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Please recycle this publication.

I am thrilled to be able to present our fifth locally-written and produced issue of Focus Fulton Montgomery Region, New York.

Our 2015 edition was our first attempt at publishing this annual quality of life piece “in house” and it was met with overwhelming approval from our members and advertisers alike. Each year this piece gets better and better in terms of content and advertising, and we think this issue follows suit and surpasses all of our other editions – although that is hard to do.

Focus Fulton Montgomery Region, New York details and highlights the very diverse character of our region and its communities from the natural beauty of our lower Adirondacks and the 44 lakes in the north, to the rich history and vast agricultural resources of the Mohawk Valley in the south, and everything in between.

You will also read here about the diverse nature of our business community. Many of our region’s businesses started out as small family enterprises that have flourished here and grown into international businesses. Many others have seen the benefits of relocating to the Fulton Montgomery region by taking advantage of our wonderful business parks and site availability. You will also read about the multitude of unique happenings and fun events that make our region a great destination for travelers from outside of the area, or the perfect “staycation” escape for our locals.

Not only will our local residents find this publication informative, but thousands of copies will be distributed outside our region to those who may be interested in traveling here, relocating, siting prospective land or starting a new business in Fulton or Montgomery counties. Take a look at the snapshot of our region in the economic and demographic profile in the magazine.

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From left, Sen. George Amedore Jr., Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, Amsterdam Mayor Michael Villa and Montgomery County Executive Matthew Ossenfort stand with the city's ceremonial \$10 million check for the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Building for the future

City of Amsterdam gets state funds to revitalize downtown

BY JOHN PURCELL

The third time was a charm for the City of Amsterdam in its bid to be selected as the Mohawk Valley winner of the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative, which Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul announced in September alongside area officials at City Hall.

The state funds a \$10 million financial incentive program that's guided by the Local Planning Committee (LPC), which is comprised of stakeholders from various backgrounds, industries and sectors.

Amsterdam Mayor Michael Villa co-chairs the 16-member DRI Local Planning Committee with Fulton-Montgomery Community College President Dustin Swanger.

This was Amsterdam's third attempt to win the DRI funding, having lost the prior two rounds. The state's program awards \$10 million to a downtown neighborhood in each of the 10 regions statewide.

Amsterdam's winning DRI plan spans the downtown core and the South Side waterfront along the Mohawk River with four "anchor" projects. For the northern anchor, the Amsterdam Free Library is envisioned with a new "Makerspace" to be used as a business incubator and as a classroom for teaching. This space will include a laser cutter, a 3D printer and a screen print machine. The Chalmers



Mill Lofts project is the southern anchor of the city's DRI plan, which will include a mixed-use housing development on a 3.29-acre site next to Amsterdam's Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook bridge.

A community center and recreation facility make up the east anchor for the city's DRI plan. The project will be a joint effort between the city of Amsterdam, Montgomery County and the community anchor organization, Centro Civico, a community organization that provides cultural resources and services.



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18th-century Georgian home of Sir William Johnson and Mohawk Indian Molly Brant. Johnson was the most influential and largest landholder in the colonial Mohawk Valley. Visitors are able to interpret the Johnson family through guided tours of the period room settings and of the historic grounds, educational programs and special events.

Johnstown Historical Society

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(518) 762-7076

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The site of the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, established in A sacred place of peace and healing, with a 17th-century Kanienkehaka village site listed on the National Register of Historic Places, an 18th-century Catholic chapel, 150 acres of trails, and museum.

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Tribes Hill

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Allen Freeman of Johnstown looks at local artifacts on display at Old Fort Johnson, the 1749 limestone house William Johnson built on the Mohawk River in colonial New York. It was fortified for protection during the French & Indian Wars. Today Old Fort Johnson is a museum. Visit <https://www.oldfortjohnson.org>



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Two separate facilities - Northampton Historical Museum is a one-room former schoolhouse preserving the history of the townspeople; Paul Bradt Museum hosts a collection of logging, hunting, fishing and other settler history.

