

NEWSLINE

Business Professional and Business Partner of the Year awarded

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business Education Partnership (BEP) recognizes a business partner and business professional each year for their sustained interest and continuing participation in activities that strengthen and enhance public education in the HFM region. These awards are the Chamber's opportunity to recognize all the hardworking businesses, community partners and individuals who donate their valuable time and financial support to schools and students.



Sean Piasecki, Owner of Eastern Medical Support, LLC.

Business Professional of the Year Award 2017-2018

Recognizes a business professional who works directly with students, teachers, and schools in the HFM BOCES districts on an ongoing basis showing a level of commitment and that demonstrates support for school improvement and student achievement.

Business Partner of the Year Award 2017-2018

Recognizes a business or community group working directly with students, teachers, and schools in the HFM BOCES districts on an ongoing basis showing a level of commitment and that demonstrates support for school improvement and student achievement.

These awards were pre-

sented at the Chamber's July Business After Hours on Thursday, July 19 at the historic Hotel Broadalbin.

Business Professional of the Year Award Sean J. Piasecki, President of Eastern Medical Support

Sean J. Piasecki, President of Eastern Medical Support, has been an advocate for HFM PTECH since its beginnings. One of the most impactful projects that he spearheaded was working with our first Cohort of PTECH students to train and certify all of them in CPR, while also participating as a mentor through the MentorPlace program. This year Sean worked with PTECH's entrepreneur class, sharing his experiences as a



Hu-Hill Farm's Ryan Hudyncia, Julia Hudyncia, Shirley Hudyncia and Rob Hudyncia.

small business owner in our region.

Sean's passion for the program continues to evolve as he works on helping with the transition of PTECH students from the Jansen Avenue campus to the Fulton-Montgomery Community College campus. He is not only a business owner but also an FMCC professor, serving as a much needed, familiar face and role model to students when they are on the FMCC campus. Sean continually explains, demonstrates and ensures students display and adhere to PTECH professional expectations to help prepare them for college, career, and life. He builds relationships with students that continue outside the classroom when professional skills building lessons are over. He

shares real-life stories from his work experiences such as how students' digital footprints can have lasting effects that may hinder their ability to get hired. His positive energy is inspiring and he demonstrates how important a good attitude, respect and work ethic for employers looking to hire.

One of Sean's most admirable qualities is the compassion he shows toward our students. He truly cares about the students as individuals and about PTECH as a program. In the many conversations he has with our students and the time he spends with PTECH teachers and staff to ensure that not only his children get a great educational experience,

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Letter from the President

I was recently having a discussion with a business owner regarding Chamber membership and its value to the small business owner. His statement to me was, "Why do I need the Chamber? I belong to my own trade association that represents me very well." Thinking further about this, I can imagine that many businesses, if not most, belong to some type of organization specific to their individual organization, trade or business. I know that I did for my own business and found the trade organization to be helpful. As a matter of fact, your Chamber belongs to associations (Chamber Alliance of New York State and the Business Council of New York State, among others), and when the need arises, we can reach out for help to these groups when we need support for business issues that affect our members.



Mark Kilmer
President/CEO

But there is much more to the success of a business than a trade association can accommodate. Yes, they are needed on occasion. Yes, they can be a great resource for information specific to your industry. And yes, they can often target legislation for an industry category that may be specific to your business.

But what group is there that fills the critical gaps, the issues that are more local or regional, or statewide that do not fall within the purview of a specific industry or trade organization?

I did mention to this gentleman that I found value in my business' trade organization, but I firmly believe that the most value in the form of long-term benefit (including financial) could be found in my Chamber membership.

From a regional and statewide perspective, regulations, taxes and other rules can have a hugely negative impact on your business, and that is where your Chamber can go into action for you. There have been many times that the Chamber has jumped to push back against burdensome regulations and higher taxes, etc. by advocating to our elected officials, or at times mobilizing our hundreds of members and their tens of thousands of employees to get involved. And, if it's a larger, statewide issue, working in collaboration with our friends at other Chambers across the state.

From local issues to state and federal business issues, no organization meets the business owners' needs like the Chamber. Our partnerships with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Business Council of New York State provide us with the resources and contacts necessary to meet all the advocacy needs of our diverse business membership. Remember, our Chamber is small enough to be personal, but large enough to be effective. And, advocacy for our members is just one of the things, albeit one of the most important things, that we do for our business members. Read through these pages to find out more about the programs and services we deliver to make our region's businesses the best they can be.

I want to remind all of our members that if you have any issues that affect your business that you would like to discuss, please contact me personally at (518) 725-0641. And, as I oftentimes remind our readers about the Chamber's mission – *"We are the leading voice of business in the region providing advocacy, resources and solutions for our members."*



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Photo of the almost 100 people at the Hotel Broadalbin Business After Hours. Thank you to Zoe and Dave Thompson, owners, for their wonderful hospitality!

but that they all do. He takes time out of his day to talk to students in need, gives up hours to ensure they pass their practicums and reaches out to PTECH staff when a student is in crisis. Sean is not only an impactful business owner in our community, but has become an important member of the HFM PTECH family. Both of his nephews are students of the classes of 2018 and 2020.

Business Partner of the Year Award

Hu-Hill Farm

We are proud to present our business partners at Hu-Hill Farm as the recipient of our Business Partner of the Year Award. Rob, Shirley

and Ryan Hudyncia of Hu-Hill Farm have been an amazing source of support to the students at Ag PTECH. The amount of time and energy that they dedicate to Ag PTECH has made an enormous impact on the programs in our school.

The Hudyncia's have been speakers in multiple Pathway Panels for the freshman class. They have shared their expertise in areas such as Agriculture Science, Agriculture Business, and Sustainable Crop Production. They have supported sophomores on Mentor Mondays by giving guidance to students on topics such as writing resumes, professional dress, in-



Teachers and other staff members from Ag PTECH and PTECH pose with Chamber staffers Sarah Hafter and Nicole Walrath, and Hu-Hill Farm's Shirley and Rob Hudyncia and Sean Piasecki, Eastern Medical Support, LLC

terview skills, succeeding at internships and professional communication skills. In addition, they submitted a challenge for a marketing project and participated on the panel for presentations. The amount of time they have devoted to support the students in this program shows their commitment to supporting the future of agriculture in our region.

The Hudyncia family has also graciously opened their home to host the HFM Ag PTECH Future Farmers of America (better known as FFA) officer retreat. They have been tireless supporters of this organization. They

make meals, critique speeches and chaperone trips. They have also hosted class field trips to their farm.

One thing that stands out is the message they send to students. The Hudyncia's always emphasize professionalism, respect and helping others. This is extremely important for our students as we prepare them for their future careers in agriculture. Rob, Shirley and Ryan are outstanding role models.

Maddison Kilmartin, a current AgPTECH student wrote, "Mr. Hudyncia, your smile is contagious as is your positive attitude and encouragement. Your passion for our

FFA chapter is an inspiration to us all. Mrs. Hudyncia, your advice will shape us into successful members of our communities. Because of you I am now very conscientious of how I shake someone's hand because as you have taught me that confidence is key."

