



DANBY AREA NEWS

PARIS, TX IN DANBY TOWN HALL

When Sunday, October 4 rolls around, Paris, TX will be the place to be and, for a few hours, 3-5pm, Paris, TX will be in the Danby Town Hall.

Paris, TX is fiddle and mandolin wizard Rick Manning, a Danby resident, and guitarist Bobby Henrie. Imagine a real Texas Road House—not the chain eatery with sawdust on the floor, but the place where folks go to unwind with great music. Think high energy swing and bluegrass.

Bobby Henrie grew up in a musical family up in Yates County, NY. He learned to play guitar on his mother's beat-up Martin—beat up because he was the last of five brothers to get to the guitar.

As a teen, he was part of the *Henrie Brothers*, then moved on to rockabilly with *Bobby Henrie and the Goners*. And on to Paris, TX.

Rick Manning, is at home with both fiddle and mandolin. He has played with *Cornerstone* and, in recent years, has organized the *Winter Village Bluegrass Festival* at La Tourelle Resort and Spa.

With these lively musicians, the Danby Town Hall should be rocking.

Like all DCC events, this concert is free. The Danby Concert Series receives grant support from the Town of Danby and the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. ❁

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2015

Fall colors aren't the only bright patch on the Autumn calendar: on Sunday, October 11, 2-5pm, the Danby Community Council is offering its Third Annual Harvest Festival in Dotson Park, across from Town Hall.

You'll want to be outdoors and having fun!

We're going to have pumpkin-and-other-object pitching, a hay wagon for rides, games, snacks, a try-it-cordless collection of traditional tools, a bonfire, and more!

The Festival is outdoors because it's the Harvest and because even if the weather is bad, we couldn't figure out a way to pitch pumpkins indoors without doing a certain amount of, well, redecorating to any room we'd use.

Start thinking about what to bring. Yourself, check. The family, check. A few friends in the car, to save on parking. Seasonal clothing, for sure. A camera. An appetite, a zest for a few games, and—don't forget this—a few spare pumpkins.

What's all this about pumpkins? The keystone event will be our trebuchet, pitching your pumpkins across the park. A trebuchet is something like a catapult, only it works with weights instead of springs.

Do you want to tour the park? Climb onto the Hay Wagon and our trusty tractor will pull you around for sightseeing.

There will be some treats, snacks, and cider, and we'll have fixin's you can toast at the fire.

Ample parking can be had in the Park's driveway, and even more across the street at Town Hall.

If you have a great idea for the Festival, we'd like to hear about it! Contact [harvestfest@danbycc.org] and get involved! If trebuchets are your thing, contact [trebuchet@danbycc.org].

Back to that list: you might tote along a chair if you think you'll have time to sit down. And a back-pack full of pumpkins.

Got a kite? ❁

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

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two documents to read: the *Guidelines* and the *Submission Guidelines*.

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

TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Budget Time

The Town Board has begun its 2016 budget planning process by passing a local law to override the Albany-imposed Property Tax Cap. As Supervisor Dietrich explained in the September issue of the Danby News, this step is not taken lightly. Passing an “override” law does not compel the town to go over the tax levy limit, but simply provides the option to do so if necessary.

Town Clerks have a role in passing local laws: formatting the law itself, coordinating legal review of the law, informing neighboring towns, posting legal notices, and, once a law is passed, filing with New York's State Department. All of these steps are required if a law is to be passed legally.

The Board has set several extra meetings, dedicated to budget review and planning, during October. The meetings, in Danby's Town Hall, are set for 7:30pm, Monday, October 5, 7am, Wednesday, October 7, and 5:30pm, Monday, October 19 (preceding its monthly meeting).

The Preliminary Budget should be made available for community review at the end of October.

A formal Budget Hearing, when residents may comment on the budget and the Town Board will vote on its adoption, will be scheduled for one of the regular Town Board meetings in November. Please feel free to contact our office, if you have questions about any part of the budget process. All Town Board meetings are open to the public.

