



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## WEST DANBY CRAFT SHOW & BBQ

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

Local crafters are preparing for the Annual Fall Craft Show and Chicken BBQ at the West Danby Fire Department on Saturday, October 29. They'll be selling their seasonal wares and handmades from 10am-2pm.

We've lined up a tablefull of cider and donuts, live music by *The New West Danby Henry Ford String Throttlers* and, of course, the BBQ chicken. There's trick or treating at the craft tables, free pumpkin painting for the kids and a "Yuck" table (can you guess what it is?).

The craft show and fun runs from 10am-2pm, with music from 11am-1pm, and the chicken will be ready around Noon. For more info, contact me at [marrell11@aol.com] or 607.564.0020. ❀

## HALLOWEEN PARTIES

This year, Danby-ites of all ages are offered *two* Halloween events on two days.

On Sunday, October 30, venture into Town Hall, 3-5pm, for the Community Council party. Treats, games, live music, and a bounce house. And, for once, Town Hall will be haunted...by goats?

The next day, Monday, October 31, 6-8pm, it's *Trunk or Treat* time at the DFC. Make the rounds of the trunks in the parking lot, or perform your tricks indoors. ❀

## EXERCISE YOUR VOTE!

Thomas Jefferson is reputed to have said, "An informed citizenry is the bulwark of a democracy," and *you* are an informed citizen! No?

Your vote on Election Day 2011 tells the government that you're interested and that you care. Be sure to visit the Fire Hall on November 8 and cast your vote. And, again, on December 13, in the Fire Commissioner election! ❀

## DCC CONCERT: VIOLIN DUO!

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

The classical violin duo of Nicholas DiEugenio and Susan Waterbury will present a free concert on Sunday,



November 13 at 3pm in the Danby Town Hall. The program will feature a collection of delightful Hungarian folkdances arranged for violin duo by Bela Bartok, performed here in collaboration with students from Ithaca College, as well as other duos.

Both violinists are on the faculty at the Ithaca College School of Music. DiEugenio is a graduate of the Yale School of Music, where he studied with Ani Kavafian.

He has performed extensively with orchestras and chamber groups, and is a prizewinner at the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. Waterbury is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, and has performed extensively in the Ithaca area, including previous performances in Danby with the Sheherazade Trio and the Ariadne quartet.

This concert is designed to be enjoyable for children as well as adults. The concert is the last of the 2011 Danby Community Council's Concert Series, which receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. We have applied for another grant for 2012. ❀

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## DOTY OF DANBY: NOVEMBER CHALLENGE

Submitted by Jim Reagan

Danby's favorite and most accomplished doe and her now-grown daughter, Shelby, knew that it was hunting season again and that the woods would soon be filled with guys toting shotguns intent on venison steak. November was always a stressful time; especially with this year's fawn in tow—an irrepressible and indefatigable little buck by the name of Sammy.

So far, Doty had managed to survive several attempts on her life through her superior intellect and cunning, traits which Shelby had acquired through Nature's crapshoot of genetics. Doty's remarkable survival of several hunting seasons, Shelby reckoned, was worthy of her attention and respect, a deduction that might ensure a promising future for the gifted yearling.

Sammy, on the other hand, showed no propensity for planning, relying on the fright and flight response so common in ordinary white-tail deer. Given that he grew bored with her attempts to instruct and enlighten, Doty was not optimistic regarding Sammy's future. He usually wandered off and munched on something tasty, right in the middle of one of her pithy and prophetic dissertations. Mr. DNA had not been kind to our poor Sammy.

Ramona Growling, dedicated conservationist and animal rights activist, provided sanctuary on her spacious farm for the deer smart enough to know what that meant. Ms. Growling, being strong-willed and righteous, had a penchant for **POSTED** signs promising hunters everything short of a beheading should any animal be harmed in her realm.

Doty and Shelby, astute and aware, were prepared to wait out the disagreeable deer hunting season under the protection of the redoubtable Ms. Growling. Hay and other treats would be provided to make their stay more enjoyable.

Sammy, tiring of his mother's admonishments and Ms. Growling's doctrine, wandered off one morning, only to be shot and killed by a Hermes Kosolovsky, a resident of Paramus, New Jersey and recent immigrant from Ukraine.

