



NEWSLINE

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

JUNE WELCOMES SUMMER AND OUR BUSINESSES ARE READY FOR THE SEASON!



On Friday, May 17 The Chamber partnered with [OneDigital](#) for a Health and Well-being Seminar that was an engaging morning full of networking and sharing ideas with each fellow Chamber Members. The seminar covered challenges facing employers including workforce retention, talent attraction, mental health and more. Thanks to Matt Clarke, Rebecca Blake, and Sara Traca from OneDigital for sponsoring this well-attended and informative event, to [The Family Counseling Center](#) for hosting, and to [Megabites Catering](#) for the delicious breakfast! (L-R) Sara Traca (Regional Practice Lead, Wellbeing Strategy & Solutions OneDigital), Rebecca Blake (Principal HR Consulting Services, OneDigital) Ashley Capobianco (Chamber Board of Director & Townsend Leather Human Resources) Peter Lawrence (Chamber Board of Director/Deputy Executive Director, Family Counseling Center) Anne Boles, Matt Clarke (Principal, Senior Client Executive, OneDigital)



Above: [RCIL](#) (Resource Center for Independent Living) celebrated their new location at 131 Maple Ave Ext in Amsterdam. Elected officials joined RCIL staff and Chamber members on tours of the new offices, and enjoyed refreshments while learning



Above and right: [The Century Club of Amsterdam](#) celebrated its new historic marker with a ribbon-cutting event. See story on page 9.



Left: Thank You to the [Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts](#) for hosting a great Business After Hours in May. Attendees enjoyed great food and drink, a performance by Flame and got to view the great Regional Art Show.



Right: A ribbon-cutting was held at [SUNY FMCC's](#) day-long event for the opening of its Cyber Range, a new state-of-the-art cybersecurity training and education center in partnership with IBM and AWS (Amazon Web Services). See story on page 11 and ad on page 16.





Message from the Executive Director

Dear Chamber Members,

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EMBRACING SUMMER IN OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY

As the sun begins its ascent and the days stretch longer, June heralds the arrival of summer, bringing with it a vibrant energy that infuses our community with opportunity and vitality. Here at the Chamber of Commerce, we are excited to embrace the spirit of the season and support our members as we navigate the evolving landscape of business in our region.

Celebrating Resilience:

This June, we reflect on the resilience and adaptability demonstrated by our business community over the past year. Despite unprecedented challenges, our members have shown remarkable strength, creativity, and perseverance. Whether through innovative business models, enhanced digital strategies, or steadfast dedication to customer service, each of you has played a crucial role in sustaining our local economy.

Networking Opportunities:

As we transition into the summer months, the Chamber remains committed to providing valuable networking opportunities for our members. Our calendar is filled with a diverse array of events designed to facilitate connections, foster collaboration, and promote growth within our business community. Please take the time to review our calendar for many networking opportunities we offer!

Supporting Small Businesses:

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our community, and we continue to champion their success. Through our various initiatives, resources, and advocacy efforts, we strive to empower small businesses to thrive in an ever-changing marketplace. Whether you're a seasoned entrepreneur or just starting out, the Chamber is here to provide the support and guidance you need to succeed.

Get Involved:

We encourage all members to get involved and take advantage of the resources and opportunities available through the Chamber of Commerce. Whether it's attending an event, joining a committee, or simply staying connected through our communication channels, your participation makes a difference and helps us strengthen the collective voice of our business community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, dedication, and commitment to excellence. Here's to a successful and fulfilling June for us all!

Welcome New Members

May 2024

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wards the future, starting by honoring the club's original
name: Antler's Country Club.

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MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Janet Davis, Director of
Membership &
Member Services



MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE—Do You Have One!

Displaying the Chamber member plaques shows your customers that your business is committed to the success of our regions's business community and that you are a Proud Member of the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber. We are looking to get one of these plaques to every Chamber member in good standing so we can show unity and pride in our Chamber and in YOUR business.

Please call me if you need one. I would love to deliver it to you in person. 518-725-0641 or email me at membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org

HELP US PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS - NEWS/PRESS RELEASES

Do you have newsworthy information about your business? Are you planning your next big event? Did you know it is easy and convenient to submit News/Press Releases to the Chamber to be featured on the home page of our website? In addition to submitting to our monthly *Newsline* this is a wonderful resource that can further your reach within our community. To submit an event simply go to www.fultonmontgomeryny.org and click on "Membership Login", enter your username and password, once on home page click on "News Releases" to submit your information. If you cannot remember login information click forgot your username/password? Please remember *Newsline* would love to put information in our monthly newsletter about your business. Send any news/updates about your business to the newsletter at new-sline@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

Contact me at anytime if you have any questions and let us help you promote your business. We appreciate your membership and we are here to help you at anytime.

Welcome New Members

May 2024 (continued)

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FEMA SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WEBINARS

Upcoming Session:
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June 11 | 1:00-2:30pm | NO COST TO REGISTER

THE SERIES

Hosted by the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in partnership with the US Small Business Administration (SBA), the Small Business Disaster Preparedness Series gives America's small business owners and representatives important information about disaster preparedness, resiliency, and response. Each quarter features a new topic tailored for small businesses and provides opportunities to speak directly with experts about federal programs and resources available for your business.