Town Calendar

The Town Hall is a busy place. In addition to the special budget meetings noted above, the Town Hall is used

for Planning Board meetings on the third Thursday of each month and Conservation Advisory Council meetings on the fourth Monday of each month. Meetings generally start at 7pm.

The Danby Library has its home in the main meeting room, with staffed hours on Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. The Courtroom serves as important judicial space on Tuesday nights and doubles as a meeting space at other times.

The Danby Community Council has an impressive event schedule this fall—concerts and informative presentations—on Sunday afternoons. Its next concert, on October 4, features fiddle/mandolin wizard (and Danby resident) Rick Manning.

Residents can learn about water resources and ways to protect local drinking water during a two-part educational forum on Thursday, October 8 and Tuesday, October 27. Additional information about these events will be found in the pages of this month's Danby Area News.

The Town Clerk maintains “flight control”, ensuring that events don't run into each other. Even though these meetings and events are related to several different boards and community organizations, I help to get the word out, doing my best to get the information into the Danby Area News. Information can also be found on the calendar portion of the Town of Danby web site, [townofdanby.org].

In October the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays and Saturday mornings, 10am-Noon. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788 and by Email, [townclerk@townofdanby.org]. And yes, the chocolate bowl is still kept full. ❧

PROTECTING DRINKING WATER

The Town of Danby is hosting a two-part educational forum entitled *Protecting Danby's Drinking Water*.

The first session, is on October 8, 7-8:30pm in Danby's Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road. During this program, the issue of where our drinking water comes from will be discussed, including an explanation of ground water basics, types of local aquifers, and the various forms of water supply sources. Results from a residential water supply survey conducted earlier this year will be presented as well.

The second program is also in Town Hall, 7-8:30pm on October 27. In this session, the various threats to the quality and quantity of drinking water supplies will be discussed, with examples of issues presented from rural New York. In addition, steps that individuals and the community can take to protect drinking water resources will be examined.

Steven Winkley of the New York Rural Water Association will present both sessions and will be taking questions from the audience following his presentations. ❧

FIRE DISTRICT NEEDS SECRETARY

Submitted by Deanna Bowles

The Danby Fire District is seeking a part-time Secretary to work approximately 30 hours per month. The position is appointed for a 1-calendar-year, renewable term. The successful person will work closely with the District Treasurer and report directly to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Basic duties and responsibilities:

- Record management
- Filing
- Scheduling maintenance
- Prepare Agendas for 2 Fire Commissioners meetings per month
- Take, transcribe, and distribute meeting minutes
- Prepare, post, and/ or deliver notices to the Town and others as required
- Arrange and monitor all elections
- Schedule annual physicals
- Schedule annual flu shots and other health related items
- Prepare all legal notices
- Other clerical duties as assigned

Requirements

- Must be available the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month for Fire Commissioners meetings. Other hours per month are flexible
- Must possess excellent oral and written communications skills
- Must have the ability to multi-task
- Must have the ability to interact with other organizations within, and outside, of the Fire District
- Must have a working knowledge of the internet, e-mail, Word and Excel
- Must have the ability to learn and understand state and local laws that pertain to the position
- Knowledge of Quicken and Quickbooks, while not required, is desirable
- Paid training will be conducted November and December 2015 with the position effective January 1, 2016.

Please send resume, including references, via USPS to Deanna Bowles, Danby Fire District, 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, or in a PDF file attached to an Email to [\[dbowles@danbyfiredistrict.org\]](mailto:dbowles@danbyfiredistrict.org). Resumes to be received by October 20, 2015 with interviews tentatively scheduled for the week of November 9. ❀

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, County Legislator

I am writing this month about the tentative Tompkins County budget for 2016. The tentative budget is the budget proposed by the County Administrator. The County Legislature then spends two months examining it and proposing modifications to it.

