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## Stefanik Tours Broadalbin Manufacturing During District Visit

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik was treated to a tour of Broadalbin Manufacturing Corp. during a recent District visit.

The company is a full-service precision metal fabricator with state of the art equipment and specializes in the process of cutting, welding and fabricating metals using computer programmable equipment and high-definition plasma cutters.

Mike Deuel, who has owned the business since 2004, led the tour, while expressing to Stefanik the successes and challenges faced by his organization.

Stefanik's visit was facilitated by Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber President Mark Kilmer, who explained that Broadalbin Manufacturing is a one

example of a local company doing exceptional work and adding a great deal to the success of the region.

The company's website gives the history of the company, noting that Barry Winney started Broadalbin Manufacturing in 1970 doing welding and torch cutting for local businesses and farmers. By 1985, when Jim Stark purchased the company, it had grown into a full service precision metal fabricator with state of the art equipment. When Stark decided to move on, long-time employee and Broadalbin native, Deuel purchased the business.

The site notes, "Broadalbin Manufacturing can supply anything

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Congresswoman Elise Stefanik receives a tour of Broadalbin Manufacturing by owner Mike Deuel. Behind the two are Mark Kilmer, President of the Fulton Montgomery County Regional Chamber of Commerce, right, and Nicole Tennant Executive Assistant at the Chamber, left, along with other members of the Broadalbin Manufacturing team.

## HFM Career and Technical Center partners with Fulton Montgomery Chamber

**By: Jay DeTraglia**

Director at HFM Career and Technical Education Center

"I love it here" is a comment often stated by students attending the HFM Career and Technical Center. In fact, an

overwhelming majority of HFM Career and Technical Education (CTE) students say they would recommend the program to others.

The center, located on Route 67 in Johnstown

next to Fulton-Montgomery Community College, offers 16 career education programs for high school juniors and seniors from Hamilton, Fulton, and Montgomery counties.

With an average completion rate of 99%, HFM CTE students are prepared to immediately enter the workforce and/or continue their post-secondary studies. There are currently over 50 articulation agreements in place with colleges and universities to afford students the opportunity to earn advanced college standing. Approximately 75% of HFM CTE students continue their education following high

school graduation.

CTE teachers work closely with regional businesses and industries to ensure their programs align with the demands of the current labor market and

that students are prepared as possible for the workforce.

The programs include advisory councils comprised of

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An HFM Career and Technical Education student practices his skills during a CTE program.



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## Letter from the President

### Sweater Weather

By the time you are reading this, it will probably be mid-September. Traditionally, folks think of the Labor Day Weekend as the official end of summer, and I would agree with that.

However, I believe that in Fulton and Montgomery Counties we are headed into one of the most beautiful times of the year, when visitors and residents get the chance to enjoy the majesty of this area.

I like to call these cooler months, "sweater weather," thanks to the crisp air, cool nights and warm days.

At this time, when the beaches are more empty than they were in the height of summer, a warm day can make for a perfect picnic or long walk.

Campsites are often open until late September into October, and there is no better time to spend a busy day outdoors, then sit around the campfire at night.

It's also the perfect time to get out into the woods in these Southern Adirondacks and hike the many trails. If you are lucky you can stand still, simply breathe the clear air, and watch some falling leaves drift slowly to the ground.

With spectacular waterways in both Fulton and Montgomery counties, it's a treat during the fall to go boating on the Great Sacandaga Lake, canoeing at any of the many pristine lakes, rivers and streams, or kayak on the amazing Erie Canal.

Bikers have an opportunity to get a glimpse of the Erie Canal and its groundbreaking lock system from the newly-extended rail trail recreation path on the banks of the Mohawk River.

It's also festival season, and craft fairs, pumpkin patches, apple orchards and other agri-tourism activities bring home the cozy feeling of preparing for winter. Antiques and other quaint shops are located in every corner of our area. The search for these treasures, plus lunch or dinner in any of our excellent restaurants, makes for a truly memorable day.

It's all here. During this favorite time, enjoy and re-explore the Fulton and Montgomery Counties region. You will have a wonderful time enjoying all the amenities for visitors and residents that our communities have to offer. And don't forget to pack that sweater!



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# Anderson-Negele Welcomes New Leader and Company Integration in Fultonville

Anderson-Negele, a global instrumentation company with headquarters in Fultonville, NY, announced an organizational and structural change that will involve a new Vice President / General Manager, as well as an alignment of one company into another.

According to a release from the company, the moves “will continue to accelerate the growth of the business and support quality and efficiency of our customers’ operations.”

Anderson-Negele is a global instrumentation company with the mission to provide complete sensor solutions and services for hygienic process engineers in dairy, food and pharmaceuticals. “In short,” the organization’s release states, “it ensures safe production of anything you can eat, drink, rub onto, or inject into your body.” The business serves its worldwide customers from its global headquarters and staff in Fultonville, along with European headquarters and staff from its Bavaria, Germany facility, in conjunction with sales and service team members around the world.

Current VP/General Manager Parker Burke will transition from Anderson-Negele to Industrial Scientific Corporation, assuming the role of Senior Vice President, General Manager located in



**Parker Burke**

Pittsburgh, PA. Industrial Scientific is an operating company within Fortive, which Anderson-Negele is also a part of. Parker joined Anderson-Negele in 2016 and has continued to build on the legacy of the Anderson-Negele business in Fultonville.

“Parker’s tenure at Anderson-Negele included recognition as the Most Improved Quality in Fortive in 2018, year-over-year improvements in our Employee Experience results, and accelerating growth and globalization of the Anderson-Negele business,” said Pat Murphy, Senior Vice President of Fortive.

Joining Anderson-Negele as Vice President and General Manager is Cathy Clausen. Cathy joins Anderson-Negele from Venture Measurement, where she has been the Vice President and General



**Cathy Clausen**

Manager. Cathy joined Fortive in 2010 as the Director of Engineering at Specialty Product Technologies (SPT) in Elizabethtown, NC and went on to hold roles in marketing at SPT before taking on her most recent position in November, 2017.

“Cathy has transformed the technology and customer experience at Venture Measurement, spearheading the development and release of groundbreaking software technologies in the farm and feed industry, and I am confident she will continue to accelerate the customer-centric strategy at Anderson-Negele” Murphy said.

The release stated that as a part of this organizational change, “we will also be aligning the Venture Measurement business into Anderson-Negele, reporting to Cathy.

