



# 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.

## THE CHAMBER HAD A BUSY JUNE AND LOOKS FORWARD TO PROMOTING MORE BUSINESSES AND OUR REGION IN JULY!



Left: The Chamber celebrated the Grand Opening of **Sam's Discount Wine and Liquor**, 56 Elmwood Avenue, Gloversville. The store has helpful staff with a great selection of wine and liquor. Call the store for details (518) 921-4088.

Right: The Caroga Lake community turned out to help us celebrate the new owners of **Pine Lake Lodge**, a vacation retreat rental with eight bedrooms, six bathrooms, two indoor and one outdoor bar, commercial kitchen, kitchenette, two large common areas, pool table, dart board, grill, large yard with picnic tables, fire pit, horseshoe pit and corn hole ...and access to all the region has to offer!



Above: **St. Mary's Healthcare** presented its new Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine Center located on its campus at 425 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam. For patients with chronic breathing problems, or trouble sleeping, they have assembled an expert team of board-certified physicians and providers ready to help. Read more about these great services [here](#).

Above right: **Varin Enterprises' Memorial Park/Event Venue** had a Grand Opening and a ribbon-cutting event in early June. This hidden gem on 53 acres in the town of Mohawk offers options for events of all sizes—ceremony and reception options, tent rentals, 40'x80' clear span tent with concrete floor, 2 pavilions, 3 ponds, scenic views, rest rooms and parking. Check out their [Facebook page](#) for photos and information—it's gorgeous!



At right: We had 250 in attendance to celebrate the 36 top senior athletes from six Fulton County high schools at our 37th **Annual Sports Award Banquet** at the Holiday Inn. Remarks were from keynote speaker Missy Krempa Mariano, the 2000 recipient of the Female Fulton County Athlete of the Year award (at far right), Master of Ceremonies and NYSPHSAA Director of Sports Information and Digital Content Lexi Swatt-Sheerin (far left). Gloversville's Zoie Tesi was named the Female Athlete of the Year and Broadalbin-Perth's Colin Cotter (right of Swatt-Sheerin) and Johnstown's Ryan Hoyt as the co-Male Athletes of the Year. Colin and Zoie were also top academic achievers, and are recipients of Chamber scholarships—read more about them on pages 11 and 12! Congratulations to all!





## Message from the Executive Director

Dear Chamber Members,

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- ◆ [Montgomery County Farm Bureau](#)
- ◆ [New York State Farm Bureau](#)

The heart of our Chamber of Commerce lies a commitment to fostering growth, supporting local businesses, and enhancing our collective prosperity. Each member contributes uniquely to our vibrant tapestry, enriching our community with innovation and dedication.

#### **Come and join us at our events!**

Attending Chamber events is beneficial because:

**Networking Opportunities:** Chamber events bring together business owners, professionals, and community leaders. Networking at these events allows you to build connections, establish relationships, and potentially find new clients, partners, or mentors.

**Business Visibility:** Participating in chamber events increases your visibility within the local business community. It's an opportunity to showcase your products or services, which can lead to increased brand awareness and recognition.

**Community Engagement:** Chambers of Commerce are deeply rooted in their communities. Attending their events demonstrates your commitment to local economic development and community involvement, which can enhance your reputation.

**Access to Resources:** Chambers often offer resources such as business directories, member-to-member discounts, and access to business services. Attending events allows you to learn about these resources and how they can support your business.

**Personal Development:** Beyond business benefits, attending chamber events can also contribute to personal growth. It allows you to refine your communication skills, learn from others' experiences, and gain confidence in networking situations.

Overall, attending chamber events is an investment in both your business and professional development. It provides numerous opportunities to grow, connect, and contribute to the success of your business and community.

#### **Our golf tournament is coming up on Friday, September 13th!**

We invite you to sponsor this year's tournament. Our tournament provides the funding for our annual (5) \$1,000 scholarships, which are an important part of the Chamber's mission. In addition to our scholarship program, we will continue to foster a culture of innovation and collaboration, leveraging our knowledge and expertise to pioneer cutting-edge solutions that meet the evolving needs of the region and businesses. The monies we raise will amplify our capabilities, enabling us to deliver even greater solutions and services to our businesses and community.

In this edition of Newsline, you will find sponsorship information and player sign-up information. It is FUN and our traditional margarita hole and craft beverage holes will be there! Who knows what other surprises Friday the 13th will hold...you will have to see it to believe it!!!

Thank you as always for your membership and support!

## Welcome New Members

June 2024

### FULTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (FCIDA)

1 E. Montgomery Street, Johnstown

(518) 736-5660 | [www.fcida.org](http://www.fcida.org)

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*Helio Health is a residential and treatment provider for recipients of behavioral health services. The organization is headquartered in Syracuse, NY but came to this area through a recent merger with Fulton Friendship House.*

### WENT Radio Chamber Connections: Another way to connect and promote your business!



On the last Chamber Connection radio show, we hosted Jeffrey Boyce with the Small Business Association. Jeff manages the 34-county district office's Capital Region, Hudson Valley, North Country and Southern Tier coverage areas. He collaborates with public and private

sector agencies, organizations, and individuals to promote SBA capital access programs in addition to other SBA federal resources that assist small business owners and entrepreneurs. For more information, please visit <https://www.sba.gov/>

If you are interested in being a guest on our radio, please give Anne a call at 518-725-0641.

## MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Janet Davis, Director of  
Membership &  
Member Services



### Important to Update Your Business Information in ChamberMaster to Help Us Promote Your Business on our Website!

Please help us make sure the Chamber has all your correct business information. You have the ability to edit your information yourself, or give us a call and we can update it for you.

Please take the time to look at all your business information that appears on our website and update anything that may have changed during the year. There are a few things we like to make sure are accurate, including your primary contact information, mailing and physical addresses, your business website and e-mail information. Also in the last year many of you have changed your hours of operation, or added social media platforms and we would like to keep your customers and prospective customers updated. A description of your business is also an important piece of information to update or change. Please update these accordingly. Keywords are also very important (they help describe your business) and are critical when people are searching on our site for specific products or services. Help us help customers find your business!

