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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.

Fall Forward: Your Chamber at Work for Business



Advanced Restoration & Cleaning has a new logo and new mascot, and the Chamber helped them launch this new branding at a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house! Buzz, pictured here with Advanced Restoration & Cleaning staff and owners, and the Chamber's Executive Director, is the new face of the business. Visit them at 363 N. Perry Street, Johnstown, online at https://moldnwater.com/ or call (518) 750-0717.



Saratoga Federal Credit Union held a ribbon-cutting at their new location in Gloversville at 185 fifth Avenue. Pictured are Credit Union President/CEO Don Denofio (with scissors), branch staff members, elected officials from Gloversville, Chamber staff and Chamber members. The institution serves members in Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties. Visit them at their new branch or online at https://www.saratogafcu.org/





In spite of the rainy weather, Chad Majewski Real Estate held a great, successful Business After Hours at their beautifully renovated office at 59 Lyon Street in Amsterdam. Great food, music and camaraderie greeted the attendees who were lucky enough to attend! Visit them online at https://www.chadmajewski.com/



CAPTAIN Community Human Services is a unique and compelling program that supports at-risk youth in our community. Their specialized, dedicated team builds rapport and relationships with youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless throughout Fulton and Montgomery Counties. CAPTAIN celebrated their newly purchased and renovated Gloversville office at 11 First Avenue with a ribbon-cutting event. Find out more about this organization at https://captaincares.org/



At left: Congratulations to new Chamber member Ruby Red Business Services who celebrated their Chamber membership with a ribbon-cutting at the Chamber office. Judith Schneegas, owner, is holding the scissors. Find out more about the products and services this business provides at https://rubyredmarketing.legalshieldassociate.com/

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Message from Executive Director Jennifer Laubenstein

September was a month that showcased the strength and momentum of our business community. Across Fulton and Montgomery Counties, we saw businesses expanding, partners collaborating, and the community showing up to support one another in meaningful ways.

Early in the month, I was honored to attend the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame event for the debut of the Stanley Harry Silver Collection. The unveiling was a powerful reminder of how deeply baseball runs through families, traditions, and generations. The love of the sport was felt in every conversation and shared memory, and having this remarkable collection, built on legacy, passion, and family history, debut in Fulton County is an honor for our entire region.

We saw that same spirit of connection throughout the month. Workforce collaboration continued at the FMCC Regional Workforce Connections event, members gathered at Business After Hours with Chad Majewski Real Estate, and ribbon cuttings celebrated new chapters for Advanced Cleaning and Restoration, Saratoga Federal Credit Union, Captain Cares CHS, and Ruby Red Business Services. Early planning with CRG for Small Business Saturday also set the stage for strong support of local retailers heading into the holiday season.

A major highlight this month was our Annual Golf Classic on September 18th, which brought together businesses from across the region for a day of connection and partnership. I'm proud to share that the event raised over $30,000 for the Chamber's scholarship program, a direct investment in the future workforce that will support our employers for years to come. The fundraising efforts will also support the mission of the Chamber.

This success was made possible by the generosity of our sponsors and volunteers. Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor Miracle Ear; Dinner Sponsors First Choice Federal Credit Union and Walmart Distribution Center; Cocktail Hour Sponsors Stewarts Shops, Century Linen and Uniform, and Dollar General; Lunch Sponsor The Mental Health Association; Hole-in-One Sponsor Mangino Chevrolet; and to the many additional sponsors and volunteers who contributed their time and support. Your commitment strengthens our mission and fuels the growth of our business community.

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Welcome New Members

September 2026

CREMATION & FUNERAL SERVICES OF AMSTERDAM
4834 NY-30, Amsterdam
https://www.amsterdamcremations.com/
(518) 627-4400
Cremation & Funeral Services of Amsterdam provides funeral, memorial, aftercare, pre-planning, and cremation services to our community and the surrounding areas.

OPEN DORE HR
1486 County Highway 112, Gloversville
https://www.opendore-hr.com | (347) 337-7137
Flat fee human resources consulting. HR and compliance services scaled for small and medium sized businesses.

TRACKSIDE WINE & LIQUOR
51 W. Main Street, Fonda
https://trackurwine.com/
(518) 853-2010
A family-owned Liquor store in Montgomery County offering huge variety of alcoholic beverages.





Membership Message

Jessica Valachovic, Membership Outreach Associate

There's an exciting energy moving through the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce right now. We're rolling out fresh ideas, new partnerships, and more ways for businesses to connect, and I encourage you to keep an eye on the great things ahead.

One of the best parts of this role has been watching our members support one another and build real relationships. Seeing businesses connect, collaborate, and grow together has been incredible, and it's exactly what makes our Chamber community so special.

If you're a prospective member, now is a wonderful time to join us. I look forward to welcoming new businesses into the Chamber family and helping you plug into a network that truly works together.

Kind regards,

Jessica Valachovic

Membership Outreach Associate

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
September 2026
Thank you for your continued support!

Congratulations to all of these businesses and we thank you for your support of the Chamber and our regional business community!

40+ YEARS
- Robert J. Hoy Agency, Inc. - 40

21 – 30 YEARS
- Edward Valentine, M.D. - 27
- Miracle-Ear - 23
- Frank & Sons Body Works, Inc. - 21
- O'Connor's Pub - 21
- 4X Heaven & Krown Rust Protection - 21
- C.F.I. Construction, Inc. - 21

11 – 20 YEARS
- John H. Blackmon - 17
- Kimberly P. Travis, CPA - 15
- Top Quality Home Care Agency, LLC - 12
- Mysteries on Main Street - 11

1 – 10 YEARS
- Northville 5 & 10 - 10
- Nadine A. Bloom, Esq. - 9
- Ashley HomeStore Select - 9
- Microtel Inn and Suites by Wyndham—Amsterdam - 6
- Dove Creek Animal Hospital - 6
- ATR Fleet Service - 6
- Red Dragon Heating & Cooling - 2
- The Brothers That Just Do Gutters - 1
- Anderson-Negele - 1



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September also marked an important step forward in how we support our members. We launched a second weekly email, Industry Insights, delivered every Tuesday which is designed to give our business community timely, relevant information that helps them navigate change and identify opportunities. These updates bring together industry trends, grant announcements, workforce and regulatory developments, partner resources, webinars, workshops, and statewide shifts. Our goal is simple: to equip our members with the knowledge they need to succeed and thrive.

