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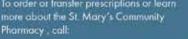
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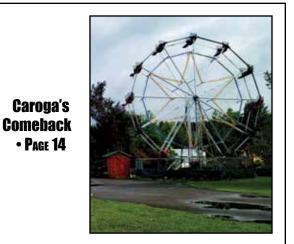




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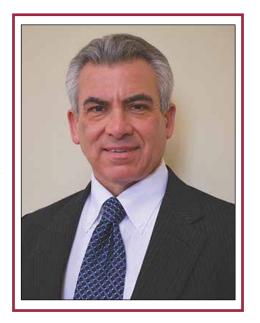
Welcome to another beautiful summer in the Southern Adirondacks and Mohawk Valley. On behalf of the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce, I am proud to say that whether you are a lifelong resident, or visiting for a weekend, there are positives wherever you look.

Like the rest of the country, Chamber members and residents have had concerns regarding the financial uncertainties of inflation, and no one will say they are appreciative of the higher-than-normal fuel prices we have seen this year. But unlike many areas in the nation, Fulton and Montgomery counties continue to expand business operations, support the opening of new shops and companies, and welcome more tourists than ever before. The Chamber considers itself both a partner, resource and cheerleader for these successes.

When you combine Fulton County's 44 lakes and Montgomery County's beautiful Mohawk Valley, you have a winning combination for every type of tourist. Everyone can find something they enjoy about this gorgeous region, whether it's boating, fishing, motorcycling, antiquing, or just visiting the amazing restaurants, craft beverage establishments, and shops.

The Chamber's Tourism Department, headed by Director Anne Boles, along with support from both Fulton and Montgomery Counties, have partnered with the owners of destination businesses for advertising and marketing programs, as well as through the promotional programs and funding of the highly supportive I Love NY campaign.

The Chamber has also taken a leadership role in a truly impressive collaboration in our region with workforce development. The Business Education Partnership (BEP) connects Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES school districts and programs with our regional businesses to help support a well-prepared, capable and adaptable workforce. These partnerships help improve student achievement and educational competitiveness.



With the leadership of the Chamber's Director of Workforce Development Nicole Walrath, and her team, this effort has expanded to include partnerships with businesses throughout the Capital District, with partners like GlobalFoundries and General Electric along with many others within our region. Working with programs including Pathways in Technology Early College High School (HFM PTECH), Career & Technical Education (HFM CTE) and Fulton-Montgomery Community College (FMCC), there are endless opportunities to help guide our young people toward a wonderful career. We are proud to say that the HFM PTECH program has had 131 completers with students earning their high school diploma and Associate degree from either Fulton-Montgomery Community college or SUNY Cobleskill.

The Chamber consistently works on behalf of businesses to boost this thriving commercial landscape. The Chamber is a resource for all things related to business and can support individual members through its wealth of legislative contacts. We offer support in business advocacy, economic development resources, and even help create beneficial connections through member-to-member introductions and events.

The Chamber is proud to be the region's leading voice in business and tourism development, providing its members with resources and solutions to enhance their organizations and our local communities. The Chamber provides leadership, collaboration, and advocacy for the advancement of our community with one respected voice.

Please enjoy this latest edition of Chamber FOCUS magazine. We thank you for being a part of our community, whether as a long-term business owner, a new entrepreneur, a one-day or weekly tourist, or a year-round resident. Together, with your support, we make this exceptional region a great place to work, live and play.

- MARK KILMER,

President/CEO, Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce

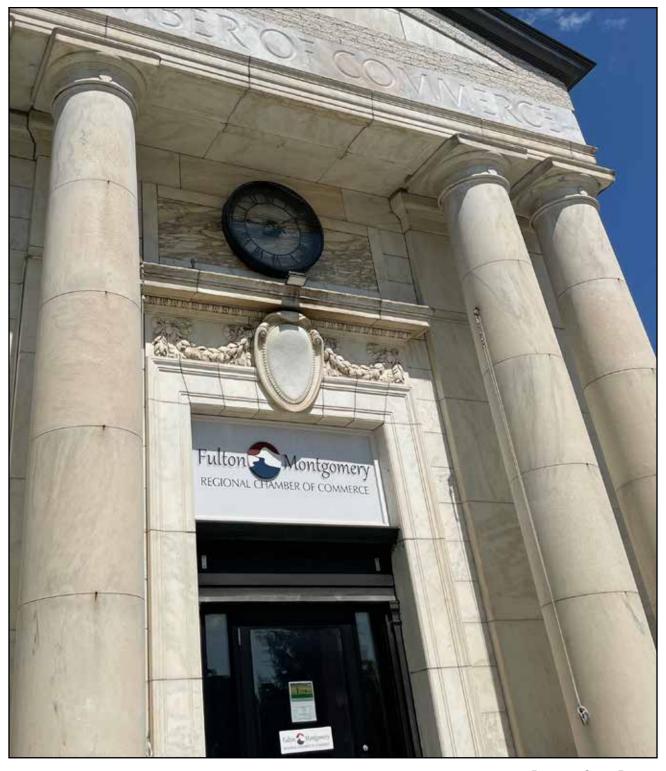


PHOTO BY GEOFF DYLONG The Fulton County office of the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce is located on North Main Street in downtown Gloversville.

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PTECH Student Intern Kiley Gallt, right, works at the Senate Production Services in Albany.

Working together

Chamber of Commerce works with BOCES to give students experience in the workplace

By CHARLIE KRAEBEL

A partnership between the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce and the local BOCES is giving youths real-world experience in various workplace settings.

In some cases, this partnership has helped students land jobs after graduation.

The chamber serves as a sort of bridge between HFM BOCES' Career and Technical Education and Pathways in Technology Early College High School programs and potential employers. Internships can take place any time of year and are required for many programs. Students intern in the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

"Applying the professional and technical skills learned in the classroom and seeing the students utilize them during their internship is the biggest accomplishment," said Nicole Walrath, Nicole Walrath, the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce's Director of Workforce Development.

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"Real-world opportunities are vital for students to learn and be successful in the workforce."

Last summer, the chamber partnered with IBM for this program. This year, the chamber and BOCES worked with the state Senate Production Services in Albany. Only 12 students are selected for this internship, and three of them are from PTECH.

During this summer, Interns will learn every aspect of print production, from the early stages of design and planning to the technical stages of manufacturing and off-press processing. Students work with mentors to develop an understanding of the printing process. Their activities will range from operating an offset press and working with post-press bindery, to digital press operating. They will learn how to make posters, books, stationery and more.

Once a week interns will participate in professional development workshops that explore business and social etiquette, effective communication, organizational skills, financial literacy, conflict resolution and resume writing and interview skills.