This is an exciting development that will continue to build on the capabilities of the Anderson-Negele and Venture Measurement teams.” Venture Measurement is the parent company of the Bindicator®, Kistler-Morse®, AccuBin™ and Niagara Meters® brands, located in Spartanburg, SC. The company designs, manufactures and supplies measurement equipment including level instruments, weigh sensors, and flow meters. Products include point and continuous level indicators, diaphragm switches, level switches, inventory control systems, liquid level gauges, microcells, load stands and flow meters. Their measurement devices are used in industries like agriculture, sanitary food, plastic production, oil and gas production/distribution, pharmaceutical production, general chemical production, and electronics component manufacturing. The products are available and distributed worldwide.

## Company History

In 1930, The Anderson Instrument Company was founded in upstate New York by Frank Anderson for the repair of mechanical chart recorders for pasteurization of milk. Anderson was a jeweler and clock repair expert who went bankrupt in the Great Depression, and began repair-

ing mechanical chart recorders in Buffalo before relocating to Fultonville, where he expanded his repair focus to include pressure and temperature indicators.

In the 1950s, Anderson began producing its own recorders and instrumentation for the dairy industry, expanding to include transmitter lines to address the needs of other hygienic food and beverage processors. In 1993 Anderson launched its life sciences product line and was soon after acquired by Fortive Corporation.

In 2004, Anderson joined with Germany-based Negele Messtechnik GmbH, a renowned specialist with more than 35 years expertise in hygienic process instrumentation. Known globally under the Anderson-Negele brand, Anderson-Negele has a reputation as a leading manufacturer of top-quality hygienic sensor solutions and application expertise.

The company has manufacturing facilities in the United States and Germany and sales & service offices in the U.S., Europe, China, India, and Mexico.

The release noted that Anderson-Negele is “always looking for great people to help us accelerate progress.” Visit their website at [www.anderson-negele.com/us](http://www.anderson-negele.com/us).

## Nathan Littauer Hospital Recognized for Lactation Care

The International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners® (IBLCE®) and International Lactation Consultant Association® (ILCA®) have recognized Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home for excellence in lactation care.

“This is huge. We’ve taken quite a few steps forward when it comes to new technology and medical practices in breastfeeding support,” says Nancy Quinlan, RN, IBCLC. “A lot of our patients are excited. They even say we are a medical practice leader.”

Nathan Littauer received the IBCLC Care Award in recognition of staffing professionals who hold the prestigious International Board-

Certified Lactation Consultant® (IBCLC®) certification and providing a lactation program for breastfeeding families. In addition, Nathan Littauer hosted a World Breastfeeding Week event in August to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding.

IBC Lactation Consultants focus on preventive care, so that they are available during pregnancy to assess and provide information on how to successfully initiate breastfeeding. They continue that assistance after the baby is born by helping families overcome breastfeeding challenges, providing accurate information, and continuing to support them as the baby grows. They assist families re-

turning to work or school, help families in more unusual situations such as a patient breastfeeding more than one baby, or a patient nursing a sick or premature infant, and help train nursing staff to manage basic breastfeeding care.

“Receiving this award is of great importance to all of our professions,” said Cheryl McGrattan, Vice President of Marketing and Communications. “The care of our patients and the important role we play in the instruction of our staff and breastfeeding mothers means a lot to us.”

As allied health care professionals with the leading internationally

recognized certification for professional lactation services, IBCLC professionals work in hospitals and birthing centers, clinics, public health agencies, private practice, community settings, government agencies, and in research. There are currently more than 31,000 such professionals in 110 countries worldwide that are IBCLC’s ([www.iblce.org](http://www.iblce.org)). The IBCLC certification program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies® (NCCA®). NCCA accreditation represents a mark of quality for certification programs.

More information can be found by visiting [www.nlh.org](http://www.nlh.org).



# Large Field Expected At Chamber Golf Tourney

## Generous Sponsors To Make Day Great for Golfers



Many generous corporate sponsors, along with a full-field of golfers, is expected to make the Fulton Montgomery Chamber of Commerce's Golf Tournament a fun-filled fund-raising day on Friday, Sept. 20.

Funds from the event will support the high-school scholarship program spearheaded by the Chamber, as well as to present business-enhancing programming for members of the Chamber throughout the year. In June 2019, four worthy seniors from local high schools were awarded \$1,000 each in scholarship money.

Golfer slots are still available for the event, according to Chamber officials, and sponsors will continue to be welcomed throughout the weeks before the tournament, set to begin at 11 a.m. at Hales Mills Country Club in Johnstown.

Golfers will receive a signature souvenir gift, as well as breakfast treats, a barbecue-style lunch served hot from the grill on the course, beverages on the course, an hors d'oeuvres hour immediately after play, and dinner. Awards will be given for the lowest-scoring foursomes, as well as to contest winners. An

optional skins game is also planned.

Players can also join a raffle for one of dozens of golf-related prizes. Individual golfers may join the tournament for \$150.

As of Aug. 27, sponsors included Apparel Sponsor St. Mary's Healthcare; Dinner Sponsor Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home; Cocktail Hour Sponsor FirstLight; Lunch Sponsors Dollar General, Miracle Ear, National Grid (Scholarship Supporter) and SWANY America Corp.; Beverage Cart Sponsors Community Bank,

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For more information about the tournament, or for sponsor or golfer information, contact the Chamber at (518) 725-0641; or sign-up online at [www.FultonMontgomeryNY.org](http://www.FultonMontgomeryNY.org).

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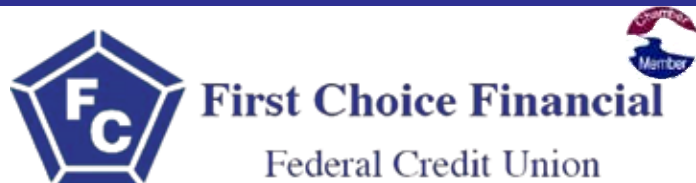


Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, center, poses with Broadalbin Manufacturing Owner Mike Dueul, to her right, and Mark Kilmer, President of the Fulton Montgomery County Regional Chamber of Commerce, to her left. Also shown are Broadalbin's Town Supervisor Sheila Perry at far left, and other important members of the Broadalbin Manufacturing team.

made from steel, including everything from architectural steel to precision mechanical components. No job is too big, or too small. Custom truck racks for contractors, tables and other architectural pieces, ice shanty skids and snow plow repairs are all examples of the projects completed at Broadalbin Manufacturing."

Kilmer said he is grateful for district visits in our region by any of our elected representatives. He said, "An ongoing dialogue and open communication about what is working well, as well as how legislators can help businesses rise above challenges, is always time well-spent."

