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Chamber's Fulton Montgomery 'RESILIENT' campaign to highlight moxie of local businesses

Highlighting and boosting businesses that are open and re-opening during the pandemic is the goal of a new campaign created by the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber President Mark Kilmer explained the "Fulton Montgomery RESILIENT" campaign will kick off as the holiday season approaches, "to show the moxie of our local business leaders, who have shown their penchant for innovation, and generous spirit throughout the pandemic."

The campaign is designed to help to get the word out that Fulton and Montgomery counties are "back to business," he said. The promotion features themed posters and signage, supported by the Chamber's social media postings and public relations information submitted to local media. Companies can use these materials to welcome customers and staff members back through their doors, and customers can visually see the posters and signage to know that the company is hard at work here in our community.

Across the country, more small businesses report reopening and have cautious optimism about the future despite concerns about a resurgence of the

coronavirus according to the latest MetLife & U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Coronavirus Impact Poll.

The survey focused on the ongoing impact from the coronavirus.

Kilmer said he agreed with the report, that said this month, more small businesses say they are open. Small businesses that temporarily closed at some point since the pandemic began are more likely to say that they reopened this month (69%) than in late May (43%). This month, 86% of small businesses surveyed report they are either fully (52%) or partially (34%) open, up seven points from 79% in May.

The survey report also said, "Fewer small businesses perceive their local economy as in poor health (39%) when compared to the national economy (55%). Overall, small business views of the local economy are steady: 31% view their local economy as in "good" health compared to 28% in May. 39% see the local economy in "poor" health, statistically unchanged from May (38%)."

Kilmer said the Fulton Montgomery RESILIENT campaign was designed as a way to help prop up local business owners and leaders

who show signs of guarded optimism, but feel it will be some time before things return to normal. The survey said "More than half of small businesses believe it will take six months to a year before the small business climate returns to normal (56%), in line with late May's 55%. Another 7% think that it will never return to normal."

He said, "Being in business is always challenging, and our small businesses and corporations have had an extremely tough year. We stand beside our colleagues as they reopen, knowing that they are a large part of what makes our community a wonderful place to live and work."

Kilmer said through this campaign and beyond, the Chamber will be an active cheerleader for businesses by sharing information, educational programming and positive stories through the organization's many promotional outlets, including via its active Facebook community, website and with public relations. "Our goal is to support commerce in any way that we can," he said.

During the beginning and height of the crisis, the Chamber took on the responsibility of ensuring that business leaders in this region also had every information resource they needed during the unusual time. Informational e-blasts offered the latest development/regulations coming out of Albany and Washington so that company leaders could navigate the rapidly changing landscape. The Chamber also



Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home's new Medical Arts Primary Care Center.

Littauer's New Medical Arts Primary Care Center Opens to Community

Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home is proud to announce the official opening of their new Medical Arts Primary Care Center. Serving the Fulton County community, the \$5.2 million structure features a total of 18 exam rooms, two consulting rooms, and 12 provider offices. With 12,500 square feet, the structure has tremendous space for patient care, and is specially designed to improve communication between providers and support staff.

Littauer's new Medical Arts Primary Care Center is "where design meets well-being." The view from inside the building is breathtaking, patients say. Placed within the Adirondack setting, the new Medical Arts Primary Care Center features a vaulted ceiling, suspended light fixtures, and custom windows – taking full advantage of the neighboring mountains. The windows allow an abundance of natural light to come through the building. In addition to the building's design, contemporary art pieces hang, intended to promote health and the well-being of Littauer's patients.

"The art and architecture are symbolic statements of the high-quality health care practices which take place here," says Littauer Vice President of Primary and Specialty Care, Patrice McMahon. "The relationship between a provider and a patient is a beautifully important thing. We kept that close-knit relationship first-in-mind from start to finish."

The construction of the Medical Arts Building began June of 2019, and was completed this July. Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the building underwent a carefully-constructed transition to slowly acclimate patients to the new building.

On September 22, 2020 a private ribbon-cutting ceremony was held. Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home President and CEO, Laurence E. Kelly, and administrative hospital staff gathered to cut a ribbon, marking the official opening of the building.