"Knowing that I'd be up close and personal with production machinery and be a part of the printing process got me really excited for this internship. My favorite part is



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PTECH Student Intern David Martuscello gains valuable experience at the Senate Production Services in Albany.

working out on the floor," said PTECH intern Kiley Galit. "I enjoy working on the machines and being a part of the process. Everyone has their own task, and we work together as a team to get it finished. This experience not only provides me an internship for my program but offers a more in-depth dive into the printing process."

The chamber and BOCES formed this particular partnership in 2013. Walrath said the chamber helps implement "all business education partnerships" and continue to look for local companies to participate.

Walrath said the internships help students establish networking connections, while participating businesses "help mold" a student "into a potential employee down the road."

The chamber has helped CTE and PTECH students connect with more than 200 employers in various fields. Chamber President/CEO Mark Kilmer said the program isn't limited to certain career fields.

"[Internships] come from every realm of business," he said. "Anyone can participate."

Walrath said businesses are thankful for this program as they're "more interested in giving real-world experiences."

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PTECH student intern Anastasija Morse is getting hands-on experience in the Senate Production Services Shipping and Receiving/Warehouse.

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"A lot of employers can teach and mold students during their internships and in turn hire them after graduation," she said.

The other benefit of students taking part in internships is there is the potential for young graduates to stay in the area, something local leaders have struggled with for decades.

Frederick Beck, the director of the state Senate Production Services hosting local PTECH students, said there is "added lifelong value when we can take the things we learn in books and on screen and apply them in a real world, hands-on tactile environment."

"Working on projects individually and as part of a Team, we all learn the benefits of physically accomplishing the task at hand, emotionally supporting, and encouraging one another, and probably most important, socially, by communicating face to face," he said.

PTECH student intern David Martuscello said the amount of teamwork and hands-on experience attracted him to this year's program with the state Senate.

"My favorite part about the internship so far is the design work, which I can create pieces," he said.

Applying the professional and technical skills learned in the classroom and seeing the students utilize them during their internship is the biggest accomplishment. Real-world opportunities are vital for students to learn and be successful in the workforce."

NICOLE WALRATH,
 Fulton and Montgomery Regional
 Chamber of Commerce Director of
 Workforce Development

"This internship will help me complete my associate degree, and I'll complete the PTECH program ready to enter the workforce."

Anastasija Morse is the third PTECH student working at Senate Production Services. She said learning about the steps in the printing process and help from workers on the floor has been "helpful."

"They have made sure that we are learning by doing, not by watching," she said.

Location & Transportation

In Montgomery County's 410 square miles, there are 10 towns, 10 villages, one city and numerous hamlets. More than a third of the 149-mile Mohawk River lives in Montgomery County.

The splendor of the seasons comes naturally to Fulton County where the southern Adirondack Park meets the Mohawk Valley. Fulton County is home to 44 lakes and 74,832 acres of wild forest.



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Binghamton	Philadelphia		
135	260	Saratoga	
New York	Buffalo	Springs	
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Fulton County, located just north of the New York State Thruway (I-90). State Routes 30, 30A, 10 and 29 connect the traveler to the interstate highways.

Montgomery County is accessible by Route 5 and 5S and by the NYS Thruway from exits 27 (Amsterdam), 28 (Fonda/Fultonville), and 29 (Canajoharie/Palatine Bridge), as well as by scenic Routes 10, 30 and 30A, heading south from the Adirondack State Park, and Route 67 from Saratoga Springs.

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

Albany International Airport: 33 miles from Amsterdam: www.albanyairport.com

Amtrak station in Amsterdam: www.amtrak.

The Mohawk River which runs through Montgomery County, connects the Hudson River with the Great Lakes through a lock system, frequented by recreational boats.

www.canals.ny.gov/boating/index.html





Attractions abound

Our communities offer a wide variety of cultural and recreational opportunities

By ANNE BOLES

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to promote the many tourist attractions in our area. Fulton and Montgomery County pristine natural has outdoor beauty, family owned and operated businesses, a strong resilience, sense amazing community, and charm that attracts visitors near and far to our region.

Whether you seek active vacation. or just want to relax, Fulton County, the land of 44 Lakes, offers the location ideal from both. Located in the foothills of the majestic Adirondack Mountains, it is truly a four-season destination. With 44 lakes and 74.832 acres of wild forest, there are many activities our region has to offer.

Year-round, the county provides highquality experiences for tourists as well as our lo-



Waterfront Park in the Fulton County hamlet of Northville is a scenic place to visit and is the southern terminus of the 136-mile long Northville Placid Trail.

cal community. The county boasts many outdoor activities, including fishing, boating, hiking, biking, outdoor historical sites, shopping, and many more.

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Fulton County is proud to offer a new hiking challenge: The Fulton County

Five.

The "Fulton County Five" will be a 5-hike challenge for locals and tourists to participate in and enjoy the beauty of local hiking.

Hiking challenges are designed to give people an opportunity to visit new places and explore new trails. This challenge is on a beginner/intermediate level, and would be challenging but completable. The five trails decided are:

Nine Corner Lake Kane Mountain Stewart and Indian Lake Willie Marsh Mud Lake (Mayfield)

From the tourism perspective, the goal is for people to hike, dine, stay and hike again,

making it a multi-day trip.
After completion, hikers
mail the tourism depart-

ment a completion form (google form on website) and in return, a certificate is sent, and a patch. The patch was designed by a local P-TECH art student, Makiya Smith. Smith, now a junior at P-TECH, knew that she wanted a five-

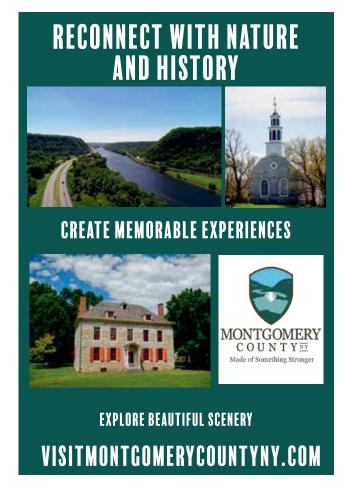
point shape to split in five for each trail. Makiya used the pictures presented for inspiration, and highlighted the fire tower at Kane

Mountain, the bridge at Willie Marsh, and the

rocks at Nine Corner Lake.

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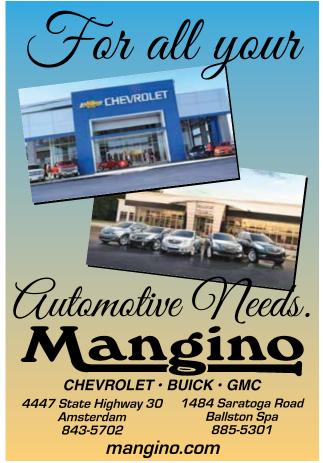




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The site of the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, established in 1885, honors the martyrdom of three Jesuit missionaries and is the birthplace of Roman Catholic Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. Individuals and groups are welcome to visit the Coliseum church (above), museums, chapels, gardens, gift shop, and picnic pavilion. The site is located in Fultonville.