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104 Peck's Lake Road, Gloversville

(518) 725-6236

The school was built by John Peck, a businessman whose businesses included a tannery and sawmill, for his children and his workers' children. Built in 1857, the school continued until 1959. Open June through September every Wednesday and Saturday 1-4pm; special tours for groups encouraged on other days.

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Members of the Fonda-Fultonville Central School chapter of the New York Future Farmers of America Association at their display during the annual Sundae At the Farm event, held last year at Dykeman and Sons Inc., dairy farm in Fultonville.



PHOTO BY MARK PERFETTI

Rachel Gardner takes a selfie with her calf "Lucy Lou" during last year's Fonda Fair. The annual event features agricultural displays and competitions, rides, entertainment and a variety of food.

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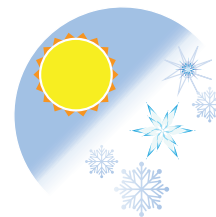
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Located in the Mohawk Valley, Montgomery County is split by the Mohawk River which flows east finally converging into the Hudson River in Albany County. Much of the valley's geography was formed by glacial carving. The river has provided rich fertile soil making the valley a prime agricultural seedbed for early settlers.

Fulton County is in the Southern Adirondacks. It is approximately 533 sq. miles, and 59% of the county sits within the Adirondack Park.



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Johnstown's Rick Frasier is Miracle Ear's most successful franchise owner

By JESSICA FORD

It's not your typical career ladder: Start out as a dairy farmer, end up one of the most successful hearing aid store operators in the country.



Rick Frasier

For Rick Frasier, President of Frasier Enterprises Inc. in Johnstown, the path seemed perfectly natural. At age 60, he oversees 18 corporations with more than 325 full-time / part-time Hearing Aid Dispensing offices and more than 600 employees across the United States. Frasier Enterprise Inc. is currently the largest franchise owner within the Miracle-Ear Corporation.

Frasier was born and raised as a dairy farmer in Fulton County. He explained that at the age of 26 he answered a blind ad in the paper offering the chance to make \$1,000 per week. At the time, his family farm was going through a difficult time financially, and Frasier said there was a chance his parents were going to lose the farm.

He took the job for a Hearing Aid Dispenser, and within 9 months, was able to buy the farm for his parents, and take the financial strain off of them. Within a year and a half, he became one of Miracle-Ear's top consultants in the country.

It seems like a stretch to go from farmer to salesman, but for Frasier, it was an organic progression. He said, "Growing up on the farm you learn to work 7 days a week. Going into the business world was easier, it didn't seem like that much work." He said he was blessed from a young age with the ability to get along with people, even older people, which served him well. Great communication skills carried him further and further in his path.

After serving as a Hearing Aid Dispenser, Frasier spent the next 5 years as the owner and operator of 40 Hearing Aid Dispensing offices throughout several states. Within the next 5 years he went on to become the corporate national sales manager for Miracle-Ear. In his position as national sales manager he taught and hired over 400 Hearing Aid Dispensers.

Rick entered the private sector in 2002 maintaining stores in 4 different states, reaching sales of \$4 million. By 2018 he operated stores in 17 different states and reached sales above and beyond \$130 million.

At this time he holds his Hearing Aid Dispensing license in New York and Massachusetts and is Board Certified by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences. He sits on the Board of Directors for the Hearing Healthcare Alliance and was previously the President of the Franchise Advisory Board to Miracle-Ear.

Business

Frasier attributes his mind for math as another factor in his ability to grow his business. But, he said, "It's the energy I have — the enthusiasm," and a factor he calls "likability," that are key. "That's what makes me go," he said.

Frasier is more than willing to share the wealth he has built, with those people who have helped him build the company. He has at least 20 people who he has groomed to be partners, giving them ownership shares, and helping them reap the benefits of their work, or what he called their "sweat-equity."