RIGHT: Elise Stefanik smiles as Mark Kilmer, President of the Fulton Montgomery County Regional Chamber of Commerce talks about the success of Broadalbin Manufacturing while Broadalbin's Town Supervisor Sheila Perry listens along with members of the Broadalbin Manufacturing team.



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# NYSERDA Offers Street Lighting Academy to Local Governments

NYSERDA and the Lighting Research Center of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute are teaming up for the LED Street Lighting Academy – a series of four monthly webinars to educate local governments on LED street lighting options and better prepare municipal decision-makers for interacting with contractors and the public.

Amy Wyant, NYSERDA's Clean Energy Community Coordinator for the Mohawk Valley Region, said "Converting municipal Streetlights to LED is one of the hot topics around many municipal board tables and we wanted to let you know about the free resources that are available to you and your municipality to help answer the many questions that can, and usually do pop up during these discussions."

Organizers recommend that government representatives sign up for all 4 programs. The webinars will take place on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM on the following dates:

**September 10, 2019 | LED Street Lighting – Help is on the Way:** This seminar will introduce the LRC, its capabilities, and services available through this project. It will also review the street lighting decision making process, basics of LED street lighting, and important characteristics to consider when planning a street lighting instal-



Before/After photos show the difference between LED street lighting and older lighting.

lation or retrofit.

**October 8, 2019 | Talking Tech – How LED Street Lights Compare:** This seminar will present an overview of LED street lighting technology, systems, and products. The goal of the presentation is to assist municipal decision makers to critically analyze LED products under consideration, and select the best products to meet their project goals and objectives. Information will include light distribution characteristics of various LED street lighting product types, as well as accurately determining wattage equivalents for existing high-pressure sodium (HPS) or metal halide (MH) street

lights. Presenters will discuss system life, failure mechanisms, and maintenance requirements. The presentation will also include a checklist of important questions to ask contractors when considering purchase and installation of new street lighting equipment.

**November 12, 2019 | Planning for Success with LED Street Lighting –** The seminar will present information on the design, layout, and application of LED street lighting. The goal of the presentation is to assist municipal decision makers to make the best decisions when planning/designing/installing/retrofitting existing or new street lighting installations. The seminar will include

information on important street lighting design considerations including light levels, lighting uniformity and distribution, glare, light pollution (skyglow and light trespass) as well as aesthetic/appearance considerations, and addressing budgetary constraints. The presenters will also discuss lighting considerations for sidewalks, crosswalks, and other areas along streets and roadways.

**December 10, 2019 | Understanding Impacts on the Public**

– This seminar will present information on the human-factor considerations of LED street lighting. The goal of the presentation is to assist municipal decision makers to better understand the interaction of street lighting and people. Topics that will be covered in the seminar include color consideration of LED street lighting (color appearance of the light as well as of illuminated objects/people), brightness perception, safety, security, crime prevention, implications of LED street lighting for human health and wellbeing, and interaction of LED street lighting and economic development. The seminar will also discuss adaptive street lighting, and intelligent/connected LED street lighting control systems and strategies.

For more information or to register, visit [www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec](http://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec) or email: [cec@nyserdera.ny.gov](mailto:cec@nyserdera.ny.gov).

## Nigra Arts Center Seeks Artists for Fall Art Show

The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts is seeking artists to participate in its 2019 Fall Art Show.

The show is open to works of all media from artists across the nation and beyond. All artists are welcome to submit.

The 2019 Fall Art Show will be on display from Oct. 30, 2019, to Jan. 7, 2020, at the Nigra Center, located at 2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville. Throughout its run, the Center will host a number of special events to encourage the public to visit and enjoy the artwork. Artists may submit work now until October 6 through [www.OnlineJuriedShows.com](http://www.OnlineJuriedShows.com).

Please note that this is not a juried show, but this website is used for ease of submission and selection by the curators. Artists who wish to submit should visit the website and scroll down until they find the Fall Art Show. Further submission guidelines are available there.

Through the generous donations of supporters, the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts is able to offer awards and prizes to outstanding submissions. All winners will also receive a membership to the Nigra Arts

Center, which grants them access to special events and discounts on classes, workshops and future gallery submissions.

The fee for entry of up to three works is \$15 for members of the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts or \$25 for non-members. Artists may submit an additional two entries maximum for a fee of \$7 each for members or \$10 each for non-members. Notification of acceptance will be sent out by Oct. 10 and the dates for drop-off or mailing of artwork are Oct. 23-25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts will hold a public opening and Meet the Artists Reception on Thursday, November 7, from 6-8 p.m. Attendees of the reception will receive free admission to the gallery. The public is also welcome to view the show throughout its run. The regular gallery admission fee is \$5. Members of the Nigra Arts Center, children under the age of 18 and participating artists are admitted for free.

For more information about this show or the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, call (518) 661-9932 or visit [www.pncreativeartscenter.org](http://www.pncreativeartscenter.org).



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#### Executive Order on Health Costs to Affect Employer Health Plans

President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order aimed at improving price and quality transparency in health care. The order is intended to increase availability of health care price and quality information and protect patients from surprise medical bills.

#### What's in the Order?

Specifically, the order is aimed at:

- Eliminating unnecessary barriers to price and quality transparency
- Increasing the availability of meaningful price and quality information for patients
- Enhancing patients' control over their own health care resources, including through tax-preferred medical accounts
- Protecting patients from surprise medical bills

### Employer Impact

Within 120 days, the order directs the Treasury to issue guidance to expand access to high-deductible health plans.

Additionally, the order directs the Treasury to propose regulations within 180 days to:

- Treat expenses related to certain types of arrangements—potentially including direct primary care arrangements and health care sharing ministries—as eligible medical expenses
- Increase the amount of funds that can carry over without penalty at the end of the year for flexible spending accounts

### Final Rule Expands Options for HRAs

Health officials issued a final rule that expands the usability of health reimbursement arrangements (HRAs).

Effective in 2020, the final rule establishes two new types of HRAs:

The Individual Coverage HRA allows employers to offer an HRA to be used to reimburse the cost of individual market premiums on a tax-preferred basis, subject to certain conditions, as an alternative to traditional group health plan coverage.

The Excepted Benefits HRA allows employers that offer traditional group coverage to provide an HRA of up to \$1,800 per year (as adjusted) to reimburse certain qualified medical expenses.

## Join the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber in Taking Action Against Cancer

Did you know 1 in 5 cancer deaths are caused by breast, cervical and colorectal cancer? Just about everyone has someone in their family, a friend, co-worker, or neighbor who has been diagnosed or affected by cancer.

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce has joined the list of employers and businesses who have chosen to create policies that allow them do their part in helping prevent cancer by offering employees a paid time off benefit for cancer screening.

