



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.

OCTOBER WAS A BUSY MONTH AS WE HELP BUSINESSES PREPARE FOR THE BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON!



Above: [Rose & Hughes Funeral Home](#) is the former Jendrzejczak Funeral Home at 200 Church Street in Amsterdam. In January of this year, a new partnership began when Gorge Jendrzejczak welcomed Peter Rose and Martin Hughes and the Funeral Home was re-named. George remains Manager and the three men continue a tradition of caring.



Above: [EmpowHERing Designs](#) is a new business at 37 W. Main Street in Johnstown. They make custom items such as shirts, tumblers and much more! They had a ribbon-cutting with the Chamber on 10/19.

Right: [T-Mobile](#) in Johnstown held a ribbon-cutting at their store located at 213 N. Comrie Avenue. Store managers and staff, elected officials and the Chamber were in attendance for the festivities. T-Mobile offers wireless plans for personal use, business plans, prepaid plans, internet and TV plans, phones and devices.



Photos at right: Thank you to [Recovery Sports Grill](#), 5005 State Highway 30, Amsterdam for a great Business After Hours in October. Chamber members and their employees enjoyed great refreshments, and multiple TVs just in time to enjoy some playoff baseball, college football, and more. A great place for your holiday parties, get



Above: [Bella Vita Salon](#) celebrated its one-year anniversary and Chamber membership with a ribbon cutting on 10/28. Located at 123 Sanford Farms Shopping Center in Amsterdam. A full-service Aveda salon, they offer color, cuts, dry bar and elegant formal styling, makeup, treatments, wax and texture services.



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Message from the Executive Director

Dear Chamber Members,

Small Business Saturday: November 30 - Shop and Support Small Business!

Saturday, November 30th is Small Business Saturday- a day designed to celebrate and support our local, family-owned and operated businesses, and all they do for our communities. The day helps retail businesses launch into the holiday season with increased awareness of the impact they have on our region.

How can you participate? Let the Chamber know what you are doing for the day, and we will help promote your efforts - on social media, our websites, and more... The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to be a AmEx Neighborhood Champion for our region. We will work together to keep local businesses on everyone's holiday shopping lists. Our Chamber of Commerce represents a plethora of members — everything from boutiques, restaurants, to coffee shops, to manufacturing, and more. The majority of members are small businesses that are locally owned.

Don't forget about a Chamber Check for a gift! A wonderful way to keep spending local. Chamber Checks make great gifts for loved ones, good bonuses for employees, and support small businesses in this region! Purchase these gift checks at the main office in Gloversville 2 North Main St., or Ruby & Quiri, 307 N. Comrie Ave. in Johnstown. We will continue to promote events, giving initiatives and chamber collaborations all month long, and of course for the rest of the year.

Chamber member benefit: If you have a business initiative you would like to promote on radio, you can join the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce on our local radio show Chamber Connection. On the last Wednesday of the month, Gloversville/Johnstown's AM 1340 WENT offers an open invitation for Chamber Member owners or representatives to join us on the show to talk about new business offerings, events, or just to get the word out to new potential customers about the particular organization's products and services. Anyone interested in being on the radio show should contact me at 518-725-0641 or email anneb@fultonmontgomeryny.org

The Chamber Government Affairs Committee reminds you to VOTE!

As you know, The Chamber is responsible for improving the local business environment and strengthening communities through advocacy, networking, and campaigning. In addition, they create an easy line of communication for business owners to connect with governing bodies. The Government Affairs Committee reminds you to

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October 2024



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ADK HATCHET HOUSE

196 Second Avenue, Gloversville

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Axe throwing bars have become quite popular! They offer a unique and fun experience where people can throw axes at wooden targets in a safe environment. ADK Hatchet House is a perfect spot for group outings, birthdays, or team-building events. Also fantastic for retreats, celebrations, or just a fun night out with family and friends! Drink specials and snacks are served daily.

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Welcome to EmpowHERing Designs where we custom-make items such as shirts, tumblers and much more.

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

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



Destination One

The Chamber is again offering a great opportunity for your business to get exposure it needs to succeed! We have a unique advertising space called Destination One that is located on the outside of the Fulton County Visitor's Center in Vails Mills. These spaces are an important detail of the destination that sees over 10,000 people annually. With two display cases offering large, full-color ad spaces as well as specifically designated spots for your rack cards or brochures, this is a prime location for any business in our region looking to attract visitors and residents alike. As well as informational stop for guests in our region, the center also serves as a park and ride for those looking to carpool—a feature that adds thousands of people to those annual numbers.

By advertising in Destination One, you are given a unique opportunity to be one of the few businesses whose information can be seen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and aren't dependent on the Visitor's Center being open to the public. These are great spots for local attractions, dining options, shopping, events and any other service or product that appeals to a traveler. Ads will remain in the showcase for one full year and are available to be changed periodically, taking into account the season and audience.

This is a chance to make a wise investment in your business, and with a great location and reasonable rates you really cannot go wrong! For more information please call Janet Davis 518-725-0641 or email me at membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

Pricing and more information about Destination One can be found [here](#).



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 2024

Thank you for your continued support!



