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# A celebration of our vibrant business community

As we reflect on another successful year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for each and every one of you. Your dedication, resilience, and commitment to our community have been the driving force behind our strong and vibrant Chamber of Commerce.

I am excited to share this edition of our *Focus* magazine, a celebration of our vibrant business community and the incredible work you all do. This year, we have curated a collection of stories, insights, and updates that truly capture the spirit of our Chamber.

In these pages, you'll find inspiring narratives from local businesses, highlighting innovations, achievements, and the passion that drives our entrepreneurs, health care leaders, farmers, educational institutions, and businesses. Each story is a testament to the resilience and creativity that define our community. I encourage you to take the time to read through the magazine—discover new talent, connect with familiar faces, and learn about the initiatives shaping our local economy.

Our magazine is not just a reflection of our past year; it's a window into the future of our Chamber. By engaging with these stories, you'll find opportunities to support one another,



**Anne Boles**  
*Executive Director*  
Fulton Montgomery  
Regional Chamber  
of Commerce

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collaborate, and grow.

Looking ahead, we have exciting opportunities on the horizon. With your continued involvement, we can expand our programs and scholarships, enhance networking opportunities, and advocate more effectively for the interests of our members. Together, we will navigate the evolving landscape of business and ensure that our Chamber remains a vital resource for everyone.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Your support makes all the difference, and I am truly honored to serve as the Executive Director. Let's continue to build a thriving community together!

*Warm regards,  
Anne M. Boles*

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# Your Gateway to Montgomery County: Outdoor Recreation, Events, and Adventure Await

BY MORGAN McCLARY  
 Montgomery County  
 Tourism Director

Looking for a farm to pick the perfect pumpkin or a museum to escape to on a rainy day? Montgomery County Tourism's new website benefits both visitors and locals.

Since bringing tourism promotion back in-house, Montgomery County has ramped up efforts to spotlight its scenic beauty and river town charm. The updated site, VisitMontgomeryCountyNY.com, showcases the county as a vibrant, four-season destination with a renewed focus on history, outdoor recreation, and agricultural heritage.

With a modern, user-friendly design, visitors can filter by interest and use an interactive map to explore the county's farms, whether they're interested in picking fresh produce, discovering local honey and maple syrup, or enjoying the outdoors.

Visitors can explore the site to plan visits to Revolutionary War-era landmarks, scenic trails, and the county's growing pickleball and disc golf courses.

The site also features a community event calendar where locals can submit events for free promotion, making it a valuable tool to stay connected with what's happening in Montgomery County.

As Montgomery County Tourism continues to expand, look for signature events and experiences that highlight the area as a hidden gem along the Erie Canal and Mohawk Valley. Plan your trip at VisitMontgomeryCountyNY.com.



# Montgomery County Department of History and Archives is 90 years old

By KELLY YACOBUCCI FARQUHAR  
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Sept. 2024

2024 marks 90 years since the Montgomery County Department of History and Archives was created by resolution. In 1934, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, recognizing their county as “one of the oldest counties in the State of New York [having] numerous public and private historic records ... resolved... to create a Department of History and Archives in said county to preserve the same.” Space for this newly created department was set aside on the third floor of the Old County Courthouse and Edward J. Sheehan, appointed County Historian succeeding Lillian Van Deusen, was put in charge of the department.

Sheehan, formerly an investigator with the County Sheriff’s Office, held the position of County Archivist/Historian through 1957. It can be said that the Department of History and Archives would not have the wonderful collection today if it were not for Sheehan. During his tenure, Sheehan and his staff procured copies of records from various churches across the state through projects funded by the federal Works Progress Administration program.

The Montgomery County Department of History and Archives, a local history and genealogy research library, has a substantial and growing collection of materials related to Underground Railroad history including primary sources such as birth records, bills of sales, manumissions, and legal documents related to enslaved people in Montgomery County and newspaper articles on local abolitionist activity. Researchers to the department are welcome to use these primary materials, as well as secondary sources on Underground Railroad, in addition to a cultural resources survey conducted in 2010, identifying sites associated with Underground Railroad and abolitionist activity and African American in Montgomery County.

