



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 [marrell1@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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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Visit the
Town of Danby web page, and have
a look at the "Danby News" section,
[town.danby.ny.us/DAN]. If you're
thinking of sending something for
publication in the Danby News, there's
two documents to read: the *Guidelines*
and the *Submission Guidelines*.

The first document describes what is,
and isn't acceptable material for publi-
cation. If it's acceptable, we'll make an
effort to include it; *generally, we print
everything we receive!*

The second document gives some hints
about how to prepare a submission.
Following these guidelines makes the
editing and layout easier.

A very terse version of these guidelines
is presented in the column on the left
side of this page.

PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER IN TOWN HALL

The first public access computer has
been installed in Town Hall. You can
cruise the web with it and check your
web-based Email. It has a DVD drive,
so you can use it to view presentations
and other DVD media.

If you're new to computers, a one-on-
one introduction/how-to is available.
Contact me at 607.273.8678.

Thanks go to Scott Stratton for the
donation of the eMac computer.

DANBY WEB SITE

Have you visited [town.danby.ny.us]?

There's a lot of information about the
Town of Danby on that site. You'll
find meeting agendas, minutes, and
relevant documents. You can see the
list of happenings in Danby. And,
links to Danby-related web sites! ❁

TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Elections

Election Day is November 8 this year, and you should be aware of some changes. After decades of voting in the Danby Town Hall, the polling place for Districts 1 and 3 (those in "Central Danby") has been moved to the expanded Danby Fire Hall. The Board of Elections evaluated the two locations and believes that the Fire Hall will be more accessible to all voters. West Danby voters continue to vote at the same location, in the West Danby Fire Hall.



Turnout for local elections tends to be much lower than that during Presidential election years and other years with state and national contests. This year, because all the races are uncontested, Danby's local elections could be considered "unexciting". Even so, I encourage all Danby residents who are registered voters to "keep in the habit" by going out to vote on November 8 and again for the Fire Commis-

sions voting on December 13. Voting is an important way to show that you care about what happens in our community.

For those who are curious, here's a little history about local elections. Years ago, Town Clerks in Tompkins County had a vital role in the election process: they were the custodians of the voter rolls and keepers of the keys to the voting machines. As recently as the mid-1980s, equal numbers of Republican and Democratic election inspectors were appointed for one-year terms by the Town Board. These local election inspectors were required to subscribe Oaths of Office before the Town Clerk. Records of these oaths are now part of the permanent archives in the Town Hall vault.

Election inspectors for all local polling places are now recruited and trained by the Tompkins County Board of Elections. Inspectors frequently serve at polling places other than in their communities. The familiar green mechanical voting machines have been replaced by black electronic boxes and the methods of ensuring privacy during the voting process have become somewhat more complex than the old curtain, lever, and bell.

The system of checks and balances used to "sign-in" voters, however, is little changed. The simple process

has always worked well and ensures that vote counting is fair, accurate, and private. There is always a need for more inspectors: please consider becoming one!

Being Good Neighbors

Once again, I send out an enormous "Thank You" to everyone who has donated food, cleaning supplies, and personal care items to flood relief efforts for those hit in Owego and along the Susquehanna River. Families are still relying on shelters and assistance while they rebuild their homes.

We continue to send down carloads of donations to churches in Candor, where donations are distributed to those in need. We will continue to collect donations of food, personal care, and cleaning items at the Danby Town Hall for as long as there is a need.

Autumn office hours for the Danby Town Clerk are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am-5pm, and Saturday mornings 10am-Noon. As always we are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. And yes, the chocolate kiss bowl remains well supplied.

Questions? Call 607.277.4788 or send Email to townclerk@town.danby.ny.us. ❄

WEST DANBY FD NEWS

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

The West Danby Fire Department will be holding its annual Fall Harvest Breakfast on Saturday, November 12 from 8-11 at the West Danby Fire Dept. on Sylvan Lane in West Danby. ❄

TOWN HOURS

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Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 10am-Noon.

