



DANBY AREA NEWS

DANBY FUN DAY, 2014

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Fun Day Committee

Parade theme announcement: Music!

Music, Music, Music, “Oh I love a parade...Come on sing along...I love a parade, the tramping of feet, I love every beat I hear of a drum...”

We would love to have a Rockin’ parade this year during Danby Fun Day 2014! The theme this year is MUSIC. Everyone has a favorite instrument, singer, group or song, so turn on your radios, crank up the CDs, records, and—dare I say it—cassette tapes and think about how you, your family, friends, and neighbors could enter a float or walking group in the parade.

What a great way to make new friends. A healthy/friendly competition between roads (i.e., Buttermilk Lane might like to think they could come up with a float to rival Gunderman Road’s float). Parents: what child does not want to be in a parade at least once? Let them shine, let them ring!

Think about it and Email me for more info, [sgaden@danbyfiredistrict.org] (please put Fun Day in the subject line) or call the station, 607.272.8114, and leave a message. ❁

SING, “FOR PETE’S SAKE”

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

The Danby Community Council is hosting a Community Sing at Danby Town Hall on Saturday, May 3, 1-4pm. It’s titled *For Pete’s Sake* because May 3 would have been the 95th birthday of the activist and troubadour, Pete Seeger. In recent months since Seeger passed away, communities across the country have been holding community sings in honor of his legacy.

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DCC CONCERT: STEVE GILLETE & CINDY MANGSEN

Submitted by John Henderson

On Sunday, May 18, at 3pm in the Danby Town Hall, the Danby Community Council welcomes back to its stage old friends Steve Gillete and Cindy Mangsen. Steve and Cindy performed during the Council’s first concert season. They are funny, charming, and have a special talent for warming the hearts of their audience.

Steve is a masterful artisan of the guitar and has a clear mellow baritone, but it is his songwriting that has brought him the most attention. His career was launched spectacularly when *Darcy Farrow* was recorded by Ian and Silvia in 1965. That song has hit the Billboard charts six times, reaching as high as Number 4 when John Denver recorded it in 1973, and it isn’t Steve’s only song that hit the charts. His compositions have also been popularized by Nanci Griffith, Garth Brooks, Linda Ronstadt, Waylon Jennings, and Kenny Rogers, as well as Winnie the Pooh.

Cindy was raised in a musical family. Early in her professional singing career, she sang harmony on several of Tom Paxton’s recordings. In addition to her hauntingly beautiful voice, Cindy is adept with the concertina, the banjo, and other instruments. When not performing with Steve, she sings solo and with the Herdman, Hills, and Mangsen trio. Cindy’s repertoire ranges from traditional ballads to contemporary songs, including a few of her own.

The concert is free and open to all. The Danby Community Council’s Concert Series receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County and the Town of Danby. ❁

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

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You'll learn what is, and isn't acceptable material for publication. If it's acceptable, we'll make an effort to in-

clude it; *generally, we print everything we receive!* You'll find hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier.

A terse version of these guidelines is in the left-hand column of this page.

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Meeting agendas, minutes, and relevant documents. Happenings in Danby. Everything in a nutshell. ☘

TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Did you know that, per New York Town Law 20, every Town is required to have a Town Clerk? According to the *Town Clerk's Manual*, the role of a Town Clerk has evolved as Town governments grew and changed. "In the 1800s the Town Clerk was a member of the Town Board. In the 1900s the Town Clerk left the Town Board to focus on administrative duties. Today, the Town Clerk still performs many important administrative duties on behalf of the State and Town government."

In fact, the Town Clerk is the administrative branch of Town government. Clerks are far more than clerical staff. As elected officials, we serve and answer to the residents and taxpayers of our municipality. Ideally, while we do not set legislative policy, we should be on an equal footing with Town Board members (Councilpersons and the Town Supervisor—neither above nor below other elected officials.

One way to think about the role of Town Clerks is that this office is responsible for the creation, collection, dissemination, protection, and preservation of information. Town Clerks often have the additional title and designation of Public Information Officer. I am proud to serve in these roles. Below is a short list of the primary duties of a Town Clerk. In my *Town Clerk's Desk* articles, I try to provide more detail about these responsibilities.

The major role of a Town Clerk is to be the **Custodian of Town Records and Records Management Officer**. While each office and officer rightly has "custody" of Town records that relate to current activities in the Town, it is the Town Clerk's responsibility to assure that all Town records are protected and preserved for future reference. Clerks manage these records according to a very detailed retention and disposition schedule prepared by the New York State Archives and known as the "MU1." As such, Clerks are also the **Keeper of Town Ordinances and Local Laws**.