Adopting a policy similar to this can help businesses ensure employees don't miss their recommended cancer screenings.

This benefit is separate from regular paid time off, or sick time, because employees use designated time off to get their recommended cancer screenings. Cancer screenings can find cancer early, which improves chances for successful treatment. Early detection is key and lowers costs which is why getting recommended cancer screenings is so important. And employees

with paid time off for health screenings are more likely to get screened for cancer than employees without it.

This summer, the Fulton Montgomery Chamber of Commerce worked with the Cancer Prevention in Action of Fulton, Montgomery, and Schenectady Counties at St. Mary's Healthcare to talk about paid time off for cancer screenings.

Their team brought to our attention the importance of cancer screenings and what we could do. We also realized that in addition to showing we value our employee health with this benefit, it makes business sense to save in health care costs and lost productivity if our employees were diagnosed with cancer and needed treatment.

The Chamber encourages our members to join us in taking action against cancer by providing a paid time off benefit for cancer screenings. There's no fee or requirement to get started. Contact Ginger Champain at the Cancer Prevention in Action Program at St. Mary's Healthcare, (518) 770-6815 to learn more.

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## Ribbon Cutting: Cricket Wireless



Cricket Wireless celebrated a grand opening in Gloversville, at 372 N. Main St. Cricket “offers the best value in wireless and deals on favorite brands with vast network coverage.” Community supporters including Mayor Vince DeSantis, FM Chamber President and Mark Kilmer, WENT Radio President and GM Michael Schaus, Cricket staff, and the inflatable Cricket Man all joined to welcome another new business to our region.

### Welcome New Members!

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## Agricultural Business of the Year: Ag PTECH, St. Johnsville

*Editor's Note: Each month the Newsline will highlight one of the eight businesses and individuals who received recognition at the Chamber's Annual Celebration in early 2019. Congratulations!*

Ag PTECH was born when a consortium of Canajoharie Central School District, HFM BOCES, local businesses and area colleges was one of seven winners of funding from New York State Pathways in Technology Early College High School (PTECH) partnership awards in 2015.

Ag PTECH was launched during the 2016-17 school year with the vision of equipping students in the region with the skills needed to fill in-demand and high-tech jobs in a wide range of agriculture careers.

Through the program, students earn an associate degree from SUNY Cobleskill in one of four agriculture pathways, including agriculture business, agricultural engineering, animal sciences and environmental science.

Ag PTECH's 9th- and 10th-graders attend school in the former D. H. Robbins Elementary School building in St. Johnsville in a project-based learning environment. They take college credit-bearing courses from their first year and work in groups to research and develop solutions to real-world challenges. Students spend their 11th- and 12th-grade years on the SUNY Cobleskill campus, as well as years 13 and 14 if needed.

Business partners in the regional agriculture community work closely with the school's educators to provide PTECH students with workplace experiences and help them learn professional skills.



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# Ribbon Cutting: Hazzard Fitness and Tan



Hazzard Fitness and Tan celebrated their grand opening at 26 Dutchtown Plaza in Palatine Bridge in August. The event included multiple vendors, a chicken BBQ, raffles, prizes, weightlifting, and tons of fun. The Chamber fittingly hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony with owners Derek and Nichole, as well as local business professionals, community supporters, representatives from the Canajoharie-Palatine Chamber of Commerce, NYS Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, Palatine Mayor Jim Post, and many others.

In addition to their physical fitness center and tanning facilities, Hazzard Fitness and Tan offers hydro massages, a sauna, personal training, boxing, yoga, and also has an onsite barber. For more information, contact them at (518) 881-9872, visit them in person at 26 Dutchtown Plaza in Palatine, or visit their business online at [www.hazzardfitness.com](http://www.hazzardfitness.com).

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## Chamber Member News

**Sept. 9, 2019**

### "Yoga for Everyone"

Abbey Ballard, Certified Kripaula Yoga Instructor, will teach an 8-week series, "Yoga for Everyone," on Monday evenings in Amsterdam beginning Sept. 9.

The sessions are presented by St. Mary's Healthcare, Amsterdam and hosted by the Center for Complementary Therapies. This unique relaxation technique offers beginners and more experienced yoga-goers a calming and energizing experience.

Sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 5 - 6:15 p.m. between September 9 and October 28 at the Inman Center, 53 Guy Park Avenue in Amsterdam.

The cost for all 8 classes is \$115.00. Checks can be made payable to the "St. Mary's Center for Complementary Therapies" and mailed to 380 Guy Park Ave., Amsterdam, NY 12010.

To register for "Yoga for Everyone," please contact the Center for Complementary Therapies at (518) 841-7146 prior to Sept. 5. Please note that St. Mary's associates, volunteers and Auxilians are eligible for a 50% discount.

This gentle approach to creating balance and harmony in the body, mind, and spirit will be taught Ballard, a lifetime-area resident who is also a licensed massage therapist. Participants are encouraged to allow one's own body to guide, and not force the body into discomfort. Modifications of postures will be offered to accommodate those with special needs. Participants of all levels are invited to take the classes. Attendees should wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat, bath towel and blanket.

For more information or to register for the fall series, please contact Sister Rita Jean DuBrey, director of the St. Mary's Center for Complementary Therapies at (518) 841-7146.

**Saturday, Sept. 22**

### Glove and Leather Sites Open for Trolley Tour

On September 22nd, hop aboard the red trolley with the Fulton County Historical Society and the Fulton County Historian and discover some of Gloversville and Johnstown's fascinating sites related to the glove and leather industries.

The Johnstown Historical Society will have the museum, the Burk Inn, and the Drumm House open for tour attendees from 11:30-12:45 (the Drumm House guided tour begins at 12:15). Then, meet your tour guide outside of the Johnstown Historical Society and board the trolley. The tour will travel to various sites throughout the Glove Cities and then stop at the Fulton County Museum in Gloversville for a viewing of the Hand in Glove art exhibit and some light refreshments. The last stop of the tour will be a special VIP visit to Townsend Leather, where we'll see the facility and learn about what a 21st century business in the industry does. This event is part of the Year of the Glove.

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$20 for FCHS members. Reservations are REQUIRED and



space is LIMITED. Walk-ons will may not be able to be accommodated. Reservations can be made online at [fultoncountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://fultoncountyhistoricalsociety.org) or by mailing a check to the FCHS at PO Box 711 Gloversville, NY 12078.

The Johnstown Historical Society is located at 17 N. William St., Johnstown. Free parking is available.

