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"I joined The Chamber because I believe there is strength in numbers and if the community could come together with a common purpose, we could advance our businesses as well as our community."

Paul Parillo, Proprietor
South Side Coffee Shop

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

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You Are Invited to Celebrate Montgomery County's Workforce & Volunteers Annual VIP Appreciation Celebration, Sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital Scheduled for September 30

The Chamber's Annual VIP Appreciation Celebration showcases the people and volunteers that work hard to ensure the continued growth and success of our community. The Chamber changed the format to make the event more of a community celebration.

This year we also incorporated the Tourism Volunteer Award and Junior Volunteer of the Year Award. "We added a junior volunteer this year for youths in our area ages 18 or younger," states Brennen Parker, Co-Chair of the Chamber's Young Professional Committee, TILT. "Youths are involved in making a difference in our community in a variety of ways: helping in community clean-ups, volunteering through scouts, assisting in fundraisers, and participating in civic and church groups. We wanted to recognize their efforts as well, they are future community leaders."

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Don't Miss Chamber's Business Expo – "Showcase Montgomery County" October 7

Make connections, meet prospective customers, get to know your business community!

On Thursday, October 7, 4 – 6 pm, the Chamber will hold our annual business expo at the Riverfront Center (Lower Level) in Amsterdam. "Showcase Montgomery County" is an opportunity to meet with businesses that can assist you with your business and community needs as well as business-to-business marketing and making personal contact with colleagues and the general public.

Exhibitors are from a variety of businesses and service organization that drive our local economy and employ our residents—stop in and meet them! See what they can do for your business!!

All members are invited to attend this complimentary event! Be sure to bring your business cards to exchange! Prizes will be given away to registered business attendees including an iPod, tickets to Proctor's Theatre, Gift Certificates to area restaurants, 1 year membership to AAA, goodie baskets, and much more! Be sure to sign in at the registration area!

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Healthcare Reform

by Kevin McClary, Chairman, Legislative Affairs Committee

As the pieces of Healthcare Reform unfold, The Chamber continues to receive information on how it might impact business and the workforce. We will inform you of the opportunities to learn more about the reform through upcoming webinars and presentations, as well as pending legislation.

Now that some of the dust has begun to settle on the debate, it's time to look at what the legislation means for your business.

Health Insurance Webinar Offered

On Wednesday, September 8 at 1:00 pm, The Chamber and Bouchey & Clarke Benefits Inc. invite you to participate in a one-hour Webinar "Healthcare Reform YOYO (Your Obligations Your Opportunities)".

Guest Speaker Allen T. Steinberg, a noted ERISA attorney for Hewitt Associates (a Fortune 500-focused benefit consulting firm), has completed a full analysis of the new legislation and will discuss what employers need to do to comply and what you may want to

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MEMBER News & Events



The Amsterdam Mohawks Baseball Team broke the record for Team and League Attendance this season. 34, 092 fans watched the Mohawks win their 2nd straight NYCBL Championship and 4th since 2003. There are 19 former Mohawks currently playing professional baseball, 12 which have been drafted or signed during 2010 and 4 former players have been selected in the first 200 picks of 2010 MLB Draft.

The Friends of Sanford Stud Farm is hosting the first ever Open House Reception at the Broodmare Barn, Route 30, Amsterdam, Friday, September 10th, 6pm-9pm. The reception will feature assorted hors d'oeuvres and wine. Friends of Sanford Stud Farms memorabilia and a silent auction will be available for Friends and guests to peruse. Proceeds from the benefit event are for continuation of repairs to the facility. Dress is business casual. Donation: Members \$25, guests \$35. Parking will be available at the NBT Bank in Hannaford plaza. A shuttle trolley will provide transportation between the bank and the reception. For more information call Tom Foster 866-1287, Claudia Helmer 842-3060 or Lou Hildebrandt Jr. 761-0703.

The Friends of Sanford Stud Farm 4th Annual Open House, Saturday, September 11th, 11am-3pm, at the Broodmare Barn, Route 30, Amsterdam. The day will feature area vendors, crafters, and artisans, food, entertainment, and tours of the historic Broodmare Barn. Admission is free. For more information call Tom Foster 866-1287, Claudia Helmer 842-3060 or Lou Hildebrandt Jr. 761-0703.

