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# TULLY NEWS

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## Future Black Knights Join Football Camp in Tully

By Dennis "Chip" Chapman

Not even the plus 90 degree heat of the dog days of August stopped a determined group of middle school aged boys and a girl from participating in this year's annual football camp. The event, sponsored by the First In Ten football program, is guided by Coach Steve Pierce. During the two day training, the kids received effective football guidance as well as hard hitting inspiration from two famous Syracuse University alums – NFL All American Chris Gedney and SU Orangemen superstar Bill Pendock.

After playing college ball, Liverpool native Gedney left SU and went on to play professionally for the Chicago Bears and then with the Arizona Cardinals. He played tight end for six seasons in the National Football League and in 2000, Gedney was a finalist for NFL Man of the Year award.

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## In Case of an Emergency, advocating for House Signs

By Benjamin Bibik

As Rod Sterling once said, "Imagine if you will...". It's the wee hours of the morning and your smoke detector is going off. You've called the fire department and you are waiting outside for them to arrive. You see the truck lights and hear sirens coming up the road, you know that you're going to be safe, when suddenly, they drive right by your house because they couldn't see your house number. (Believe it or not, smoke and fire may not be seen after dark).

Another scenario... you are alone at home after sunset and you fall; you manage to call 911, but can't get to your feet. You see the truck lights and hear sirens coming up the road, but the First Responders drive by, searching for your residence.

I wish that I could say that this is not a common occurrence, but unfortunately this has happened more than once recently. How can this be prevented? By making certain you have reflective numbers clearly visible at your drive or on your mailbox.

But, you have numbers on your mailbox, you say. Take a minute and look at your mailbox. Now look towards town where the fire trucks are coming from, or the ambulance. Are the numbers visible for them to see on their way to you, or are they visible for

the mailman delivering your mail?

You may never need the ambulance or the fire department, but in the dead of night, wouldn't it be nice to know that they can find you in your time of need?

The Tully Hose Company will provide you with a blue house sign with white reflective lettering and mount it for you so it is visible. They are asking for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of the materials. If you are in need of a sign, please contact Captain Dan Graves at 607-591-2720 or the Tully Hose Company at 315-696-6414.

## Proposed Baseball Field

September 14th, there will be an informational meeting to be held at the Municipal Building between the hours of 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. The topic of the meeting will be to discuss the proposed baseball field that people would like to have built next to the Municipal Building. All are welcome to attend.

*More information can be found on the online edition of the Tully News ([www.townoftully.org](http://www.townoftully.org))*

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## Tully Parks and Recreation News

### Submitted by Ryan Dando

Tully Parks and Rec is preparing for the Fall Soccer season. We are offering programs from Kindergarten to 6th grade. Forms can be found on the Town of Tully website ([townoftully.org](http://townoftully.org)) or by emailing [tullyparksrec@gmail.com](mailto:tullyparksrec@gmail.com).

We could still use more

volunteer parent coaches. If interested please email Ryan Dando at [tullyparksrec@gmail.com](mailto:tullyparksrec@gmail.com).

We would like to thank the Girls of Summer for their assistance in purchasing new soccer goals. They will be a great addition to our Parks and Rec program.

### Village Water Project

The Village of Tully has completed all pre-construction requirements in order to begin the work on the widely anticipated Village Water Improvements Project. This Project will replace the reservoir, the main pump station, and nearly 1/3 of the water lines in the Village. It will bring us up to 10 State standards -- basically meeting current water code. The contract has been awarded to North Country Contractors, LLC. They are hoping to have everything on sight and begin operations in 2-3 weeks. Our own Village DPW will post notices on the houses of the neighborhoods that will be affected the week prior to the start of digging in that area to the best of their ability. The schedule will be highly dependent upon weather as we are heading into Fall. We will try to keep everyone as informed as we are able with as much notice regarding disruptions as we can give. We appreciate everyone's patience over the next year as we work together to ensure that we have a safe and efficient water system for many years to come. Thank you!

