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TULLY NEWS

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Tully begins to look at the sun.

The village and town of Tully are looking into the implementation of solar electricity through a Lease/PPA agreement. Currently there is a RFP, or request for proposal, that will close February 29th for companies interested in providing the service. Upon the closing of the RFP, all proposals will be investigated for the best cost and service benefit.



The current plan is for the town, village and fire department to share in the solar plan. This would provide power to the town/village hall, the highway department and fire station.

Proposed sites for the solar panels would either be located behind the town/village hall, most likely in the fenced area, and/or in the waste water treatment plant. Both locations are prime for their access to the sun.

What is being proposed would be a lease/PPA agreement for the term of 20 years. This would be a no cost option to the town and the company providing the solar would be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance, while we would realize a savings in the amount being spent on the municipality's electric. As stated in the town meeting by William Lund, he estimates the cost of the electricity for 2015 at somewhere near \$230k.

There will be a public meeting **March 9th at 7:00** at the town hall to discuss the proposals received and to hear public comments.



A town hall with Al Stirpe

Assemblyman Al Stirpe will be hosting a town hall meeting **March 10th from 6:00 to 7:00.**

In his three terms in the Assembly, Al has been a powerful advocate for economic development in Central New York, early intervention programs for children with developmental issues, universal pre-k, higher education and environmental issues, in particular, farmland preservation.

Senior Corner

For the months of January, February and March the Tully Senior Citizens meet at noon at the Tully United Community Church for a "dish to pass" lunch. Dinners will resume in April. Celebrate being "55 and ALIVE" - - - there's a lot of great people to enjoy and a lot of GOOD COOKS that make the "dish to pass" lunches and/or dinners a tasty treat. This is open to all citizens 55 or older in the Tully School District; as well as our neighboring communities of Fabius and Lafayette.

Ice Harvest



Unfortunately, due to weather conditions, the likelihood of Ice Harvesting at Green Lake this year is dismal. Should conditions improve, it would be held Saturday, February 20th starting at 11:00 a.m. The Chili Cook-Off will be held the same day at the Masonic Temple in Tully, beginning at 3:00 p.m. An Ice Harvest video and pictures will be on display at the Chili Cook-Off, as well. Rest assured that the Historical Society will still hold their annual homemade Ice Cream Social in early June.

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What's New at the Tully Free Library

By Annabeth Hayes

Get through winter's last gasp and gear up for spring at your local library!

Great things are happening this month at the Tully Free Library - read on for adult, teen and kid events (including our science fair and new Teen Creative Writing Club)!

Visit the Tully Free Library website 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.

TechStar & TechHelp

TechHelp - Every other Saturday (2/20, 3/5) from 10:30 AM - 12 Noon, come to the library and meet with our tech specialist Marlesha to get assistance with all your software-related tech questions and 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, 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 classes of your choice and practice with Microsoft programs.

Visit the library website tullyfreelibrary.org/techstar for more info on TechStar and TechHelp.

The library thanks the Padget family for the generous contributions that made this program possible.

Upcoming Tully Free Library SPECIAL events in February & early March:

Downton Abbey finale party on Friday March 4 from 6:30-9 PM. You are cordially invited a finale-viewing party at the library before the finale airs on TV! Join us for refreshments - finger sandwiches, soup, dessert and tea - at 6:30 and then watch the finale from 7-9 PM. Costumes are encouraged, and you can have your picture taken in front of Downton!

Dessert Swap! Join your friends & neighbors to celebrate a love of sweets with a DESERT SWAP at the Tully Free Library. Tuesday, February 16th from 6-7:30 PM. Bring your favorite homemade dessert to share with others and the recipe card listing all the ingredients. Sample delicious desserts and take the recipes home with you! Sign up by visiting or calling the library (315-696-8606).