Always the stoics, Doty and Shelby looked at one another knowingly and simultaneously mouthed the word, "Darwin." ❀

## JENNINGS POND LOOKING FOR LIFEGUARDS

Submitted by Amy Cusimano

Jennings Pond State Park is looking for life guards for its 2012 swimming season. The season runs from the end of June until Labor Day.

All applicants must be 15 years old and hold several certifications: Lifeguarding/First Aid, CPR-adult-AED, and Waterfront. All of these courses are available—sporadically—through the Tompkins County Red Cross.

Other than Lifeguarding, responsibilities include daily maintenance of the park grounds. Trash, recyclables, bathrooms and cleaning the beach of "goose poop" (not as awful as it sounds).

Lifeguarding at Jennings Pond is a great opportunity for Danby Youth to be part of your community. For further information and or questions please contact me, [amymc@twcny.rr.com], or Mary Anne Kozak, [mkozak1@twcny.rr.com]; include "Jennings Pond Lifeguard" in the subject line. ❀



**Old House Being Recycled Into New**  
Alex Soule's aged garage wasn't always at the corner of Danby and Bald Hill Roads. Before Ed Slaights moved it, it served as a blacksmith's shop! Now it's being deconstructed by Finger Lakes Reuse, who will sell its parts for use in new construction. Check out [fingerlakesreuse.org]. Photo: Ted Crane



## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, November 3, at Noon in the Danby Church. Linda Howe will be cooking our "Thanksgiving" turkey and we're asked to bring complimentary dishes to share.

Big thanks go out to Priscilla Barber and Sidney Doan for hosting our October meeting!

In lieu of our December meeting, we'll have a holiday luncheon out at the Oasis again, this year on December 1. Please call Margie, 607.273.8046, for more information, if you can't be at the November meeting to sign up. ❁

## AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman

October has been a busy month, here at the American Legion. We have replaced our sign, that was damaged by the Tornado in April, as well as our Pavilion out back. If you haven't seen the new sign, drive by and take a look or pull in and check out the pavilion as well.

We've restarted our Fish and Steak Dinners and the turnout is great, so you can mark your calendar for the November Dinners.

We will have a Steak Dinner on November 5, 5:30-7pm. The menu will be: Strip Steak cooked to order, choice of Baked Potato, Onion Rings, or French Fries, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Salad Bar, Coffee or tea, and dessert. And still only \$10.

On November 18, we will have a Fish Dinner: Fish either Fried or Baked, Choice of Baked Potato, Onion Rings, or French Fries, the Salad Bar, Dinner Roll, Coffee or Tea, and dessert. Again, only \$10.

Besides the dinners, November brings several other events that are dear to us at the American Legion. On November 6, the Veterans Day Parade will be held in Ithaca, and then there's the Marine Birthday Party on November 10 at the Ithaca VFW on West State Street.

If you are looking for a special place for that Holiday Party, stop by or give us a call, 607.272.1129, and let's see what the American Legion can do for you! ❁

## AT THE DFC...

All of these events are happening at the Danby Federated Church, 1859 Danby Road. For more info, 607.272.1687 or [[office@danbyfederatedchurch.org](mailto:office@danbyfederatedchurch.org)].

### Election Night Dinner

Tuesday, November 8, 5-8 pm

Pork or Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Vegetables and Assorted Deserts. Cost: \$8.

### Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 12, 10am-3pm

Open to vendors of crafts, rent a table for \$15 per table. Also featuring the Danby Federated Church Women's Fellowship booths of baked goods, dried flowers, jams, canned goods and handmade gifts.

Luncheon available: homemade soups, chilis, breads and beverages. To rent a table, contact Bonnie Rathbun.

### "After Thanksgiving" Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 26, 2-4pm

Free to all! Featuring Deep Fried Turkey and all the fixings! If you missed out on Thanksgiving, come home to our family!

### Festival of Wreaths

December 5-8, 6:30-8:30pm

Refreshments provided. Every room in the church will be adorned with hand decorated wreaths to purchase. Purchase your wreath and pick it up on December 9.

Proceeds to benefit the Danby Fire Department and the West Danby Fire Department. If you would like to donate decorated wreaths or participate in a wreath decorating session, please contact Virginia Freeman.