Please do not forget about any of your employees who would like to be included in our emails, get our newsletter and information about events. We would be happy to add anyone who works for you to our email correspondence.

Every year it's a good idea to review all your information. We are happy to do the checking for you or to help you navigate our Chamber website, or ChamberMaster to do so. Please contact us at any time for this help!

Thank you for all your support and remember to call us with any questions or concerns. Feel free to call or email me anytime to update your information. Email me at [membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org](mailto:membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org) or call me at (518) 725-0641.

Thank you for being a member and for helping us make this a business-friendly region!



# MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

## June 2024

Thank you for your continued support!



### 41 – 50 YEARS

United Way of the Greater Capital Region - 48  
Greater Amsterdam School District - 43

### 31 – 40 YEARS

Blue Flame Gas Co., Inc. - 36  
HFM BOCES: Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Board of  
Cooperative Services - 34

### 21 – 30 YEARS

Ricmar Design & Print Shop, LLC - 30  
Park Marine Base, Inc. - 29  
Gordon's Lakeside Marine - 28  
Crystal Grove Diamond Mine & Campground -  
28  
Sarah Jane Sanford Adult Home for Women -  
28  
Power and Composite Technologies, L.L.C. - 25  
State Farm Insurance Scott K. Beatty Agency -  
25  
Brown's Ford of Amsterdam and Johnstown  
Collision and Autoworks - 25  
Egelston Energy Company - 25  
Mangino Chevrolet - 23  
Town of Amsterdam - 23

### 11 – 20 YEARS

Hill & Markes, Inc. - 16  
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Employment Resources - 14  
Jim's Odd Jobs and Jim's Bait Shop - 13

### 1 – 10 YEARS

Hometown Health Centers - 10  
The ShoeLeather Express - 9  
Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts &  
Transitions - 9  
Craftsman Auto Glass & Detailing - 8  
G. Jeremiah Ryan - 8  
Fonda Fairgrounds - 8  
Nick Stoner Inn & 19th Hole - 7  
Liberty Tax Services - 5  
Glove City Graphics N More, LLC - 4  
Great Point Publishing, LLC - 4  
Logan Propane LLC - 4

Lakeside Motel - 2  
Leatherstocking Region Federal Credit Union - 2  
James Chevrolet - 2  
T-Mobile - 1  
ZenBusiness - 1  
Interactive Cyber Control - 1  
Foothills Art Council - 1  
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EnergyNext, Inc. - 1

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## BUSINESS COUNCIL OF NEW YORK STATE LAUNCHES “COOLEST THING MADE IN NEW YORK” CONTEST FOR MANUFACTURERS

The Business Council of New York State Inc. is proud to launch the “Coolest Thing Made in New York” contest, a statewide initiative that spotlights the innovation, creativity, and manufacturing excellence of businesses across the state.



The application process is now open!

The Business Council is encouraging all manufacturers to apply, not just our members. We welcome nominations from supporting chambers and associations and encourage you to share with your membership! The application process is simple

and will include just a few mandatory materials for submission

Nominated companies and their local or regional chambers are encouraged to utilize social media, press, and other channels to promote their product in the contest; however, paid advertisements will not be permitted.

We encourage you to use #coolestthingNY and #NYmfg on social media.

This exciting competition will provide a platform for manufacturers to showcase their products and highlight the vital role they play in driving New York's economy forward. Through this contest, we aim to celebrate the ingenuity of New York's manufacturing sector while promoting awareness of the industry's role in economic growth and job creation.

### The Contest

All entries will be part of an initial online ‘popular’ vote to narrow the field down to the top 16 selections. From there, the contest transforms into a bracket-style head-to-head competition format, with manufacturers competing against each other in weekly matchups. Weekly winners will be decided by a public vote on social media platforms, allowing New Yorkers to have a direct say in determining the ‘Coolest Thing Made in New York’.

The application process is open until July 21, and voting will begin on July 29! [APPLY HERE!](#)

## GOVERNOR HOCHUL LAUNCHES APPLICATION FOR 2024 YOUTH AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Conference Will be Held in November 2024 and Eligible Students Can Apply Through July 15—Application and More Information Available [Here](#)

Governor Kathy Hochul announced applications are now open for New York's first-ever collaborative youth agriculture leadership conference to support further collaboration among youth agriculture organizations and identify opportunities for youth engagement that reflect the industry's future workforce needs. Included in her 2024 State of the State, Governor Hochul will convene this conference in November 2024 in partnership with the Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences New York Agriculture Education & Outreach Program to provide New York students with agriculture educational, leadership and training opportunities.

Governor Hochul's first-ever youth agriculture leadership conference provides young leaders the opportunity to connect with state leaders and better understand how policy shapes the interconnected food, agriculture and natural resource industries. Students will explore the many challenges and possibilities within these industries with New York's top leaders, connect with other students and professionals regarding their own interests and aspirations, and discover the vast array of career possibilities that await them in the future.

This is an invitation-only conference and participation will be determined via the application process. Students in grades 11 or 12 that are active members of an FFA chapter or county 4-H program, or a Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) junior or collegiate chapter, can apply here. The deadline to apply is July 15. Applications submitted after the deadline will be accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed chronologically if there are remaining conference spots available.

**COLLABORATE. CULTIVATE. ELEVATE.**

TODAY'S YOUTH AGRICULTURE LEADERS GROWING A BETTER TOMORROW



**FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS:**

**Museum After Hours**

On Friday, July 12th from 4-7pm, the museum is open late! During Fulton County Historical Society's First Friday in July, explore exhibits after hours and enjoy some light refreshments. You can also catch a demo of the newest addition to the technology collection, a 1920s Edison Disc Phonograph. Be sure to check out this year's special exhibit, "Road to Revolution: Exploring the People, Places, and Events of Tryon County, 1763-1776." Please note that this month's First Friday will be held on the second week due to the 4th of July holiday.