### Tully Women's Fitness & Wellness

Tully Women's Fitness & Wellness will restart their free women's groups with a Weight Management Support Group on Sunday, September 18 at 3 pm, and a Sunday, 9/25, 3 pm Women's Health Group meeting featuring Dr. Donna Coty, who will talk about Osteoporosis. ALL are welcome. Please come and bring a friend. In addition, Barre Pilates and Pi-Yo will be added to the Yoga, Zumba, Tabata, and machine workouts offered at the fitness center. Please see the website for details:

[www.tullywomensfitnesswellness.com](http://www.tullywomensfitnesswellness.com)

### Tully Area TimeBank

The September Potluck Supper for the Tully Area TimeBank will be held at the Tully Fire Station on Railroad Street, from 6-7:30 pm, on Tuesday, September 20th. Please come to find out how a time bank works, meet other TimeBank members and friends and neighbors, and find out what the Tully area has to offer as far as exchanging services within our community.

### Fabius, LaFayette, Tully Phone Book

The 2016-2017 Local Phone Book is due to be distributed by the end of this month. Please take the time to advise the Tully Area Historical Society (696-4681) of any corrections that may need to be made. The information contained is only as good as what you, the public, keep us notified of. A Big THANK YOU to the advertisers as they are the ones that make the publication of this useful little book possible. There are extra copies available at the Historical Society. Many have found it handy to have one in their vehicle, or to have more than one copy in their household.



# Cornerstone Park Progress

There are numerous ways to aid the construction at Cornerstone Park. Tully Action Group, TAG, conducts numerous fund-raisers throughout the year. The current Engraved Paver Program for the Celebration Walkway is still underway with 135 applications handed in, and there is still room for more. Applications can be found at Nightingale's Hardware or at the Kings Corner Farmer's Market on Tuesdays from 4-7 PM in Tully. TAG can make suggestions if you would like to honor a historical figure or business such as the Tully Bakery. One applicant has honored Slayton Hotel and another is honoring the Historical Plank Road. All proceeds from TAG's booth at King's Corner Market go toward construction

of the park.

Individuals and groups have conducted their own fund raisers. Nightingale Hardware donated funds from the Mother's Day Hanging Basket sale again this year. The Spanish V class at Tully High school, under the guidance of Ms. Abrams, has held fund raisers for three years aiding in the purchase of trees and other items for the park. The Steiger Memorial Fund is currently covering the cost of shrubbery plantings. Sophia's "Pennies for the Park" program was organized by a very young Tully resident who dared to dream of a way to help. The first \$200 in pennies was used to buy mulch for the Cornerstone planters. Landscaper, Rich

Zook, donated his equipment and time to deliver and stage the mulch. Paul Bunyan Corp donated several extra cubic yards. Sophia's Penny jars can be found at various businesses around town. Also, Sophia and her family are selling snow cones at the Farmer's Market.

TAG's Annual Garage sale will be held again on Sept. 9 and 10 at the Richards residence on 19 State Street in conjunction with Community Day. Donations will be accepted on Sept 6-8 at the site. Questions, call Larrian at 857-5771.

Private donations are always accepted and are tax deductible. Many generous citizens have come forward and all are appreciated

## Future Black Knights Join Football Camp in Tully ... *continued from page 1*

During his tenure at Syracuse, Bill Pendock, along with Blaise Winter, Tim Green and Jamie Kimmel, earned the moniker "The Four Wheel Drive", considered one of college football's most renowned defensive lines. Gedney and Pendock brought their legendary expertise and experience to Tully's home field for this year's First In Ten football camp.

According to Coach Pierce, the First In Ten youth program has existed since the early 2000's and its important contributions have provided necessary equipment for the team and coaches as part of our Tully High School

football legacy. Contributions have included new lights for the field, new headsets for the coaches, huddle programs for game films and other ongoing supportive measures for the football program. Pierce said the First In Ten is "is a breakaway" from traditional Pop Warner activity and joins a league of other southern tier teams, including Ithaca, Groton, Homer, Skaneateles and South Seneca. Coach Pierce commented, "We're trying to do what we can to keep the sport alive and keep it exciting", in spite of outside distractions and what he referred to as misinformation from the media regarding

the game of football.

This year's training camp, held at the Tully High School track and football field, ran over two evenings - Monday, August 8th, and Thursday, August 11. The event ended Friday, August 12 with a golf tournament for the school staff and parents. Regular football practice for the Black Knights 2016 season resumed Monday, August 15. In 2017, training camp will return for one week in August as the dog days of summer will again be the backdrop for aspiring young football players learning teamwork and camaraderie.