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Letter from the President

Fulton Montgomery RESILIENT



Mark Kilmer
President/CEO

We are elated to announce the Chamber's "Fulton Montgomery RESILIENT" campaign, a positive and impactful effort to highlight the moxie of businesses as they come through this pandemic; promote reopened businesses to customers; cheer on the region as it recovers and offer positive publicity for member businesses as they reopen. We believe that now is a great time to use the Chamber's many means of promotion to support commerce in an uplifting and meaningful way.

The "Fulton Montgomery RESILIENT" campaign will kick-off as the holiday season approaches, to show the moxie of our local business leaders, who have shown their penchant for innovation, and generous spirit throughout the pandemic. "Fulton Montgomery RESILIENT" is designed to help get the word out that Fulton and Montgomery counties are back to business.

The Chamber will continue to be an active cheerleader for businesses by sharing information, education programming, and positive stories through the organization's many promotional outlets including via its active Facebook community, website and with public relations.



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Patients have had many positive things to say about the care received within the new care center. A patient offered their reaction after a recent visit:

"I haven't gone to see a provider in a very long time. When I saw Nathan Littauer was building a new space for their primary care services, I knew it was time that I had scheduled an appointment. When it was time for my appointment, I was very nervous. As soon as I stepped inside and saw how beautiful the building was – I felt very calm, comfortable, and reassured. The staff greeted me, and were very warm and receptive. My provider was wonderful. Everyone was extremely attentive, patient, and explained things to you. I left feeling that I was in the best of hands. I can't wait

until my next appointment."

Time and time again, Nathan Littauer has proven the organization's mission: to make health care accessible to the community. "We realized we had ample space at a premium, so this was an important next step as we expand our services to our people once more," says Littauer's Chief Financial Officer, Michael Ostrander. "This expansion of primary care will be the twelfth addition to Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home's healthcare services."

Within the next couple of years, McMahon anticipates adding more providers and even more specialties offered through primary care.

"For our medical staff, it's about providing the very best for them so they can in-turn,



Nathan Littauer Hospital President and CEO, Laurence E. Kelly, and administrative staff gather to cut the ribbon; marking the official opening of the new Medical Arts Primary Care Center.

give the best care for our community members," McMahon adds. "There's always going to be a need for our patients to come in. They need someone to talk about what's happening with their health on a personal

level. We want them to know we're here for them."

For more information on Nathan Littauer's new Medical Arts Primary Care Center, or to schedule an appointment with your provider,

please call (518) 773-5690. As always, Nathan Littauer Hospital is accepting new patients. Parking is located just outside the building, to the right of the hospital's Emergency Care Center.

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partnered with local companies that manufacture or provide personal protective equipment and cleaning and maintenance supplies to ensure that each member business has the knowledge, supplies and equipment needed to reopen successfully.

As part of the campaign, the Chamber will thank three special businesses who have joined as major sponsors of the project, with their own individual announcements. Each is a well-known economic driver in the region, and have expressed eagerness to support the campaign and stand with their colleagues in all Fulton and Montgomery industries.

Janet Davis, the Chamber's Membership Director, spends the majority of her time speaking with business leaders in the region. She said she has been heartened by all the stories she has heard about resilience and the spirit of business owners in the area. "I am very proud and impressed by all of the Chamber member businesses I speak with. They are out there working very hard to not only survive this COVID crisis, but to come back better than ever."

Anne Boles, the Chamber's Director of Tourism Development, echoed Davis's sentiments, saying that

tourism attractions, restaurants and other visitor-reliant entities are doing all the right things to ensure that visitors are safe and welcomed in the best way possible. "So many of our sites are thriving despite the difficult circumstances," she said. "They deserve to be congratulated and supported, especially as we head into the busy holidays."

Kilmer asked local consumers to watch for the special "Fulton Montgomery RESILIENT" signage in area retail establishments, as well as other businesses. The "OPEN FOR BUSINESS" signs are a message from the business to their valued customers, and state: "Being in business is not easy. But we are moving forward with courage and determination. As we reopen and build momentum, we thank you, our customer, for being there every step of the way. Together, we will win the battle, and our community will thrive and see success."

For more information about the "FM RESILIENT" campaign, or the ways that the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce supports local businesses, contact the Chamber at (518) 725-0641, visit online at www.fultonmontgomeryny.org; or visit on Facebook.

