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

CHAMBER'S 2025 GOLF CLASSIC A SUCCESS BECAUSE OF OUR MEMBER SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS, GOLFERS AND MORE!



Photos across top: A great time was had by all at the September 16 Business After Hours at The Recovery Sports Grill, 5005 State Highway 30 in Amsterdam. Attendees were treated to some great refreshments and camaraderie with dozens of fellow Chamber members.

Thank you to the Recovery Sports Grill and staff for a great event! Visit them online at recoveryssportsgrill.com



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Message from the Executive Director

Dear Members and Friends,

As we turn the calendar to October, I want to take a moment to reflect on the success of our recent Chamber Golf Tournament, held on September 12 at Hales Mills Country Club in Johnstown. This event was a wonderful reminder of the strength of our community and the value of partnerships. We are sincerely grateful to all of our sponsors, golfers, and the many volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the day possible. The support we received not only ensured a prosperous tournament but also reinforced the foundation on which our Chamber continues to grow.

I would also like to highlight one of our most impactful initiatives, the Chamber Check program. This program is designed to keep dollars circulating within our community by encouraging people to shop locally. For a small participation fee, members can join the program and be listed as a Chamber Check location. This creates multiple touchpoints for your business on our website and provides additional visibility to community members who are looking for ways to support local businesses. It is a simple and effective way to strengthen our local economy while giving businesses meaningful exposure.

In addition, I want to remind our members and regional entrepreneurs that the Chamber is here as a resource for small businesses seeking support services. Whether you are looking for guidance on marketing, connections to workforce programs, networking opportunities, or simply need a partner to help navigate challenges, we encourage you to come to the Chamber. Our goal is to provide the tools, connections, and support that help small businesses not only survive, but thrive in our region.

Together, through programs like Chamber Checks, events like the golf tournament, and the many services we provide, we continue to strengthen the business community and create opportunities that benefit us all.

Warm regards,

MaryBeth Shults

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September 2025

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NATIONAL MANUFACTURING WEEK SET FOR FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER

National Manufacturing Week begins on the first Friday in October and continues for a week across the country. This year, it takes place from October 3 to 10. This week-long celebration aims to honor the contributions of the manufacturing sector by sharing information about all the work the sector has done in the last year and its impact on the country's economy. National Manufacturing Week is an initiative by the Manufacturing Institute, which works to develop technologies through public-private partnerships. The U.S. Census Bureau hosts the celebrations of the week.

National
MANUFACTURING
Week 2025

What to Expect:

A Week of Data and Content: The Census Bureau will provide a variety of statistics, data visualizations, and stories to inform the public about the manufacturing sector.

- **Manufacturing Day (MFG Day):** This annual event, celebrated on the first Friday of October, serves as the culmination of Manufacturing Week. It's a day for manufacturers to open their doors to showcase modern manufacturing and inspire interest in manufacturing careers.
- **Events and Awareness:** Communities, businesses, and policymakers are encouraged to participate in the week by sharing information on social media and attending or hosting events.

How to Get Involved:

Follow on Social Media: Look for information on the Census Bureau's (Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, YouTube, X) and [The Manufacturing Institute's](#) social media pages (X, LinkedIn, Facebook) using hashtags like #MFGDay25.

Attend Events: Check the [Manufacturing USA](#) website or other local event listings for events near you.

Register and Participate: If you are a manufacturer, you can contact a MEP Center (Manufacturing Extension Partnership) to learn more about hosting a Manufacturing Day event. The New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NY MEP) is a network of organizations that provide growth and innovation services to small and mid-sized manufacturers in every corner of the state to help them create and retain jobs, increase profits, and save time and money. The regional New York MEP Centers for Fulton and Montgomery Counties:

[Advanced Institute for Manufacturing at Mohawk Valley Community College.](#)

The institute provides centralized manufacturing and technology assistance, leveraging MVCC's partner programs in workforce development, business incubation, and STEM - and supporting the region's priority industry cluster - cybersecurity.

SBA AND DOL SIGN MOU TO SUPPORT DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING

Enhanced collaboration will cultivate pipeline of skilled workers, restore American industrial dominance

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) has partnered with the [Department of Labor \(DOL\)](#) to boost workforce development for manufacturers through enhanced data-sharing and coordinated programs like [Registered Apprenticeships](#). This [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#), signed on July 16, 2025, aims to cultivate a skilled labor pipeline by aligning DOL's workforce development resources with SBA's capital and contracting tools, ensuring American manufacturers have the workers they need.