For more information about how to get involved with the students in AgPTECH, PTECH, Foothills PTECH or any of the HFM BOCES Component School districts, please contact the Chamber at (518) 725-0641, email sarah@fultonmontgomeryny.org, or visit www.fultonmontgomeryny.org.



Sean Piasecki (center) poses with, from left, the Chamber's Sarah Hafter, HFM BOCES Deputy Superintendent Lorraine Hohenforst, the Chamber's Nicole Walrath and Mark Kilmer.



Shirley and Rob Hudyncia, from Hu-Hill Farm, are flanked by, from left, the Chamber's Nicole Walrath, Chamber Board Member and Education Committee Chair Juanita Handy, HFM BOCES Deputy Superintendent Lorraine Hohenforst, the Chamber's Sarah Hafter and Mark Kilmer.

Chamber Schedules Active Shooter Preparedness Seminar For Businesses

Wednesday, September 12

8am to 10am

**Holiday Inn Johnstown-Gloversville,
308 N. Comrie Avenue, Johnstown**

Seminar to be presented by the
Fulton County Sheriff's Office

As a business owner, you take measures to protect your business and provide for your employees. However, the threat of violence in the public realm and workplace is becoming an increasingly common occurrence.

This seminar, facilitated by the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, will cover the Department of Homeland Security's established guidelines on what you should do during an Active Shooter event. Some of the topics covered during this seminar will include:

- Preventive actions

- Run, Hide, Fight techniques
- Calling 911
- What to do when police arrive

There will also be a question and answer period following the presentation and there will be a continental breakfast served.

There is a \$10 fee for Chamber members and their employees and \$20 per person for future Chamber members. RSVP is required for planning purposes - please contact Terry at the Chamber at (518) 725-0641 or email terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org.



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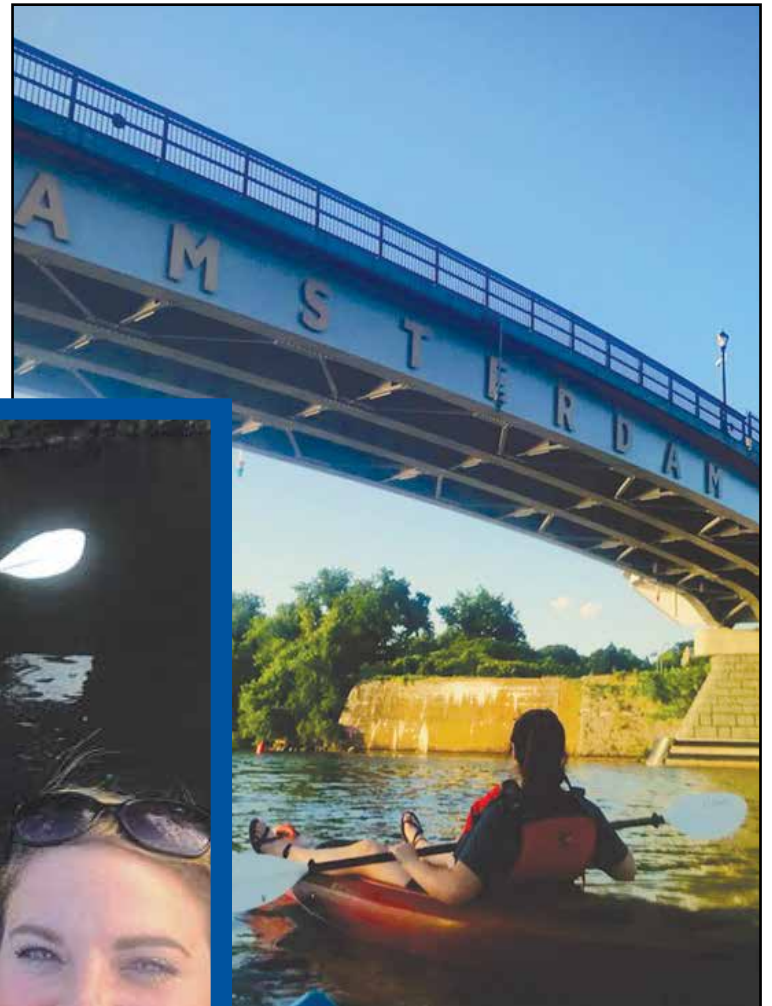
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Fulton Montgomery Young Professionals Network Holds Kayak Meet-up

The Fulton Montgomery Young Professionals Network (FMYPN) had a meet-up event at Down by the River Kayak Rentals on Wednesday, July 11. Owner Audrey Egelston guided the group down the Mohawk River under the Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook and saw where the old Erie Canal used to run.



Erie Canal House holds Open House and Ribbon-Cutting Event

The rain didn't deter dozens of businesspeople, friends, elected officials, and more from attending the June 27 Ribbon-Cutting Event and Open House at the Erie Canal House, 121 W. Main Street in Canajoharie.



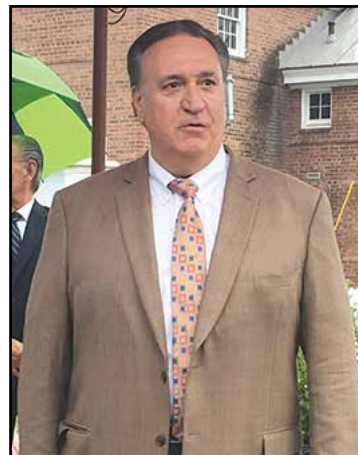
Ribbon cutting event kicked off the evening's festivities, and included, from left Chamber Ambassadors Carl Marucci (Kinderhook Bank) and Patty Laux (NBT Bank), Montgomery County Business Development Center's Michele Pawlik, Chamber Ambassador Fred Quist (Montgomery County United Way), Janet Stanley (Canajoharie's Lee Shops at Wagner Square), Montgomery County Legislator Roy Dimond, Erie Canal House Co-owner/Operator Michele McGlone, the Chamber's Mark Kilmer, Canajoharie Mayor Francis Avery, and Gina DaBiere-Gibbs, Montgomery County Tourism Director.



Michele McGlone addresses the crowd.



Interior of the Erie Canal House.



Montgomery County Legislator from District 3 Roy Dimond talks about the importance of the Erie Canal House for tourism and economic development.



Above and Below, the interior of the Erie Canal House.



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HSA/HDHP Limits Will Increase for 2019

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OVERVIEW

On May 10, 2018, the IRS released Revenue Procedure 2018-30 to announce the inflation-adjusted limits for health savings accounts (HSAs) and high deductible health plans (HDHPs) for 2019. These limits include:

The maximum HSA contribution limit;

The minimum deductible amount for HDHPs; and

The maximum out-of-pocket expense limit for HDHPs. These limits vary based on whether an individual has self-only or family

coverage under an HDHP. The IRS limits for HSA contributions will increase for 2019. The HDHP maximum out-of-pocket limits will also increase for 2019. The HSA contribution limits will increase effective Jan. 1, 2019, while the HDHP limits will increase effective for plan years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2019.