**Hands on History: Elizabeth Leads the Way! Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Fight for Women's Suffrage**

Join the Fulton County Historical Society on special Thursday mornings for Hands on History at the museum! Each week, we'll focus on a different theme and use our exhibits and collections to explore these themes in local history. We'll finish the morning with a craft activity. This program is geared toward ages 5-10.

On Thursday, July 11th at 10am, we'll explore Fulton County's role in the fight for women's suffrage with a story time ("Elizabeth Leads the Way" by Tanya Lee Stone). Then you'll have a chance to make your own suffrage sashes and posters inspired by examples from history.

The Fulton County Historical Society is located at 237 Kingsboro Ave. in Gloversville. Free on-street parking is available along Kingsboro Ave. and Academy Place.

Fulton County Historical Society programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

**SUNY FULTON-MONTGOMERY SIGNS DUAL ADMISSION AGREEMENT WITH SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

FM President Greg Truckenmiller announces a new Dual Admission Agreement with Syracuse University's College of Professional Studies — to eliminate barriers and open access for prospective students in our region. Scholarships are part of this agreement and will be calculated based on the student's overall GPA. This opportunity continues to create a seamless pathway for students who require more advanced degrees without the complications of a complicated transfer process.

The SUNY Fulton-Montgomery and corresponding Syra-

cuse University programs include:  
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Above at Syracuse University are from left, FM President Greg Truckenmiller, and Dan Fogarty, FM's Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

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**MVEDD ANNOUNCES DATE FOR THIRD & FINAL HOMESTEADING WORKSHOP, “FEED THE HOUSE”**

The Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (MVEDD), in partnership with a local seamstress, Lisa Smith, the Kirkland Town Library and Grow Amsterdam NY, has been awarded grant monies from the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) to host a series of educational community “Homesteader Workshops”.

Through funding provided by the Environmental Protection Fund as administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), NYSP2I has selected 12 projects across NYS focusing on community-based pollution prevention strategies.

The term homesteading is defined as a lifestyle of self-sufficiency, including subsistence agriculture, home preservation of food, and small craft-like trades such as textile working and making common household items within the home. The epitome of homesteading is sustainability and reducing waste as a way of life.

MVEDD would like to announce its third and final homesteading workshop, called “Feed the House,” which will take place on August 6, 2024, from 5:30pm-6:30pm at the Kirkland Town Library . You can register here, or by visiting our website [www.mvedd.org](http://www.mvedd.org).

This free workshop will include a presentation on proper storage of foods to extend shelf life, how to re-grow certain produce in your home from food scraps, basic gardening techniques, seed saving, and a discussion on microgreens! We will also have a demonstration on how to make your own reusable food wraps. Workshop attendees will receive seeds, a microgreen grow kit, and other giveaway items.

With the price of groceries increasing 5% from 2022, and nearly 40% of the food supply ending up in US landfills, it is more important than ever to make sure purchased food stays fresh longer at home. “For many people, throwing food away because it has spoiled causes a lot of guilt. Even with a composting system, food should be eaten, not wasted,” says Samantha Francisco, Clean Energy Specialist for MVEDD. “This workshop will provide helpful tips on how to extend the life of foods at home, and how to grow your own food in your kitchen and backyards. Making just a few simple changes can help bring down the grocery bill and reduce waste,” she continued.

Please check the website at [mvedd.org](http://mvedd.org) for announcements and registration links (when available) regarding these events.

**JULY IS BUSY AT HIGH ROLLERS!**

July is a busy month at High Rollers Skating. They will be closed July 4th through July 7th, but you can see them in some of the local parades. On July 4th, Saratoga will be celebrating with a number of events and a parade at 5 o'clock. Saturday July 6th, Northville will be celebrating a



Hometown Hoedown. The parade is at 1 o'clock with many activities happening throughout the weekend. Of course, no Fourth of July weekend would be complete without a trip to Speculator for their 7 o'clock parade followed by fireworks on the lake. See High Rollers in all of these events.

Throughout the summer, they will still be having open skate sessions Tuesdays 6 to 8p., Fridays 7 to 10pm, Saturdays 1 to 4pm and 7 to 9pm. They are also booking birthday parties, private parties and events, field trips, and STEM programs for Girl Scouts and BSA members to earn badges, as well as for schools and summer programs. Message the [Facebook page](#) or call to schedule those events (518) 843-0783.

Throughout the month, they will be hosting a number of summer rec programs and field trips. If you are interested in bringing your group, give them a call so they can add you to the calendar. On July 15, 16, 17 they will have some extra skate sessions at the rink. These are our STEM and SKATE sessions. Each of these days they will run from 8am until 12:45pm. We will be offering a hands-on program that incorporates science, technology, engineering and math, followed by some skating, games and lunch. This program does require you to pre-register. The link is <https://forms.gle/ZFXPtnZCkROqf98T7>.

Watch for their two adult skates in July. On July 20, DJ Starks will be at High Rollers for their 10:30pm to 1am Adult Skate and on July 31, they will have their second Adult Skate from 6:30 to 9pm.

Watch their [Facebook page](#) to see more information about things happening at High Roller Skating.

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This collaboration became a partnership when the company became Medic/ Epimed in 1994. In 1997 the company rebranded itself as Epimed International Inc. which is the company that is known today.

The company at that time focused on interventional pain management products. Epimed was based in two locations – in Gloversville and in Texas. Epimed worked with Fulton County EDC and the IDA on the consolidation of the two New York facilities. In the fall of 2001 full production activities moved into the new 27,500 square-foot facility on Sal Landrio Drive in Johnstown.

Today, three of the four Epimed Directors operate from the Dallas location. From Epimed Dallas Physician services, marketing, sales, internet website support, final product packaging and commercial distribution are performed. Epimed runs fully certified clean rooms in both Dallas and Gloversville.