Science Fair! Kids in grades 2-6 are invited to participate in the library's 2nd annual Science Fair. Join us on Wednesday, March 2 from 5:30 - 7 PM for our awesome Science Fair Kickoff with special guests from The MOST, who will be demonstrating amazing science experiments to inspire you! Then register and get research help at the library on Wednesday, March 9 from 5-7 PM. The fair itself is open to the public and is taking place on Saturday, April 2 from 3-5 PM. ?

Teen Movie & Craft Wednesday February 24 from 3:30-5:30 PM. Make an awesome craft while watching a new-release movie.

SYMBOLIC FEATURES OF TULLY'S NEW CORNERSTONE PARK

By Peter Huntington and Melvin Moore

The name Cornerstone Park symbolizes all that has happened in the past that has made Tully what it is today, a vibrant, viable and friendly community.

"What is past is prologue" is an inscription on the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. Upon entering our new park, symbols of Tully's past heritage will surround the senses and point to the future. An L-shaped wall with the park name will represent the remaining portion of the old Slayton Hotel foundation and its cornerstone. Comfortable stone sitting walls remind us of the many stone walls that were erected as fences, field dividers and property lines in our agricultural past. Cascading water over limestone slabs in the park fountain will represent Tully's glacial history of landmark waterfalls, kettle lakes, streams and moraines.

Organic in design with curvilinear seat walls and other rounded features, the park elements represent the landscape which surrounds Tully, including trees and shrubs that are native to Central New York. Three features in the park design support the philosophy of Onondaga County's Save the Rain Program: drip irrigation for trees and plants, recirculated closed system fountain water, and rainwater runoff collected in a drainage basin under the park all reduce water requirements and recharge our ground water.

As good stewards of the earth, natural stone and recycled products will be used when possible. Efficient, low energy lighting will protect our night sky from light pollution. Contrasting, earth-tone pavers in the interior area of the park will represent the plowed fields of our agricultural community. In addition, a restored horse drawn plow to be placed at the southeast entrance will remind us how the homesteaders tilled the land.

Central New York was the first site of plank roads in the US. From the 1850's to the 1870's, a plank road ran through Tully along what is now route 11. The Skaneateles and Hamilton Plank Road Turnpike also ran from east to west through the village. A walkway that traverses the park will be constructed using a special board shaped paver with a wood grain surface to memorialize our plank road history. A 'grassy' patch near the walkway will symbolize the farm fields that were germinal to our area's settlement and development. Two concrete benches in the play area, an owl and a rabbit, will amuse the children and remind us of our wildlife in local forests, fields, lakes and streams.

The last element to be constructed is the screen wall on the north side of the property, (still in the design phase). When all structures are completed, our new Cornerstone Park will remind us of our rich and vital heritage, and give us a sense of peace and hope for the future.



Lafayette, Fabius, & Tully Phone Book

It's time to start working on an updated phone book for our area. This publication, coordinated by the Tully Area Historical Society, is made possible by the many yellow page advertisers

The names and phone numbers published in the white pages of this directory are as accurate as the public keeps us updated. Your help in making additions, corrections, and deletions are greatly appreciated. This directory is not just for land line phones; many people list their cell number(s). There is also the option of just listing your address and no phone number. Call 696-4681 or e-mail phonebook@tullyhistoricalsociety.com.

Letters will be going out to all yellow page advertisers in early January, along with a copy of their ad. Input and payment is needed by May 1st (no exceptions) in order to meet our target date for publication in June 2016.



Tully FIRST Robotics Program Enriching Lives of Tully Children

By Margaret Maimone and Michelle Matteson

The children of Tully have the opportunity of being enriched by an exciting international robotics program called FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) that is run by volunteers made up of community members and parents. The program is for children aged 6-18. From the youngest to the oldest, the children learn to conduct research, collaborate as a team to solve problems, present information to judges and the community, and compete with other teams. Worldwide, more than 400,000 young people are involved in FIRST. The team members say it's the hardest fun they'll ever have. For team mentors, coaches, and volunteers, it's a rewarding adventure.