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Lexington Joins Broad Effort to Observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Lexington announced its participation in National Disability Employment Awareness Month, an annual awareness campaign that takes place each October. The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "Increasing Access and Opportunity."

The history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

"Ensuring that America's workplaces continue to include and accommodate people with disabilities will be an important part of our economic rebound," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia. "Looking ahead, the Department will remain focused on the policies that led to a strong economy and record-low unemployment rates for persons with disabilities prior to the pandemic. A vigorous economic rebound and job growth will, alongside the Americans with Disabilities Act, increase access and opportunity for Americans with disabilities."

"Lexington is proud to be a part of this year's

National Disability Employment Awareness Month," said Esther Carpenter, Director of Lexington's Employment Resources program. "We want to spread the important message that individuals who have disabilities are valuable, dedicated, skilled and capable."

"It's also at this time of year that we are especially thankful to our partnering businesses who employ people because of their abilities, rather than their disabilities," continued Carpenter. "Workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy." Lexington's partner businesses include Ashley Home Store (Amsterdam, NY); Burger King-Gloversville; Century Linen & Uniform (Gloversville, Johnstown); Fox Run Golf Club (Johnstown); Fulmont Community Action Agency (Fulton and Montgomery Counties); Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce; Galway Central School District; Glove City Veterinary Hospital (Gloversville); Gloversville Enlarged School District; Harrison Document Services (Gloversville); Willing Helpers Community Store (Gloversville); Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES; Keymark (Fonda); Kingsboro Catering (Gloversville); the Leader-Herald (Gloversville); the Arc Lexington; Lowes (Amsterdam); McDonalds-Johnstown; Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market (Gloversville); Mountain Valley Hospice (Gloversville); Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home (Gloversville); Noble Ace Hardware (Johnstown); NYSID Warehouse (Albany); Pizza Hut (Johnstown); Price

Chopper – Amsterdam, Gloversville, Johnstown, Palatine Bridge; Ruby & Quiri (Johnstown); Runnings (Gloversville); Schine Memorial Hall (Gloversville); Shoe Depot (Gloversville); Simply the Best Home Care (Johnstown); Top Quality Home Care (Johnstown); Walgreens (Gloversville).

Lexington's Employment Resources Program provides no-fee employment services and supports for men and women with developmental disabilities and the employers who train and hire them. The program customizes their services to meet job seeker's needs, skills and interests. For the employer, Employment Resources can help hire people with disabilities who are qualified, motivated, productive and reliable. The program will provide the training and supports needed for successful, long-term placements. For more information contact Esther Carpenter at (518) 773-4717 or via email at carpene@thearclexington.org.

Employers and employees in all industries can learn more about how to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month and ways they can promote its messages — during October and throughout the year — by visiting www.dol.gov/NDEAM.

Lexington, Chapter of The Arc New York, is a private, not-for-profit agency providing a wide range of services to adults and children who have disabilities in Fulton and Albany Counties. Created in 1953 by a group of concerned parents, Lexington is recognized as one of the leading agencies of its kind in New York State. For more information about Lexington and its programs and services, visit www.thearclexington.org.



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Adirondack Health Institute is offering free health insurance enrollment assistance services to individuals, families, and small business owners in eight North Country counties – Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, and Washington – during the upcoming open enrollment period. Although the New York State enrollment period was extended to the end of 2020 due to COVID-19, the annual open enrollment period begins on November 1 for new enrollees and November 16 for those reenrolling in a plan. It runs through January 31, 2021. For those who wish to have their health insurance coverage take effect on January 1, 2021, the deadline to apply is December 15.

"Our enrollment specialists provide no-cost, unbiased assistance to help clients determine their health insurance eligibility for Qualified Health Plans, Medicaid, and Child Health Plus" explained Joyce Porter, AHI's Enrollment Assistance Services and Education (EASE) Program Manager. "Another option available is called the Essential Plan, a plan for lower-income New Yorkers who don't qualify for Medicaid or Child Health Plus. This plan costs much less than other plans – as little as \$20 per month, and in some cases no cost at all – yet offers the same essential benefits for those who qualify."