U.S. Small Business
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Key Aspects of the Partnership

- **Enhanced Collaboration:** The MOU formalizes cooperation between the SBA and DOL to support U.S. manufacturing, with a particular focus on small manufacturers, which make up 98% of the sector.
- **Data Sharing and Coordination:** Both agencies will expand data-sharing and coordinate initiatives like Registered Apprenticeships, the [Veterans' Employment and Training Service \(VETS\)](#), and American Job Centers.
- **Bridging Capital and Workforce:** The agreement connects the SBA's financial instruments (like the 7(a), 504, and microloan programs) with DOL's workforce training initiatives.
- **Building a Skilled Labor Pipeline:** The goal is to create a steady supply of skilled workers to meet the needs of domestic producers.

Goals of the Initiative

- **Support Domestic Manufacturing:** The partnership is a key part of the ongoing effort to restore American industry and jobs.
- **Strengthen the Skilled Workforce:** The initiative aims to prepare America's workforce for the opportunities in the manufacturing sector.

Boost Capital and Contracting: By aligning resources, the SBA will help manufacturers access capital and contracting opportunities.

Earlier this year, the SBA launched the [Made in America Manufacturing Initiative](#), with a commitment to cut \$100 billion in red tape, promote workforce development, and expand access to capital for small manufacturers. The agency also recently announced a new [Onshoring Portal](#), which connects small businesses with a database of more than 1 million domestic suppliers – empowering job creators to support American jobs, shift supply chains back home, and more.

The SBA provides grants to help empower small manufacturers. Find information on the grants [here](#). To find SBA resources to grow your business including finding new funding, locations, customers and resources for minority, veteran and rural businesses, visit <https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/grow-your-business>



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September 2025

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31 – 40 YEARS

- Robert J. Hoy Agency, Inc.—39

21 – 30 YEARS

- Edward Valentine, M.D.—26
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11 – 20 YEARS

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- Top Quality Home Care Agency, LLC—13
- Country Valley Veterinary Clinic—13
- A to Z Indoor Comfort—11

1 – 10 YEARS

- Lillian Johnson, Healing Touch Practitioner—10
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IN NOVEMBER, THE FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS A FUN AFTERNOON OF BOWLING AND CONTINUES ITS OUTLANDER IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY SERIES

Join the Fulton County Historical Society on Saturday, November 8th from 12-3pm, when they will take over over Arterial Lanes! Arterial Lanes is located at 140 N. Pine St. Gloversville. Grab a group of friends and meet them at the bowling alley.

Tickets are \$20 per person and include your shoe rental and lane use.



Food and drinks will be available for purchase. The Fulton County Museum is also offering prize

basket drawings and a 50/50 raffle.

Advance sign ups are encouraged but not required and all participants will pay at the door (cash or check only please). [You can sign up online here.](#)

The FCHS is wrapping up this year's *Outlander* in the Mohawk Valley Series with Women of the Saratoga Campaign on Wednesday, November 12th at 7pm.

In the 7th *Outlander* book, *An Echo in the Bone* (and in S7E8 of the tv series), we see Jamie and Claire heavily involved in the Battle of Saratoga. These two battles, fought on September 19 and October 7, 1777, proved a turning point in the war for the Americans.

Anne Clothier returns to share untold stories of the courageous women who played a key role during the American Revolution. From everyday heroes to pivotal figures in the Saratoga Campaign, these women shaped the turning point in history. Discover their inspiring contributions in this captivating presentation.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN FULTON & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES PRESENTS A MURDER MYSTERY DINNER "A Deadly Romance at the Dude Ranch" to be held on Friday, October 24

A benefit for The Mental Health Association in Fulton and Montgomery Counties

A Murder Mystery Dinner, "A Deadly Romance at the Dude Ranch"

Friday, October 24th beginning at 6pm, Hales Mills Country Club, 146 Steele Road, Johnstown. The benefit is presented by Foothills Family Productions This is the third year of this popular event!

