



DANBY AREA NEWS

A Celtic Christmas Concert with BELLS & MOTLEY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 3PM DANBY TOWN HALL

Bells & Motley (John and Sondra Bromka) will present a free concert, "A Celtic Christmas and Bagpipe Regale" on Sunday, December 12. Music, mirth and tradition have illuminated Celtic Christmas and Midwinter celebrations through the centuries. The Bromkas perform a repertoire for the yuletide season that ranges the gamut from spirited to mystical, balladic to chorusing. They'll have a festive array of instruments: Celtic harp, hammered dulcimer, sundry bagpipes, button accordion, mandocello, Irish cittern, bodhran, and a collection of reeds, winds, and whistles from times past. The performance will also highlight their unusual collection of Wassailing Songs from Somerset, Gloucestershire, Cornwall and beyond. Bells & Motley performs regularly at the Sterling Renaissance Faire, and does workshops in schools and concerts throughout the Northeast. They performed in Danby a few years ago to a large, enthusiastic audience, and we are fortunate to have them back again.

This is the last of the 2004 Danby concert Series, presented by the Danby Community Council, with public funds from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County/NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Program. We have applied for another grant for 2005 to continue this popular series of free concerts in a variety of musical styles.

*Submitted by Bob Strichartz for the
Danby Community Council*

CAROLING, COOKIES & CIDER

Old-fashioned Christmas caroling the evening of Sunday, December 19th, all welcome! Meet at the old West Danby Methodist Church at West Danby's Four Corners at 6:30 p.m. We'll go door-to-door in the neighborhood for as long as is comfortable, and return to the church building to get warm and have a holiday snack. (Feel free to bring a batch of favorite cookies to share.) For more info, call Sally at 564-7647.

TONI MCBRIDE

On October 27, 2004, Toni McBride, a dear friend, active community member and the former owner of The Danby General Store left us. At this time we would like to thank the community for their support during fund raising and to thank the local businesses and volunteers for their diligence and support. Toni was a friend to us all, and that shows in the number of people who helped in many ways. Let us all continue to work together in helping our community!

A big Thank You to all, including the following business supporters: Italian Carry-Out, Freihoffer Breads, Houghton's Poultry, Danby Market, Ithaca Produce, Uncle Bill's Antiques, American Legion, Danby Fire Department, Common Ground, Lane's Automotive, Moose Club, Tops Market, and Burger King.

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COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Danby Community Chorus will be presenting "Christmas Classics,"
a collection of popular Christmas Songs and Carols, arranged by Don Marsh.
The chorus, under the directorship of Roland Boda, and accompanied by Grace
Payton, consists of 21 singers from the Danby Community.

The concert will be held on December 11, 2004 in the Danby Federated
Church Fellowship Hall. Concert time will be 7:00 p.m. Concert will be free of
charge. Seating will be first come first served.

Antoinette D. "Toni" McBride
March 20, 1960–October 27, 2004
To My Danby Family

The next place that I go will be as peaceful and familiar as a sleepy summer Sunday and a sweet, untroubled mind. It won't be anything like any place I've ever been, or seen...or even dreamed of in the place I leave behind. The next place that I go will be so quiet and so still that the whispered song of sweet belonging will rise up to fill the listening sky with joyful silence, and with unheard harmonies of music made by no one playing, like a hush upon a breeze. The next place that I go won't really be a place at all. There won't be any seasons—winter, spring, summer or fall. I will not be a boy, or girl, a woman or a man. I'll simply be just, simply me. No worse or better than. My skin will not be dark or light. I won't be fat or tall. The body I once lived in won't be a part of me at all. I will travel empty handed. There is not a single thing I have collected in my life that I would ever want to bring, except...the love of those who loved me, and the warmth of those who cared. The happiness and memories and magic that we shared. Though I will know the joy of solitude...I'll never be alone. I'll be embraced by all the family and friends I have ever known. I will cherish all the friendships I was fortunate to find, all the love and the laughter in the places I left behind. All these good things will go with me. They will make my spirit glow. And that light will shine forever in the next place I go.