41-50 YEARS

Kasson & Keller, Inc.—48

The Arc Lexington—41

31 – 40 YEARS

Antonucci Wholesale Produce & Seafood, Inc.—36

Maider & Smith—36

Greater Johnstown School District—33

Ship and Copy—31

21 – 30 YEARS

Walmart-Amsterdam—30

Capital District Physicians' Health Plan—29

A. Johnson's Plumbing & Heating, Inc.—25

Montgomery County Office for Aging, Inc.—25

Greenscapes—24

Hardies Electric Services Co., Inc.—24

Village of Hagaman—24

Northampton Animal Hospital—23

Colonial Little Theatre, Inc.—22

11 – 20 YEARS

Colleen Ioele-DeCristofaro—Howard Hanna—20

Canajoharie Central School—19

Glover Insurance Agency—19

Tamara L. Dunlap, D.D.S.—17

Bowman's Market—16

William R. Dorn Construction, Inc.—16

Adirondack Express Lube—16

Amsterdam Rotary District 7190—14

Antonucci's Auto Repair, Inc.—13

Heritage Meadows Farm Bed & Breakfast—12

1 – 10 YEARS

Caroga Arts Collective, Inc.—8

Twin Pines Family Chiropractic, LLC—8

Lee's Shops at Wagner Square—7

Stump City Brewing, LLC—7

CG Roxane, LLC—6

Krutz Properties—6

Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum—5

CAPTAIN Community Human Services—5

Frothingham Free Library—3

Saratoga Arts—2

Spectrum Business—2

Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA)—2

The Adirondack Country Store, Inc.—1

Greater Johnstown Lions Club—1

Courtney's Grooming, LLC—1

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHAMBER MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED READER'S CHOICE AWARDS FROM THE LEADER-HERALD AND THE AMSTERDAM RECORDER

Businesses are listed by category, and then by place (Winner – 1st place, Second Place, Runner Up – 3rd place)

Accountant

WEST & Company CPA's PC, Winner
Spagnola & Spagnola Accounting Firm LLC, Second Place

Antique Shop

School House Treasures, Second Place

Apartment/Retirement Community

The Sentinel of Amsterdam, Second Place

Apple Orchard

Rogers Family Orchards, Winner

Appliance Store

Ruby & Quiri, Winner
L&M TV & Appliance, Second Place

Assisted Living

Hillcrest Spring Assisted Living Facility, Winner
Pineview Commons, Second Place

Attorney

The Salmon Law Firm PLLC, Winner
Abdella & Sise LLP, Second Place
Michael Albanese, Runner Up

ATV Dealer

Powerhouse Motor Sports, Winner
Outdoor Motor Sports & Trailer Sales, Second Place

Audiologist

Dr. Michael Araya, Second Place

Auto Body Shop

Browns Ford in Amsterdam, Runner Up

Auto Dealer

Mangino Chevrolet Buick, Winner
Steet Toyota of Johnstown, Second Place
James Chevrolet, Runner Up

Auto Inspection

Adirondack Express Lube, Winner
Steet Toyota of Johnstown, Runner Up

Auto Service

Adirondack Express Lube, Winner
Sikorski's Service Station, Second Place

Bait & Tackle Shop

Jim's Bait Shop, Winner
Shop Frank's Gun Shop Inc, Second Place

Bank

NBT Bank, Winner
KeyBank, Second Place
Sidney Federal Credit Union, Runner Up

Banquet Facility

The Bridge Walk, Winner
Hales Mills Country Club, Second Place
Lanzi's on the Lake Restaurant & Marina, Runner Up

Bar/Nightclub

Stump City Brewing, Winner
Lakeside Tavern & Marina, Second Place

Boat Dealer

Alpin Haus Boats and Motorsports, Winner
Reets Boat Works Inc, Second Place
Gordon's Marina, Runner Up

Bookstore

Mysteries on Main Street, Winner

Bowling

Perry Lanes, Second Place

Builder/Contractor

Kucel Contractors, Inc., Second Place

Car Wash

Classic Auto Wash, Second Place

Carpet Cleaner

Perfection Cleaning Services, Winner

Caterer

Megabites Catering and Events, Winner
House of Pizza, Second Place

Chinese Food

Johnstown Peking Chinese, Winner

Chiropractor

Dr. Brad Dunlap, Runner Up

Convenience Store

Stewart's Shops, Winner
Fuel-n-Food Inc, Second Place

Craft Beverage Beer

Stump City Brewing, Winner

Craft Beverage Cider

Stump City Brewing, Winner
Rogers' Cideryard, Second Place
Great Sacandaga Brewing Co., Runner Up
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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF FULTON AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES ANNOUNCES LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS

Soroptimist is currently accepting applications for a financial scholarship, called "Live Your Dreams." Soroptimist's *Live Your Dream Awards* program is a unique education award for women who provide the primary financial support for their families. The *Live Your Dream Awards* give women the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects. Every year, Soroptimist distributes more than \$2.9 million in education awards to over 2,000 women all over the world.

Over half of the *Live Your Dream Awards* recipients are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or sexual assault. Nearly all of the women and families Soroptimist serves have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, teen pregnancy, and drug or alcohol addiction. *Live Your Dream Awards* recipients may use the cash award to offset *any* costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education, such as books, child-care, tuition and transportation.

There are specific requirements for the applications, so please be sure you or someone you know qualify before applying. To find the application, visit <https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/index.html>. Applications are due November 15, 2024.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Soroptimist International of Fulton and Montgomery Counties [Facebook page](#). **SOROPTIMIST CRAFT FAIR**—Sunday, November 24 Gloversville Middle School, 10am-3pm.