There are 86 people employed by Epimed locally, with 145 employees total, including Dallas, Gloversville and sales representation around the country. Epimed manufactures and distributes to health care providers around the globe - Australia, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, the Middle East, Europe, Brazil, Argentina and more. Epimed also sells its products to some of the most well-known, largest health care entities in the world such as Boston Scientific, Becton Dickinson, Abbott Labs, Avenos, Smiths Medical Systems and more.

As technology has changed our world, it also changed pain management and regional anesthesia. Epimed products and services have also evolved with the technology. Epimed is currently in the process of launching its Neuro-Stat line of radio frequency generators. Epimed is on the cutting edge of radio frequency therapy for the treatment of pain, as radio frequency is one of the pillars of the pain management algorithm. In addition, Epimed has entered the cryo neuro ablation field and has developed tools to help aide physicians to support their patients in painful conditions.

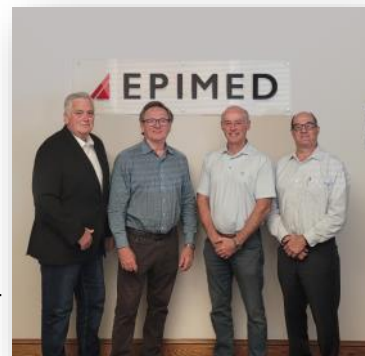
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Left to right: Bruce B. Whitcavitch- Director and VP of Manufacturing Operations, Gabor B. Racz -President, Sandor Racz - Executive Vice President, Steve Loretz -VP of Sales & Marketing



Epimed Clean Room in Gloversville.



## CAROGA HISTORICAL MUSEUM JULY EVENTS

The [Caroga Historical Museum](#) reminds the public of the upcoming July events. All events will take place on the museum grounds, 145 London Bridge Road in Caroga.

The Exhibit Barn features **Janene Bouck's exhibit "Earth and Echo – Journeys Inward" through July 28**. In her exhibit, Janene explores the growing relationship between her memories and worldly exposure. Her works are inspired by her deep affection for the Adirondacks and Mohawk Valley, frequently utilizing salvaged materials. This practice acts as a protest against wastefulness and stands as a testament to the passage of time.

During July, the museum offers the following **Workshops**: July 11th – Potholder Making with Bonnie Quackenbush; July 18th – Basket Weaving with Colleen Mosenthin; and July 25th – Jewelry Making with Joann Clark. The registration fee for all workshops is \$15. Visit the museum's webpage (see below) for more information under the Events and Workshops Tab, 2024 Workshops. To register, send checks, payable to the Caroga Historical Museum, along with your name, address and phone number to Jean Griffin, 180 Everson Rd., Johnstown, NY 12095.



The annual **Artisan and Vendor Fair** will be on July 13 from 10 am to 3 pm. The event will feature 27 vendor booths, including many returning favorites and several new vendors. In addition, there will be a bake sale and raffles with the drawings for

the raffles held at 2 pm. Food services are being provided by Something Different throughout the event. Stewart's make your own ice cream sundaes are being offered to supplement the food offering along with our Arcade popcorn. Music will be provided by Dan Graper from 11 to 2. We hope you will join us for this fun-filled day.

On July 28, the Caroga Lake Music Festival returns to the museum for a **concert and ice cream social** from 6 to 8 pm. There will be a free will offering to support the music festival. Sundaes will be available 15 minutes before and during the concert. Attendees are asked to bring their own seating for the event. Canopy tents will be set up in case of inclement weather.

A **gallery opening reception** for the August exhibit, "Paul Bransom: Encountering the Wild" will be held on August 1 from 7 pm to 9 pm. Bransom, a long-time summer resident of Canada Lake, was known as the Dean of American Animal Art. His work appeared on the covers of magazines like The Saturday Evening Post, The Country Gentleman, and Field & Stream and illustrated books like The Call of the Wild and The Wind in the Willows. The exhibit has been curated by Allen Farber and Dick Loomis. The exhibit will feature a selection of Bransom's works from local collections while telling the story of his career and the connection to this area. The exhibit runs from August 1st through September 1st.

The Caroga Historical Museum is open Thursdays through Sundays from 1 to 4 pm starting June 27th through September 1st. For further information on the events and workshops, please visit the museum's website at [www.carogamuseum.org](http://www.carogamuseum.org).



## NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S HEALTHCARE Gabriele Sasso Named Director of Pharmacy

Gabriele Sasso, of Hagaman, has been promoted to director of pharmacy at [St. Mary's Healthcare](#), responsible for pharmacy operations throughout the St. Mary's organization. Previously, he served as clinical pharmacy manager.

"This promotion recognizes Gabe's emphasis on clinical excellence as well as his commitment to St. Mary's, our mission and the community we serve," said Jeff Methven, St. Mary's president and CEO. "In the eight years since he joined the St. Mary's team, Gabe has consistently taken on additional responsibilities and played a lead role in patient care and quality initiatives."

Sasso serves on numerous St. Mary's committees, including the Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee, Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee, ICU-Based Council, Board Quality and Patient Safety Committee, and more.

He earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and is board certified in pharmacotherapy and infectious diseases. Sasso is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and of Phi Lambda Sigma, the National Pharmacy Leadership Society.

## CEO Jeff Methven Interviewed in Albany Business Review

"Within the first two years of his career in health care, Jeff Methven went from just hired to head of the HR department. That upward trajectory has continued, moving to Saratoga Hospital as a vice president in 2006 before being named CEO at St. Mary's Healthcare in Amsterdam early last year. Since taking over, Methven has tried to tackle the hospital's most pressing problems – budget deficits – while also resetting the culture and thinking about new ways to make the organization part of the community." Read the entire article [here](#). Congratulations Jeff!



## 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 [anneb@fultonmontgomeryny.org](mailto:anneb@fultonmontgomeryny.org)

## FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER FOCUSES ON FARMERS' MENTAL HEALTH

July is a busy month in upstate New York, especially for those who make a living in agriculture. The warm weather and long days mean that spring and summer are the busiest and most stressful time of the year for farmers – hay can only be done on sunny days and warm weather, and crops need to be planted and nurtured in order to grow and produce food either for market or for livestock. Weather and livestock are not the only stressors farmers face. Unique worries include fluctuating feed and input costs, volatile markets for the products they produce, heavy debt loads, physical isolation, and exhaustion from demanding workloads that often leave little time for personal care or relationships.