The evening's dinner include salad, entrees, and dessert. Entrée Options are: Chicken Marsala over rice with

vegetable; Shrimp Scampi over rice Glazed French Cut Pork Chop with potato & vegetable; or Mediterranean Vegetarian Pasta

Cost is \$60 per person. Payment may be called in, mailed, or dropped off to MHA. MHA Administrative Office; 307-309 Meadow Street, Johnstown, NY 12095 518-762-5332 ext. 100. Please note that Hales Mills Country Club will not be taking reservations for this event.



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GREATER JOHNSTOWN LIONS CLUB NEWS

Saturday, October 18 is the date for the City of Johnstown's Harvest Festival, in Main Street Park. The Greater Johnstown Lions Club is hosting their Third Annual Chili Cook-Off, starting at 11am when contestants will set up their offerings. At 12:30, the judges will taste the chili, and then from 1pm-3pm samplings of chilis will be available for anyone. Winners of the Chili Contest will be announced at 4pm; there will be 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and People's Choice awards with prizes and bragging rights at stake! Entry deadline is Wednesday, October 15. Entry fee is \$10 via Venmo to @johnstownlions. Entry is easy: email your team name/contact person names with email addresses and phone numbers to gjlions20w@gmail.com with subject line: Chili Cook-Off Contestant; call (518) 332-7455 with information, or mail to PO Box 305, Johnstown, NY 12095. You can also message the organization's Facebook page @Greater Johnstown Lions Club. Rules/regulations will be sent upon entering.

Interested in finding out what the Greater Johnstown Lions Club is all about? You are welcome to come to a meeting which run monthly from September through June at Partner's Pub, 21 S. William Street in Johnstown. This year's officers are President—Michelle Muzzi, Vice President—Dierdre Roemer; Secretary-Stacey Lee, and Treasurer Eric Unislawski. You can also email the organization at gjlions20w@gmail.com or visit them on their [Facebook page](#).



MOUNTAIN VALLEY HOSPICE LOOKING FOR BASKETS FOR LADIES LUNCHEON SOIREE

It's that time of the year! Hospice's annual Ladies' Luncheon Soiree is just around the corner (Friday, December 5), and they are on the lookout for raffle basket donations.

Each year, the baskets become more beautiful, more creative and more exciting. Our guests absolutely love them! From spa indulgences and cozy comforts to gourmet treats and unique experiences, your contribution helps make this event sparkle.

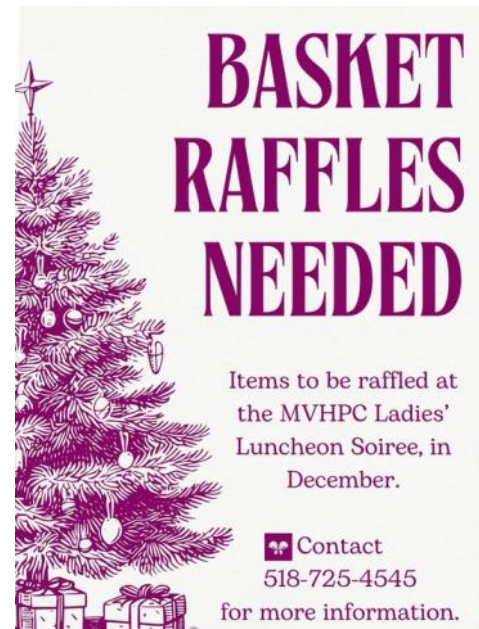
If you are looking for a way to show your appreciation for Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care, this is a great way to do so!

Donate a raffle basket for our Soiree! All proceeds benefit MVHPC and end of life care in Fulton, Montgomery, Hamilton and Saratoga Counties.

Make a basket with your family or friend group, in memory of a loved one. Make a basket on behalf of your business or organization to show your support for MVHPC.

If you would like to donate a basket for the soiree, please contact 518-725-4545 or brigitte.rose@mvhcares.org.

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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF FULTON-MONTGOMERY COUNTIES HOSTING MEET & GREET FOR POTENTIAL MEMBERS



The Soroptimist International of Fulton-Montgomery Counties is inviting women in the community to a Meet and Greet for Potential New Members on Tuesday, October 8, from 5–7 p.m. at the Eccentric Club, 109 North Main Street, Gloversville.

Guests will have the opportunity to learn more about this women's organization, connect with current members, and enjoy light refreshments. As part of the event, two free member-

ships—each valued at \$130—will be raffled off for those who complete a new member application that evening. Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading in social and economic empowerment.

RSVPs are not required. Those with questions can message the organization on Facebook.