Frasier Enterprises, headquartered in the refurbished historic Johnstown Hotel, has employees from all over the region, including from Schenectady, Saratoga Springs and the Capital District. He said he looks for talented people everywhere, and those people help his company "take their game to a new level."

He said he feels it is important to be a generous employer, and offers wages that are atypical for Fulton and Montgomery counties. A hearing aid consultant can make an average of \$80,000 to \$90,000 in this region, he said.

Staying at the front of the pack in his business is a goal and a passion for Frasier. "We have been able to build systems that place us at the forefront of this industry, in marketing, analytics and more," he said. And, he is happy to keep all of that success local. In Johnstown, the Miracle-Ear Call Center fielded more than 1 million calls last year, booking appointments and managing customer service for all of the Frasier franchises throughout the country.

He and his wife, Mary Fox-Frasier, are the proud parents of 4 children, and have 8 grandchildren. They have outwardly shown their support for their community with charitable donations to Fulton-Montgomery Community College, among other organizations.

Support of the Miracle-Ear Foundation is also close to Frasier's heart, and his company has been holding an annual golf tournament to support the charity for 10 years. The Foundation "helps those in our community who need hearing healthcare but cannot afford treatment." The Foundation donates hearing aids to children and adults in communities across the United States who have limited income and no other resources for hearing aids.

Despite all of the impressive statistics for his company, Frasier stays grounded, and has a strong commitment to Johnstown, the community he grew up in. He could drive a flashy car, but prefers a pickup. His bio states, "As someone who has been able to travel the world, Rick has always found that there is nothing like coming home to his small town in Fulton County, New York."

"I like the people," he said. "This (community) is me."

CG Roxane: Johnstown plant bottles Adirondack spring water

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It’s not a coincidence that CG Roxane decided to build its plant for the Northeast in our community. With the 2010 closure of the Beech Nut baby food manufacturing facility in Canajoharie, the town had a large volume of unused water. The natural abundance of high quality spring water was a deciding factor for CG Roxane to build here.

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CG Roxane has 7 spring water plants across the country. They include springs near the mountains in the Cherokee National Forest in Benton, Tennessee; the Ossipee Mountains of Moultonborough, New Hampshire; Mt. Shasta in Weed, California; Ouachita Mountain range of Norman, Arkansas; Olancha Peak, in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Olancha, California and the Blue Ridge Mountains in Salem, South Carolina.

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Chamber President Mark Kilmer thanked CG Roxane for supporting the Chamber and for their great work in the region. Other town and local officials echoed appreciation for the plant as well, saying “Our water is the best,” “CG Roxane is a great company to work with.”



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Sports

Fans, students, players community benefit from Amsterdam Mohawks

BY JESSICA FORD

“... And they’ll walk out to the bleachers, and sit in shirt-sleeves on a perfect afternoon. They’ll find they have reserved seats somewhere along one of the baselines, where they sat when they were children and cheered their heroes. And they’ll watch the game, and it’ll be as if they’d dipped themselves in magic waters. The memories will be so thick, they’ll have to brush them away from their faces.”

It’s hard to forget that vivid dialogue from the movie “Field of Dreams,” where character Terrence Mann, played memorably by James Earl Jones, explains why people would come to visit an obscure baseball field in the middle of Iowa.

Fans of the Amsterdam Mohawks understand, as they too, have a special place to enjoy the sport of baseball and all that goes with it. On Thursday, May 30, the Mohawks, one of the region’s most successful elite wood bat summer-league teams, will open its 16th season at Shuttleworth Park, and mark the 33rd year since its founding in 1986 in Schenectady.

The Shuttleworth venue is in the confines of the city, but when you’re a fan, it seems like worlds away. Sitting in the bleachers or along the baseline, you are reminded of the past, yet all the while you are watching the talented young players that will carry the sport into the future.

The Mohawks, website, www.amsterdammohawks.com, details the team’s impressive record in recent years. They won 3 New York Collegiate Baseball League championships prior to 2004. They have won 6 championships since 2009, when current coach Keith Griffin took the helm.