### They're back!

#### Meet the birds at the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner!

Friday, December 9, 5-7pm

Chicken and Biscuit, Squash, Green Beans, Corn, Harvard Beets, Apple Sauce, Pies and Assorted Desserts, Beverage. \$8/Adult, \$4/Children. ❁

## GOLF: THE DANBY OPEN

Mike Finn of Danby won the Danby Open at Holybrook CC for the third year in a row. Finn's partner, this year, was Scott Jackson. Captain and mate in 2009 was Alan Robinson, and Ray Pompillio in 2010. ❁

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Halloween puts me in mind for Mysteries...and we have plenty of them! Come take out a mystery in our fiction, children's, or movie sections.

Or you can find that mysterious book or DVD that got lost in your house and belongs to the Danby Library and return it with no questions asked. There is also the mystery of the "brown bag borrower" who takes items without signing them out and mysteriously returns them to various places around the library.

So, please, if you come in to borrow an item:

1. Make sure you have a patron card on file and have given us your contact information (name, address, phone, and Email). This needs to be registered with the Danby Community Library as we have no access to information from your Tompkins County Library card.
2. Print your name on the book card legibly; use the date stamp on the card and in the book for return date.
3. Return the book to the little schoolhouse book return: *Do Not Reshelve By Yourself!* Our volunteers need to check the item back into the system. Thank you! We use the circulation statistics to track materials, adjust collections and better serve the community. ❁



### Danby Welcomes a New School Building!

On Friday, October 14, the Ithaca Waldorf School held a ceremonial ground-breaking at its soon-to-be-building location on Nelson Road.

The chill and rain didn't dampen the spirits of students, faculty and staff, and parents. After brief speeches and a song, everyone pitched in with shovels, turning over the sodden clumps of grass and dirt.

For more info about the school, currently located on Turkey Hill Road in Dryden: [[ithacawaldorf.org](http://ithacawaldorf.org)].

Photo: Ted Crane

## NATURE, HEALTH, AND YOUTH

Submitted by Becca Harber

The documentary film, "Mother Nature's Child", shown in Danby was about the beneficial effects on children and teens of being in the natural world (TNW), especially with plenty of opportunity for unstructured play and exploration not directed by adults. Until recent decades, most children played outdoors without adults present.

From the film: Nature provides continually changing and extremely diverse, complex, and alive places that offer the kind of stimulation, variety, and challenges that engage children's senses. These places are needed for sensory/nervous development, and nothing can compare with them.

Modern life has changed greatly: in the U.S., children spend an average of 44 hours/week in front of screens and only 40 minutes outdoors. As parents and educators have pointed out, the epidemic of obesity and bullying are symptoms of this lifestyle. By being in TNW, children can learn much; often these are things that wouldn't seem interesting when read about, heard about, or viewed on a screen. They observe, explore, and move through TNW, whether by squeezing through a hollow log or by holding worms.

Teachers notice how much more social and cooperative children become when they're outdoors and self-directed. One said, "Kids who are the biggest behavior 'problems' often end up being leaders in outdoor activities."

City youth, often having learned that they'd better be tough, are often afraid of new things, like touching a fish. In TNW, unlike at home, they eventually feel safe to voice fears and to learn and experience many things—alone and with others—that are empowering. As one urban youth said, after learning to fish, "I relax here," noting the difference from home.

The importance of allowing children to take risks outdoors and not over-protect them was emphasized in the film. Children were shown happily climbing along a steep muddy slope and climbing trees. For teens, it's especially important to offer bigger risks and tasks and the preparation for them. In well-led week- or month-long programs, teens not only experience a sense of competence and confidence with useful skills, but may also experience bonding with group members. ❁

## Community Council Youth Programs Fall 2011

These programs are funded by the Danby Community Council, and are free to Danby residents. Registration is required.

Program flyers and permission slips are in the Danby Town Hall, or can be found at [[ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby](http://ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby)] Questions? Please contact: Julie Kulik, 607.272.2292.x222 or [[jnk54@cornell.edu](mailto:jnk54@cornell.edu)].

### Lunch Bunch

Grades 6-8  
Tuesdays, lunchtime, September 16-December 2  
at Boynton Middle School

In-school program during recess and lunch Take a break from the cafeteria! Eat exciting snacks, play games and go outside on nice days. Get to know people you usually don't sit near you in the noisy lunch room!

### Lunch Bunch

Grades 4-5  
Fridays, lunchtime, September 30-December 23  
at South Hill Elementary School

In-school program during recess and lunch. Come have lunch with others in your grade from Danby, play games, work on crafts and go outside on nice days. We will also help prepare for Orchard day and work on other service projects for school.