EXTREME CLIMATE RESILIENCE TOPICS

Challenging Weather: New Patterns and Challenges
Climate & Resilience: How to Prepare for Extreme Weather
Supporting Local Communities Before and After Extreme Weather Events

Additional Resources and Information

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MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

May 2024

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41 – 50 YEARS

- Noble ACE Hardware - 46
- SF Fabrics, LLC - 45
- Randall Implement Co., Inc. - 43
- Riley Mortuary, Inc. - 43
- Rooney Sign Company - 43
- Palmer Pharmacy - 42
- Jankowski Agency, Inc. - 41
- Joyce Royal Real Estate - 41

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- Dunham's Spring Shop - 39
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- Correll Contracting Corporation - 37
- Arkell Hall Foundation, Inc. - 33
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21 – 30 YEARS

- Town of Johnstown - 28
- ADK Realty - 22

11 – 20 YEARS

- Bosco's Family Restaurant - 18
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- Curtin-Hebert Machines - 16
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- McMurray's Boat Livery - 12
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1 – 10 YEARS

- First National Bank of Scotia - 10
- Palatine Nursing Home & Rehabilitation - 9
- Century Club of Amsterdam - 9
- Gloversville Housing Authority - 8
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- MCJ Construction - 6
- Brittany's Diner & Grocery Store - 5
- Hummel's Office Plus - 5
- New York Lunch - 5
- True Value Hardware, Gloversville - 5
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Business Resources You Can Use:

THE MOHAWK VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INC. (MVEDD)

As one of nine Federal Economic Development Districts (EDD) in New York State, MVEDD has been serving Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties since 1966. MVEDD received our EDD designation from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA). MVEDD's original services included distributing loans and assisting municipalities to obtain EDA funding, which is still a primary function of the organization. We work to fulfill the EDA mission in our region, which is "...to create and retain jobs and to help stimulate industrial and commercial growth in distressed rural and urban communities." MVEDD offices are located at 26 West Main Street in Mohawk. Phone number: (315) 866-4671 and website: <https://mvedd.org/>



MVEDD
Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc.

MVEDD has greatly broadened its services since its inception. They have worked with nearly all of the 169 unique municipalities located in the region. These partnerships allow municipalities to apply for funding and build relationships with EDA and other federal programs that can directly benefit the communities of the Mohawk Valley..

MVEDD is a private, not-for-profit corporation under the Internal Revenue Code [501-C(3)]. The District cooperates with a variety of community organizations, attends their meetings and participates in joint projects.

- Economic Development Corporations
- Industrial Development Agencies
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations
- New York State Agencies
- Chambers of Commerce
- Local Schools, BOCES and Colleges
- Local Government Units

MVEDD has loan funds for businesses in its service area: Small Business Loan Fund and Rural Development Loan Fund; and Gap Financing for Grant Awardees.

The Small Business Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

is an economic loan program, created by the Economic Development Administration under the US Department of Commerce. It is designed to provide re-

sources in support of economic growth, viability and resiliency in the Mohawk Valley. The Rural Development Loan Fund is an economic loan program, created by the US Department of Agriculture. Like the Small Business Development Loan Fund, it is intended to provide resources in support of economic growth, viability and resiliency in rural communities. Eligibility: these revolving loan funds are given to small businesses and non-profit organizations located in Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego or Schoharie Counties. Loans can be up to \$200,000, can have a payment schedule of up to 60 months, and the interest rate will be at the prime rate, fixed for the term of the loan. Eligible use of loan funds can include, but are not limited to: land, building purchase and renovation costs, construction of a new facility, purchasing of machinery and equipment, fixed assets and working capital. Ineligible use includes the refinancing of existing debt. Ten percent will be required from the borrower, one job must be created for every \$10,000 and requires personal guarantees of anyone owning 20% or more of the business. For more information please contact hdevitt@mvedd.org or call (315) 866-4671. Applications can be downloaded at mvedd.org.

Gap financing for grant awardees. Have you been awarded a grant and need financial help implementing and completing your project? MVEDD offers gap financing opportunities for grant awardees that are ready to start their project. This opportunity is open to both for profit businesses and non-profit organizations. Gap financing can be up to \$100,000. For application, visit mvedd.org. For more information email hdevitt@mvedd.org.

MVEDD also offers Clean Energy programs for businesses, including consultations to help businesses with energy management, and connect businesses with NYSERDA and its programs to help with workforce development and training. Visit <https://mvedd.org/for-businesses> where you will find information on multiple programs to help you save money on energy use.

**AMSTERDAM ROTARY PRESENTS
26TH ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW:
SEASONAL SPECTACULAR**

June 14 and 15 are the dates for [Amsterdam Rotary's](#) Variety Show at Amsterdam High School! This year's theme is a Festive Journey of Halloween Classics from Christmas to Halloween, and Everything in Between. ALL of this year's show proceeds will benefit local organizations like Haven of Hope, the Office for the Aging Transportation Program, Annie's Closet, the Inman Senior Center and the Amsterdam Rotary's senior scholarship program. Tickets are available at the St. Mary's Hospital Gift Shop, Community Bank (Amsterdam), Sydney Federal Credit Union (Amsterdam), Montgomery County Office for the Aging, Montgomery County Clerk's office, the Horace J. Inman Senior Center, or from any Rotarian. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, or \$5 for students anytime.



MOUNTAIN VALLEY HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE NEWS

[Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care](#) is proud to be recognized as a **2024 Hospice Honors Elite organization**. The MVHPC interdisciplinary team prioritizes its patients and their caregivers, giving the highest quality of care and support. Since 2012, the Hospice CAHPS Honors and Honors Elite Awards have recognized hospice agencies that continuously provide the highest in quality patient care and compassionate caregivers experience. Congratulations to MVHPC on this great honor!