The idyllic landscape of a rural community, green fields, and hills dotted with livestock is both a reality and a myth. Across the country, approximately one-fifth of the population deals with mental health issues. Mental health includes social, emotional, and psychological well-being and affects nearly all aspects of daily life including physical health. While statistically, the occurrence of mental illness is consistent regardless of location, incidents of depression and suicide are twice as high in rural communities as in more urban settings. Studies, including those from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), have shown a higher rate of anxiety and depression in farmers and farmworkers than in the general population. In addition, farming and ranching have one of the highest suicide rates of all occupations, with farmers being 3.5 times more likely to die by suicide than the general population. Among farmer suicides, men 65 years old and older make up 45% of the cases. This may be connected to farm succession, with older farmers reducing their daily participation in the farm and therefore feeling a loss of identity and purpose.

Experts have identified three major barriers to mental health care in rural settings: availability, access, and acceptability. These factors, coupled with the cultural norms of farming which include self-reliance, independent spirit, and the stigma of depression or anxiety as weakness, can keep farmers from seeking help from family, friends, or professionals.

### Resources:

- [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#)
- [NY FarmNet: 800.547.3276](#)
- [FarmAid: 800.327.6243](#)
- [AgriStress: 833.897.8474](#)
- [Mental Health America: Mental Health for Men](#)
- [Suicide Prevention Center](#)

[The Family Counseling Center](#) has over 47 years of experience in the treatment of clients from rural and semi-rural communities. The agency's Fort Plain office is located in a facility that includes a dentist and podiatrist – allowing for co-located services and a level of anonymity for clients who are seeking care. Access to crisis counselors is available weekdays Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the agency's Gloversville office.

Many farm families are working with limited access to health insurance. Rural residents are more often uninsured or underinsured and more likely to receive Medicaid, adding complexity to the reimbursement of services. The Family Counseling Center is a designated National Health Services Corps site, meaning that it serves all pa-

tients – regardless of their ability to pay. This designation, the agency's ability to accept Medicaid, Medicare, and other managed care coverage, and a sliding fee scale for patients who pay out-of-pocket means that the financial stress of paying for care is reduced.

For more information, visit The Family Counseling Center [website](#) or call (518) 725-4310

## NATIONAL GRID'S UPSTATE UPGRADE

National Grid plans to invest more than \$4 billion to transform its energy delivery system and propel economic growth across Upstate New York.

Called the Upstate Upgrade, the collection of transmission enhancement projects will deliver a smarter, stronger, cleaner energy grid to support a more resilient energy network for generations to come. The company is embarking on more than 70 projects through 2030 that will generate thousands of new jobs and more than a billion dollars in additional economic growth, while ensuring the energy grid is able to meet customers' growing demand for electricity. Learn more more at: <https://upstateupgrade.nationalgrid.com>



## NATHAN LITTAUER RECEIVES ISO 9001 CERTIFICATION

Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home has been awarded by DNV full certification to the ISO 9001 Quality Management System, for the scope of acute care hospital provider of medical and surgical inpatient and outpatient services. The certification encompasses not only the hospital, but also Nathan Littauer's eleven primary and specialty care centers. Initially certified in early January of 2019, Nathan Littauer has now received full certification valid from May 10th, 2024, to January 18th, 2027.

According to DNV's website, ISO 9001 Certification of Quality Management System(s) demonstrates an organization's commitment to consistency, continual improvement, and customer satisfaction.

"Nathan Littauer is dedicated to providing the safest and most effective healthcare services possible," says Nathan Littauer Hospital President and CEO Sean Faldale, FACHE. "ISO 9001 certification not only reflects our resolve but helps to empower it. ISO 9001 Certification is suited to the complex, people-intensive challenges of running a healthcare organization, and our certification helps prove our commitment to quality healthcare services."

ISO 9001 is the most widely accepted quality management system in use around the world and is quickly gaining acceptance among US healthcare providers as a foundation for their quality and patient safety programs.

For more information, visit Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home online on their [website](#), or their [Facebook page](#), or call them at (518) 725-8621

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 FULTON MONTGOMERY CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS! “MEET” THEM HERE...

**Anthony Antonelli** is the Salutatorian of the class of 2024 from Amsterdam High School. He is weighted second in a class of 223. Says an AHS teacher, “He is a role model for his peers and a valuable contributor to class discussions. ... He takes the time to make sure he is always handing in quality work in all subject areas.” She continued, “Not only is Anthony a responsible student, but he is also able to balance extracurricular activities along with academics. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is the group’s Vice President. He is a member of the New York State Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara’s Student Cabinet. He is also a member of AHS’s Varsity Golf team. In the past, he has also played on the baseball team and modified basketball teams. Anthony is truly dynamic.”

Anthony has been accepted into the University of Miami’s School of Health and Sciences and will major in pre-med. He feels strongly about going into a field in which he can help others. His thirst to overcome physical challenges also drives his goal to become an M.D. He was born with severe conductive hearing loss which has challenged him throughout his young life, and more recently was diagnosed in 2021 with a congenital spinal deformity and went through surgeries to correct his spine curvature. Five weeks after his second surgery, he walked through the doors at Amsterdam High School to begin his senior year. In his words, “I have embraced many challenges in my young life, and these have made me a stronger student, a more adaptive person, and an individual who is motivated.”