Thank you for your love, support, prayers, embracement, kindness and truly being our extended family forever.

DCC NOTES

The Danby Community Council Annual Meeting will be on Monday January 24, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Danby Town Hall. We'll present the annual report of our accomplishments and vote on new community council members. We're still seeking people interested in being on the board. No particular experience or skill is needed, just a desire to work for our community. All Danby residents 18 years and older are eligible to be board members and to vote at the annual meeting. Interested potential board members should contact Dan Klein, 272-7582, <danbydan@hotmail.com>, by January 17.

There are several recent and forthcoming departures to note. Kate Gross, Youth Program Manager for Danby for the past year and a half has moved to Ohio. Kate wanted to let everyone know she can be reached at PO Box 1032, Milford, Ohio, 45150, kategross@hotmail.com.

Nancy Law has volunteered to print the address labels for the Danby Area News since 1999. Eileen Wright has almost single-handedly mailed out the 1300 Danby Area News as a volunteer for a number of years. This is a big job to handle alone, but she came through on every single issue. Nancy and Eileen are passing the torch along to a new group of volunteers. We thank them for the many hours of unpaid work they have put in for Danby. We also thank Kate for her service and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors.

Submitted by Dan Klein for the Community Council



HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Saturday, October 30th, 2004, over 50 children and their families enjoyed themselves tremendously at the annual Danby Halloween Party, held at the Danby Fire Hall. The event was a great success, highlighted by delicious food, games, great costumes and alot of silly behavior. Sincere thanks for the efforts of and donations made by the Danby Volunteer Fire Department, Cooperative Extension Youth Programming staff, Miller Photography, Italian Carry Out, Littletree Orchards, McBooks Press and the Danby Community Council. Another set of thank yous to community members who donated their time and talents to produce this delightful event.

Submitted by Carol Bushberg

DANBY FIRE REPORT

2 fire calls in October = 36 year to date

8 rescue calls in October = 68 year to date

Submitted by Beatrice Hogben, Trustee

LIBRARY NOTES

We are coming into the holiday season—come in and find ideas for decorating, cooking, crafts, stories for children and special holiday novels for relaxation— not to mention videos for the whole family! New collections arriving this month: juvenile nonfiction(11/4);

adult nonfiction(11/18) and audiobooks, family videos and feature videos(12/30). The book discussion group will meet 11/23 at 7 p.m. to discuss Reading Lolita in Tehran and Seneca Falls Inheritance. Let us know if you have any special requests—we are here to serve the Danby community.

Submitted by Patti Meyers

TASK FORCE UPDATE

As November ends, the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force is still working on revisions to the Subdivision Regulations. Proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance are in hand and may be taken up on December 1. Another meeting is scheduled for December 8, and there is a strong possibility of meeting the following week as well, before breaking for the holidays. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, and all are welcome to attend and participate. If you can't make the meeting but are interested in the evolution of the documents, the latest versions are posted on the Town's web site (<http://www.town.danby.ny.us/>). If you are not web active, copies can also be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Joel Gagnon, Task Force Chair

FOSTER CARE/ADOPT

To anyone who may be considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent, we hold informational meetings the second Thursday of each month, noon–1pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 9 at the Human Services Building, Room 142, 320 W. State St., Ithaca, NY. For more information please call Judy Voorheis at (607) 274-5266.

SENIORS LUNCH

Thursday, December 2, Noon, Common Ground. Donations of nonperishable food may be made to the Danby Food Pantry. Those planning to attend must call Nancy Weitzel at 272-6570 for reservations. All Danby seniors invited to attend.

Halloween Party photos by Mike Miller, Miller Photography, a Danby business.