Calling all boat enthusiasts! Join the **2024 Great Sacandaga Lake Poker Run** and help support Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care! The Poker Run takes place on Saturday, June 15. Boat registration takes place in-person at Lanzi's on the Lake between 9-11am. Boats launch at 11am and then participants enjoy lunch at Sport Island Pub at 2pm. \$200 per boat includes lunch for two and event swag; lunch at Sport Island is \$25 per person. To register or for more information please contact MVHPC at (518) 725-4545 or receptionist@mvhcares.org.

THE FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER NEWS



The Family Counseling Center releases 2023 Annual Report

The Family Counseling Center of Fulton County, a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to working with community members in order to create healthy lives, has announced the release of its Annual Report for the fiscal year 2023. The report provides an overview of the organization's activities, accomplishments, and impact over the past year.

In 2023, The Family Counseling Center continued to serve individuals and families throughout Fulton and Montgomery Counties. Through collaborative efforts with partners, volunteers, and supporters, the organization successfully worked with 5,100 clients across their Behavioral Health Clinic, Children and Family Support Services, School-Based Counseling program, and Domestic Violence Program.

"The Family Counseling Center's Annual Report reflects the hard work, dedication, and achievements not only of our staff but of the many community partners we have," said Michael L. Countryman, Executive Director. "Our work happens behind closed doors, in moments of vulnerability, change, and growth. It is a path that we walk with our clients every day as they discover a healthier life. Each year, our Annual Report allows us to give the world at large a glimpse at what we do and the impact we have."

To view the full Annual Report and learn more about The Family Counseling Center's work, visit www.thefamilycounselingcenter.org or the direct link at: <https://www.thefamilycounselingcenter.org/2024/05/06/2023-annual-report-now-available/>.

The Family Counseling Center of Fulton County has been serving the community since 1976. The mission of The Family Counseling Center is to offer the skills, support, and guidance needed to assist all individuals and families in its service area with living their healthiest lives. The Center is licensed by the New York State Office of Mental Health, providing services to children as young as five years old. For more information about the Family Counseling Center, its services, or how you can become a volunteer, please go to www.thefamilycounselingcenter.org.

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The Family Counseling Center Welcomes Three New Staff Members

[The Family Counseling Center of Fulton County](#) welcomed three new staff members to their team during the first quarter of 2024. The group joins an organization focused on building a healthy community through support, engagement, and empowerment, and includes the following individuals:

- Emily Prawdzik, Mental Health Therapist
- Rachel Van Avery, Senior Director of Behavioral Health

The new team members join a growing organization with deep roots in the community. Founded in 1976, The Family Counseling Center continues to be focused on helping individuals and families build better, healthier lives through the organization’s Behavioral Health Clinic, Children and Family Services Program, Domestic Violence Program and more. Programs and services offered by the agency address behavioral and mental health with the goal of personal empowerment and long-term success. In 2023, The Family Counseling Center worked with nearly 5,500 clients.

Rachel Van Avery has joined The Family Counseling Center’s leadership team in the newly developed role of Senior Director of Behavioral Health. This position will aid in preparing The Center’s organizational infrastructure as they prepare for future growth. The role oversees the Mental Health Clinic Director and new Substance Abuse Clinic Director. Van Avery’s experience includes ten years with Bassett Medical Center along with management roles at Albany Medical Center. “I am inspired by the entire agency and admire their dedication. We want to develop a place for our clients to come and obtain services without having to go elsewhere. This helps to break down barriers to care and ensure more engagement in treatment,” said Van Avery. “The urgency of addressing behavioral health services is undeniable and I am motivated to continue to cultivate the agency’s culture of care and adaptability in order to meet our community’s needs. I am elated to be a part of this process and pave the way to success for our agency.” Van Avery will also play a vital role in the agency’s efforts to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC). CCBHCs are specially designated clinics across the country that provide a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use services. CCBHCs serve anyone who walks through the door, regardless of their diagnosis and insurance status.

FROTHINGHAM FREE LIBRARY HOSTS MUSIC & FRIENDS GET-TOGETHERS

[The Frothingham Free Library](#), 28 W. Main Street in Fonda, is the host of “Music & Friends Get-Togethers” with Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle, acoustic and blues-style folk musicians, throughout the summer and fall. The events offer free admission and refreshments...and door-prizes! Adults and teens/children over 10 years old are welcome. The schedule includes:

Saturday, June 15—Songwriters in the Round, 11am-12pm
 Saturday, July 20—Songwriting Workshop for Everyone, 11am-12pm

Saturday, September 21—Sing-along Songs, 11am-12pm
 Saturday, November 2—Open Mic Social, 11am-1pm

RSVP for any or all sessions to (518) 853-3016. The series is made possible by the Community Arts Re-grant Program of Saratoga Arts.



**Frothingham
Free Library**

CAPITAL REGION LIVING MAGAZINE “BESTIES” 2024: FOOD AND DRINK LIST IS OUT AND FEATURES MANY OF OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following Chamber members who won “Besties” in the following categories:

- Best Bloody Mary—[Higher Ground Distilling](#)
- Best Martini and Espresso Martini—[Higher Ground Distilling](#)
- Distillery – WINNER: [Higher Ground Distilling](#)
- Brewery: [Great Sacandaga Brewing Company](#)
- Coffee: WINNER: [Stewart’s Shops](#)
- Food Truck: WINNER: [Megabites Catering](#)
- Best Restaurants by County: Fulton: [Plaza’s Italian Bistro](#)
- Montgomery: [Lorenzo’s Southside](#)
- [Bosco’s Family Restaurant](#)





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FIRST FRIDAY OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH BILL ACKERBAUER AT THE FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Back by popular demand! Kick off our 2024 First Friday series with an Open Mic Night on Friday, June 7th from 6-8pm, hosted by Bill Ackerbauer! Family-friendly performances of song, spoken word, and comedy are welcome. Performer spots will be available for sign up at the door. Please bring your own chairs and feel free to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Donations welcome.