Although robot competitions are one of the highlights of each FIRST season, the program is about much more than robots. At the heart of FIRST® programs are its core values, which emphasize teamwork, friendly sportsmanship, community involvement, Gracious Professionalism® and having fun. Participants learn critical thinking, team-building and presentation skills through immersion in project-based learning and robotics competitions. The programs inspire innovation excellence by teaching participants a multi-disciplinary set of 21st century skills. Working with volunteer adult Mentors/Coaches, FIRST youth receive the benefit of real-world training and experiences.

The Tully FIRST program, which began 5 years ago, has grown tremendously since its inception. It currently has four Junior FIRST LEGO League (Jr. FLL) teams for ages 6 to 9, four FLL teams for ages 9 to 14, and one high school FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team. In total, more than 60 students are participating in Tully FIRST programs this year. With many children and teams at many age levels, teams meet in multiple locations throughout their season including the pump house, the Tully Library, the Elementary School, the High School as well as at coaches houses.

Jr. First Lego League (Jr. FLL) - Ages 6-9

Jr. FLL captures young children's curiosity and directs it toward discovering the wonders of science and technology. It features a real-world scientific concept to be explored through research, teamwork, construction, and imagination. Guided by adult coaches and FLL student mentors, Jr. FLL teams use LEGO blocks to build a model and develop a poster presentation to illustrate their learning. Four out of the eight Jr. FLL teams that presented at the regionals at SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica were from Tully. That is a tremendous showing of support for the program! Four Jr. FLL teams from Tully presented their work at the January competition at SUNY IT including the teams Gear Masters, The Master Trashers of Tully, Wildstylers and Bottle Bashers. They did a great job talking to the judges about their research and they presented moving models on the topic of "Waste Wise".



Tully Jr. First Lego League



6 Year Old Melody Santos
Receives Full College
Scholarship

Full College Scholarship

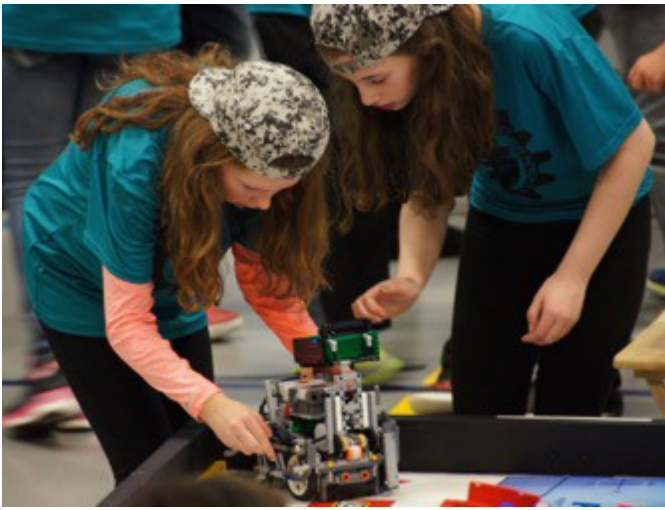
Dressed in hot pink and wearing tutu's were members of an all girls Tully Jr. FLL team, Wildstylers. Six year old Melody Santos from Tully, was presented by the SUNY IT President and with a full college scholarship to SUNY IT Utica!

First Lego League (FLL) - Ages 9-14

In FLL, elementary and Junior High students are immersed in real-world science and technology challenges based on an annual theme (Trash Trek this year). They identify a problem and then develop an innovative solution to that problem through research involving interviews with experts and sifting through information



High five Team EKO Bots!



The Cyber Knights during the Robot Games

found online. Teams also build and program autonomous LEGO® robots that perform a series of missions on a table-top playing field. Teams are guided by coaches, parents and FTC student mentors. Teams from Tully practice at the Pump House, Fire Station and the Library. Through their participation, students develop valuable life skills and discover exciting career possibilities while learning that they can make a positive contribution to society.