Also exciting is that our nation is approaching the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States of America, culminating from events that occurred during the War for Independence or the Revolutionary War. Tryon County, the area that became Montgomery County, was the scene for numerous raids, Committee of Safety meetings, battles and conflicts that had a remarkable impact in the struggle for independence.

Montgomery County established the America 250th Commission to plan events, activities and educational

programs that commemorate Montgomery County’s significant role in the events of the Revolutionary War. Beginning in 2025 and continuing through 2033, the Montgomery County America 250th Commission, whose members represent county government and local historical societies, will work with local historical groups to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about our heritage and promote the county’s significant connections to the Revolutionary War. Our kickoff event will be held at Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine where there will be a reenactment of the raising of the Liberty Pole, an event that marked the beginning of the rising tensions in Tryon County.

There will be other commemorative anniversaries coming up in 2025, namely the Bicentennial anniversaries of the completion and opening of the Erie Canal as well as end of the Marquis de Lafayette’s Farewell Tour of America. Stay tuned for more information on events that will be happening next year (and the years following) to commemorate the anniversaries of events that were instrumental in the shaping of our nation.

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# The Great Sacandaga Lake Discovery Center

## *A Southern Adirondack Destination*

BY CARLA KOLBE

Fulton County Tourism Coordinator

NORTHAMPTON – Destination: Fulton County and The Great Sacandaga Lake Discovery Center (GSLDC) is Fulton County’s investment and commitment to its local history, tourism and recreation. The planned Discovery Center will be a regional attraction for Fulton, Saratoga and the NYS Route 30 byway through the Adirondack Park.

The Discovery Center is projected to be the southernmost visitor attraction along the Adirondack Route 30 corridor, complementing any trip to the Adirondack Experience in Blue Mountain Lake and The Wild Center in Tupper Lake.

The facility will feature the incredible history of the Great Sacandaga Lake and its role as a river regulating reservoir and recreation destination. The unique story of its creation is compelling, with aspects that should never be forgotten.

“The extraordinary story of how the Sacandaga was created, the reasoning for it and the remarkable sacrifices made must be told,” states Fulton County Administrative Officer, Jon R. Stead. “It is an important part of our history, an Adirondack history that needs to be conveyed so the story is never lost.”

Created in 1930, the Great Sacandaga Lake is a manmade body of water built to mitigate flooding that



**THIS PAGE AND NEXT: artist renderings of the Great Sacandaga Lake Discovery Center (GSLDC).**

occurred along Hudson River communities. In an undertaking initiated and funded by the Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council, (GSLAC), a 2017 feature documentary “Harnessing Nature: Building the Great Sacandaga” inspired the proposal to construct a state-of-the-art center to bring the documentary to life.

Leveraging both state and federal investments, Discovery Center exhibits will include a rotunda, featuring a true-to-scale replica of the Sacandaga Valley prior to flooding. Exhibit kiosks of Then and Now, such as; “Ghosts of the Hamlets,” “Coney Island of the North” (former Sport Island and Sacandaga Park) and “Conkingville Dam”— an engineering marvel can be expected to be interactive with information and video.

The Discovery Center will host

art and historic artifact displays, and will feature ever-changing, visiting displays keeping the information fresh for returning visitors.

The complete Great Sacandaga Lake Discovery Center promises to be a premier destination, attracting visitors with its location and accessibility to the Northville Placid Trail, a natural resources habitat and outdoor recreation. The building concept includes the Harnessing Nature Theater, educational classroom space for student research, Trout in the Classroom, and much more. Space will be available for the GSLAC and Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation (GSLFF) to use and local historians will have a designated research area. The goal is to work closely with the entire GSL community.