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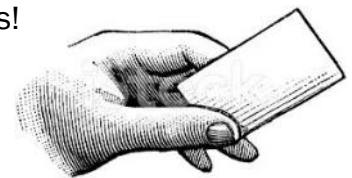
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LANA RUGGIERO OF RUGGIERO REALTY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Autumn 2024

Hello,

With Fall upon us, bringing the season of Thanksgiving, it is only fitting that this letter brings to you my sincere *Thank You!* November 11, 2024 will mark my 20th anniversary as a REALTOR, and the beginning of my retirement.

I have been fortunate to enjoy a career that has afforded me the opportunity to work in the community that I love, where I have lived my life and that I am so proud to support. I grew up here, I married and raised my children here, and now look forward to sharing all that it offers with my grandchildren and the next generations of family and friends.

It has been my privilege to represent both buyers and sellers of real property throughout these last 20 years, promoting all that our upstate region has to offer. My ability to have done so is entirely due to the support and loyalty of my clients, resulting in approximately 1000 transactions totaling over \$100,000,000 in volume. Thank you all for the faith and trust you placed in my hands.

To the many professionals who have worked alongside me – including brokers and agents, attorneys, mortgage lenders, inspectors, contractors and so many others – my thanks and appreciation extends to you, as well. My office will be closing as of November 11, but I will be available for consultation thereafter. I can be reached via email at lanaruggierorealty@gmail.com.

As I look forward to my retirement, I wish you all good health and happiness in the days ahead!

With my sincere appreciation,
Lana Ruggiero

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY FROM BRIGITTA ROSE OF MOUNTAIN VALLEY HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE

Greetings!

My name is Brigitta Rose, and I am the new Executive Director of Advancement at Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care (MVHPC) serving Fulton, Montgomery, Hamilton, Saratoga counties and beyond. In this role, my focus will be on philanthropy, community relations, and raising awareness regarding the mission and services of MVHPC. I come from many years of fundrais-

ing and community outreach experience, with leadership roles at St. Mary's Healthcare, including the Foundation, and the Friends of Bassett of Bassett Healthcare Network. I have lived my entire life in the Fulton Montgomery region.

I am honored to be part of MVHPC, an organization that works tirelessly for the patients and families who require the greatest level of comfort, compassion, dignity and quality-of-life care. For more than 30 years, MVHPC has focused on serious illness so our neighbors can focus on living. Those who receive MVHPC services (whether palliative care or hospice), experience significantly better quality-of-life and statistically live longer. I have always been inspired by MVHPC's mission of offering comfort, dignity and love during life's most challenging moments. I am extremely passionate about supporting those we serve. I look forward to helping ensure that we continue to provide these essential services to every single person and family who need them.

In my new role, I will be focused on expanding fundraising efforts to secure the resources necessary for our hospice and palliative care programs to thrive. I believe that together, we can make a lasting impact. I am eager to engage with each of you - whether through spreading awareness about the important work we do, as well as supporting those efforts financially and through volunteerism.

I invite you to connect with me if you wish to meet one-on-one or get a tour of our beautiful facility, the Nancy Dowd Hospice Home. It really is a gem in the foothills of the Adirondacks! Or perhaps you may want to get involved. We have an amazing volunteer program and are always looking to add to our team! Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care. I am excited to hear from you and learn how we can best serve the needs of our community and build a brighter future, together.

Because a life with purpose is a life fulfilled. And, I promise to always honor what matters most.

Warm Regards,

Brigitta Rose, MPH

Executive Director of Advancement
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ADK HATCHET HOUSE NOW OPEN FOR YOUR PARTY, BUSINESS EVENT ... AND FUN!

Bradley and Jamie Gardner have been in the region for a number of years – they were former residents of Geene County but would regularly come to our region to vacation. They so enjoyed it, and liked what was happening locally with new businesses opening up and other growth they were seeing in the area, they decided to locate here full time and open their own business – The ADK Hatchet House, located at 196 Second Avenue in Gloversville (in the old OTB Building).



They have totally renovated the inside and it is now a premiere axe throwing venue in our region. There are five axe-throwing lanes in the new venue, along with different seating areas with couches, low and hi tables, and more. See a video of the new venue on their [Facebook page](#). There are board games for those who are waiting to throw or who might just come in for a snack and a drink. Speaking of drinks, they have beer on tap and in cans and bottles and spiked seltzers and more. They also have different snacks available including popcorn, chips, cookies and more. In addition, Nibbles & Bites Food Truck has been on hand for different events. Outside food is also welcomed and House of Pizza will deliver to ADK Hatchet House. "It's a friendly, relaxing, comfortable place," said Brad. "We have really paid attention to the details and you can see it in our set up. We are proud of what we've done and hope that many will come and experience this new business." They are also looking for ideas to collaborate with other local businesses, like they have with House of Pizza.

Axe throwing enthusiasts aged 13 and older are invited to participate at ADK Hatchet House (age 13 needs a parent or guardian with them to play). They are currently collecting names for Thursday night league games, offer corporate retreats, off-hour reservations, birthday parties, bachelor or bachelorette parties, team building, private events – you name what you want, Brad and Jamie are very flexible and can make it happen!

Safety is very important to ADK Hatchet House and whether you're a beginner or seasoned axe-throwing veteran, everyone is welcome. They take time with people new to the sport to go over rules and safety features and are always around for questions or to keep an eye out for new groups to help. The axe throwing here is structured; the throwing areas are caged in and separated. It is both safe and fun.

They have gift cards for the holidays; Ladies Night is Friday with \$5 off. Regularly \$22 to play on Fridays it is only \$17 for ladies. They will be bringing in live bands and other music to their venue.