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For more information on the Fulton County Five Hiking Challenge, please visit Fulton County Tourism website: Fulton County Five Hiking Challenge - Things to do in Fulton County NY (44lakes.com)

The County also is host to a new craft beverage trail. The 44 Lakes Craft Beverage Trail has something for everyone. The trail boasts products crafted from NYS products, "from grain to glass." The four pioneers are: Great Sacandaga Brewing Company, Higher Ground Distilling, Rogers' Cideryard and Stump City Brewery, with more local craft beverage establishments to join the trail in the future.

Montgomery County is a valley of history, adventure, and allure carved by the mighty Mohawk River. No matter where you go in Montgomery County, the river is always there, the backdrop of all activities in the Mohawk Valley, the touchstone to which we always return. When you visit, put the future in perspective by thinking about the past, about the history of this region so rich in people, ideas and dreams. The past, after all, has made our present what it is, with its rich heritage of cultures, its broad commercial and industrial base, our extraordinary architectural legacy and our deep attachment to the land. In the early 19th century, even when leisure travel was a luxury, the Mohawk Valley was a favorite destination. And so it is today.

Montgomery County is proud of its place in history and has preserved abundant collections of cultural and natural artifacts and historic sites. Explore the timeline of Montgomery County history spanning the centuries from Native American dominance through the French & Indian and Revolutionary Wars to the Industrial Revolution and the rise of the Erie Canal.

The most important stretch of the 363-mile Erie canal ran through Montgomery County, where lay the only break in the Appalachian Mountains north of Alabama. It became the most historically significant canal in the United States, allowing New York City to become the commercial center of the nation. Since then, the Erie Canal has been overshadowed by railroads and highways, and some communities have paved over their portion.

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PHOTO BY GEOFF DYLONG

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is the only location where visitors can witness three of the major phases of the Erie Canal construction. The site contains a portion of the original Clinton's Ditch" canal as well as several features from the enlarged canal such as locks and the remains of the Schoharie Creek Aqueduct. Schoharie Crossing is also adjacent to the Erie Canal of today.

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The entire New York State Canal System was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014, but Montgomery County recognized the treasure that spliced its verdant valley far sooner. As early as the 1950s, local activists banded together to form the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site in the Towns of Glen and Florida. In 1966, a 3.5 mile stretch of the canal in the Towns of Glen and Florida and the ruins of an aqueduct over Schoharie Creek became the only section of the old Erie Canal to be declared a National Historic Landmark.

The Erie Canal remains today a resource for pleasure, recreation, and education, operating for navigation from early May to late October. The Montgomery County section of the Empire State Erie Canal trail is paved and always open. It is a wonderful way to check out the history and beautiful landscape of the valley. As you go on the trail, the villages and cities welcome you to stop and check out the local flavors and shops in the area.

Montgomery County is also home to the Burbine Forest Disc Golf Course. Montgomery County's First Disc Golf Course is maintained by Mark Hay and a dedicated group of volunteers, The course is drawing disc golf enthusiasts from the Mohawk Valley and Capital Region, and hosts professional tournaments, that quickly sells out. Disc golf is a sport that enables people to get outside, spend time with other people and exercise, all while social distancing. It's accessible and free, requiring inexpensive discs but little else.

Both counties are an easy 30-40 minutes from Albany, and the trip is always worth it.

I invite you to check our websites out for a complete listing of shops, attractions, restaurants, lodging and more: Fulton County: www.44lakes.com and Montgomery County: www.visitmontgomerycountyny.com.

Find us on social media on Facebook and Instagram: @visitfultoncountyny @visitmontgomerycountyny Enjoy and have a great time exploring the Fulton-Montgomery County Region!

Anne Boles is the Director of Tourism Development for Fulton and Montgomery County.\

Endless possibilities

Caroga Arts Collective has a plan to revitilize the community

By CHARLIE KRAEBEL

A group that aims to boost the arts community in Caroga Lake has breathed new life into an old destination spot.

The Caroga Arts Collective has been "transformational" for the area, said Mark Kilmer, president of the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"They have a lot of big plans, so the possibilities are endless," he said.

The Caroga Arts Collective presents more than 50 performances and community events featuring world-class artists from various styles of arts and entertainment in the southern Adirondacks throughout the year. A not-for-profit organization, Caroga Arts presents the Caroga Lake Music Festival, Your Body is Your Strad, InterArts Symposium, Myhill Film Series, Artist Residencies, and other projects.

Caroga Arts seeks to bring together a community of artists to collaborate across fields and genres on interdisciplinary projects. Caroga Arts focuses on revitalizing local culture, business, and life by providing unique experiences through collaborative performances, community outreaches, exhibits, and adult/youth education.

According to its website, Caroga Arts takes "pride in offering a humble and intimate artistic experience to our community, but also presenting a diverse and challenging repertoire performed with precision."

While in residence, all artists are encouraged to interact and connect with the residents of the

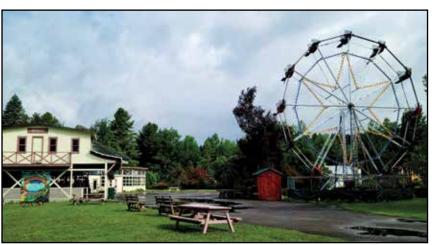


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The former Sherman's Amusement park is a Caroga Lake landmark.

Caroga Lake community.

Artists hail from top performance groups and have attended premiere music conservatories including the Juilliard School, Curtis Institute of Music, Yale School of Music, Cleveland Institute of Music, New England Conservatory, Eastman School of Music, among many others.

Caroga Lake Music Festival artists have won various prizes at international solo and chamber music competitions and regularly appear in notable media programs.

"It's a very successful program, nationally speaking," Kilmer said.

The arts group could not be reached for comment, but Kilmer said the project has "blossomed" because of artistic and executive director Kyle Price's efforts.

Price spent his childhood summers in Caroga Lake where his grandmother resides. At age 19, his dream of bringing his friends to play chamber music in Caroga Lake became a reality when he founded the Caroga Lake Music Festival in 2012.

The chamber's role in helping the festival get off the ground was to take on the administration side of the collective, Kilmer said. That includes using the chamber foundation to obtain grants, getting not-for-profit status and bookkeeping until Caroga Arts was able to handle that work on its own.

As with other efforts to boost tourism to the area, public and private partnerships have been key to the Caroga Arts Collective, according to Anne Boles, the chamber's tourism director. As an example, Stump City Brewing in Gloversville provides all of the drinks during performances.

Boles also said the performances put on in Caroga Lake are due to support from not only tourists, but year-round local residents.

"All of our partners work together," Boles said. "It's so great when you see a partnership. The culture they create is very enticing"

More information about the collective can be found online at carogaarts.org.

