, 5 to 7 pm. Also on Friday evening, if you are a graduate of Broadalbin, or from Perth or from BP or you live in the BP School District, you may attend the Senior Citizen's Prom at Broadalbin Perth High School Gymnasium, 5 to 7 pm - an Enchanted Garden Prom, semi-formal floral attire, a served dinner and dancing!

Sunday, May 19, support your local sheriff at the Sturgess Chicken BBQ for Fulton County Sheriff's Association at Pine Park, noon to 4 pm, 12 Pine St., Broadalbin. Also on Sunday at 1 pm, enjoy a cultural sensation with Live in Concert David Wong, Violinist at Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts.

Events are taking off throughout Fulton County for **Memorial Day Weekend**. Not only are our 44 lakes and over 74,000 acres of wild forest calling, but there will be events for all! Please visit 44lakes.com for a complete listing of exciting events. Here's a few highlights:

- Saturday 5/25- Kids Carousel Concert: Reptiles and Friends with VIA Aquarium at Sherman's Park, 11 am
- Saturday 5/25 - 2024 Scottish Games and Gathering at Great Sacandaga Brewing Company beginning at noon
- Saturday 5/25 - The Man in Black: A Johnny Cash Tribute at Sherman's Park Caroga Lake, 7 pm
- Monday 5/27 - Gloversville Memorial Day Parade

May culminates on **Friday May, 31** with the start of Northville's Olympic-style 3 Day Kick-Off event, celebration the NPT100. The Northville Placid Trail is turning 100. Northville is hosting a village-wide weekend of activities starting with Fridays "Opening Ceremonies" at 6 pm at Northville's Waterfront Park entrance NPT Arch - with a presentation of the NPT100 Centennial Medallion created by artisan William Coffey. Waterfront Park activities beginning at 4 pm. Festivities continue all weekend recognizing National Trail's Day, vendors, music, food, activities, a trolley and much, much more! Visit 44lakes.com for complete event details!

Endless activities, arts, crafts and entertainment can be discovered all month long on our calendar at 44lakes.com, with updates at [Visit Fulton County, NY](https://www.visitfultoncounty.ny.gov) on Facebook and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/44lakes).

MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN MAY

Here is a sampling of what's to do in Montgomery County in May—for full calendar and for details about these events, visit the website Events calendar [here](#):

Friday, May 3 10am-7pm Saturday, May 4 10am-4pm; Sunday, May 5 10am-2pm

Closet Cleanout Consignment Sale, The Fonda Fairgrounds, Fonda—21 Bridge Street—Consignment sale for men, women and kids. Come shop great items for yourself, your spouse, and your kids all in one location.

Saturday, May 11

Spring Craft & Vendor Event, 10am-4pm, Canajoharie High School, 136 Scholastic Way. Celebrate Mother's Day by bringing your Mom, Grandma, aunt or friend to this great Spring Craft Fair!

Sunday, May 12

Conservancy Hall Concerts, Glen, 1538 Mill Point Road (Route 161) 3pm—The Hot Club of Saratoga A don't miss appearance by a quintet that plays a lively repertoire in the spirit and style of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappell who were part of an incredible and popular group of the 1930s.

Saturday, May 18

Wintergreen Park Clean Up and Community Cook-out, Canajoharie, 10am-2pm. Park clean up light duty; raking, picking up trash, painting, gardening, etc. and then enjoy a community pot luck lunch with entertainment by Mickey Boslet. The Canajoharie Parks & Rec Committee will supply hamburgers & hot dogs. Outdoor games and gardening for kids.

Fort Klock Opening Day, 10am-4pm, 7203 State Highway 5, St. Johnsville—Baking, Blacksmithing, Brewing, Cannon Firing, and much more...

Spring Fling Festival, Main Street, Downtown Amsterdam, 11am-5pm—City of Amsterdam's first BIG outdoor festival of the year—live music, FREE amusement rides, vendors, arts and crafts, delicious food and more.

Sunday, May 19

Amsterdam High School presents the Mohawk Valley Chorus Pop Concert Series, "The Impossible Dream" based on the song from "Man of La Mancha", 3pm

GET INVOLVED WITH **YOUR** CHAMBER

All events offer *FREE* admission for Chamber members and their employees.

Unless otherwise indicated (highlighted), please RSVP to (518) 725-0641 or email fultonmontgomeryny@gmail.com.

RIBBON-CUTTING EVENT FOR SUNY FMCC CYBER RANGE

[Fulton-Montgomery Community College](#)

Thursday, May 2, 12pm-4:30pm

2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown, Rao Theatre
SUNY Fulton-Montgomery Community College, in collaboration with IBM, is thrilled to unveil its cutting-edge Cyber Range. This state-of-the-art cybersecurity training and education facility marks a significant milestone in our commitment to equipping students with the skills and expertise necessary to combat cyber threats effectively.

Registration is limited as this event will sell out. IBM has created the Registration link and will require every individual in attendance to pre-register as executives, and government officials will be in attendance. **Registration Link:** [IBM BriefingSource](#)

The Cyber Range offers immersive hands-on training and simulation programs designed to replicate real-world cyber threats, empowering students to hone their capabilities in safeguarding against cyber attacks.

The event will be held on Thursday May 2nd and begins in the RAO Theater. The festivities will commence in the early afternoon with a luncheon, followed by a ceremonial ribbon-cutting, and guided tours of the new facility. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to explore the Cyber Range firsthand and gain insights into its capabilities.

Agenda

12:00-12:30: Networking and lunch
12:30-1:30: FMCC Cyber Range tours
1:30-2:45: Keynote and ribbon cutting
2:45-3:15: Meet and greet with government officials
3:15-4:30: Full simulation and deep dive of FMCC Cyber Range with IBM and AWS

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

[Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts](#)

Thursday, May 9, 5pm-7pm

2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville

Join us for an evening of networking, connections and delicious light refreshments. View the Center's regional art show and take tours of their amazing spaces. Special performance by FLAME The Band! Sponsored by Chamber Champion [NBT Bank](#).

FMYPN MEET UP

Megabites Catering at Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course

Monday, May 20—5pm to 7pm

158 Upper Van Dyke Avenue, Amsterdam

Megabites Catering invites you to the second meet up of the Chamber's Young Professional Network at Amsterdam Muni. Enjoy great networking, a putting contest, cornhole tourney, door prize, food and more. RSVP appreciated for planning purposes.

RIBBON-CUTTING EVENT AND OPEN HOUSE AT RCIL AMSTERDAM

[Resource Center for Independent Living](#)

Thursday, May 16—9am to 12Noon

131 Maple Avenue, Amsterdam

Chamber members and their employees are invited to a ribbon-cutting event and open house at RCIL in Amsterdam. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the offices, and see firsthand the experience of the environment where the RCIL Team works to realize the organization's mission. RCIL Amsterdam provides advocacy for consumers, family support services, individual support services, domestic violence services for people with disabilities, CDPAP referrals, self-direction referrals, and assistance with access to Home & HEROES grant applications. Refreshments will be served. **RSVP to (518) 842-3561.**

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