Great time to check out ADK Hatchet House – The Chamber is having a ribbon-cutting at ADK Hatchet House's Grand Opening on Friday, November 8 at 5pm. This event is not to be missed!! Along with drink specials and \$5.00 off for axe throwing ALL DAY, they will have a guest appearance by ADK Bigfoot, complimentary snacks from Megabites Catering, and LIVE MUSIC by Gloversville's very own Luke Pavlus from 5-9pm! They hope to see everyone November 8th!

Their current hours are Thursday: 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM; Friday: 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM; Saturday: 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM; Sunday: 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Visit their [Facebook page](#), or call (518) 620-0811 to book your lane and have some fun with family, friends, or co-workers!



YOUR CHAMBER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A NEIGHBORHOOD CHAMPION FOR SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY!

Neighborhood Champions are business associations, state and local chambers of commerce and other community organizations who serve as Shop Small® ambassadors to spread awareness on the importance of shopping small to support small businesses.

We will be promoting Shopping Small at our small businesses in myriad ways leading up to Small Business Saturday on November 30—through our weekly e-blast, social media and more!

If you have plans for your business for that day please let us know so we can help promote Small Business Saturday to the entirety of our region...and beyond! Send your Small Business Saturday information to fultonmontgomeryny@gmail.com and we will use it in our promotions!

CONNECT WITH
YOUR COMMUNITY
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IS NOV 30



85TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING OF THE WORLD PREMIERE OF 'DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK' STARRING HENRY FONDA

On Sunday, November 3, 2024, the Glove Theatre Education Series will offer a FREE screening of *Drums along the Mohawk*, 85 years since its world premiere at the same venue. Sponsored by the Johnstown Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution Chapter (DAR), the screening will start at 2:00 pm.

Before the screening, there will be a brief historical introduction by the DAR and Samantha Hall-Saladino, Glove Theatre Historian, Executive Director of the Fulton County Historical Society, and Fulton County Historian.

Informational tables will be available from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Plain Museum, Fulton County Historical Society, and the Fulton County Visitor Bureau. Additionally, a display of an original costume from the movie and some other historical items from the film from the Glove Museum, Fort Plain Museum, and Fulton County Historical Society will be on display in the lobby.

Drums Along the Mohawk is a 1939 American historical drama film based on the 1936 novel of the same name by Walter Edmonds. The film stars Henry Fonda and Claudette Colbert and depicts settlers in the New York frontier in the Mohawk Valley during the American Revolution. The film highlights settlers of the Mohawk Valley such as German-speaking Palatines, Nicholas Herkimer, and Peter Gansevoort.

The Glove Theatre was one of five locations that were granted the 'location premiere' for the screening, a popular trend in Hollywood at the time, wherein communities could apply to be given a world-premiere status based on geographic location in films. In total, 40 municipalities applied and five (5) were awarded, given their geographic location within the Mohawk Valley.



The first award went to the Gloversville home of the Glove Theatre, flagship venue, and headquarters for Schine Enterprise, citing its geographic location cited in the novel of Fort

Johnson and the Sacandaga Valley, which had been flooded not even a decade earlier for the Sacandaga Reservoir. Actors from the film and executives from 20TH Century Fox were in attendance as well as many local municipal officials within Fulton County. Other venues did have events and notables from within the region attend, however, all the attention was given to Gloversville, giving it the world-premiere location title. (Photo is from the 1939 premiere at the Glove Theatre)

A month earlier, The Glove Theatre reopened after being closed for several weeks for modernization, which resulted in Art Deco style renovations throughout which included a new marquee, by noted designer John Eberson.

"As the Glove Theatre preps for programming for America250, we felt this historical significance of this film was necessary to screen this year, 85 years after its premiere," says Samantha Hall-Saladino, Glove Theatre Historian.

an. "New York has, traditionally, been largely overlooked in telling the story of the Revolution. In addition, Fulton County's rich heritage as a hub for entertainment - both live and on-screen - cannot be understated. Though the film is a highly dramatized version of a popular work of historical fiction, it provides us with an excellent jumping off point to further explore the Revolutionary era in the Valley, the experiences of its diverse residents, and how that history has been presented over time."

CANDIDS WITH EMILY ROSE...

Photography, Event Space and More!

Emily Munson, the "Emily Rose" of this business, is the creative force and owner of this business. Candids with Emily Rose offers photography – portraits, business, personal, event – and her event space for any type of event for 50 people or less. Her studio and event space are located in downtown Johnstown at 32 West Main Street. As a photographer, Emily loves to capture moments, to photograph the moments that you might not know were happening.

The event space has everything you need to host a great event – except the catering/food. Her multi-use space offers tables and chairs, silverware, napkins, tableware, backdrops, lighting, music, coffee/tea cart, floral decorations and more for all seasons and holidays. She offers multiple event and photo packages for any need – wedding, engagement, portraits, pets, real estate, event, fashion, sports, headshots, newborns, landscape, food or product. In addition, she offers event planning services, social media/marketing and more. She also works at Advanced Cleaning and Restoration, and in Real Estate with Gateway Construction and Property Management. She is a busy lady, but customer service is at the forefront of anything with which she is involved. Her motto for this year is to offer 6-star service to her clients. She truly enjoys connecting and collaborating with people and with businesses. She believes that every connection she makes, whether personal or professional, can turn into business for her. Her business tagline is to be "your personal connection to success." We think she will be successful with whatever she does! To contact Emily about her photography services or the availability of events in her space, please call (518) 448

-2961, email candidswithemilyrose@gmail.com, or visit her [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/candidswithemilyrose).