Nature & Agriculture



State Flower: Rose



Tree: Sugar Maple



Bird: Blue Bird



State Fruit: Apple



Snack: **Yogurt**



Freshwater Fish: **Brook Trout**

Fulton & Montgomery Counties encompass the natural beauty of New York State

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. Glaciers formed much of the valley's geography. 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 square miles, and 59% of the county sits within the Adirondack Park.



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Historic opportunity

Business ventures led Sir William Johnson to settle in the area nearly 300 years ago

By JOANNE E. MCFADDEN

Just as people today come to this area seeking opportunity, Sir William Johnson ventured to the Mohawk Valley for the same reason nearly 300 years ago. His work in what would become New York State after his death was extensive, having both local and global impact.

Believing that his Catholicism hindered his ambition in his native Ireland, 22-year-old Johnson came to the area in 1738 at the invitation of his uncle to take care of a 14.000-acre farm in the British colony of New York. In addition to running the farm, Johnson delved into the fur trade right away, setting up his own trading post after learning that the Iroquois disliked the long journey they had to make to Oswego to sell their goods. Within two years, his profits afforded him the chance to purchase his own land. This would be the first of several land acquisitions that would eventually make him one of the largest landowners in Britain's North American colony.

On this land he created Johnstown as he continued to build relationships with the Iroquois tribes. Johnson had a savvy and progressive way of doing business. He made connections with the Iroquois and the Mohawks in particular by immersing himself in their culture. "He dressed like them, he practiced their ceremonies, and he learned their language," said City of Johnstown historian Noel Levee. "He did everything. I think that's why they respected him so much." Later, after the death of his wife, he even married, in succession, two Mohawk women. One of

them was Molly Brant, the sister of Native American leader Joseph Brant. The couple had eight children together and lived on Johnson's estate.

During his dealings with the Mohawks, Chieftain Hendrick Theyanoguin asked for Johnson's help in dealing with the British in the embattled politi-

cal landscape of the time. The tribe ended up taking Johnson in as one of their

Having good relations with the Iroquois and a significant amount of land, Johnson wasted no time in turning what was then deep, wild frontier into a thriving city, laying the foundation for Johnstown's prominence as the county seat (first for Tryon County and later for Fulton County), drawing dozens of prestigious visitors including Aaron Burr, Alexander Hamilton, and Daniel Cady, father of Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The center of Johnson's settlement, named for his son, John, was his own 700-acre estate, Johnson Hall, a 1763 Georgian-style mansion.

By 1766, 10 homes and 130 families existed in Johnstown.

"He developed a model community," Levee said. "He set up all these important buildings. He built these little houses to bring people in. He set up a school." Johnson advertised in urban newspapers to attract skilled craftsmen, including a sword maker, hatter, breeches maker, shoemaker, tanner, wheelwright, collar maker, surveyor, and gunsmith, among others to serve the early settlers.

There were a few progressive elements in Johnson's

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SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON



Рното ву Geoff Dylong Johnson Hall State Historic Site, located at 139 Hall Ave., Johnstown, is the 18th-century Georgian home of Sir William Johnson and Mohawk Indian Molly Brant.



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city building. He constructed St. John's Church, which was not only a place for Catholics to worship, but also Lutherans and Dutch Reformed congregants. "There was religious freedom in this area, basically at a time when England and a lot of the Protestant nations were against the Catholics," Levee said. "Johnson allowed Scotch-Irish priests to practice there, too."

The school Johnson built was another example of his broadmindedness. It was one of the first free, co-ed, and interracial schools in New York, as Johnson's children with Molly Brant attended there. "He was very progressive in these early times to get all of these new things to take place," Levee said.

Much of the early formation of Johnstown took place against the backdrop of the French and Indian War (1754-1763) and the time leading up to it. Johnson's relationship with the Mohawks caught the attention of the British government, which appointed Johnson as the Colonel of the Six Nations in 1746 with the duty of winning the Iroquois over to England's side in the ongoing battle with the French for colonial control, which he did successfully. Mohawk warriors, fighting alongside British troops brought Britain its first victory in the French and Indian War at the Battle of Lake George in 1755, earning Johnson a baronetcy from the British Crown. This was just the beginning of Johnson's critical role in securing a British victory over the French for control of eastern North America, which included the capture of Fort Niagara with the help of Iroquois warriors in 1759 and Montreal a year later.

After his military service while he was enjoying retirement at Johnson Hall, he saw to the construction of a courthouse, which he funded in part with his own money, and a jail in 1772, ensuring the city's stature as a prominent legal center.

Johnson died in 1774 just before the outbreak of the American Revolution. His son, Sir John Johnson, became the leader of the American Loyalist Forces and following in his father's footsteps, became British Superintendent of Indian Affairs. Near the outbreak of the American Revolution, he fled to Canada.

Following the victory of the Continental Army in 1783, the newly formed American government confiscated Loyalist-owned lands, including Johnson's estate. "That's what brought a lot of people to Johnstown," Levee said. "It was a boom for settlement here after the war. This was the heyday of Johnstown. It was the county seat for the largest county in New York State."



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Drumm House: Sir William Johnson built this house in 1763. It is believed that it was for the school teacher he recruited for the newly formed Johnstown.

Preserving history for 130 years

By JOANNE E. MCFADDEN

Had it not been for a group of 11 heritage-minded Johnstown citizens in 1892, people today would not be able to learn in great detail about the city's rich history from the time of Sir William Johnson through Elizabeth Cady Stanton's critical role in women's suffrage and beyond. At a time when cultural heritage was little valued, the city's cemetery had become a dumping ground, and Sir William Johnson's Georgian-revival mansion had been converted to a Victorian and one of its block houses, gutted by fire, was disassembled and carted off by residents to construct cellar walls.

Determined to capture, preserve, and celebrate the city's history in artifacts, documents, educational events, and restoration projects so that future generations could appreciate what had taken place in the city centuries earlier, this group founded the Johnstown Historical Society. Horace Smith, a former law partner of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's husband Henry Stanton, was the society's first president.

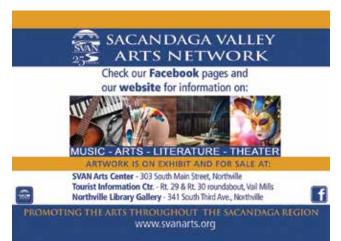
Over the past 130 years, the Johnstown Historical Society has



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This is the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Room at the Johnstown Historical Society Museum. The piano was Elizabeth's.

acquired a significant collection of items, including the cradle of Sir William Johnson's and Molly Brant's children, that tells the city's story from colonial times to the present. Visitors can view these items and others related to Johnstown's history at the Johnstown Historical Society Museum at 17 N. William St.





Johnstown's courthouse celebrates 250 years

By JOANNE E. MCFADDEN

When Sir William Johnson's son-in-law, Guy Johnson, suggested that the courthouse for the newly formed Tryon County (formerly the western half of Albany County) be built in Johnstown, establishing the town as the county seat, William Johnson saw to its construction. He even contributed his own funds to the endeavor and provided perks to the laborers who constructed it in the form of 25 gallons of rum to ease their thirst in the warm summer months.