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TOWN COURT:

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031
Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

SEEKING APPLICANTS

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

The Danby Town Board is seeking applications for several Boards, including five-year terms on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the West Danby Board of Water Commissioners, a two-year term representing Danby on the Environmental Management Council, and two seats for one-year terms on a Board of Assessment Review. The Town Board will also review applications for persons interested in serving as Town Historian (one-year term).

Persons interested in serving in these capacities should fill out an application (available at the Town Clerk's office) or write a letter of intent listing professional, educational, or other experience that would assist the applicant in serving and answering the following questions: Why you are interested in this position and what you hope to accomplish in this position. Include mailing address, Email, and telephone contact information. Applications are due by November 20, 2011 and interviews will be held by the Town Board during its December meetings.

More information about each of these appointments is available at the office of the Town Clerk at the Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca NY 14850 or [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us]. ❧

THE VANDALS STILL RIDE

I just wanted to let you all know that somebody with pent-up energy smashed my "Froggie" mailbox on West King Road with a rock. Two other boxes, south of mine toward Sandbank Road, were also damaged.

I let the police know.

[If you've had a similar problem, don't hesitate to call the Sheriff's Department and report the incident: 911 for emergencies, otherwise 607.272.2444. If the Sheriff doesn't learn about vandalism and/or petty thefts, they'll probably continue!] ❧

DANBY NEWS STILL LOOKING...

Been thinking about it? Want to be involved?

Help keep our community informed! The Danby News is still looking for help with its monthly mailings. Typically, a bit over an hour counting and labeling, and a delivery run to the Post Office. How 'bout it? ❧

THE OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

Submitted by Jake Brenner

As part of its charge from the Town Board, Danby's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) is working on an open space inventory (OSI) to assess undeveloped lands in the Town. Jake Brenner, a member of the CAC, is running the project with assistance from students in the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences at Ithaca College.

Danby's undeveloped lands, or open spaces, provide numerous benefits to the Town and its residents, ranging from food production, to ecological services such as water filtration, to scenic beauty. The OSI will help the CAC come to understand how these multiple benefits interact by representing them on a map using a Geographic Information System (GIS). The GIS allows the simultaneous viewing and evaluation of these multiple benefits, so it presents a unique opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of the Town's land resources.

The OSI is based primarily on a list of dozens of potential attributes of interest to CAC members, the Town government, and residents of Danby that was drafted at the February 2011 meeting of the CAC. From this list, the CAC interns are assessing the availability of spatial (map) data for each attribute, acquiring and processing said data, omitting lands that are either already developed or already protected (such as the Danby State Forest), and then combining the data to derive a priority score for each piece of undeveloped land in the Town.

The ultimate goal of the project is to assist the CAC and the Town Board with open space prioritization for conservation. Since CAC members are all volunteers, prioritization is necessary to help focus the group's energy on the most resource-rich properties. Outreach to the owners of these lands will be complemented by education and information to all Danby residents to encourage anyone with an interest in protecting their property from development to take the initiative and contact the CAC themselves.

Using voluntary means, the CAC hopes to protect as much of the rural parts of Danby as possible. There are several viable mechanisms for conserving open space, but one of the most promising is conservation easements, which are legally binding—in perpetuity—agreements between a land owner and a third party that establish development restrictions on a piece of land.

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SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

So, in the big laundry list of things moving along, we have

- At the Town barns, things move forward: the insulation is finished, the boiler contract is signed and the boiler ordered, and site preparation and foundation work should start soon.
- The Highway Department has had an interesting year: flooding of the barns, two town roads washed out, the tornado clean up, tropical storms, all kinds of road erosion that needs remediation. We have applied for FEMA reimbursement and should know soon whether the costs of these very unusual events will be reimbursed.

All of these projects, of course, affect the Town's annual budget. This is the first budget since New York State enacted a "tax cap" limiting the growth of local spending. While many municipalities are moving to override the cap—rising expenses and other factors conspire to make it difficult or impossible to stay within the cap without cutting necessary services—we have been wrestling with numbers and expect to remain /below/ the property tax cap.