KeyBank has announced "You Choose, Montgomery County!" whereby Montgomery County residents will help the bank choose which worthy local causes will receive donations up to \$1,000 from the bank this fall. Balloting is at KeyBank Montgomery County branches during normal business hours through Oct. 1. Winners will be announced Oct. 15, 2010. Montgomery County residents can vote for local organizations in three categories: Arts and Culture, Health and Human Services, and Civic and Community. First place awards will be made in each category and winners will receive \$1,000. Second place awards will also be made in each category and winners will receive \$500. In addition, there will be an opportunity to vote for a favorite youth sports team (teams serving youth 19 years old and younger). The winner of that vote will receive \$500. KeyBank Montgomery County branches are located at 6 Market Street in Amsterdam, Collins Corners, 4855 State Highway 30 in Amsterdam and 24 Main Street in Fultonville. Voting is open to all adults with a Montgomery County address; participants do not have to be customers of KeyBank. One vote per person, please.

The Inman Senior Center is offering a day trip to Buzzard's Bay, Massachusetts for the Bourne Scallop Festival on Sunday, September 26, 7 am - 10 pm. Join them for a day of fun filled entertainment, food and vendors. The trip includes choice of Scallop or Herb Chicken Dinner, and a 90 minute live narrated cruise around the bay. \$85 per person. For more information call 842-3815.

The Mental Health Association of Montgomery & Fulton Counties presents "The No Celebrity, Celebrity Auction Fest" on October 7th, at the Johnstown Moose Lodge, 109 South Comrie Ave., 4 - 7 pm. Enjoy tasty samples of local restaurant favorites, a fashion show presented by Handy Ups N' Downs, and a silent auction. Celebrity items have been donated by Larry the Cable Guy, Barbra Streisand, Josh Turner, Sir Elton John, NY Giants and NY Jets Football Teams and more! Other items to be auctioned are Lake George Steamboat luncheon cruise, stained glass, carpet tiles, gift cards, tickets to Enchanted Forest Water Safari, the Farmer's Museum and more. Admission is Free but please RSVP by September 23rd, to 762-5332, ext. 100. All proceeds to benefit the Child Advocacy Center of Fulton County.

Southside Coffee Shop is now offering fresh baked Italian bread available after 10:30 am daily at the coffee shop located at 54 Bridge Street, Amsterdam. The coffee shop also serves homemade breakfast and lunch Monday - Friday, 6 am - 2 pm, and Saturday 6 am - noon. For more information call 843-3660.

Teal, Becker & Chiamonte CPAs P.C. proudly announces that Alex Kuchis, CPA recently attained the designation of Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) from the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA). This designation allows him to prepare business valuation reports for use in conjunction with succession planning, estate planning, and matrimonial matters, to name a few. A CVA may also be called on to provide expert witness testimony for cases involving litigation. Kuchis works with privately held businesses, lawyers, and other professionals to determine the level of business valuation or litigation support related service each client needs. Kuchis is also a Certified Public Accountant and can provide a wide variety of Accounting, Tax, Auditing, and other business consulting services.

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TOURISM CORNER

by Gina DaBiere-Gibbs, Tourism Director

The 23rd World Canals Conference will return to Rochester, New York on September 19-24, 2010. The conference brings canal and waterway enthusiasts, professionals and scholars from around the world, together to learn about a variety of topics related to canals, including the protection of historic canals or features, revitalization of canal systems, harbor sites, canal trails and amenities; the presentation or interpretation of canals and corridors—their history and various elements; canals as a means to promote tourism, spur economic development and urban renewal and environmental sustainability

At least fourteen countries confirmed they will be sending delegates including Panama, Germany, Belgium, France, Sweden, Norway, England, Scotland, Czech Republic, Serbia, Poland, China, Korea and Canada. The 2011 and 2012 Conferences will be held in the Netherlands and China respectively.

We are fortunate to have this gem in our community. Montgomery County hosted the canal schooner Lois McClure on August 3 at Lock 15, Fort Plain. While the Lois McClure has stopped in Montgomery County in the past, this particular trip was en route to the World Canals Conference. The Lois McClure is a replica canal schooner modeled after two 1862-class canal schooners that sunk in Lake Champlain. This type of wooden boat was common throughout the region and once dominated the waterways.