On September 8, 1772, when the building was only partially finished, the British colonial government convened the first Court of General Sessions to be held west of Albany. After swearing in a grand jury, the assembled justices heard six cases.

County officials conducted business in this British colonial court, which eventually would be taken over by the colonists after their victory in the Revolutionary War. Judges held court sessions there even as Loyalist raiding parties made their way to Johnstown for the impending Battle of Johnstown on Oct. 25, 1781.

Post-revolution in 1784, the new American government renamed Tryon County "Montgomery County" after war hero Robert Montgomery, and the courthouse became the Montgomery County Court House. Government officials relocated the county seat to Fonda in 1836, prompting citizens in its northern part to lobby the state legislature to form a new county, Fulton County, named after steam engine inventor Robert Fulton, which they did in April 1838, putting the courthouse back into use as the Fulton County Court House.

The courthouse has its original bell, a piece of wrought iron bent into the shape of a triangle and installed in 1772. The bell sounded when news came of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown which signified the colonists' victory over the British, the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787, and the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Constitution.

This historic courthouse is the oldest



PHOTO PROVIDED

A historic postcard of the Fulton County Courthouse in Johnstown which celebrates its 250th anniversary this year.

Montgomery County Celebrating 250th Anniversary of Tryon County

Tryon County was a county in the colonial Province of New York in the British American colonies. It was created from Albany County on March 24, 1772, and was named for William Tryon, the last provincial governor of New York. The county's boundaries extended much further than any current county.

The county was divided into five districts: Mohawk, Palatine, Canajoharie, German Flatts, and Kingsland. The county courthouse and jail were erected in Johnstown in 1772 establishing Johnstown as the county seat. Three of the seven original judges were relatives of Sir William Johnson: Sir John Johnson (son), Guy Johnson (nephew), and Daniel Claus (son-in-law) with a fourth judge being close business associate and neighbor, Colonel John Butler. The remainder of the original seven judges were Peter Conyne, Jelles Fonda and John Wells. Guy Johnson, John Johnson, Daniel Claus and John Butler sided with Britain during the American Revolution while Fonda, Wells and Conyne supported the American cause. On April 2, 1784, the new state's legislature voted to change the name to Montgomery County, in honor of General Richard Montgomery, a Continental Army General slain during the Battle of Quebec.

On Saturday, August 27th Montgomery County will be hosting the 250th anniversary event in Fonda. From 11am-3pm, the day will feature reenactors from 1st and 3rd County Militia Groups; Historical County Tours; Local Illustrator John Walsh; Photographer Theresa Fiacchi, Utica Children Museum (Mobile Museum) and more! There will also be a Chicken BBQ to Benefit the Montgomery County Heritage & Genealogical Society.

For up-to-date information and further information of upcoming historical events: please visit https://www.facebook.com/MontgomeryCoNY or call County Executive's office at 518-853-4304 or the Montgomery County Department of History of Archives at: 518-853-8186.

existing courthouse in New York and one of the oldest still being used as a courthouse today. In honor of this significant anniversary, the New York State Court of Appeals, the highest court of New York State, will be conducting its busi-

ness there for the first time on September 8, 2022. Organizers are working with local school districts so that students can observe the proceedings right in the courthouse. Tours of the courthouse will be held throughout the day.

Heritage & History

1747 Nellis Tavern

State Route 5, 1 mile east of St. Johnsville (315) 866-2619 http://palatinesettlementsociety.org/

The 1747 Nellis Tavern, Homestead and Store reflects the culture of the Palatine Germans. Two ground floor rooms, hall and cellar show original fireplaces, huge ceiling beams and wattle and daub construction techniques. The 19th century Erie Canal era tavern is reflected in the 2nd floor and 2-story, stenciled-wall east addition. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. It is open for tours June through September, Sundays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Suggested donation is \$3.00.

Ames Museum

611 Latimer Hill Road, Ames NY amesvillagehistorian@gmail.com.

A two complete floor, research library, and tool shed annex. Totally physically challenged capable with chair lift, ramp, and rest room facilities. Also includes a large display of the beech nut circus and Arkell material. The top floor of the 1835 Ames Museum, used as an academy from 1839 to 1959, houses many local artifacts featuring Ames' hey-day as the hops-growing capital of 19th century America. This building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

Charleston Historical Society

Polin Road west of St. Hwy 30 A, Charleston (518) 922-5867

https://www.co.montgomery.ny.us/web/munici-pal/charleston/history.asp

The Charleston Historical Society is a National and State Historic Registered Site founded in 1978 with the purpose of preserving and documenting local history. Headquartered in a restored church originally built during the presidency of George Washington and re-built during the mid-1880s, its Victorian features are still intact. Exhibits include local artifacts, photos, records, literature and audio recordings of residents of the community. All programs held throughout the year are free and open to the public.

Diefendorf Hall

Fort Plain, NY http://mohawkvalleyvillagesny.com/diefendorf-hall/

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and at the center of Fort Plain's Historic District, Diefendorf Hall continues to provide a distinctive sense of place for local residents and visitors alike. http://mohawkvalleyvillagesny.com/diefendorf-hall/

First Baptist Church

Polin Road, Charleston

The historic First Baptist Church in Charleston is believed to have been built in the 1820s and remodeled during the 1860s. It is a rural vernacular woodframe church executed in the late Federal/early Greek Revival style. The 1.5-story, heavy timber-framed structure features a square, hip-roofed bell tower. Also on the property are a cemetery, dry-laid stone wall, and receiving vault. The majority of the burials date to the early 19th century, since the church had been organized about 1793. The Charleston Historical Society acquired the property in 1978. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

Fort Klock Historic Restoration

7203 State Route 5, St. Johnsville (518) 568-7779 http://www.fortklockrestoration.org

The 1750 fortified home of fur-trader Johannes Klock, located east of St. Johnsville, is a Colonial settlement of the French and Indian period. The Fort Klock Historic Restoration is a National Historic Landmark which includes a 1790s Dutch barn, blacksmith shop and an 1825 schoolhouse. Memorial Day thru mid-October, Tues-Sunday, 9am-5pm. Small admission fee. Fort Klock has a membership program for those who wish to share their time and gifts. Members receive the Fort Klock newsletter, calendar of events and the pride of knowing they are helping to preserve a Mohawk Valley Landmark. By preserving the past, we share it with the future. http://www.fortklockrestoration.org

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Fort Plain Museum

389 Canal St. (Route 5S), Fort Plain (518) 993-2527 fortplainmuseum@yahoo.com https://fortplainmuseum.org

Revolutionary War Fort Plain also known as Fort Rensselaer, was built in 1778 after the Cherry Valley Massacre and remained in service through 1800. The Museum and Historical Park is 5 acres that includes the stone farm house (museum) site of the fort, and much more.