Town Clerks have a legal responsibility to be the **Recorder of Town Board Meeting Minutes**. We literally write the history of Town government. Clerks have a duty to accurately record the activities of the Town Board and to make these meeting minutes available to the public within two weeks. Once those minutes are created, they are available to anyone through the Clerk's office and on the Town web site.

Clerks have various duties regarding **Vacancies, Resignations, and Appointments in Town Offices**, whether elected or appointed. We take the oaths of office from all those who have official roles in Town government, including members of boards including Planning, Zoning Appeals, Water Commissioners, and Fire Police. Clerks work with the Board of Elections regarding positions which are up for election, and inform other agencies about changes to elected and appointed positions.

Clerks have several **Fiscal and Tax Collection Duties**. For many residents, the only time you deal directly with the Clerk's office is when you pay your property tax between January and March. In the background, all year it is the duty of the Town Clerk's office to keep track of money coming in (generally, license and permit fees) and money going out (to pay for the work of running the town and improving the roads).

Another public aspect of a Town Clerk's role is **Licensing and Permitting Duties**. We help with everything from permits for "games of chance," local notification of liquor licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, marriage licenses, and monthly dog license renewals. Clerks report license and permit activities to the proper state agencies.

There are many other duties, varying from preparing the agenda for Town Board meetings to collecting and distributing mail. Clerks are responsible for compliance with State and Local Ethics Requirements. But primarily we are responsible for keeping residents and taxpayers informed about the progress and process of local government. My main responsibility is to you.

During May, the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10am-Noon on Saturdays. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. Summer hours, which drop the Saturday morning hours, will commence at the end of May, on Memorial Day weekend.

Spring is still taking a long time to arrive. Perhaps the promise that the candy bowl will be filled with chocolate kisses, including plenty of dark chocolate, will help tide us over. Flowers should be blooming soon!

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



COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, County Legislator

Last month I wrote about the situation with Tioga County possibly losing its bus service, which would affect two bus routes in Danby. The cause of the bus system collapse is a complicated story involving a change in how NY State pays for transportation for medical appointments for Medicaid patients.

In the budget that NY State passed in April, there was an allocation of \$2 million to help upstate rural bus systems. Sixteen counties are affected by this change in bus transportation funding, so \$2 million is not going to solve every county's problems. As of press time, it was not yet determined how this money is to be allocated. I will let you know when I find out if Tioga County's bus system is going to survive.

I also wanted to mention that Danby Fun Day, scheduled for July 12, has received \$1,375 from Tompkins County. This money comes from the County Hotel Room Occupancy Tax. This five percent tax is added to the bill of most hotel room stays in Tompkins County. The money is used for tourism purposes. It pays for the Community Beautification Program, which landscapes the public spaces in Ithaca, and for the Towns to do their own beautification programs. It pays for signage and public art. And it also pays for a wide variety of tourism events and festivals, including Danby Fun Day. Danby Fun Day received the full amount requested.

You can contact me at 607.272.7582 or [danbydan@hotmail.com].

SPRING RABIES CLINICS

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

The Tompkins County Health Department provides a series of free Rabies Clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets. This spring, one of the Clinics will be held at the Danby Fire Station on NYS Rt.96B. Animals may be brought to the Fire Station on Thursday, May 8, 7-9pm.

Additional Clinics will be held at the Lansing Central Fire Station (May 7), the Tompkins County SPCA building in Dryden (May 14), the Old Highway Garage in Enfield (May 15), and the Ithaca Town Highway Garage (May 21). All clinics are 7-9pm.

For more information, contact the Environmental Health Division of the Tompkins County Health Department, 607.274.6688.

WEST DANBY WATER UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

The bids for construction of the new water tank and general contracting of the rest of our infrastructure project came in on March 26.

Statewide Aquastore's bid was well within budget and well below that of the other bidder. The Town Board, on the recommendation of the Water Commissioners, approved Statewide's proposal. Statewide Aquastore has a long history of providing high-quality, glass-fused to steel potable water tanks and we are happy to have them provide ours.

In other project related news, we've completed our first meter read using the new Badger Water Meters and remote read computer. It was a success but we still have ten meters to replace. Our plan is to implement our new billing software for the next read in July. In the next few weeks, I will be contacting in person those who have yet to have their meter replaced.