Financially, the Town is in good fiscal shape. Having no debt load helps, having exceptional staff has helped, and we are finding ways to cut expenses. The next couple of years will be a challenge for the Town—and for all of us—as the economy falters, revenues drop, expenses climb.

By the next time I write to you, the 2012 Budget will have had its public hearing and been adopted. We will also have had a public hearing for our Road Use Law, which is intended to protect the Town's highway infrastructure from damage by heavy industrial equipment.

Life moves on.

I wish to thank all of you who donated food and supplies for Candor. There was such destruction, so many lives disrupted and fragmented. Many families in the state saw their lives turned upside down. Thank you again for your generosity.

In spite of the number of unusual incidents this year, I believe we have been very lucky—blessed—to have had so much go down around us with relatively little damage to our homes, property, and infrastructure.

I know there are those of you who have questions about new laws the Town is preparing, the laws banning indus-

trial activity and regulating road construction (mainly road cuts for pipelines) and road use. Having our Town confronted with large scale industrialization has been a very big challenge for the Town Board. There is so very much information and so many unknowns, and it is really impossible to predict the outcome.

At times, it seems overwhelming to understand the big picture. So, we try and buy time to understand the conflicting data. To do nothing is problematic, but to do anything is challenging. We are breaking new ground.

One as-yet-unresolved topic of interest is the funding for Youth Services. Tompkins County and its Towns continue to discuss this important issue, trying to understand the valuable service the programs brings for some of us...as well as the future funding which appears to be diminishing. The Town is struggling to find a way to continue programming. I will keep you updated.

Our aquifer protection laws are coming along. Some critical components have been worked out, while others will develop over time. For now, we are concentrating efforts on mapping the aquifers, the perimeters of drainage basins that recharge the aquifers, and the watercourses that supply West Danby, the City of Ithaca, Caroline, and (through the Cayuga Inlet) Cayuga Lake.

Emergency response topics are still on the table and a lot of questions need to be addressed. Once again, I will keep you updated as this moves forward.

Elections, what to say. The elections could be seen as a referendum on our work during the last two years. Although none of the races are contested, I encourage all of you to let us know what kind of job we are doing. You can get in touch with us directly, but a strong voter turnout always demonstrates public interest!

I remember a not-too-distant Halloween when it snowed big time. This year, though, I've been told that our total precipitation is running twelve inches more than average! Let's wish for a warm dry winter.

As always, if there is an issue the Town should address, please contact me, [supervisor@town.danby.ny.us]. ❧

➤ *Open Space Inventory, continued from page 4*

The CAC is currently developing protocols for drafting and managing conservation easements. Danby landowners are invited to consult with the CAC for more information on its OSI or the potential for conservation easements on their land. ❧

LIFE IN DANBY

This month's observations from Danbyites

Submitted by Julie Kulik

I love to collect all of our observations of this beautiful place we call home. At any point during the month, when you see something of interest to you—whether plant, tree, animal, or signs thereof (track, scat, etc.)—please pass the observation on to me. I will present as many of these sightings as I can, each month in this column but, to protect the innocent, will note the exact location only in my private collection database.

I will also be featuring children's observations, collecting them during Danby's youth programs (see the Youth Page), and through Emails.

Thanks to all who answered my Email plea, I have some sightings to share this month:

Mammals: White baby fawn, pregnant opossum, coyote (scat and many nightly choruses), "I saw a bobcat cross a road on Sep 28. This was a larger, more muscular animal than I saw last spring, or perhaps the same individual that had fattened up over the summer." "I'm still captivated by the bumper crop of chipmunks. They're more numerous (and cuter than) the squirrels this year." "A rather large chestnut brown weasel-shaped animal ran across the trail in front of me. Once home, I got out my mammal book and thought it might be a mink, which, to my surprise, is reported as larger than the weasel. This animal was good sized, probably 15 inches long, not including the tail. It was beautiful." "A weasel in full white coat ran across the road."