THE PAUL NIGRA CENTER FOR CREATIVE ARTS ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

The Nigra Arts Center has updated its membership structures to better serve our needs and the needs of our community. They have all the same awesome membership benefits we have always had - just with more streamlined tiers!

Membership dues support programming at the Paul Nigra Center for the Arts.

Members of the Nigra Arts Center receive the following general benefits for one year:

- Subscription to the Nigra Arts Center newsletter
- Discount on classes, workshops, kid art programs, special events and rentals
- Use of the Nigra Arts Center library and priority booking on rentals
- Members-only art exhibition opportunities
- Consignment sales opportunities in our gift shop
- Performance and programming opportunities

Here are the new levels you can join annually:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Student/Senior (65+): \$25
- Individual: \$30
- Family: \$50

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

- Nonprofit: \$50
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- Arts Patron: \$250
- Arts Hero: \$500
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- Art Sponsor: \$5,000



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PERRY LANES, JOHNSTOWN, HAS NFL SUNDAY TICKET AND FOOD AND DRINK SPECIALS DURING FOOTBALL SEASON

Perry Lanes, located at 1 Maple Avenue in Johnstown, has the NFL Sunday Ticket (with every game on), food, drinks and bowling on Sundays—they are open until 7pm.

Some of the food and drink specials in past weeks have included \$10 for 2 slices of pizza, 6 boneless wings, and a 16 oz. soda. Beer specials: \$2 Genny and Genny Light cans, \$2.50 PBR cans, and \$3 Bud Light cans. There are a number of tournaments taking place in the upcoming weeks, including the Johnstown Eagles Auxiliary 8-pin no-tap tournament to benefit youth activities on October 24. For information on all that is happening at Perry Lanes, visit them on their [Facebook page](#).



HFM BOCES APPOINTS FIRST-EVER STUDENT VOICES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Student voices will officially join the HFM BOCES Board of Education, as two area seniors have been named its first-ever ex officio members.

Madison Milby of the Greater Johnstown School District and Charlotte Nare of Canajoharie Central School will be introduced as student board members during the organization's next board of education meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Milby, a senior at HFM PTECH, is enrolled in the program's Business Management & Marketing pathway. She is a member of the Johnstown High School drama club and the varsity cheerleading team. At PTECH she has been involved in student government and book club. She hopes to someday enter the real estate industry and become a house flipper.

"It means a lot to me to be selected to the board," said Milby. "To be someone that other students can come to and share ideas or concerns with is such an honor."

Nare is a senior enrolled in the HFM Career and Technical Education (CTE) Medical Assisting program. At Canajoharie she participates in varsity basketball and volleyball. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, prom committee, tech club, and SADD. Upon graduation, she plans to enroll at SUNY FMCC for nursing and aspires to become a labor and delivery registered nurse.

"I'm really honored to have been chosen and have an opportunity to be a voice for the students at BOCES," said Nare.

A new law that took effect on July 1, 2025, requires all school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services across the state to appoint at least one ex officio student board member. These student representatives will attend public meetings and serve as the voice of the student body.

Student board members will serve in an advisory role and are not allowed to vote or attend executive



Charlotte Nare (above) and Madison Milby.



sessions. They must also be high school students enrolled for at least one year.

For more information visit HFM BOCES at hfmbooces.org

NEW STUDY SPOTLIGHTS THE EPIMED RACZ® CATHETER'S ROLE IN IMPROVING ESI OUTCOMES

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Source: Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine: Vol. 15, issue 5; e164983.

BUSY OCTOBER AT STUMP CITY BREWING

Stump City Brewing, 521 W. Fulton Street Ext. in Gloversville has events scheduled through October. Check out more on their [Facebook page](#).

MURDER AT THE BIERGARTEN: A Comedic Murder Mystery & Beer Tasting—Saturday, October 4 from 2-3:30pm

Trust Your Gut Productions is pleased to present Murder at the Biergarten, a new, comedic, interactive murder mystery and beer tasting at Stump City

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OKTOBERFEST on Saturday, October 11 from 10am to 8pm.

There will be raffles, an adult egg hunt, bike club scavenger hunt, keg and bike tosses, cornhole all day, brats and beer tastings, food truck with traditional German eats, bonfire and Bryan Price live, beer specials and contests. There is no cover and \$10 to play games. "Our fall beers will be flowing, prizes will be won, and dignity will be lost. See you there."