Carl Seamon has long been the Superintendent of Operations of the Water District and has done a great job of it. As of April 1, he turned that position over to me. He will remain an operator and help me transition into my new role. Thanks Carl; since Roy left you are the person who has the most experience and most knowledge of our water district. I'll do my best to do as well as you have.

WEST DANBY YARD SALE DAY

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet

Saturday, June 14, save the date! Once again, a community-wide yard sale day is planned to coordinate with sales in Spencer and Van Etten.

We believe the combined effort helps all sale-holders by drawing more out-of-towners to the area.

The sales will be advertised in the *Ithaca Journal* and elsewhere, and physical maps will be available on the day of the event at the 4-Corners in West Danby and in Spencer (ShurSave) and Newfield (Young's).

Not too early to plan! If you would like to get your sale on the list and the map, give me a call at 607.255.0443, weekdays (you may leave a message), or at 607.564.0030, evenings, or try [pf13@cornell.edu]. I'll need to know the address of the sale and a few of your top items for sale.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

This has been a trying month, with the Town Board grappling with road and land use issues that have been before the Board since mid-Fall.

It is challenging to present information to you: too much and I tend to confuse the issue with facts, but too little does not sufficiently do justice to the subject. It is often challenging to bridge the gap between the view of a subject from “inside side” of the table and the view from the public’s “outside side”.

The Town Board’s recent closed session—a two and a half hour marathon—is a real example of this gap. The session was held outside public view in order to receive legal advice from our Town Attorney. The session showed me the dedication of our Town Board members, as they tried to represent Danby residents’ interest in how our laws play out in real time.

Land use issues are before the Planning Board as well, with proposed revisions to the the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. The Comp Plan paints the vision the Town wants to pursue; it defines what the Town might like to be, and the goals the Town need to bear in mind as it creates or revises policy, regulations, and laws.

I believe the 600-foot extension to Marsh Road—the subject of much discussion and the closed session—challenged the Town to realize the gaps between our zoning and our vision of land use. We struggled to understand how we define the “greater good”, how we reconcile it with public opinion and with our existing laws...and still reach a decision. We voted to move forward. Next up: a law must be passed to allow the extension, and that action requires a public hearing. Moving forward means that we’ll be listening to another round of public input.

Real land use issues and zoning are topics that will be with us for a while, and I urge all of you who are interested to be well informed on what’s going on. We are best served by the participation of residents who have first-hand knowledge of the facts. Public opinion has been a major factor in the Marsh road affair, and it is most powerful when everyone is well-informed in advance about land use issues.

In other news, the Board is working towards presenting the Town with information related to the expanding the also-confusing world of Internet technology.

We have, historically and by State Law, several branches of Town services: Fire District, Highway Department,

Town Hall, Town Board, the Court, and the West Danby Water District. Over the years, each entity has moved in its own circles. Getting connected is now as much a legal thing as it is a convenience thing for the town as a whole.

What we will be trying to understand is this mesh of boards and departments, record keeping, Emails, and even the new broadband buildout, and how we can be best positioned to deal with new realities and new threats...like security breaches of our computers. Email, when used for public business (as opposed to private communications), is public information. The public can request, via FOIL, records from all of the branches of government listed above, so we realize we need to separate the job from the personal.

Much like the work on the Comprehensive Plan, we are trying to understand where we all are now, to see if there is common agreement about where we think we need to be, and decide how we are going to get there.

The goal is to be able to communicate more directly, more efficiently, and remain within legal and historical requirements. These conversations are just starting and I will be able to report in future articles what, if anything, we have accomplished.

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

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Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri, 10am–5pm; Saturday 10am-Noon

Highway Department

93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169

Mon–Thu, 6am–4:30pm

Code Enforcement Office

Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559

Mon–Wed, 9am–4pm; Thu–Fri, by appointment

Town Court

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031

Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

SPRING IN THE PARK!

Submitted by Michele Lenhart, DCPA

The Danby Community Park Association (DCPA) is excited about plans for 2014 in the park! On the horizon is the creation of a natural playground at the park. If you have seen the cool natural playground features in the Ithaca Children's Garden, then you have an idea of the things that might be possible in a natural playground at Dotson Park. The DCPA will be working with a local designer for the first phase of the project.

Several new baskets will be installed this year to expand the disc golf course to eighteen holes. A few volunteers from DiscIthaca will be heading up this effort—they did a fantastic job clearing spaces last fall.

