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TULLY NEWS

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF TULLY

A message from Tully Fire Chief Frank Speziale

In the past couple of weeks, there have been a number of gas leaks in the community. Fortunately these have not resulted in any injuries or loss of property. With the colder weather and falling ice, accidental ruptures to gas lines can occur. I would like to remind you all of some tips when you suspect you may have a leak.

Natural gas and Propane is clean, efficient, and versatile, and used to heat more homes nationwide than all other heating fuels combined. Although accidents with natural gas and propane are rare, we urge you to learn all you can about safety guidelines when using gas.

If you smell gas anywhere, including in your home, go outside and call 911 immediately.

Do not assume that someone else has already reported the emergency. Help us keep your community safe! We consider any of the below a gas emergency:

- If you smell gas or suspect a gas leak.
- There is an abnormally high or low flame or no gas in all your gas appliances.
- Gas to an appliance or heating unit cannot be shut off.
- There is a continuous flow of water leaking from your gas heating unit or water heater.
- Gas pipes are making unusual noises like roaring, hissing or whistling sounds.
- You notice dead vegetation that does not have a cause to be there.
- You see a white cloud, mist, fog or bubbles in standing water.
- There is an odor other than natural gas that is irritating to your eyes, nose and/or throat or someone is exhibiting symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure such as headache, nausea, lethargy, disorientation and combativeness.

As every report of a gas leak is a potentially hazardous situation, we recommend you evacuate the premises along with any family members and pets and wait for the Fire Dept to arrive.

DO NOT under any circumstances:

- Touch any electrical or light switches, doorbells, phones or anything that could cause a spark such as any appliances or thermostats.
- Turn any electrical equipment on or off.
- Pull plugs from outlets.
- Smoke or light matches.

Remember: STOP. GO. LET US KNOW.

Troop 62 Eagle Scout Project

Adam Duffy, from Boy Scout Troop 62 of Tully, has completed his Eagle Scout Project. His project was the planning and building of a "Pantry Box" to be placed on the north end of the Tully United Community Church parking lot. The pantry box consists of a closed space with a shelf to hold dry storage items for those in need. The items may include the following; Nutritious foods such as dry soups, beans, cereals, grains and pastas. Canned goods or other wet items during the winter season, (prone to freezing) must not be donated during the winter months. Some additional items to donate are toiletries and first aid supplies. The objective of the Pantry Box is to "Take What You Need, Leave What You Can", in hopes that the community as well as Scout Troop 62 will participate in maintaining the supplies for the box. Any donation that will help the community will be appreciated. Currently the Pantry Box is located in the back entrance of the church and will soon be relocated to the north end of the parking lot in the spring. The box will be placed on a post for the community to have convenient access.



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Tully Parks and Rec

After 39 years of service, Gary Heyman is stepping down from his position as Chairman of the Tully Parks and Recreation Department. Over Gary's tenure, the Rec Department has seen significant changes, including the installation of the town walking trail, improvements to the tennis courts, softball and baseball fields, and Green Lake beach. Gary has also been instrumental in the Tully Dairy Moo Run, which is a 5k race that takes place annually around Crooked Lake.

Gary has always been a tremendous advocate for the Parks and Recreation Department and the Town of Tully. The current and past board members will miss his wisdom and experience. His commitment to the residents of Tully will forever be appreciated. We want to thank Gary for his time and effort over the years and wish him the best in the next chapter of his life.

News From Tully Free Library

We are pleased to be able to partner with VITA tax services again to offer the opportunity for our patrons who qualify to get free help with preparing their tax returns. The VITA program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$57,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. More information will be on our website as soon as we have more details.

Tykes Time Story Time is back, on Zoom! Join children's librarian Sonja Shepherd on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM for stories, song and fun for the little ones! You can sign up on our website to receive the Zoom link.

This month's Cabin Fever Craft Night for adults will feature journal making! Join us on Zoom, Thursday, February 25th at 6 PM as we assemble a mini-pocket journal out of a paper bag! Sign up on our website to receive the Zoom link as well as instructions on how to pick up your supplies.

Our Youth Advisory Council has started meeting again. If you know a teen in grades 7-12 who would like to be more involved with the library, let us know!

We are currently open for browsing appointments on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 11 AM to 4:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday from 11 AM to 6:30 PM, and Saturday from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. We hope to see you soon, at the library!