Porter continued, "We are excited to help

people in our communities enroll in a plan that best fits their needs. We also encourage those who would like assistance to schedule a free appointment with us at their earliest convenience and not wait until the last minute to sign up."

Individuals may call AHI's toll-free number, 1.866.872.3740, or visit www.ahihealth.org/ease/appointment-request/ to schedule a no-cost appointment with an EASE enrollment specialist.

Adirondack Health Institute is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization licensed under the New York State Public Health Law as an Article 28 Central Services Facility. Since 1987, AHI has supported hospitals, physician practices, behavioral health providers, community-based organizations and others in the region in sharing our vision and mission of transforming health care and improving population health. A joint venture of Adirondack Health, Glens Falls Hospital, Hudson Headwaters Health Network, St. Lawrence Health System, and the University of Vermont Health Network – Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital, AHI's mission is to create transformative initiatives to improve access to health care services allowing the residents of the Adirondack region to realize their full potential and live a healthy life. For more information, please visit www.ahihealth.org.

St. Mary's Healthcare Opens New Podiatry Health Center and Welcomes Podiatrist, Dr. Alpha Opese

St. Mary's Healthcare would like to welcome Podiatrist, Dr. Alpha Opese, DPM, who specializes in foot care for all ages – from neonatal to adult to caring for the foot health of our older community. Dr. Opese and his team are excited to bring the brand new podiatry practice to St. Mary's Healthcare and the great Capital Region.

“During my residency, not far from Amsterdam, I was introduced to not only the region, but also the community and the people here. I knew early on I wanted to establish a practice in Upstate New York. It was an easy decision when the leadership of St. Mary's reached out and offered me a position to join their medical staff – I was more than ecstatic to be part of the community,” stated Dr. Opese.

The newly remodeled Podiatry health center is located at 446A Guy Park Avenue in Amsterdam, NY, designed with special attention for our patients in need of foot care. Krishna Cionek, St. Mary's Podiatry Practice Manager added, “Knowing that some of our patients will need to see us when it's difficult for them to walk, we designed this space with plenty of hand rails, ramps and other safety measures



Dr. Alpha Opese, DPM

to make their visit as easy and as comfortable as possible.”

Dr. Opese completed his Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine from Kent State University, in Cleveland Ohio. He then completed an intensive three years of PMSR/RRA (Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency with Reconstructive Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery) from Our Lady Lourdes Memorial Hospital, in Binghamton NY. Upon completion of his residency, Dr. Alpha Opese was recognized as a qualified podiatrist by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery.

He is well versed in the management of acute and chronic musculoskeletal conditions of the foot, ankle, and leg. Dr. Opese has a mastery of the skills required to provide a full spectrum of podiatric care that ranges from skin and nail problems, to bunions, hammer toes, ankle pain, tendinopathies, fractures, and various foot/ankle deformities in all ages.

In addition to his skillset, Dr. Opese has a personal interest in the management of neurological foot and ankle disorders encompassing, but not limited to, progressive talipes cavus (high arch), spastic ankle equinus (toe walking), and diabetic foot neuroarthropathies (Charcot foot).



The newly remodeled Podiatry health center is located at 446A Guy Park Avenue in Amsterdam

Dr. Opese added these comments on his approach to patient care, “Whether clinically or surgically, I will work with the patient, their lifestyle and their goals to determine the best treatment for their podiatric concern.”

Dr. Opese is now scheduling patients to be seen at the St. Mary's Podiatry Health Center. For an appointment, questions, and help transferring your previous medical records, Dr. Opese and the St. Mary's Podiatry Health Center can be reached at (518) 770-7880 or visit www.smha.org/podiatry for more information.