Danby Youth Flyer

To the Danby Community

Hello! My name is Ruth Baldwin, and I recently took over as the Danby Youth Program Manager when Kate Gross moved out of the area. I met several members of the community at the Danby Halloween Party at the Fire House, and was told repeatedly what big shoes I'll have to fill! I look forward to the challenge, and I hope to meet many of you in the near future. I plan on picking up where Kate left off by continuing with cooking and crafting programs this winter, and I will also be adding some more active and outdoor programming. I am open and eager to hear from you what kinds of programming youth would be interested in, so please feel free to call at 272-2292 ext. 224, or email at reb53@cornell.edu with comments and suggestions!

December Programs

Here are the fun and educational youth programs for the month of December. Look for brochures and registration forms in the Danby Market and at the Town Hall; these will have more details and registration forms to be returned. Remember that you can join a program at any time, even if you've missed the first couple of meetings. To have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Ruth Baldwin by phone at 272-2292 ext. 224, or email at <reb53@cornell.edu>, or just download the form off of our website at <<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm>>. Programs to look out for in January include childcare training, cultural cooking, snowshoeing, and more!

Family Gingerbread Houses—Saturday, December 11, 9:30am–noon, Danby Town Hall. All Ages. Bring the whole family to work together on making and decorating a gingerbread house! This is a great way to spend quality family time and meet other people in the Danby community. A freshly baked gingerbread house kit will be provided for each family group. A parent or adult friend must attend with children. Be sure to let us know how many family members will be

present. Registration deadline is December 1!!

Creative Gift Making—Tuesdays from 4–6:00, December 7, 14, & 21, Danby Town Hall. Grades 5–9. Make creative cards and gift wrap to go with the homemade baskets, trivets, candles, soap, needlepoint, recipes-in-a-jar, and other creative crafts. These make perfect gifts for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, you name it!

Holiday Baking—Mondays 4–6pm, December 13 & 20, Danby Federated Church. Grades 5–9. Bake holiday cookies, gingerbread people, and pies to take to shut-ins and to give to family.

Movin' & Groovin'—Thursdays 4–5:30pm, December 2, 9, & 16. Meet at the Town Hall. Grades 6–9. Stay active and healthy during the winter months by learning the basics of yoga, learning how to make healthy snacks, and making plans for next year's community garden.

Get Out!—Sunday, December 19, 2–4pm. Meet at the Town Hall. Grades 5–11. Take a winter nature walk and learn to spot animal tracks in the snow, identify different types of trees, and enjoy some fresh air. Warm up with hot cocoa at the Town Hall afterwards.

DCC Pen Pals

Pan pals information night will be at 6 PM on December 13 at the Sternsteins. All youth currently with Liberian pen pals or interested in obtaining a Liberian pan pal are invited with their parents. We will discuss life, history, and culture of Liberia. Call Faith at 272-4139.



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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE—Wednesday, December 1, 7:00pm, Town Hall.

DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON—Thursday, December 2, Noon, Common Ground. Those planning to attend must call Nancy Weitzel at 272-6570 for reservations. All Danby seniors invited. See page 4.

TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING— Monday, December 6, 7pm, Town Hall.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE—Wednesday, December 8, 7:00pm, Town Hall.

COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT—Saturday, December 11, 7pm, Federated Church. See page 2.

DCC CHRISTMAS CONCERT—Sunday, December 12, 3pm, Town Hall. See page 1.

TOWN BOARD MEETING—Monday, December 13, 7pm, Town Hall.

MEET YOUR REPS—Tuesday, Dec. 14, 9:30–11:30am, Danby Market. Frank Proto and Ric Dietrich.

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PLANNING BOARD—There is no Planning Board meeting for December.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING—Sunday, December 19, 6:30pm, West Danby Methodist Church. See page 1.

ONGOING

SENIORS STRENGTH TRAINING GROUP—Mondays, 9am, Danby Federated Church.

WEST DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY—Second Monday, 7pm, West Danby Fire Hall.

DANBY FIRE COMPANY—Mondays, 7pm, monthly meeting the second Monday at 7:30pm.

DANBY FOOD PANTRY—Third Friday, 4–6pm, 1859 Danby Road.

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY READING GROUP—Fourth Tuesdays, 7pm, Danby Library.