Historic West Hill School

3 Otsego Street, Canajoharie

West Hill School was designed by prominent local architect Archimedes Russell (1890-1915) and built 1891-1893. It is a 3.5-story, stone masonry institutional building. It features a stone tower with open belfry containing the original school bell. It continued in educational use for over 100 years. It was constructed on the site of the Canajoharie Academy, where in 1846, Susan B. Anthony began a teaching position as head of the girls division. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. The building was acquired by the Mohawk Valley Collective in 2013, which has been working with volunteer labor to secure the building and develop a business plan and investors to bring it back into productive use.

Johnson Hall State Historic Site

139 Hall Avenue, Johnstown (518) 762-8712 parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/ • Facebook

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

17 N. William Street, Johnstown (518) 762-7076 fulton pygonych pot/biotopy/ichno

fulton.nygenweb.net/history/johnsvisit.html

Operates and maintains three historic sites: The Historical Society Museum (17 N. William St.), The Drumm House (117 W. Green St.) and The Jimmy Burk Inn (200 S. William St.) in Johnstown, NY.

National Shrine of Kateri Tekakwitha

3628 St Hwy 5, Fonda (518) 853-3646 https://www.katerishrine.com

The first Native American saint in North America, Kateri Tekakwitha, lived in Caughnawaga (present-day Fonda) from 1666, when she was ten years old, until 1677, when she fled on foot to Kahnawake, a Christian village in Quebec, Canada, to live the remaining three years of her life. Kateri was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980. She was canonized as a patron saint of the environment and ecology by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica in 2012. Her shrine includes a rustic chapel in an 18th-century Dutch barn and displays of artifacts from the only fully excavated Mohawk village of that era. Nearby flows the spring in which she was baptized.

Old Fort Johnson

Junction of Route 5 and Route 67 in Fort Johnson, NY, about 1 mile west of Amsterdam, NY (518) 843-0300

https://www.oldfortjohnson.org

Old Fort Johnson, the 1749 fortified limestone home of Sir William Johnson, is representative of the best of colonial architecture. No other home of a prominent New York citizen of the colonial period has survived so untouched by the changes of style and time. This National Historic Landmark is owned and operated by the Montgomery County Historical Society, a private, non-profit organization established to collect and preserve Mohawk Valley history. It is the Society's intent to present the Fort as close to the way it was during Sir William's lifetime as can now be determined. Most furnishings are contemporary to Johnson's time, and a number of items are from the Johnson family. The Fort also houses exhibits that include a collection of Native American artifacts focusing on the Mohawk Valley; the Betsey Reynolds Voorhees room, which articulates the life and times of a prominent 19th-century lady; the attic, which holds pieces that tell the history of Montgomery County; and a rare 18th century privy.

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Old Grist Mill

1679 Mill Road Saint Johnsville, NY 13452-3911 (518) 568-2388

http://www.innbythemill.com/millhistory.htm

This 3-story old grist mill constructed in 1835 of limestone has three secret rooms below the basement floor that were used as waiting rooms for the Underground Railroad. Each night when it was dark, the water to the 30-foot waterwheel was turned off and the 3-foot square, 1,000-foot long tunnel became an escape route for fleeing slaves. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1996.

Rice Homestead

328 Riceville Road Mayfield, NY 12117 www.facebook.com/ricehomestead

The Mayfield Historical Society maintains the The Rice Homestead as a museum to illustrate the history of the area in a house built in 1810 which also features its 1790 homesteading cabin. Open: June-September, Wednesdays and Saturdays noon to 4:00 and by appointment. Free tours.

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site

129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter, NY (518) 829-7516

https://www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/27/details.aspx

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is the only location where visitors can witness three of the major phases of the Erie Canal construction. The site contains a portion of the original Clinton's Ditch" canal as well as several features from the enlarged canal such as locks and the remains of the Schoharie Creek Aqueduct. Schoharie Crossing is also adjacent to the Erie Canal of today. Much of the site is along the Schoharie Creek and Mohawk River and features not only nature trails and history but also great recreational opportunities. Come picnic or paddle from the boat launch, or enjoy a stroll on the miles of towpath trails. Bring your bike and peddle east or west on the Canalway Bike Path that connects to the site. Stop into the Visitor Center for more information and a trail map. Hours: Grounds Dawn until Dusk All Year, Visitor Center May 1-October 31.

Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs

136 Shrine Rd., Fultonville (Auriesville) 12072 518-630-9922

http://www.martyrshrine.org

The site of the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, established in 1885, honors the martyrdom of three Jesuit missionaries and is the birthplace of Roman Catholic Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. Individuals and groups are welcome to visit the Coliseum church, museums, chapels, gardens, gift shop, and picnic pavilion. Sunday and daily Masses, annual St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference and scheduled special pilgrimages. May-October, open dawn to dusk.

Stone Arabia Churches

Route 10, Stone Arabia (518) 774-1998

http://revolutionaryday.com/nyroute5/stonearabia

The Stone Arabia churches are a pair of 18th-century churches standing side by side in a small rural hamlet: The Dutch Reformed Church, a stone structure, erected in 1788, and Trinity Lutheran Church, constructed of wood, built in 1792. An 18th century burial ground lies a short distance from the churches. Colonel Brown's Cemetery is the 18th-century burial site of Colonel Brown and others who lost their lives in the Revolutionary War Battle of Stone Arabia. The Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1977 and the Trinity Lutheran Church in 2005. Call to confirm Hours.

Van Alstyne Homestead Society and Museum

42 Moyer St, Canajoharie (315) 269-2198

https://www.facebook.com/VanAlstyneHomestead

Van Alstyne Homestead Society and Museum is a fortified homestead, typical of 18th-century Dutch architecture, featuring colonial artifacts, furnishings and 19th century images of historic sites by artist Rufus Grider. The long, low rectangular fieldstone house was built in 1730 with a steeply pitched gambrel roof and a garrett under the roof. A 2.5-story frame addition runs across the rear. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. Open Saturdays during the summer season.

A taste of success

Region's Craft Beverage Trail has quickly grown from four to eight unique businesses

By CHARLIE KRAEBEL

What started as a way to promote four craft beverage establishments in Fulton County has expanded to include similar businesses in Montgomery County.

Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director Anne Boles said the local craft beverage trail was created after seeing how popular they've become in other parts of the Capital Region.

"Last year, we started working with our pioneers in Fulton County because they all wanted to work together and create a trail," she said.

Those pioneers were the Great Sacandaga Brewing Company, Higher Ground Distilling Company, Rogers Cideryard and Stump City Brewing. After the trail was started in June 2021, more businesses have joined. The following is a look at the establishments that are part of it.

• Great Sacandaga Brewing Company. Located at 3647 Route 30 in Vail Mills, Great Sacandaga aims to become a New York state farm brewery, according to the chamber's website. All grains and hops are only from farms in the state. There is live music most weekends, and there is outdoor seating and fire pits. More information is available online at Greatsacandagabrewing.com.