The trails have been pretty soggy this spring but they still provide a great exercise! A few environmental science students at Ithaca College are working on developing a complete map of the current trails and are helping to create more signage and trail blazes. That should help you figure out exactly where to go once you are in the park!

We are also looking forward to seeing the Danby Youth Program using the park even more—perhaps doing some gardening or beautification projects. We still need a person who can build a new entry sign for the park, too. Materials for the sign will be covered by a local grant.

It would be great to have some Danby community members assist with any of these projects! Your time or other donated resources could make all the difference to ensure that these happen this year. If a project piques your interest, please Email [dotsonpark@gmail.com]. Or join us at our next park meeting: Thursday, May 15, 7:30pm in The Oasis Club on the corner of Comfort Road and NYS Rt.96B. Meetings are fun and casual—and just one person makes a big difference to help create your favorite community park! ❁

EVENTS 'ROUND TOWN

This column appears monthly, featuring brief descriptions of events—current and upcoming months—around Danby. If you have a non-profit event that the general public is invited to...send a notice to the Danby News!

At the DFC, 1859 Danby Road

Ladies Tea: Saturday, May 3, 2014, 4pm. Short Program, *Let There Be Bees on Earth*, light refreshments. Contact Bonnie Rathbun, 607.272.1006 or [brathbun3@gmail.com] for info or to sign up.

Chicken BBQ: Saturday, May 10, 2014, 11:30am-2pm. Chicken, potato, cole slaw, roll, baked beans, dessert, Beverage; \$9. ❁

DANBY INCUBATOR

Submitted by Eric Banford

There's been lots of talk about bringing businesses to Danby, about someone reopening the Danby Store, and about how we can support positive growth for our small town.

I would like to host a brainstorming session where we can come together as a community and talk about these topics, and come up with ideas for moving forward.

Do you have an idea for a small business? Do you want to invest in our town's future? Do you have skills that you can share with up and coming entrepreneurs? Do you have land? Tools? Ideas? If so, please join us on Wednesday May 7, 6:30-8pm in the Danby Town Hall. It will be very informal...come with your ideas and share.

Together, we can envision a bright future for Danby! ❁

➤ Sing, For Pete's Sake , cont'd from front page

Everyone, regardless of age or singing ability, is welcome to join together in such songs as *This Land is Your Land, If I Had A Hammer, This Little Light of Mine* and so many others that Pete made part of the American experience. Bring a song to share, bring a memory of Pete Seeger, or just come to listen and enjoy.

Even if you come just to listen, we don't think you'll be able to resist joining in on a few choruses. They're all well-known songs. After all, Pete Seeger spent a lifetime teaching people from all walks of life to sing together as a way to bring about positive change. He sang for truth, justice, the courage of the common man...and he sang the Hudson River clean again.



Five years ago, a similar event was held in one of Stewart Park's pavilions, in honor of Seeger's 90th birthday. It was a huge success, bringing out seasoned performers and a wide range of "average folks" who were fans of Pete and the work he'd done over the years to build community and protect the environment. This year's event will be in Danby, and we hope for a repeat of the inspirational afternoon we experienced back in 2009.

The DCC's *For Pete's Sake, Sing!* will be held outdoors in the bandstand if the weather is good, or we will raise our voices together in the meeting room if it's cold or wet. This event is free. Donations will be accepted. ❁

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 1 at 6pm in the Danby Church. Please note the change of time (to the evening) for the summer months. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to attend for a dish-to-share supper.

Thanks to our hosts for April—Kathy and Dan Clements, Delores Berghorn, and Barbara Wernham!

We have two upcoming trips: May 7 to Penn's Peak, PA for *Branson Fever* and June 12 to the Made in America store near Buffalo (with other stops). Contact Ted & Connie Merritt to sign up. ❀

FRIENDLY VISITORS AND YARD WORK PROGRAMS

Submitted by Trina Schickel, Office for the Aging

Survey of Senior Needs

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging is collecting information about the housing needs and preferences of Baby Boomers and older adults. The information will be shared with planners to help guide efforts to meet housing needs of older adults in Tompkins County.

The survey is available at [tompkinscountyny.gov/cofa]. Get a paper copy by calling 607.274.5490.

Friendly Visitor Program

Providing companionship to an elderly person can be a wonderful volunteer opportunity for individuals in our community.

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging is seeking volunteers who can visit homebound seniors on a weekly basis for about an hour, for the purpose of providing companionship, stimulation and emotional support. Your presence can brighten the day of an older adult and help restore their spirits!

