



Enfield Community Currents

News from and for the Community

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Free

I like these cold, gray winter days. Days like these let you savor a bad mood.

~Bill Watterson

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for publication at the end of that month.
Contact the editor with information you'd
like to see included.



The never-ending Autumn!

What a glorious fall! A little rainy but so long and warm and generally wonderful. I never remember a frost so late by a long shot - and I can remember a lot of first frosts by now. I still don't have all the gardening and yard work done. Maybe a couple of days during Thanksgiving will get me in order.

We had a wonderful Harvest Festival way back there in September. My 5th graders, Nicole, Trevor and Mattie, helped me so much - getting pumpkins, making grape pies and so many other things. A big thank you to the whole community for making this happen. It was a splendid event. AND the quilt winner IS—Tammy Penfield!

We're rushing on to the holiday season. The days are shortening and the fires need to be going everyday. We're moving inside and starting to stew and bake. The wreath factory has started in Mecklenburg and production pie making is underway. My brother and sister-in-law flew to Salinas to join the Romero Thanksgiving. There will be 71 first and second (probably 3rd, by now) generation Mexicans that sit down at the table this Thanksgiving. Quite the American family.

Have a wonderful holiday season and let's remember those that are having a harder time with putting food on the table and gifts under the tree. Holiday baskets at the school can always use a hand (call Mary Cole) and the Food Bank has really been stretched by the flood as well as the economy. Sponsoring a family with the Salvation Army is a great way to help out and teach our children to think about others. Children learn empathy by seeing others practice it. Happy holidays!

~Ann Rider
ECC President

The 2012 Enfield Quilt

The 2012 quilt is started! We have settled on 'The Ohio Star' as the pattern and are using recycled (but still brand new) fabric from our community and SewGreen. The blocks are in pink, burgundy, cream and green. We will make it a queen size so it will be useful as well as beautiful!

A group of volunteers has been creating the blocks and will be sewing them together in January. The quilting process will start the latter part of January to brighten up the long winter days and nights. We will again quilt in the living room of Ann Rider on evenings and afternoons that the group chooses.

If you'd like to join this group but need a ride - NO PROBLEM! It's a great group and we welcome you to join us. Call Ann Rider, 277-3478, for more information.



Community members measure, cut piece, and sew the blocks for the 2012 Quilt Raffle.

Enfield School Age Program

It's December already and the Enfield School Age Program is in full swing! We started to think about what type of gifts we will be making for our loved ones and what we can do to help those in need. This year we will be collecting winter items for the flood victims in Owego. If anyone wants to drop off items we are located at the Enfield Elementary School. Our hours are 2:00 to 5:30 pm, and we will have a box in the cafeteria.

We have sent out our annual Thanksgiving cards to those serving in the military. This year they went to Germany where one of Enfield's own, Michael Baker, is serving. We enclosed a pressed leaf in each card for a little taste of Fall in New York.

The Enfield School Age Program would like to thank community members who have made donations to our program this year: Howard & Joyce Dixon of A Touch of Country Bed & Breakfast, Pam Karner VMD, Julie Stilwell of Heads Up Salon, Andrew Skutch of Body Haven and the Enfield Community Council and its Board of Directors. Thank you for your generous support, we couldn't make it without you!!

We still have openings in our program if anyone needs after school care. We take children in grades K-5. There are information packets in the front hallway of the Elementary School or you can email me at cms326@gmail.com.

Colleen McKenzie, ESAP Director

Enfield Community Council Programs

Enfield Youth Programs

The following programs are currently underway and would welcome new members!

Wacky Wednesdays: That's right, it's baaaack! Join this long-running program where youth make crazy crafts, organize youth events, and experiment with some crazy science. Wednesdays, 4-6 pm, through December 21st. Meets at the Enfield Community Building, pickup there at 6 pm.

Lunch Bunch: This IN-SCHOOL program lets you break away from the lunchroom and join other Boynton students in teambuilding activities, special food additions to your lunch, meeting new people, and youth leadership possibilities! Tuesdays through December 20th. Meet in school lunchroom during your lunch period. Limited to 10 students.

Primitive Pursuits: Fall Primitives youth will learn about their local environment through the study of earth living skills and nature awareness. This program has lots of outdoor time for shelter building, stalking, wild-edible ID and some exploration of the world around you. Thursdays, 4-6 pm, through December 22nd. Meets at the Enfield Elementary School (Students may take a bus from Boynton), pickup at 6 pm.