In the county’s “Vision 2026”

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Development Strategy, the Board of Supervisors advocated a priority goal of revitalizing the economy through tourism. To achieve this goal, the plan seeks to develop additional historic, cultural and entertainment venues; and to leverage the Great Sacandaga Lake’s attractiveness. The Great Sacandaga Lake Discovery Center will be a major step to meet these objectives, while highlighting the amazing history of the 29-mile engineering marvel.

Fulton County retained the services of Phinney Design Group for professional Architectural and programming services for this initiative. Phinney Design group is well known for its specialization in programming spaces and developing projects within the Adirondack Park, having taken on and completed projects such as: The Wild Center Bio Building, Tupper Lake, NY; Play ADK Children’s Museum, Marina and Golf Clubhouse Projects, Saranac Lake, NY and Ticonderoga Country Club, Ticonderoga, NY.

The mission for Phinney Design Group is to ensure through design a preeminent location for visitors, historians and educational organizations to learn about and appreciate the engineering marvel that is the Great Sacandaga Lake. They are designing an interpretive center and tourism venue with the goal of evolving into a cultural center, historians’ study/resource room, tourism attraction and recreational site. The GSLDC will have the unique ability to attract engineering enthusiasts, history fans, students, encourage eco-tourism, with outdoor recreation opportunities all to benefit the Fulton, Saratoga, and Hamilton County Regions.

Another county engineering partner, Environmental Design Partnership, is handling site engineering and application processes for the project.

The commercial section of the Route 30 corridor selected to house the center is located on the west side of the highway overlooking the Great Sacandaga Lake in the Town of Northampton. The property ends just north of at the intersection with the bridge leading into the village of Northville.

This trek has a grand view of the Great Sacandaga Lake and a close proximity to the Northville Placid Trail.

Composed primarily of undeveloped land, it is an ideally suited site given its exposure along the corridor, pedestrian access into the village over the bridge, and it is in close proximity to the popular Northville/Northampton Municipal Beach. This site proved to be an ideal location to support the county’s initiative to develop a center dedicated to the story behind the construction and management of the Great Sacandaga Lake.

Phase I of the project is expected to break ground in the spring of 2025, with projected completion planned for the summer of 2026. Information on the progress of this project can be found at the county’s tourism site, 44lakes.com.



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# Chamber and HFM BOCES CTE hold first CAREER CON for eighth grade students

In October Of 2024, the Chamber in collaboration with HFM BOCES CTE (Career & Technical Education) program, SUNY Fulton-Montgomery, and local businesses welcomed almost 1,200 eighth grade students to the SUNY FM campus for our first annual CAREER CON, a career exploration event. School districts that participated with their students and staff included Amsterdam, Fonda-Fultonville, Johnstown, Oppenheim-Ephratah St. Johnsville, St. Mary’s Institute, Wheelerville, Broadalbin-Perth, Canajoharie, Fort Plain, Gloversville, Lake Pleasant, Mayfield, Northville and Wells. SUNY FM students also had a chance to visit the business displays.

CAREER CON was an idea that came from district superintendents and teachers who wanted to give their eighth graders career awareness through “hands on” exposure to our regional businesses, and the opportunity to speak with business representatives about what type of jobs are available at their businesses and in our region. In addition, businesses were telling the Chamber that they also wanted the opportunity to expose students to what they have to offer earlier.



Eighth graders don their “Career Con” bags.



CTE faculty and students at CareerCon.



Chamber’s Director of Workforce Development Nicole Walrath-VanAlstyne.





**Employees of Target Distribution Center speak with students.**

“We want students in our districts to graduate from here, but also to have the opportunity to work, live and play here,” said Nicole Walrath-VanAlstyne, the Chamber’s Director of Workforce Development. “We thought this would be a great introduction to a multitude of businesses who have so many employment opportunities for our students.”