The Governor instituted something called a tax freeze this year. If a municipality stays under the tax cap and if the municipality also submits a plan to lower the tax levy by 1 percent each year for the next three years, then the taxpayers in that municipality will receive a refund from NY State equivalent to the local tax increase. Tompkins County submitted its 1 percent tax levy plan to NY State back in June, but as of this writing (in mid-September), we have not heard if NY State has accepted our plan.

Regardless, the County Legislature has set a goal of staying under the tax cap this year. Tompkins County's tax cap this year is 1.8 percent. The tentative budget calls for a 1.3 percent increase.

This budget calls for a small decrease in the tax rate. If your assessment did not go up this year, then you would actually see a small decrease in your taxes. If your assessment went up, then you will likely see a small increase in your taxes. The average increase for a home in Tompkins County would be about \$15. The value of a home used to calculate that average is \$170,000, up from \$165,000 this year.

There are ten extra meetings scheduled for the budget. They are all open to the public. Of particular note though is one dedicated to presenting the budget to the public, and then receiving questions and comments from the public. That meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 7pm, in the County Legislature Chambers in the Daniel Tompkins Building (Old Courthouse) off Dewitt Park.

You are certainly welcome to give me your thoughts about the budget anytime, at [\[danbydan@hotmail.com\]](mailto:danbydan@hotmail.com) or 607.272.7582. ❀

DON'T BELIEVE SUBJECT LINES

Submitted by Ted Crane, a fellow Email reader

The last few weeks have brought a crop of eye-catching, but misleading *Subject* lines attached to my more spammy Email. Literally, dozens of *Child Predator Alert* notices mailed from Zimbabwe, from the Ukraine, and all trying to attract an unwise mouse click.

Practice safe Email: don't believe Email unless it's from a trusted source, no matter how relevant it seems! ❀

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

What a fine August and September I have had. I got so much done around the house, and I hope your weather-related objectives were realized as well.

The apples are marginal, the cherries not so hot, but chestnuts and walnuts did quite well. We let the garden go over the summer, as we were out of town at an important time of its development...and this turned out not so bad as June floods followed by a dry summer saved me time—from washed out beds to weeding and later having to water—and I was able to put it into long overdue house projects.

The Town's summer was spent transitioning the Zoning and Planning responsibilities, rebuilding, cleaning, and replacing damaged drainage systems in the Town Highways, watching the new bridge at White Hawk going in, and working on this years budget.

By the time you read this, our public hearing regarding a local override of the NYS Property Tax Cap will have happened, and we will have a better context for moving forward. We still have to understand the effect how CSEA negotiations will affect increased expenses, but I am reasonably sure that health care costs will be in the lower single digits as opposed to the double digit national average. Retirement costs will be within budget projections.

While these items are all manageable, there are lines in the budget that saw an increases. The legal line has increased—mainly as a result of the complexity of zoning issues that have come before the Town.

The Marsh Road changes were completed in July, Eagle Automotive is on hold, and the Gunderman Road development project is still in process.

Sue and Matt's departure from our Code Office, and the subsequent personnel transition, also took more legal hours than usual.

FIRE STATION PARKING

Submitted by Tom Sessler, DVFC At-large Director

This is just a friendly reminder that, if you use the Danby Fire Station for voting or other events, you should not park in the lot directly in front of the building, with the exception of the two handicapped parking spaces. ❁

The recent Highway expenses will affect our budget, as projects that have been put off need to be accomplished, including a new roof for the Highway Barn and replacement of some vital and expensive equipment.

Our infrastructure took a hit in June, this being only the second time I have felt it was necessary to declare a state of emergency. Highway held a special meeting with the Town Board, to discuss the damage and share its plans for upgrading our drainage system.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [supervisor@townofdanbyny.org]. ❁

DO SCHOOLWORK IN TOWN HALL

Submitted by Ted Crane

The internet has become a tool of choice for schoolwork. Students are asked to do research, to submit assignments, to fill out forms, and more via the web.

Some Danby residents, don't have access to high speed internet at home, and this is a problem for students. Even for those of us privileged with connections, there are moments when they just don't work.