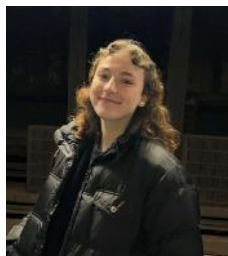
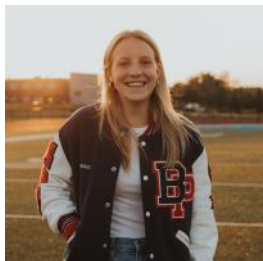
In addition to being his class’s Salutatorian, Anthony has been on the Principal’s List for every quarter at AHS, has been in the National Honor Society since 2022, won the Clarkson University Achievement Junior Scholarship Award last year, was a member of the National Junior Honor Society, was a Student Council member, and received a number of academic awards not only in High School, but also going back to elementary and middle school. He has taken AP/Honors World History classes in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, AP/Honors US History as a Junior, and then AP/Honors Participation in Government/ECO this year. In his English studies, he participated in Honors ELA in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grades, AP/Honors Language and Composition in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and AP/Honors Literature this year alongside AP/Honors Calculus this year. His overall average is 98.99.

An Amsterdam High School teacher spoke about Anthony, “Anthony is highly respected by his peers and teachers alike. In addition to his integrity and humility, he is admired for his drive and passion. Not only has he successfully managed all the challenges he faces in dealing with Klippel-Fell Syndrome, but he has also excelled. He certainly has made a positive impact on our school and community.”

**Alexandra Brown** is the recipient of the first scholarship in memory of Daryl Baldwin, a local businessman



L-R: Zoie Tesi (Gloversville High School), Colin Cotter (Broadalbin-Perth High School), and Anthony Antonelli (Amsterdam High School). Below: Alexandra Brown (Broadalbin-Perth High School) and Lillian Smullen (Mayfield High School)



and elected official in the Town of Johnstown. This scholarship is for graduating seniors from any high school in Fulton or Montgomery County. To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must have a passion for politics and a love for the arts. The student should be a genuine and kind person and would go out of their way for those in need. Alexandra fits that criteria and goes beyond it in many ways. Alexandra will be attending Cedarville University majoring in Political Science, with a wish to become involved in international humanitarian efforts.

At Broadalbin-Perth, she is graduating third in her class of 133. A BP teacher says of Alexandra, “Ms. Brown’s personal promise is as extraordinary as her academic promise. She is a dedicated athlete, competing in Soccer (Captain), Indoor and Outdoor Track.

Not only is she a dedicated athlete, but also finds time to volunteer with the Broadalbin Youth Commission program, working as a youth soccer coach. She is also active in the school’s Band, Drama Club, Honor Society and Social Studies Honor Society (Secretary). She is also actively engaged in community events, working with a veteran’s honor event, senior citizens events, and is very active in her church. ... She has the determination, motivation, and maturity to conquer any challenge.”

Alexandra has been on the Principal’s List every quarter for all four years of her high school tenure. She was named a 2022-2023 Scholar for the National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program, was a 2023 AP Scholar with Honors, and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Social Studies Honor Society. Alexandra draws inspiration from her parents, both successful lawyers and advocates. They “inspire me to pursue a field that allows me to do as they did, but in a different capacity. I’ve also received a lot of encouragement from them to get involved with my community, and I have seen the result of this work. A desire to support my local community has transformed into a desire to support communities in need globally.”

In her essay, Alexandra notes, “Leadership and advocacy go hand in hand. Eva Lewis said, “To be an activist is to speak. To be an advocate is to listen. Society can’t move forward without both.” I am drawn to this quote because it speaks to both the humility and confidence required of a good leader. I aspire to one day find myself in a position where I can lead with empathy an effectively voice the concerns of those who aren’t able to do so themselves.”

**Colin Cotter** will graduate from Broadalbin-Perth High School and go on to Clarkson University this fall where he will begin his studies toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Colin says that he has always had lofty goals when it comes to his education, and so far, has achieved all he has set out to do. Throughout high

school, he had the goal of being on the principal's list every quarter and being one of the top five students in his graduating class. He met both of these goals, graduating fourth in his class of 134 seniors. Going on to Clarkson to study will not tamper his goals and his wish to achieve academic excellence will be on his agenda there.

His excellence doesn't stop in the classroom; he also has found great success on the slopes, and on the fields. In fact, he was honored as the Co-Top Male Athlete of the Year in Fulton County at our Sports Award Banquet on June 5. His alpine skiing accolades began in seventh and eighth grade, when he attended Johnstown schools where he was a state qualifier, and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade was the Ski Team MVP. He transferred to BP in his 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. Some of the accolades he received from 10-12 grade include a Section 2 Giant Slalom Champion, a NYSPHSAA Alpine Skiing Slalom Champion, an Alpine Skiing Overall Champion, the Broadalbin-Perth MVP Skiing award, Ski Team Captain, and was the NYSSRA Sports Page Cup Champion, competitor in the Empire State Winter Games, the Times Union Alpine Skiing Athlete of the Year, a member of the NYSSRA Elite Team, Section 2 Sportsmanship Award Winner. For the NSYSRA he was the Sally Davis Award winner, the State Champion in Super Slalom, Slalom State Champion and Overall State Champion.

Outside of alpine skiing, he participated in Varsity Golf, Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball, and Varsity Football. This year, he was a Varsity Football Scholar-Athlete, a Varsity Golf Scholar-Athlete, a Varsity Alpine Skiing Scholar-Athlete and a New York State Heisman High School Scholarship Winner. He was and is also involved in school-related clubs including Spanish Club, Student Government, Key Club, Jazz Band, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Fishing Club and more. For many of these clubs, he served in an officer position.

It's evident to us that Colin excels in all aspects of his career to date, but he also is recognized as an outstanding student by teachers and administrators at BP. A teacher and coach at Broadalbin-Perth says of Colin, "Without reservation, I can state this letter is one of the most ardent recommendation letters I have written, because I am completely confident that Colin Cotter will excel at college and beyond, while benefitting the many communities that become part of his life. ... Colin has been much more than a model student-athlete as he has demonstrated exceptional leadership inside and outside of the classroom, excelled at all his activities and maintained a clear sense of purpose, which have helped Colin to accomplish a great deal and earn the deepest respect of my colleagues and myself."