District eighth graders arrived on the FM campus at different times during the day, between 8:45 and 1pm taking a look at programs and businesses both outside, inside the campus gymnasium and in the Raiders’ Den. They had the opportunity to speak with representatives in pathways in which they were already interested, and the businesses were clustered in career pathways (16 different

pathways) to make it easier for students to navigate. In this way, students were exposed to a multitude of businesses and careers. In all, there were 60 businesses who participated in this important event. All of the CTE programs were also on display, as they saw real value in “marketing” their programs to these 8th graders who will have to make choices about their high school paths in the coming months. At 1pm the business displays were then opened up to any SUNY FM students who wanted to speak with businesses about current or future employment. Each student who participated was provided with a Career Con “swag bag” which were sponsored by Amsterdam Printing in Amsterdam.

“Eighth grade is such a pivotal year for our region’s students,” continued Walrath-VanAlstyne. “They will be making decisions about their next four years, and we want to give them the best information we can to make these decisions about where they want to further their education.”

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

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



**Tonya Hays, The Family Counseling Center, was ready to speak with students at CareerCon.**




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# Megan Ryder of Megabites Catering / Anthony's Deli & Market is the Chamber's Entrepreneurial Award Winner for 2024



The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber's Thomas B. Constantino Entrepreneurial Award is given to a Chamber member who embodies the entrepreneurial spirit by organizing, managing and assuming the risks of building a business then persevering to see these efforts come to fruition. In memory of Thomas B. Constantino, founder of The Noteworthy Company in Amsterdam, who exhibited exemplary leadership skills, determination, creativity and vision. The winner of the 2024 award, Megan Ryder, is very deserving of this award, as she has renovated, revised and rethought The Bridge Walk in Perth, bringing it back to its glory as a premiere event space in our community, as well as envisioned and brought to life Megabites Catering, the food truck that has burst on to our community scene and is seemingly everywhere bringing a diverse, personalized menu to each event where anyone is lucky to catch it. In addition, she created Anthony's Deli & Market in Amsterdam, named after her son, Anthony, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner and selling local products from other small businesses in the region.

In her nomination for this award, submitted by Tina Rodriguez, she adds: Megabites Catering, founded by Megan Ryder, embodies community by lifting other businesses up with their daily business practices. Megan is never too busy to help a community business or family in need when the opportunity arises. She donates to needy families all year round and to local businesses that empower local families. She thrives on the idea of helping other small businesses rise with her business and creates continual opportunity in the community to help other businesses prosper.

Anyone who knows Megan and her work ethic would be hard pressed to name anyone who works harder, is more positive and enthusiastic about her business, but is also so positive and forward thinking about our region and what it can, and should, be.

A graduate of Broadalbin-Perth Schools, Megan also attended SUNY Fulton-Montgomery Community College as an early admit student. She has been in the hospitality industry all her life – she has been working in restaurants and the catering industry since she was 11 years old when she worked at the former Ferrandi's Restaurant with her aunt and uncle. She then went on to work at Brown's Beach in Saratoga, and then back in our region at such mainstays as Jackie's Diner and Fritz's Pizza. She really honed her skills when she started as a 16-year-old with Mazzone Hospitality at the Hall of Springs. She worked directly with Mark Delos, who is now Mazzone's Vice President of Culinary. Under his tutelage she worked in



**The ribbon-cutting event at the renovated The Bridge Walk in Perth.**

event design, and off-premises catering where she worked her way up from line cook to management. She considers Mark Delos and Angelo Mazzone important mentors in her journey – both in the business venue as well as in her personal life. She said that Mark introduced her to specialized, off-premises catering with special clients. He taught her how to provide THE BEST customer service and that the client was always the most important. Working for Angelo Mazzone and Mark Delos gave her “the experience of a lifetime.”