While the summer season has come to an end, there is still an opportunity to enjoy the canal with plenty of warm days left in autumn to stroll or bike the Erie Canalway Path, fish, or take a relaxing boat ride. Fall foliage can be experienced in a whole new way if you have not taken this opportunity in the past; don't forget your camera. Relax at a lock or park along the Mohawk and savor in a picnic.

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site allows visitors to experience all three eras of the canal in one location: the original canal, the expanded canal, and the barge canal. Tentative programming for the remainder of 2010 into 2011 is the October 24th, Birthday Bash celebrating 185 years of Erie Canal history; winter lectures with possible topics of Railroads of the Mohawk Valley, 19th Century Farming and Ice Jam History of the Mohawk River; a film festival featuring documentaries about the Brooklyn Bridge, Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Niagara Falls, and the Adirondacks; and a spring lunch and learn series.

For Lois McClure photos check out the Visit Montgomery County Facebook page and for more information log onto www.lcmm.org. For World Canals Conference information log onto www.wcrochester.org. And for more Montgomery County canal activities call me at 842-8200 or log onto www.visitmontgomerycounty.com.

CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLITE



8th Annual MCSPCA Dog Walk and Pet Party on September 18

The Montgomery County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MCSPCA) will host its 8th Annual Dog Walk and Pet Party on Saturday, September 18, 11am to 3pm at Shuttleworth Park in Amsterdam, sponsored by The Montgomery County Teachers Federal Credit Union. All proceeds will benefit the MCSPCA's New Animal Shelter Building Fund. The event is free and open to the public but donations will be gratefully appreciated.

Dog Walk participants are encouraged to pick up their donation forms at the MCSPCA Animal Shelter or online at www.mcspca.org as soon as possible to begin collecting their donations. All donations must be paid at the time of registration for the Dog Walk, which will be from 11am to noon on the day of the event. The registration donation is \$10 per dog and each registrant will receive a free goodie bag. The Dog Walk begins promptly at noon and dog-less walkers are also welcomed to join in.

Dogs currently awaiting adoption at the MCSPCA will be highlighted during the Dog Walk as "MCSPCA Ambassadors" and will be available to meet prospective owners. Adoption applications will be available. The MCSPCA will also offer a micro-chipping and nail-clipping clinic for a discounted fee. A variety of other attractions and activities are also planned for the Pet Party portion of the event between 11am and 3pm.

A variety of animal rescues will participate in the day's event. There will be demonstrations of police K9 procedures by Amsterdam Police Officer Pasquarelli and his K9 partner Hyde. A blessing of the animals will be offered at 1:15 pm by Deacon Ryba of Amsterdam.

During the Pet Party there will be Run-Thrus for a Cause agility course. Handlers can practice running real competition-style courses under a distraction-heavy atmosphere. The Run-Thrus will occur from 11am to 12:30pm and again from 1pm to 3pm, at a fee of \$5 per dog for 1st run and \$2 per dog for each additional run. Please contact Jenny at agilityfantastics@yahoo.com or 322-7460 in advance for sign-up information. The Amsterdam Rotary Club will sponsor an inflatable maze where Party-goers can test out their physical fitness ability free of charge.

The MCSPCA Shelter Shop will offer a variety of items and food for sale, with all proceeds going to the Shelter animals. Many other vendors will be offering products and services to pets as well.

Prizes will be awarded for the Best Pet Costume Contest, the Best Pet Trick Contest, and the Pet/Owner Look-Alike contest.

For more information on this year's Dog Walk and Pet Party, visit the website at www.mc-spca.org or Facebook, or contact Gina at 265-2842. To be included on the MCSPCA's emailing list, write info@mc-spca.org.

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Riverlink Cafe Holds Small Summer Soiree



L to R: Bob Gallup; proprietor Rena Gallup; Congressman Paul Tonko; proprietor Bob Kirkham; and Wendy Kirkham enjoy the beautiful summer evening.

New Chamber member, The Riverlink Cafe, recently hosted a small summer gathering at the cafe located in Amsterdam's Riverlink Park. The seasonal cafe boasts delicious food, decadent desserts and unique wines. They will be opening again next season.

