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Anne Boles appointed to Liberty Foundation Board

Anne Boles, the Executive Director of the Fulton Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, was recently appointed to the Liberty Foundation Board of Directors.

As the board's newest member, Boles will be tasked with supporting and advancing the Foundation's mission to raise and manage funds for the purpose of supporting a variety of programs to improve the lives of persons with disabilities and their families in Montgomery County. She will serve a two-year term through 2025.

"It is an honor to serve on different boards, as I feel it is one of the most rewarding and valuable decisions I've made," Boles said in a news release. "I'm excited to be a part of the events that Liberty Foundation hosts for the people supported by Liberty ARC and our community. I'm excited to collaborate with the compassionate and motivated people on the board."

Boles is a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, who is active in her community. She previously served as "I Love NY Fulton and Montgomery

County TPA Project Director" and as Director of Community Relations at Johnstown's Community Health Center Home Care, where she was employed for 14 years. Her duties included creating innovative marketing and advertising strategies; managing the organizations' web and social media presence; serving as liaison to customers and business partners throughout Fulton, Montgomery, Herkimer, Schoharie, Saratoga, Hamilton, and Warren Counties; fundraising; and event planning.

In 2016, the Chamber of Commerce named Boles the "Young Professional of the Year."

She was also awarded the Paul Harris Fellow award and the Sok Nam Ko Rotarian of the Year award in 2017 by the Amsterdam Rotary Club, where she has served as a Rotarian since 2019.

Boles was a member of the St. Mary's Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors and the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties.



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Open house slated



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The 32nd annual Christmas Open House and Pie Sale at The Rice Homestead in Mayfield will be on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 12-4 p.m. Musical entertainment in the Victorian Parlor will be by Fleur de Lys (above) from 12-2 pm and Dana Carroll on the hammered dulcimer from 2-4 p.m. Rooms will be decorated in the holiday spirit of yesteryear with fireplaces ablaze and homemade cookies and hot mulled cider will be served. Spinning and wool rug braiding demonstrations will be in The Loom Room and the very popular Homemade Pie Sale will be in the dining room as well as gift baskets for raffle. This event is free and open to the public and refreshments are free. The Rice Homestead is located at 328 Riceville Road in Mayfield. For more information, call 518-332-0538 or visit www.facebook.com/ricehomestead.

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New Dimensions in Health Care receives Montgomery County grant for dental services

New Dimensions in Health Care (NDHC) recently received a \$50,000 grant from Montgomery County as part of the American Rescue Act. Funding from this grant will be used to support NDHC's dental program, which is one of the few dental programs in the region accepting patients who have Medicaid dental insurance.

"This grant will be a big help as New Dimensions continues to be one of the few dental clinics in our region that provides services to the poor and vulnerable," said Jennifer Saunders, CEO of New Dimensions in a news release. "Thanks to this commitment from the County, more residents will be able to get the vital dental care they need, including people with disabilities, children in the foster care system, and those who are struggling to make ends meet in our towns and cities. Many of our patients are still experiencing negative effects of the pandemic, and this funding from the American Rescue Act will help ease a

part of that. We are incredibly grateful to County Executive Matt Ossenfort, Chairman Robert Purtell, and the Montgomery County Legislature for supporting dental care for Montgomery County residents through this grant."

With the closure of St. Peter's Health Partners dental clinic in Albany this past year, there are just a handful of clinics in the region that accept Medicaid dental insurance.

Many private dental practices do not accept the insurance as it costs more to perform the basic services than the payments reimburse. Grants like this one are vital to closing the fiscal gap that exists for operations like New Dimensions in Health Care's dental program, and ensures that high quality dental care can continue to be offered in Montgomery County to residents who rely on Medicaid. New Dimensions in Health Care offers a dental program that specializes in treating all patients, including those with disabilities.