ACTION STEPS

Because the cost-sharing limits for HDHPs will change for 2019, employers that sponsor these plans may need to make plan design changes for plan years beginning in 2019. Also, if an employer communicates the HSA contribution limits to employees as part of the enrollment process, these enrollment materials should be updated to reflect the increased limits that apply for 2019.

HSA/HDHP Limits

The following chart shows the HSA and HDHP limits for 2019 as compared to 2018. It also includes the catch-up contribution limit that applies to HSA-eligible individuals who are age 55 or older, which is not adjusted for inflation and stays the same from year to year.

TYPE OF LIMIT		2018	2019	Change
HSA Contribution Limit	Self-only	\$3450	\$3500	Up \$50
	Family	\$6900	\$7000	Up \$100
HSA Catch-up Contributions <small>(not subject to adjustment for inflation)</small>	Age 55 or older	\$1000	\$1000	No change
HDHP Minimum Deductible	Self-only	\$1350	\$1350	No change
	Family	\$2700	\$2700	No change
HDHP Maximum Out-of-pocket Expense Limit <small>(deductibles, copayments and other amounts, but not premiums)</small>	Self-only	\$6650	\$6750	Up \$100
	Family	\$13300	\$13500	Up \$200

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As you can see each month, inserts are available for inclusion in our newsletter – an opportunity reserved ONLY FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS. This month there are inserts about the Chamber golf tournament and from Workforce Solutions Center. Reservations for inserts need to be made by the FIRST of the month prior to publication, with printed inserts delivered to the Chamber NO LATER THAN the 15th of the month prior to publication. Pricing is \$400 per insert with a frequency discount: 3x/year – \$350/insert 6x/year – \$300/insert – 12/year – \$250/insert. Inserts need to be printed on 8

½ x 11 paper, can be any color. Please see a list of Chamber member printers on our website or call Terry at the Chamber for a list of our members that are able to print these inserts for you. You need to have 3700 copies printed for insertion in Newsline.

Note: Any Chamber member business that places 3 or more inserts per year can be billed for these on a monthly basis to make this opportunity more affordable for everyone.

Reservations for inserts can be made by contacting Terry Swierzowski, terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org (518) 725-0641.

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– 1:00pm-4:00pm

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Instructor

Victor Bujanow, CIC has been a practicing Notary Public and Notary Signing Agent for over 25 years. In addition to the Notary Public Workshops, he has been teaching Insurance and Real Estate Licensing as well as Continuing Education courses at several New York State colleges, including Fulton-Montgomery Community College. In his spare time, Victor also volunteers at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, NY as an usher.



Registration

Costs:

\$49 for Chamber members/employees


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Please register through the instructor by emailing vbujanow@fairpoint.net and/or remitting payment by check to Victor Bujanow, including names of attendees and mail to:

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Chamber Member News

Hill & Markes eCommerce Website Ranked Top 11 for Janitorial/Sanitation

112 Year Old Company Awarded High Website Ranking By Industry Expert

Hill & Markes, family-owned wholesale distributor, launched their new eCommerce website in 2016. Two years later, Apruve, credit management software for B2B eCommerce, ranked Hill & Markes in the Top 15 on their Janitorial/Sanitation eCommerce Rating Report Top 50.

"When creating Apruve ratings, we showcase how each business did for B2B needs, user experience, and Marketing. To help eliminate biases in these categories we create a wide variety of measures that we measure from 1 to 10 on their execution of the item being graded. These individual rankings take in consideration specific eCommerce features, navigation, SEO of the site, a variety of other metrics driven from current B2B eCommerce trends," said Matthew Osborn, Senior Marketing Manager at



Apruve. "When we tallied up all companies, Hill & Markes exceeded the average industry scores and ranked 11th for most points in the industry."

Hill & Markes prides itself on its user-friendly shopping experience. Customer adoption was a key priority in year one. Year two introduced customer-specific functionalities to make the ordering, shopping, and navigation on the website a seamless experience. Inc. Here's how Hill & Markes provides the ultimate online experience for customers:

- Customized Shopping List: Hill & Markes implemented a shopping list functionality that allows customers

to create a small list of frequently ordered products. This eliminates the need to scroll through hundreds of products when you only want to order a small batch.

- Saved Cart Functionality: Hill & Markes offers a saved cart functionality that allows you to save product and quantity each time you order on a monthly/weekly/ or annual basis. You can adjust the quantities as needed.

- Side-by-Side Product Comparison: This tool allows you to compare up to five items side-by-side and highlight similarities.

- Industry Blog: Hill & Markes offers informative blog posts related to specific market segments to demonstrate industry expertise and increase SEO.

- Multi-Level Approval Process: This feature allows for managers to approve employee orders.

- Mobile Online Ordering App: Stay tuned... coming soon!

"When designing this website, it was imperative that we included functionality that meets the needs of the new B2B buyer," said Mike Powers, eCommerce Manager at Hill & Markes. "Whether it's a millennial or someone who frequently orders online, we wanted to provide them with a website that was easy to use and provided rich product information."

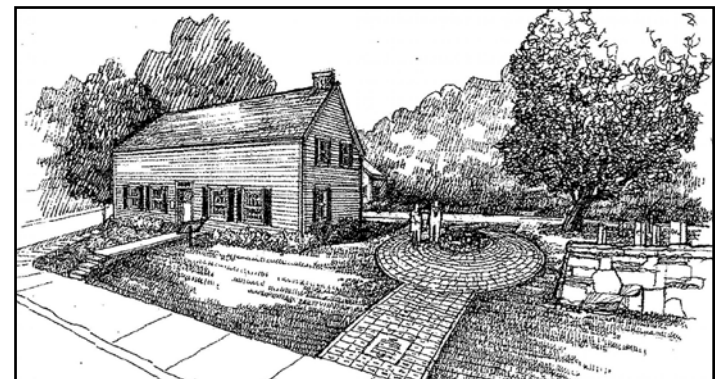
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Johnstown Historical Society proposes brick walkway near Drumm House

The Johnstown Historical Society has kicked off a major fundraising campaign entitled "Saving Johnstown's History One Brick at a Time." The group will create a brick walkway adjacent to the historical Drumm House. Located on Green Street, the Drumm House was built in 1763 by Sir William Johnson.

The Society invites individuals, businesses, and organizations to sponsor a brick which will become a permanent part of one of the oldest landmarks in Johnstown.

With an engraved inscription, the donor can choose to honor or remember a friend or family member, commemorate an event, or identify themselves or their organization as a supporter of the historical society. The investment in a brick will help the society continue its mission to preserve Johnstown's precious and unique heritage and support the upkeep of the three major historical sites in the city – the Drumm House, the Historical Society Museum at 17 N. William Street, and the James Burk Inn at 200 S. William Street.



Artist interpretation of the proposed brick walkway adjacent to the Drumm House

Bricks are available in two different sizes, 4 inches x 8 inches or 8 inches x 8 inches. Prices are \$125 and \$150 respectively, and a selection of graphics is also available at an additional charge. Such gifts are tax deductible. Orders for bricks may be placed online at www.thatsmybrick.com/johnstown or you can request an order form via the Historical Society.