Save the dates for future First Friday events on July 12th (event TBA) and August 2nd, when we explore the Glove Theatre Museum.

The Fulton County Historical Society is located at 237 Kingsboro Ave. in Gloversville. Free street parking is available.

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.

CENTURY CLUB NEWS

[The Century Club of Amsterdam](#), 130 Guy Park Avenue, unveiled its new historical marker for this women's club, which was established in 1895 by Mercy Annie Allen Trapnell. At the time, over 100 women came together who were searching for culture, self improvement and knowledge. They called themselves "The Century Club" and in 1897 became affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an international organization based in Washington, DC. In the 1930s, the group purchased the land and the building of the current clubhouse. The Century Club is currently the only GFWC clubhouse in NYS! At the ribbon cutting to unveil the historical marker, Amsterdam Mayor Cinquanti, Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara and club members spoke about the club and what it and its members have meant to our city and region. Congratulations to the Century Club on your historical marker and your importance to Amsterdam and our region!



Do You Know Your Community?

The Century Club will host an event on Wednesday, June 5 from 6pm-8pm. Entitled Do You Know Your Community?, this event will feature vendors who will help attendees find where and how to get help they need from agencies around the region, or are looking for volunteer and/or donation opportunities for community organizations. Non-profit organizations and others who will be on hand include Montgomery County Office for the Aging, Fulton Community Action Agency, the Century Club, RCIL (Resource Center for Independent Living), Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care, Amsterdam Rotary Club, your Chamber and many more. There is no fee for admission. For more information, contact The Century Club at (518) 842-4031.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SPCA HAS SOME GREAT ANIMALS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

The Montgomery County SPCA's mission is that they are dedicated to finding responsible, forever homes for all the pets in their care. To that end, they have created a thorough adoption process which helps them achieve this goal. This process includes a check of veterinary history records on any pets you currently have, and a home visit. If you rent your home, we require written proof (letter or lease) from your landlord that you are allowed to have pets. They undertake this kind of thorough review to ensure that animals who have already been discarded at least once will never have to experience this again.

On the SPCA's website, you can see current photos and information about animals they have for adoption:

<https://www.mc-sPCA.com/adopt>

Along with information about adopting these adorable cats and dogs:

Cat adoption fees:

- Kittens 6 months and under – \$150
- Cats 7 months to 7 years – \$100
- Cats 8 years and over – \$75

Cat adoption fees include:

- Spaying or Neutering
- Age-appropriate Vaccinations
- Rabies Vaccination (for cats over 4 months only)
- De-Worming | Feline Leukemia test | FIV Test
- Flea Control
- Micro Chip and Registration | Veterinarian Exam
- Adoption Folder | Complimentary Gifts

Dog adoption fees:

- Puppies 6 months and under – \$350*
- Dogs 7 months to 7 years – \$225*
- Dogs 8 years and over – \$125*

*MCSPCA may apply variable adoption fees for dogs.

Dog adoption fees include:

- Spaying or Neutering
- Age-appropriate Vaccinations
- Rabies Vaccination (for dogs over 4 months only)
- De-Worming | Heartworm Test
- Lyme and Erlichia Test
- Flea Control
- Micro Chip and Registration | Veterinarian Exam

- Adoption Folder | Complimentary Gifts

Founded in 1904, the MCSPCA continues a long tradition of dedication to the welfare of the homeless, neglected, abandoned & abused animals in Montgomery County. They adopt an average of 450+ animals from their shelter each year and raised over \$580K for shelter animals last year.

How can you help? ADOPT, DONATE, VOLUNTEER, PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS...and follow them on [Facebook](#), or check out their [website](#).

The Montgomery County SPCA is holding an **Adoption Clinic on Sunday, June 9 from 12pm-3pm**. At the event, see adoptable dogs and cats, learn about volunteer opportunities and find some great information...or meet your new best friend! The MCSPCA is located at 1232 State Highway 5S in Amsterdam.



TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN SEEKS INPUT FROM RESIDENTS AS THEY APPLY FOR NYS FUNDING TO UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Since early 2024, the Town of Johnstown established a committee to look at the Comprehensive Plan and make recommendations for an update. Known as the EnVision Town of Johnstown Initiative, the group consists of Supervisor Christina VanValkenburgh, Deputy Supervisor Paul Catucci, Planning Board Chair Jes Bearden, Planning Board Vice Chair Lance Gundersen, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Persch, and the Fulton County Planning Department.

The committee hopes to apply for a Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Grant through New York State Consolidated Funding Application. If awarded, the State will cover 90% of the update, with and 10% coming from the Town to hire a consultant.

A Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning document that determines a community's vision, goals, objectives, policies, strategies, and aspirations for future growth, development, preservation, and recreation discussing but not limited to transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing.

Smart Growth is an approach of development and conservation strategies that can help protect our health and natural environment and make our communities more attractive, economically stronger, socially diverse, and resilient which may include principles such as walkable, bikeable, transit-friendly streetscapes; compact, mixed-use community design; municipal centers; a diversity of housing options for all incomes, ages and abilities; safe, accessible public spaces; ample parks and outdoor recreational opportunities; green buildings; and infrastructure.