FORT HUNTER

Take A Hike Day scheduled for Nov. 17 at Schoharie Crossing

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site will host a five-mile hike to recognize National Take a Hike Day on Friday, Nov. 17 starting at 10 a.m. from their Visitor Center at 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter, NY 12069.

Participants will "Take a Hike" on the old Erie Canal Towpath from the Visitor Center to the Southside of Amsterdam.

The route will follow the old

towpath from Fort Hunter to Yankee Hill and connect with the Friends of Schoharie Crossing's Eagle Trail along the Mohawk River before ending in Port Jackson, the southside of Amsterdam.

The trek is about 5-miles along grass and dirt trails with slightly uneven terrain.

Dressing for the weather and wearing proper footwear is strongly encouraged.

This is a point 'A' to point 'B' hike, and so we suggest staging a vehicle at the end point and/or carpooling.

The end point will be the Empire State Trail trailhead off Bridge Street on the Southside of Amsterdam.

The American Hiking Society says of National Take a Hike Day, "Yes, the days are getting shorter and cooler, and getting outside

isn't always easy during the week, but getting outside is rewarding.

On National Take a Hike Day, we like to remind folks hiking can be simple—no heavy pack or rugged mountain required. You can enjoy the mental and physical health benefits of hiking right in your neighborhood."

This hike will include two short rest stops at Yankee Hill Lock and near Dam 7 across

from Lock Ell approaching Amsterdam.

For more information about programs at Schoharie Crossing, please contact the Visitor Center at (518) 829-7516, email Schoharie-Crossing@parks.ny.gov, or visit our NYS Parks webpage.

The Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site Visitor Center is located at 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter, NY 12069.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 individual state parks, historic sites, golf courses, boat launches and recreational trails, which are visited by 78 million people annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit www.nysparks.com, connect on Facebook, or follow on Twitter.

GLOVERSVILLE

Micropolis Art Gallery announces holiday events

Micropolis Cooperative Art Gallery will host a "Meet the Artist Reception" on Friday, Nov. 17, between 5 and 7 p.m.

A new selection of original artwork by co-op member artists, including unique holiday gift items, will be on display. A small forest of of artist-designed tabletop trees will be unveiled and available for purchase. The Micropolis tree of handcrafted ornaments—an annual favorite—takes on a new look this year.

The gallery is filled with paintings, drawings, pastels, photographs, fiber art, mixed media, glass, digital art, jewelry, pottery, woodland assemblages, baskets, turned items of exotic wood and fine art cards by members of Micropolis Cooperative. The members are

Betsy Batchelor, Paula Becker, Dan Bridge, Karen J.

F. Cooper, Ruth Christie Crotty, Cheryl Gutmaker, Michelle Harring, Alex Higgins, Linda Hinkle, Kathy Klompas, Linda Kollar, Kevin Kuhne, Phyllis Lapi, Anne Marie LaVallee, Jonathan Moore, Lynda Naske, Kathie Raneri, Katie Santomartino, Cindy Sheeler, Sandy Smith, Martha Starke, Gabriella Vardai-Davidson and Eileen Wrightsman.

On Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25, Santa will visit the gallery. He will welcome the young and young at heart between 10a .m. and noon. Guests are encouraged to bring a camera.

The gallery, located inside Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market at 30 N. Main St., Gloversville, is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Art show



The Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library to host The Arts Factory Members Show. The show will take place from Oct. 20 through Dec. 30. All gallery sales are "Cash & Carry", purchase a work of art and take it home the same day. The Arts Factory of Montgomery County, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support, encourage and cultivate local arts, artisans and venues of the Mohawk Valley of New York State. Admission to the Regional Art Galleries is free. Museum admission is free for members, active-duty military and children under 11; \$9 adults, \$6.50 seniors & students. The building has off-street parking available and is wheelchair accessible. The Museum, Regional Art Galleries, and Library are open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The Regional Art Galleries and Library remain open until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library are located at 2 Erie Blvd. in Canajoharie. Pictured is Janet Marie Yeates - Regal White Barn.

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