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Liberty ARC names McCray new human resources director

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The Arc New York, recently announced the appointment of Amy McCray as its new director of human re-

sources.



McCray

McCray will be responsible for the overall strategic direction of the agency's human resources initiatives, and will oversee employment, talent acquisition, legal compliance, employee relations, compensation, and other HR functions.

McCray has 14 years of experience in human resources in the manufacturing industries.

She comes to the agency from Crystal Geyser Roxane, LLC, where she served as the East Coast Human Resources and Safety Manager for four years. She oversaw four sites located in New York, Florida, Texas, and New Hampshire.

At Crystal Geyser Roxanne, McCray was responsible for employee benefits and management, recruitment, retention, orientation and new hire training, and labor and employee relations.

McCray has also worked for several other businesses located in Fulton County, including DHL Supply Chain and Fage USA Dairy Industry, Inc. She has worked as an independent human resources consultant as well.

"I am excited to join the Liberty ARC team, and contribute to the mission of the organization," McCray said in a news release. "Our employees are the backbone of the agency and the root of its success in providing high-quality programs. The staff

at Liberty ARC make positive difference in the lives of the people they support, and it's an honor to be a part of an extraordinary organization."

"Liberty ARC is pleased to have Amy join us and bring her years of expertise in Human Resources," said Liberty ARC CEO Jennifer Saunders in the release. "I am confident Amy's depth of knowledge in this field, including employee relations and new hire training and orientation, will be an asset to Liberty ARC."

McCray received her bachelor's of business administration

in business management from SUNY Empire State College, her MBA from the University of Phoenix, and her master's degree in human resources from Ashford University.

She also holds certifications and professional designations, including Senior Professional Human Resources and Global Professional in Human Resources from the HR Certification Institute and Senior Certified Professional from the Society for Human Resources Management.

Presentation planned



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The Mayfield Historical Society will host a presentation by Ken Hurst and Carol Rio of Poughkeepsie, entitled "The Past Beneath Our Feet," today from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Presbyterian Church, 22 N. Main St. in Mayfield. Hurst and Rio are members of Awesome Relics New England Metal Detecting Club in Brooklyn, Conn.; Nor'easters Metal Detecting Club in Stamford, Conn.; and Silver City Treasure Seekers in Taunton, Mass.. Hurst lived in the Mayfield area and has done extensive metal detecting work in Mayfield, Northville, and Broadalbin. Hurst and Rio will have interesting items on-hand that were recovered in the local area, as well as other areas, and will explain what they tell us about local history. The presentation is open to the public and free of charge, Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 518-332-0538.

FORT HUNTER

Button Fire Engines next topic of state history talk at Schoharie Crossing

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is excited to host Brad Utter of the New York State Museum to speak on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Utter will present during the eighth annual New York State History Month Talk series that recognizes the rich and diverse history of the state.

Each week, Schoharie Crossing is hosting a speaker who will discuss a topic of regional or state-related history.

All presentations are free and open to the public.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Enders House adjacent to the Schoharie Crossing Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter. Refreshments will be provided, and donations are always appreciated.

Utter, a senior historian and curator at the state museum, will be discussing the Button Fire Engine Company.

For much of the 19th and 20th centuries, New York State was a hotbed of fire engine and apparatus manufacturing.

One of the main players in that industry was Lysander

Button of Waterford. Starting around 1831, Lysander Button worked his way up the ladder from mechanic turned inventor to owner of the firm that would eventually take his name.

Utter will present the results of his latest research on Button, his company, and the engines they made, which were said to set the "Standard of the Age."

To finish the series on Oct. 25, Caitlin Sheldon, an independent historian that focuses on clothing of by-gone eras will present, "Dress in the Gilded Age."

Learn about the fashions that inspired the HBO show, "The Gilded Age," and watch a dressing demonstration of the many layers and pieces that make up the lady's fashionable ensemble.

Sheldon is a public librarian by day and hobby historical costumer in any bit of spare time she has.

Sheldon has been sewing historical costumes since 2014 and takes inspiration from movies and shows as well as from the historical documents she finds in her library's archives.