"The current Comprehensive Plan is roughly 20 years old and does not address certain changes in the geographic landscape, such as the increased presence of renewable energy, desire for more recreational activities, growth in agribusinesses, and changes in types housing for older adults and first-time homebuyers," says Christina VanValkenburgh, Supervisor. "Updating our Town's Comprehensive Plan will engage, and educate the residents and Town Officials while giving the ability to envision how we would like the Town to look over the next five to ten years."

Soliciting feedback until June 14 the Town has set up a questionnaire for residents to submit feedback. This feedback will be beneficial when applying for the grant, and if awarded, will be used to update the plan. Both the Survey and the Comprehensive Plan are available by going to the Town of Johnstown website, www.townofjohnstown.org, or by visiting Town Hall. The survey is also available by going to <https://tinyurl.com/EnVisonTownOfJohnstown>. For any questions, please contact the Town of Johnstown at 518-762-7070 x3.

CAROGA ARTS COLLECTIVE AWARDED \$850,000 BY THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS TO SUPPORT THE MYHILL CAMPUS IN CAROGA LAKE

The grant will support Caroga Arts' construction of a year-round artists' lodge at Caroga's Myhill property as part of the Sherman's Legacy Campaign

[Caroga Arts Collective](#) announced a grant award totaling \$850,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the construction of a year-round artists' lodge at Myhill as part of the Sherman's Legacy Campaign. This grant is part of a capital project funding announcement by NYSCA, which totals over \$32 million to 102 capital projects across New York State.

"We are incredibly grateful to the New York State Council on the Arts for their support of constructing a year round multi-use lodge at Myhill as part of our Sherman's Legacy Campaign," said Kyle Barrett Price, Founder, Executive and Artistic Director of the Caroga Arts Collective. "This grant will help us create the supporting infrastructure for year round engagement and programs in Caroga Lake and surrounding regions thus helping further our mission of reimagining the Adirondack experience through the power of the arts."

The Sherman's Legacy Campaign will help Caroga Arts revitalize Sherman's Park and the Myhill Campus into an Adirondack vacation destination where music, arts, community, and culture flourish. Constructing an artists' residential lodge is part of the project's first phase, which also includes the creation of a state-of-the-art amphitheater at Sherman's Park. The lodge at Myhill will provide needed accommodations, rehearsal/performance spaces, administrative workspace, teaching spaces for Caroga Arts' education programs and more.

New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallin said, "We are grateful to Governor Hochul and the Legislature for their support. These projects are essential to the prosperity and well-being of our creative industry and our communities, especially as we continue to navigate the recovery of our creative sector. This support will help stimulate local economies, catalyze investment in our communities and help to ensure the vibrancy of our cultural organizations for now and for the future. Congratulations to Caroga Arts Collective, NYSCA is a proud supporter of your contributions to New York's arts and culture."

For more information visit <https://carogaarts.org/> or on [Facebook](#)



SUNY FULTON-MONTGOMERY UNVEILS CYBER RANGE IN DAYLONG EVENT ON CAMPUS

On Thursday, May 2, SUNY FMCC celebrated the Grand Opening of their new Cyber Range, which was created in partnership with IBM and Amazon Web Services (AWS). The Cyber Range provides students with hands-on training and simulation programs designed to replicate real-world cyber threats. SUNY FMCC is the first community college in the US to have this kind of facility—and it is in our region available to our students!

Keynote speakers at the event included SUNY FMCC President Gregory Truckenmiller (pictured above); Greg Barrow, VP & Managing Partner, America's Security Services, IBM; Valerie Singer, GM for Global Education at Amazon Web Services; Melur K. Ramasubramanian, SUNY Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost; Johanna Duncan-Poitier, SUNY Senior Vice Chancellor for the Office of Community Colleges & the Education Pipeline; Colin Ahern, Chief Cyber Security Officer, Office of Governor Kathy Hochul; and Martin Waffle, SUNY FMCC Department Chair and Professor of Computer Science. This esteemed group of speakers speaks to the importance of this new program, to our college, and to our region...even to our state. During the program, we learned how IBM and AWS came to partner with SUNY FMCC to create this Cyber Range, how the Montgomery County Legislature helped to spearhead the project with startup funding for the project, and how students who experience the Cyber Range and study in the college's Computer Networking and Cybersecurity program will help fill the large need for cybersecurity specialists in our state, our nation, and all over the world. According to the US Department of Labor, employment of information security analysts is projected to grow more than 20 percent over the next decade, much faster than the average for all occupations. Demand will continue to be very high for these well-trained information security analysts who will be needed to prevent hackers from stealing critical information or causing problems for computer networks.

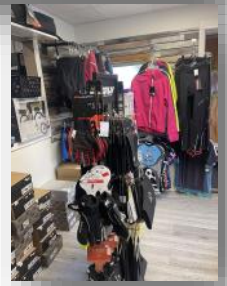
For more information about the Cyber Range, and the Computer Networking and Cybersecurity AAS at SUNY FMCC, visit <https://fmcc.edu/computers-technology/computer-networking-cybersecurity-aas>

