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# Town of Elma Community

# UP DATE

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## Elma's Pumpkin Festival October 2nd



*The Elma Pumpkin Festival welcomes Elmer Tree and Penny Pumpkin who plan to entertain the children during the festival. Don't be surprised to see them around town greeting the residents and reminding them of the festival. Elmer Tree and Penny encourage you to enter our Pumpkin People contest.*

Elma's Pumpkin Festival committee has been preparing events for the Town of Elma's 7th Annual Pumpkin Festival, which will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010. Thousands of children over the past years have enjoyed pumpkin carving, games, and many other activities associated with the fall season.

This year's festival will feature the most popular attractions the young and old enjoy: clowns, face painting, games, hayrides and lots of pumpkins. Also Mr. ELMer Tree and Penny Pumpkin will be around the Village Green greeting the children. Each child attending will have a chance to win some great prizes, DVD players and gift certificates.

The Committee reminds the residents that the Pumpkin Festival is a sponsored Town of Elma Event for the residents of Elma. There is no admission charge or charge for refreshments. The Committee also stresses that the pumpkins are reserved for the children.

This is a fun filled day designed for the children of our community, where the only thing you will spend is quality time having fun with your children.

There will be plenty of hot dogs, hot chili, donuts and cider during the day. Elma's Ace Hardware will provide fresh hot pop corn for the kids and adults alike.

As in other years, the residents of Elma are invited to enter the Pumpkin Festival's Annual Pie Baking Contest. Applications are due no later than September 25th. Pies may be dropped off at the Senior Center no later than 2PM on the day of the event October 2nd.

The Committee is also featuring a "Pumpkin People Contest" which is open to residents and businesses in the Town of Elma. Be a part of this year's festival by taking some worn out clothes or business suit, and a spark of imagination and create a pumpkin person. All pumpkin people must have a pumpkin head (plastic or a real pumpkin). Once you have

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*A popular attraction at last years event were the alpacas. Thanks to the generosity of Bradley Lang of Thistle Alpacas, they will be back at this years event for the kids to pet and enjoy.*

## Society Plans Book Signing

William J. Jackson and James T. Hurd have announced the release of their book "It is For Your Country" and in cooperation with the Elma Historical Society will have a book signing event on October 11 at 7pm.

Taking ten years to complete the publication contains numerous photos and maps pertaining to the Civil War. It describes early 1800's life in Western New York and Elma as well as the events leading up to the secession of the Southern states. Letters sent by Allen Hurd of Elma to his family in 1861 to mid 1863 are the "soul" of the book and include the period up to his mortal wounds at Little Round Top at Gettysburg, PA. Autographed copies will be available for \$20.00. All proceeds are to benefit the Elma Historical Society.

made your pumpkin person you can display it on your door step, porch or yard or at your place of business so it may be judged by the Committee. Applications for Pumpkin People and the pie contest are below.

### PIE CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Pie crust must be homemade. Contents: Fresh Fruit  
Clip and mail to: **Mrs. JoAnn Schaefer**  
**850 N. Davis Rd.**  
**Elma, NY 14059**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PIE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

### PUMPKIN PEOPLE CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Clip and mail to: **Mrs. Donna Dimitroff**  
**Elma Town Hall**  
**1600 Bowen Rd. Elma, NY 14059**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Displayed at \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### VFW & Auxiliary Sponsor Essay Contest

Elma Memorial VFW & Ladies Auxiliary Post 5861 are sponsoring the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest open to students in grades 6-8, and The Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest for students in grades 9-12.

All students who are in the Iroquois Central School District are eligible, including public, private, parochial, and home schooled.

**For complete rules and more information contact chairman: Shirley Moody - 652-3619 /VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 5861**

## Elma C.E.R.T. to Provide Safety Training

The Town of Elma's C.E.R.T ( Community Emergency Response Team) objective is to educate its citizens to better prepare to take care of themselves, friends and family in the event of a disaster of any type until emergency responders arrive. Their goal is to develop volunteer pools to assist during an emergency, and perform projects that improve Elma's preparedness.

CERT is offering training sessions to the residents of Elma, Marilla and Wales Starting November 10th at 7 PM.

The sessions are free and will be offered at the Elma Senior Center at 3007 Bowen Road in Elma, NY.

Elma CERT is always looking for new members to establish Community Response Teams.