### Calendar of Events

#### Tully Town Court—Municipal Building

Tuesday Nights 6:00 p.m.

#### Tully Town Board—Municipal Building

(second Wednesday of month)

9/14/2016 ..... 7:30 p.m.

10/15/2016 ..... 7:30 p.m.

#### Tully Fire Commissioners—Fire Station

(third Thursday of month)

9/21/2016 ..... 7:00 p.m.

10/20/2016 ..... 7:00 p.m.

#### Tully Village Board — Municipal Building

(first Wednesday of month)

9/7/2016 ..... 7:00 p.m.

10/5/2016 ..... 7:00 p.m.

To get a listing in the Calendar of Events, any civic, nonprofit or government group may send the listing to: The Tully News, 19 Railroad Street, Tully, NY 13159; or e-mail to [ben.bibik@outlook.com](mailto:ben.bibik@outlook.com)



# TULLY'S NEW PROPOSED BASEBALL FIELD

By Don Mohat

Tully needs another ball field. Tully needs resources to improve the existing fields and to create opportunities for kids k-12 to be active, not only in athletics, but with community service. There will be a meeting Wednesday, September 14 to discuss the merits of a new baseball field to be located adjacent to the town building, inside the walking path. The path will maintain its current form and be enhanced with the sights of both children playing and wonderful landscaping from various community organizations and school programs. There are always opportunities to improve our community and improve the opportunities for our kids. This is a project that will accomplish both.

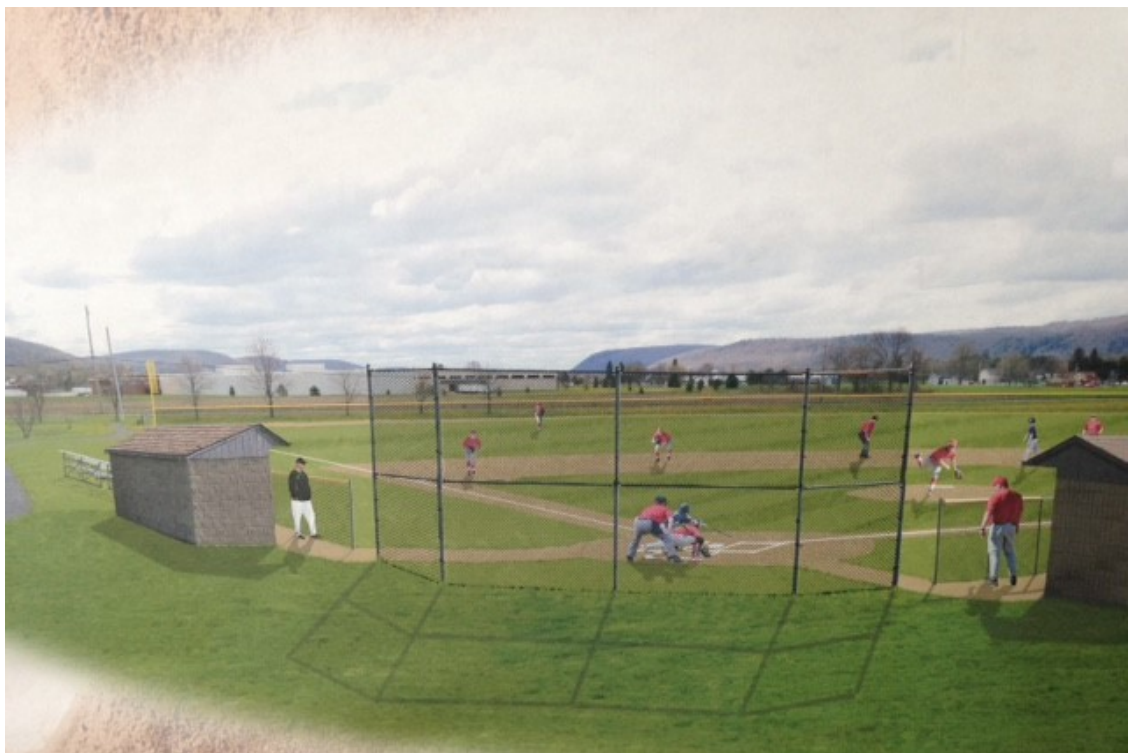
Around 150 ballplayers from Tully used the fields this year. In addition, we hosted various school teams, summer ball teams and travel teams. Also, two co-ed adult softball teams requested field times but were denied because all fields were being used. There is simply not enough space in the spring and early summer.