Tully Interact News

We'd Love Your Help....

The Tully Interact Club is teaming up with the Tully JSHS Junior Class to organize a donation drive to support the Samaritan Center in Syracuse. The drive will take place from March 1 – 12. Both School buildings will have donation boxes at the building entrances. We'd also like to include the community in our efforts. Kinney Drugs has volunteered to have a donation box near the entrance. We hope you can help. Please email tullyinteract20.21@gmail.com with questions. Thanks!

TULLY CLEANUP DAY

MAY 8, 2021

9:00am to 3:00pm

Village Treatment Plant

Community Drive, Tully, NY

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN NEXT MONTH'S
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As this article is being written, Cornerstone Park is blanketed by three feet of snow. A few of the perennials and grasses have their stems and seed pods sticking above the white layer of fluff but most are completely covered. We await spring when the Park will become alive with beautiful blooms. With a few exceptions, the plantings in the park are native to our area. Native means that a species naturally occurred in the area prior to European settlement (D. Leopold, "Native Plants of the Northeast" page 12).

The serviceberry trees on the west side of the park are favorites of the local berry eating birds in mid-spring when their dark blue berries abound. The Northern Red Oak behind the shed was planted in 2013 and will eventually reach 50-80 feet. The Ginkgo trees on the east side of the park are not native to America. They came to the US from China in 1784. The Ginkgos are interesting in that they are the oldest living tree known to man. Their origin dates back at least 150 million years. They have survived extinctions and ice ages and have almost no natural enemies. The fan shaped leaves put on a nice display in the fall when they turn bright yellow.

Except for spring bulbs, almost all of the park's flowering plants, grasses, shrubs and sedges are native to the northeast. They host the larvae of insects that have evolved over thousands of years and that are part of the web of life in the park. We use only organic fertilizers and no insecticides on the property. We count on the "good bugs" (the majority) to control the "bad bugs".



The Tully Area Historical Society

The Tully Area Historical Society encourages you to access their website; www.tullyhistoricalsociety.org

There is a wealth of information: Under the MEDIA tab you will find vital statistics, maps, histories, newspaper articles, photos, and slide shows. Under the HISTORIES tab is an article (out of many) on the Rules for Teachers 1872 --- entertaining. Be sure to explore the INFORMATION and MILITARY TABS for an abundance of data. Under the WHAT'S NEW tab shows the most recent additions to the website.

We urge you to stop into the Historical Society to tour, visit, and take advantage of the TWICE READ BOOK STORE. March Mania is fast approaching and books for the entire month of March are BYGO FREE

Partners in Motion

Town of Tully

We are all contemplating the future. What will it be like and where is 'normal'? We are living through one of the most historic periods of our time and we are ready to move on!

While difficult, some of us have been blessed with enough resources and toilet paper to get us this far. Even vaccines are around the corner. HOPE prevails! Perhaps you might even have a little left over to help out? Would you like a suggestion?

Partners in Motion, in conjunction with the Town of Tully, needs more funding to bring programming, education and entertainment to our community. We work together with all the local organizations to coordinate and support different endeavors that will enhance the lives of those around us.

We are just beginning and introduced the summer 2019 schedule of Music in the Park and had so many more programs for 2020 before evil Covid took over. But to do more, we need more funding.

Please call me with your thoughts, ideas and if you can donate, we will process your checks through the Town of Tully. Terri Murray 315-430-4513

Tully Cemetery Association

The annual lot owners meeting of the Tully Cemetery will be held at the Tully Municipal Building, 5853 Meetinghouse Rd., Tully on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect trustees to succeed those whose terms are expiring; and to transact any other business presented before the meeting. Cemetery Lot Owners are welcome to attend.



History of Tully, NY

FROM: History of Onondaga County, New York

By: Professor W. W. Clayton

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TULLY was originally one of the townships of the Military Tract. Upon the organization of the county in 1794, it was included with Fabius in the town of Pompey. Fabius, including the present town of Tully, was taken off March 9, 1798, and Tully was erected into a separate town April 4, 1803, A part of Otisco was taken off in 1806, and a part of Spafford in 1811.