One team from Tully FIRST has had tremendous success. This past April, at the FIRST® World Championships in St. Louis, Missouri, Team NeXT Generation was named as one of only 20 teams worldwide named Global Innovation Ambassadors for their research project. This same team also won the Regional Championships two years in a row enabling them to compete in the North American Open Championships in California both years. This past May in California, they won the North American Open Championship Trophy for Core Values.

Tully FLL This Season

The Tully FLL teams have had tremendous award winning success in the FLL program. Out of the four Tully FLL teams, team No Piece Left Behind, did not make the qualifiers and three went to Utica to participate in the regionals. The competition was held January 16 at SUNY Tech in Utica. The EKO bots received the award for best project. The Cyber Techno Knights finished third in the competitive robot games, out of 28 competitors. For the second consecutive year Glenn Ball, lead coach for NeXT Generation, was awarded a trophy for coach of the year. Team NeXT Generation won the Grand Champion Trophy! Team NeXT Generation team now advances to represent New York and the United States at the World Championships in St. Louis this April!



FIRST® Tech Challenge (FTC) - Ages 14+

The high school FIRST® Tech Challenge (FTC) team involves head to head competition using an exciting sports model. The team from Tully practices at both the Community Library and also at the High School. Teams design, build, and program robots to compete on a 12' x 12' playing field. Teams are randomly paired up in alliances that compete against other alliances in multiple matches, scoring points for completion of a variety of tasks. Robots are built from a reusable platform, powered by Android technology, programmed using Java and operated via remote control by team members during the matches. Teams, including coaches, mentors, and volunteers, are required to develop strategy and build robots based on sound engineering principles, such as rapid prototyping. Awards are given for the competition, as well as community outreach, design, and other real-world accomplishments. The Tully FIRST FTC team recently won the Robot Games trophy at their first Qualifier and came in second place overall at their second Qualifier. They moved on and competed in the Regional Competition.



Team NeXT Generation Now Preparing to Compete at the World Championships in April!



The FIRST® program has provided the young people of Tully the opportunity to bring to life the knowledge they learn in the classroom through its application to real-world problems. Skills in math, computer programming, research and presentations are developed and honed with guidance from community volunteers and coaches as well as experts in relevant fields. The students have stated that some of the greatest benefits of this program are the skills they have acquired in public speaking, teamwork and interviewing that will serve them well throughout life. These skills, along with the program's core values, will benefit the young people of Tully lifelong. They are lucky to have the tremendous support of so many individuals and organizations within the local community. Together they are the keys to the success of this program.

A Message from Team NeXT Generation Preparing for the World Championships:

Thank you to the Tully Community for all of your support over the past two years. The success of our team is due to the strong community support. We are now preparing for the World Championships. We will be planning Flamingo Flocking as a fundraiser to help pay entrance fees and get the team to the World Championships. If you would like to flock a friend, please email Michelle Matteson at flutle2@yahoo.com.

We need to decorate our pit area with Red, White and Blue. If you have table cloths, a USA flag, a New York State Flag, streamers or the ability to sew a banner, we'd really appreciate donations. Please contact Michelle at the email address above or call 256-6072.



Teen Magic: the Gathering Tournament!

Friday, February 26 from 6:30 -8 PM. Enjoy pizza and test your skills against other players.

Win TONS of PRIZES!!! Sponsored by TCG Player.?

Upcoming Tully Free Library regular events in February & early March:

ADULTS:

Book Clubs - The Tully Free Library has 2 regular adult book clubs that meet. Forever Young Book Club is for adults who enjoy reading Young Adult books - the first Monday of each month from 6-7 PM. 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.

Keep Calm and Color On...coloring for adults. Now the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month (2/25 & 3/10) from 6-7:30 PM! Adults of all ages will enjoy an hour of stress relieving and creative coloring. Coloring pages and pencils provided. Free.

YourFarmstand Pickup - Place your order online at yourfarmstand.com and receive fresh local food at an easy pick up location, the Tully Free Library! Pickup at the library Thursdays anytime between 3 PM - 7 PM.?