**Lillian Smullen** is a young woman who is civic and community minded, as well as academically and socially accomplished at Mayfield High School. She is her school's Student Council President, National Honor Society President, the student representative on Mayfield's Board of Education, participates in Drama Club, the school's backpack club, Masterminds and Key Club. In the community, she participates in community theatre and holds a job as a retail associate at the TJ Maxx store in Johnstown. She was presented with her school's Academic Excellence Award in 2022-2023, the school's Good Human Award in 2022-2023 and has been on the dean's list from 2022-

2024. She will be attending St. Lawrence University this Fall.

Lillian believes that "the civic responsibilities of a good citizen play a pivotal role in shaping our future society." To that end, she will pursue political science and sociology at St. Lawrence and plans to join the Peace Corps after her studies, using the leadership skills that she acquired through her years of discipline, commitment, and responsibility. Civic responsibility is also "in her genes" as she is the daughter of Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assembly District 118.

A teacher at Mayfield High School said, "Lily possesses leadership skills that have helped her gain the respect of teachers, classmates, castmates, and coworkers. While serving as a leader in the school and theater communities, she carries herself with integrity and grace. Without exception, Lily earns the admiration of everyone she meets. ... I can say with sincerity that throughout my 23 years as a teacher and coach, Lily stands out as one of the most extraordinary students I have worked with."

In her essay for the scholarship, Lily wrote, "At eighteen years old, one of the most valuable truths I've come to reckon with is that time is fleeting. We will never know what day will be our last, which is why at all times I want to exert and challenge myself to fight for what I believe in.... I hope to inspire others in ways they never even thought possible. ... It would be an honor to be recognized as an individual who is capable of making a lasting impact on our society, and ultimately, I feel that I have the perfect potential to make my presence heard." We have no doubt that Lillian Smullen will make a positive impact on others and will find success in anything she pursues.

**Zoie Tesi** is the Valedictorian of Gloversville High School's Class of 2024. She was also just named the Female Athlete of the Year for Fulton County at our Sports Award Banquet. Excellence is in her blood, and we are happy to be able to recognize this excellence with a Chamber scholarship. She will put it to good use at The United States Naval Academy where she will be on a Pre-Med track with her wish to become a medical doctor. Her dream career is to become a Naval doctor and perform surgeries for the military's front lines, and to ultimately specialize in neurology and neurosurgery.

Her excellence in academics has earned her the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, the Brown University Book Award, she is an Academic Titan, the 2024 Section 2 Girls Basketball Scholar Athlete of the Year, the 2022 NYSPHSAA Track State Champion, the 2024 Foothills Council MVP in Volleyball and she is a National Champion for the 4X relay.

Zoie is certainly a well-rounded individual. Besides her academic and athletic excellence, she listed no less than 24 experiences of volunteerism in the community, including working at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen for a full summer, working at Red Cross Blood drives, and helping at Gloversville city wide clean up days. She also manages to work 20-25 hours a week as a waitress. The Gloversville High School activities with which she is involved include the Key Club, Jazz Band, Masterminds, Yearbook, National Honor Society, the High-Altitude Achievement Club (she serves as President), and is President of the Student Government.

# TOURISM NEWS & UPDATES

## EXPLORE ANOTHER PORTION OF THE MOHAWK AT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY KAYAK-A-THON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24



Kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddle boards are all invited to launch from the St. Johnsville Municipal Marina Launch at 1 Marina Drive, St. Johnsville

and travel east along the Mohawk River, through Locks 14 and 15, and conclude their paddle at the Riverfront Park in Canajoharie.

Check-in will begin at 8am at the St. Johnsville Municipal Marina Launch. Participants can drop their kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards, and then park. Event parking will be available at the Riverfront Park at 143 Church Street in Canajoharie, NY, with shuttle service provided back to the boat launch. A post-event lunch will be available for registered participants.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8:00AM—Check-in at St. Johnsville Municipal Marina

9:15am—Safety Meeting

9:30am—Launch from the St. Johnsville Municipal Marina

12pm—Kayakers begin to arrive at the Riverfront Park in Canajoharie

12:30pm—3pm: Lunch and prizes

Kayak Rentals Available: A limited number of kayak rentals will be available from Upstate Kayak Rentals: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/upstatekayakrentals/items/482021/calendar/2024/08/?flow=216123&full-items=yes>  
Register for the event at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/montgomery-kayak-a-thon-tickets-920206491387?aff=oddtcreator>

### FIREWORKS SCHEDULE:

7/3/24- Amsterdam Riverlink Park

7/3/24- Pine Lake Park, Caroga Lake

7/3/24- Wiles Park in Fort Plain

7/5/24 -Northville Doins'

7/5/24 -Caroga Arts Concert Symphonic Sparks with Fireworks after the show at Sherman's

7/5/24 - After Amsterdam Mohawks Baseball Game

7/20/24 -Star Spangled Fireworks at Knox Field, Johnstown

## YOUTH DAYS IN FULTON AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES



### FULTON COUNTY YOUTH DAY:

Wednesday, July 18, 11am-3pm

Trail Station Park, W. Fulton St., Gloversville  
FREE ENTRY—Free Lunch for Kids

Bike rodeo, obstacle course, corn hole tournament, DJ/Dancing, lawn games, build and race your own boat, STEM kit tent, tug of war, and so much more! All youth under 18YO must be accompanied by an adult and have a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian to obtain a free wristband to participate. Forms and wristbands available at event.



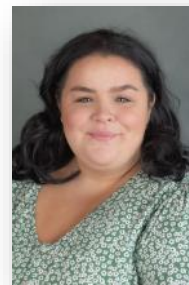
### MONTGOMERY COUNTY YOUTH DAY:

Tuesday, July 16, 10am-3pm

Next to Montgomery County Annex Bldg, 20

Park Street, Fonda (parking at Fairgrounds)  
Youth Day is back! Join us for a fun-filled day of activities, demonstrations, and exhibits. Expect inflatables, karaoke, obstacle courses, bubble ball soccer, jousting, scavenger hunts, sno-cones, dairy exhibits, inflatable slides, dance performances, popcorn, rock walls, mini golf, and bouncies. Meet representatives from the police K9's, Montgomery County Sheriff, Fire Departments, NYS DEC, Montgomery County Emergency Management Net, LifeNet Helicopter, and Shooting Stars Dance Academy. Don't forget to sign in at registration and get your wristband! Free lunch for kids served 11 AM - 1 PM.