If you are interested in volunteering your time, please call me, 607.274.5491.

Help for Seniors with Yard Work

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging maintains a list of individuals who would be willing to do yard work for senior citizens in the spring and summer months. The office is currently updating its list and is in need of more workers. If you might be interested in assisting seniors with yard work on either a volunteer or paid basis, please contact the Office for the Aging, 607.274.5482. ❀

PLANT EXCHANGE

Submitted by Dan Klein

The 22nd annual Plant Exchange will take place on Sunday May 18, 1-3pm, at the Danby Fire Station on NYS Rt.96B. This free event is an opportunity to swap, donate, and try new perennials, houseplants, seeds, annual seedlings, and anything else garden related.

It is not necessary to bring a plant in order to get a plant, nor is it necessary to stay the whole time.

It's better to divide plants in advance so they don't suffer in the heat on the day of the Plant Exchange. So start dividing perennials, planting a few extra annuals, and taking houseplant cuttings. Please, if you can, label what you bring.

For more information contact me at 607.272.7582 or [danbydan@hotmail.com]. ❀

WORKING IN YOUR GARDEN

Submitted by Pat Curran, Cooperative Ext. of Tompkins County

Gorgeous Perennials for Your Garden

New perennials are introduced every year, and many others are less familiar. Which are worth growing? Find out which beautiful perennials are easy to grow. Pest, disease, and deer resistance will all be considered.

Gorgeous Perennials will take place on Tuesday, May 6, 6:30-8:30pm in the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca. Fee: \$5-\$10, self-determined sliding scale; pre-registration requested to ensure enough handouts.

Dividing Daylilies and Other Perennials

Spring is the best time to divide many perennials, and an OK time for many others. In this hands-on workshop, we will demonstrate how to divide perennials such as daylilies, Siberian iris, Hosta, bearded iris, or phlox. Come prepared to work! We will tackle plants from the Teaching & Demonstration Gardens at Extension and Master Gardener private gardens. Rain or shine (indoors if wet).

Dividing Daylilies and Other Perennials will take place Wednesday, May 7, 6-8pm in the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension Center (see above). Fee: \$12. Limited to 10 participants; prepayment required to hold your place.

For both events, call 607.272.2292 for more information or registration. ❀

A MOST EGGSCELLENT TIME

Submitted by Alison Christie, W.Danby Community Association

A beautifully sunny and pleasantly cool morning greeted all who attended the Annual Egg Hunt—an expanded Egg Hunt this year—in West Danby on Saturday, April 19. Hundreds of colorful eggs speckled Hatch’s field and the floor of an adjoining stand of trees.

Arrivals were greeted—and temporarily distracted—by two adorable and friendly bunnies and their young 4-H handler, Cassie. The Easter Bunny herself hopped about the cheerful crowd, pausing to pose for pictures and making merry. Veteran Egg Hunt emcee Joel Gagnon announced a few



guidelines to help ensure a happy hunt for participants big and small.

And then they were off! Within minutes, surely not even five, nary a stranded egg could be found.

Before this year, the Hunt ended by emptying the reusable plastic eggs of their sweet treasures, sampling the goods, and feeling a little wistful that the anticipation and thrill of the hunt were over for another year. But this year, the event organizers had a few more eggs in their basket.

Each egg hunter received two additional eggs. One egg, sponsored by Alternatives Federal Credit Union, held two state quarters. After examining their silver, the children colored in the states represented by their quarters on a giant map of the United States. The map had no labels, and we all got to test our geography skills!

The second egg contained a polished gemstone. Community member Michael Short was on hand to help identify the shiny gems: Tiger’s Eye, Jasper, and Sodalite, to name a few. There was also a basket of donated books for children and adults to peruse and to take home.



The children had the opportunity to channel some of their sugar-powered energy into a series of fun, cooperative games led by our engaging volunteer games coordinator, Wendy Sumner.

Parents and kids refueled with an assortment of fresh and healthy snacks. Strawberries, bananas, carrots, bagels, and vanilla yogurt, oh my! Coffee for the adults, of course.

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet and greet friends, old and new, after our lengthy winter confinement.

The abundant snacks were made possible by a generous donation from Alternatives Federal Credit Union. The Danby Community Council, Ithaca Bakery, Rick’s Rental World, and The Family Reading Partnership deserve thanks for their support as well. And we greatly appreciate the Hatch family for sharing their wonderful pavilion and recreation space with us for this treasured community event.