The proposed design of the walkway will feature a cannon at the center, and the bricks will be installed along its path. The cannon has a distinctive history of its own. It is one of two cannons that were in the possession of Sir John Johnson (Sir William Johnson's son) in 1776. Sir John abandoned both cannons near what is now Tupper Lake when he fled to Canada. They lay deteriorating until 1937 when they were recovered and gifted to the Historical Society.

The mission of the Johnstown Historical Society is, in part, to discover, collect, preserve and display the history, data and items relating to the City of Johnstown and the surrounding area. The three historical sites are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day Saturday and Sunday 1pm-4pm or by appointment. All three buildings are also available for special events.

For more information, call the Historical Society at (518) 332-7695 or Helen Martin at (518) 762-7638 or via email at martart@nycap.rr.com. You can also visit the Historical Society online on their Facebook page (Johnstown Historical Society) or at fulton.nygenweb.net/history/johnsvisit.html.



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Chamber Member News

Lexington Family Services presents financial classes for families



Lexington Family Services, in partnership with many local businesses, is offering a series of classes in money management and planning for the future to families who have one or more children with disabilities.

The series **"Take Control of Your Money and Build Financial Security!"** is intended to help families take control of their own finances, understand better how to budget, and learn to use ABLE accounts or Special Needs Trusts to help save for their child's future.

What: Financial Classes for Families **"Take Control: Build Financial Security!"**

When: Four class series, August 7, 9, 14, 16 from 5 pm to 8 pm

Location: Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce, 2 North Main Street, Gloversville NY

Cost: FREE! Provided as part of a Grant from The Arc, United States

Light dinner provided, Child care available (please call to request this)

Register: Call Lexington Family Services 518-773-2014 or email desandn@lex-center.org

Eligible families:

- Have a child with a disability who is 18 years old or younger
- Follow certain income requirements (can be reviewed when you call to register)

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For more information about Lexington visit them online at www.lexington-center.org or on Facebook: Lexington, Chapter of The Arc New York.

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- All are free to add with your Chamber membership!
- All submissions route to our administrator for approval before they are published to the site.

Logging In to the Chamber Website

To add any of these listings, you must first log in to our website with a username and password that you have set up. If you aren't sure what that is, just contact us and ask!

For Events

1. Click on the **Events** button at the top of the screen.
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Feel free to contact us if you have questions as you add your information to our website – primary contact for this is Terry at (518) 725-0641 or via email at terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

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Tickets on sale for Sacandaga Protection Committee's Raffle – Top Prize \$10,000

Tickets are now on sale for the Sacandaga Protection Committee's (SPC) \$10,000 raffle which will support the group's work in protecting the environmental, economic and legal interests of the entire Great Sacandaga Lake community. The drawing will take place on Thursday, October 11, 2018 and announced at an SPC event at Sport Island Pub (108 Riverside Boulevard, Northville) at 8pm. Prizes will be awarded as follows: Grand Prize: \$10,000; 2nd Prize: \$1,000; 3rd Prize: \$500; in addition ten \$100 prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 will be sold. Tickets are currently available at the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce, 2 N. Main Street, Gloversville and at Kingsboro Lumber, 22 Gregory Street, Gloversville. Other ticket outlets may be announced at a later date.



Tickets also may be purchased by phone using a credit card by calling the Chamber at (518) 725-0641.

For more information about the raffle or tickets, please contact Terry Swierzowski at the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce at (518) 725-0641 or via email at terrys@fulton-montgomeryny.org.



Northville Central School District Establishes Family Tuition Rate

Welcome to **Northville**
Central School



The Northville Central School District has established a family tuition rate. The family tuition rate is intended to accommodate, within the resources and means of the district, those families who have expressed interest in sending their child(ren) to Northville Central School District from neighboring districts. The family tuition rate, set by the Board and subject

to change, is \$1,500 per student. A sliding scale will be offered to families who request enrollment of multiple children. This tuition rate is separate and distinct from the institution rate specifically calculated on actual per-pupil costs and held by mutual contract with collaborating school districts.

Since family tuition is dependent on the use of existing resources, the following conditions apply:

1. Parents must fill out an application and submit it to the District.

2. Consideration for admission is subject to availability of space in existing classrooms with existing teachers.

3. The needs of the student(s) must be met with existing programs and resources "in house," and not require any outside contracts or programs. Enrollment cannot result in the expenditure of additional local funds, the hiring of additional staff, or the waiver of an existing classroom teacher student ratio as established by contract.

4. Parents will be responsible to arrange transportation for child(ren) under the family tuition agreement. This will include identifying an emergency contact to transport the child(ren).

If you are interested in pursuing information about sending/transferring your children to the Northville Central School District, contact the Northville Superintendent's office at (518) 863-7000.

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Chamber Member News

Partnership Between Two Chamber Members on Billboard Draws People to Our Region

A partnership between McDonalds and owner Joe Gialil and the Holiday Inn Johnstown-Gloversville is bringing people off of the NYS Thruway to our region. The billboard, that sits on the NYS Thruway on the eastbound side between Fonda and Palatine Bridge, advertises both entities to show just a part of what we have to offer drivers if they stop.

Brian Hanaburgh, former owner of the Johnstown/Gloversville/Fonda, etc. McDonalds franchises started this board by partnering with the current landowner and TravelAmerica in 1989, when he opened the Fultonville McDonalds. McDonalds had been partnering to advertise itself and TravelAmerica, in Fultonville until last year when TravelAmerica decided to drop their partnership. Pat Schneider from McDonalds thought that Jim Landrio, the Holiday Inn General Manager, might be interested in the



opportunity – and he was. Pat said of the collaboration, “It was great to be able to partner with community businesses for this advertising, it is a win/win for everyone involved.”

The current McDonalds/Holiday Inn billboard was installed in the spring, drawing people off the Thruway to eat, sleep, and visit. Other than the NYS Thruway

wayfaring signage, advertising of any sort is hard to come by on the Thruway, so both the Holiday Inn and McDonald's know how valuable their billboard is. The billboard sits on a family farm and the current owner lives in Arizona, but still visits McDonalds when he's in town. It's a testament to a long-running relationship that is beneficial for all.

Joe Gialil owns 12 McDonalds franchises – Johnstown, Gloversville, Fultonville, Amsterdam, Palatine Bridge, Cobleskill, Cooperstown, Richfield Springs, Saratoga, Fort Edward, Dix Avenue in Queensbury and South Glens Falls. Their corporate office is on Wells Street in Johnstown. For more information visit www.mcdonalds.com or call (518) 762-2445.

The Holiday Inn Johnstown-Gloversville is located at 308 N. Comrie Avenue and is a full-service hotel with 100 guest rooms, business center, fitness center, restaurant, bar and banquet facility. They recently added a fire pit and extended patio dining, and just finished a multi-million dollar renovation to the banquet facility, restaurant, bar area and lobby. For more information call the Holiday Inn at (518) 762-4686 or visit them online at www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/johnstown/jntny/hoteldetail or on Facebook.