BIKE BARN CYCLING & FITNESS HAS EVERYTHING FOR YOUR BIKE NEEDS

[Bike Barn Cycling & Fitness](#), located at 4360 State Highway 30 in Amsterdam, has 100s of bikes and everything you need for those bikes and for yourself as a rider. Owner Edward Agans (pictured at right with e-bikes) said he started the business in Cohoes in 2010, and before that his father owned a bike business on Central Avenue in Albany in the 70s and 80s. His father, Ed, originally began selling bikes in Vermont in 1993 out of a barn—hence the business name used today. Not only do they have over 100 bikes for sale and on display in the showroom/service area, but they also have a display of the now popular e-bikes outside of the showroom. Accessories that they sell in-



clude all riding gear—helmets, saddles, shoes, and everything else to outfit the casual and experienced rider. The Bike Barn is located on a piece of property that gives them access to trails behind the business where people can actually try out the bikes before you buy them. Ed services all bikes, but as far as e-bikes are concerned, he will only service those that he sells as a best business practice. Ed definitely has a following, and was voted Best Bike Shop by [bestthingsny.com](#). Watch the Bike Barn's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for upcoming group rides that will take place on Mondays this summer. For more information, visit Bike Barn Cycling & Fitness on their website www.bikebarncycles.com. Store/showroom hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 10am-6pm, Thursday and Friday 10am-7pm and Saturday 10am-4pm.



ANNIE D'S GRILL OFFERS SPANISH/ITALIAN SPECIALTIES...AND HAS A COMMUNITY FOCUS

Annie D's Grill is one of the newest businesses on Main Street in Amsterdam...and they are looking forward to serving the community! Located at 38 E. Main Street, Some of the Spanish specialties offered include Pernil (pork shoulder) with rice and beans, seafood, chicken, beef or chicharron Mofongo, Pastelillos, Tostones (fried green plantains) and flan and tres leches for dessert. On the Italian side, you can get spaghetti and meatballs, chicken alfredo, baked ziti, salads and more. The restaurant offers many specials including family meals, specials for basketball, baseball and football seasons, Sunday specials, and a discount for state employees.

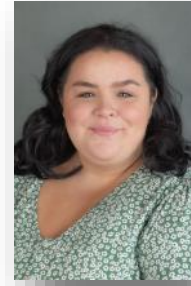
The restaurant's motto is "A Community That Eats Together, Loves Together" is something that the entire staff takes to heart.

They feel that the best way to get to know people is sometimes through food. They want to get kids involved, and are constantly look at ways to pay it forward. Hours are Saturday through Sunday 12noon to 10pm and you can eat

in, take out, or have their food delivered via Door Dash, Grub Hub, or Clover. When searching for places to open their restaurant, they settled on Amsterdam because they could see a lot of investment in the area, as well as a lot of enthusiasm for what was happening in the city. For more information, for menus and more, visit Annie D's online on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Pictured, from left, Kebrina Cabrera, Efraim Acevedo and D'Andre.



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HFM PTECH CELEBRATES PROGRAM COMPLETERS

Twenty-nine students from eight Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery area school districts were recognized as program completers during the seventh annual HFM PTECH Completion Ceremony on Wednesday, May 22 at the HFM BOCES campus.

PTECH, or Pathways in Technology Early College High School, is a 6-year program that aims to look and function like a hybrid between college and the workplace. It emphasizes individual pathways to completion, workplace experiences, mentorship, in-depth project-based learning, and real-world experiences.



Students that completed the program earned all of their high school credits, meeting the New York State requirements for a Regents Diploma and they also completed the required coursework for associate degrees in various programs at either SUNY Fulton Montgomery Community College or SUNY Cobleskill at no cost to their families.

In her remarks to the class of 2024, HFM PTECH Principal Celeste Keane reminded the students to stay connected to what drives them each day as they journey through life.

“As you move on from here, to jobs, more school, more independence and invariably more responsibility, you need to stay connected to your why. Being propelled by the things that matter to you make the long days shorter and the hard times bearable,” said Keane.

Kaymen Lewis-Matthews, a completer from the Gloversville Enlarged School District, was one of two students to address his fellow classmates. He encouraged them to always do what’s in

their best interest and to not get distracted.

“Spend every day trying to elevate yourself, learn from your mistakes, take that risk, but most importantly, don’t give up on yourself,” said Lewis-Matthews.

Luke Page, another completer from the Gloversville En-

larged School District, spoke to his classmates about life after PTECH.

“If you ask me I’d say that it’s pretty scary, but in reality, it’s a fresh start,” said Page. “We may fear it, but the access to new opportunities is larger than you could imagine. Go out and explore the world and try new things, now is the time to do it!”

The ceremony also included speeches from HFM BOCES Board President Dr. Harry Brooks and special guest Marc Arseneault, a Senior Equipment Engineer from GlobalFoundries in Malta who has been a frequent visitor at PTECH’s Workplace Wednesday seminars. SUNY Fulton-Montgomery Community College Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Dan Fogarty was also on hand to honor the PTECH student for whom FMCC bestowed special recognition.

In her closing remarks of the evening, Principal Keane wished the students well in their future endeavors. “As this evening draws to a close, remember to reflect on the significance of your accomplishment, the hard work, dedication, and sense of purpose that propelled you forward, your why. Best of luck to you all,” stated Keane.



Plans are in the making for a great initiative for all 8th graders in the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery districts and FMCC students to attend a career exploration day—CAREER CON. The feedback we receive from businesses is that schools need to start earlier career awareness and exploration, and we are happy to help accommodate with this event.