More than 100 former Mohawks players have signed professional baseball contracts, including San Francisco Giants phenom Hunter Pence (Texas-Arlington) who played for the Mohawks in 2002 and helped the Giants to World Series victories in 2012 and 2014; Luke Maile (Kentucky) of the Toronto Blue Jays; Mark Leiter Jr (NJIT) of the Phillies; Cord Phelps (Stanford) of the Baltimore Orioles; Brendan Harris (William and Mary) of the Dodgers; and Logan Darnell (Kentucky) of the Twins, among others.

The Mohawks history explains, “In 2011, after more than 30 years in the NYCBL, the Mohawks joined the newly formed Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League which combined some of the better summer baseball franchises in the nation and partnered them with Perfect Game USA, the world’s utmost leader in scouting and reporting services.”

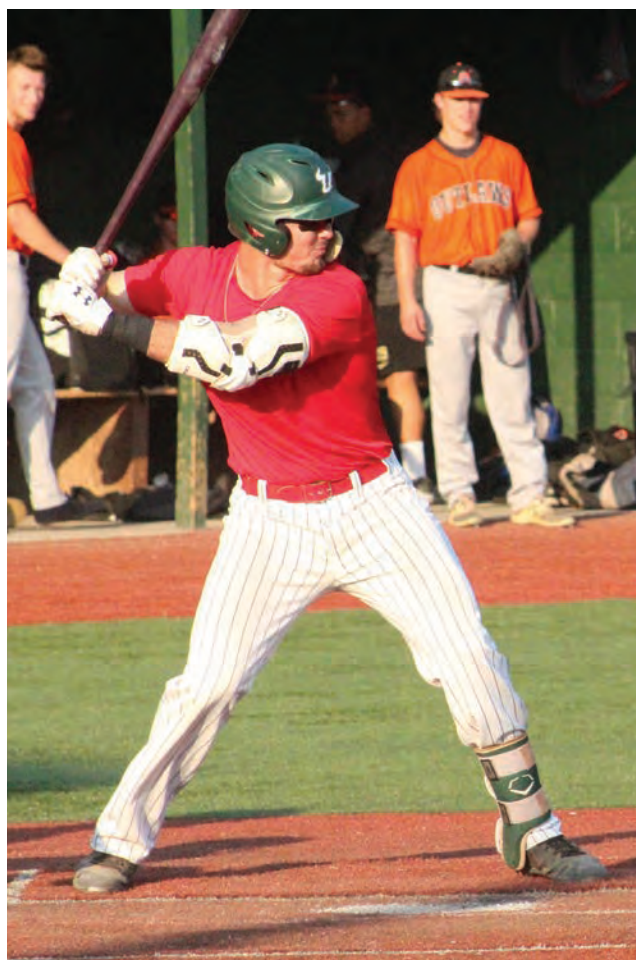


PHOTO BY ADAM SHINDER

Amsterdam Mohawks designated hitter Joe Genord bats during a July 1, 2018 game against the Oneonta Outlaws at Shuttleworth Park.

The PGCBL is a 13-team summer league played throughout upstate New York. In addition to Amsterdam, the PGCBL consists of teams located in Little Falls, Glens Falls, Albany, Newark, Jamestown, Geneva, Oneonta, Boonville, Utica, Saugerties, Watertown, and Elmira.

Brian Spagnola, Mohawks President & General Manager, is a lifelong resident of Amsterdam, and has been involved with baseball as a coach at various levels, including a 3-year stint as a coach of the Mohawks, since the early 1990s.


He said the team is grateful for the support it receives from the community. One of the keys to the success of



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Dale Stanavich of the Amsterdam Mohawks pitches during a July 10, 2018 game against the Saugerties Stallions at Shuttleworth Park.

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Amsterdam Mohawks infielder Cole Barr, right, turns a double play during a July 3, 2018 game against the Glens Falls Dragons at Shuttleworth Park.

the operation, he said, is that there is no other venue like Shuttleworth Park in the area. “Here, we just feel that we’re the community team,” he said. “Historically, Amsterdam has always embraced its baseball teams.” Spagnola says the organization acknowledges and appreciates that loyalty.