Photo Ninjas: Are you stealthy like a ninja? Do you like mystery? This is your chance to learn photography in a way like none other. Master the art and intrigue the minds of those around you... I shall not say more. Mondays, 3:45-5 pm, through December 19th at Boynton Library, pickup at 5 pm.

Educate THIS!: Got a skill, hobby, or other incredible/amazing/interesting knowledge you could teach? Kids at Enfield Elementary eagerly desire your mentoring on a topic of your choice, (i.e. magic, design, skate boarding, drawing, games... anything!) every other week at the afterschool program. Tuesdays, 4-6 pm, through December 20th. Meets at the Enfield Elementary School (Students may take a bus from Boynton), pickup at 6 pm.

For more information on Youth Programming, contact Lindsay Cray at 272-2292 x225 or lac263@cornell.edu

Enfield Elementary Basketball Teams

The Enfield Community Council and the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company cosponsor the Enfield 4th and 5th grade Girls and Boys Basketball Teams.

The coaches are George Breuhaus for the Girls Team and Fayne Coyne for the Boys Team. Practices will start the week of December 5, 2011. Games will start on January 7, 2012.

Please watch the Enfield School's outside bulletin board for the schedule of home games or email Vera at vstrait18@htva.net for the schedule of games if you would like to support our youth.

Adult Basketball to Resume

Adult Basketball has resumed in the Enfield Elementary School gym Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. Adults and teens 16 and older are invited to join in for fun and exercise. An Adult Waiver, Release and Consent form is required.

This activity is sponsored by ECC, Contact Fay Coyne with questions at 273 -0162.

Enhance Fitness

Sadly, this program has been discontinued due to low enrollment. We will see what can be done to revive and rejuvenate it for Spring!

Zumba

Nicole has joined us again to teach Zumba this year. Join her every Monday evening at 6:30 at the Enfield Elementary School gymnasium for a high energy (but you can do your own pace) hour.

The group meets every Monday that school is in session. This has been a very popular offering of the Enfield Community Council so join your neighbors for an hour that makes you healthier. Can't beat that! \$ 4 per person, per session. Call Nicole for more information, 227-9818.

Easy Ways to help the Enfield PTA

- Get a Target card and link it to Enfield School
- Take your redeemables to K&H Redemption from credit to Enfield PTA
- Save Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education and drop them off at the school

Enfield PTA News

The Enfield Elementary PTA actively promotes literacy and culture in the school community, and reaches out into the community to help those in need. Here are some of our activities:

- Every student gets to pick a NEW book to keep for their birthday (July birthdays are done in June and August birthdays are done in September).
- We provide each student with a Yearbook, regardless of their ability to cover its cost.
- We run two Book Fairs a year to promote literacy.
- We make donations to the Library.
- We make donations to the holiday food baskets to Enfield families in need.
- We provide classroom literacy grants so our teachers can stretch their classroom budgets.
- We bring in cultural events, like this year's orchestra.

If you would like to learn more or make a donation of time or money, please contact PTA President Cortney Bailey at cbailey525@yahoo.com or call 279-4702.

Thinking About Transportation? Know Your Options

Your ride; is it a variety package?

Do you have more than one ride or way to get to where you need to go? For those unpredictable times when your main way of getting around is not working, that is the time when you will want to be able to use another transportation choice that you already know will work for you.

For example, perhaps the public bus system is not operating that day due to the holiday schedule or bad roads and you need to get out despite this lack of bus service. Or it could be that your reliable car, or that of your friend who is giving you a ride, will not working starting today. Or another frequent transportation problem in this area is a damaged car from a deer collision.

So if these concerns seem familiar to you and you would like to figure out one or several other means of getting to your destination(s), here are some of the many options:

zimride.com/Tompkins is a ridesharing website which helps a rider to share driving costs of trips whether you are looking find a ride or to give a ride. Everyone within Tompkins County and people coming into Tompkins County for work can use it to expand their ridesharing search beyond their neighbors, friends, & coworkers. See www.zimride.com/Tomp. You set the price of the ride in your Zimride registration if you are the driver. The registration process will take 5 minutes to complete and will quickly provide you with a look at others interested in ridesharing within your target area and scheduled time. The site specifically helps find rides which either begin in Tompkins County with a destination out of the county, or start outside of Tompkins County and come into Tompkins County, or is a ride which is completely within the boundaries of Tompkins County. Zimride has been active in Tompkins County since March 2011 with over 320 registered Zim users on the County portal and there are 3 additional portals within the site for Cornell University, Ithaca College & Tompkins Cortland Community College staff, faculty & students.