PHOTO BY GEOFF DYLONG Gloversville's Stump City Brewing offers a variety of beer and cider.

• Higher Ground Distilling. The distillery is located at 2513 Route 30 in Mayfield. The company makes whiskey, bourbon and moonshine in many flavors by using high quality grains sourced by local farmers. According to Dave Webber, Higher Ground Founder and Master Distiller, the business started as a hobby and blossomed. Additional information can be found on Facebook by searching for Higher Ground Distilling.

• Stump City Brewing. Located at 521 W. Fulton St. Ext. in Gloversville, Stump City is a small brewery offering a rotating eight taps of state farm beer, cider and spirits in a taproom with a lot of history in it. In addition to beverages, Stump City operates a food truck on Fridays and Saturdays and hosts special events. They also serve their products at Caroga Arts Collective performances. More information is available at the business' website at stumpcitybrewery.com.

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- Rogers Cideryard. The business, located at 260 County Highway 131 in the town of Johnstown, is a cider pub specializing in hard ciders crafted from the Rogers Orchard meadow. The taproom serves food, beer, cider, and cocktails. More information can be found on the pub's Rogers Cideryard Facebook page.
- Kessler Brewing Company. KBC Beer is located at 4 N. Main St. in Mayfield. It's a family owned and operated brewery that creates small batch and uncompromised craft beer. The company is inspired by Belgian and red ales, and brew year-round classics, seasonal specialties, and limited edition ales. More information about Kessler is available on the business' Facebook page.
- Eisenadler Brauhaus. Located at 88 E. Main St. in Nelliston, Eisenadler Brauhaus Montgomery County's first brewery to produce handcrafted microbrews, with a specialization in Bavarian-style beers. The inspiration for the brewery's name and theme come from co-owner Jodie Rodriquez, who lived in Germany for a few years, while she was growing up. More information is available on the company's Facebook page.
- Hummingbird Hills Winery. The company is located at 1442 Burtonville Road in the town of Florida. It produces a wide variety of unique wines that aim to introduce wine lovers to new flavor palates. Every bottle is produced from grapes grown in its vineyards or locally sourced fruits. More information is available online at hummingbirdhills-winery.com.
- Erie Canal Distillers. Located 55 Willett St. in Fort Plain, it's the first distillery in Montgomery County since prohibition. Erie Canal Distillers uses all locally grown products. More information can be found online at eriecanal distillers.com.

Boles acknowledged that the Craft Beverage Trail is broad and said the hope is visitors will be able to experience one or two of them while in the area. Oftentimes, individual craft beverage producers will actually point customers to other businesses.

"They're really partners," Boles said. "They could see themselves as competitors, but they'll recommend other places to visit, which is really cool."

More information about the Craft Beverage Trail is available online at the chamber's tourism website, 44lakes.com.



PHOTO BY GEOFF DYLONG

Rogers Cideryard, located in Johnstown, serves a variety of hard ciders crafted from Rogers Orchard along with food and beer in their taproom.



On the Water



PHOTO BY GEOFF DYLONG

The Great Sacandaga Lake stretches 29 miles.

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.

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), or the Orendaga on Northville Lake (www.orendaga.com).

Boat Launches

The lake offers four state boat launches for public use. For more information, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor.

Northampton Beach Campground

Located on the northwest corner of 29-milelong Great Sacandaga Lake, Northampton Beach Campground offers great boating and fishing and is a very popular camping destination. The campsite offers a large hard surface boat launch with parking for 100 cars and trailers; a natural sand beach with guarded swimming area from mid-June to Labor Day; rowboat, canoe, and kayak rentals on the premises; and a large picnic area. Go to http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24486.html for more information.

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 — the Walleye Challenge Ice Fishing Tournament and the Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation winter fishing tournament — draw thousands of participants, and 54 percent of the competitors come from out of town.

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.

How can a boat climb a waterfall? Or a barge travel over rapids? They can't. Canals are built to dodge these boating hazards using a series of locks and levels. Locks are elevators for boats, lifting and lowering them as they travel along the waterway. Levels are long stretches of flat water between the locks.

The Erie Canal system's locks lift your vessel a total of 565 feet above sea level from the Hudson River to Lake Erie. Seven of the 57 locks on the Erie Canal are in Montgomery County, each with a park and picnic area. For more information about traveling by water, contact the New York State Canal Corporation toll-free at 1-800-4CANAL4.

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 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. Amsterdam Waterfront Foundation organizes concerts and events in Riverlink Park; check them out online for schedules at www.riverlinkconcerts.com or on Facebook.

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.

The Mohawk River throughout Montgomery County provides a diverse fishery with peaceful, lush surroundings. Because of the Erie Canal, parking and boat launching sites are unparalleled.

There are countless spots to discover glorious fishing by boat, as well as a generous selection of public launch sites. Wheelchair accessible facilities are maintained at Lock 10 and at Nelliston. The stretch of the river from Lock 13 to Lock 16 has abundant carp, perch and bass. Schoharie Creek flows into the Mohawk just above lock 12, making exciting bass fishing throughout the season and walleye fishing in the early spring.



PHOTO BY GEOFF DYLONG
The Mohawk River provides a variety
of recreational opportunities.



(518) 736-1130 • (518) 736-1103 Fax

Museums

THE ARKELL MUSEUM AT CANAJOHARIE

5 Erie Boulevard, Canajoharie (518) 673-2314

www.arkellmuseum.org • Facebook • Twitter • Instagram

The Arkell Museum showcases a world-class collection of American paintings purchased by founder Bartlett Arkell for the people of Canajoharie. It includes 21 works by Winslow Homer, and significant paintings by many distinguished artists, including George Inness, William M. Chase, Childe Hassam, Mary Cassatt, Georgia O'Keeffe, Robert Henri, and other members of The Eight. Permanent and changing exhibitions also feature selections from the museum's Mohawk Valley history collection, as well as early 20th century advertising material for Beech-Nut, which was founded by Arkell in 1928.

JOHNSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Maintains the Historical Society Museum (17 N. William St.), the Drumm House (117 W. Green St.) and the James Burk Inn (200 S. William St) in Johnstown, NY

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON HOMETOWN ASSOCIATION

One-mile historical walking tour "Walk in the Footsteps of Elizabeth Cady Stanton."

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

237 Kingsboro Ave., Gloversville (518) 725-2203

www.fultoncountyhistoricalsociety.com • Facebook

The Fulton County Museum hosts exhibits and events to showcase the county's rich history in Native American and colonial life, and its roots in agriculture, industry, and leather making. Highlights include exhibits of local history in sports, military, schools, technology, the FJ&G Railroad, public service, business and more. Open May through October.