Behind the scenes credit goes to West

Danby Community Association members Peter Fraissinet, Mary Grace O’Connor, Sarah Gagnon, Joel Gagnon, Pat Curran, and Alison Christie. Laurie Johnson is thanked profusely for her spirited and mysterious contribution. Wink!

See you at next year’s egg hunt! *Volunteers and sponsors are welcome for next year’s eggstravaganza. Contact me, [ttt7lupin@yahoo.com].*



Community Council Youth Programs

Submitted by Karlita Bleam, Danby Youth Program Manager
Let it Spring in Danby! Starting with our Youth Service Programs! We have a new lineup of programs for you to choose from, including the return of Primitive Pursuits. Lets welcome the warm weather and get involved.

For more information please visit our web site, [cctompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby] or feel free to contact me via Email, [kb578@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x222

Primitive Pursuits, Grades 3-8

Tuesdays, April 22-June 10, 2:30-5:30pm
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 (including rain and snow), wear clothes that can get dirty and bring a water bottle! Bus is available from South Hill Elementary and Boynton Middle School.

Magic Afternoons, Grades 6-8

Wednesdays, April 23-June 11, 3:30-5pm
at Boynton Middle School

Join us at Boynton for a Magic and games program. You do not need any experience, and we have what you need to play! Not only can you learn the basics of Magic: The Gathering, but you can get instruction on deck building and draft tournament play. We will mix it up with other card and board games as well!



Boynton's Wise Women's Wednesdays, Grades 6-7
Wednesdays April 23-June 11, Girls Only
in the Boynton lunchroom

This in-school program meets during recess & lunch. Work on fun crafts, make special snacks, chill out and chat with other girls during your lunch period.

South Hill Elementary Lunch Bunch, Grade 4-5

Tuesdays, April 22-June 10
during lunch and recess time

Come have lunch with others in your grade from Danby, play games, work on crafts and go outside on nice days. We will also get to work on service projects for school.

Let it Spring in Danby, Grades 3-8

Saturday May 3, three other events TBA

Gardening, animals, and games. During these special events we will be touring and working on a local farm, helping to plant flowers at the Town

Hall and Town Park, and learning about Cows at "Animal Crackers", hosted by Cornell University. Animal Crackers is on Saturday, May 3. Youth must sign up by April 22 with me by Email [kb578@cornell.edu] or by phone, 215.249.1277. All other events are TBA; please keep an eye on the web site or sign up by contacting me to be notified as information is made available. ❧

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

April Showers bring May Flowers...

Find any Danby Library items during your Spring cleaning? No fines right now for returned items, no matter how late! We're looking for *Where We Belong* and Steve Martini's *Rule Of Nine*.

We also have many gardening books as you dream of weather warm enough for planting.

A great big thank you to all of our volunteers who put in time setting up, working at, and cleaning up from our Annual Book Sale. Hope you were able to make it and you can put it on your calendar for next year: it's the last Saturday in April.

Many of our volunteers worked at the Danby Community Library in lieu of attending the Tompkins County Public Library's Volunteer Recognition event. I am sure Dawn Parks is a 100+ hour volunteer for this year!

Look for the section in our library that includes many of the "100 Books to Read" list from Amazon. We had some and we are looking into acquiring more of them. ❧

May 2014

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- May 1 • Thu
6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Seniors
- May 3 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
1pm 🏠 Town Hall • Community Council Concert
“For Pete’s Sake” Sing - add your voice!
4pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Ladies Tea
- May 7 • Wed
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Incubator Meeting
- May 8 • Thu
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Rabies Vaccination Clinic
- May 10 • Sat
5-7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Chicken BBQ
- May 12 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep’t Meeting
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep’t Meeting
- May 13 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
- May 14 • Wed
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council
- May 15 • Thu
3-6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Food Pantry
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting
7:30pm 🏠 Oasis • Park Association Meeting
- May 18 • Sun
1pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
22nd Annual Plant Exchange
3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Community Council Concert: Gillette & Mangsen

- May 19 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
- May 20 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
- May 26 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Adv Council Mtg
- June 5 • Thu
6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Seniors
- June 7 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
- June 14 • Sat
all day 🏠 West Danby and NYS Rt.34/96
West Danby Yard Sale
- Jul 12, 2014 • 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!
- Seniors Strength Training Group 🏠 Federated Church
Mondays and Thursdays, 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

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