Birds: Great Blue Heron, Barred Owls. Lots of Blue Birds, Cedar Waxwings, Red Shoulder hawks, "Broad

winged hawks were active in early September, but the Broadwings haven't been around lately. Groups of up to five Kestrels hunting in the pasture." "I saw a male pheasant in my pasture with a whole pile of young with him—the young were well on their way to adulthood. Then, the very same day I saw another group of young ones, almost full grown, near my neighbors house." "The triumphant cawing of the crows, as if to say, 'OK guys, everybody else is leaving. The fields and woods will soon be all ours again!'"



Maple reds, evergreen, and deep blue sky. Imagine.

Photo: Ted Crane

"On September 25, I saw a safety strategy I've never witnessed among pigeons before: The barn flock 15-17 pigeons were sitting on a wood stack when a Cooper's Hawk did a power-dive into their midst. It didn't make a strike. They took off, it pulled out of the dive in pursuit, singled out one pigeon and went on a chase. Then the rest of the flock wheeled around and basically engulfed the hawk (pigeons are very powerful fliers), tracked its course, kept it in their midst for several minutes, until it finally broke off and flew the other way. No directional momentum, no pigeon for dinner. Safer for them to stay close to it than to flee and create distance/potential momentum. It looked like strategic collective behavior, certainly not random."

Mushrooms: Outstanding assortment of mushroom species this past month in Danby State Forest. Stinkhorns, Black trumpet, Puff Balls, Inky cap, Coral fungi.

See you in the woods! Please contact me with your observations at [jnk54@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292 x222.



LEARN TO HANDSPIN AND MAKE YOUR OWN YARN FOR WINTER

Submitted by Kathy Halton

Winter is coming and we all love wool socks, mittens, hats, and scarves. Would you like to be part of a hand-spinning group that meets in Danby--for people who know how to spin, and for wannabee spinners?

Contact meat607.273.0533 or [khalton@twcny.rr.com] if you're interested. There's lots of wool fleeces available in Danby, a few extra hand spindles, and lots of know-how too. But we are mostly interested in having fun. ♣

ADOPTIVE/FOSTER PARENTING MEETING NOTICE

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child? And are you:

- Over the age of 21?
- Able to develop a meaningful relationship with children?
- Have extra room in your home and heart?

If you answered, "Yes," to the questions above, please consider attending an informational meeting to learn what the next step is to becoming a certified foster, adoptive or respite parent. The next meeting for those interested in caring for children and teens in their homes will be held on Thursday, November 10, at Noon in the Human Services Building, 320 West Martin Luther King Jr. Street in Ithaca. If you are unable to attend this meeting or want further information, please call Judy Voorheis at 607.274.5266. ♣

DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle

If you like to read and would like a great book to get lost in, please take a look at *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. I absolutely loved this enchanting book and hated to see the story end. For a great feel good movie, check out *A Dolphin's Tale* which is also enchanting. To me a good book and/or a good movie are some of the finer things in life!

The holidays are just around the corner, so how about sending me a story about a tradition that your family enjoys each year, or the recipe for a special dessert, or a story about your most favorite holiday memory?

From the feedback I get, I know the readers of my Danby Town Talk column enjoy the idea of "the story behind the story" which I try to incorporate into the column as often as I can. This column belongs to the folks in the Danby and West Danby and Newfield and South Hill neighborhoods. Its purpose is to share with readers how those of us who make our homes outside Ithaca proper connect with each other and thrive in smaller, rural neighborhoods. Please send me your stories (all kinds!) and pictures are welcome also. Send information to [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or 607.273.6530. Thank you! ♣



Wayne Myers presented a talk on Bald Hill History in the Danby Town Hall on October 13. Half of his presentation was a pun-filled verbal genealogy, describing the links between the families that once lived on Bald Hill. Just in case, though, he brought along a chart of the same information.

Photo: Ted Crane

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].

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].

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 [\[http://youthfarmproject.weebly.com/about.html\]](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

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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
1st Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.

West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏠 WD Fire Hall
2nd Monday, 7pm.

Military Family Support Group 🏠 Federated Church
2nd Thursday, 6:30pm.

Danby Fire Commissioners 🏠 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall
3rd 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