The Mohawks also draw a large percentage of its fans from outside Montgomery County, Spagnola said, and it’s a popular location for small and large events and gatherings, including birthday parties, student field trips, little league, summer picnics and corporate outings. On a typical evening, you can hear the game announcer welcoming groups and VIP’s to the stadium, where they can enjoy various locations including the skybox, and even a special party deck alongside the first-base line.

The players, who come from colleges and universities all across the country, are housed with local families for the summer. The families get special seating at the stadium, and the players own families often come from out of town to watch their kids play. Spagnola said local hotels, restaurants, stores and other attractions are often beneficiaries of the Mohawks’ positive financial impact on the community.

The Mohawks organization represents the opportunity to learn about business, promotions, sports management and life for many of the young people who are involved with the team each season. Spagnola recruits at least 10 interns to serve as staff for college credits. They work closely with paid employ-

ees in operations, broadcast, media relations and marketing for the team. Spagnola said the students get a great education at the Mohawks. One student, for example, worked with the broadcast team as an intern, and two years later, was employed as a broadcaster for the New York Yankees.

The stadium and surrounding park has a special feel, of both professionalism in its operations, and small-town safety and comfort in its environment. The Mohawks mascot, “Mojo,” along with on-field entertainer Barry Rouse, also play a large part in setting the festive and fan-inclusive mood of each game. Additional staff members include Vice President David Dittmann; Bob Malicki, PA announcer; Adam Agresta, Broadcaster; Pat Beck, Director of Corporate Relations; Jon Sargalis, PR / Graphics; Miguel Gonzalez, Director of Stadium & Grounds; Lisa Walendziak, Group Coordinator & Game Ops; Bob Scott, Director of Veterans Relations; Paula Hawkins, Host Family Coordinator; Carla Pasquarelli, Head Athletic Trainer; and Andrew Spagnola, Stadium Sound.

Spagnola and his team are well aware that the making the experience memorable for the guests who purchase the 43,000 tickets sold each year, is one of the most important gifts they can give. “Kids — they’ve grown up in this park,” he said. “This is so rewarding, we love giving back to the community.”

For information on the Mohawks including schedules, results, rosters, statistics, history, tickets and the like, visit www.amsterdammohawks.com.

The Mohawks by the numbers

43,000

— The approximate total attendance logged for the 2018 Mohawks season

4,899

— The approximate distance between Amsterdam, NY and University of Hawaii, the farthest distance a student has traveled to play for the Amsterdam Mohawks

2,500

— Maximum capacity of Mohawks Stadium and additional viewing areas

50

— The number of games played each season by each team in the PGCBL

40

— The number of staff and interns onsite for each game

35

— The number of players on the Mohawks roster.

30

— The number of freebies (tee shirts, frisbees, etc.) that are thrown to excited fans during each game

12

— Number of families in and near Montgomery County who house Mohawks players during any given season

6

— Number of championships won by head coach Keith Griffin to date

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A variety of boats are docked at Riverlink Park in Amsterdam on the Mohawk River.

The Mohawk River

The Mohawk River flows through the city, villages and towns that make up Montgomery County and provides waterfront opportunities for tourists to enjoy and a pathway for traveling boaters. The river's canal is open from May to late November.

There are a number of marinas and boat launches in the county, including the St. Johnsville Municipal Marina, Canajoharie Pavilion Landing, Schoharie Crossing, Amsterdam's South Side boat launch, and Riverlink Park in the city of Amsterdam.

The City of Amsterdam's Riverlink Park plays host to an elevated walkway that links downtown Amsterdam to a riverside plaza – not to mention its breathtaking views. Riverlink Park includes an open-air stage, children's playground, visitor's center, gardens and 600 feet of boat docking. Free concerts are held during July and August. On-site laundry, shower facilities and power hookups are a few of the amenities offered here. Amsterdam Waterfront Foundation organizes concerts and events in Riverlink Park; check them out online for schedules at www.riverlinkconcerts.com or on Facebook.