This new communication complements our Thursday emails, which continue to spotlight members, highlight events, and share stories from across the region. Together, these efforts reflect our commitment to being a strong, proactive partner, one that supports businesses not only through connection, but through meaningful information that drives growth. There are more advancements on the way, all designed with our business community in mind.

As we look ahead to events in October, like CareerCon on October 1st, we remain focused on workforce development, connecting employers with students, building awareness of career pathways, and supporting the long-term talent needs of our region.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for the work you do every day to strengthen our region.



THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFERS FREE SMALL BUSINESS AI TRAINING

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is offering Small Business Basics—AI Training, free of charge. Created with support from Google, you'll learn how AI can help you save time, increase efficiency, and make better business decisions—in under 30 minutes.

What You'll Get:

- Practical Tools—Learn about the most common AI tools and get started in just 30 minutes
- Step-by-Step Help—If you're new to AI, don't worry—this course is built for beginners. No technical background required.

Free Certificate—Show off your AI knowledge to customers and colleagues with a free certificate and web badge.

Outline of This Training:

- Lesson 1: AI Basics
- Lesson 2: Prompting
- Lesson 3: Using AI at Your Business
- Lesson 4: AI Safety & Best Practices

For more information or to enroll visit: https://tinyurl.com/55had24v. Read more about this, and other US Chamber of Commerce programs on page 11.



THE GLOVE THEATRE CONTINUES ITS FALL PROGRAMMING WITH A GREAT OCTOBER 2026 LINEUP!

Subscribe to The Glove's weekly email newsletter and check out The Glove's upcoming events on The Glove's Facebook events page to find out what's coming up. The Glove's famous concessions will be open at most of these events. Email theglovetheatre@gmail.com or check out their website https://www.theglovetheatre.com/ for more information.

Saturday, October 3 at 7pm
Concert: OBEY YOUR MASTER: METALLICA TRIBUTE Blasting out of the Tri-State area (NY, NJ, PA), Obey Your Master (OYM) is comprised of four Metallica juggernauts with one goal in mind; creating the most authentic, face-melting Metallica tribute show ever!!

Thursday, October 8 at 7pm
Free Movie: THE CRAFT (Rated: R) The Glove's Halloween movies continue with The Craft. In this smart and entertaining thriller, high-school student Sarah Bailey (Robin Tunney) falls in with the wrong crowd when she joins three girls in a witchcraft coven, and deadly consequences occur when the girls misuse their powers.

Friday, October 9 at 7pm
TRIVIA NIGHT WITH FULTON COUNTY REGIONAL SPCA Get ready for a night of brain-busting fun - all for a "pawsome" cause! A fun-filled Trivia Night — AND BONUS — you are supporting local animals in need at the same time!!! Bring your best trivia crew - teams of four - and get ready to compete for bragging rights and prizes! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Saturday, October 10 at 7pm
Concert: LEGACY CLASSIC ROCK - STYX/ FOREIGNER TRIBUTE Get ready to experience an epic night of classic hits!

Sunday, October 11 at 2pm
Free Movie: THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (Rated: PG) Halloween inspired movies continue at The Glove with The Nightmare Before Christmas.

Thursday, October 15 at 7pm
Free Movie: BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA (Rated: R) Halloween horror continues at The Glove with Bram Stoker's Dracula.

Friday, October 16 at 7pm
Concert: WOODEN SHIPS BAND: A TRIBUTE TO CROSBY STILLS & NASH The harmonies of Crosby, Stills & Nash like you've never heard them (unless you came to their show at The Glove last year!) . . . Sung by women!

Saturday, October 17 at 7pm
Concert: SAINTS OF SABBATH: TRIBUTE TO BLACK SABBATH Saints of Sabbath pays homage to the iconic Ozzy Osbourne era of Black Sabbath.

Thursday, October 22 at 7pm
Free Movie: PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (Rated: R) A married couple become convinced their house is haunted and set up cameras to capture the malevolent entities on video in this relentlessly terrifying tale of the supernatural.

Friday, October 23 at 7pm
MEDIUM BRANDON RUSS - YOUR GUIDE TO THE OTHER SIDE Medium T Brandon Russ returns to The Glove – as your "guide to the other side". Mr. Russ will lead the audience through personalized contact with visitors from the great beyond. This is sure to be a night that brings some laughs and smiles while Brandon helps make connections.

Saturday, October 24 at 7pm
Concert: KISSTORY: KISS TRIBUTE KISSTORY has been rocking the USA since 1996. They perform as exact replicas of KISS down to the costume, props, and of course the sound. All the band members are diehard fans of KISS and all feel a true connection to the person they represent.

Thursday, October 29 at 7pm
Free Movie: FRIDAY THE 13TH (Rated: R) The Halloween scares continue with the original – Friday the 13th movie – the 1980 classic!