### Primitive Pursuits (program full)

Grades 3-8  
Wednesdays, 2:30-5:30pm, September 21-December 14  
(no program on Nov. 23)  
at June Pollack's (43 Hornbrook Road)

Learn ancestral living skills such as shelter building, native crafts and nature awareness. Explore the outdoors, go hiking and get moving! Please dress for the "weather of the day" and wear clothes that can get dirty! Bus is available from South Hill Elementary School.

# Danby Youth Flyer

### Fridays At The Farm

Grades 3 and up  
Fridays, 2:30-5:30pm, September 30-November 4  
(no program on Oct. 28)  
at Three Swallows Farm, 23 Nelson Road, Danby  
Come join us at the farm, where we will have the fields, and the barn at our disposal for games, stories, and farm work. Together we may make pesto, harvest and freeze vegetables, make jam. These foods will be used by area schools for lunches! We will also take time to explore the woods and fields around the farm where we can use natural materials to create crafts and collaborative "earth art" sculptures, make a cozy campfire, and cook over it! For more information about the Youth Farm program that we will be helping, see [<http://youthfarmproject.weebly.com/about.html>]

### Friday Holiday Crafts

Grades 3-8  
Fridays, 2:30-5:30, November 18-December 16  
(no program on Nov.25)  
at Danby Town Hall

We will get together to create gifts for our friends and family. Some of the projects planned are working with SewGreen (to create with "new to you" fabric and clothing), knitting and crocheting (with the help of some Danby fiber experts), card making, and jewelry making. Come with ideas of your own as well! ❁



Photo: Ted Crane

Postal Patron

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Oct 29 • Sat  
10am-2pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall  
**Fall Craft Show and Chicken BBQ**
- Oct 30 • Sun  
3-5pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Halloween Party**
- Oct 31 • Mon  
6-8pm 🏠 DFC Parking Lot • **Trunk or Treat Party**
- Nov 3 • Thu  
Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Seniors Meeting**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Council Meeting**
- Nov 5 • Sat  
5:30pm 🏠 American Legion Post 221 • **Steak Dinner**
- Nov 7 • Mon  
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Public Hearing: 2012 Budget**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
- Nov 8 • Tue  
6am-9pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall and West Danby Fire Hall  
**Election Day 2011**  
6-8pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Election Dinner**  
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Commissioners Mtg**
- Nov 9 • Wed  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**
- Nov 12 • Sat  
8-11am 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **Fall Harvest Bkfst**  
10am-3pm 🏠 Danby Federated Ch • **Holiday Craft Fair**
- Nov 13 • Sun  
3pm 🏠 Town Hall  
**Community Council Concert: Violin Duo**
- Nov 14 • Mon  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Public Hearing: Road Use Law**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**  
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall  
**Fire Department Monthly Meeting**
- Nov 15 • Tue  
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall  
**Fire Commissioners Meeting**
- Nov 17 • Thu  
3-7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Park Association Mtg**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**

- Nov 18 • Fri  
5:30pm 🏠 American Legion Post 221 • **Fish Dinner**
- Nov 21 • Mon  
7:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Adv. Council Mtg**
- Nov 26 • Sat  
2-4pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church  
**After Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Dinner**
- Nov 28 • Mon  
1-2pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Mobile Food Truck**
- Dec 1 • Thu  
Noon 🏠 Oasis • **Seniors Luncheon**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Council Meeting**
- Jul 14, 2012 • Sat • **Danby Fun Day and Parade**

### ONGOING EVENTS

- Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall  
Saturdays, 10am–Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm,  
and when the **Open** sign is out!
- Danby Community Library Volunteer Mtg 🏠 Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.
- West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏠 WD Fire Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7pm.
- Military Family Support Group 🏠 Federated Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30pm.
- Danby Fire Commissioners 🏠 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm.
- Seniors Strength Training Group 🏠 Federated Church  
Mondays, 9am.
- AA Meeting 🏠 Federated Church  
Wednesdays, 7pm.
- Danby Quilters Group ☎ 273.2950  
Fridays, 9–11am.

### WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

- 🏠 Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road  
🏠 Danby Fire Hall • 1780 Danby Road  
🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • Sylvan Lane, off Rt.34/96  
🏠 Danby Federated Church • 1859 Danby Road  
🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road