**Sunday, Sept. 22**

### Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market Schedules Eighth Annual Harvest dinner

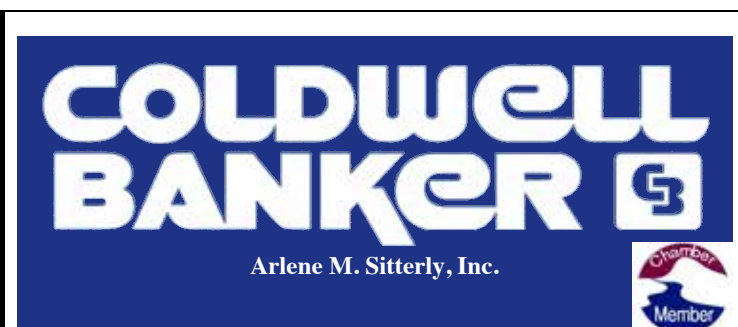
*Event Features a Sampling of the Best Chefs and Local Foods in our Region*

The Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market (Co-op) is hosting its Eighth Annual HARVEST DINNER, Sunday September 22, at The Eccentric Club, 109 N. Main Street, Gloversville. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. The event offers a five-course meal, including wine, prepared by some of the best chefs in our region, highlighting the freshest ingredients from local farmers and producers. Tickets are \$50 per person for Co-op member-shareholders, and \$60 for the general public, and will be available at Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market, 30 N. Main Street, Gloversville. Tickets sales for Member-Shareholders will start on August 19 and ticket sales for the general public will begin on September 2.

The event stars Chef Chris Rose of Sam's Seafood Steakhouse, Johnstown; Chef Rob Hanna from the Inn at the Bridge, Northville; Chef Seth Corey of Salt in Broadalbin; Chef Andrew Dench of the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, Gloversville and Chef Dan Lentini from the Co-op. There will be desserts from Cravings Bakery and from Sweet Dee\_lights of Gloversville. Coffee products that will be served were roasted by Kevin Chamberlain. Bill Ackerbauer will be providing the evening's musical entertainment.

Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of the event: *The Leader-Herald*, Media Sponsor; NBT Bank, Gold Sponsor; Brown's Ford, Wine Sponsor; and the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth, Bronze Sponsor. For more information on the Harvest Dinner visit the Co-op's Facebook page, the

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Harvest Dinner Facebook event page, or [www.mohawkharvest.org](http://www.mohawkharvest.org).

Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market Mission Statement: As consumer, producer and farmer members of a cooperative, we are committed to the creation of a healthy, sustainable community by providing wholesome foods, empowering artisans and fostering lifelong learning.

### Until October 23 Nigra Arts Center Unveils 4th Annual New York State Summer Art Show

The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts is proud to unveil its fourth annual New York State Summer Art Show in its Art Gallery at 2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville, NY. This show celebrates the work of artists from across New York State. It will be on display until October 23 and is open to the public.

More than 100 artists and guests attended this show's Meet the Artists Opening Reception on Wednesday, August 7. The reception included an awards ceremony, where several artists received special recognition for their pieces. Joey Priola of Clifton Park received the Best in Show – Photography award for his photograph "Haunting Beauty." Regina Quinn of Gilboa received the Best in Show – Other Media award for her encaustic piece "January Dawn." In addition, attendees of the reception voted on the featured pieces to receive Community Choice Awards. Winners of these awards were "Toxicity," a mixed media piece by Gloversville artist Maria Licciardi; "Yellowstone," an acrylic painting by Latham artist Caitlin Sweet; and "Go to Sleep Forever," a watercolor and ink piece by Johnstown artist Leah Ketchen.

Fifty-one artists are displaying more than 130 pieces in this show. The featured artists include Jim Albertin, Deborah Angilletta, Jeffrey John Ardizzone, Kathryn Bartscht, Tiina Bockrath, Margaret Bromford, Bob Buck, Devan Colley, Donald Cooper, Cyndi Daigler, Richard Edel, Katey Germain, Warren Greene, Deborah Handy, Carol M. Hesselink, Jack Horning, Cheryl Horowitz, Michele Johnsen, Nancie Johnson, Leah Ketchen, Anna King, Phyllis Lapi, Gary Larsen, Maria Licciardi, Caroline Locatelli, Garlyn MaGinnis, Maryanne Malecki, Paul Masto, Melissa McGill, John Morrette, Lynda Naske, Stefanie Obkirchner, Sandra Peters, Joanne Petrozzi-Jones, Timothy Prendergast, Joey Priola, Regina Quinn, K. Santomartino, Mary Seaman, Collin Simmons, Anna Socha, Caitlin Sweet, Paul Valovic, Darlene Van Sickle, Kathy VanLoan, David Waite, Sean Walmsley, Gerald Wein, Joe Woods, Kevin Wright and Kebei Zhao.

The public is welcome to view the show through October 23. Gallery admission is a suggested \$5 donation. Members of the Nigra Arts Center, children under the age of 18 and participating artists are admitted for free. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9AM to 6PM, Saturdays from 9AM to Noon.

The Nigra Arts Center offers annual memberships to anyone who seeks to support the arts and community events at the Center.

Membership levels start at just \$25 per year and offer benefits such as discounted admission to classes and art exhibitions, mailing list access, invitations to special events, charitable tax deductions and more. For additional information about membership, this art show or other programs and events at the Nigra Arts Center, please visit [www.pncreativeartscenter.org](http://www.pncreativeartscenter.org) or call (518) 661-9932.

### October 13 Johnson Hall closes for the 2019 Season

### October 18 & 19 Haunted Hayride 5:30 – 8:30 pm

For ages 12 and under (must be accompanied by an adult) - storytelling, games and prizes, cider and treats, and a visit with the Witches in the Woods.

\$5.00 per person

A fundraising event of The Friends of Johnson Hall

### November 26 Open-Hearth Thanksgiving Pie Baking Workshop 9:30 am

Culinary historian Sara Evenson will lead this hands-on 18th century baking class in the slave quarters. Participants will prepare their own apple or pumpkin pie from scratch for their own Thanksgiving dinner. Limited to 6 participants - pre-registration and pre-payment of \$100 required – call (518) 762-8712

A fundraising event of The Friends of Johnson Hall

### November 10 Christmas Ornament Workshop 9 am – 1 pm

Beverly Cornelius shares her skill in creating ornaments from splint ash and dyed reed.

Participants will make several ornaments including large and small snowflakes and a reindeer.