Proprietor Bob Kirkham welcomes distinguished guests while discussing the opportunity and vision for waterfront development within the area. L to r: Director of the NYS Canal Corporation Carmella Montello, Congressman Paul Tonko, and Mayor Ann Thane.



Guests enjoy the fabulous hors d'oeuvres and boutique wines.



Assemblyman George Amedore was also in attendance.



The cafe provides a beautiful view!

Sherry Wieszchowski, LE Ribbon Cutting



Sherry Wieszchowski cuts the ribbon on her new business! L to r: Chamber Membership Assistant, Andrea Brooks; Chamber President, Deborah Aupelmyer; Proprietor Sherry Wieszchowski; Sherry's husband, Mike Wieszchowski; and Chamber Board Member, Dr. Michael Araya.

The Chamber recently held a ribbon cutting for new entrepreneur Sherry Wieszchowski, Licensed Esthetician. Sherry is located at 105 South Comrie Ave, Johnstown, (across from Eagle Chevrolet) and offers facials, back and body treatments, skin care and maintenance, acne, aging and problem skin treatments; waxing services, and make-up artistry for weddings, special events or every day. She also recently launched her own line of cosmetics.

Sherry is offering a Paradise Facial, an Elite Anti Aging Facial that lets you relax and enjoy a tropical pampering with your choice of a pomegranate/raspberry deep cleaning scrub or an apricot deep cleaning scrub, followed relaxing steam with desincrustation to deep clean pores, light arm, hand and upper body massage, extractions, a papaya enzyme to remove dead surface skin, your choice of a soothing cucumber/mint mask or (a Cherry or Blueberry antioxidant mask) includes serums containing Peptides, Ceramide Boosters, and Anti-Oxidants as well as a Vitamin C and Hydrating Serum, Eye Treatment topped off with Moisturizer w/sun protection. Call Sherry at 844-9555 for more information.

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Fariello's Celebrates 85th Anniversary of Business!



The Chamber recently cut a celebratory anniversary ribbon with Fariello's Confectionery for their 85th Anniversary. Joining in the celebration were members of Proprietor Theresa Dufel's family, Fariello's Staff, chamber staff and ambassadors, Congressman Paul Tonko, and Assemblyman George Amedore. The Chamber congratulates Theresa on this landmark anniversary. Stop in and try one of her fabulous ice-cream sundaes, old-fashioned egg cream or malted shake, or home-made candy or chocolate covered strawberries. Fariello's was established in 1925 by Sammuell Fariello and is located at 43 Lincoln Ave, Amsterdam. Hours of operation are Tues-Fri 2-9pm, Sat 5-10pm, Sun 5-9pm and closed on Mondays. For more information on Fariello's call 842-5999, or visit their website www.fariellos.com.



Windmill candy in honor of Amsterdam. Perfect for corporate or personal gift-giving!



Chamber Board Chairman, Chuck Schwartz; Proprietor, Theresa Dufel; and Tourism Director, Gina DaBiere-Gibbs; in front, the delicious samples Theresa had for her ribbon cutting.



Some of the wonderful treats available at Fariello's!



The crowd enjoys the event!



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The following businesses realize the value of their Chamber Investment and have renewed their membership. Please note these members and the year they joined.

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Less Than 5 years

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| Eastern Medical Support LLC | 2008 |
| Family Counseling Center, Inc. | 2008 |
| Flannel Horse LLC | 2006 |
| Village of Fort Johnson | 2008 |
| Lowe's | 2006 |
| Muzak Functional Communications Corp. | 2008 |
| RA House Heavy Truck Repair | 2009 |
| Linda Slosek | 2009 |
| Stone Rose Bed & Breakfast | 2006 |
| Woodrow Wilson Townhomes | 2006 |

5 to 9 Years

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| Elma's Tax Service | 2003 |
| Fidelis Care New York | 2005 |
| The Greco Olinsky Wealth Management Group | 2001 |
| Lee G. Soo, MD | 2003 |
| MCT Federal Credit Union | 2003 |

10 to 20 Years

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| Brown's Ford | 1999 |
| Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery | 1991 |
| Canajoharie Country Club | 1994 |
| Elaine Ko-Talmadge | 1997 |
| Fonda-Fultonville Central School | 1997 |
| Putman Insurance | 1990 |
| Randall Implements | 1999 |
| RicMar | 1994 |
| State Farm Insurance, Scott Beatty | 1999 |

Over 20 Years

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| Town of Amsterdam | 1981 |
| Greater Amsterdam School District | 1981 |

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Census Update

The U.S. Census Bureau reported that it has returned \$1.6 billion in 2010 Census operational savings. This is a significant accomplishment. Thanks to the American people for standing up and being counted and the hundreds of thousands of dedicated census workers all across the country who helped the Census Bureau fulfill this Constitutional mandate.