Tully is the center town upon the south line of the county. Its surface is an upland, level in the center, but hilly upon the east and west borders. In the south part of the central valley are several small lakes, known as the Tully Lakes, the principal being Crooked Lake and Big Lake, only a few rods apart, yet dividing the waters of the St. Lawrence from those of the Susquehanna. Out of Crooked Lake, which is just eight hundred feet above the Erie Canal at Syracuse, flows the Onondaga Creek, northward, while Big Lake, four feet lower, gives rise to the Tioughnioga River, which flows south into the Susquehanna, and thence into Chesapeake Bay. The only swampy land in the town lies in the vicinity of these lakes. The prevailing soil is a sandy and a clayey loam, productive, and well adapted to grazing and agricultural purposes.

EARLY SETTLERS.

Settlements were first made in this town by New England people when it was included in the town of Pompey, from 1794 to 1798. The first settler was David Owen, in 1795. He erected the first cabin in the town, and was followed by James Cravath, William Trowbridge and others. The first white child born in the town was Peter Henderson, in 1796. Timothy Walker built the first frame house in 1797, and Moses Nash the second; both were built in the village of Tully. Moses Nash also opened the first store at the village in 1803. Previous to this trading had been done at Pompey Hill and at Truxton. John Meeker succeeded Mr. Nash in the

mercantile business in 1805. He was one of the most extensive merchants in the country, and took the lead in business and trade throughout this whole region.

Nicholas Lewis opened the first tavern in Tully Village in 1802. In 1807, he was succeeded by Jacob Johnson, and he, in turn, by William Trowbridge.

The first school established in the town was kept in Timothy Walker's barn, and taught by Miss Ruth Thorp, in 1801. We see here what is not noticeable in every town, that a school was the first public object to which the inhabitants turned their attention; thus placing before their children the means of making themselves useful members of society and distinguished citizens. A log school house was erected in 1804 at Tully Village, and was succeeded by a frame one in 1809. Others soon made their appearance in different parts of the town, and education in the common schools grew into an important and well organized feature of the intellectual life of the people.

FIRST IMPORTANT ROAD.

The Hamilton and Skaneateles Turnpike was laid out in 1806, from Richfield through Brookfield, Hamilton and Fabius, to the outlet of Otisco Lake, thence to the outlet of Skaneateles Lake. Samuel Fitch, Samuel Marsh Elisha Payne, David Smith, Elijah St. John, Comfort Tyler, Samuel Tyler, Thaddeus Edwards and Elnathan Andrews, were the principal movers in procuring the act of incorporation and obtaining shareholders, and getting the road laid out, worked and finished. This enterprise opened through the town and others in its vicinity, a way of communication which added essentially to the business and prosperity of the country through which it passed. It was not long before its advantage and effects were realized and appreciated. It gave a spur to business, confidence to the community, and the results which have flowed from it have been salutary and satisfactory.

In 1815 the first post office was established at Tully; Nicholas Howell, Postmaster; Wm. Trowbridge was his successor. Previous to this, mail matter had been obtained from Preble Corners. The earliest settlers received their letters and papers at Pompey Hill. Vesper Post office was established in 1827, Wm. Clark, Postmaster; Tully Valley Post office in 1836, George Salisbury, Postmaster.

The first grist mill in town was erected by Peter Van Camp, in 1810; a saw-mill was built at the same time and place—about three miles west of Tully village. In 1845, there were four grist mills, five saw-mills, two carding machines and one woolen factory.

The first settlers of this town, Homer, Solon, Cincinnatus, Marathon, and those lying south, had to come to Jackson's, Ward's and Sanford's mills to get their grist's ground. They came with drays loaded with wheat or corn, drawn by oxen. These drays were made of the crotches of trees with boards pinned across. Ten bushels was considered a pretty large load to haul twenty or thirty miles on such a vehicle with one yoke of oxen, over such roads as then existed. This method of going to mill was a matter of necessity till mills were built in Tully, and the settlements, at first destitute of them, were supplied nearer home.

At the organization of Tully in 1803, the first town meeting was held May 1, at the house of Samuel Trowbridge. Phineas Howell was chosen Supervisor; Amos Skeel, Town Clerk; Jacob Johnson, Samuel Cravath, Solomon Babcock, Assessors; Floyd Howell, James Cravath, and Solomon Babcock, Commissioners of Highways. At the second and third town meetings, the same were reelected and held their respective offices.

Amos Skeel was the first Justice of the Peace in 1803; Job L. Lewis and Moses Nash were Justices of the Peace from 1808 to 1812. Mr. Nash afterwards removed to Indiana, where he became a distinguished man.