Danby has a fallback. The Town Hall meeting room houses several computers for public use. If you have a laptop, the meeting room has wireless internet (it's "on" 7x24, so you can use it from the parking lot!).

All of the computers were provided, several years ago, by helpful Danby residents. I maintain them and can offer some help with their use. If you have one you can offer, please contact me! Contact me at [danbybroadband@tedcrane.com]. ❁

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DANBY FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

The Danby Fire District's obligation and goal is to respond to any emergency demand made on our two companies. So, each year, the Danby Fire District Commissioners develop a preliminary budget and refine it before public comment and before voting on its adoption. Over the past dozen years, the Commissioners have sought to minimize taxes and, as a result, now face several issues.

The first is that major fire apparatus has not been replaced in a systematic way and its average age is now over 24 years. National standards suggest that apparatus over fifteen years be placed on reserve; over 25 years, it should be totally retired. The second is that station maintenance has been deferred. The third is that fire fighters' gear and equipment has aged more than deemed prudent and also becomes technologically obsolete. The fourth is that critical water availability has not been expanded nor improved. The fifth is that we need to recruit volunteers and that may mean incurring recruiting costs.

The positive side for the homeowner has been that the tax rate, the item controlled by the Fire Commissioners, has declined from \$1.64 to \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, a decline of 12 percent from 2007 to 2015.

Property Taxes are the principal source of Fire District income. They are supplemented by occasional, unpredictable, modest grants. Our current tax income is \$405,000 per year. Over the last few years, we have decreased reserves to offset operational needs and keep taxes low.

In the recent past we have explored other ways to fund needed apparatus and building repairs. We have submitted a grant application to fund the replacement of our oldest tank truck. We have successfully sought smaller grants to replace our current outdated hose and other equipment, and will continue to seek such grants. For example, we have recently been successful in four grant applications totaling \$59,000 for some turnout gear, a thermal imaging camera, hose replacements, nozzles, and Jaws of Life tools. These grants were awarded by FEMA, The Fire House Subs Foundation, The NY State Forest Service, and The Triad Foundation. While this is a substantial sum, it is about fifteen percent of what one new tank truck with hoses, etc. costs.

The Danby Fire District is now faced with serious major apparatus (fire trucks) needs and this, in turn,

means substantial cash outlays; substantial in relation to our tax income. A tank truck will cost about 80 percent of our 2015 tax income. One of our two tankers, is 41 years old, the other 17. We have two brush trucks, one 31 years old, the other 25 years. We have two semi-retired rescue trucks: the 27-year old, rusting one reduced to carrying signs, the other, a 25-year old truck, is stripped of much of its gear to equip one of the newer pumper/engines. We have one 11-year old operating rescue car. Thanks to a bond issue of a few years ago, we do have two 3-year old pumper/engines.

The state requires certain equipment be replaced based upon age. Thus, we continue to have needs for:

- Replacement turnout gear and items such as helmets, boots, and high tech gloves.
- Breathing apparatus; mandatory for interior firefighters and vehicle accidents.
- A generator to power tools on one engine.
- Additional dry hydrants and water extraction equipment.
- Repairs to a station.
- Snow removal equipment.
- Recruiting.
- Training at all levels.

Beyond playing catch-up, we face a tightening tax cap (estimated at 0.73 percent, less than one percent), and rising utility, insurance, and other operating costs. We are currently considering issuing a short term bond or entering into a lease agreement to finance the new tanker. Existing debt service, to pay down bonds issued for the two engine/pumpers and the stations is over \$110,000 per year, one quarter of our current budget.

Yet our all volunteer departments of Danby and West Danby understand that their obligation is to provide fast and able response to any fire or medically related demand made on our Fire Companies. We are there to protect and rescue people first and property second. To do this we need to increase the number of trained and fully equipped volunteers, replace our oldest tanker, both brush trucks, and at least one EMS vehicle, upgrade our communications gear to remain compliant with State and County requirements, and increase our water supply to aggressively fight fires.

