

ELMA WELL REPRESENTED AT EMPACT AMERICA CONFERENCE

Representatives from around the nation and the world attended a two day conference in Niagara Falls to better understand the catastrophic effects an electromagnetic pulse could cause for our nation, and its communities.

The conference stemmed from the concern of Henry Schwartz, CEO, Steuben Foods in Elma. It's objective was to inform local Government officials and citizens of a better understanding of the threat and how to protect our infrastructures. Electromagnetic pulse (EMP) occurs when a solar flare or a high altitude nuclear weapon is exploded at high altitude above the United States and interacts with the earth's atmosphere, ionosphere, and magnetic field to produce an EMP radiating down to the earth.

Weapons designed and deployed with the intent to produce EMP have a high likelihood of damaging electrical power systems, electronics, and information systems upon which our American society depends.

The primary avenues for catastrophic damage to the nation are through our electric power infrastructure and telecommunications, energy, and other




Elma Town Supervisor Michael Nolan, speaks on protecting the infrastructure of our communities, during the Empact America Conference held in Niagara Falls. Representatives from around the world attended the two day event, learning about protecting the American people from a nuclear and natural electromagnetic pulse (EMP).

infrastructures. These in turn, can seriously impact other important aspects of our nation's life, including the financial system; means of getting food, water and medical care to the citizenry; trade; production of goods and services. The recovery of any one of the key national infrastructures is dependent on the recovery of others. The longer the outage the more problematic and uncertain the recovery will be.

Elma Town Supervisor, Michael Nolan, and Elma's Disaster Coordinator, Edward Sauer, addressed the protection of the Town of Elma's infrastructure if such an event might occur.

For more information on Empact America, and EMP you may visit their web site at www.empactamerica.org



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Annual Pumpkin Fest Planned for Oct. 3rd

Plans for this year's sixth Annual Pumpkin Fest at Elma Village Green Park are complete according to co-chairs Kathy Pierce and Marlene Baumgartner. The park is located on Bowen Road between Chairfactory Rd. and Clinton St. behind the Town of Elma Museum and next to the Elma Senior Center.

Sponsored by the Town of Elma, the event is free and is designed to give children the opportunity to enjoy pumpkin carving, games, hay rides and refreshments in a safe and festive atmosphere.

Hawk Creek will be there as well as a magician, face painting and a bouncy house. Don't forget to take a chance on counting the candy corn in the jar that the Wizard and Scarecrow will have.

Last year's Festival drew over two thousand children and adults. Due to the limited number of pumpkins available, it's important to keep in mind that the pumpkins are for the children only.

As you enter the park each child will be given an orange ticket for a pumpkin and a ticket for a chance to win a bicycle. One bike will be awarded to a boy and one to a girl. Adults will be given a ticket for a chance on the theme basket and afghan raffles. Hot dogs will be provided by the Elma Fire Department,

and chili will be provided by the Jamison Road Fire Department and popcorn, courtesy of Elma Hardware.

Elma residents are encouraged to enter the pie contest which is open to adults and children. The applications for the pie contest are due no later than October 1st, and may be found on page four of this issue. Applications will also be at the Town Hall. In addition, children, K-3 and special needs, will have the opportunity to enter a coloring contest through the primary schools. Pictures will be picked up from the schools on October 1st.

The Committee looks forward to this year's event and wishes everyone attending to have a good time and take advantage of the Elma Village Green Park's country atmosphere.



Pie Baking Contest Entry Form

Pumpkin Festival

All pie entries should be dropped off at the Elma Senior Center, on the day of the Pumpkin Festival,
October 3rd, 2009 no later than 3:00 pm.

Clip and mail this entry form no later than **October 1st** to: Mrs. JoAnn Schaefer, 850 N. Davis Rd., Elma, NY 14059

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TYPE OF PIE _____

PHONE _____ Child Adult

- Pie contents must be fresh fruit ingredients.
- Crust must be homemade
- Use disposable containers.
- Pies will become the property of the Pumpkin Festival.
- Contest open to **Elma Residents** only.