**“My big thing is wanting to give back to the community as much as possible.”**

**— Megan Ryder, Megabites Catering**

She started her own business at 17, when she leased a deli/pizzeria from her parents in Wallins Corners (Amsterdam) which she ran for about two and a half years. She left there and started at a restaurant called Charlie’s where she helped expand the catering end of the business which became Black Tie Events & Catering. With Black Tie, she worked at Shorty’s Southside (Amsterdam), Rolling Hills Country Club (now Antler’s Country Club) and Top Notch Tavern in 2016, and then The Bridge Walk in 2017. Then the world shut down in 2020. During this time, her entrepreneurial spirit never waned, and she started thinking about and researching the possibility of a food truck during the pandemic. She was able to find a trailer that would work for the project and started experimenting in 2022... and then it just took off.

When talking about Megabites, she says, “what’s cool about it and why I think it took off so well is that everything we do with it is customizable – decorating, menu and more – making each event that we do a unique experience.” Everyone who knows Megan has had great experiences wherever Megabites has been. They served 500 at Amsterdam Schools during a Teacher Appreciation event; did a wedding with a personalized taco truck, including vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options, did a great event at June Farms in West Sand Lake, partnered with the former Mohawk CoWorks in Amsterdam for a series of Food Truck Fridays, and much more. She does a lot with the Amsterdam school district and loves to be able to support teachers and the community and has catered 15 lunches to 100 for them. Word of mouth and the support of the community are important to Megan, and she delivers the goods to warrant it.



**The ribbon-cutting for Anthony’s Deli & Market at 1451 State Highway 5S in the town of Amsterdam.**

For 2025 and beyond, she is looking to expand her catering division in general... and her new venture, a full-service, full bar truck is now available to accommodate events of any kind and size. In addition, in summer of 2024 Megan expanded her businesses once again to now include Anthony’s Deli & Market, located at 1451 State Highway 5S in the town of Amsterdam. Anthony’s, named after her son, is a full-service deli open for breakfast, lunch and dinner for takeout or to eat in, that also sells locally-produced products including fresh bread, soaps, fresh flowers, baked goods and more.

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"Giving back" runs through Megan's veins. Besides being able to help the community with events and fundraisers, she single-handedly adopted four families during the holidays in 2023 – for 2024 and beyond she is looking for input from the community as to which families were most deserving and needed the most support. She is hoping to expand this adopt a family program for future holiday seasons and to get more of the community and businesses involved.



**Megan Ryder and the Megabites Food Trailer.**

Says Megan, "My big thing is wanting to give back to the community as much as possible. I have three teenage children who I also want to get involved. If you need help with a fundraiser, with anything that is going on in the community, I want to be able to help. I always see a way where we can help you."

In closing, Megan wanted to give a special shout out to the Chamber. "They helped me so much with my vision and really supported me and help build my dream through the Ambassador program that she is involved in. It has taken what we are doing right now to another level." She has received business from Chamber referrals and really believes that the Chamber supports its individual business members. "Anne Boles has really stepped up the level of the Chamber and I feel it is getting its confidence back. I really didn't understand the value of the Chamber, but I do now."

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# Joyce Royal – The Chamber’s Community Service Award Winner

Joyce Royal started her real estate business in 1992 as Century 21 – Joyce Royal Real Estate. But her tenure with being involved with the Chamber started even before that. She joined because she always wanted to be involved with other businesses, and felt that as a realtor you really have to be involved in the community, to help it prosper and bring in new people and to constantly improve our neighborhoods. And she has done just that for over 30 years.

Joyce is no stranger to involvement with businesses and in the community. She received the Fulton County Chamber’s Jenny Award in 1995, an award presented for over 20 years in memory of Jenny Ketchum, owner of the former Glove Inn, who was a volunteer extraordinaire in the community. The Jenny Award was the precursor to the Ambassador of the Year and Community Service Awards. Also for the Chamber she was on the Board of Directors for a number of terms during which she served as the President of the Board. One of the most important roles that she plays for the Chamber is the Chairwoman of the former Fulton County Clean Up Day



**Joyce Royal**

which now takes place throughout the region. She personally leads the charge and spearhead cleaning up a stretch of Gloversville’s Main Street, where she picks up and hauls away hundreds of pounds of trash to make our area look great for the summer tourism season.