Limited to 12 participants - pre-registration and pre-payment of \$40 required – register at [friendsofjohnsonhall@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofjohnsonhall@gmail.com) A fundraising event of The Friends of Johnson Hall

### December 6 Johnson Hall Holiday Open House 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Annual Open House featuring holiday decorations, period music, horse-drawn wagon rides, and holiday gift-shopping, with historic chocolate-making, mulled cider and cookies served fireside in the slaves quarter. In conjunction with Johnstown's Colonial Stroll activities.

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## Tourism News



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### Bike Thru History

Cyclists can “Bike Thru History” on Saturday, Oct. 12 and/or Sunday Oct. 13, in a unique, fully-supported one-day or two-day tour showcasing Fulton County, the Mohawk Valley and southern Adirondacks.

All rides start and finish at Johnson Hall State Historic Site in Johnstown.

The route features interactive route stops that allow cy-

clists to learn about the history that provided the foundation of the area, and continues to support the local and regional communities.

For those who want to complete the full weekend schedule, activities include Friday night appetizers, breakfasts, Saturday dinner and light lunches.

Route support each day includes water, snacks, SAG vehicles, cue sheets and road markings. Cyclist swag is a long sleeve T-shirt.

To add to the fun, bus shuttles to local historic sites are available after rides, along with historic speakers. Lodging for bikers is “on your own,” with discounts at host hotels. Non-riders are welcome to join in the activities for a reduced fee

Saturday or Sunday only rides include support, snacks, light lunch, T-shirt and bus shuttles. The Friday night social and Saturday dinner can be added.

Cyclists can choose the length of their route: Saturday routes are 16.4, 40 or 55



miles, with highlights at FJ&G Rail Trail, and Fulton & Montgomery Counties historic sites. Sunday routes are 17, 35 or 75 miles, with highlights including the Erie Canalway Trail, Adirondack Park and Great Sacandaga Lake.

Community Partnership sponsors are still being accepted for this exciting tour event. Special thanks to current sponsors Alpin Haus and Brown's Ford.

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#### **\$1,000 – Registration Partner**

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Logo on cue sheets

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Ability to place marketing materials in guest registration packets

Social media mentions on Fulton County Tourism channels

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For more information and registration, visit [44lakes.com/bike-thru-history](http://44lakes.com/bike-thru-history)

For other regional cycling routes to do on your own, visit [BikeThruHistory.com](http://BikeThruHistory.com).

## Tourism Businesses: Apply For Free Marketing Money

The tourism department of the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce would like to remind Fulton County tourism facilities and organizations holding events and promotions about the 2019 Cooperative Marketing Program.

There is still funding

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Ability to place marketing materials in guest registration packets

Social media mentions on Fulton County Tourism



# Lexington Awarded Grant for Guardianship, Rec Programs

Lexington, the not-for-profit organization supporting people with disabilities in Fulton and Albany counties, was awarded \$43,500 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support Lexington's guardianship and recreation programs.

NYSARC Trust Services administers supplemental needs trusts designed to make dramatic improvements to the lives of people with disabilities, while enabling individuals to maintain eligibility for public benefits programs, such as Medicaid and SSI.

For 2019, NYSARC Trust Services will award more than \$2.7M in grants to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

Lexington's Guardianship Program provides corporate guardianship through The Arc New York for a total of eight individuals with

disabilities, including primary guardianship for five of the individuals, and stand-by guardians for the remaining three.

The program is overseen by a Guardianship Committee comprised of seven community members and three Lexington staff members. The Committee advocates for people with disabilities and makes vital decisions on behalf of them.

The NYSARC funds, \$28,500 for this year, are vital to sustaining the individuals' health, well-being and necessary supports and services.

The NYSARC Trust Services also provided \$15,000 to the Recreation Program at Lexington. The funds will be used to provide recreational opportunities for individuals and families we support in our Family Services, Creative Expressions and Day Habilitation programs.

## Chamber Member Anniversaries

*The following businesses have found value in their Chamber investment and have renewed their membership in the months of August/September 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

MedSpa Amsterdam.....	2018
Upstate Coffee Co.....	2018
Fonda Fairgrounds .....	2016
Palatine Nursing Home .....	2015

### 5 to 9 Years

Runnings .....	2014
Landis Arboretum .....	2014
Taco Bell .....	2014

### 10 to 19 Years

Hotel Broadalbin .....	2009
John H. Blackmon.....	2009
New York Oncology Hematology, P.C. ....	2008
Microtel Inn & Suites.....	2007

### 10 to 19 Years continued

Adirondack Mechanical Corporation.....	2005
Colleen Ioele-DeCristofaro,	
Howard Hanna .....	2004
Weller Home Care Products .....	2004
AccuStaff .....	2003
Catholic Charities of Fulton and	
Montgomery Counties .....	2002
L&L Embroidery, Inc. ....	2002

### 20 to 29 Years

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Print Shop, LLC .....	1998
Randall Implement Co., Inc. ....	1998
Crystal Grove Diamond Mine	
& Campground .....	1996
Adirondack Country Store .....	1993
Greater Johnstown School District .....	1991
Gloversville Sewing Center, Inc. ....	1990

### 30 to 39 Years

Mountain Valley Hospice .....	1987
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available for organizations and tourism properties wanting to enhance their marketing budgets with this matching dollar-for-dollar campaign. Organizations asked apply to the program should be currently marketing, or wanting to market, outside of Fulton County. The goal is to draw visitors into the County.

The cooperative marketing program includes the opportunity to run digital, print, and/or radio ads or other acceptable promotions in media outlets outside of Fulton County.

The Fulton County Tourism Department will match partner marketing up to \$1,000 total for the program (potentially a value of \$2,000 in marketing). Following is an example of how the program works:

An attraction has \$500 for marketing outside of Fulton County. Investing the \$500 in the cooperative marketing program will be matched with \$500 creating a \$1,000 marketing budget.

The goal is to enhance current marketing practices of Fulton County tourism proper-

ties, to help them better attract visitors from outside of Fulton County to increase overnight stays and visitor spending in Fulton County.

The tourism department will work with participating organizations on ad placement and recommendations.

Any Fulton County tourism property or organization interested in maximizing their marketing budgets with this program should contact the tourism department for more details at (518)725-0641 or [tourism@fulmontgomeryny.org](mailto:tourism@fulmontgomeryny.org).

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## Membership News



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Every day, citizens all over the nation, state, and our own region utilize the same systems of transportation, communication, recreation, and other vital resources. We have the same route to work or school that is ingrained into our daily routines, and we know which detours will help avoid deep potholes, rough roads, or decommissioned bridges.

We have all shared the frustration of underdeveloped regions where our cell phones

can't function and we have all have sat witness to communities dealing with obsolete schooling systems. These inconveniences stem from a lack of infrastructure investment, which negatively impacts local businesses, overall commerce, job creation, and productivity, and also ends up hindering overall economic development and opportunities for small businesses.