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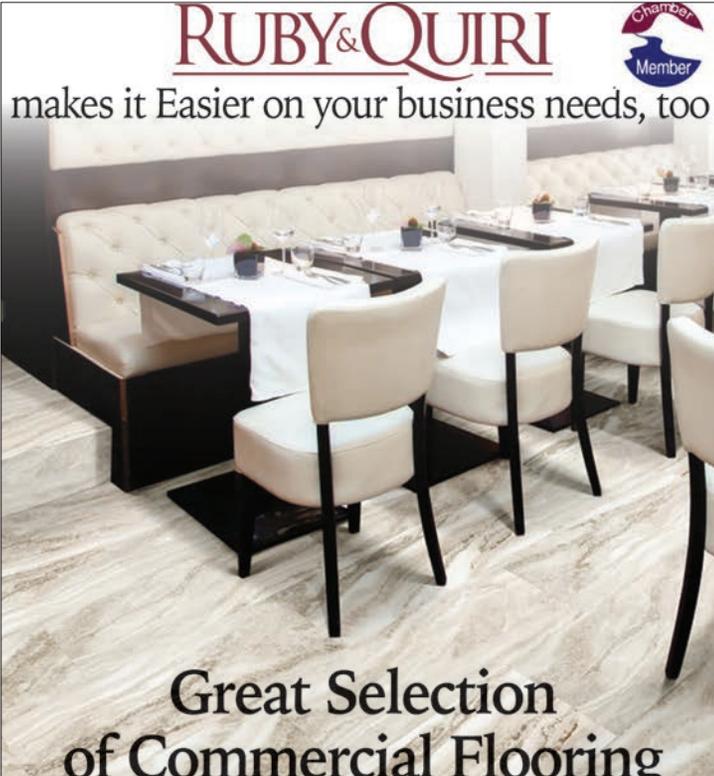
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We have one more reason why businesses should join the Chamber, “live” ribbon cuttings. This is just one more opportunity for our businesses to introduce themselves to our community. We tried it and received over 1000 hits our first day! You will still get all the

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Live Ribbons Cuttings

perks we always offered, we are just taking up to the next level. When you have a ribbon cutting we still eblast it, put it on face book, put an article in newslines and include the press. You can invite your employees and friends to join the festivities. We will also invite the Public Officials and the people you request that helped you get your start. Its one of the best ways to get the most out of your membership.

Whether a new member or a long term member we invite you to submit articles about your business to *Newsline*. *Newsline* goes out to over 3200 people and businesses. Its your opportunity to introduce yourself and tell us about your business. Of course, all members are listed on the website, and have the benefit of a free hyperlink to their

own site from the Chambers. Also, you have a mini-page that can be up-dated and personalized to fit your business. The Chamber website enjoys an average of 275,000 hits per month. Another advantage to being a member is we only refer members. The Chamber receives several calls per day asking us to recommend businesses. We have a large amount of new people in the area that depend on the Chamber to help them with their needs. We recommend you – our member.

One other great form of advertising is our Vail Mills Travel Center. Feel free to drop off your brochures and your business cards. Please take advantage of all the Chamber has to offer it is well worth it.

History and Health Care A New Primary Care Center in Caroga Lake

Caroga is a town steeped in history. According to the town’s comprehensive plan, the roaring 20s marked an increase of commercial activity, complete with swelling summer populations. After the establishment of the Caroga campgrounds, many developments would take place, further increasing the population of the town.

In 1992, the town acquired the old Wheelerville School, which was originally constructed in 1856. Soon after, the town opened: municipal offices, a courtroom, a public meeting space, with a medical clinic for the public. It wasn’t until late 2005, when Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home would lease a portion of the municipal building, would the area finally welcome their first primary care office.

Thursday, September 24, 2020, began Caroga Lake’s newest historic milestone.

Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home proudly announced to the Town of Caroga Lake; the construction of a new, modern primary care center. The new center is approximately 9,614 square feet of space, and will be next to



Caroga’s Town Hall, where the original primary care center was housed. A groundbreaking ceremony marked the expansion of primary care in Caroga with: the building architect, Fred Franko; with Hyman Hayes Associates, former President and CEO of Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home, Laurence E. Kelly, Vice President of Population Health and Executive Director of the Nathan Littauer Foundation, Geoffrey Peck, and the Supervisor of the Town of Caroga, Scott Horton.

“It is exciting to work with Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home in our commitment to the community,” said Horton. “We appreciate Nathan Littauer Hospital and

everything they have done for the area. This new Caroga Lake Primary Care Center is a boon, and it shows that the area of our town continues to grow. In turn, so is its need for great healthcare services.”

“We continue to expand our services we provide in the Adirondack area, and we look forward to meeting new patients,” says Alison Townsend, Physician Assistant with Nathan Littauer. “We provide an invaluable service to the community members here, and I think our patients are really grateful for that. There’s a lot of history here. I am incredibly impressed with Nathan Littauer’s ability to expand healthcare services, so they are more accessible for people in the region.”