She has real estate honors and her participation ranges from local levels to national. For the Fulton County Board of Realtors (which is now part of the Greater Capital Area Realtors) she was Realtor of the Year several times and held the President’s position for this group twice. She has been a member of the state Realtor Association’s Realtors Honor Society since 2015. For the

Greater Capital Area Realtors, she has served on many of their committees, and has served on the Ethics Committee of the National Association of Realtors.

Under the former Fulton County Economic Development Corporation, Joyce served as president of the Crossroads Incubator Corporation. When that entity dissolved, she became involved with the GEDC where she served as President for over 10 years. The Gloversville EDC provides loan funds for businesses throughout the city of Gloversville.

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She is now involved with the Glove City Coalition and its Neighborhood Engagement Unit that recently put on a hugely successful Winterfest – the group’s 2nd annual. The event is a wonderful collaboration of 30 service organizations and the Gloversville Public Library who enjoyed standing room only at the February event.

In addition, she is also the part-time pastor of the North Main Street United Methodist Church. Among the other services the church provides, they have an active food pantry that Joyce oversees that opens its doors to anyone in Fulton County who needs the service.

She is also proud of her service to the Community Development Agency for Nick Zabawski. The group did a lot of grant administration for people buying and rehabbing houses in Gloversville.

As you can see, Joyce is most deserving of this Community Service Award. We hope she stays as involved with our community, and with the Chamber for years to come. She says, “The most important thing for me is to get out and meet new people and get to know the other business people and collaborate and partner. That’s why I love the Chamber’s Business After Hours events – that’s how you get to know people as well as keeping up on the pulse of the business landscape in the entire region.”

Thank you, Joyce, for your committed service to the Chamber and to our entire region.

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## *Dygart Farms Creamery Celebrates 300 Years in Business; Looks Forward to Bright Future*

Dygart Farms is a 13th-generation dairy farm located in the beautiful Mohawk Valley in Palatine Bridge. The farmhouse sits on the original 50 acres that was deeded to the Dygart family back in 1723 from the Queen of England. Their farm is one of the very few operational Tri-centennial farms left, and they celebrated this ground-breaking Tri-centennial anniversary last year!

In 2009, Robby and Shannon Dygart moved back to the family farm and began their journey by milking 50 cows in the tie stall barn on the property. Over the years they have added four children to the family (Dylan, Olivia, Tucker and Cassidy) while also expanding the dairy farm.

Their cows are milked twice a day at the dairy in a double-eight parallel parlor. They also raise and grow 90% of feed for their animals. They have been named a Dairy of Distinction in New York and have received several Super Milk Awards for the quality of their Milk – including best Chocolate Milk in 2023!

In 2015, Robby and Shannon decided to start diversifying the farm and delivering fresh, local, glass-bottled milk from a nearby dairy to businesses and homes in the area with the goal to bottle their own in the future. In 2019 they started building their own processing plant on the farm and in April 2021 began processing their own milk. Visitors are welcome to visit the farm, see the cows and where this great-tasting milk comes from.

Dygart Farms milk is truly some of the richest, freshest tasting milk you can buy! Their milk is from one dairy farm, is 100% antibiotic-free and the cows are not treated with artificial bovine growth hormones. They offer Whole, Reduced Fat, Skim, Half & Half, Heavy Cream, Chocolate.

They take pride in the fact that their milk is offered in glass bottles which keeps the milk colder and helps retain its fresh taste. Glass is also more environmentally-friendly than paper cartons or plastic jugs. Their bottles can be washed and reused as many times as they are returned. This “greener packaging” results in less waste in local landfills.

Their delivery area includes Fonda, Amsterdam, Johnstown, Gloversville, Little Falls, St. Johnsville, Caroga Lake and the surrounding areas.