Emily is hosting a "Christmas Cookies with Santa" event on Saturday, December 7 at her studio from 1pm-4pm. There will be holiday-themed backdrops for photos with Santa, Cookie Kits, and Party Treats available. There are different packages to choose from that include professional photos with Santa. For more information visit the Facebook event page [here](https://www.facebook.com/candidswithemilyrose).



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Craft Beverage Distillery

Stump City Brewing, Winner
Great Sacandaga Brewing Co., Second Place
Higher Ground Distilling Company, Runner Up

Credit Union

First Choice Federal Credit Union, Winner
Sidney Federal Credit Union, Runner Up

Deli

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Dry Cleaner

Pleasant Dry Cleaners, Winner
Century Linen, Second Place

Electrician

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Employer

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Fuel-n-Food Inc, Runner Up

Farm Equipment Dealer

Randall Implements Co., Inc., Second Place

Fast Food

Fuel-n-Food Inc, Second Place

Financial Planner

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Fitness Center

Go For It Fitness & Personal Training, Second Place
Fulton County YMCA, Runner Up

Florist

The Flower Barn Gift Shop, Runner Up

Fuel Company

Egelston Energy Company, Winner

Funeral Home

A G Cole Funeral Home Inc, Winner
Rose & Hughes Funeral Home, Runner Up

Furniture Store

Ruby & Quiri, Winner
Livingston's Furniture, Second Place
Old Brick Furniture & Mattress Co., Runner Up

Garage Door Dealer

Colonial Overhead Doors, Winner

Gift Shop

44 Lakes Customized Gifts and Decor, Winner
Adirondack Country Store, Second Place
School House Treasures, Runner Up

Golf Course

Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course, Winner
Holland Meadows Golf Course, Second Place

Hair Salon

Capano's Hairitage Salon, Second Place

Hardware Store

Noble Ace Hardware, Winner
Gloversville True Value Hardware, Second Place

Hearing Aid Center

The Hearing Doctor: Michael Araya, Winner
Miracle-Ear Hearing Aid Center, Second Place

Heating Oil/Propane

Egelston Energy Company, Winner

Heating/Air Conditioning

A. Johnson Plumbing and Heating, Inc., Winner
Adirondack Mechanical Corporation, Second Place

Hot Dogs

Stewart's Shops, Second Place
New York Lunch, Runner Up

Hotel/Motel

Holiday Inn Johnstown-Gloversville, an IHG Hotel, Winner
Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Johnstown, Second Place

Hunting/Fishing Supply

Runnings, Winner
Frank's Gun Shop Inc, Second Place

Insurance Agency

Jankowski Agency, Inc, Winner
Glover Insurance Agency, Second Place
Salvione Insurance Agency, Inc., Runner Up

Jewelry Shop

Castiglione Jewelers Inc, Runner Up

Landscaper

M & J Landscaping, Winner
Greenscapes, Runner Up

Laundromat

Century Linen, Second Place

Lawn Mower Dealer

Outdoor Motor Sports & Trailer Sales, Runner Up
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TOURISM

NEWS & UPDATES

FULTON COUNTY TOURISM NEWS

November events in Fulton County can be found on the constantly updated 44lakes.com calendar!

Be sure to catch on Sunday, November 2 – The Glove Theatre and Johnstown DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Chapter are hosting a special showing of **“Drums Along the Mohawk”** beginning at 2 p.m. This is an event celebrating the historical significance of this 1939 film with deep roots to our area and portrays the life of early New York frontier settlers during the American Revolution. The movie's premier was held in Gloversville and filmed in the surrounding area.

NEW this November is **Christmas at Animal Land**, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays starting November 29th and go thru December 21st. A Christmas wonderland brought to life with thousands of lights to walk and drive through. Animals will adorn the live Nativity, all new indoor activities, petting zoo, blacksmith, glassblower, candle maker and interactive creations for the kids. And of course Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting.

Go to 44lakes.com for updates on craft fairs, entertainment, exciting things to do and amazing places to dine.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY TOURISM NEWS

LIGHTED TRACTOR PARADE

Friday, November 29
Fonda Fairgrounds
Tractor Line up from 4-4:45 and parade will kick off at 5:15
Open to all tractors, trucks, farm equipment, horses, horse-drawn wagons. All must be decorated in 100+lights. \$40 fee to enter to support the Farm to Table Tour. Free to watch!
Contact Rebecca Perry (518) 248-9294



Kick Off the Holiday Season at
ELVES DAY OUT
Canajoharie

Saturday, December 7
Events and Activities from **9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

- Character Breakfast at the VanAlstyne Homestead – 9:00 a.m.
- Ugly Sweater 5K – 10:00 a.m.
- Activities & Vendors Village-Wide – Noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Tree Decorating Contest, public voting 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Parade of Lights – 5:30 p.m., followed by a bonfire & s'mores bar at the Canajoharie Riverfront Park

Scan here for more information.