For more information on what you can do for your community's preparedness as a resident please e-mail the Town of Elma's Office of Emergency Management at:

**CERT@elmanewyork.com.**

Sessions start at 7PM  
at the Elma Senior Center

**Wed. November 10, 2010**

Presentation by US Border Patrol

**Wed. Jan. 12th 2011**

Electromagnetic Pulse

**EMPACT AMERICA**

**March 9, 2011**

**To be announced**

**May 11, 2011**

**Niagara International  
Transportation Technology**

# Elma VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 5861 Installs New Officers 2010-2011



Elma's VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 5861 installed their new officers for 2010-2011 on August 16th. Pictured from left to right top row: Ann Ferguson, Erie County Secretary; Rosalie Hoffmann, President/Secretary; Marie Stier, Chaplain; Marlene Baumgartner, Treasurer; Kathy Macris, Erie County Treasurer; Joan Nagy, Conductress. Front row: Shirley Moody, Senior Vice; Ruth Miller, Guard; Nancy Drescher, Trustee; Karen Bennett, Junior Vice; Jean Martin, Historian; Rose Bapst.

## Elma's Youth at Work



Pictured left photo: Laura Buechi, Sue Brunner, Erika Wargula, Lorenz Schnitzer, Owen Haines, Jacob Beres and Sam Coatsworth landscape around the Town's entrance sign at Transit and Seneca. Photo on right : At Elma's Transfer Station are: L-R Hans Brunner, Emily Beres, Hanna Wargula, Charlotte Buechi and Rob Coatsworth.

The Elma United Methodist Church held a Mini Youth Group Work Camp where 18 members learned what it was like to live through a regular work day. Starting at 9am at the Church the group would meet for instructions for the day's projects. One of those projects was to landscape 3 of the Town of Elma's recently installed road signs. The group was broken down into work teams, led by adult volunteers. Each team had an assignment and once completed enjoyed a fun event and dinner. During this session the group experienced a rewarding and positive experience learning many skills and found that working a daily job can be challenging. 10 volunteers worked helping the Community of Elma, and serving 200 people meals at Central City Cafe in Buffalo, clearing trails at Reinstein Woods in Cheektowaga and working with Meals on Wheels. The three day event concluded with an over night camping experience and breakfast the next morning before returning to their homes. The community can be proud of these young adults for their time and devotion to their fellow citizens and the Town of Elma.

## From the Town Clerk's Office

Effective on January 1, 2011 the New York State Department of Markets will no longer issue or control dog licenses and renewals.

The Town of Elma will be sending your dog license renewals, and each dog will receive a new dog tag and license number. Your dog license will still expire the same month it currently does.

As of this writing the fees have not changed.

### 2010-2011 School Tax General Office Hours

Monday - Friday - 8 am - 4 pm

*Special Hours*

October 13 - 15th - 8 am - 6 pm

Columbus Day - October 11 Closed

Last day to pay tax without penalty is October 15, 2010.

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A message from the

### Elma, Marilla, Wales Boys & Girls Club

The continued success and viability of the Elma, Marilla, Wales Boys & Girls Club ultimately depends on our caring community. To that end, the club would like to thank the Towns of Elma, Marilla and Wales, as well as all of the families in the community that have continued to support the kids.

Your yearly contribution helps sustain not only the club, but also insures that the EMW Boys & Girls Club will continue to be able to meet the growing needs of our youth. It is by your generosity that they may be assured of that opportunity. Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000 for our kids, as United Way and other government agencies have either cut way back or eliminated funding entirely.

To learn more about your club or take a tour of the facility please contact us at 652-9292.

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# Billington Road Water Tower Project



*Workmen put the finishing touches on the Town of Elma's 750,000 gallon water storage tank near Billington Road. The Elma Water Department project was to ensure good water quality within the system.*

*Eugene Stevenson  
Elma Water Superintendent*

The Elma Water District is investing in your future with the rehabilitation of our 750,000 gallon Billington Road water tank.

To maintain good water quality the Elma Water District's preventive maintenance program tracks the condition of its water mains and water tanks with its flushing program and water tank inspection program. Our last water tank inspection revealed the interior water take coating of the Billington tank applied in 1988 was nearing the end of its service life.

To ensure good water quality and maintain the integrity of our water tank we put to bid total repaint inside and out and brought this tank up to 2010 OSHA safety standards. With this tank completion, two of our three

tanks have been totally rehabilitated to current standards in the last six years leaving just one tank left to upgrade. That tank is still in good shape with service life left in its costing system. With good budgeting all this work has been done without sustaining any debt.

At this time everything is back to normal. As the Superintendent of the water department, I'm proud to report not one pressure problem was reported or any problems were noted while our crew was manually maintaining our system for over 768 hours of service. I'm proud of the dedicated service the staff and crew showed during this entire project. The tank was returned to service after it passed all required water sample tests required by the New York State Health Department.

With a strong maintenance program,

the life of our valuable system's assets becomes extended. Saving us all money and insuring good water quality for another 25 years. Elma residents should feel confident that its local water district is maintaining its infrastructure to current standards to save on replacement cost.

**Highway Dept.  
Rubbish & Brush  
Pick Up Dates  
RUBBISH  
October 4th  
BRUSH  
October 18th**