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### CAREER CON AT SUNY FULTON-MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

We're excited to present Career Con, a career exploration event on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at SUNY Fulton-Montgomery Community College. This event is in partnership with SUNY FMCC, HFM BOCES and Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Eighth graders in HFM districts will be invited to attend and visit with businesses in a variety of career pathways. SUNY FMCC students will be invited to attend from 12-1pm.

Booth set up for industry partners will begin at 7:30am in the Gymnasium with the event running from 8:15am-1pm. Career & Technical Education culinary students will prepare lunch for guests. We encourage all businesses who participate to make their booths interactive to maximize student engagement. Please complete the information below to register.

Sponsorship opportunities are available! Visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/hfmboces.org/hfmbocescareer-con/home>.

To inquire about a free booth or become a sponsor, please contact Nicole Walrath, Fulton Montgomery Chamber Director of Workforce Development at [nwalrath@hfmboces.org](mailto:nwalrath@hfmboces.org).

### HFM CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION CELEBRATES CLASS OF 2024

Two hundred eighty-eight high school seniors were honored at the annual Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES Career and Technical Education commencement ceremony on Thursday, June 13 before an audience of family, friends, faculty, and administrators.

The ceremony, which took place at SUNY Fulton-Montgomery Community College, recognized students from the 11 HFM area high schools for successful completion of one and two-year programs including auto body repair, auto technology, construction technology, cosmetology, criminal justice, culinary arts, cybersecurity & computer technology, digital multimedia, robotics and engineering technology, environmental conservation, foundations of food services, medical assisting, new visions education, new visions health careers, skilled trades, and veterinary and animal science.



### HFM PTECH BUSINESS PARTNER MEET & GREET

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce our annual Business Partner Meet & Greet for incoming 9th graders at HFM PTECH on Friday, August 9, 2024, at SUNY Fulton-Montgomery Community College (2805 NY-67, Johnstown). This event is an introduction for new students to meet business partners in our region.

The schedule for the morning is as follows:

8:45am- Q&A with businesses and students @ SUNY FM Library

9:15am- Meet & Greet game @ SUNY FM Clock Tower

To sign up, visit <https://forms.gle/NzhcbwQezLbMKVD97> or email Natalie May at [nataliem@fultonmontgomeryny.org](mailto:nataliem@fultonmontgomeryny.org).

### BEP FEATURED AT MVREDC PRESENTATION



The Chamber and Business Education Partnership (BEP) presented on the BEP to the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council on Monday, June 10 at SUNY FM. Special remarks were made by Lt. Gov. Delgado at the event.

The Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council (MVREDC) is the strategic economic advisory board for the greater Mohawk Valley Region.

Anne was recently appointed to the council, and was proud to present this exclusive partnership to the Lt. Gov., esteemed council members, and community leadership.



## 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](mailto:fultonmontgomeryny@gmail.com).

### **RIBBON CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE EVENT AT NEW GLOVERSVILLE LOCATION FOR [CHAD MAJEWSKI REAL ESTATE](#)**

Tuesday, July 18 5pm-7pm

51 N. Main Street, Gloversville

Grand opening of the new Chad Majewski Real Estate office in downtown Gloversville. There will be a ribbon-cutting event, live music, tours, champaigne and more. RSVP to the Chamber for the event to [fultonmontgomeryny@gmail.com](mailto:fultonmontgomeryny@gmail.com)

### **RIBBON CUTTING EVENT AT [PLUCHINO'S MARINA](#)**

Friday, July 19, 3pm

284 Houseman Street, Mayfield

### **CHAMBER/FMYPN NIGHT AT [AMSTERDAM MOHAWKS](#)**

Monday, July 22, First Pitch at 6:35pm

Shuttleworth Park, 65 Crescent Ave, Amsterdam

Free admission and meal ticket for Chamber members and their employees, and Fulton Montgomery Young Professionals on the Deck! For questions or to RSVP for planning purposes, please email [fultonmontgomeryny@gmail.com](mailto:fultonmontgomeryny@gmail.com) or call (518) 725-0641. Sponsored by [Brown's Ford](#) and [NBT Bank](#).

### **RIBBON-CUTTING EVENT AT [44 LAKES CUSTOMIZED GIFTS & DÉCOR](#)**

Thursday, August 1, 9am

15 North Main Street, Gloversville

### **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT [RIVER RIDGE LIVING CENTER](#)**

Wednesday, August 21—4:30pm-7pm

100 Sandy Drive, Amsterdam

Join us for a Business After Hours event at River Ridge Living Center. Enjoy delicious refreshments, take a tour of the facility, and network with your fellow Chamber members!

### **REGISTER NOW FOR [THE FULTON MONTGOMERY CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC](#)**

Friday, September 13—Shotgun start at 11am; Registration begins at 9:30am

Antlers Country Club, 2258 State Highway 5, Fort Johnson

The Chamber is looking for **golfers, sponsors, and volunteers** to participate in this GREAT golf tournament featuring beautiful fall golf at Antlers Country Club in Fort Johnson. Don't miss the Craft Brew and Margari-

ta holes, fantastic prizes and giveaways—and the chance to benefit the Chamber's Scholarship Program and mission. Call to register or for more details (518) 725-0641. Cost of the tournament for golfers is \$150 and \$600 per foursome. **Access the flyer that includes registration and sponsorship information [here](#).**

### **[HFM PTECH](#) 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Thursday, October 3, 4:30pm-6:00pm

SUNY Fulton-Montgomery—The Allen House

2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown

The Chamber's Business Education Partnership program helps to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the HFM PTECH program and our partnership with the school. A free event for Chamber members and their employees—all are invited! RSVP required for planning purposes. See details in the headline above.



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