WALLEYE CHALLENGE UPDATES

The 16th Walleye Challenge will be held on February 15, 2025 on the Great Sacandaga Lake. Forms will be mailed out on **November 1** and will be available additionally at Fuel-N-Food, 3006 State Highway 30, Gloversville on **November 4**. Tickets are \$60 each and include fishing and entry for a chance to win a door prize (there will be 64) and one side-by-side and two four-wheelers. **Only 1500 tickets will be sold!** For information on how to sponsor the event, contact Anne Boles, anneb@fultonmontgomeryny.org

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS OF THE WALLEYE CHALLENGE:



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CAREER CON A SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND BUSINESSES

On Wednesday, October 16, the Chamber in collaboration with HFM BOCES CTE (Career & Technical Education) program, SUNY Fulton-Montgomery, and local businesses welcomed almost 1,200 eighth grade students to the FM campus for our first annual CAREER CON, a career exploration event. School districts that participated with their students and staff included Amsterdam, Fonda-Fultonville, Johnstown, Oppenheim-Ephratah St. Johnsville, St. Mary's Institute, Wheelerville, Broadalbin-Perth, Canajoharie, Fort Plain, Gloversville, Lake Pleasant, Mayfield, Northville and Wells. SUNY FM students also had a chance to visit the business displays.



Career Con was created in part to support the districts' hopes for more regional events, which aligns to the core beliefs of HFM BOCES and the Chamber but also with the support of grant initiatives through SUNY FM. The goal for Career Con was

to offer eighth graders in the HFM region career awareness through "hands on" exposure to our regional businesses, and the opportunity to speak with business representatives about what type of jobs are available at their businesses and in our region. In addition, businesses were telling the Chamber that they also wanted the opportunity to expose students to what they have to offer earlier. "We want students in our districts to graduate from here, but also to have the opportunity to work, live and play here," said Nicole Walrath-VanAlstyne, the Chamber's Director of Workforce Development. "We thought this would be a great introduction to a multitude of businesses who have so many employment opportunities for our students."

District 8th graders arrived on the FM campus at different times during the day, between 8:45 and 12pm taking a look at programs and businesses both outside, inside the campus gymnasium and in Raider's Cove. They had the opportunity to speak with representatives in pathways in which they were already interested, and the businesses were clustered in career pathways (16 different pathways) to make it easier for students to navigate. In this way, they were given exposure to a multitude of businesses and careers. In all, there were 60 businesses who participated in this important event. All of the CTE programs were also on display, as they saw real value in "marketing" their programs to these 8th graders who will have to make choices about their high school paths in the coming months. At noon, the business displays were then opened up to any SUNY FM



students who wanted to speak with businesses about current or future employment.

"Eighth grade is such a pivotal year for our region's students," continued Walrath-VanAlstyne. "They will be making decisions about their next four years, and we want to give them the best information we can to make these decisions about where they want to further their education." Each student who participated was provided with a Career Con "swag bag" which were sponsored partly by Amsterdam Printing. Additional sponsors included:

Career Sidekicks- The Wesson Group, GlobalFoundries, Meleco Wealth Management, and KeyBank
Career Superstars- Alpin Haus, Power Pallet, and Delaware Engineering

As an appreciation for their participation, businesses were provided a buffet lunch at CTE's adjacent campus where CTE Culinary Arts students prepared and served the lunch.

Early feedback was all positive, so much so, in fact, that the collaborators are already thinking about next year, and perhaps expanding the Career Con event to include additional grade levels in the HFM BOCES component school districts.

If you want to learn more about Career Con, or are interested in participating in next year's event, please contact Nicole Walrath-VanAlstyne nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org.



Chamber Member **BENEFIT SPOTLIGHT**

FULTON MONTGOMERY CHAMBER'S CHAMBER CHECKS PROGRAM

BENEFITS BOTH YOUR BUSINESS AND THE COMMUNITY

- Chamber Checks are gift checks that can be redeemed at Chamber member businesses who are located throughout the region.
- There are currently 70 Chamber members on the list, but we are looking to expand it for this holiday season and into 2025.
- It's so easy to redeem Chamber Checks—with three easy steps—
ACCEPT, ENDORSE, DEPOSIT! Accept the Chamber Checks, endorse them with your business stamp/signature, and deposit in your bank account—simple for you, simple for the person redeeming the Chamber Check!
- To join the list and be able to redeem the Chamber Checks at your business, the cost is only \$25 annually. Only Chamber members can be on the list and redeem Chamber Checks. There is a complete list of businesses with their information that is distributed with each Chamber Check and there are thousands of lists that will be distributed during the holidays and all year round. In addition, the list is available online on our website at <https://www.fultonmontgomeryny.org/chamber-checks/>
What a great, inexpensive way to get your business name and information out there!
DEADLINE TO BE ADDED TO CHAMBER CHECK LIST OR TO BECOME CURRENT TO STAY ON THE LIST IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15! For details or questions please email info@fultonmontgomeryny.org or call (518) 725-0641.
- For businesses that want to purchase multiple checks/place group orders, we can prepare and process your order to be picked up at the Chamber. For this service, you are encouraged to call, email or fax a Chamber Check order form (available at <https://www.fultonmontgomeryny.org/chamber-checks/> to us at info@fultonmontgomeryny.org, fax to (518) 725-0643 or call in an order. Large corporate orders can be delivered; all delivered orders must be prepaid.
- Chamber Checks, available in any denomination, are available at: **Chamber Office, 2 North Main Street, Gloversville.** Business hours are Monday-Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.
- Chamber Checks that are purchased at the Chamber office can be purchased with cash, check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.
- Chamber Checks, available in denominations of \$10, \$25, \$50 can be purchased at: **Ruby & Quiri, 307 North Comrie Avenue, Johnstown** (www.randq.com)
- Questions or comments can be directed to the Chamber at (518) 725-0641 or info@fultonmontgomeryny.org.