Those that did have fields to play on, except the varsity players, played on fields that were less than mediocre. The school made improvements to the varsity field, but is hamstrung to improve further based on location. A significant part of the baseball budget for high school and summer ball goes to the balls that are lost to neighbors unwilling to return them or allow access to the kids to retrieve them. Rentable toilets, lack of proper drainage, lack of power and water, and no handicap parking are some of the other current drawbacks. This would all be alleviated with relocating the varsity field. In addition, parking would be much closer and a pavilion and concession stand, that largely go unused, would be viable. There is no junior high field for the school kids to use. They use the varsity field when it is available, or the unmaintained, town parks and rec field which is sized for kids in sixth grade or younger. This leads to less productive practices, canceled games and games relocated to other towns when conflicts arise. The younger age groups play in even worse conditions. Whether it is a pitcher looking directly into the sun or an infield so hard and barren of grass that any ground ball has to be dodged rather than fielded, dangerous conditions exist that should not be part of the normal risk you would expect to take when stepping on a field. Some positive improvements have been made by parents and community members, but more needs to be done and they need the resources to do them. Imagine teaching young artists to paint without a brush. Challenging. Try teaching young pitchers their craft without a pitcher's mound. Try molding young hitters with no batting cage. Not productive. Our kids deserve these basic amenities. Every community I know of has both. We have neither.

A new field at Meetinghouse Road will allow this to change. Initially with Varsity and Modified, but soon after with boys and girls of all ages. What makes that possible is the ability, with two full size fields, to host tournaments and create a revenue stream through fees and concessions. That revenue will upgrade and maintain our fields. This model is used by communities all over, in many sports. Fabius uses it to maintain their fields to an excellent standard. Tully has an exceptional example with its boys and girls lacrosse tournaments. Money generated goes back to the community to help in other areas as well as to provide for the kids in those programs. Tournaments and games played on well manicured fields not only offer great experiences for our kids, but also for those that travel here.

Tully needs to be a destination that neighbors from near and far enjoy and look forward to visiting. That is not the case now as it pertains to baseball. Teams and coaches avoid coming to Tully whenever possible. This can change.

Please come out on September 14 to show your support for our kids and to support Tully in becoming a community that takes pride in everything it puts forth.



# What's New at Your Library

By Annabeth Hayes

Celebrate summer by visiting your local library! Visit the Tully Free Library website [tullyfreelibrary.org](http://tullyfreelibrary.org) to find books, e-books, movies, magazines, and much more. If we don't have it at the Tully library, we will find it for you. Visit us at 12 State Street in Tully, or call us at 315-696-8606.

**Spotlight on notable programs** - each month, we'll highlight notable programs or resources available at the Tully Free Library. This month, we have a variety of programs to interest patrons of all ages:

**CNYFi laptops & hotspots** - the Tully Free Library will soon have 3 Chromebook laptops and 3 Verizon Internet hotspots to lend out for our CNYFi grant-funded program. With them, you'll be able to connect to the Internet from anywhere! Thanks to the Central NY Library Resources Council (CLRC) for sponsoring this program.

**Kings Corner market** - the library's Youth Advisory Committee will be selling pins, tote bags and t-shirts in front of the library on Tuesdays in August from 4-7 PM. All proceeds will go toward supporting library programs.

**Summer Reading** for kids and teens wraps up at the end of this month at our ice cream social on Monday, August 22 from 11 AM - 1 PM! Prizes of all sorts are up for grabs - local food prizes like ice cream and pizza, tickets to the NYS Fair and WonderWorks and Pole Position Raceway at Destiny, and the grand prize of a Kindle Fire. If you haven't registered yet, you still can - stop by the library or go to our website <http://www.tullyfreelibrary.org> to register and log your reading.

Our second **Story Walk** ("I Took my Frog to the Library") is set up outside, and is a fun way for families to enjoy reading together in the great outdoors. The **Little Kids' Free Library** is on our front porch. Like the Book Buggy at Green Lake, these are free books you can take home.