Friday, October 30 at 7pm Free Movie:
SHAUN OF THE DEAD (Rated: R) The Glove's Halloween movies wrap up with the 2004 cult classic,

Saturday, October 31 at 7pm
Concert: THE WHEEL (Grateful Dead) - HALLOWHEEL'N AT THE GLOVE On Halloween, The Dead will rise again — with The Wheel performing live at The Glove Theatre! Come in costume (or not) - there is sure to be some Hallo-Wheel'n fun at this special Halloween performance. The Wheel celebrates the timeless music of the Grateful Dead, inviting you to relive the magic and embark on a musical adventure that will leave you wanting more.

AMSTERDAM MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FOUNDATION INVITES LOCAL BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS TO BECOME PART OF TEE BOX PROGRAM



The Amsterdam Municipal Golf Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is dedicated to supporting facility improvements, youth programming, and community golf initiatives at the Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course. They are inviting local businesses and organizations to become official sponsors of their 2027 golf tee box program.

This past season, Amsterdam Muni recorded over 24,000 rounds of golf, reflecting a tremendous growth in course use and community engagement. Every one of these rounds included golfers passing by the tee box signage where your advertisement could leave a lasting impression, making this sponsorship a great opportunity for your business.

Sponsorship details:

- $500 sponsorship for two seasons (4/1/27—4/1/29)
- Includes logo, business information and optional message (provided by business)
- Available on a first-come-first-served basis

If you wish to reserve a sponsorship, or have any questions, please contact:
Email: amsterdammunigolffoundation@gmail.com
PO Box 162, Amsterdam, NY 12010
Phone: (518) 330-4949

NEWS FROM THEMOHAWK VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

As one of nine Federal Economic Development Districts (EDD) in New York State, MVEDD has been serving Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties since 1966. For more information about the organization and its offerings, please visit https://mvedd.org/

The 2026 Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful Wrap Up Event

Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful (KMVB) is celebrating the achievements of the annual Great American Cleanup! The annual wrap up event will be held on Monday, October 5th at 1:00pm outside the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (MVEDD) office, located at 26 W Main Street, Mohawk NY. Rain Date – October 6th at 2:30pm outside the MVEDD office.

KMVB is a six-county NYS affiliate of the National Keep America Beautiful (KAB) program and a standing committee of MVEDD. KAB works to create sustainable communities that are socially connected, environmentally healthy and economically sound. Their annual cleanup effort is the country's largest community improvement program. Each spring, KAB affiliates, like KMVB, engage more than 4 million volunteers in more than 20,000 communities nationwide.

Steve Smith, MVEDD's Executive Director, will provide an overview of the environmental and economic benefits resulting from KMVB's regional volunteer efforts and the success of our Main Street beautification project. After the event, please join us for a litter cleanup along Main Street and the Empire State Trail. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.

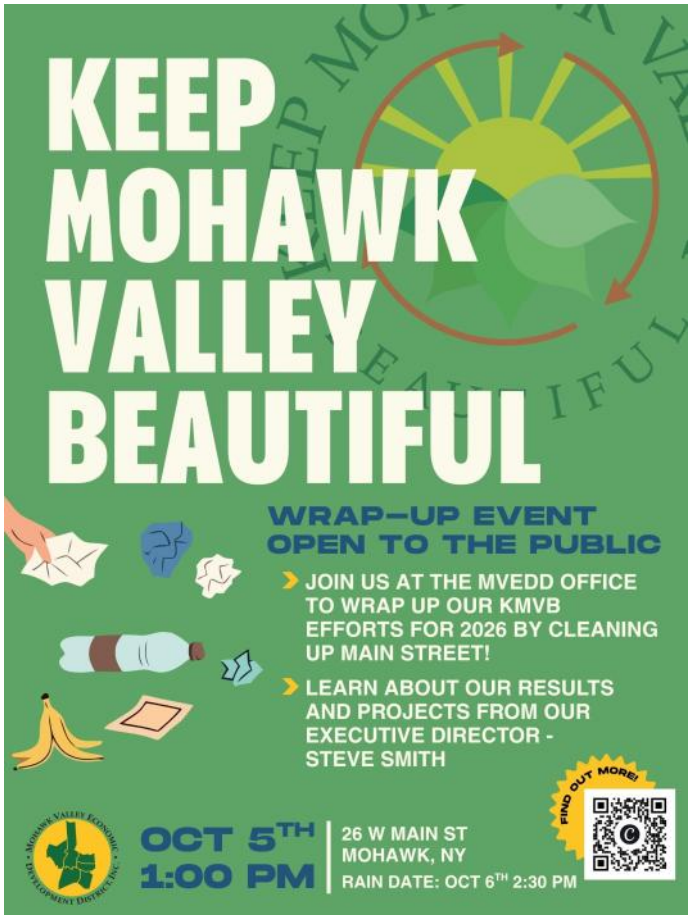
KMVB volunteers, interested community members, local leaders and media/new outlets are welcome to attend.

Rural Ingenuity Workshop

Farmers & Agribusinesses face unique challenges which can become tomorrow's opportunities. This workshop is intended to create new pathways to innovative solutions and growth, by connecting your needs with the expertise of UAlbany's world-class researchers.

Date: October 6, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM - 01:30 PM
Location: Herkimer County Community College
Host:s: MVEDD & UAlbany

Register here.







CITY OF JOHNSTOWN PRESENTS ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL; WILL FEATURE GREATER JOHNSTOWN LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

The City of Johnstown will host a full day of fun in downtown Johnstown on Saturday, October 17, starting with the Annual Kid's Halloween Costume parade down Main Street at noon, followed by the popular Chili Cook-off, hosted by the Greater Johnstown Lions Club. Enjoy live music and performances in the park while the kids enjoy classic fall games and activities.

Join in the fun that day by entering the **FOURTH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF HOSTED BY THE GREATER JOHNSTOWN LIONS CLUB**. There will be prizes and bragging rights—1st, 2nd, 3rd places and People's Choice.