River's Edge Restaurant, located adjacent to Riverlink Park, is open in the summer months and its waterfront location offers BBQ, steaks, seafood, burgers, pasta. It seats 135, event tent seating 275, and they offer off-premise catering up to 2,000. Find more information on Facebook or by calling (518) 320-4868.

The village of St. Johnsville maintains a beautiful municipal park and marina. River travelers can stop at the boat launch, fill up on fuel, have a picnic, and be treated to a summer's evening concert. If you dock, camping is nearby, along with other lodging. You can find more information about the village and its amenities through the St. Johnsville Chamber of Commerce, www.stjcoc.com or on Facebook.



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A person kayaks on the Mohawk River .





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Halina, Tom, TJ and Kristin Michaels from Mayfield participate in the annual Walleye Challenge Ice Fishing Tournament on the Great Sacandaga Lake.



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Wayne Gottobed from Broadalbin displays a fish he caught during the 20th annual Spring Fishing Contest at Lanzi's Lakeside Tavern.

Great Sacandaga Lake

There are 44 lakes in Fulton County, and the biggest and most heavily frequented is the Great Sacandaga Lake. This tremendous body of water stretches 29 miles through two counties and laps ashore in five towns. From ice-fishing contests to an end-of-summer Ring of Fire celebration, this man-made reservoir provides opportunities for lake dwellers, their families and friends, in winter and summer. Let's start with summer.

Accommodations

Places to stay abound around and near this lake, from tenting to large, resort-style house rentals. We have beds and breakfasts – The Inn at the Bridge in Northville, (www.innatthebridge.com or Facebook); Betty's River Road Bed & Breakfast in Northville/Benson, (magicratproductions.com/bettysriverroad/); or the Finch Guest House in Broadalbin (finchguesthouse.com) to large, amenity-filled RV parks like Sunset Bay Vacation Resort RV Park & Marina (www.sunsetbayny.com) and 185-site Birch Haven Campground in Broadalbin (Facebook), cabin rentals at Lapland Lake Nordic Vacation Center (www.laplandlake.com), at the Orendaga on Northville Lake (www.orendaga.com), or Ward's Lakefront Retreat, (518) 863-8837, or search through great vacation and home rentals through Adirondack By Owner (www.AdkByOwner.com). At Pops Lake Campground you can tent, bring your RV, or rent a cabin (Facebook).

The Northville Lake Placid Trail

This trail is 133 miles long, and is utilized by advanced hikers. The trail head is located on Main Street in the village, and the trail also has a starting point at the Trailhead Lodge in the town of Benson. For more information, visit: www.nptrail.org/Home.php

Boat Launches

Suppose you are looking to take your vessel for a ride on Sacandaga waters. The lake offers four state boat launches for public use. For more information, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor

Winter Activities

In the winter, the Sacandaga becomes an ice-covered playground for those who enjoy seasonal activities. The lake transforms into an arena for ice fishing, snowmobiling, ice skating, snowshoeing and skiing.

Two of the largest ice-fishing contests of the season are scheduled in January — the annual Walleye Challenge Ice Fishing Tournament and the Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation winter fishing tournament.

These events draw thousands of participants, and 54 percent of the competitors come from out of town.



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Rich Conte from Amsterdam is spotting for a point at the Port Jackson Bocce Courts in Amsterdam's South Side neighborhood.



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Fulton County Airport is a county owned, public use airport for general aviation aircraft. It is within an hour's flight time from Boston, New York City and Montreal. A fixed-base operator is available: The 195 Factory (www.the195factory.com). For airport information visit www.fultoncountyny.gov

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Culture & Tradition



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Amsterdam High School's annual Homecoming is a day-long event that begins with a parade including numerous floats (above), and ends with a huge bonfire celebration (below).