The savings are realized from contingency funding set aside in case a major natural disaster or operational breakdown took place, which has not happened. There were also savings as a result of lower costs during the door-to-door, non-response-follow-up operation mostly because 72 percent of households returned the questionnaire by mail, more than projected or predicted by independent oversight agencies. This meant fewer homes had to be visited to obtain census answers.

The 2010 Census is not over yet as they are conducting rigorous quality assurance operations this summer to ensure a complete and accurate count. As the law requires, they will continue to report the nation's population and apportionment of congressional seats by the end of the year.

Business Expo Continued

New Expo Features

Business Seminar ~ "Offering Awesome Customer Service & Being a Community Ambassador", 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Community Room, Lower Level presented by experts Leesa Perazzo, Director of Workforce Development and Public Affairs for the Chamber of Schenectady County; Tracey Caponera, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Bachelor Degree programs for SUNY Delhi and partner in Hospitality Training Ventures; and Gayle Smith, Division Manager of Human Resources for AAA Northway. Reservations required, seating is limited call 842-8200

Business Mixer ~ 6 – 7 pm, **The Chamber's new office, 1166 Riverfront Center.** Make contacts! Enjoy refreshments! See the Chamber's new offices. Bring information about your business for our information center. Reservations required, 842-8200.

Exhibit space and sponsorships are still available! Download the exhibitor registration form at www.montgomerycountyny.com on the homepage under "forms and applications". See insert for more information!

Call the Chamber to register for the seminar, mixer, expo and to be an exhibitor or sponsor!!

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Healthcare Reform continued

want to do in response to the legislation. He will help you focus on the key aspects of the law and achieve some perspective before you act.

The webinar is an opportunity for business owners and managers to hear about how the changes might impact the benefits they offer. Insurance is a critical topic in business and as more pieces of reform unfold, more questions arise by our members and the business community at large. This webinar is a resource of information to gain insight on the legislation. The Chamber encourages business owners and H.R. managers to participate.

Call us at 842-8200 for more information and the link to register for the webinar.

The 1099 Provision

Also of interest is the 1099 Provision in the Health Care Law which was passed as part of the fiscal offsets in the health care reform package. Of all the hidden costs now being discovered in the health care bill, one of the most concerning to the business community is Section 9006,

If your business utilizes cell phone, gas or FedEx services you will need to get a tax ID number. If you buy new computers or other goods you'll need to file a 1099. Think about the companies you utilize for services and take a quick look at your vendor list. How is this going to impact your business?

which would place an unprecedented burden on small business reporting and paper work requirements. The goal of this new reporting requirement is to catch unreported income to the IRS but it also requires businesses and the agricultural community to invest a substantial amount of time and staff in order to comply with this new mandate.

- Businesses of all sizes will be required to report on each vendor for all purchases totaling over \$600 annually, which will dramatically increase accounting costs and time-consuming paperwork burdens.

- The exemption for purchases from corporations will be lifted, and expanded to property (goods), as well as services.

Farms and other businesses will have to complete an IRS Form 1099 for all payments, including goods and services, aggregating \$600 or more in a calendar year. The business making the payment must provide a taxpayer identification number for each payee. A copy of the 1099 form must be furnished to both the person providing the service and to the IRS. Payments made to corporations will no longer be excluded from the reporting requirement. These provisions greatly expand the use of the 1099 to accommodate the many service providers that the agriculture community depends on.

The Chamber is reaching out to our members to get involved in the U.S. Chamber's letter campaign urging Congress to cosponsor the Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act, which would repeal this provision.