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National Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha celebrating 80th Anniversary Gala Celebration Planning Underway

To mark the occasion of its 80th Birthday, the National Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, located at 3636 State Highway 5 in Fonda, is hosting a Gala Celebration that will honor The Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, Bishop of Albany. The Gala is October 17, 2018 at the RiverStone Manor in Glenville, 6-9pm. Tickets can be purchased online at www.katerishrine.com.

This property began with the chapel, museum and friary buildings which date back to 1782. Grassmann Hall was added and many other improvements have been made over the years, and over these 80 years, thousands have come to visit what once was the Indian Village where Saint Kateri was baptized and lived most of her life.

Much of the improvements and maintenance has been done by a dedicated



small staff and small army of dedicated volunteers. As anyone knows, it takes a great deal of time, effort, and of course funds to continue the level of upkeep to maintain

a quality national shrine that will continue to attract visitors to our region.

From May 1 to October 31, the Shrine is open from 9am-6pm daily, the Gift Shop is

open 10am-4pm Friday through Monday, and office hours are 9:30am-12:30pm Monday through Friday. Saturday Vigil Mass is at 4:30pm, Sunday Mass at 10:30am. The Candle

Chapel, outdoor sanctuary, and hiking trails are open year round, dawn to dusk, weather permitting.

The Shrine has recently received a significant donation of Native American artifacts that will be archived at the museum and there are plans for additional improvements to the Shrine.

To that end, the 80th Anniversary Fundraising Committee of the Shrine is offering sponsorship opportunities for businesses and organizations who want to be involved with the event and support the work of the Shrine. They range from a Shrine Patron at \$100 to a Premier Sponsorship of \$5,000.

For more information please call the Shrine office at (518) 853-3646, visit the Shrine online at www.katerishrine.com or on Facebook or email nationalkaterishrine@gmail.com.

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Chamber Member News

Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts unveils 2018 New York State Summer Art Show

The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, located at 2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville, is proud to announce the opening of its 2018 New York State Summer Art Show. The show will be displayed until September 25. It features work in a wide variety of media from artists all around New York State, including local cities, Ballston Spa, Cambridge, Castleton, Delanson, Edinburg, Fort Plain, Hadley, Lake Pleasant, Lockport, Milton, New York City, Niskayuna, Olmstedville, Saranac Lake, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Scotia, St. Johnsville and more.

Forty-five artists are exhibiting more than 110 pieces in this show. The featured artists include Deborah Angilletta, Cheryl Bielli, Tiina Bockrath, Margaret Bromford, Lacy Brower, Lewis Bryden, Bob Buck, Doreen Calhoun, Donald Cooper, Richard Joel Davis, Constance A. Dodge, Carollee Duross, Bob Fisher, Dick Foster, Jutta Gloeckner, Lawrence Groesbeck, Deborah Handy, Alexandra Higgins, Sandra



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Through the generous support

of donors, the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts is able to offer awards and prizes to outstanding submissions in this show. Award winners will be announced at the Meet the Artists Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, July 12, from 6-8 p.m. All are welcome to attend, see the show and meet some of the featured artists. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees of the reception will receive free admission to the gallery.

The public is welcome to view the artwork in the Nigra Arts Center's Community Gallery throughout the show's run. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. The admission fee for the gallery is \$5 per person. Members of the Nigra Arts Center, children under the age of 18 and artists who have work in the current show are exempt from the admission fee. The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts is located at 2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville. For more information, please call (518) 661-9932 or visit www.pncreativeartscenter.org.

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The Caroga Historical Museum will host Bird of Prey presentation

The Caroga Historical Museum (CHM) is pleased to welcome wildlife rehabilitator, Diane Hime, along with her husband John for a Bird of Prey presentation on Wednesday, August 8th, at 2pm. Diane has been a rehabilitator for over ten years, specializing in fawns, porcupines, fox and raptors. For this event, Diane will be bringing with her three non-releasable raptors; a great horned owl, a barred owl and a red-tailed hawk.

Both John and Diane are board members of North Country Wild Care. North Country Wild Care (NCWC) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization formed in April 2001 to assist Wildlife Rehabilitators in their work. Their membership consists of a network of home based wildlife rehabili-



tators and other volunteers located in Schenectady, Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Albany, Rensselaer, Montgomery, Fulton and Essex Counties, New York. Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife back into their natural environment. You can learn more information about NCWC on the internet at northcountrywildcare.org or by visiting their Facebook page.

The event will be held on the museum grounds, 145 London Bridge Rd., in Caroga. Come to view the live raptors. Learn about wildlife rehabilitation and what you can do to help out wildlife. This event promises to be both educational and entertaining for young and old alike. Admission for this presentation is free and refreshments will be available. All donations are graciously accepted and will be used to help support the missions of North Country Wild Care as the organization is made up of volunteers and is not funded by any municipality. For more information concerning the event, contact the museum at 518-835-4400 or visit them online at www.caroga-museum.org or on Facebook: Caroga Historical Museum.



John and Diane Hime with Raptors.



Hootin' Annie, Great Horned Owl.

Radio Stations WENT FM 105.1 and AM1340 have been sold

An application has been filed with the Federal Communications Commission to transfer ownership from Whitney Radio Broadcasting, Inc. to THINK TANK Media Inc.

Whitney is led by President and General Manager Jack Scott. Michael Schaus is President of THINK TANK.

The process of approval is expected to take up to 90 days.

Schaus is a long-time area broadcaster, having held sales and management positions with iHEART Media (formerly Clear Channel) and Town Square Media, among others. He lives in Schenectady.

Schaus says he plans to keep the stations locally focused and community oriented.

"WENT has a stellar reputation for being a large part of the community. I am very excited to have the opportunity to carry on that tradition. I do not anticipate any changes with the format. Jack has assembled a great group of professionals who care about the community. I see the opportunity of expanding our connection to the community by increasing our digital/online presence."

Scott bought the stations in 1986. Since then, the stations have earned over 70 awards from the Associated Press, the New York State Broadcasters Association and the radio and television News Directors Association including an Edward R. Murrow award for investigative journalism.

WENT will observe its 75th anniversary in 2019.

For more information about the station, please visit them online at www.am1340went.com.



Chamber Member News

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs on Saturday, August 4



This pilgrimage is in memory of the first pilgrimage to the Shrine, located at 136 Shrine Road in Fultonville, which came from St. Joseph's Church in Troy, NY. Attendees will meet at the shrine and there will be a Latin Mass in the original chapel from 1885.

9:30 am – Traditional Latin Mass in the Original Chapel celebrated by Fr. James Lane

10:15 am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kateri Chapel followed by Confessions

11:00 am – Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament

11:15 am – Talk at Kateri Chapel – “Mary’s Assumption and the Hope of Eternal Life” by Daniel Clough

12:00 pm – Lunch and free time

1:00 pm – Tour of the Shrine

*Those who participate should bring a lawn chair or blanket since the chapel is too small to hold the faithful. (Please bring your own lunch). For more information, visit www.auriesvilleshrine.com or on Facebook.