Research conducted by Emily McNichol, of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, indicates that Commerce relies heavily on efficiently-maintained infrastructure. It is needed to deliver raw materials to manufacturers and finished products to distributors and retailers. It is essential for transporting employees, customers and even data to respective businesses. It facilitates waste treatment,

provides state-of-the-art education, and establishes efficient communication streams.

Communities that seek expansion, or incentivize folks to relocate to their areas, must have a capable infrastructure network. The fruits of doing so cross over into multiple industries that make it possible for a productive economy to exist.

In many cases locally, municipalities have exerted a great deal of energy toward improving existing infrastructure, that fosters increased productivity through safer accessibility. For example, in downtown Gloversville, the city recently installed crosswalk signs that force drivers to yield for pedestrians, as well as electronic speed sensors through the business corridor.

Speed reduced down to 25 mph has made drivers more conscious of downtown foot traffic. With greater safety measures, patrons of downtown businesses not only feel safer, but then are more likely to patronize in the area, and strengthen downtown business revenue streams.

On the negative side, poor road conditions, for example, can ward off patrons to a business. Kevin Edwards, co-owner and operator of Brittany's Diner and Edwards Grocery Store in Ephratah, pointed out that crumbling roads near his business can cause elongated travel times, wear-and-tear on vehicles, and in extreme circumstances, poses a threat to the safe navigation of the roads in the area.

This has an impact on the bottom line of any company. Without well-maintained roads to lead customers to his business, he said potential patrons may take a detour along

a more well-maintained roadway, or simply choose an alternative establishment that is easier to get to.

Businesses like Kevin's, can benefit in many ways from local and state investment. Using the road project as a conduit for more efficient accessibility, Kevin could use this opportunity to expand his business and possibly offer gasoline at his location. This new endeavor would also foster job creation, and could qualify him for a microenterprise grant, and act as one example of increased economic development as a direct correlation to infrastructure investment.

According to McNichol's report, increased infrastructure investment generally brings a spike in economic productivity, a direct derivative of enhanced wages and quality of life. According to recent studies, a municipality that increases its value of capital stock (the inventory of roads, bridges, and other infrastructure vehicles) would also increase this economic growth and productivity factor.

The community has seen multiple examples of this, especially in the city of Amsterdam and its surrounding regions. The Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook Bridge and the advent of Riverlink Park speak volumes about this mantra. There is increased foot traffic between Downtown and the Southside, thus creating organic demand for more businesses on either end. The public space promotes visitations to the city and retail/consumer based businesses to develop on either side.

This sort of attraction, dovetailed with the mainte-

nance of State Route 5S and the New York State Thruway, can also be argued as the main incentives for companies like Dollar General to establish massive distribution hubs in our region. Not only is the area accessible, but these companies believe that Montgomery and Fulton counties have enough to offer to help workers develop a satisfactory live-work-play lifestyle. Without enhanced infrastructure improvement efforts, the respective companies and their employees could have taken their dollars and contributions to another economy.

Our region has historically seen pioneering development of infrastructure that contributes to the greater economy. For example, according to New York State Canals website, "The completion of the Erie Canal spurred the first great westward movement of American settlers, gave access to the rich land and resources west of the Appalachians and made New York the preeminent commercial city in the United States."

This keystone for the expansion of commerce for New York City and the Empire State as a whole, was one of the largest forms of early infrastructure and transportation methods in its day, and it is right in our backyard.

We support increased attention to the ways that infrastructure development can positively affect business in our region, and will continue to advocate on behalf of our members.

For membership information, call my office at 518-725-0641, go online at fultonmontgomeryny.org, or contact me at membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org.

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# Upcoming Chamber Events

Be sure to check out our website for more details and updates at [www.fultonmontgomeryny.org](http://www.fultonmontgomeryny.org)



Phil Jaros displays two of his watercolor works. His paintings will be on display in the Chamber's Rotunda during September.

## September 1-30

### Gallery Exhibit to Feature Phil Jaros

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce will host an exhibit of the works of Phil Jaros, a watercolor artist, titled, "Nature Creations."

The show will be on display in the Chamber Gallery, 2 N. Main St., Gloversville, throughout the month of September. The Gallery is open for viewing Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Jaros began drawing and sketching in grammar school when he drew and painted a rose for his teacher. At Warren Harding High School he took four years of mechanical drawing, which came very easily. As he progressed through High School he was selected to be class artist, which required illustration of his senior yearbook. Phil's technical drawing training helped guide his career into working at Taylor Made Products, designing a variety of marine gear. After 15 years at Taylor Made he then moved on to spend the next 20 years at White Mop Wringer Co., where he used his design skills to convert metal janitorial products into plastic format.

Throughout Jaros's career and life, art continued to be a hobby for him and he considers himself to be a self-taught artist. Phil's artistic abilities have evolved over the years, as he initially worked with

pencil, then oil paint with a palette knife, and lastly, his favorite, Watercolor paintings. He continues to express his talent through watercolor, painting things in nature such as fish, birds, flowers and landscapes. He has previously shown his work at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Gloversville, the Paul Nigra Center as well as the Caroga Historical Museum.

Jaros's work will be available for purchase during the show. For more information or to inquire about showing your artwork in our Gallery Rotunda please call The Chamber at (518) 725-0641 or e-mail [info@fultonmontgomeryny.org](mailto:info@fultonmontgomeryny.org).

## Wednesday, Sept. 25, 5 p.m.

### Business After Hours at Angelica's Angels

Angelica's Angels of Fultonville, will host a September Business After Hours Event on site at Angelica's facility, 188 Riverside Drive in Fultonville.

Angelica Orenge, owner of Angelica's Angels, is proud to provide Senior Day Care and Respite services, filling a need existing in both counties. The organization boasts a 6,000 square ft. facility allowing seniors to enjoy a plethora of activities, home cooked meals, and much more. Angelica's Angels also rents the facility out for private

events, and this Business After Hours will certainly showcase their ability to do so.

Catered food will be served by the Angelica's Angels staff, and there will be entertainment and libations.

## Thursday, Oct. 10

### Business After Hours at Capstone Center

Come join Capstone Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing and FMRCC for an evening of fantastic food, networking, and fun at this great Business After Hours, set for 5-7 p.m. Guests will receive gifts from Capstone, enjoy festive snacks and beverages, and enjoy homemade décor by the residents, at their 302 Swart Hill Rd., Amsterdam, home.