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ABOVE: Alyssa Dumblewski, her horse Samone and Santa during part of the tour at the Dumblewski home, which was among those featured in the St. Mary's Healthcare Auxiliary 12th Annual Christmas in November Holiday Home Tour.
LEFT: Carolyn DelSanto and Janet Santoro marvel at the decorations on display at the annual Century Club Festival of Trees.

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Thousands of people attend Amsterdam’s annual Italiafest on the city’s South Side. The event features a variety of food, entertainment, games and activities for children.



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The St. Johnsville marina hosts a concert series each summer at the gazebo along the Mohawk River.



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Kelly Quist-Demars with Signature Brass Quintet members Jonathan Marziano, Steve Weisse and Shaub Bazylewicz during Amsterdam's 2nd Annual OktoberFest.

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Jason Rattray, Jamie Georgelos, Brennen Parker and Greg Heck gather before teeing off in the 2018 Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Tryon Cup Golf Tournament at Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course.



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Kevin McClary and Tom Cosentino set out for a round of golf at Rolling Hills Country Club.

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POPULATION: Total = 103,135 (2017 estimate)

Fulton County = 53,877

City of Gloversville 14,940

City of Johnstown 8,309

Montgomery County = 49,258

City of Amsterdam 17,858

LAND AREA in square miles (2010): 898.51

Fulton County = 495.47

Montgomery County = 403.04

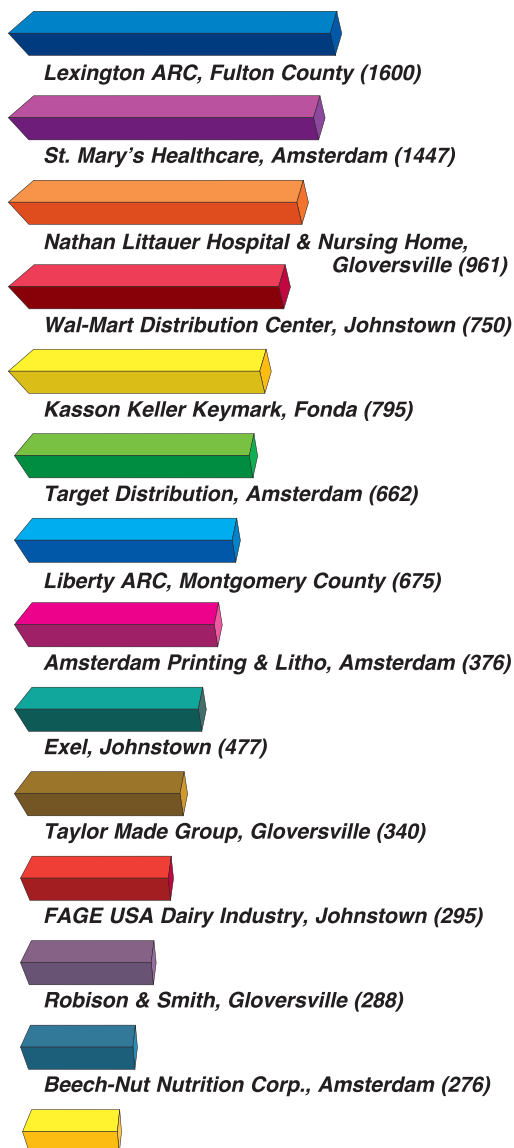
PERSONS PER SQUARE MILE (2010):

Fulton County = 112.1

Montgomery County = 124.6

TOTAL NUMBER OF FIRMS (2012): 6,283

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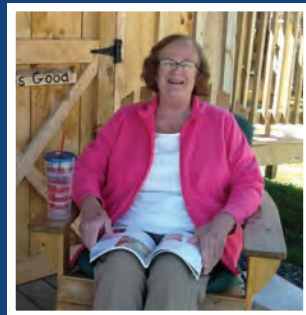
OCCUPATIONS OF RESIDENTS

	Montgomery Co.	Fulton Co.
16+ Years Civilian Employed	21,714	23,639
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