To meet our obligation, we will have to exceed the tax cap in 2016 and currently estimate the increase—to obtain better fire and emergency protection—to be approximately \$52 per year for the median home value in Danby of about \$168,000. ❁

FUN DAY THANK YOUS

Submitted by Elizabeth Saracino

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company gratefully acknowledges your contributions to our annual Fun Day fundraiser and thanks you for your support: Tompkins County Tourism; Danby Community Council; Gnomon Copy, Ed Enstine; Danby Federated Church; Danby American Legion; all the wonderful bakers near and far who donated to the Cake Wheel; Sue Beeners; Erin Oates; Bill Oates; Jackson Oates; Julie Rudd Coulombe; John & Margie VanDeMark; Gay Huddle, Garry Huddle, Maddi Huddle, Kasey Spada; KySpada; Connie Sczepanski; Pat Caveney; Judy Caveney; Kim Nitchman; Susannah Nitchman; Russ Nitchman; Cindy Erway and Girl Scouts; Jane Feminella; Maureen Jakubson; Sue McLellan; Jan Pfeiderer; Kenny VanEtten; Jeffrey England; Geoff Dunn; Asher Hockett; Daniela Hockett; Jay Smith; Linda Wintermute; Leslie Connors; Jonathan Zisk; Bangs; Glenwood Pines; Route 96 Power & Paddle; Long Point Winery; Barbara Robinson; Davinci's; Finishline Automotive; Kost; Miracle Nails; Papa Johns; Paleontological Research Institution & Cayuga Nature Center; Maguires; ABC Carpet; Sciencenter; The Ithaca Ale House; Walmart, Grassroots; Sherwin-Williams; Eastern Mountain Sports; Cost Cutters; Lane's Automotive; Grants Plants; Aaron's Rental; Highland Kennel Farm; Dolce Delight; Autozone; Mikey David's; Willcox Tire; GoodYear Auto Service Center; Maureen Jakubson; Tina Hilsdorf; Wings Over Ithaca; Trimmers Ice Cream; State Farm Lee Newhart; Wegman's; Royal Court; Nail Candy; Danby Community Quilters; Sunset Grill; Ann Bangs; Candor Market; Debra Alve; Lori Rhoads; Firehouse Subs; Moores' Marine; Italian Carry Out; Crow; Kevin & Lea Faehndrich; Melissa Sindoni; Steve Kelley; Tenwood Lodge; Joanne Carlisle; Robert Trent Golf Course, and Lowes. ❀

SOMETIMES, THE MAIL IS SLOW

Submitted by Ted Crane, Danby News Editor

A week or two ago, an envelope appeared in my Post Office box, wrapped in a USPS plastic bag. It was sent from Philadelphia, addressed to my mother in NYC, and forwarded to me (she passed away almost three years ago).

The odd thing was, the postmark date was June, 2004. Eleven years ago. At first, I didn't believe it, but then I remembered that the person who sent the envelope had died several years before my mother.

We've all heard stories like this, but I never expected it to happen to me. The Post Office works in strange ways.



HEAT SMART TOMPKINS

Submitted by Tom Seaney

Was your house too cold last winter? Was your heating bill too high? Solar Tompkins is launching a new program, *HeatSmartTompkins*, to help make homes more comfortable, reduce global warming, and, in many cases, save homeowners money.

Danby's second HeatSmart Community Meeting will take place in the West Danby Fire Station on Saturday, October 10 at 10am.

Learn how you can make energy improvements to your home that will save you money and will also benefit the environment! ❀

500 YEARS OF SUSTAINABLE LIVING ON DANBY FARMS

Submitted by Jeanine Huber

Please join us on Sunday, October 11 for an International Homesteading Education Month program at Danby Farms.

Bald Hill Road was an ancient trail used by Native Americans. They used the abundant resources in the forests and wetlands of Danby for centuries before the arrival of the first European explorers. After the Sullivan Campaign and the Treaty of Canandaigua, Danby was opened to settlers.