VPSI Vanpooling is a way to share the cost of going to work in a van with a minimum group size of 5 people. Costs range depending upon the number of persons in the Vanpool group and the mileage traveled. The service is purchased with a one month contract which assures that you will get excellent service and only use this option if it works for you and the others in the group. An example of VPSI Vanpool in use is that there are now 2 Vanpools operating which start in Watkins Glen with a work destination in Tompkins County. These 2 vanpools came out of the end of the bus service to Watkins Glen and riders were looking for other options to get to work. Learn more about Vanpool by contacting Jesse Kafka, VPSI at 1-800-826-7433 or www.way2go.info.org

If you see that ridesharing or vanpooling may be a means of most of your transportation needs, would putting another ride option in your transportation package complete the total ride for you? For example, could you use ridesharing to get to the bus stop and then add a Just in Case **Ithacacarshare membership** at the low membership cost of \$50.00 per year for occasional use of a car in Ithaca? The membership would allow you to reserve a car and simply pay mileage and hourly rate per time used and would give you a means to get to the doctor's appointment that is off the bus route or can't work for your schedule to go by bus. Check out more on Ithacacarshare at www.ithacacarshare.org or call 277-3210.

For information on these transportation choices and more, see www.way2goinfo.org or call Way2go at 272-2292, call 211 or the County Mobility Program Specialist at 274-5022 for all the news and contact information on local choices.

Cynthia Kloppel
Tompkins County Mobility Program Specialist

Enfield Food Pantry

The Enfield Food Pantry is available to Enfield residents who need help providing food for themselves and their family.



PLEASE NOTE NEW HOURS:

The pantry is now open **1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** on the second Tuesday of every month and **3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** on the fourth Tuesday.

The pantry is located at the Enfield Community Building at 182 Enfield Main Road and is a ministry of the Enfield Baptist Fellowship. The Town of Enfield provides the space and utility costs.

Enfield Ladies Auxiliary

The summer has been quiet for the Auxiliary, but a couple of members had an eventful summer. Judy Hetherington was installed as President of the Central New York Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary and Pam Whittaker was installed for her 2nd term as President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

We are gearing up for our winter bake sales held in conjunction with the Firemen's BBQ's held the second Sunday of January, February, March and April. Our members are great cooks and bakers so you will see a wide assortment of goodies to purchase.

We will be collecting foodstuffs to give to the school Christmas project as well as a donation for the families in our community. Please remember those less fortunate during the upcoming holiday season. Sonya Schreiber from the Enfield School is heading up this year's Christmas project and would be grateful for any donations.

Please remember to keep checking your smoke detector batteries. As Thanksgiving approaches, cook with care and keep small children from exploring the hot stove while watching you prepare a wonderful meal. Stay Safe throughout the coming Holiday



Eat Better Today, Stay Healthy for Tomorrow Are you age 60 or older?

- Every day seniors just like you use Food Stamps to help buy nutritious food to help stay healthy.
- Up to a million older New Yorkers may be eligible for food stamp benefits, but most have not yet applied.
- Help strengthen our community! Every \$5 spent in benefits nearly doubles to \$10 in local economic activity.
- As an added help to seniors, most medical expenses may be counted toward raising your monthly benefits.

Income Guidelines may be higher than you think! For a free prescreening to find out if you may be eligible please contact:

Nutrition Outreach & Education
Program: Melissa Young, NOEP
Coordinator

607 272-5062 ext. 21
Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga
324 W. Buffalo St., Ithaca, NY 14850

No appointment necessary, this institution is an equal opportunity provider. Prepared by a project of the Nutrition Consortium of NYS, USDA/FNS, and NYSOTDA.