Career Con will be held on Wednesday, October 16 at SUNY FMCC. This event will run from 8:30-1pm and the 8th graders will split their day between BOCES and FMCC. We will be working with FMCC, HFM BOCES (CTE) to get businesses and sponsorships for the event. Have an interest in participating? Please contact Nicole Walrath at nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

THE CHAMBER'S BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP HELPS AMSTERDAM HIGH SCHOOL SMART SCHOLARS STUDENTS FIND INTERNSHIPS

Amsterdam High School has had a relationship with the Chamber and its Business Education Partnership program for a number of years through the HFM BOCES/BEP Pathways program. Amsterdam and three other HFM school districts contract with the BEP for a BOCES CO-SER for a shared service between the district, the Chamber, and an instructional Coach through BOCES. Through this Pathways CO-SER, AHS already has a strong relationship with the Chamber's BEP and staff members Nicole Walrath and Natalie May. AHS also hosts a Smart Scholars Early College High School Program, wherein institutions of higher education partner with public school districts like Amsterdam to create early college high schools that provide students with the opportunity and preparation to accelerate the completion of their high school studies while earning a minimum of twenty-four but up to sixty transferable college credits at the same time.

This program is targeted at students who are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education. Students receive additional academic support from the school/college partnerships to ensure they are at grade level and ready to participate in rigorous high school and collegiate courses. This "dual or concurrent enrollment" program seeks to increase high school graduation and college completion rates while reducing student tuition costs as a result of the compressed time needed to complete a college degree.

For its Smart Scholars program, Amsterdam High School has developed a unique partnership with SUNY FMCC to give students a head start on college while saving their families thousands of dollars in tuition costs. Amsterdam's program is a New York State grant specific program. Qualifying students are members of a historically underrepresented group, or receive free or reduced lunch or are first generation college students, or a student with a disability. Students are selected for the program through an application process in the spring of their 8th grade year. During grades 9-12, Smart Scholars take specific high school classes at AHS and spend their time there with other Smart Scholars at the same grade level. Smart Scholars participate in college readiness classes and college focused activities. By the beginning of their junior year, they are dual enrolled in both high school and college courses. By the time they graduate from AHS, Smart Scholars are required to have earned at least 24 college credits (mostly general education) from FMCC. Upon completion of the program, students are first in line for jobs or can continue their education at a four-year college or university.

The program has been in existence at AHS for over ten years and is free to qualifying AHS students and families. All fees for tuition, books or lab fees are covered. There are currently about 25 Smart Scholars at each grade level for 100 at the school. Leigh McCormick, AHS' Smart Scholars Counselor/Coordinator

hopes to drive that number to 30 in each grade level in the next couple of years. Leigh has been in her position since September 2023, the start of this school year.

Although Leigh is fairly new to the position, she has taken thoughtful steps to make sure her students are prepared for their high school and college experiences, and that they are afforded the academic and other experiences they need to succeed. This includes helping to place students in Amsterdam businesses to explore their interests and get real-life experiences doing so. Because of the Chamber's connections between educational entities and businesses, she reached out to Natalie May to help with these business/student connections. Natalie connected Leigh and her students with the Amsterdam Mohawks who hired six AHS Smart Scholars juniors as Game Day Management Interns. In these roles, which started in mid-May, they have been helpful in helping to get the facility ready for the season, which starts this month, as well as game-day responsibilities. You can read all about these students on the Amsterdam Mohawks website at

<https://amsterdammohawks.com/staff.aspx>. For next year, Leigh has worked with Christie Davis at FMCC for students interns to earn college credit for these internships, at which students need 40 hours to complete. There are currently also four junior students interning at St. Mary's Healthcare—in the culinary department, on the Med/Surg department and in the ER department, three Smart Scholars interning at the Amsterdam Police Department, two at Amsterdam elementary schools and one at the middle school.

In matching Smart Scholars with businesses for possible internships, Leigh follows the interests of the students to make the match with a business. She hopes that these experiences will help students focus on what they want to study in college or where they want to work after college or high school. She believes that these internship experiences are key to being successful in their college courses as it helps to direct the students in their studies.

The Smart Scholars program is looking for businesses in or near to Amsterdam that are preferable on the CDTA bus line for ease of student transportation. Some specific areas of interest for current students include health care, general business (banking, accounting, marketing), criminal justice, engineering, veterinary medicine, auto mechanics, culinary, computers, law, and more. Leigh is also looking for local business people to come in and talk to students next year about their business, about what they might be looking for in an ideal employee/hire, requirements for positions at their business, the kinds of soft skills needed to be successful, professionalism and more. Amsterdam High School alumni are especially impactful for these students. If you are interested in speaking with these Smart Scholars students at Amsterdam High School during the 2024-2025 school year, or in providing these students with an internship experience, please contact Leigh McCormick at lmccormick@gasd.org or call (518) 843-4932, ext. 1145.



HIGH ROLLERS HAS GREAT SUMMER OFFERINGS FOR INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND MORE!

High Rollers has adult skating nights, kids skating lessons, Taylor “Swiftie Skates,” Christian nights, and more...but they are so much more than these events—although they are still wildly popular! Located at 4313 State Highway 30 in Amsterdam, the roller skating rink also offers private events that include admission and skate rentals for up to 50 people or more, unlimited popcorn and fountain drinks, Skate mates skate trainers, a DJ and more—you may bring in outside food for these events. Perfect for your business family fun days or team building events or family parties! In addition, High Rollers continues their popular private birthday parties, and skate parties and pizza parties when the rink has open sessions.

High Rollers offers skate rentals for children and adults of all sizes and they emphasize—if you can walk, you can skate! They offer adult sizes up to 15 and even have toddler skates that clip on the outside of a toddler’s shoes. Skate mates skate trainers in all shapes and sizes get everyone on the rink—whether it’s your first time, or you’re an experienced skater. You can also bring in your own skates or roller blades, but they need to be checked out when you can to make sure the wheels you’re using won’t damage the rink floor. High Rollers also services skates that he sells or services skates that come from companies with which they have a relationship so they know they have the parts or how to get the parts if needed.