BARK, BREW & STEW Harvest Gathering on Sunday, October 26 from 12pm to 4pm.

Grab your pup, bring your appetite, and join Stump City for an afternoon of fall fun, food and local brews! Leashed pups welcome, yard games, family friendly with no entry fee. For more information, email the Fulton County SPCA at events@fcrspca.org.

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Second Place Foursome

Mike Almy, Larry Wager, Todd Vincent, Jere-
mie Frasier (Miracle-Ear foursome)

Third Place Foursome

Sarah St. Andrews, Len St. Andrews, Joshua
Fancher, Chris Bradt (St. Andrews Heating &
Cooling foursome)

- Women's Closest to the Pin Hole 8—
Mel Dowglielewicz—33"
- Men's Closest to the Pin Hole 11—
Brian Thurley, 19' 5"
- Men's Longest Drive Hole 10—Jeremie
Frasier (Miracle-Ear)
- Women's Longest Drive Hole 10—Teri
Brandt (L&L Embroidery)

LARGE PRIZE WINNERS

- Runnings Kayak winner- Nick Manginelli
- Hales Mills Foursome - Stephen Klopfen-
stein
- Football Cooler —Mike Almy
- Golf Bag - Todd Vincent
- Nigra Arts Center Basket-Jeremie Frasier
- Door Prize-Goodies from Second Act Spir-
its and L&L Embroidery—Matt Shults
- 50/50 Raffle - Zachary Jensen

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- Runnings
- The Shaggy Moose Barbershop
- Sidney Federal Credit Union (SFCU)
- Stump City Brewing
- SW The Spa
- Vintage Cafe

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NEWS & UPDATES

SO MUCH going on in our region! Follow links for details or reference the event calendars on 44lakes.com or visitmontgomerycounty.com

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

BLUES AT BURBINE DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT RETURNS FOR ITS FIFTH EVENT

The Blues at Burbine Disc Golf Tournament is a Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) C-tier event taking place at Burbine Forest DGC in Charleston, Montgomery County. The 2025 event is the fifth year of the tournament and is scheduled for Sunday, October 26.

Tournament details

- **Event:** Montgomery County and DisCap present The Blues at Burbine V driven by Innova.
- **Date:** Sunday, October 26, 2025, 9am
- **Location:** Burbine Forest DGC in Charleston.

Key times

Start time: The shotgun start for the first round will be at 9:00 AM.

7:45am - 8:30am—Registration and breakfast sandwiches for sale.

8:30am - 8:45am—Player's meeting and walk to starting hole

9:00am—Round 1 Shotgun Start

1:00pm—Round 2 Shotgun Start (approximately 45 min after Round 1)

4:00pm—Awards (approximately 30 min after Round 2)

Registration and tournament information

Registration: You can register for the tournament on the Disc Golf Scene website.

- **Participants:** The 2024 tournament featured 72 competitors of all skill levels.
 - **Sponsors:** The tournament is presented by Montgomery County and DisCap.
- Course:** The Thomas H. Burbine Memorial Forest Disc Golf Course is an 18-hole course that opened in October 2020.

For more information, including specifics on divisions and player packs, you can check the Disc Golf Scene [event page](#) or the [DisCap Facebook page](#).

FULTON COUNTY OCTOBER EVENTS:

Fall foliage is an ongoing event in early October throughout Fulton County with its warm autumn hues of gold, orange and red that seem to pop in contrast to the blues of our 44 lakes! Look for apples, pumpkins and mums at the many farms, farm stands and orchards. It's a great time to experience the stops along the 44 Lakes Craft Beverage Trail and try what they have brewed up for fall.

Entertainment, art and history are still active and colorful at a variety of venues throughout the county, go to www.44lakes.com and click on the calendar for the most updated event information from art, to history to music venues.