Area Churches

Enfield Baptist Church

162 Enfield Main Road
Ithaca, NY 14850
607-277-6301

Rev. Chris Lynch, Senior Pastor
Rev. David Leonard, Associate Pastor
Rev. Jim Clark, Youth Pastor/Assoc. Pastor

Sunday Services:

Prayer 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Agape Bible Church

264 S. Applegate Road
Ithaca NY 14850
607-273-7419/www.agape-ithaca.org
Pastor Mike Corriero
Pastor Chip Adams-Compton
Sunday Services: 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church

PO Box 224, Jacksonville, NY 14854
607-387-6296
www.jcumc.com
Reverend Nelson Reppert, Pastor
Reverend Enid Zollweg, Pastor
Jean Geuder, Organist & Choir Leader
Ministers: the Congregation
Sunday Services: 10:00 am

Enfield Baptist Fellowship

174 Enfield Main Road
Ithaca, NY 14850
607-273-5682

Sunday Services: 10:00 am

Enfield Valley Grange

Time certainly seems to fly quickly.....here we are in our Fall, and very soon to approach Winter, season.

Our Election Night Dinner was fabulous. We served approximately 180 patrons thank you to all that joined us.

Our next event will be the Enfield Community 4th Annual Holiday Decoration Contest. Contest will be based on your outdoor decorations. Come on community residents.....join the fun and win a prize! To participate please register by email: jerry@jerryscraceway.com, or mail entry to: Holiday Decorations, 121 S. Applegate Rd., Ithaca NY 14850. Entry forms can be obtained at the Valley Korner Store, or the Town Hall. Our panel of judges will be traveling around on the evening of Dec. 16th to judge and select winners. Enfield Grange will host a community dinner on Saturday, Dec. 17th @ 6:00pm, prizes will be awarded after dinner, please bring your own table service, beverages will be provided.

Please be reminded of our monthly breakfasts beginning in January. Come out and join us on the following Saturday mornings:

January 7 th	March 3 rd	May 5 th
February 4 th	April 7 th	

We invite you to join as a member. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., come join the fun.

Best wishes to all for a Joyous Holiday Season, and a Prosperous New Year.

**The Historic Past of Enfield in Newspapers –
Sue Thompson, Enfield Town Historian**

AGES OF THREE TOTAL 224 YEARS - Mrs. Drury Gray of Enfield Entertains Relatives 72, 82 and 83 Years Old - All Are in Excellent Health – Hail Does Damage.

Summerton Corners, Ithaca Daily News Thursday Evening, July 17, 1913 - Mrs. Drury Gray entertained three relatives last Saturday whose combined ages totaled 224 years their respective years being 79, 82 and 83. Each one is active and in good health. Eugene Robbins suffered from the hailstorm last Sunday. It cut the leaves and fruit from his cherry trees. The day after the storm he expected to pick twenty bushels of black raspberries, whereas only two bushels could be gathered after the hail had done its work. A. J. Charles of Danby Is the guest of relatives here. Clumb Russell is helping his son gather hay on his farms here. Mr. and Mrs. Moses Harvey of Ithaca are spending some time with relatives and friends in this vicinity. Mrs. William Rockwell and her daughter of Ithaca spent several days with her aunt, Augusta Hedglin. Ethel Lanning of Newfield was the guest of Hazel Rumsey. Mrs. Roxy Russell spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Bert Drake in Pony Hollow. Charles White of Ithaca spent a few days at his home here. Martha Gray is visiting relatives in Ithaca. Hail broke fourteen window panes at the home of Samuel Rumsey and ruined his garden last Sunday. Mrs. Darwin Rumsey fell through a trap door in the basement of the Christian Church Sunday, at Trumbull Corners, sustaining severe bruises.

WHARTONS FILM ALASKAN SCENES AT ENFIELD - Ithaca Daily News Thursday Evening, March 6, 1917

"The Great White Trail" is the title of a thrilling Alaskan melodrama for which the Wharton Company Inc. today is filming scenes at Enfield Falls. The story finishes in the Alaska Gold Rush of '98, and many of the scenes are laid near the Chillicoot Pass, Alaska. The entrance to Enfield Falls gorge serves realistically as the same pass. About 142 men were used in a scene showing the mines crossing Chillicoot Pass. The big crowd was transported to and from the city in automobiles and carry-alls. An automobile this noon carried 150 lunches to Enfield for the Wharton staff and the "mob." The picture stars Doris Kenyon, a noted screen favorite. Several scenes will be taken at Enfield and according to plans, the "mob" will be transported again tomorrow. A big "fight" scene is to be staged near the entrance to the pass. The Whartons had been waiting for several weeks for a heavy snowfall in which to begin work on the Alaskan feature.