Genealogy Club meets most months on the 3rd Friday of the month from 4:30-6:30 PM (2/19, 3/18). All are welcome regardless of their level of experience. While learning about how to improve your research skills, you can make use of many genealogy resources at the library, including Ancestry.com. If you are interested in learning more about family and local history, this group is for you.

KIDS:

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

BookBusters Kids' Book Club with Kelly Chambala. Wednesday, February 24 from 6-7 PM. Recommended for kids ages 8-12. We are reading Roald Dahl's book The BFG to discuss at the February meeting. We have The BFG at the circulation desk for you to pick up and read (it's also available to check out directly from the online catalog as an e-book and audio e-book)!

TEENS:

Teen Creative Writing Club ?- Join us the 2nd Wednesday of the month (3/9) from 3:30 - 5 PM to meet other teens who love writing. We will plan a print newsletter & blog written by teens for teens, and have visiting guest authors. You can also get help and/or advice on your writing.

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 next meeting is 2/27/16.

Gaming 4 days a week - Duel Club (Pokemon, Yu Gi Oh, Magic the Gathering, etc.) Mondays 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Board Game Club Tuesdays 3-4 PM, Chess Club Thursdays 3:30-4:30 PM (last Thursday of the month is our Chess Tournament), Roleplaying Club (Dungeons & Dragons) Fridays 4-5 PM.



Who do you choose?

It's time again for Tully Rotary Citizen of the Year nominations.

For the 43rd time since 1972, Tully will choose its Citizen of the Year. Sponsored by the Tully Rotary Club, the award honors outstanding members of our community nominated by their friends, bosses, or employees. The winner is someone who has selflessly worked to improve the lives of others and helped make Tully the great place that it is today.

Typically over 30 nominations are submitted for the award. These nominations are evaluated by committee against a detailed set of criteria, including the impact on the Tully community and quality of life - with special consideration for folks who have longevity in the community.

So here's where we need your help. It's quick and easy to submit a nomination. If you know someone who has made an important contribution to the community or has shown good community involvement, humanitarian service or leadership in the Tully area and who receives no remuneration for those contributions, please nominate them today!

To nominate, send an email with the name your nominee and a few sentences on why you choose them to kcarn7150@gmail.com by **March 7, 2016**. The award will be presented at a dinner on Thursday April 14th, 2016 dinner at the Orchard Vali Country Club. Please join us.

Tully Rotary is a part of Rotary International - a worldwide service organization of business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a secular organization open to all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or political preference - with over one million members around the world.

The Tully Rotary Club has a long list of accomplishments, including supporting the Tully robotics league, raising money for Polio eradication, collecting books for world literacy, helping at the Samaritan Center, and sponsoring the Tully Interact teen service organization for grades 7 through 12. It meets most Thursday mornings at 7am at the Tully Community Church. Feel free to stop in anytime and see how you can be involved.



Nomination Notice 43rd Tully Area Citizen of the Year

If you know someone who has made an outstanding volunteer contribution to the community or has shown community involvement, humanitarian service or leadership in the Tully area and who receives no remuneration for those contributions, please nominate them today. Send your nomination to:

Citizen of the Year
PO Box 79, Tully, NY 13159
or email
kcarn7150@gmail.com

Deadline: mailed entries must be
postmarked by
Monday March 7th, 2016

Award Ceremony and Dinner:
Thursday, April 14th
At Orchard Vali Country Club

Name of Nominee _____

Reason for Nomination _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Phone: _____

Calendar of Events

Tully Town Court—Municipal Building

Tuesday Nights 6:00 p.m.

Tully Village Board—Municipal Building

(first Wednesday of month)

3/2/2016 6:00 p.m.

Tully Town Board—Municipal Building

(second Wednesday of month)

2/10/2016 7:30 p.m.

Tully Fire Commissioners—Fire Station

(third Thursday of month)

2/18/2016 7:00 p.m.

To get a listing in the Calendar of Events, any civic, nonprofit or government group may send the listing to:

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