## Upcoming Tully Free Library events:

**BOOK CLUBS:** The Tully Free Library has 3 regular book clubs that meet.

BookBusters Book Club is for kids ages 8-12. It meets monthly on Wednesdays from 6-7 PM. The next meetup is August 31 and we'll discuss what we read over the summer and pick our next book.

Forever Young Book Club is for adults who enjoy reading Young Adult books - the first Monday of each month from 6-7:30 PM. On September 12, we'll be talking to author Siobhan Vivian about her book "The Last Boy and Girl in the World." We have copies of the book at our circulation desk so stop in and pick one up!

The Tully Book Club meets the first Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 8 PM to discuss adult fiction books and enjoy coffee, tea and wine. The next meeting is October 6.

## **KIDS:**

**Tykes Time Storytime** - every Wednesday morning 10:30 - 11:30 - fun stories and crafts for little ones up to age 5.

**Books at the Beach:** fun Storytime for kids at Tully's Green Lake. Wednesdays through August 17 at 12:30 PM.

**Imagination Lab:** a drop-in weekly craft activity for kids during Summer Reading, Tuesdays through August 16 at 3 PM.

**The Game Truck** (a trailer filled with the newest and best video games): Friday, August 12 from 4-6 PM (Game Truck for teens is 7-9 PM)

**Summer Reading finale ice cream social:** Monday, August 22 from 11 AM - 1 PM. We'll be drawing for prizes, including the grand prize Kindle Fire.

## **TEENS:**

**Youth Advisory Council (YAC)**- Teens in grades 6th-12th - Do you love your library? Do you want to volunteer in the community and in the library? Be a

part of our library's Youth Advisory Council! We meet monthly (usually the 4th Saturday) from 12-1 PM and enjoy pizza. The August meeting is 8/27.

**Tournament Tuesdays** during Summer Reading - every Tuesday through 8/16 from 1:30-3. Join us for life-sized gaming! Attending gets you a scratch-off ticket for prizes!

**Gaming** continues during the summer - Board Game Club Tuesdays 3-4 PM, Roleplaying Club (Dungeons & Dragons) Fridays 4-5 PM.

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## **ADULTS:**

**Long-term care workshops:** Do you have a plan for your long-term care when you are older? Are you stressed and neglecting your own health because you are someone's caregiver?

Susan Suben of Long Term Care Associates in Cortland is holding 3 free workshops at the library in September and October.

Long-term Care Planning in your 50s & 60s is Wed 9/28 from 6-7:30 PM

Long-term Care Planning in your 70s & 80s is Wed 10/5 from 6-7:30 PM

Caring for the Caregiver is Wed 10/12 from 6-7:30 PM

If you are interested in attending any of these free workshops, please let us know by signing up at the circulation desk, or calling 315-696-8606

or signing up on the online calendar at <http://www.tullyfreelibrary.org/events/>

## **Improve your tech skills with TechStar!**

TechStar is a special opportunity for residents of Tully and surrounding areas to improve their technical job skills and receive FREE professional Microsoft Office certification through the Tully Free Library. Any library card holder in Onondaga County can take online courses on [Lynda.com](http://Lynda.com), which includes courses on mastering Microsoft Office. Participants in TechStar will be able to apply the skills they gain through these courses to a Microsoft Office Specialist [MOS] certification in the program of their choice. Holding a MOS certification can earn an employee more in annual salary than uncertified peers. If you don't have access to the Internet from home, you can visit the library to use our new desktops and laptops to take [Lynda.com](http://Lynda.com) classes of your choice and practice with Microsoft programs.

Visit the library or our website [tullyfreelibrary.org/techstar](http://tullyfreelibrary.org/techstar) for more info on TechStar. The library thanks the Padgett family for the generous contributions that made this program possible.

## **Interested in computer classes?**

Do you want to attend classes at the Tully Free Library to learn programs like Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), general computer use and Internet tools? Please voice your opinion by taking our survey! The survey is linked off the TechStar page on the library website ([tullyfreelibrary.org/techstar](http://tullyfreelibrary.org/techstar)). If you don't have access to a computer, call us at 315-696-8606 or stop into the library and ask for the Library Director.