**Keep Shopping Dollars
Local this Holiday Season—
Participate in our Chamber
Checks Program!**

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exercise your right to vote! As Abraham Lincoln said: "Elections belong to the people." There are many races this voting year, so please take the opportunity to learn about the candidates, their stand on issues and educate yourself on initiatives and laws for our region's future.

Voter resources:

Fulton County: <https://www.fultoncountyny.gov/board-elections>

Register to vote; voting information including polling places, absentee ballots, etc.; sample ballots (see who's running and referendums); early voting info; NY State election information; etc.

Montgomery County: <https://www.co.montgomery.ny.us/web/sites/departments/boe/default.asp>

As we head into the Thanksgiving and the holiday season, I am thankful for our health, family, friendships and eternally grateful for your investment with the Chamber. It is a priority for our team to show the value in your membership and how we can help you remain successful throughout the year!

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is observed on November 11th, the anniversary of the armistice signed in 1918 that ended World War I. The holiday was originally called Armistice Day, but was renamed Veterans Day in 1954 to honor veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day is celebrated to honor all U.S. military veterans, living and deceased, for their service and sacrifices to the country. Veterans Day is a day: To thank veterans for their service and to acknowledge their contributions to national security. To remember veterans who have died, and to reflect on their contributions and ongoing challenges. To advocate for the needs of veterans, such as for health care and employment.

We have two Chamber members who devote their missions to the service and celebration of Veterans:

Salute to Service Veterans Coalition, Inc.

Formed in 2020, the Salute to Service Veterans Coalition was created by several like-minded community members whose goal was to ensure that the local



Veteran and Active Duty Military members were given the appreciation and support they deserve. Since 2020, we have

served over 1,500 dinners and donated thousands of dollars back to local military and veteran organizations. Some of their events this year include their SALUTE TO SERVICE DINNER, this year held in August at SUNY Fulton-Montgomery and a Charity GOLF TOURNAMENT which was held on June 13 at Hales Mills Country Club. Upcoming is their WHISKEY, BOURBON & CIGARS event, scheduled for Friday, December 13 from 5pm-8pm at The Eccentric Club in Gloversville. For questions, or to participate in the events, email Ashley@salutetoservice518.com or call (518) 620-6986.

On Saturday, November 9 Salute to Service Veterans Coalition has teamed up with [Brown's Ford of Johnstown](#) and [Amsterdam](#) to test drive a Ford to support our local veterans. Brown's Ford will donate \$50 to the Salute to Service Veterans Coalition for every Test Drive of a new Ford on Saturday, November 9 from 9am to 3pm. There will be food, refreshments and raffles. Stop by and support our veterans at either Brown's Ford Location—131 Comrie Avenue Johnstown or 4419 State Hwy 30 Amsterdam. Must be 21 with a valid driver's license; limit one donation per household.

Veteran's Time to Thrive, Inc. (VT3)

VT3 is developing a unique 10-unit housing project which

will provide safe, decent, and affordable housing to Military Veterans families, including those who are currently serving in the military. This first of its kind housing development will empower military families and at the same time help breathe life into a city that they love—Amsterdam. To help with their mission, they hold events throughout the year—a fundraising golf tournament that was held on June 14 at Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course and a Car Show Fundraiser and Concert, this year held on July 13 on Bridge Street in Amsterdam's Southside. For more information on the group and their projects, please contact them via email at vets-thriving@vt-3.org or visit their website at vt-3.org



Liquor Store

Spirits of the Adirondacks, Winner
Fulton Street Liquor, Runner Up

Lumber/Home Improvement Store

Kingsboro Lumber Company, Winner

Marina

Park Marine Base, Inc., Winner
Canada Lake Store & Marine, Second Place
Cranberry Cove Marina, Runner Up

Massage Therapy

This Is Bliss Massage Therapy and Spa, Winner

Mattress Store

Ruby & Quiri, Winner
L&M TV & Appliance, Second Place
Livingston's Furniture, Runner Up

Meat Market

Bowman's Market, Winner
NACs Meat Market, Second Place

Monuments

Pickett Memorial, Second Place

Motorcycle Shop

Adirondack Harley-Davidson, Winner
Outdoor Motor Sports & Trailer Sales, Second Place

Paint Store

Noble Ace Hardware, Winner

Pet Adoption

Fulton County Regional SPCA, Winner
Montgomery County SPCA, Runner Up

Pet Grooming

My Paw Place, Winner

Pet Store

Benson's Pet Center, Winner

Pharmacy

St. Mary's Community Pharmacy, Second Place
Palmer's, Runner Up

Photographer

Viscosi Photography, Second Place

Place to Buy Wine

De Mi's Wines & Liquor, Winner
Route 30 Wine & Liquor Depot, Second Place
Spirits of the Adirondacks, Runner Up

Plumber

A. Johnson Plumbing and Heating, Inc., Winner

Pools

Alpin Haus Pools and Ski Shop, Winner

Printer

Derby Office Equipment Inc, Winner
Ricmar Design & Print, Second Place
Miller's Printing, Runner Up

Radio Station

WENT-AM Gloversville, Winner

Real Estate Agency

Chad Majewski Real Estate, Winner
ADK Realty, Second Place
Krutz Properties LLC, Runner Up