Contestants will have tables, tasting bowls, spoons and napkins provided. The Club just asks that you provide a method to keep your chili warm (electricity will be provided to each team/entrant that requests it).

Timeline: 11am—set up; 12:30pm Judges' Tastings; 1pm-3pm Open for Samplings; 4pm Winners announced.

The Club needs the following information to enter:

- Team Name and Contact Person
- Email and phone number

Ways to enter:

- Email to gjlions20w@gmail.com; Subject: Chili Cook-Off
- Call (518) 281-4467 with information
- Mail information to PO Box 305, Johnstown
- Facebook message @Greater Johnstown Lions Club

Entry deadline: October 15; Entry Fee: $10 via Venmo @johnstownlions or checks payable to Greater Johnstown Lions Club

GREATER JOHNSTOWN LIONS CLUB TO HOST BOWLING TOURNEY IN NOVEMBER-

Perry Lanes, 1 Maple Avenue in Johnstown is the host of the Lion's Club Bowling tournament scheduled for Saturday, November 7 at 12pm. Check in is at 11:30am. Cost to participate is $125 per five-person team. Lane sponsorships are available at $25 each. Entries for the tournament are due no later than November 1. There will be a box for unwrapped Toys for Christmas at the event.

Forms for the tournament are available at Perry Lanes and will also be mailed to previous participants.

Entries can be returned to Perry Lanes or mailed to Greater Johnstown Lons Club, PO Box 305
Johnstown NY 12095

Funds raised by the Greater Johnstown Lions Club help provide hearing aids, fund backpack school programs, scholarships, Little League teams, our communities' libraries, post prom parties, Mountain Valley Hospice, One Church Street food pantry, Christmas cheer, Camp Badger, and other projects that the Club is involved with. Find out more online at https://www.facebook.com/JohnstownLions

ST. MARY'S HEALTHCARE CONTINUES TO GROW THEIR CARE TEAM WITH THREE NEW MEMBERS

As part of a multiyear strategic initiative, St. Mary's is bolstering and adding services shown to have the greatest impact on population health. Since 2023, the hospital has launched a pulmonology and sleep medicine practice, partnered to expand orthopedic and spine services, and added specialists in addiction medicine and behavioral health, cancer care, gastroenterology, general surgery, OB/GYN and urology. St. Mary's also has added primary care providers in multiple locations.

Dr. Manasa Anipindi Joins the Cancer Care Team



Dr. Manasa Anipindi has joined the cancer care team at St. Mary's Healthcare after completing a three-year fellowship in hematology/oncology at NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx.

Dr. Anipindi earned her medical degree from Kakatiya Medical College in India and completed a residency in internal medicine at Jefferson Einstein Montgomery Hospital in Pennsylvania. She is board certified in internal medicine with subspecialty certification in medical oncology.

Dr. Anipindi sees patients in the Tesiero Cancer Center at St. Mary's Rao Outpatient Pavilion. For an appointment, call 518-770-7557.

St. Mary's Healthcare Welcomes Two More Pulmonologists

Two more pulmonologists—Drs. Blessen George and Alexander Walker—have joined the growing pulmonology and sleep medicine team at St. Mary's Healthcare. Both come to the independent community hospital after completing fellowships in sleep medicine and pulmonary and critical care medicine.

St. Mary's launched its pulmonology and sleep medicine program in 2024 to bring lung health and critical care expertise to a region where rates of chronic respiratory disease are considerably higher than the state average.



Dr. George earned his medical degree from A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona and completed a residency in internal medicine residency at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai South Nassau, New York. He went on to complete fellowships in pulmonary disease and critical care medicine at New York University Grossman Long Island School of Medicine and in sleep medicine at Yale School of Medicine. Dr. George is board certified in internal medicine with subspecialty certification in pulmonary disease.



Dr. Walker earned his medical degree from St. George's University and completed a residency in internal medicine at Mount Auburn Hospital in Massachusetts. He completed fellowships in sleep medicine at Yale University and in pulmonary and critical care medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Dr. Walker is board certified in internal medicine with subspecialty certifications in pulmonary disease and sleep medicine.

Both physicians are accepting new patients. For more information, go to St. Mary's Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine. To make an appointment, call 518-841-7432.

CHAMBER CHAMPION FEATURE—NATHAN LITTAUER HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME: A Vital Community Health Care Resource

Quality health care is one of the foundations of a strong and thriving community. For residents of Fulton County and surrounding communities, Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home has long been an important part of that foundation, providing comprehensive medical care, skilled nursing services and access to a wide range of health care professionals—all close to home.

Located at 99 E. State Street in Gloversville, Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home is a full-service, 74-bed acute care hospital with an 84-bed skilled nursing home. The organization combines state-of-the-art technology and medical expertise with something equally important: a caring and dedicated team committed to the health and well-being of the people it serves.

Over the years, Nathan Littauer has continued to expand its services and capabilities in response to the changing needs of the community. That commitment to growth and accessibility has helped establish Littauer as an important regional health care resource and a significant part of the Fulton-Montgomery community.

Littauer's mission is straightforward and community-focused: "The Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home serves our community, patients and residents with compassionate, equitable and high-quality care." That mission extends beyond the hospital campus through Littauer's network of 12 conveniently located Primary/Specialty Care Centers.

The Primary/Specialty Care Centers provide patients and families with convenient access to a broad range of services while maintaining a direct connection to the specialists, technology and resources available at Nathan Littauer Hospital. Patients can choose a physician who coordinates their care and, when needed, serves as a liaison to a hospital-based medical specialist. The result is a connected approach to health care designed to make accessing the right care easier for patients and their families.

Services offered through the Primary/Specialty Care Centers include internal medicine, family practice, pediatrics, women's health, gastroenterology, neurology, general surgery, urology and occupational medicine. Patients can also access well-child care, immunizations, laboratory and blood-drawing services and retail pharmacy prescription services.