This summer, they will offer outdoor skating on the outdoor go-kart track on the premises. This will kick off on June 28—watch for details!

High Rollers’ snack bar is expanding and the kitchen has been renovated to be able to accommodate more offerings for their customers. They now offer popcorn chicken, French fries, mac and cheese bites, pretzels, quesadillas, walking tacos, personal and regular pizzas, potato wedges and more. Their ICEE machine puts out four different flavors and specialty ice drinks with a monthly special. Besides fountain drinks, they also offer a variety of bottled drinks including water, iced teas, Celsius, Propel and Gatorade/Zero.

Need to raise money for school supplies/events/activities and have fund at the same time? High Rollers also offers fundraising programs with two options to choose from. A Fonda-Fultonville class recently held a fundraiser there—they brought in raffle baskets for which the DJ pulled all the numbers, the snack bar and arcade were open, and more. The profit on these events is based on the number of entrants to the event. The staff will do whatever they can to help make your event a success!



High Rollers from left, Lonh Hatcher (buildings/grounds), Barb Hatcher (events/STEM instructor), Maria Provenzano (social media/marketing) and Zach Hatcher (owner)

High Rollers is also offering Summer Program Packages for groups that include STEM offerings and skating. The STEM programs are New York State Board of Education approved. STEM packages include a 3-hour session with 1 1/4 hour of STEM instruction, 1 1/4 hour of skating plus rentals. You can also choose a SKATE program with 2 hours of skating, rentals, and 1/2 hour lunch time. Snack Bar will be open during both programs. There are also programs for Girl Scouts where troops/scouts can earn their STEM badge for mechanical engineering or for Boy Scouts where you can earn the NOVA Patch for Science Everywhere (learn about the science of Roller Skating). Both programs include STEM workshop, skate rental and skate session.

The High Rollers owners are deeply connected to the community. They donate to countless community organizations and help with fundraisers for local not for profits. In June don’t miss Christian night on 6/24, Swiftie Skate (giveaways, bracelet exchange and more) on 6/13, Adult Skate with DJ Starks, 6/22, and Meet the Amsterdam Mohawks Night on 6/23. Find out the details on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/highrollersskating> or on their website: <https://highrollersskating.com/> They can also be reached during open hours at 518-843-0783.

Congratulations to High Rollers for being named #2 for Best Kids Birthday Venue in the Capital Region Living Magazine’s Besties Awards!!!



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RIBBON CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE EVENT FOR [VARIN ENTERPRISES](#)— ROBERT H. MEMORIAL PARK OPENING

Tuesday, June 4, 5pm Ribbon Cutting

5:30-8:30pm—Open House

212 Stoner Trail Road, Johnstown

Grand opening of the Robert H. Memorial Park (Varin Enterprises, LLC) at 212 Stoner Trail Road in Johnstown. Chamber members and their employees are invited to attend the ribbon-cutting and the Open House which will feature vendors, a DJ, food and beverages.

*The hosts ask you to “dress to impress.” **RSVP required for planning purposes to varinenterprisesllc@gmail.com.***

FULTON MONTGOMERY CHAMBER SPORTS AWARD BANQUET

Wednesday, June 5, 7:00pm

[Holiday Inn Johnstown-Gloversville](#)

308 N. Comrie Avenue, Johnstown

During the evening’s ceremonies, the Chamber honors each of the 36 nominated top athletes from Fulton County schools with certificates, medals and a small gift for their accomplishments. The Chamber also presents members from the schools’ championship teams with backpacks in recognition of their achievements. In addition, the Sports Award Committee will name a Male and Female Athlete of the Year from the 36 nominated students.

This year’s keynote speaker will be Melissa (Missy) Krempa Mariano, the 2000 recipient of the Fulton County Female Athlete of the Year Award and Head Field Hockey Coach and Professor of Physical Education at Hamilton College. Mistress of Ceremonies will be Lexi Swatt-Sheerin, NYSPHSAA Director of Sports Information and Digital Content and Johnstown alum.

Tickets for the event are very limited but if interested can be picked up at the Holiday Inn at a cost of \$32 which helps offset the cost of hosting all of the athletes, coaches and school officials at the event. In addition, there are sponsorship opportunities available for this popular event—please contact Anne Boles at the Chamber for details or to participate.

RIBBON-CUTTING AT SAM’S DISCOUNT WINE & LIQUOR

Friday, June 7, 11am

56 Elmwood Ave., Gloversville

RIBBON-CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE AT [PINE LAKE LODGE](#)

Wednesday, June 19, 4pm-6:30pm (ribbon cutting at 4:30)

1050 State Highway 10, Caroga Lake

Join us for a great event at Pine Lake Lodge which will feature food from [Megabites Catering](#), music by violinist David Wong of the [Caroga Arts Collective](#), and beverages by [Stump City Brewing](#). This event is free of admission for Chamber members and their employees but RSVP is appreciated for planning purposes. Please contact the Chamber to RSVP or for details. Sponsored by [NBT Bank](#).

RIBBON-CUTTING AT [ST. MARY’S PULMONOLOGY DEPARTMENT](#)

Thursday, June 27 | 11am

427 Guy Park Ave., Amsterdam

Details/updates will be available via the Chamber’s weekly email blast! Watch upcoming issues for more information!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FULTON MONTGOMERY CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, September 13—Shotgun start at 11am

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 Margarita 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.

CYBER RANGE

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