Restaurant

Lakeside Tavern & Marina, Second Place
Romana's Italian Kitchen, Runner Up

RV Dealer

Alpin Haus RV, Winner

Sandwich/Sub/Grinder

Fuel-n-Food Inc, Winner
Adirondack Country Market, Runner Up

Senior Services

The Fulton County Office for Aging, Winner
River Ridge Living Center, Runner Up

Ski Shop

Alpin Haus Ski Shop, Pools, and Spas, Winner

Snowmobile Shop

Alpin Haus Boats and Motorsports, Winner
Outdoor Motor Sports & Trailer Sales, Runner Up

Spa

SW The Spa, Winner

Sporting Goods Store

Runnings, Winner
The Bike Works, Runner Up

Tax Preparer

Spagnola & Spagnola Accounting Firm LLC, Winner

Tire Shop

Adirondack Express Lube, Winner

Tourist Attraction/Recreation (Local)

Glove Theatre, Runner Up

Toy Store

Walmart Supercenter, Runner Up

Tractor Sales

Randall Implements Co., Inc., Second Place

Veterinarian

Northampton Animal Hospital, Winner
Sacandaga Veterinary Clinic, Second Place

Wings

Bosco's, Runner Up

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 FOR ADK HATCHET HOUSE

Friday, November 8, 5pm-7pm
196 Second Avenue, Gloversville

Axe throwing bars have become quite popular! They offer a unique and fun experience where people can throw axes at wooden targets in a safe environment.

Come join us and owners Bradley and Jaime on Friday, November 8th at 5pm to celebrate this new attraction in Fulton County!

ADK Hatchet House is a perfect spot for group outings, birthdays, or team-building events. Also fantastic for retreats, celebrations, or just a fun night out with family and friends!!

Drink specials and snacks will be available.

RIBBON-CUTTING FOR PEGASUS DIGITAL MEDIA

Thursday, November 14, 1pm

64 E. Fulton Street, Suite 104, Gloversville

Come meet Greg Hitchcock, the owner behind Pegasus Digital Media, and welcome him to Chamber membership at this ribbon cutting. Greg brings narratives to life through a blend of video, photography and written word. His work aims to captivate, inform and inspire audiences offering a fresh perspective on diverse topics and issues.

RIBBON-CUTTING FOR ANNE C. CAMPBELL, NURSE PRACTITIONER IN HEALTH

Friday, November 15, 10am

7 Church Street, Gloversville

Family Nurse Practitioner serving the community by providing health consulting, mental health and weight loss medication management, medical card evaluation, and wellness consultation. Join us to welcome Anne to Chamber membership!

HOLIDAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT NBT BANK—CANAJOHARIE

Wednesday, December 4, 5:30pm-7pm

20 Mohawk Street, Canajoharie

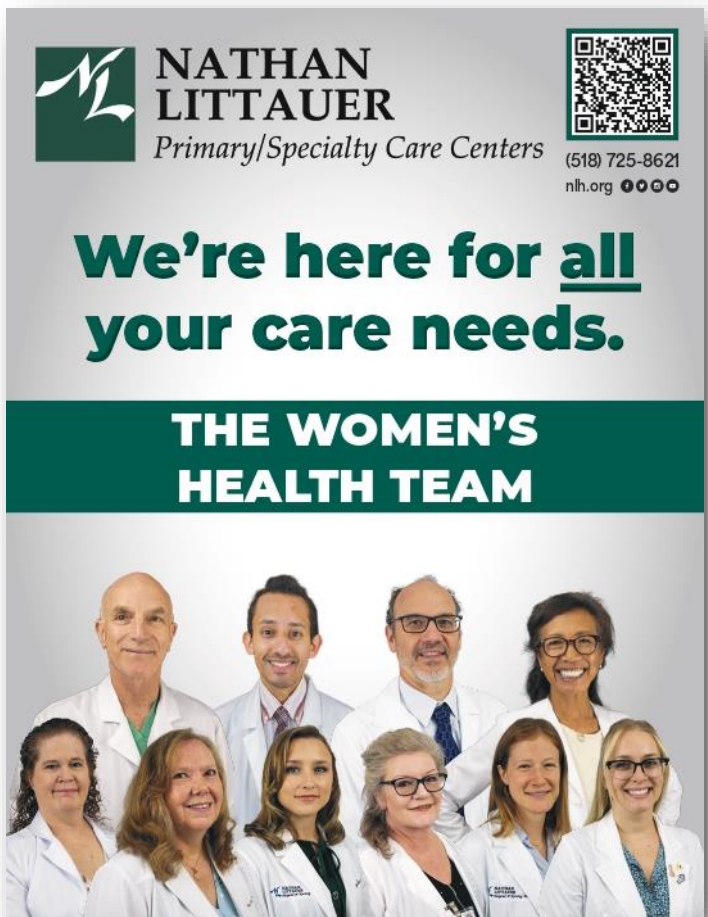
Get in the spirit at this Business After Hours at the Canajoharie branch of NBT Bank. Hostess Kim Adamchick, branch manager, will welcome all Chamber members and their employees, as well as local businesses to enjoy holiday refreshments and networking. A FREE event for Chamber members and their employees. Please bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item for the Montgomery County Office for Aging food bank.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT THE CENTURY CLUB'S FESTIVAL OF TREES (sponsored by Chad Majewski Real Estate)

Thursday, December 5

130 Guy Park Ave., Amsterdam

Come see the beautifully, festively adorned trees at the beautiful Century Club in Amsterdam and enjoy refreshments and networking with fellow Chamber members and their employees! A FREE event for Chamber members—please RSVP for planning purposes. Guests are encouraged to bring gifts to donate to the Don't Stop Believin' Toy Drive that donates thousands of toys to local children every year.



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