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Tourism News



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2021 Walleye Challenge Ice Fishing Derby at the Great Sacandaga Lake Postponed until 2022.

The Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce regrets to inform the community that the 2021 Walleye Challenge Ice Fishing Derby at the Great Sacandaga Lake is postponed until 2022.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic and safety for our community, the Chamber and local organizers have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Walleye Challenge.

“The tournament and registration take months of planning in advance,” Tourism Director of Development Anne Boles said. “We are unable to plan a large gathering at this time, as we continue to adhere to New York State Government guidelines. We are very hopeful for less constraints by 2021, but the reality is we cannot plan for a large crowd now with the current restrictions and guidelines in place. It is truly a very hard and difficult decision to postpone. We look forward to continuing our traditional tournament with Fuel N Food, Lanzi’s, and all our local sponsors and donors in 2022.

Past fishing enthusiasts will receive a letter in the mail regarding postponement, and is posted on 44lakes.com and Visit Fulton County NY Facebook page.

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Have you ever wanted to get in the car and take your family to a picturesque downtown to spend the afternoon? You can, right here in Montgomery County. The village of Canajoharie is located just off of Exit 29 of the New York State Thruway. It’s walkable, with several fun shops and restaurants to explore right within village limits.

Start your day with a cultural experience—the Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library is the perfect way to spend a few hours. You can explore on your own or schedule a guided tour with the Curator of Education and Public Engagement Mary Alexander. She is extremely knowledgeable and will answer any questions you may have about the exhibitions on display. There’s no need to be an art connoisseur to enjoy either. It’s a great location for those just eager to learn about something new.

um for those who might be interested in exploring the museum in a virtual capacity.

This Fall – 2020 – the following exhibitions are on view until December 30, 2020: Winslow Homer: Illustrator

This new exhibition features the Arkell Museum’s permanent collection of Winslow Homer watercolors and woodcuts. Homer began his career as an illustrator for Harpers during the Civil War. After the war Homer continued producing material for the publication including a number of illustrations that accompanied children’s stories and poems. This exhibition examines Winslow Homer’s skill as an illustrator and early work with print publications, shedding new light on how this influenced his later work.



Winslow Homer: Illustrator exhibition at the Arkell Museum.

Judge Magazine: Politics, Presidents & Political Cartoons

This exhibition features images and materials from the Arkell Museum’s *Judge* magazine collection.

Judge magazine debuted in 1881; William J. Arkell purchased the floundering periodical in 1885 specifically to attack the Democratic presidential campaign. *Judge* quickly rose in popularity with the addition of famed cartoonists including Eugene Zimmerman, and began to rival competing publications such as *Puck*. This exhibition focuses on the history of the magazine, the role it played in American political life, and its connection to Canajoharie, NY.



Mary Alexander, Curator of Education and Public Engagement at the Arkell Museum is available for guided tours. Contact her at malexander@mvlis.info or by calling 518-673-2314 ext 113.

Don’t forget to check out the Canajoharie Library, which is part of the Mohawk Valley Library System.



Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library located at 2 Erie Blvd, Canajoharie, NY 13317.

What’s also exciting is attending the museum is not cost prohibitive for families. Entrance is free for members, \$9 for adults and \$6.50 for students and senior citizens. Active duty military receive free admission and 50 percent off of their entire party. The Arkell Museum is a member of the Empire State Reciprocal Museum Program. Members of participating museums receive free admission to the Arkell Museum, and Arkell Museum members are able to visit participating institutions for free.

The Arkell Museum has two rotating galleries for changing and traveling exhibitions, a third gallery features Arkell Museum’s permanent American Art oil collection. Also, the permanent installation in the Memorial Walkway features information on the Arkell Family and Beech-Nut Packing Co and its advertising collection. Alexander also hosts Zoom online events where she discusses the art in the muse-



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Alexander said all libraries in the Mohawk Valley Library System require a barcoded library card in order to check out materials. You may obtain a library card at the library with a valid photo ID (Driver's License, Benefit Card, Passport, etc.) and proof of address. There is no charge for a library card, however if a replacement card is issued the fee is \$2.00. Many people find themselves spending more time at home these days, making it a great time to have a library card. Besides books and magazines, audio books, digital books, CDs and DVDs are available to check out.