Danby Farms has been mature forest, cropland, pasture and is now a working homestead. The stone walls, many trees, and artifacts range through the 19th century. Let us show you how we gently manage the orchards, woodlots, and open land with traditional technologies to produce as much of our food as we can as naturally as possible.

We hope to see you there! Danby Farms, 222 Bald Hill Road. Sunday, October 11, 2015, 1-5pm. Historical discussion at 2pm and 4pm. Tours, artifacts and cultural displays all afternoon. Latest event details at [facebook.com/danbyfarms] or 607.319.6085. Free and open to the public. ❀

With that in mind, delivery time seemed almost lightning speed when, a few days later, on September 16, my Danby News arrived. Sure, it was mailed on August 28. This delay is unusual, the local delivery is usually much better. Apologies if yours was delayed, too! ❀

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, October 1, at Noon in the Danby Church. Note the change to winter meeting time!

Please bring your own table service for this dish-to-share luncheon.

Thanks go out to Jim & Marge Hovanec, Mary Oltz, and George & Dawn Parks for hosting the September meeting! A good day was had on September 15 when 33 of us went to the Merry-Go-Round theater in Auburn and to Lasca's for a filling dinner. We thank Nancy Weitzel, Marge Hovanec, and Alice Humerez for setting it up for us! ❁

PROJECT CARE AND PROJECT GENERATIONS

Submitted by Katrina Schickel

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging has volunteers to assist homebound senior citizens through the Project Care Program and Project Generations, a collaboration between Ithaca College and Cornell University.

Volunteers typically visit an individual once a week for one or two hours, depending upon need. Seniors may have one or more of the following types of needs: companionship, assistance with laundry or light house-keeping, errands, grocery shopping, light yard work or respite for a caregiver. Respite might involve staying with the senior in order that the caregiver might go out or have some time off from the responsibilities of caregiving.

For more information about Project Care or Project Generations, please contact Trina Schickel at the Office for the Aging, 607.274.5491. ❁

SOUTHERN TOMPKINS TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Columnist

I am enjoying writing stories from Danby, West Danby, Newfield, Brooktondale, and upper South Hill in my *Ithaca Journal* column, *Southern Tompkins Town Talk*. I invite you to send me your stories, announcements concerning births, graduations, marriages, special awards, and even recipes or family hints to share. I also like to receive pictures in JPEG format. Please contact me at 607.273.6530 or [gayhuddle@hotmail.com]. ❁

SPAGHETTI SUPPER BENEFIT

Submitted by Tom Sessler

We are having a spaghetti dinner at the fire station on Saturday, October 24, 2015, 4-7pm, to benefit Charles Robinson, a member of our volunteer fire department.

Charles has recently suffered a heart attack, and it resulted in him having parts of his feet amputated. We'd like to raise money for his home health care needs. ❁

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST DANBY FOOD PANTRY

Submitted by Bill and Judy Cuyle

Danby Food Pantry is held on the /third Thursday/ of each month, 3-6pm, in the Danby Federated Church, 1859 Danby Road.

Set-up help is needed the day before Food Pantry, 2:30-6pm, on the day of Food Pantry to hand out food, etc., and at 6pm the day of Food Pantry to help put extra food away and clean up the room. Help is also needed on the third Thursday of each month to do pickups at local grocery stores, etc.

If you are able to help at any of these times, please contact Joan Barber at 607.273.7850 or 607.280.4776. ❁

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!

Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 11, 2-5pm: the 3rd annual Fall/Harvest Festival. Wagon rides, games, pumpkin' chunkin', bonfire, treats. In Dotson Park, across from Town Hall.

DCC Concerts in October (and early November)

Sundays, 3pm, in Danby's Town Hall:

Oct 4: *Paris, TX*—texas roadhouse swing-grass

Nov 1: *Grassanova*—bluegrass

Mark Your Calendar: Fall Fair at the DFC

Save the date for this year's DFC Fall Fair! Saturday, November 14, 10am-2:30pm.