For local businesses, the availability of quality health care is also an important component of a healthy local economy. Health care organizations such as Nathan Littauer provide employment opportunities, attract highly skilled professionals to the region and contribute to the overall quality of life that helps communities retain residents and attract new families and businesses.

Nathan Littauer is part of Colonial Healthcare Corp., its parent organization. Colonial Healthcare is governed by physicians and community members from Fulton and Hamilton counties, reinforcing Littauer's strong local connection and commitment to the communities it serves.

Under the leadership of Sean Fadale, FACHE, President & CEO, Nathan Littauer continues to build on its long-standing role as a community health care provider.

For the Fulton-Montgomery region, Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home represents much more than a place to receive medical care. It is a community institution, major employer and essential resource—helping ensure that residents have access to comprehensive, high-quality health care while strengthening the community in which we live, work and do business.

To learn more about NLH and its services, visit https://www.nlh.org

Chamber Champions are businesses that have chosen to take their involvement with the Chamber and the community to the next level, creating a significant impact on the Chamber's initiatives and events.

The contributions made by our Chamber Champions provide essential funding for the programs and initiatives that help drive economic development, advocacy, and community engagement throughout our region. This sponsorship level was designed to recognize and celebrate members who make such a meaningful difference in our community, while also providing them with year-round visibility and benefits.

For more information on how to become a Chamber Champion, please contact Jennifer Laubenstein at (518) 725-0641



TIMELINE DIESEL: KEEPING DIESEL SYSTEMS ALIVE, ONE CHALLENGE AT A TIME

At Timeline Diesel, 310 Bleecker Street in Gloversville, "We prove it can be done" is more than a business philosophy—it is the foundation of a specialized operation built by son Jerry Redmond, Jr. who dragged his father Jerry Redmond, Sr. into the business a few years later. They are now completely vested together in Timeline Diesel.

Timeline Diesel is a New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) specializing in the remanufacturing, rebuilding, repair, testing and calibration of mechanical diesel fuel injection components. The company works on both vintage and modern diesel systems, with particular expertise in equipment that is no longer supported by manufacturers or for which replacement parts are difficult—or seemingly impossible—to find.

"We are a one-stop-shop for diesel fuel injection components," Jerry Sr. explains. "Big machines, small machines—we specialize in components for any diesel system."

Agriculture represents a significant part of Timeline Diesel's business, but its capabilities extend well beyond farm equipment. The company services diesel systems used in industrial applications, refrigerated trucks, forklifts, performance vehicles and virtually anything powered by diesel. Approximately 75 percent of its customers come from outside the immediate region, including businesses throughout Central New York, Vermont, Massachusetts and beyond.

What makes Timeline Diesel particularly unique is its willingness to tackle projects other shops turn away. The Redmonds estimate that only two other companies in New York perform similar work, and one focuses primarily on newer diesel systems. With more than 60 years of combined hands-on experience, the Redmonds have extensive knowledge of older systems that many contemporary facilities no longer support.

Sometimes solving a problem requires creativity. In one case, they used 14 old injectors to build a working set of six.

"The challenge is the fun part," says Jerry Jr.

Their expertise comes from both formal training and decades of hands-on experience. They are globally certified in several diesel systems, including Stanadyne and Bosch, and have attended specialized schools—some of which no longer exist. Jerry Jr. has personally built more than 500,000 injectors during his career.

That experience can make an enormous difference for customers. An Amish sawmill owner once arrived with a broken driveshaft on an injection pump which was vital to his entire operation. The customer was looking at a $3500 to replace the pump. Timeline Diesel diagnosed the problem, had the broken shaft sent to them the next day, and rebuilt the pump within 48 hours—a turnaround that is virtually unheard of in an industry where larger shops may quote two or three weeks, if they accept the project at all. In addition, they finished the job for half the cost of replacing the pump.

The name Timeline Diesel also reflects the Redmonds' military backgrounds. Jerry Sr. served as a driveline mechanic, while Jerry Jr. spent 20 years in the military, including service with a rescue unit where he worked on helicopters. His military experience also provided valuable knowledge of government procurement systems as Timeline Diesel works toward securing government contracts.

The company purchased its 4,500-square-foot Bleecker Street building in 2023, the same week Jerry Jr. medically retired from military service. After extensive renovations throughout 2024, including a new roof, machine shop, offices and showroom, the facility is now becoming a true one-stop shop for diesel needs.



The Timeline Diesel building before renovations

Since opening last year, Timeline Diesel has built or rebuilt over 100 pump sets and injector systems. The company also believes strongly in giving back and developing the next generation of skilled workers. A recent PTECH intern spent three weeks learning firsthand about diesel systems and repairs, experience that ultimately led to a new business relationship for Timeline Diesel.

For the Redmonds, Timeline Diesel is about more than fixing equipment. It is about preserving knowledge, helping businesses stay operational and finding solutions when others say there aren't any.

"We are no competition for anyone—we are here to help," Jerry Jr. says.

That commitment, combined with experience, ingenuity and the honor and respect Jerry Jr. says he learned through military service, is helping Timeline Diesel bring old and new diesel systems back to life—one challenging project at a time.



Jerry Redmond, Sr. and Jerry Redmond, Jr. at Timeline Diesel

TIMELINE DIESEL
310 Bleecker Street, Gloversville
(315) 237-7760 | https://www.facebook.com/timeline.diesel

TEN FREE RESOURCES EVERY SMALL BUSINESS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

Running a small business means wearing a lot of hats—and finding the time and money to get the help you need can sometimes be a challenge. Fortunately, there are numerous organizations offering free training, counseling, tools and information to help small businesses start, operate and grow.

Here are 10 resources worth knowing about:

1. U.S. Chamber of Commerce – CO—

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's **CO—** platform provides free articles, guides, webinars, educational resources and business tools covering everything from marketing and finance to technology, hiring and business growth. The site also features information on grants, loans and other programs available to small businesses.

A particularly timely resource is Small Business B(AI)sics, a free, beginner-friendly AI training program developed by CO— and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation with support from Google. The approximately 30-minute online training covers AI basics, effective prompting and practical applications for areas such as marketing, sales and customer service. Participants can also receive a free certificate and web badge. Find out more or enroll here: https://tinyurl.com/55had24v

2. New York Small Business Development Center

The New York Small Business Development Center (NYSBDC) provides no-cost, confidential one-on-one business advising, training and research to entrepreneurs and small-business owners throughout New York State. Montgomery County businesses can be serviced by the Mohawk Valley Small Business Development Center, located at Mohawk Valley Community College; phone (315) 731-5887, https://www.thincubator.co/. Both Fulton County and Montgomery County can reach out to the NYSBDC at SUNY Albany; phone (518) 442-7232, https://www.capitalregionsbdc.org/

Whether you are developing a business plan, considering expansion, researching a new market, working on financing or trying to solve an operational challenge, an SBDC advisor can provide individualized assistance. NYSBDC also offers hundreds of free webinars and workshops each year.

3. SCORE

SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, connects entrepreneurs with experienced volunteer business mentors. SCORE offers free mentoring, as well as webinars, workshops, online courses, templates and other educational resources.

Mentoring can address topics such as business planning, marketing, financing, human resources and day-to-day business management. Find out more https://www.score.org/ny/

4. U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers a tremendous amount of free information for both new and established businesses. Its online resources cover starting a business, writing a business plan, calculating startup costs, managing finances, hiring employees, government contracting, exporting and growing a business.

The SBA also connects businesses with resource partners—including SBDCs, SCORE, Women's Business Centers and Veterans Business Outreach Centers—for counseling and training. They have a redesigned website that can be found here: https://www.sba.gov/

5. SBA Learning Platform

Need to learn something but don't have time for a class? The SBA Learning Platform offers free online courses and training covering a variety of small-business topics.

It can be a useful resource for an entrepreneur who wants to strengthen business skills at their own pace—from getting started to managing and expanding an established company. Find it here: https://learning.sba.gov/

6. New York State Department of Labor – Business Services

The New York State Department of Labor offers no-cost services to businesses, including assistance with recruiting and training employees, hiring incentives and workforce-related technical assistance.

For businesses that are hiring—or having difficulty finding qualified employees—the Department of Labor's Business Services representatives can help identify programs and resources that may fit the company's needs. Visit https://dol.ny.gov/services-businesses

7. IRS Small Business and Self-Employed Tax Center

Taxes are one area where reliable information is essential. The IRS Small Business and Self-Employed Tax Center provides information on business structures, employer identification numbers, deductions, recordkeeping, employment taxes, filing requirements and other federal tax responsibilities.

The IRS also provides online learning resources, workshops and a free e-news service for small businesses. https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed

8. SBA Government Contracting Resources

Government agencies purchase billions of dollars in goods and services from businesses. The SBA provides free information and assistance for small businesses interested in pursuing federal contracting opportunities.

Resources can help businesses understand contracting requirements, determine whether they may qualify for specialized programs and connect with assistance for finding and pursuing government opportunities. Start here: https://www.sba.gov/certifications/contracting-assistance-programs/

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2026 GOLF CLASSIC A GREAT SUCCESS! Thank You to Sponsors, Golfers, Volunteers and Chamber Member Businesses who Made it All Possible!

We couldn't have asked for better weather, course conditions at Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course were excellent, and the golf and camaraderie were superb! What a great day! Read more about the day in the Executive Director message to members on page 2.

Winning foursomes:
1st place: Bill Abel, Jeremie Frasier, Ryan Abel, Brett McCue-(Miracle Ear)
2nd place: Dan Hughes, Chris Kuehnle, Granton Norton, Aleks Saars-(St. Mary's Healthcare)
3rd place: Will Stock, Ron Patterson, Mike Suchy, Matt Edwards
4th Place: Mike Almy, Todd Vincent, Doug Hart, Spencer VanAlstyne-(Miracle Ear)

















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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 projects@fultonmontgomeryny.org



TOURISM NEWS & UPDATES

SO MUCH going on in our region! For event details, please reference the event calendars on 44lakes.com or visitmontgomerycountyny.com

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Montgomery County Tourism Grant Expands Accessibility at Bellinger's Orchard

Every fall at Bellinger's Orchard, Ken Coyne gives hay wagon rides through the fields. But one particular ride this season stood out. When the wagon returned, the crowd cheered. For some of the riders, it was their first time experiencing this beloved autumn tradition.

That experience is exactly what Bellinger's Orchard hopes to make possible for more visitors. The orchard was recently awarded funding through Montgomery County's Tourism Infrastructure Grant Program to purchase a new low-profile, wheelchair-accessible hay wagon.

The new wagon is helping Bellinger's Orchard make its hayrides more accessible to visitors of all abilities, opening the experience to people who may not have been able to participate in the past.

The new wagon will allow individuals with disabilities, older adults and those with temporary mobility limitations to participate in hay wagon rides through the orchard. "Our agricultural community provides some incredible experiences for residents and visitors, and we want to make sure those experiences are accessible to as many people as possible," Montgomery County Executive Pete Vroman said. "This investment will allow more families and visitors to enjoy a hayride, take in the views and experience everything Bellinger's Orchard has to offer."

During the fall season, Bellinger's Orchard provides hay wagon rides through its orchards for customers picking apples and visitors looking to enjoy the scenic views of Montgomery County.

The orchard's previous hay wagon was built approximately 20 years ago and was not designed to accommodate visitors with mobility limitations. Over the years, Bellinger's Orchard has welcomed children from Liberty, older adults and individuals recovering from surgery. While staff worked to accommodate guests whenever possible, the design of the existing wagon presented limitations.

"We're excited for the rest of apple season and can't wait to see all the smiling faces enjoying our new accessible hay wagon. Most importantly, we're looking forward to bringing more families along for the ride at Bellinger's Orchard," Coyne said. "We're grateful to be able to make this experience more accessible for everyone who visits Bellinger's Orchard."

The new low-profile design will significantly improve access and allow Bellinger's Orchard to better accommodate visitors with a range of mobility needs.

The Tourism Infrastructure Grant Program was created by Montgomery County to support physical improvements that attract visitors from outside the county and enhance the experience of those already visiting Montgomery County. The program supports projects that demonstrate a clear benefit to tourism by improving access, amenities and facilities for visitors, including bikers, boaters, trail users and heritage tourists.

The new hay wagon will be available during Bellinger's Orchard's fall season, giving more residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy a hayride through the orchard, take in the fall scenery and experience one of the region's longstanding agricultural traditions.

For more information about tourism opportunities and attractions in Montgomery County, visit VisitMontgomeryCountyNY.com.

FULTON COUNTY

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 3, 12pm
FALL HARVEST CRUISE-IN at The Rice Homestead, 331 Riceville Rd., Gloversville
Antique cars and hot rods, music, food and more

October 6, 6pm
MAKE STONEWARE STEINS & MUGS, Great Sacandaga Brewing, 3647 St. Hwy 30, Broadalbin

October 7, 10am
PAINTING BIRDHOUSES, Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, 2736 St. Hwy 30, Gloversville

October 9, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30pm
JOHNSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HAUNTED HISTORY WALKING TOUR, Johnstown

October 10, 11am
FALL FEST, Trail Station Park, Gloversville

October 17, 6:30am
BUS TRIP TO SALEM, MA with Brown Coach, hosted by the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts ($75 public; $60 members)

October 17, 1pm
PAINT PARTY FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT FRIENDS OF THE FORGOTTEN CAT RESCUE, Great Sacandaga Brewing, 3647 NY-30, Broadalbin ($35)

October 19, 6:30pm
THE SACANDAGA FRONTIER IN THE REVOLUTION, The Rice Homestead, 22 N. Main Street, Mayfield
Join Mayfield Historian as he transports us back to Revolutionary Times in the Mayfield area.

October 23, 5:30pm
TILES & TABLES MAHJONG SOCIAL CLUB: Pumpkins, Pungs and Prizes, Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, 2736 NY -30, Gloversville

October 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 multiple times
FINALS, GIRLS!: A Massively "Mondo" Murder Mystery The Shoeleather Express, 31 Spring Street, Gloversville—A Trust Your Gut Production

October 25
DEATH VALLEY BEAUTY PAGEANT: A Prelude to Halloween Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre—Historic Hotel Braodalbin, 59 W. Main Street, Broadalbin

October 30—6 to 7:30pmm
TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE FULTON COUNTY YMCA: 213 Harrison Street, Johnstown
Free and open to the public—brink the kids to trick or treat OR decorate your vehicle's trunk for Halloween and come dressed for the occasion to join in the festivities!

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9. SBA Women's Business Centers and Veterans Business Outreach Centers

Entrepreneurs may also have access to specialized assistance through SBA-supported programs. Women's Business Centers provide counseling, training and resources for women entrepreneurs, while Veterans Business Outreach Centers (VBOCs) assist veterans, service members and military spouses with starting and growing businesses.

These programs can provide targeted guidance on business planning, financing, contracting and other aspects of entrepreneurship. Women's Business Centers information https://legacy.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/womens-business-centers. Veterans Business Outreach Centers information https://www.sba.gov/veterans/\

10. Your Regional Chamber Is Another Resource

Small-business owners don't have to navigate all of these resources alone. The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce can help connect members with information, programs, educational opportunities and other resources that can support their businesses.
Whether you're starting a business, looking to hire, considering expansion, exploring technology such as AI or simply looking for ways to operate more efficiently, there are organizations ready to help—and many of their services are available at no cost.

Before paying for assistance, take a few minutes to see what free resources may already be available to you.

HEALTH INSURANCE REMINDER: OPEN ENROLLMENT COMING SOON

Eric Kane, Area Vice President of Gallagher Benefit Services (Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.) is the Chamber's contact for all health insurance matters. Eric has worked as an insurance broker for the last 17+ years in NYS Capital District market. Eric is currently endorsed by several associations across NYS, delivering unique and innovative solutions that we feel will benefit our membership.

This year's open enrollment period starts November 1 and ends on December 15 for coverage renewal and effective date on January 1. Gallagher is currently gathering updated information on plans and pricing for our Chamber members. Please follow our email updates and future issues of *Newsline* for details as they become available.

Insurance Services for Chamber Members

As Chamber members, Gallagher tailored insurance solutions exclusive to the Chamber and its businesses. Through Gallagher's national partnerships with all the major insurance carriers, you will have access to a wide range of coverage options designed to meet your specific needs.

Coverage Options Include:

- Health Insurance (Individual/Group)
- Telehealth
- Vision Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Critical care coverage
- Disability Insurance
- Rx Pharmacy Discount Programs
- Life Insurance
- Additional supplemental health and wellness options

If you are a business owner looking for coverage options for you or your employees, there are solutions all year round through Gallagher... Please contact Eric at 518-724-6741 or by email Eric_Kane@ajg.com to discuss coverage options.