The library provides story hours for children and offers take home kits for all ages. The kits are activities where you can learn a new hobby or just relax and keep busy. A few examples of kits available are mindful meditation, mini Zen gardens or yoga for kids.



A view of the Canajoharie Library.

Both the Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library have many activi-

ties that can keep you and your family busy all throughout the year. Find the hours of operation and keep up with all events taking place by visiting them on social media:

Museum: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram: @arkellmuseum or visit their website.

Library: Facebook and Instagram: @CanajoharieLibrary or visit their website.

Schedule a guided tour by appointment with Mary Alexander, Curator of Education and Public Engagement at malexander@mvls.info or call 518-673-2314 ext 113.

After Arkell, head over to the Lee's Shops at Wagner Square. You are overcome with a sense of home upon entering the shop. It could be the smell of locally made soaps or the sparkle reflecting off a Christmas tree decoration that make this store so inviting, but no matter the reason, Lee's is a great place to visit. Whether you're looking for a special gift or just want to browse. There are several different rooms, with something for everyone. Inside you will find over 40,000 items—including Lee's Christmas Corner—which lets you enjoy the magic of Christmas year-round. For hours of operation and to learn more about Lee's Shops, you can visit them @2024churchstreet



Lee's Shops has over 40,000 items—including holiday décor for all seasons.



Candles at Lee's Shops.

Only a quick walk up the street is The Village Restaurant. The diner, which seems to be a popular destination among locals, has a menu filled with all of your favorite comfort foods. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. You can eat in or take out.

If you are looking to spend time outdoors, consider opting for takeout and heading to the Thomas H. Burbine Memorial Forest & Nature Trail for lunch.



Director of Tourism Development Fulton County / Montgomery County Anne Boles looks for a spot to have lunch at the Thomas H. Burbine Memorial Forest.

The approximately 330-acres which make up the Burbine Forest are a hidden gem within Montgomery County. Nature lovers can enjoy numerous tree species, wildlife, wetlands and bird watching. There is currently a mile long maintained loop trail, picnic tables and a fishing pond. A fishing derby is in the works for next year. There's a lean-to and ample opportunity for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in the winter.



A view of the pond at the Thomas H. Burbine Memorial Forest in early September.

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Chamber Member Anniversaries

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

Less than 5 Years

Snyder's Convenient Corner.....	2019
Karpeles Manuscript	
Library Museum.....	2019
Hummel's Office Plus.....	2019
CG Roxanne.....	2018
Krutz Properties.....	2018
Ashley HomeStore Select.....	2017

5 to 9 Years

Mysteries on Main Street.....	2015
Lillian Johnson, HTCP.....	2015
Glover Insurance Agency.....	2014
Pura Construction Company, Inc.....	2012

10 to 19 Years

Amsterdam Rotary District 7190.....	2010
Hill & Markes, Inc.....	2008
R.H. Crown Company, Inc.....	2008
Bowman's Market.....	2008
Tamara L. Dunlap; D.D.S.....	2007
Finch Guest House.....	2006
Purtell Realty, Inc.	
- Century 21 Realty.....	2005

10 to 19 Years continued

Powerhouse Motor Sports.....	2003
Assemblyman Robert Smullen.....	2001
Northampton Animal Hospital.....	2001

20 to 29 Years

Subway of Amsterdam.....	2000
Greenscapes.....	2000
Hardies Electric Services Company, Inc. ...	2000
Power and Composite Technologies, L.L.C.....	1999
Montgomery County Office for the Aging, Inc.....	1999
Daily Gazette Company, Inc.....	1998
Don's Electric & Plumbing.....	1998
Ricmar The Design & Print Shop, L.L.C.....	1994

30 to 39 Years

HFM BOCES:Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery Board of Cooperative Educational Services ...	1990
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HFM Career & Technical Education (CTE)

Outdoor opportunities abundant for HFM Environmental Conservation students

Stressing career preparation in the fields of forestry/lumber production, heavy equipment operation and renewable resources, the HFM Career and Technical Center's Environmental Conservation program takes full advantage of the center's outdoor facilities.