Mountain Valley Hospice Invites You to its 30th Anniversary Party

You are invited to Mountain Valley Hospice’s 30th Anniversary Party on Tuesday, August 14, 5pm-7pm at the Nancy Dowd Hospice Home, 108 Steele Avenue in Gloversville. The event will honor Ellen Wood with its 1st Annual Nancy J. Dowd Humanitarian Award at 6pm that night. There will be a cash bar and finger foods. To RSVP, please call (518) 725-4545 or email receptionist@mvhcares.org. To find out more about Mountain Valley Hospice, visit them online at www.mvhcares.org or on Facebook.



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Upcoming Chamber Events

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Wednesday, August 2 – 8:00am

Eggs and Issues Event in Northville at Klippel's Kozy Korner

221 Bridge Street, Northville

An early morning conversation about what is important to your businesses and communities. Let's talk with Chamber staff, and fellow businesses, about tourism, marketing businesses/the region, advocacy, and more. We invite businesses, large and small, and their employees to come together for some great conversation and light breakfast. At this event, we are targeting businesses in Northville/Edinburg/Mayfield and the surrounding areas, but if the event fits into your schedule, we welcome all businesses to attend. RSVP required for planning purposes, contact Terry at the Chamber.

Thursday, August 23 – 8:30am

HFM PTECH Business Partner Meet and Greet

FMCC, 2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown

Hamilton Fulton Montgomery Pathways in Technology Early College High School (HFM PTECH), will be holding its annual Business Partner Meet and Greet on Thursday, August 23 at Fulton-Montgomery Community College. Business partners, mentors, anyone involved with the PTECH program or LOOKING TO BECOME INVOLVED are invited to attend. The schedule looks as follows:

- 8:30am: Breakfast with PTECH students – dining hall in Student Union building (optional)
- 9:00am: Icebreaker with students
- 9:30-11:00am: Student presentations

After the icebreaker, we invite those who can stay to serve as a guest judge to help give feedback to students presentations. Students will be tasked with designing, building, and marketing a modular building toy to appeal to a five to fourteen year old age group. Although the request is fictional, it comes from the CEO of Hasbro, Brian Goldner and you will play the role of the company representative.

Please RSVP to Nicole Walrath at nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org or Sarah Hafter sarah@fultonmontgomeryny.org no later than Monday, August 20 to indicate what you can participate in.

Thursday, August 23 – 4:30pm

– Open House 5pm-7pm

Ribbon Cutting/Open House at the new Mayfield Conference Center at The Sanctuary

141 Riceville Road, Gloversville

The Chamber will hold a ribbon-cutting event to officially begin the new Mayfield Conference Center's Grand Opening which will immediately follow. The event will feature tours of the building, great food and beverages, and more. The Grand Opening is open to Chamber members, their employees, and the public and is free of admission. RSVP is required for planning purposes – please email the Mayfield Conference Center at drewiy@aol.com if you will be attending.

Wednesday, September 12 – 8-10am

Active Shooter Preparedness Seminar – Facilitated by Fulton County Sheriff's Office

Holiday Inn Johnstown-Gloversville, 308 N. Comrie Avenue, Johnstown

As a business owner, you take measures to protect your business and provide for your employees. However, the threat of violence in the public realm and workplace is becoming an increasingly common occurrence.

This seminar, facilitated by the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, will cover the Department of Homeland Security's established guide lines on what you should do during an Active Shooter event. Some of the topics covered during this seminar will include:

- Preventive actions
- Run, Hide, Fight techniques
- Calling 911
- What to do when police arrive

There will also be a question and answer period following the presentation and there will be a continental breakfast served.

There is a \$10 fee for Chamber members and their employees and \$20 per person for future Chamber members. RSVP is required for planning purposes - please contact Terry at the Chamber at (518) 725-0641 or email terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

Tuesday, September 18

Tuesday Tour at the Saint Kateri National Shrine and Historic Site

3636 State Highway 5, Fonda

Chamber members and their employees are invited to see the Kateri Shrine and take an easy guided tour of the hiking trails surrounding the Shrine. The first part of the trail goes up to the site of the village. There you will see the placement of the structures as outlined in the original archeological excavation. From there it is a short walk down the path that leads to the spring where Saint Kateri was baptized. It's an easy and well-marked trail. Visit the gift shop, chapel and museum.

The Chamber is sponsoring this series of "Tuesday Tour" events in an effort to educate its members and the community about the region's businesses. A light breakfast will be served.

"Tuesday Tours" are free of admission for Chamber members and their employees, and RSVP is required for planning purposes. To RSVP please call the Chamber at (518) 725-0641 or e-mail terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org

Friday, September 21

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Tournament – The Tryon Cup

Amsterdam Municipal Golf Club, 158 Upper Van Dyke Avenue, Amsterdam

We will be hosting this great tournament in the autumn (in our estimation, the BEST TIME OF YEAR FOR GOLF) – on September 21 at Amsterdam Muni – and again this year our tournament will be styled after the famous Ryder Cup.

The Ryder Cup, a biennial tournament played by the best of the best, is one of the world's greatest sporting events. The tournament brings 24 of the best golfers from Europe and the United States together for a head-to-head golf competition. The Ryder Cup is September 28 through 30 this year near Paris, France, and the Chamber wants to join in on the fun and bring the camaraderie and sportsmanship seen at the Cup to your backyard!

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Chamber Member Anniversaries

The following businesses realize the value of their Chamber investment and have renewed their membership in the month of July of this year. Please note these member businesses and the year they joined! Thank you to all our renewing Chamber members:

Less than 5 Years

MVP Health Care	2017
Caren L. Pepper, Community Member	2017
Nick Stoner Inn & 19th Hole	2017
Craftsman Auto Glass	2016
G. Jeremiah Ryan	2016
Fonda Fairgrounds	2016
Kenyetto Graphics	2016
The ShoeLeather Express	2015
The Century Club	2016
Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts and Transitions	2015
Palatine Nursing Home	2015
Fulton Montgomery Quilt Barn Trail	2015
Bark N Play	2014
Eagle Exteriors, LLC	2014

5 to 9 Years

Jim's Odd Jobs and Jim's Bait Shop	2011
Dodge House Lakeside Gallery	2010
Employment Resources	2010
Sacandaga Protection Committee	2009

10 to 19 Years

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association	2008
Cranesville Properties	2008
AAA Northway Travel Center	2007
State Farm Persse-Langdon Agency	2007
EnergyNext, Inc	2006
Gloversville Business Improvement District ..	2006
The Shults Agency - Johnstown	2006
Shannon-Rose Design	2004
Weller Home Care Products	2004
Peck's Flowers	2004
Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge 1185	2004
Kinowski Agency, Inc	2004
A.G. Cole Funeral Home, Inc	2003
Southern Adirondack Pines Campground and Cabins	2003
Visiting Nurses Home Care - Johnstown	2003
Gladsmere Bed & Breakfast	2003
Mickey Parker Jr. - State Farm Insurance	2002
Super 8 Motel - Johnstown	2002
Town of Amsterdam	2001
Mangino Chevrolet	2001
Pops Lake Campground	2001
Perfection Cleaning Service	2001
Kathleen M. Catalano, DO, PC	2001
Edith Pryce, MD	2000
Amsterdam Pathology Associates	1999
Brown's Ford of Amsterdam/ Collision & Coachworks	1999
Power and Composite Technologies, LLC	1999