FORT PLAIN MUSEUM

389 Canal St. (Route 5S), Fort Plain (518) 993-2527

fortplainmuseum.org

Revolutionary War Fort Plain also known as Fort Rensselaer, was built in 1778 after the Cherry Valley Massacre and remained in service through 1800. The Museum and Historical Park is 5 acres that includes the stone farm house (museum)m site of the fort, and much more. Hours: May & June: Wednesday thru Sunday, 10am-4pm. July & August: 7 days, 10am-4pm. September & October: Friday - Sunday, 10am-4pm.

KARPELES MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY MUSEUM

66 Kingsboro Ave., Gloversville NY 12078 (518) 752-4596

karpeles.com

The Karpeles Library is the world's largest private holding of important original manuscript documents. The archives include literature, science, religion, political history, and art. Hours: Wednesday - Friday: Noon - 4 P.M.; Saturday - 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.; Sunday - Noon - 4 P.M.

CAROGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION & MUSEUM 145 London Bridge Road, Caroga Lake NY 12032-0434 (518) 835-4400

carogamuseum.org

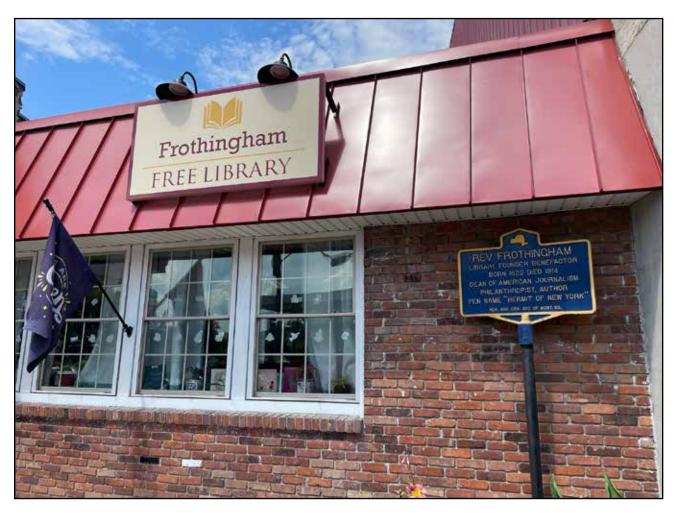
We are dedicated to the collection, preservation of historical of historical objects and artifacts pertinent to the Township of Caroga and to conveying their significance to the public with tours. An outdoor museum which includes a 1905 farmhouse, an 1870 cobbler shop, general store and 130-year-old pegged barn, with displays on the county's early leather tanning and lumber industries. Large collection of Sherman's Amusement Park memorabilia. Hours:Open June 24th-August 29th 1-4PM.



PHOTO BY GEOFF DYLONG

THE NORTHVILLE 5 AND 10

The Northville 5 and 10, located in the village of Northville on the Great Sacandaga Lake, is the oldest five and dime store in the United States. The landmark store, which is in the New York State Historic Register, is still open daily throughout the year. The department store continues to carry a wide variety of items including fresh homemade fudge.



Рното ву Geoff Dylong Frothingham Free Library is located in downtown Fonda, in historic Mongtgomery County.

Frothingham Free Library

The mission of the Frothingham Free library is to be an integral part of our community by providing all residents with a balanced range of resources and activities to meet their educational, cultural and creative needs.

The goals of the Frothingham Free Library are to provide a place where the community can gather exchange ideas and attend programming suited to their needs; to always provide services not always available in other space; and to be an evolving environment in the infrastructure of the community.

We offer books for children, teens and adults, large print books, eBooks, audio books, DVDs, CDs, inter library loans, internet access, fax, copier, mini art gallery with a new artist each month!

Services we offer: Current Best Sellers on shelves, Downloadable eBooks & Audio books https://www.overdrive.com/, Free Digital Magazines https://www.overdrive.com/, Free wireless internet, Public Computers, Weekly Preschool Story Hour, Adult, Teen, and Children's Fiction and Non-Fiction Books, Inter library Loans for books, CDs, & DVDs, Audio Books for Adults, Teens, and Children DVDs for all ages, Large Print Books, Home Bound Patrons Service Monthly, Local Artist Display, Fax machine (fee), and Copier (fee).

Library hours: Monday 10am – 6pm. Tuesday 10am – 6pm. Wednesday 10am – 6pm. Closed Thursday and Sunday. Friday 10 – 6pm. Saturday 9am – 12pm.

The library is located at 26 Broadway, Fonda, NY 12068. (518) 853-3016.

FULTON MONTGOMERY REGION PROFILE

The region's economy features agriculture, commercial, retail, industrial, warehousing and distribution, transportation, food manufacturing, and other businesses.

POPULATION: Total = 102,854 (2018/2019)

Fulton County = 53,633 City of Gloversville = 15,358 City of Johnstown = 8,249 Montgomery County = 49,221 City of Amsterdam = 17,864

LAND AREA in square miles: 898.51

Fulton County = 495.47

Montgomery County = 403.04

PERSONS PER SQUARE MILE

Fulton County = 108.25

Montgomery County = 122.12

TOTAL NUMBER OF FIRMS: 6,283

MAJOR PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS

(# of employees)

Lexington ARC, Fulton County (2000)

St. Mary's Healthcare, Amsterdam (1447)

Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home, Gloversville (961)

Kasson Keller Keymark, Fonda (795)

Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Johnstown (750)

Liberty ARC, Montgomery County (675)

Target Distribution, Amsterdam (662)

DHL Supply Chain, Johnstown (477)

Dollar General, Amsterdam (470)

LIPPERT, Gloversville (361)

FAGE USA Dairy Industry, Johnstown (295)

Beech-Nut Nutrition Corp., Amsterdam (276)

Amsterdam Printing & Litho, Amsterdam (240)

Century Linen & Uniform, Gloversville (217)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

FULTON MONTGOMERY

REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE www.fultonmontgomeryny.org 2 N. Main Street, Gloversville, NY 12078 2430 Riverfront Center, Amsterdam, NY 12010 (518) 725-0641

FULTON COUNTY CENTER FOR REGIONAL GROWTH 34 West Fulton Street, Gloversville, NY 12078 www.fccrg.org (518) 725-7700

Fulton County Industrial Development Agency www.fcida.org

1 East Montgomery Street, Johnstown, NY 12095

(518) 736-5660

Montgomery County Business Development Center www.mcbdc.org

9 Park Street, Fonda, NY 12068 (518) 853-8334

GLOVERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2 North Main Street, Gloversville, N.Y. 12078, 518-725-9641

Amsterdam Community & Economic Development 61 Church Street, Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010, 518-841-4304

OCCUPATIONS OF RESIDENTS

Montgomery Co. 16+ Years Civilian Employed	Fulton Co.
21,714	23,639
Management, Business, Science &	Arts
30%	28%
Service Occupations	
18%	20%
Sales And Office	
23%	25%
Natural Resources, Construction &	Maintenance
10%	10%
Production, Transportation, Material	Moving
18%	17%



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