Sample Calendar of Events:

Oct. 3 – Bigfoot Conference, Johnstown Holiday Inn, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Oct. 4 – Artisans for Education Artisan Fair, Northville Central School Gymnasium, 10 am to 4 pm

Fall Harvest Cruise-in, Historic Rice Homestead, Mayfield, noon to 4 pm

Murder at the Biergarten: A comedy/murder mystery & beer tasting, Stump City Brewing, Gloversville, 2 pm, 3:30 pm

Talking Baseball with San Francisco Giants Pitcher Matt Gage, NYS Baseball Hall of Fame, Gloversville, 12noon

Oct. 5 – Concordia Club Fall Craft Fair, Gloversville, noon

Oct. 11 – Fall Fest by WellNow Urgent Care, Trail Station Park, Gloversville, 11 am to 4 pm

Oct. 18 – Johnstown Harvest Festival, downtown Johnstown, starts at noon

Halloween Spooktaculars:

Oct. 24 – Murder Mystery Dinner “A Deadly Romance at the Dude Ranch,” MHA Benefit, Hales Mills Country Club, Johnstown, 6 pm

Oct. 24 – Medium Brandon Ross, The Glove Theatre, Gloversville, 7 to 10 pm

Oct. 25 – Trunk or Treat, Supply Wagon Rentals, LLC, Johnstown, 5 pm

Oct. 25 – Memento Mon, Colonial Tales of the Macabre, Johnson Hall State Historic Site, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

*Reservations required

Oct. 25 – A Wedding in Transylvania, Pre-Halloween Bash Murder Mystery, Historic Hotel Broadalbin, 6:30 pm

Oct. 25 – Wicked – Sing-Along Version, The Glove Theatre, Gloversville, 7 pm

NYS Haunted History Trail has 4 locations in Fulton County to discover: The Timeless Tavern, Northville | Historic Hotel Broadalbin, Broadalbin | Fulton County Historical Society, Gloversville

The Knox Mansion, Johnstown – Oct. 17, 18, 24 & 25 – Haunted House Tours, 6 to 9 pm, and Trick or Treat on Halloween during Johnstown's designated times

FULTON COUNTY

WHEN YOUR BUSINESS OR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS LOST OR EXPOSED

The Federal Trade Commissions – ftc.gov

Did you get a notice that says your information was exposed in a data breach? Did you lose your wallet? Did your online account get hacked? Or did you learn that someone tried but failed to use your information to open an account?

You could be at risk for identity theft. That's when someone uses your information — like your Social Security number or credit card — without your permission. If someone has already used your information to open a new account or make a purchase: Report it at IdentityTheft.gov and find out what to do next to recover.

If an identity thief hasn't misused your information yet: You don't need to file an FTC Identity Theft report. Keep reading to find out what you can do to help protect yourself from identity theft.

Businesses experiencing identity theft should report it to IdentityTheft.gov, the local police, and the [FBI's](https://www.fbi.gov/interior) Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at ic3.gov for cyber-related incidents. It is also crucial to contact your bank and credit reporting agencies, and consider reaching out to your business's [Secretary of State](#) and a legal advisor.

Businesses experiencing a data breach should report to law enforcement (local police, [FBI/Secret Service](#)), the [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#) (especially if personal health information is involved or 500+ individuals are affected), and relevant state agencies as required by law. They should also notify affected individuals and consider the IRS and the [Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\)](#) for specific situations.

Key steps to help protect yourself from identity theft

- * Check your [credit report](#) to see if an identity thief has used your information.
- * Get your free credit report from AnnualCreditReport.com.

- * Review the reports, and if you see an account or debt you don't recognize, contact the company and ask about it. If someone used your information to open a new account or make a purchase, report it at IdentityTheft.gov and learn how to [dispute the information](#) on your credit report.
- * Freeze your credit to make it harder for someone to use your information. A [credit freeze](#) keeps people from getting into your report. While a freeze is in place, nobody can open a new credit account. And it's free to place the freeze, or to temporarily lift the freeze if you need to apply for new credit.
- Experian.com/help
- TransUnion.com/credit-help 888-909-8872
- Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services 800-685-1111

Experian and Equifax provide different business credit scores, each with its own scoring models and ranges. Dun & Bradstreet is the third largest credit bureau for businesses. Business credit scores are based on a company's Employer Identification Number (EIN) and its financial history

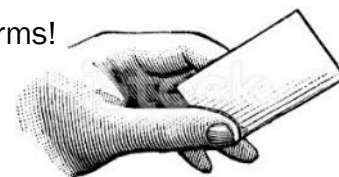
- * If you're concerned about identity theft, you can also place a free, one-year [fraud alert](#) by contacting one of the credit bureaus. A fraud alert makes it harder for someone to open a new credit account in your name because a business has to verify your identity before it opens the account.
- * Accept free credit monitoring if a company offers it. [Credit monitoring services](#) scan activity that shows up on your credit reports. Depending on the service, it will usually alert you when something happens on your credit reports, like a company checking your credit, a new loan or credit card, or a company reporting a late payment.
- * Keep checking your credit reports periodically at AnnualCreditReport.com to watch for anything you don't recognize. You can check your reports online every week for free.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF GLOVERSVILLE

The [Gloversville Economic Development Corporation](#) 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 marybeth@fultonmontgomeryny.org

Promote YOUR business here for \$75/month
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to your online platforms!