Countryside Fuels	1999
Egelston Energy Company	1999
State Farm Insurance-Beatty Agency	1999

20 Years or More – Congratulations and THANK YOU!

United Welding Supply Co., Inc	1998
Glenboork Farms	1998
RicMar Design & Print Shop	1998
The Recorder/McClary Media	1998
Alpin Haus	1997
Crystal Grove Diamond Mine & Campground ...	1996
Gordon's Lakeside Marine	1996
Park Marine Base, Inc	1995
Epimed International, Inc	1994
Glover Cities Rotary, Inc	1993
Seely Conover's Office Centre	1992
Harvey's Home, Garden & Pet Center/ Home Heating Headquarters	1992
Benjamin Moore & Co., Inc	1991
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Blue Flame Gas Co., Inc	1988
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**134 First Ave.,
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Spectacular restored Queen Anne Victorian with original detailing, stunning mix of hardwood finishes, 4 fireplaces, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Brand new kitchen with granite counters, chef's stove, pot filler, copper sink, s/s appliances. All major systems have been updated. The small yard is cozy with patio, deck and garden.



**110 Fairway Lane,
Amsterdam
REDUCED - \$224,900**

What a gorgeous setting for this Brownell built Post & Beam! The peace & privacy of this setting is almost unbelievable as it is located just around the corner from shopping, hospital, golf course, & minutes to NYS Thruway. Multi level contemporary, plenty of room for entertaining & quiet time.



**2 W. State St.,
Gloversville
\$349,900**

Gloversville's crown jewel is on the market! This 1863 Victorian has many original features including 8 fireplaces, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms. The home is stunning and so is the surrounding grounds which include a 3 unit rental. This has the potential to be the area's newest Bed & Breakfast! If you would love to see it...give me a call!

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Chamber Member News

Foothills United Methodist Church Foundation Schedules Golf Tournament

The Foothills United Methodist Church has scheduled a benefit golf tournament on Saturday, August 18 at Fox Run Golf Club, Fox Run Drive in Johnstown. Win a 2018 RAV4 XLE for a Hole In One!!

8:00AM Registration 9:00AM Shot Gun Start - 4 Person Scramble format

\$100 Per Golfer - Entry Fees should be in to Foothills United Methodist Church no later than August 8th.

Includes 18 holes, Cart, Breakfast, Lunch, Prizes, & Fun!

Lunch buffet only guests welcomed at \$30 per person.

Checks payable to: Foothills United Methodist Church, 17 Fremont St., Gloversville, NY 12078

For more info contact Pete Cirillo at 518-360-7798 or petecirillo516@gmail.com.



Members of the Foothills United Methodist Church Foundation pose with the 2018 RAV4 XLE that you can win at this golf tournament for a hole-in-one!

Soroptimist International of Fulton and Montgomery Counties extends Call for Artists

Art Show Scheduled for October 2018 to Showcase Women Artists and/or Women-Centered Artwork

Soroptimist International of Fulton and Montgomery Counties (Soroptimist) is extending a Call for Artists to participate in its Art Show in October 2018 entitled "Best for Women" The show will take place in the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce's Art Gallery, located at the Chamber's office at 2 N. Main Street, Gloversville.

Soroptimist is looking for artists who live or work in the region to participate who use art to express themselves professionally, as a lifestyle, or as a hobby. Artwork will be accepted in any medium, including high-end crafts, sculp-



ture, painting, drawings, collage, etc. The artwork should be either created by a woman/women or be women focused. All two-dimensional artwork must be framed and ready for hanging. The exhibit will be displayed in the Chamber Gallery throughout the month of October. Artwork for the exhibit can be offered for sale.

Interested artists should electronically submit low-resolution photos of artwork with a description, and artist bio that includes contact information, no later than August 24 to the Art Show Chair Sarah Hafter at sarahhafter@gmail.com. Artists selected for the exhibit will be contacted during the week of September 10. A nominal \$5 fee for each piece of artwork that is accepted and displayed will be designated for Soroptimist Scholarship programs. Annually the group awards up to \$10,000 to deserving students in the two-county region.

For more information please contact Sarah Hafter via email or at (518) 332-5469.

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our golf tournament or any of our other events,
please contact the Nathan Littauer Foundation
at 518-773-5505 or kcolby@nlh.org.

Tourism News



Gina DaBiere-Gibbs
Director of Tourism

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Life Vest Donation

Recently, the Yamaha Motor Corporation generously donated approximately \$10,000 worth of Personal Flotation Devices (life vests) to the Sacandaga Safe Lake Initiative. This is the second year that Yamaha has made a substantial donation of life vests. The Sacandaga Safe Lake Initiative expresses its sincerest thanks to the Yamaha



Members of the Sacandaga Safe Lake Initiative working group accepting life vest donation from Yamaha Motor Corporation.

Motor Corporation.

The Yamaha life vests will be used by regional law enforcement in numerous capacities, including but not limited to enhancement of community

policing. Rather than strictly punitive enforcement, officers patrolling the lake can provide waterway recreational users with a new life vest rather than a fine. This program allows officers to engage the public in a positive, supportive manner, all while adhering to continuous process improvement strategies which are focused on lake safety.

The Sacandaga Safe Lake Initiative further wishes to extend its gratitude to Fulton County Sheriff Richard Giardino for creating the working group and embracing a forward-thinking approach to community policing. By assembling waterway user groups with vested interest in safety, and fostering engagement with law enforcement, the Sacandaga Safe Lake Initiative working group can support and impact the efforts of first responders and officers.

The multidisciplinary Safe Lake working group is comprised of several individuals and organizations interested in promoting year-round safety on the lake. Its members include the Great Sacandaga Lake Association, Sean Craig Fund, Henry Ross III Foundation, Watercraft Network, Craftsman Auto Glass, Alpin Haus, Fuel-n-Food, Kingsboro Lumber, Fulton Montgomery Regional

Chamber of Commerce, United States Power Squadron Great Sacandaga Chapter, Department of Environmental Conservation, NY State Police, Fulton and Saratoga Counties Sheriff's Departments, town and county government departments and agencies, as well as local businesses and marinas who share the lake.

For further information about the Sacandaga Safe Lake Initiative, please contact Peter Byron at gsacandaga@msn.com.