UFOs In Your Backyard

Unidentified Farm/Found/Foreign Objects. Wayne Myers is bringing his favorite oddities, you bring yours. We'll all try to identify them and tell their history. Sunday, November 15, 3pm, Danby's Town Hall. Maybe they fly, too. ❁

Community Council Fall 2015 Youth Programs

These programs are free of charge for Danby Youth ages 8-14.

Campfire Cooking - Grade 4 and Up
Tuesdays, September 22-November 3, 3:30-6pm
Danby Federated Church

Fire, Food and Fun! Youth in this program are learning to cook using the open flame and coals of a fire. We are exploring the world of campfire cooking by selecting and preparing a dish, then baking, roasting, boiling, or steaming these delicious snacks each day. We start each day with some games followed by our fire prep and cooking. Tin foil, dutch ovens, and an open flame are just a few techniques we are practicing.

Outdoor Adventure - Grade 6 and Up
Thursdays, September 24-December 17, 3:30-6 pm
Boynton Middle School

Like to challenge yourself outdoors? We are diving into all types of outdoor recreation including outdoor primitive skills, mainstream recreation like rock climbing and paddling techniques, backpacking, and camping skills. We are also getting out into the field to put some of our skills to practice. If you like spending time outside having fun, this program will enhance your experiences outdoors and build confidence in your outdoor abilities.

Lunch Bunch
Thursdays, September 24-December 17
In The Cafeteria at Lunchtime

We play games, do crafts, hang out and have fun during lunch periods. Come meet some new faces and build a new crew of friends!

Fridays at the Farm
Fridays, September 25-November 6, 3:30-6pm
Three Swallows Farm, 23 Nelson Road

Friday fun at Three Swallows Farm located in Danby on Nelson Road. At the farm we are learning about farming, assisting with fall harvesting, learning about food preservation for the winter, exploring the farm's grounds and wooded areas, building a group structure, playing lots of games, and cooking foods we harvest right from the farm. We do have access to the barn, but come ready to be outside and walk the fields for the whole program. ❁

Danby Youth Flyer

Travis Judd here, Danby's Youth Program Manager. While I had a blast this summer, getting to know some of our community, I am even more excited about the school year finally getting off the ground and programs up and running. If you have any questions about the programs below, please do not hesitate to contact me at [ttj22@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292 x222. Please keep an eye out for additional program announcements in this newsletter, in the Town Hall, and in handouts given out to students during lunchtime in school. Looking forward to the future! ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

*Horns to Toes and In Between...
Baby Bear Baby Bear What Do
You See?...Peek-a Who?*



What do all of these titles have in common? They are part of a collection of 50 new Board Books for babies and toddlers at the Danby Community Library. Stop in and check them out and you can pick up Baby's first library card to use at any public library in Tompkins County, thanks to the Family Reading Partnership.

We hope that the Danby Youth Program and area home-schoolers will also take advantage of the resources in the Danby Community Library. Check out our display related to the new Star Wars movie coming out.

Still missing items from library: *Orchard Beach* by Stuart Woods and a book on CD, *A Short History of Nearly Everything*. ❁

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Oct 1 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
- Oct 3 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
9:30am 🏠 Danby's Dotson Park
Trail Clearing Day
- Oct 4 • Sun
Noon 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Chicken BBQ**
3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Community Council Concert: Paris, TX
- Oct 5 • Mon
7:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Budget Meeting
- Oct 7 • Wed
7am 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Budget Meeting—note time: 7am
- Oct 8 • Thu
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Protecting Your Water Resources, Part 1
- Oct 11 • Sun
2-5pm 🏠 Danby's Dotson Park
3rd Annual Fall Harvest Festival
- Oct 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**
- Oct 13 • Tue
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
- Oct 15 • Thu
3-6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Public Hearing: Gunderman Road Development
...followed by **Planning Board Meeting**
7:30pm 🏠 Ithaca Beer Company
Danby Community Park Association
- Oct 19 • