



NEWSLINE

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A Publication of the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce

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

As Summer Winds Down, Chamber Members Celebrate Successes with New Businesses, New Programs, Expansions and More...



[The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts](#) held a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate an Open House for Tiles & Tables, a new Mah Jongg program that includes open play, classes and monthly-themed socials. Whether you already play, want to learn, or are curious about the game, there's a seat at the table for you! Call the Nigra Arts Center for details at (518) 661-9932 or visit their [Facebook page](#) to learn more.



A great summer Open House was hosted by [St. Andrew's Heating & Cooling](#), 212 Stoner Trail Road in Johnstown to celebrate their new plumbing services and customer appreciation day. There were dozens of Chamber and community members on hand where they enjoyed great food and drink, kids activities, a live radio remote and much more. It was the first event that Chamber members could meet our new Executive Director Jennifer Laubenstein, too! Congratulations all around! Photo credit: Christine Heeran, Artist Lake Media



Those lucky enough to attend the August Business After Hours at [Meg's at Muni](#) were treated to delicious hors' d'oeuvres, music by Capricorn Connection, desserts, networking and a beautiful view of the [Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course](#). Thank you to Megan Dumblewski and her staff for a great evening!

Photo Credit: Christine Heeran, Artist Lake Media



Owners Debbi and Art Logan invited the Chamber and elected officials to their new business, Me-Ma's 2.0, located at 5266 State Highway 10 in Ft. Plain, for a ribbon cutting event. Me-Ma's 2.0 is a country convenience store with grocery staples, a deli with fresh made subs and salads, coffee bar, breakfast sandwiches, soups, chili, pizza, hotdog, and hamburgers, and soft ice cream. Check out their [Facebook page](#) for daily specials! Hours are Monday to Friday 8am-8pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11am-8pm. Take the trip to see Debbi and her staff at Me-Ma's 2.0—you will be happy you did! Photo Credit: Christine Heeran, Artist Lake Media



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Message from Executive Director Jennifer Laubenstein

It is hard to believe that fall is almost here. The change in seasons also brings reflection for me as I step into my second month as Executive Director. In July's Newsline, I shared my answers to a couple of questions I was asked when I accepted this role: What attracted me to this position? What excites me most about serving the business community?

Even after only eight weeks in my role, my answers remain the same. I was drawn to this role because of the opportunity to support our local business community in a meaningful way. Meeting with business owners, hearing their stories firsthand, and understanding the passion behind their work has been the most energizing part of my early career here at the Chamber. While I am still learning, I can promise that I will listen, ask thoughtful questions, and work hard to identify how the Chamber can help businesses succeed and grow.

Over the past two months, I've had the honor of attending several ribbon cuttings and meeting with business owners whose stories truly reflect the heart of our region.

At St. Andrews Heating & Cooling, I learned that their new logo is inspired by their beloved Beagle pup, a symbol of loyalty, warmth, and the family-centered values that guide their business. It's a reminder that branding isn't just about design; it's about identity, pride, and the personal stories that make each business unique.

The ribbon cutting at the Mah Jongg Parlor at the Paul Nigra Center showcased something equally important: joy. This new space brings people together through fun, connection, and community. It's a gathering place where friendships form, laughter fills the room, and people find a sense of belonging.

At Me-Ma's 2.0, I had the chance to learn the meaning behind the name "Me Ma's." Hearing the deep family connection and the joy it brings to the owners was truly inspiring. Their story is a beautiful example of how businesses often begin with love, legacy, and the desire to share something meaningful with others.

I also had the opportunity to meet with Alby Peck of Peck's Lake, where he shared the history of his family's connection to the property, a legacy that spans seven generations. Listening to how Peck's Lake has served as a place for families to create memories offered a renewed

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Welcome New Members

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Membership Message

Jessica Valachovic,
Membership Outreach
Associate

Membership Matters

Our Chamber community continues to grow through the incredible energy shared at ribbon cuttings, Business After Hours, and the many collaborations we enjoy with neighboring chambers and regional business partners. These connections strengthen our local economy and create meaningful opportunities for our members to learn, grow, and thrive together.

With over 6,000 followers engaging with us online, your business receives visibility that reaches far beyond the room — amplifying your announcements, milestones, and events across Fulton and Montgomery Counties. We're proud to continue the Chamber's mission: to support, promote, and connect local businesses through advocacy, community partnerships, and economic development that strengthens our region.

And with our annual Golf Tournament approaching, members have another powerful opportunity to network, build relationships, and enjoy a day dedicated to celebrating our business community. Join us at any upcoming event — your involvement keeps our momentum strong and our region moving forward.

I am always available to you — please reach out to me at (518) 725-0641 or via email at membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org.



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

August 2026

Thank you for your continued support!



50+ YEARS

- [United Way of the Greater Capital Region](#) - 50

40-49 YEARS

- [Amsterdam School District](#) - 45

31 – 40 YEARS

- [HFM BOCES: Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Board of Cooperative Educational Services](#) - 36
- [Ricmar Design & Print Shop, LLC](#) - 32
- [Park Marine Base, Inc.](#) - 31

21 – 30 YEARS

- [Sarah Jane Sanford Adult Home for Women](#) - 30
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- [Power and Composite Technologies, LLC \(The Gund Company\)](#) - 27
- [State Farm Insurance, Scott K. Beatty Agency](#) - 27
- [Brown's Ford of Amsterdam and Johnstown Collision and Coachworks](#) - 27
- [Egelston Energy Company](#) - 27
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- [Town of Amsterdam](#) - 25

11 – 20 YEARS

- [Gehring-Tricot Corp., DBA Helmont Mills](#) - 16
- [Jim's Bait Shop and Jim's Odd Jobs](#) - 15
- [Hometown Health Centers](#) - 12
- [The ShoeLeather Express](#) - 11
- [Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts and Transitions](#)—11

1 – 10 YEARS

- G. Jeremiah Ryan - 10
- [Fonda Fairgrounds](#) - 10

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- [Leatherstocking Region Federal Credit Union](#) - 4
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- [T-Mobile Johnstown](#) - 3
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perspective on what a business can mean to a community. It's a powerful reminder that some businesses carry not only economic value, but deep cultural and historical significance.

Stories like these are at the center of why the Chamber exists. They remind us that behind every storefront, every service, and every new venture is a person (or a family) with dreams, history, and purpose. Our role as a Chamber is to support them, celebrate them, and help them thrive.

I will be at several of our upcoming events, including our annual Golf Classic on September 18th, which still has openings for golfers. If you're looking to network, build relationships, or simply enjoy a day connecting with fellow business leaders, this is a fantastic opportunity, and I encourage you to reach out while you're there.

We are also gearing up for Career Con on October 1st, an event that brings businesses and students together to explore career pathways. It's a great way for businesses to make an impact through education and community engagement.

As we move into fall, I look forward to connecting and meeting more of you, learning about your businesses, and working together to strengthen our region. Our business community is the heartbeat of this area, and I am honored to serve and support it.

Jennifer Laubenstein

Executive Director

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NEWSLINE RETURNS TO A MONTHLY PUBLICATION

Dear Chamber Members,

We are pleased to share an update regarding *Newsline*. Beginning with this issue (September 2026), *Newsline* will return to being published monthly, rather than on a bi-monthly schedule.

After evaluating the bi-monthly format, we believe a monthly newsletter better serves our members and the business community. A monthly publication will allow us to:

- **Keep members better informed.** With a monthly newsletter, we can share Chamber news, programs, upcoming events, deadlines, and important business information in a more timely manner.
- **Provide more timely promotion for members.** Member businesses have news, events, promotions, new employees, accomplishments, and other announcements that deserve to be shared while they are current.
- **Increase opportunities for member exposure.** A monthly publication provides more opportunities throughout the year to highlight member businesses and their products, services, achievements, and community involvement.
- **Promote Chamber events more effectively.** A monthly schedule allows us to provide reminders and information about upcoming Chamber programs and events closer to their actual dates.
- **Maintain stronger communication with our membership.** Regular monthly communication helps keep the Chamber connected with members and ensures they are aware of the resources, opportunities, and benefits available to them.
- **Better support for our newsletter advertisers.** Returning to a monthly publication gives advertisers more frequent opportunities to reach Chamber members and the broader business community.

Our goal with *Newsline* is to make it a valuable resource for our members—one that keeps you informed, recognizes your accomplishments, promotes your businesses, and helps you stay connected to what is happening throughout the region.

We appreciate your continued support of the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce and look forward to bringing you *Newsline* each month beginning with this issue.

Thank you for being a valued Chamber member!

SARATOGA FEDERAL OPENS NEW GLOVERSVILLE BRANCH, EXPANDING SERVICE TO FULTON AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

Saratoga Federal is pleased to announce the opening of its newest branch in Gloversville, New York. The new location marks an exciting milestone in the credit union's continued growth and expands its service area to include residents throughout Fulton and Montgomery Counties.

The new branch represents Saratoga Federal's ongoing mission to improve the financial well-being of the communities it serves by offering a local member-focused service and a commitment to community involvement. As a member-owned financial cooperative, every decision is made with members' best interests in mind by offering competitive rates, personalized service and financial solutions designed to help members succeed.

The community is invited to visit the new Gloversville branch, meet the team, and learn more about the many benefits of becoming a member. The branch is conveniently located at 185 5th Avenue, Gloversville. The Saratoga Federal Credit Union Says, "At our credit union, we

believe strong communities are built through meaningful relationships. Our Gloversville team is excited to

serve their community, support local organizations and help members achieve their financial goals. We invite you to meet the friendly faces who are ready to welcome you to our newest branch!" Visit them online for more information at <https://www.saratogafcu.org/>



FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS FUNDRAISER IN SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 25th, 4-6:30pm

Food by Megabites • Live Music • Kids' Activities • Prize Drawings • & More!

On Friday, September 25th from 4-6:30pm, the FCHS is hosting a Community Celebration and Fundraiser at the museum!

Fulton County is fortunate to have a rich history in both its built environment and in its stories. Since 1952, the Fulton County Historical Society has been working to preserve and share that history. The experiences of deep-rooted locals, new Americans, business owners, entrepreneurs, performers, build-

ers, artists, innovators, working-class families, farmers, and other residents – all the threads that make up the unique fabric of our community – have been preserved and shared by the FCHS and its volunteers. Through community events, inclusive programming, exhibits, presentations, and more, the Society continues to fulfill its mission to acquire, preserve, and promote the history of Fulton County. This work is made possible by our incredible volunteers and generous supporters.

Join us in celebrating this history and be a part of what comes next! We are YOUR hometown museum!

Interested in sponsoring the event? Your support is appreciated! [Please click here for more information on this event.](#)



FONDA FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

The 185th annual Fonda Fair runs from Wednesday, September 2, through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026, at the Fonda Fairgrounds located at 21 Bridge Street South in Fonda.

General Hours and Admission

- Fair Hours: 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM daily.
- Midway Hours: Opens at 2:00 PM on Wednesday and Thursday; opens at 12:00 PM (noon) Friday through Monday.
- General Admission: \$15 for adults and teens.
- Children (Ages 6–11): \$5.
- Children Under 6: Free.
- Parking: \$5.
- Senior Citizen's Days: \$5 for guests 62 and older on Wednesday and Friday.

Highlighted Entertainment Schedule

- Weekend Live Music & Events:
- Saturday: Tame The Rooster (1:00 PM – 5:00 PM) and The Refrigerators (7:00 PM – 11:00 PM).
- Sunday: JVD Country (1:00 PM – 5:00 PM) and Fly 92 DJ Jake Allen (7:00 PM – 11:00 PM).
- Monday: Emily Barker DJ & Karaoke Finals.

Core Attractions: Daily livestock shows, agricultural exhibits, truck and tractor pulls, demolition derbies, rodeos, and the Coleman Bros. Shows Midway.

For more information, visit the Fonda Fair online for a daily schedule of events, updated information, and more at <https://thefondafair.com/>, or on [Facebook](#).

Support the Fonda Fair at their Upcoming Fonda Fair 185th Anniversary Fall Gala

Come celebrate the rich agriculture heritage and carnival spirit of The Fonda Fair at their Gala!

Saturday October 3, 2026 | 5:00pm to 10:00pm

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THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN SEEKS INPUT FROM RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN A SURVEY FOR A NEW TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Town of Johnstown is developing an updated Comprehensive Plan. The Town Board decided to update the 2004 plan to ensure it remains current and relevant to the Town of Johnstown's needs. The Town-appointed Comprehensive Plan Commission has designed a survey to ensure the updated plan incorporates residents' thoughts, opinions, hopes, and aspirations. The new plan will serve as a blueprint to guide physical growth, land use, recreation, infrastructure, and community development action strategies for the next decade.

A Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning document that sets a community's vision, goals, objectives,

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policies, strategies, and aspirations for future growth, development, preservation, and recreation. It addresses transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing, incorporating smart growth principles.

The Town invites all residents and land-

owners in the Town of Johnstown (outside the City of Johnstown) to participate in the survey. The survey can be done in two ways:

- 1) Take an online survey by visiting www.townofjohnstown.org and selecting the "Take the Comprehensive Plan Survey" link.
- 2) On paper by picking up a copy at Town Hall at 2753 NY-29 Monday – Friday from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. or calling the Town Hall at (518-762-7070) to receive a copy.

The survey is designed to learn what residents and landowners want the Town's future to be and which issues need to be addressed in the Plan. It is very important that as many people in Town as possible participate, because the strength of the Comprehensive Plan comes from being developed with input from a wide range of people involved in the process. Everyone's input is important, and it will contribute to the plan.

All residents, property owners, civic groups, businesses, and government officials in the Town, outside the City, are invited and encouraged to participate in this survey. All surveys should be completed by September 30, 2026. For more information, please call the Town of Johnstown at 518-762-7070 or visit the Town Hall during business hours.

WORKSHOP FOR HUMAN RESOURCES PROFESSIONALS IN OUR REGION

[SUNY FMCC](#) and [FMS Workforce Solutions](#) HR Consortium present "Regional Workforce Connections—Solutions, Partnerships & Success on Wednesday, Sep-

tember 16 at SUNY FM. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:30am, presentations and the Regional Workforce Snapshot from 8:30-10am, and Workforce Solutions Expo and Networking, 10am-12pm. Participating Workforce Partners for this event include the Chamber, NYS Dept. of Labor, ACCESS VR, HFM BOCES, Advanced Institute of Manufacturing (AIM), Fulton County Center for Regional Growth, Montgomery County Economic Development Center, RCIL (Resource Center for Independent Living, and the Manufacturers Association of NY (MACNY). You can register for this free event [here](#).



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THE GLOVE THEATRE ANNOUNCES ITS FALL LINEUP!

The Glove's Fall calendar is packed with a wide array of concerts, free movies and more! The Glove frequently adds new events to its schedule.

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.

Here what's coming up in September and beginning of October:

September Sunday, September 13 at 2pm

Free Movie: CARS (Rated: G) The original — the movie that started the Cars franchise!

Thursday, September 17 at 7pm

Free Movie: THE PATRIOT (Rated: R) Celebrate America 250 with us with a free screening of THE PATRIOT, made possible through a grant from NY250 and Fulton County250.

Saturday, September 18 at 7pm

Concert: STICKY SWEET: A TRIBUTE TO DEF LEPPARD Get ready to POUR SOME SUGAR . . . Sticky Sweet: A Tribute to Def Leppard presents an authentic representation of legendary 80's pioneers, Def Leppard, and the music they created during their heyday.

Thursday, September 24 at 7pm

Free Movie: 300 (Rated: R) The 2006 historical fantasy action film based on Frank Miller's graphic novel 300. 300 is a fictionalized retelling of the Battle of Thermopylae in the Greco-Persian Wars.

Friday, September 25 at 7pm

Concert: GOLD RUSH: THE ULTIMATE NEIL YOUNG CELEBRATION Gold Rush brings together an ensemble of veteran musicians from the New Jersey music scene who faithfully replicate the songs of one of our era's most prolific and beloved singer/songwriters.

Saturday, September 26 at 7pm

Concert: THE WORLD'S LARGEST 80's PARTY featuring M80's MTV TRIBUTE M80's performs LIVE while showing the biggest music video hits from one of the best decades of music and pop culture including Journey, Twisted Sister, Duran Duran, Poison, Michael Jackson, Def Leppard, and more!

Sunday, September 27 at 2pm

Free Movie: NATIONAL TREASURE (Rated: PG) Celebrate America 250 with us with a free screening of National Treasure. This free screening is made possible through a grant from NY250 and Fulton County250.

Thursday, October 1 at 7pm

Free Movie: SCREAM (Rated: R) The Glove's Halloween movie month kicks off with SCREAM, the original from 1996!

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!!



ST. MARY'S HEALTHCARE ADDS KEY STAFF

Since 2025, St. Mary's has welcomed more than 40 providers in 13 specialties as part of its emphasis on strategic growth. Many are attracted by the opportunity to be part of a community-based organization that's quickly earned a reputation for quality, safety and its positive work culture.

With a Leapfrog Safety Grade of "A" and an infection rate of zero for *Clostridioides difficile* (C. diff) and catheter-associated urinary tract infections, St. Mary's is one of the safest hospitals in the Capital Region. In addition, its associates have voted St. Mary's a Top Workplace in both 2025 and 2026.

Dr. Ashley Telisky is the new director of specialty practice operations and physician advisor. She has 10 years of leadership experience in emergency medicine and hospital operations, most recently as chief logistics officer and vice chair of system integration for the Albany Med Health System.



At St. Mary's, Dr. Telisky will be instrumental in ensuring the continued success of the hospital's specialty practices, including ear, nose and throat (ENT), gastroenterology, general surgery, OB/GYN, podiatry, pulmonology and urology. Dr. Telisky will also work across the organization to advance strategic initiatives around length of stay, readmission and clinical documentation.

Dr. Vikram Verma has joined St. Mary's Healthcare's Amsterdam Family Practice. He has more than a decade of experience, most recently as a hospitalist/inpatient medicine physician at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.



Dr. Verma fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Dr. George Weis, who provided exceptional care to the Amsterdam community for decades. The appointment ensures that patients of Dr. Weis continue to receive that same high-quality care, without interruption.

Caitlin Shanley has joined St. Mary's Healthcare as director of emergency management and workplace safety. She plays a key role in ensuring a safe environment for St. Mary's patients, associates and visitors. Shanley also collaborates with regional partners on disaster preparedness and response, and other emergency-related challenges.

A Ballston Spa native, she most recently worked with Boston Medical Center's Emergency Management and Special Pathogens Unit, where she supported hospital preparedness initiatives, infectious disease response planning, disaster exercises, and systemwide hazard vulnerability analysis.



Patti Hensel is the new director of patient access, a role that's focused on reducing barriers to care and ensuring a positive patient experience.

Hensel has more than two decades of clinical and leadership experience with New York Oncology Hematology. Most recently, she was director of operations for seven NYOH sites throughout the Capital Region, including the cancer care provider's Amsterdam location.



For more information about these staff members, or about St. Mary's Healthcare, please visit them online at www.smha.org.

CHAMBER CHAMPION FEATURE— NATIONAL GRID

“At National Grid, we are committed to delivering safe and reliable energy to the customers and communities we serve.”

National Grid is one of the largest investor-owned energy companies in the US — serving more than 20 million people throughout New York and Massachusetts. The energy company operates both in the UK and the US.

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In the UK, they own the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales. National Grid Electricity Distribution is the UK’s largest electricity distribution network, serving nearly 8 million business and residential customers in the East and West Midlands, South West and Wales.

In the US, National Grid is the largest utility in New York State, and the second-largest in Massachusetts. Unlike in the UK, National Grid’s gas and electricity businesses in the US supply energy directly to customers. The company

- Owns and operates electricity distribution networks in upstate New York and Massachusetts.
- Owns and operates electricity transmission facilities across the Northeast; including upstate New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont.
- Owns and operates gas distribution networks across the Northeastern US.

In addition, National Grid Ventures and National Grid Partners businesses work internationally.

- National Grid Ventures (NGV), the commercial arm of National Grid plc, develops, builds and operates energy infrastructure that strengthens the power system and delivers reliable, affordable energy for communities.
- Its portfolio includes competitive transmission, battery storage, solar, LNG storage, and conventional generation assets. A global leader in transmission infrastructure, NGV operates the world’s largest portfolio of high voltage subsea interconnectors in Europe.
- National Grid Partners is the energy industry’s first Silicon Valley-based corporate venture capital and innovation group, investing in smart ideas that will play a central role in the global transformation of energy.

National Grid Upstate New York Facts

- National Grid employs 6,100 people in Upstate New York, including nearly 3,600 union-represented colleagues
- Their 48,500 miles of distribution lines carry electricity to customer homes and businesses
- Their 5,600 miles of transmission circuits connects power generators with customers
- National Grid supports Upstate New York communities, paying more than \$263.8 million annually in property taxes that fund schools, parks and community services
- The company’s economic development programs have spurred more than \$12 billion in investment in the Upstate economy since 2003
- They invest \$1 billion annually to meet our customers’ growing needs and improve network reliability

Read the company’s 2025/2026 Annual Report and Accounts [here](#). Find out more about the company on their website, nationalgridus.com



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 or executivedirector.jl@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

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UPSTATE ICE PLEX: A VISION FOR RECREATION, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The proposed Upstate Ice Plex (UIP) represents far more than a sports complex. For project lead Timothy Rizzo, it is a long-term vision for strengthening families, supporting local

ment funding and continues to progress in coordination with federal and state programs.

Today, the proposed \$65 million project is expected to require approximately \$14–\$16 million in net community investment. Rizzo estimates the facility could generate \$3.5–\$5.5 million in annual gross sales and \$280,000–\$440,000 in annual sales tax revenue, in addition to tourism-driven economic activity and long-term tax-base growth.

UPSTATE UIP ICE PLEX

organizations, expanding recreation, and driving economic growth throughout the Mohawk Valley.

Planned for the Town of Mayfield, the Upstate Ice Plex is anticipated to be located there due to its strong regional accessibility for surrounding communities and counties. UIP has worked closely with Mayfield officials throughout the planning process because the sites offer convenient access for residents across Fulton, Montgomery, Hamilton, Saratoga, and Herkimer counties. The facility is designed as a multi-facility, multi-sport community campus offering year-round activities for residents of all ages.

The centerpiece will be two ice sheets, supported by dedicated curling lanes, indoor turf field, a fitness center, short-course pool, EMS/Construction HUB, and a licensed childcare center. Additional amenities include a full-service pro shop, community café, leasable office suites, and retail storefront opportunities.

The facility is envisioned as a regional destination capable of hosting hockey tournaments, figure skating events, curling



Tim Rizzo in his office on E. Fulton Street in Gloversville

bonspiels, indoor soccer competitions, and multi-sport weekends. These events are expected to draw visitors from across the Northeast, generating hotel stays, restaurant traffic, and increased spending at local businesses.

Rizzo says the project reflects years of careful planning and extensive com-

munity input.

“The vision encompasses everyone and everything,” Rizzo said. “Very careful and thoughtful planning has gone into this project to benefit our communities. It is truly a win-win for everyone.”

The concept has deep roots in the region. In 1997, Mary Cleland envisioned an ice rink near Caroga Lake under the name *Wilderness, Inc.* Although early efforts did not advance, the idea endured. In 2017, Cleland entrusted her project documents to Rizzo, who began carrying the vision forward.

By 2021, Rizzo submitted a revitalized proposal to Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, who expressed strong support. The proposal was then forwarded to Senator Kirsten Gillibrand for federal funding consideration. With backing from both officials, the project was shortlisted for govern-

Sustainability is a core component of the plan. The campus will incorporate solar integration, high-efficiency mechanical systems, and shared infrastructure designed to reduce operating costs. Partnerships with schools, sports organizations, workforce-development institutions, and municipal agencies are also central to the project’s mission.

Saratoga Associates identified two particularly strong economic-development drivers: Tournament-capable sports infrastructure that attracts outside spending and Integrated childcare infrastructure that reduces barriers to workforce participation

The project has received letters of support from numerous community and regional leaders, including the mayors of Gloversville and Johnstown, the Chamber, state legislators, Clarkson University, local school districts, and the New York State Amateur Hockey Association. More than 2,000 residents have signed in support, and Rizzo says new supporters continue to reach out regularly.

Despite challenges ahead, Rizzo remains committed.

“I am so passionate about this project and I am willing to do whatever it takes to move it forward,” he said.

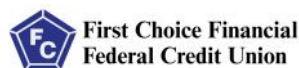
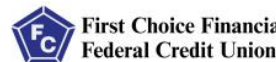
Although UIP has fulfilled all state requirements and the project is shovel-ready, community support remains essential. Donations - especially anchor-level contributions - will help accelerate construction while UIP continues coordinating with state agencies. Anchor donors would provide a significant boost to project momentum and help bring the facility to life more quickly.

For Rizzo, the ultimate goal is a lasting legacy — a facility that generations of families, athletes, and organizations can enjoy, and a project that reflects the community’s shared achievement.

“The culmination of nine years of my life will be realized,” Rizzo said. “It will be my honor to present it to the community to use and enjoy for generations to come.”

Businesses can support the effort through donations, sponsorships, volunteering, or exploring naming opportunities. A prize and cash raffle is currently underway, with the drawing scheduled for December 16. Prizes include a 2026 Cub Cadet XT1-LT 54" mower, a 28" Ariens Deluxe snow blower, and six cash prizes ranging from \$600 to \$200. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for two, with only 1,000 tickets available. They can be purchased at [Frank’s Gun Shop](#) (Mayfield), [Runnings](#) (Gloversville), and [Noble ACE Hardware](#) (Johnstown).

More information about the proposed Upstate Ice Plex and ways to get involved is available at UpstateIcePlex.org.

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To take part, simply call the Chamber at (518) 725-0641 or email fultonmontgomeryny@gmail.com. You'll be glad you did!

PECK'S LAKE: SEVEN GENERATIONS OF OUTDOOR TRADITION IN FULTON COUNTY



For seven generations, the Peck family has been welcoming visitors to Peck's Lake in Fulton County, offering a place where families can slow down, enjoy the outdoors and create lasting memories. With its quiet, family-friendly atmosphere and beautiful Adirondack setting, Peck's Lake continues to provide first-rate camping, vacationing, boating and fishing opportunities for

residents and visitors alike.

"Most relaxing thing you can do is to go fishing on our lake," says Alby Peck. "You really get the chance to forget about everything. Get away from the hustle and bustle. Great for the kids and the entire family."

Peck's Lake is known for its controlled boating environment, with boats limited to 40 horsepower or less. Visitors can enjoy fishing, canoeing, kayaking, hiking and camping while taking in the natural beauty of the area. Anglers can cast for smallmouth and largemouth bass, walleye, northern pike, pickerel, brown and rainbow trout, yellow perch, bullhead, black crappie and other panfish. The lake has long been recognized as one of the Adirondacks' premier fishing destinations.

That fishing tradition is being passed on to the next generation. In August, Peck's Lake hosted a Youth Fishing Day for children ages 5 to 12. Young participants learned about fish identification, catch-and-release handling, knot tying, casting and fishing techniques, while parents were encouraged to learn alongside their children. The event reflects the Peck family's commitment to encouraging young people to appreciate, respect and enjoy the outdoors. The annual Peck's Lake Fishing Derby, held August 8, also brought anglers of all ages together for prizes, raffles, food and family fun.

History is another important part of the Peck's Lake experience. The Peck's Park Historical Society operates the Peck's Park Schoolhouse Museum at 104 Peck's Lake Road. The late-1800s one-room schoolhouse was built by John Peck for workers at his tannery and sawmill and remained in operation until 1949. The museum is open June through September on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Artifacts discovered in and around the lake date back an estimat-

ed 3,000 to 5,000 years, providing a fascinating glimpse into the area's long history.

For overnight visitors, Peck's Lake offers 14 rustic cottages, including 12 rentals and two seasonal cottages. Accommodating one to 10 guests, the cottages feature refrigerators, propane stoves, coffee makers, toasters, cooking utensils and other amenities. RV and tent campers can also take advantage of short-term and seasonal sites with full hookups. Thirteen additional campsites are being added for next season, and a waiting list has already begun.

Visitors can rent 14- to 16-foot fishing boats, pontoon boats and kayaks by the hour or day. A blacktop boat launch is available for boats at least 14 feet long and up to 40 horsepower.

The Goody Shack and the Marina Boat House add to the convenience and fun, offering candy, ice cream, pizza, beverages, ice and other light meals, along with souvenirs, fishing tackle and bait.

The Peck family has also helped showcase the region to outdoor enthusiasts through its involvement with the New York State Outdoor Writers Association. Alby Peck and other family members have been instrumental in bringing NYSOWA conferences and safaris to the area, with the organization scheduled to return in 2027 for a spring safari.

After seven generations, Peck's Lake remains more than a destination—it is a family tradition, a place to reconnect with nature and a treasured part of Fulton County's outdoor heritage.



PECK'S LAKE RESORT

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Pictured above at the Peck's Lake Marina Boat House, from left: Chamber's Jessica Valachovic and Jennifer Laubenstein, and Peck's Lake's Deb Hollenbeck and Alby Peck.

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 2 – September 7

FONDA FAIR, Fonda Fairgrounds (see page 4 for details)

September 12 9am-4pm, September 13 10am-3pm

FT. KLOCK'S 53rd ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Fort Kock Historic Restoration, 7203 State Route 5, St. Johnsville.

September 12 – 9:30am

13th ANNUAL COPS & JOGGERS 5K/10K

Hosted by the Amsterdam Police Benevolent Association, registration begins at 8:30am. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/yck4x239>

September 12 – 10am-4pm

CANAJOHARIE STREET FAIR, The Village of Canajoharie

The celebration includes a parade at 1pm, and fireworks at dusk. www.canajohariestreetfair.com

September 12 – 11am-9pm

AMSTERDAM'S ITALIAFEST, sponsored by River Ridge Living Center

Live music all day, tons of vendors, delicious food and so much more.

September 17 through September 19

FONDA 200, Fonda Fairgrounds, 21 Bridge Street, Fonda

Complete schedule and information at thefondaspeedway.com

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September 19, 9am-3pm

LET'S COOK A MEAL OVER THE OPEN HEARTH, Kilts Farm, 172 Kilts Road, Ft. Plain

Prepare a meal over the Open Hearth in the Kilts Farm Kitchen using recipes from 19th-century cookbooks. <https://www.kiltfarm.org/workshops-and-events/lets-cook-a-meal-over-the-open-hearth>

September 19 – 9am to 4pm

COBWEB BROOM MAKING

Kilts Farm, 172 Kilts Road, Ft. Plain

Combine a wooden handle with stalks of broom corn and string to create a beautiful, lasting broom. <https://www.kiltfarm.org/workshops-and-events/cobweb-broom-making>

September 20 – 10am to 3pm

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUNDAE ON THE FARM

Hu-Hill Organic Farm, 232 Lighthall Road, Ft. Plain

A family-friendly event celebrating local agriculture with farm tours, kid's activities, live demos and much more. [https://www.facebook.com/events/1595401592298114?](https://www.facebook.com/events/1595401592298114?active_tab=about)

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September 27 – 3pm to 5pm

CONSERVANCY HALL CONCERTS 2026 FEATURING KEVIN MCKRELL

Glen Conservancy Hall, 1538 Mill Point Road, Glen

Traditional Irish and folk music from an area favorite.

FULTON COUNTY

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 5 @ 7pm

COMPLETELY UNCHAINED: THE ULTIMATE VAN HALEN PRODUCTION at Sherman's Park, Caroga Lake

September 5 @ 7pm

THE LEFEVRE QUARTET, Sacandaga Bible Conference, 191 Lakeview Rd, Broadalbin

September 5 @ 8pm

2026 GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE ILLUMINATION PARADE

Pluchino's Marina, 284 Houseman Street, Mayfield.

Route travels north along the west shoreline, turning in front of the Northville Bridge and then heading back to the marina.

September 12 @ 10am

CLASSIC CAR SHOW, Hilltop Fire Department Field, 7770 Route 29, Dolgeville

September 12 @ 10am – 1pm

CHUNKY KNIT BLANKET WORKSHOP WITH LYNETTE MAY, Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, 2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville – no knitting experience required and all materials included.

September 12 @ 1pm

14th ANNUAL WOOFSTOCK presented by the FC Regional SPCA in collaboration with Caroga Arts Collective, Sherman's, Caroga Lake. \$20 admission for music, art, activities for the entire family – dogs, too!

September 12 @ 1pm – 6pm

CSEA CLAMBAKE FEATURING CLEENSTREET, Concordia Club, 138 Concordia Club Rd., Gloversville

September 12 @ 6pm-10pm

THE DEADBEATS AT LAZY BEAR ICE CREAM, 1154

County Highway 110, Broadalbin – playing music of the Grateful Dead.

September 19 @ 10am

SHERMAN'S PARK CAR SHOW, Caroga Arts Collective, Caroga Lake

September 25 @ 4pm | September 26

SECOND ANNUAL ROYAL-PALOOZA: LEATHERSTOCKING HONOR FLIGHT BENEFIT, Royal View Pub and Campground, 2533 NY 10, Caroga Lake

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More importantly, with your membership in our Chamber you get a ChamberMaster member account that gives you tools to promote your business, connect with the community, and make the most of your Chamber membership. Here are ways to put this to work for you:

Keep Your Business Profile Up-to-Date Keep your business listing current with your contact information, website, description, logo, photos, and more.

Promote Your Events Submit upcoming events to the chamber calendar and increase awareness among fellow members and the community.

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Advertise Special Offers Promote member-to-member deals, coupons, Hot Deals, and other special offers to help attract new customers.

Post Job Openings Share employment opportunities and reach people who are looking for jobs within the local business community.

Connect With Other Members Use the Chamber directory to discover other businesses, potential customers, vendors, partners, and referral opportunities.

Showcase Your Business Make your online member profile work for you. A complete, attractive profile helps tell your business story and makes it easier for people to choose you.

Take Advantage of Member Benefits Stay informed about programs, discounts, events, and other benefits available through your Chamber.

Keep Your Information Up to Date You are in control of your business information. Log in to update your profile and keep your online presence accurate.

To help you understand and use these tools to their full advantage, we have put together a great toolkit for you on our website: <https://www.fultonmontgomeryny.org/membership-benefits/> Here you can find step-by-step instructions on how to “Log In to Your ChamberMaster account,” “Add Company Information,” “Add Events,” “Add Job Postings” and more.



The more you keep your profile updated, share your news and events, promote your offers, and participate in Chamber activities, the more opportunities you create for visibility, connections, referrals, and growth.

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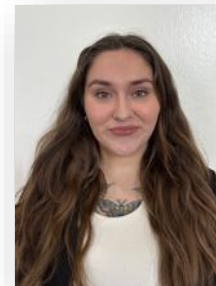
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HELP INSPIRE OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE AT CAREER CON!

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce and HFM BOCES Career & Technical Education invite local employers to join us for the second annual Career Con, presented by GlobalFoundries! At this event, We are welcoming nearly 2,000 8th and 9th-grade students from HFM component districts for a day of hands-on career exploration.

- Date: Thursday, October 1, 2026
- Location: SUNY Fulton-Montgomery Community College, 2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown
- Cost: FREE booth for local businesses & organizations

Why Register a Booth?

- Inspire Local Talent: Introduce students to career paths in manufacturing, healthcare, construction, finance, tech, agriculture, skilled trades, and more
- Interactive Experience: Keep it simple: bring a hands-on activity, game, tool, or demo to show what your industry is all about
- Build Your Workforce Pipeline: Connect directly with the region's future workforce

Get Involved:

Register Your Business: <https://forms.gle/SLdM2sXurwPfXB4D7>

Sponsorships: Expand your impact with sponsorship options that include event signage and marketing exposure. For questions or sponsorship details, email Nicole Walrath-VanAlstyne at nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS TO CAREERS: Join the 2026–2027 Business Education Partnership

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business Education Partnership (BEP) is gearing up for the 2026-2027 school year, and regional businesses are invited to play an active role in shaping the future workforce. Through our decade long partnership with HFM BOCES, the Chamber's BEP supports programs like PTECH, Career & Technical Education (CTE), and local Pathway Programs, connecting students with hands-on, real-world learning opportunities that bridge class-

room education with practical industry experience. Local businesses can get involved in a variety of ways tailored to their schedules and capacity:

- Workplace Tours & Job Shadows: Host students for interactive workplace tours or short-term job shadowing to give them a firsthand look at local career paths.
- Internships & Mentorship: Offer student internships (minimum 20 hours) or guide students through monthly skill-building mentoring sessions.
- Guest Speaking & Events: Serve as a panelist or guest speaker or lead hands-on learning projects and workforce readiness activities.

PTECH Industry Insight Days

Held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exception of September, January, and June, at 502 Glebe Street in Johnstown, these morning monthly sessions give businesses a direct platform to mentor high school students:

- 9th Grade (Career Exploration): Hosting workplace tours to show students local business operations in action.
- 10th Grade (Professional Skills 101): Participating in 45-minute mentoring sessions focused on core professional skills such as communication, personal accountability, digital footprint, innovation, and interview preparation.

Career Support Series & Community Events

In partnership with HFM BOCES and CTE, businesses can also sign up to participate in major regional workforce development events throughout the year, including:

- Career Con (October 1, 2026)
- Workforce Summit (December 4, 2026)
- Healthcare Conversations (January 14, 2027)
- Women in the Workforce (March 12, 2027)
- Skilled Trades & Engineering Event at Broadalbin-Perth High School (April 2027)
- Community Job Fair at SUNY FMCC (April 21, 2027)

How to Participate

To indicate how your organization can participate, complete the 2026-27 BEP Support Survey by visiting <https://forms.gle/ZdAg8zqU3N43sK97A>

For questions or to discuss custom involvement opportunities, contact Nicole Walrath-VanAlstyne at nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org or Alexis Beman, BEP Coordinator, at bepcoordinator@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

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.

Thursday, September 17 5:30pm-7:30pm
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT CHAD MAJEWSKI REAL ESTATE'S
AMSTERDAM OFFICE

59 Lyon Street, Amsterdam

Join us for this great networking event and enjoy great refreshments while learning about this real estate firm that has offices throughout Fulton and Montgomery Counties! RSVP appreciated—see information above. Register [here](#).

Friday, September 18—Shotgun Start
at 10am

CHAMBER'S GOLF CLASSIC 2026
PRESENTED BY MIRACLE-EAR

Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course

158 Upper Van Dyke Avenue, Amsterdam

Mark your calendar for a great day of camaraderie, golf and more at the Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament where proceeds benefit the Chamber's Scholarship program, awarding \$1K scholarships to graduating students in our region's high schools! See more details on page 11.



Wednesday, September 23 4pm to 7pm; ribbon-cutting at 4:30pm

RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE AT
ADVANCED RESTORATION & CLEANING

363 N. Perry Street, Johnstown

Join Advanced Restoration & Cleaning and the Chamber as the business celebrates a new season of growth, transformation and continued commitment to the community. Tour the facility, meet the team, enjoy refreshments, demonstrations, giveaways and help them officially cut the ribbon on this business' next chapter. Register for this free event [here](#).

Thursday, September 24—10am

RIBBON-CUTTING EVENT AT
SARATOGA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION'S
NEW BRANCH

185 Fifth Avenue, Gloversville

Help celebrate the Saratoga Federal Credit Union's Gloversville branch opening, the first in our two-county region! Read more about this credit union on page 7 and join us for this event! Register [here](#).

Tuesday, September 29—11am

RIBBON CUTTING FOR RUBY RED BUSINESS SERVICES

Chamber office, 2 N. Main Street, Gloversville

Join us as we celebrate this new Chamber-member business at the Chamber's office in Gloversville. Register [here](#).

Thursday, October 1

CAREER CON

SUNY FMCC

2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown

BUSINESSES WANTED!

Career Con Presented by Global-Foundries is coming to SUNY FMCC on October 1, 2026, and we're looking for businesses and organizations to participate! Connect with approximately 2,000 local 8th and 9th grade students, showcase your business and industry, and help inspire the future workforce. FREE exhibitor booth; Sponsorship opportunities available | Hands-on and interactive displays encouraged! Register here today: forms.gle/Qv375DCeefXB6DBm8.

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