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BROOKS ANNOUNCES MAHANY WELDING SUPPLY IS BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

County Executive Maggie Brooks today announced that Mahany Welding Supply (Mahany) has been named Monroe County's "Business of the Month" and is featured on the Monroe County website, monroecounty.gov. Founded in 1946, Mahany specializes in the distribution, sale and servicing of welding related supplies and equipment.

Mahany also offers a variety of welder training courses that include: day clinics, night courses, collegiate and vocational courses through Monroe Community College and RIT, and professional welder qualification programs. Mahany has trained over 3,000 welders in the past ten years.

"Mahany is an incredibly unique small business that puts Monroe County on the map in a number of different ways," said **County Executive Brooks**. *"Skilled welders are currently in high demand in our region. Through a wide-variety of training programs, Mahany Welding Supply is helping local employers fill a critical void while also connecting people with skilled jobs."*

In 2011, Mahany expanded their existing facility with a 5,000 square foot addition to create the Rochester Arc and Flame Center (RocAFC). RocAFC is a new arts training facility dedicated to teaching classes in welding, blacksmithing, and glass blowing.

"The Rochester Arc and Flame Center is the only facility of its kind in our region," added **Brooks**. *"The newly opened Center has already begun to attract visitors to our community for their top-notch recreational and professional training courses."*

"Monroe County was the perfect place to locate a business like Rochester Arc & Flame," said Michael Krupnicki President and RocAFC Executive Director. *"With the strong popularity of the arts in this community, RocAFC should be a popular destination for those looking for a first class venue for the training that we provide. We are grateful to **County Executive Brooks** and her staff for all the assistance they provided in making this dream a reality."*

Mahany is located at 115 Fed Ex Way in the Town of Gates and has 11 employees. For more information on Mahany Welding Supply, Inc. and Rochester Arc and Flame, please visit their websites, www.mahanyweld.com and www.rocafc.com.

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