The Farm Bureau has been working to get the Congressional

delegation to cosponsor HR 5141. This particular bill has Republican sponsors in both the House and Senate but has failed to attract Democrat cosponsors. There has been a push to get the repeal of this new mandate in a Democrat sponsored bill, HR 5982, included with the jobs bill that the House recently passed. Although a repeal of the 1099 mandate was not included, Congress may yet take up this issue in September.

The 1099 requirement needs to be repealed and we encourage you to get involved by contacting Congressional representatives.

Send us an email at chamber@montgomerycountyny.com and let me know how the 1099 Provision will impact your business and tune into the webinar on September 8.

VIP Appreciation Celebration Continued

Nominees, as of the printing of the newsletter, include: Amanda Auricchio; Rusty Baumes; Linda Blencoe; Anne DeGroff, Amsterdam Urban Renewal Agency; Paul Gavry; Virginia Haley, West End Wine and Liquor; Julie Hemstreet, Liberty ARC; Lester Hughes, St. Mary's Hospital; Dolores Jacksland; Denise Rogers, St. Mary's Hospital; Dr. Nancy Knudsen, St. Mary's Hospital; Tammy Mickan; United Way of Montgomery County; Jean Moller, Home Health Care Partners; Joe Palmateer, West End Wine and Liquor; Joe Pereicich, West End Wine and Liquor; Roseanne Rusnica, City of Amsterdam; Nancy Collins, St. Mary's Hospital; Jeanette Daury Stevens, Inman Center; Liz Valentin, West End Wine and Liquor; Ashley Werner and Lisa Zarrelli.

Last year's recipients included: Elizabeth Keller, Liberty; Dolores Muselbeck, St. Mary's Hospital; MaryAnne Louison, Catholic Charities; Maurice Carron, the Inman Center; and Marie Fryc of Seely Conover's Office Centre.

Register Today

Everyone has personal and professional benchmarks they strive for to reach success. This year especially, the workforce and volunteers of Montgomery County need to be recognized as businesses and organizations have diligently worked to do more with less. Montgomery County as a whole has dedicated and proactive people that work hard and give their passion, energy and expertise to the success of our businesses and organizations. **We invite you to celebrate the efforts and successes of our nominees on September 30 at the Perthshire. A registration form is enclosed in this newsletter.**



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9/16 ~ **Business Mixer at River Ridge Living Center, LLC, 100 Sandy Drive, Amsterdam, 5-7 pm.** Join the Chamber and our host, River Ridge Living Center, LLC, for an evening of networking and socializing with other business professionals. Take a tour of the facility and enjoy music, hors d' oeuvres and beverages.

9/21 ~ **Eight Chamber Luncheon,** Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany. Bruce Piasecki, President and Founder of AHC Group, a consulting firm specializing in environmental, energy and frugality consulting, will be addressing members of eight chambers about an awareness that carbon based energy sources are finite and the realization that changing the way we do and create business can save both these resources as well as money. Registration 11-11:30am, Lunch 11:30-noon, Program Noon-1pm. \$50 per person includes a copy of "The Surprising Solution".

9/22 ~ **Business Seminar "Upcoming Infrastructure Projects & How They Might Impact Your Business", Winner's Circle, Route 5, Fonda, 7:30am.** Join The Chamber in welcoming NYS DOT representative Michael A. Shamma, Regional Director, to discuss topics such as: project overview for Montgomery County & how the budget impacts these projects, do project delays impact safety, and signage (how do businesses obtain signage from roadways). \$10 pp for members/ \$15 pp for non members, includes continental breakfast. Please rsvp prior to September 15th. See insert for more information and registration form.

9/23 ~ **Prepaid Legal Services Ribbon Cutting & live luncheon webinar , Raindancer Restaurant, 4582 State Highway 30, Amsterdam, Noon - 1pm.** Join the Chamber and Joe Stone, a small business and group benefit specialist with Prepaid Legal Services, for a ribbon cutting and FREE national webinar presentation. Lunch will be provided. The presentation will show why over 38,000 companies and nonprofit organizations are adding Prepaid Legal to their benefits package without adding cost to the company. Learn more about what Prepaid Legal Services has to offer in the areas of legal services and identity theft.

9/30 ~ **The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce VIP Appreciation Celebration, sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital, Perthshire, Route 30, Amsterdam.** See insert for more information.

Save The Date

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