Most recently, students majoring in Heavy Equipment were busy constructing a pond behind the center on land owned by Fulton-Montgomery Community College. In October, seniors began stocking the pond for the first time with crayfish and channel catfish, which they raised themselves in indoor tanks.

As part of the program's ongoing aquaculture studies, students plan to raise and stock native perch and bass, and heavy equipment students



will expand the pond in the next few years providing another educational resource for students for years to come.

During the two-year Environmental Conservation program, students spend their junior year learning the basics of operating HFM's fleet of bulldozers, excavators, load-

ers, trucks and other heavy equipment and learn to operate power tools, saws, welders, mowers and other equipment.

By their senior year, students select from one of three

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HFM Pathways in Technology Early College High School (HFM PTECH)



ABOVE and BELOW: This past October, freshmen at HFM PTECH hosted their first Pathway Panel Discussion where they explored the Advanced Manufacturing pathway with some of our business professionals. A special thank you to our representatives from GLOBALFOUNDRIES who joined our students in an engaging virtual meeting.



ABOVE and BELOW: Last month, sophomores at HFM PTECH participated in their first Professional Skills 101 mentoring seminar. Students worked with business professionals on the different skills needed for writing and developing resumes. Education is looking a little different this

year but students, staff and mentors are making it work virtually. Thank you to Robert Secreti of GLOBALFOUNDRIES, Caleb Brown of Anderson-Negele, Gail Breen of FMS Workforce Solutions Centers, Blaine Harvey of Mohawk Fabric and Darci Luci of Century Linen.



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majors and begin concentrating on either forestry and lumber production, heavy equipment operation or renewable resources.

Forestry/lumber majors learn to operate chainsaws to fell trees, buck up lumber and limb trees. They learn and operate the program's band saw

mill and edger to produce graded lumber that is used primarily on campus. They also spend time in the woods on campus studying silviculture, wildlife and fauna.

Heavy Equipment students learn to operate a variety of heavy equipment and may complete the first two class-



room years of the four-year apprenticeship program required to become a journeyman operator.

As Renewable Resource majors, students participate in a variety of classroom and lab studies focused on renewable resources including aquaculture, hydroponics, aquaponics, PV

and wind power generation, and biodiesel production and more.

The HFM Environmental Conservation program is open to high school juniors and seniors in the HFM area. To learn more about the program visit: www.hfmboces.org/environmental-conservation

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Coming soon to the Burbine, is Montgomery County's first disc golf course. This will be the first in the area! It's anticipated to attract many visitors who enjoy this popular recreational activity. Read more about Disc Golf Course coming to the Burbine, here.

Please share with us, whether you take the whole trip, or just make a few stops, hopefully you are able to get out and #ExploreMoreMontgomery!

Fulton County Historical Society to Host online fundraiser auction – November 1st-November 15th



Gloversville NY: In lieu of an in-person gala fundraiser this year, the Fulton County Historical Society (FCHS) is hosting an online fundraiser auction. Featuring items generously donated by local businesses, artists, community groups, and individuals, the auction will be held online from November 1st at 9am through 5pm on November 15th. All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the FCHS and support its mission and programs. The auction link will be available on our website at fultoncountyhistoricalsociety.org.

Since 1891, the FCHS has worked diligently to

preserve and promote Fulton County's rich history. The FCHS and museum are housed in the former Kingsboro school building, built in 1900 on the site of the Kingsboro Academy. The Academy was established in 1831 by Rev. Elisha Yale as a private school; it became a public elementary school in 1863. Upon the completion of a new building for Kingsboro Elementary in 1972, the FCHS was given the old school for use as a museum. It opened its doors to the public in March 1973. Permanent exhibits explore our community's educational history, glove and leather heritage, military service, civic organizations, businesses, FJ&G Railroad, sports history, and more.

From initiatives like the 2019 Year of the Glove, to in-person and virtual programs for kids such as Hands on History @ Home, the FCHS encourages exploration of our past and actively participates in our community's efforts to create a vibrant center of arts, culture, and commerce to improve quality of life in our county.

Visit our tourism event calendars for more information on these and other events happening in Fulton County,

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www.visitmontgomerycountyny.com/events-calendar.

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