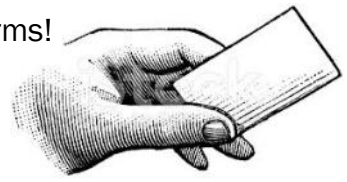
KEEP SHOPPING DOLLARS LOCAL WITH CHAMBER CHECKS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND YEAR-ROUND

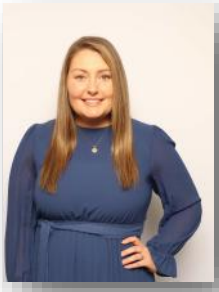
The Holiday Season is approaching quickly and people are starting to think of gift giving for employees, for family and friends, and for customers. Want to drive business to your business this holiday season? Get YOUR business on our Chamber Checks program list!

Chamber Checks are gift checks that can be used at Chamber members all over the region (see current list here). With the hundreds of Chamber Checks sold each year, this list is included in a gift envelope with each Cbamber Check. Chamber Checks can be purchased at the Chamber office or at Ruby & Quiri, 307 N. Comrie Avenue in Johnstown.

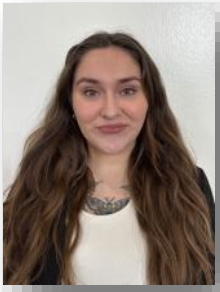
Want to be part of the Chamber Check list for this holiday season and into 2027? Cost is $25, and you have to be a member in good standing. You must let us know if you want to be added to the list NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6. Please contact Jennifer Hammons at (518) 725-0641 or email projects@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

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CAREER SUPPORT SERIES: EMPLOYERS, SAVE THE DATES!

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce and HFM BOCES Career & Technical Education continue to partner through the Career Support Series, providing regional opportunities for employers, industry professionals and students to connect through career exploration, meaningful conversations and workforce development. These events bring together students from HFM BOCES component school districts and local employers to help students learn more about career pathways and the opportunities available throughout our region. Employers and industry professionals are encouraged to save the dates and participate in these upcoming opportunities to connect with the next generation of our workforce.

All events will be held at HFM BOCES, 2755 State Highway 67, Johnstown.

December 4, 2026 | Workforce Summit

9:00 – 11:00 AM

The Workforce Summit will bring regional business, education and community leaders together to discuss workforce needs, opportunities and ways to strengthen the connection between education and the local economy.

Employers: Save the date and join the conversation about the future of our regional workforce.

January 15, 2027 | Healthcare Conversations

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Healthcare Conversations will connect students interested in healthcare and medical careers with professionals working in the field. The program will include a panel discussion followed by personalized, small-group conversations where students can learn directly from industry professionals about career pathways, education and what it is like to work in healthcare.

We are seeking healthcare professionals to participate in areas including, but not limited to, registered nursing, physical therapy, radiologic technology, physician assisting, nurse practitioners, medical and clinical laboratory technology, phlebotomy, respiratory therapy, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, nurse anesthesia, home health, medical assisting and more.

Healthcare employers and professionals: Consider sharing your experience and helping students explore the many career opportunities available in the healthcare industry.

March 10, 2027 | Women in the Workforce

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Women in the Workforce will highlight women breaking barriers in non-traditional careers while connecting girls with professionals from across the region. The program will feature a panel discussion followed by small-group roundtable conversations with students and industry professionals.

We are seeking professional women working in non-traditional career fields, including auto technology and auto body, construction, robotics, engineering, manufacturing, logistics, skilled trades (such as HVAC, electrical, and plumbing), environmental conservation, criminal justice, cybersecurity, information technology, culinary, and more to take part in the event.

Professionals are invited to share their experience, career journey, and advice with students who may be considering a career path they had not previously imagined for themselves.

Registration Coming Soon

Registration information for these events will be available shortly. Be sure to check the Chamber's website at https://www.fultonmontgomeryny.org/ for updates and registration details, or contact Nicole Walrath-VanAlstyne, Director of Workforce Development, at nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org with questions or to learn more about getting involved.

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.

Saturday, October 10—11am

RIBBON-CUTTING FOR ARTIST LAKE MEDIA

Creekfest Oktoberfest, Lyon Street, Amsterdam

Join the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce for a Ribbon Cutting Celebration as we unveil Artist Lake Media's new logo representing our region and community!

Artist Lake Media is proud to showcase a new brand identity designed to capture the spirit and connection of Fulton and Montgomery Counties. Join us to meet the owner, check out her photography, connect with fellow community members, and celebrate Creekfest Oktoberfest in Amsterdam.

Wednesday, October 14—5pm to 7pm

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT THE GLOVE THEATRE

42 N. Main Street, Gloversville

The Glove invites you to see all that they have going on at this historic anchor in downtown Gloversville. Enjoy refreshments, networking, meeting Glove staff and board members and more. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, October 21-Time TBD

MARQUIS CERTIFIED HOME CARE—SIX DEGREES OF CARE EVENT AT THE CHAMBER

2 N. Main Street, Gloversville

The Chamber will host this important event for member Marquis Certified Home Care

Thursday, October 22—11am

RIBBON CUTTING EVENT AT MASON MEMORIAL HOME

13 Belmont Place, Amsterdam

Help us celebrate this family owned and operated funeral home providing individualized funeral services designed to meet the needs of each family.

Tuesday, November 3—11am

OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING AT CREMATION & FUNERAL SERVICES OF AMSTERDAM

4834 NY-30, Amsterdam

This new Chamber member invites its fellow members and their employees to this Open House and Ribbon-Cutting event. Come meet the business' staff, take a tour of the facility, find out about the services they offer, and more. Refreshments will be served. Join us!

Wednesday, November 4—4:30pm to 6:30pm

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT MOHAWK HARVEST COOPERATIVE MARKET

30 N. Main Street, Gloversville

Network, enjoy tasty treats, and see what the Co-op has to offer for the community! Stay for Open Mic night at 6:30!