2023 was a year unlike any other as Dygart Farms celebrated turning 300 years! There are very few farms in the country that have accomplished this milestone, and they are beyond proud! In 2023, they hosted Montgomery County Sundae on the Farm, also using the event as their 300-year celebration, and enjoyed over 3,000 people that visited the farm that day. In 2023 both their creamery and customer base grew. The customer base has grown about 30% and at the creamery they doubled the walk-in cooler space to allow for more product, built a walk-in freezer and also built a new farm store which they love!

Last year they also won the #1 chocolate milk award for

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**The Dygerts provide many donations to community organizations throughout the year in milk and sponsorships. They also host a variety of school groups, Future Farmers of America groups, 4-H and other people and organizations where they give tours of the dairy and show what they do on the farm, and help connect people to where their food comes from.**

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NYS, a well-deserved accomplishment for the Dygerts! This award is based on Cornell University's Voluntary Shelf Life program which collects samples twice a year from all the processing plants including the likes of Hood, Byrne Dairy, Stewarts, etc. The award was presented at the New York state fair. Last year they also won the Leopold Award which is a National Conservation Award, and were named Farmer of the Year for Country Folks.

As well you can imagine, the Dygerts are extremely busy with their farm and family. Their children are actively involved in 4-H where they have project animals. Shannon is a member of the Farm Service Agency for Montgomery County. They provide many donations to community organizations throughout the year in milk and sponsorships. They also host a variety of school groups, Future Farmers of America groups, 4-H and other people and organizations where they give tours of the dairy and show what they do on the farm, and help connect people to where their food comes from.

The Dygerts are also part of a Dairy Discussion group

with fellow farms around NYS – the group gets together a couple of times a year to compare business numbers, etc. to learn from each other and see where individual farms can make improvements. Robby and Shannon are also members of the Farm Bureau and work closely with Montgomery County Soil and Water to be stewards to their land and implement best practices. In addition, they work with several local farms and partner/purchase their products to sell to over 100 stores, to their home delivery customers and in their farmstand.

Robby and Shannon Dygert are honored to have received the Chamber's Agricultural Business of the Year Award in 2024 and are grateful to the Chamber for helping them advertise/promote their events that they host like the Halloween tractor-treat, Sundae on the Farm and many other events. Through diversifying and bottling their own milk their goal is to produce a high-quality product that everyone loves – and we think they have certainly accomplished that! They love hosting people at their farmstand to see where their milk comes from, see the cows and the hard work and dedication that goes into producing that product. They are also thankful to their wonderful team of employees and family that help make all of this possible! Robby and Shannon say that farming nowadays is not easy but it's a way of life and they are proud to raise their kids in the family tradition.



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# These Businesses believe in our Chamber and in our region!

In our last issue of *Focus*, we highlighted those businesses who have been Chamber members the longest – between 50 and 58 years! This year, we are highlighting those who are celebrating their 50th anniversary with the Chamber this year. Some of them have changed their names, locations, or ownership over the years, but one thing hasn't changed – their commitment to our region and the economic vitality of Fulton and Montgomery Counties. We continue to be grateful to you and thankful for your support!

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**POPULATION: Total 101,602**  
 Fulton County 52,234  
 City of Gloversville 14,843  
 City of Johnstown 8,099  
 Montgomery County 49,368  
 City of Amsterdam 18,093 (via Census Bureau July 1, 2023)  
**LAND AREA IN SQUARE MILES: 898.51**  
 Fulton County – 495.47  
 Montgomery County – 403.04  
**PERSONS PER SQUARE MILE:**  
 Fulton County – 107.6  
 Montgomery County – 122.9  
**TOTAL EMPLOYER ESTABLISHMENTS: 2,179**  
 (via Census Bureau)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES**

**Fulton Montgomery**  
 Regional Chamber of Commerce  
 2 N. Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078  
 www.fultonmontgomeryny.org | (518) 725-0641