Bicycle Friendly Businesses

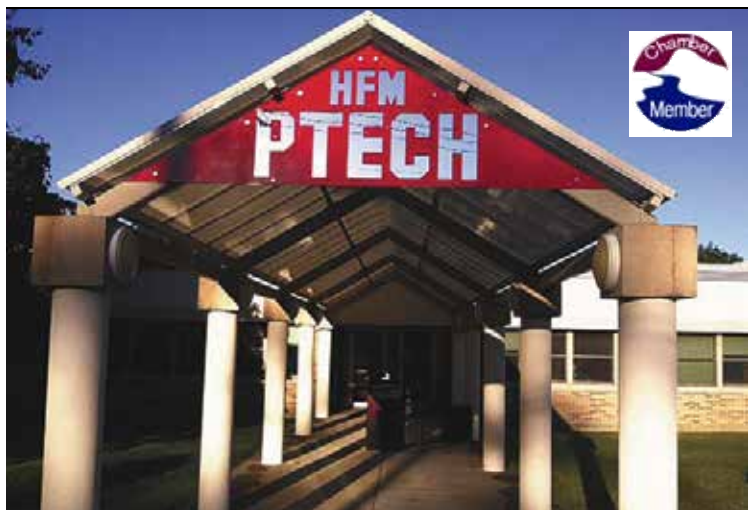
The Chamber's office located at 1166 Riverfront Center, Amsterdam is now certified as bicycle friendly. Bike Friendly New York (BFNY) launched in 2017 as a bicycle friendly certification program administered by Parks & Trails New York (PTNY) and the New York State Canal Corporation. BFNY aims to recognize and promote businesses that provide special accommodations for bicyclists. A wide range of businesses can apply for bike-friendly certification, including restaurants and bars, lodging, shops, and museums. BFNY was conceived with businesses located along the

statewide Erie Canalway Trail in mind; however, eligible businesses across New York may apply and be certified.

Bike Friendly New York is meant to raise the level of service and create a more welcoming environment for cyclists on New York's trails and cycling routes, as well as encouraging local cycling-related economic development. You can learn more about PTNY's work to enhance the State's park and trail system, as well as the organization's role in promoting the Canalway Trail as a community resource and tourism destination through a partnership with the NYS Canal Corporation at www.ptny.org. To learn more about the BFNY program visit www.ptny.org/bikefriendly.

Other bike-friendly certified attractions and businesses in Montgomery County: Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Erie Canal House, Arkell Museum, Lee's Shops at Wagner Square, The Pineapple House, Diefendorf Hall Cultural Heritage Center, A White Rose Bed and Breakfast, 1894 Kingsbury House.

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Contact Nicole Walrath at

(518) 725-0641 or nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org for more information.



Tourism News

Tourism, continued
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The Harvester Cycling Event

The Fulton County Tourism Department wants to remind you that registration for The Harvester Cycling event is still open. This event is a fully-supported, 2-day cycling tour showcasing the pastoral agricultural landscape and rich history of Fulton County, the Mohawk Valley, and southern Adirondacks.

The event will take place September 29 and 30, 2018. The ride features interactive route stops allowing cyclists to learn about the agriculture and history that provided the foundation and continue to support the local and regional economies. Each day will include multiple ride routes for all abilities and feature stops at local farms and historic sites.



Cyclist on Erie Canalway Trail

The Goods:

- 2-Day tour with multiple fully supported routes for all ages and ability levels.
- Registration includes route, meals, medical and mechanical support, educational opportunities, entertainment

and an event T-shirt.

- The finish line event is open to all and features live music and local craft beverages.

Visit cycleadirondecks.com/harvester for registration information. Partial proceeds

from the event support the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. And thank you to our current sponsors Benjamin Moore & Co., Inc.

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For more information about the Harvester please contact Gina DaBiere-Gibbs, Director of Tourism, at (518)725-0641 or tourism@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

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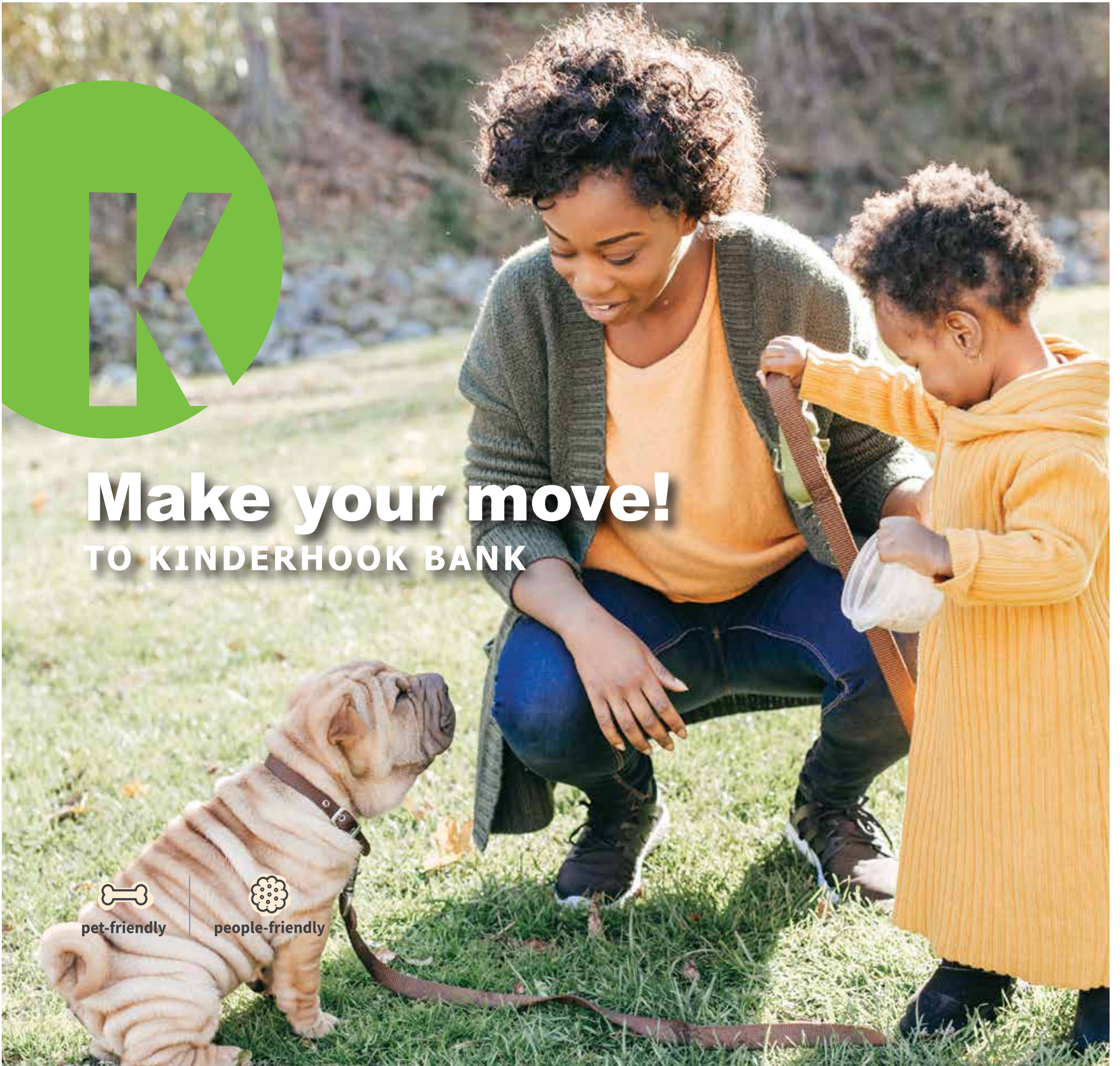


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