Contact
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or membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org



THE IRS WARNS ALL TAXPAYERS TO BEWARE OF COSTLY SOCIAL MEDIA TAX SCAMS

The Internal Revenue Service is alerting taxpayers about a growing number of fraudulent tax schemes circulating on social media that promote the misuse of credits such as the Fuel Tax Credit and the Sick and Family Leave Credit. These scams have led thousands of taxpayers to file inaccurate or frivolous returns, often resulting in the denial of refunds and steep penalties. Since 2022, the IRS has seen a surge in questionable refund



claims fueled by misleading social media posts and bad actors posing as tax experts. Many of the posts falsely claim that all taxpayers are eligible for credits they do not actually qualify for, such as those meant for self-employed individuals or businesses. The IRS routinely publishes and updates a list of frivolous positions on IRS.gov that could lead to the imposition of penalties.

“These schemes are not only misleading but can cost taxpayers dearly,” said James Clifford, IRS Director Return Integrity and Compliance Services. “People who follow this advice could end up with rejected claims and a penalty of up to \$5,000 in addition to any other penalties that might apply. So far, the IRS has imposed over 32,000 penalties costing taxpayers more than \$162 million. It’s in the taxpayer’s best interest to stay informed.”

How to spot these scams

These scams often have common traits:

- Social media posts that claim everyone qualifies for certain tax credits.
 - Promises of “easy” or “fast” refund with minimal documentation.
 - Instructions to file amended returns, even if you did not originally qualify for the credits.
- Encouragement to ignore IRS letters or respond with false information.

What happens when a taxpayer falls for a scam

Taxpayers who submit false claims may face serious consequences:

- Delayed refunds.
 - Denied refund claims.
 - A \$5,000 civil penalty under Internal Revenue Code Section 6702 for filing a frivolous return.
- Subject to further IRS examination and enforcement action.

What taxpayers can do if they are targeted

Taxpayers who believe they have been misled or filed an incorrect return should:

[Amend the tax return](#) as soon as possible using [Form 1040-X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return](#).

- Respond promptly to any IRS letters or notices.

Seek help from a reputable tax professional or the IRS’s

official resources at [IRS.gov](#).

If you suspect a tax scam, report it to the IRS by emailing phishing@irs.gov or file a complaint with the [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration \(TIGTA\)](#).

Stay informed

The IRS urges all taxpayers to be cautious when relying on social media posts. Always verify claims with credible sources or consult a qualified tax professional.

For the latest updates on tax scams and IRS warnings, visit [Tax Scams](#). In addition to IRS.gov, the IRS routinely publishes helpful information on [IRS Social Media](#). Follow @IRStaxsecurity on X for scam awareness information.

TAX WORKSHOP FOR SELF-EMPLOYED FILERS

This workshop provides free tax preparation services for gig workers, freelancers and small business owners who often face barriers to filing taxes and managing financial recordkeeping. In addition to providing annual and quarterly estimated tax filing preparation assistance, new workshops and one-on-one consultations will help the growing number of New Yorkers who perform gig and freelance work to learn the basics of tax filing and record-keeping best practices as self-employed. IRS resource material and links will be shared with attendees during the workshop.

Contact: Lilliam Arias; **Phone:** [212-436-0152](tel:212-436-0152); **Email:** liarias@dcwp.nyc.gov

Registration: Visit the [Grow Brooklyn](#) site to register.

Sponsored by: New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) and Grow Brooklyn

Date(s): Various dates offered. Visit the Grow Brooklyn registration site for specific dates.

Time: Varies. Visit the Grow Brooklyn registration site for specific times.