Capstone Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing specializes in Long-term and short-term skilled, intermediate and sub-acute nursing and rehabilitative care, including 24-hour skilled nursing, comprehensive physical, occupational and speech therapies. To learn more, please visit their website. For more information, or to register, contact James Hannahs at (518) 725-0641 or email: [membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org](mailto:membership@fultonmontgomeryny.org).

## Friday, Oct. 10 to Sunday, Oct. 12

### Bike Thru History All-Weekend Event

Experience the rich history of Fulton County in a unique way. Bike Thru History on a fully supported 2-day tour showcasing Fulton County, the Mohawk Valley and southern Adirondacks. The event features interactive route stops allowing cyclists to learn about the history that provided the foundation and continue to support the local and regional communities. All Rides Start and Finish at Johnson Hall State Historic Site, 139 Hall Ave., Johnstown.

Please see our Tourism column in this month's Newsline for more details!

## Thursday, Oct. 17

### \$10,000 Raffle To Benefit Sacandaga Protection Committee

The Sacandaga Protection Committee's \$10,000 RAFFLE 2019, will be held at 8 p.m., with a reception to follow, at Sport Island Pub, 108 Riverside Blvd. in Northville. Tickets are on sale until the event, at \$100 each, with a maximum of 300 tickets to be sold. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

The SPC Formed in 2009 in response to proposed changes to the 80-year-old Sacandaga Lake permit system. The SPC's mission is to protect the environmental, economic and legal interests of the entire lake community. Although the permit system rule changes have been put on hold, the SPC continues to support the interests of the lake community, and is active in several ongoing issues with

potential impact to the lake community.

The SPC is a non-profit organization and rely on donations from the lake community to fund this important effort. Please do not hesitate to contact with any questions or comments.

Grand prize for the drawing is \$10,000, with 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500; plus (10) \$100 winners.

Tickets are available for sale at the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Headquarters, 2 N. Main St., Gloversville (518) 725-0641; as well as Partner's Pub, 21 S. William St., Johnstown, (518) 762-2337; and Kingsboro Lumber Co., 22 Gregory St., Gloversville (518) 725-2940.

For questions or information, visit [sacandagaprotectioncommittee.org](http://sacandagaprotectioncommittee.org), or on Facebook, or call Joe Sullivan at (518) 848-4380.

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### Ag PTECH



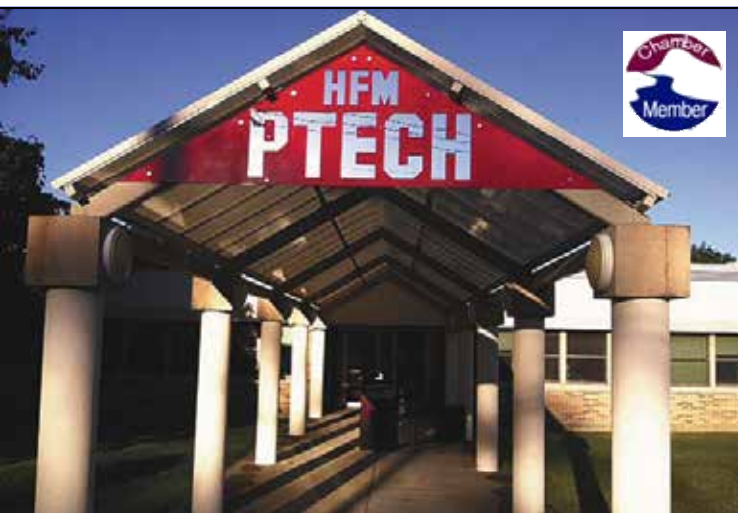
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Ag PTECH incoming freshman attended Summer Bridge in August. During this time students studied an overview of the program, learned about the nine agriculture pathways, and went on a full day of workplace tours. Students had the opportunity to participate in several hands-on workshops at SUNY Cobleskill, while also attending three workplace tours of local business partners including Hudson River Tractor Company, Rogers Family Orchard, and Meco's Perfect Scoop.



**Are you interested in working with students who will embrace the essential business skills and who will be trained educated employees for the future?**

Well, PTECH is the new future! PTECH is a technologically based early college high school that allows students to gain real-world, project based experiences through partnering businesses in your community.

We are currently looking for mentors who will be willing to communicate online with students weekly. Interested in becoming a partnering business?

Contact Nicole Walrath at

(518) 725-0641 or [nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org](mailto:nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org) for more information.





## Business Education Partnership News

### Foothills PTECH



**ABOVE and BELOW:** During Summer Bridge, incoming freshmen enrolled at Foothills PTECH in the health and medical pathway had the opportunity to attend a day of workplace tours at local business part-

ners. While visiting Wells Nursing Home and Mountain Valley Hospice, students learned about the shortage of healthcare employees and the real need for programs like PTECH to support the next workforce generation.



### Amsterdam College and Career PTECH Pathways



The Greater Amsterdam School District's College & Career PTECH Pathways program held their first Business Professional Meet & Greet on August 20



at Amsterdam High School. Business partners and professionals participated in an icebreaker with incoming freshmen to help build professional skills.

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industry representatives who offer guidance on program curricula, equipment needs, and market trends. Many programs include industry recognized credentials as well as nationally administered technical assessments that demonstrate students' technical proficiency.

During their senior year, HFM students also participate in internships with local companies, providing students additional practical experience in their particular career fields. These work-based learning experiences help students apply and extend classroom learning, explore careers, and develop a critical understanding of a true work environment.

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce will support CTE in growing their business partnerships and assist with the continuation of community understanding of the multitude of opportunities and pathways available.

We are very fortunate to have a tremendous relationship with our regional FM Chamber of Commerce and we are excited about strengthening our partnership to support our Career and Technical Education students. We look forward to expanding internship opportunities for our students as well as inviting more of our business and industry partners into our classrooms working directly with our students.

For more information about partnering with CTE please contact Nicole Walrath, at [nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org](mailto:nicolew@fultonmontgomeryny.org) or by calling the Chamber at (518) 725-0641.

### To Learn More:

For more information about joining specific program advisory committees, visit [www.hfmboces.org](http://www.hfmboces.org), Facebook @ HFM Career and Technical Center, or call (518) 736-4681. The Career and Technical Center also invites all members of the community to an Open House on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, from 5-7 p.m. to learn more about career programming.



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# Ribbon Cutting: Brittany's Diner and Edwards Grocery Store



The Chamber hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Brittany's Diner and Edwards Grocery Store located at 105 Rt. 67, Ephratah, in August. Pictured are Brittany Krywulich, center, with Kevin Edwards to her right, and Director of Membership and Member Services James Hannahs third from left, with family, friends and supporters.

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