For the Farm Community: It's Time to Start Thinking About Agricultural Assessment

The Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is the agency responsible for completing Soil Group Worksheets for farm landowners applying for an agricultural assessment. Agricultural assessments allow qualified landowners to receive a property tax exemption and are applied for through the Tompkins County Division of Assessment. A full explanation of the agricultural assessment program, its eligibility requirements and restrictions, and how the Soil Group Worksheet is completed, can be found at the New York State Department of Agricultural and Markets website: <http://www.orps.state.ny.us/pamphlet/exempt/agassess.htm>

Applicants interested in applying need to pick up a "Long Form" from the Division of Assessment, 128 East Buffalo Str5eet in Ithaca, phone 274-5517. The Soil Group Worksheet, completed by a Tompkins County SWCD technician, is turned into the Division of Assessment when both are finished. It is necessary to fill out both forms for each parcel that is entered into agricultural assessment. The annual due date for turning in these forms is March 1, but the sooner you contact a SWCD technician to complete this form, the better. November is an excellent time to contact the SWCD about having this work begun.

There is a charge associated with having the Soil Group Worksheet completed. Tompkins County SWCD charges \$35.00 per worksheet for parcels that have never been in agricultural assessment; this charge is also applied to parcels that have previously been in agricultural assessment, but have undergone a change of ownership. The SWCD charges \$25.00 each for revisions of Soil Group Worksheets for parcels that have undergone acreage changes. Landowners who have been in the agricultural assessment program but have sold off some portion of their parcel(s) MUST have new Soil Group Worksheets completed and must still meet eligibility requirements.

Before contacting the SWCD (257-2340) about having the Soil Group Worksheet completed, please be ready to provide the following information:

- Township and tax map number of parcel (example: Town of Dryden, 34.-3-19.14)
- Owner(s) of property as the name(s) appears on the title deed for the parcel
- Approximate total number of acres on parcel
- Property address
- Mailing address and phone number of owner

It may be necessary, depending on the complexity of the parcel, to meet with a SWCD technician at their office to discuss the boundaries of crop land, pasture, woodland, and non-agricultural land on the lot before the Soil Group Worksheet is completed. It generally takes about one week (depending on the number we are working on at the time) to complete a worksheet.

Please call the SWCD office or stop by if you have any questions about having a Soil Group Worksheet completed for a farmland parcel. If you have questions regarding eligibility for or restrictions of the agricultural assessment program, please contact the Tompkins County Division of Assessment at 274-5517 and ask to speak with your township's Real Property Appraiser.

[From the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District Web Site]

Calendar of Events

December

- 12 PTA Meeting (pg 3)
16 Grange Holiday Decorating Judging (pg 4)

January

- 8 Enfield Volunteer Fire Company Chicken BBQ
9 PTA Meeting (pg 3)
7 Grange Pancake Breakfast (pg 6)
17 Red Cross Blood Drive at the Fire Station

February

- 4 Grange Pancake Breakfast (pg 6)
12 Enfield Volunteer Fire Company Chicken BBQ
13 PTA Meeting (pg 3)

March

- 3 Grange Pancake Breakfast (pg 4)
11 Enfield Volunteer Fire Company Chicken BBQ
12 PTA Meeting (tentative) (pg 3)
20 Red Cross Blood Drive at the Fire Station

April

- 15 Enfield Volunteer Fire Company Chicken BBQ

Regularly Scheduled Community Meetings & Activities

Adult Basketball: Wednesdays at 6:30 at the elementary school

Community Council: 4th Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Community Building

Enfield Valley Grange: 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Grange

Food Pantry: 2nd Tuesday, 1-2 pm & 4th Tuesday, 3-5 pm, at the Community Building

GED Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5-8 pm during the school year, at the Enfield Elementary school

Historical Society: Bimonthly, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 pm at the Community Building

Ladies Auxiliary: 1st Monday after 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. at the Fire Station

Senior Citizens: 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 am-1:00 pm at the Grange; meetings include a dish-to-pass luncheon

Zumba Fitness: Mondays, 6:30-7:30 at the elementary school, \$4 per person

Get Your GED Now—You've Waited Long Enough!

The Enfield GED Program is back at Enfield Elementary School!

- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-8:00 pm when school is in session.
- There is ongoing enrollment so you can start anytime.

- There is no cost to the student for these classes.
- We have different levels of difficulty so you can begin from where you are.
- Join us!

If interested, call the TST BOCES Adult Education office at 257-1561.



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