Location: Virtual



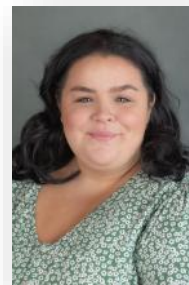
PLEASE WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER OUR NEW INTERN ALIXANDRIA SHEROME

Alixandria Sherome (pictured), a Fonda-Fultonville Central School senior, is a Computer Information student graduating this December. She is helping the Chamber with our online efforts. Her main goals are to modernize the Chamber website with new/updated features, and to

reorganize site content and navigation for a clearer, more concise, user experience. She will also partner with Chamber staff to guide potential database management for the Sacandaga Protection Committee.

Alexis completed a full website analysis in one day (!) and has already started implementing recommendations. She fit in seamlessly with the team and will be a strong asset to the Chamber.

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ELIZABETH CADY STANTON LEADERSHIP SUMMIT PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 12

In celebration of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's birthday on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association will host a *Leadership Summit* for young women (high school juniors) at the Schine Building in downtown Gloversville. The program includes a guided gallery walk of Dr. Leslie Ford's women's leadership art exhibit, a meet-and-greet with Stanton's great-great-granddaughter Coline Jenkins, and an interactive dialogue with local women leaders, where participants will craft their own leadership philosophy. To learn more about the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association, visit ecstantonhometown.org.

The Chamber's BEP is working with the ECSHA to connect school districts, businesses with the event.



SAVE THE DATE WORKFORCE SUMMIT AT HFM BOCES ON DECEMBER 5

Join us for a Workforce Summit at HFM BOCES on Friday, December 5 from 9-11am. This collaborative event brings together superintendents, industry leaders, economic & workforce development professionals, and local government to shape the future of the workforce in our region. The focus includes quality education, employer partnerships, early career awareness, and work-based learning, with a collective investment in more than 14,000 future young professionals. RSVP here: <https://business.fultonmontgomeryny.org/events/details/workforce-summit-at-hfm-boces-46243> or email Nicole Walrath-VanAlstyne at nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

DECEMBER 5, 2025
9 AM - 11 AM

SAVE THE DATE
WORKFORCE SUMMIT

READY TO HELP SHAPE A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR THE HFM REGION?

Here is the chance to collaborate with industry, economic development, local government, and education professionals on the future of the workforce in the HFM BOCES Region.

- Quality Education
- Employer Partnerships
- Early Career Awareness
- Work Based Learning
- Collective investment in over 14,000 future young professionals

Location:
HFM BOCES
Conference Center
East Entrance
2755 State Highway 67, Johnstown

REGISTER HERE!

HFM BOCES
HAMILTON FULTON MONTGOMERY
REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE




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.



THE CHAMBER IS LOOKING FOR A COMMUNITY OUTREACH & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce is seeking an energetic, people-focused Community Outreach & Membership Director to grow and engage our business community.

In this role, you'll build relationships with local businesses, promote Chamber events and programs, and help create a strong, connected business environment. You'll also be a key player in member recruitment, retention, sponsorship outreach, and event support.

For a full job description, please visit [this link](#).



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Wednesday, October 8, 12-1pm

VIRTUAL RIBBON-CUTTING AND LIVE DEMO FOR MY LIFE-THIS TIME AROUND

Join us Wednesday, October 8 as we welcome new Chamber member My Life – This Time Around with a virtual ribbon cutting and live demo!

Founder Charity Pagano will give a brief training on the use of video/reels with the Growth-Nurture-Sales strategy to get more leads and clients using content!

Before the event, we encourage you to share your biggest social media challenges and complete this short survey: <https://forms.gle/XX8ChznoU92Q63WM7>

Chamber members who attend this event get a free guide: "5 Posts to Help You Get Seen This Week," perfect for small businesses looking to boost their online presence. RSVP to the Chamber and you will get a link to the ribbon-cutting and demo.

Thursday, October 9, 10am-2pm

MANUFACTURING CAREER & JOB FAIR EXPO

**Fulton-Montgomery Community College
2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown**

Celebrate regional manufacturing and explore local career opportunities at the Manufacturing Career and Job Fair Expo on Thursday, October 9, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at [SUNY Fulton-Montgomery Community College](#).

This event is open to regional high school seniors, college students, and job seekers!

Confirmed businesses include: Crystal Geyser Spring Water, Keymark Corporation, Beech-Nut, Lippert, Townsend Leather, Electro-Metrics Corporation, Epimed, Power Pallet and Recycling, Target Distribution, Anderson-Negele, Universal Plastics, Mohawk Lifts

For more information contact Nicole or Natalie—see page 15 for contact details.

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