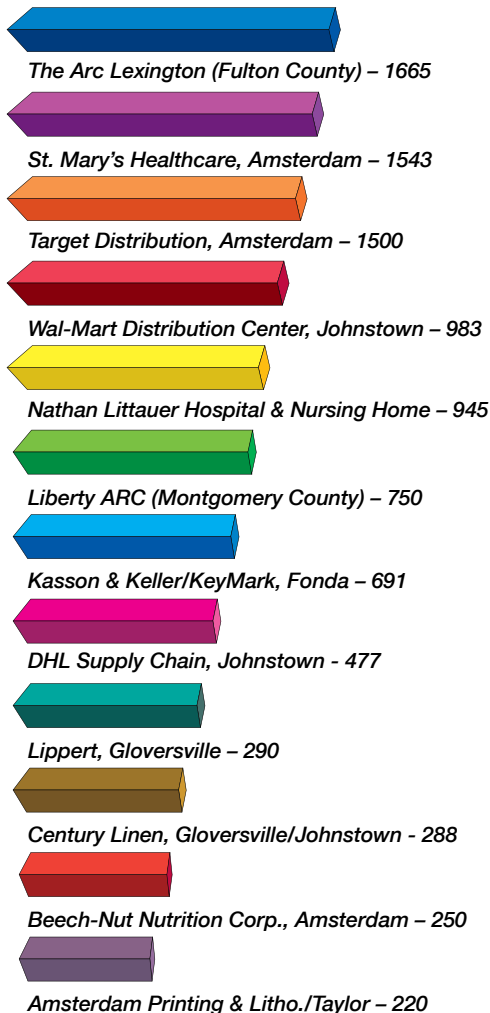
**Fulton County Center for Regional Growth**  
 34 W. Fulton Street, Gloversville, NY 12078  
 www.fccrg.org | (518) 725-7700

**Fulton County Industrial Development Agency**  
 1 E. Montgomery Street, Johnstown, NY 12095  
 www.fcida.org | (518) 725-7700

**Montgomery County**  
 Business Development Center  
 9 Park Street, Fonda, NY 12068  
 www.mcbdc.org | (518) 853-8334

## MAJOR PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS

(# of employees)



**COST OF LIVING**

**Median Housing Prices (via National Association of Realtors (1Q2024))**  
 Fulton County - \$169,790  
 Montgomery County - \$154,790

**Median Rental Cost in Fulton County**  
 2BR \$1,050 (via rentdata.org)

**Median Rental Cost in Montgomery County**  
 2BR \$1,026 (via rentdata.org)

**Housing Units (via US Census Bureau)**  
 Fulton County 28,246  
 Montgomery County 24,008

**SALES TAXES**  
 County = 8% (Fulton County and Montgomery Counties)  
 State Sales Tax = 4%

**OCCUPATIONS OF RESIDENTS (U.S. Census Bureau)**  
**The most common employment sectors for those who live in Fulton County are (24,881 workers):**  
 Health Care/Social Assistance (18.6%)  
 Retail Trade (13.3%)  
 Manufacturing (11.2%)  
 Construction (6.6%)  
 Public Administration (6.22%)  
 Other Services, except for Public Administration (5.58%)  
 Accommodation and Food Services (5.55%)  
 Administrative Supports & Waste Management Services (3.73%)  
 Professional, Scientific & Technical Services (3.52%)

**OCCUPATIONS OF RESIDENTS (U.S. Census Bureau)**  
**The most common employment sectors for those who live in Montgomery County are (22,235 workers):**  
 Manufacturing (15.1%)  
 Retail Trade (10.7%)  
 Construction (6.62%)  
 Public Administration (6.41%)  
 Transportation & Warehousing (6.38%)  
 Other Services, except Public Administration (5.97%)  
 Accommodation & Food Services (5.25%)  
 Professional, Scientific & Technical Services (3.67%)  
 Finance & Insurance (2.86%)



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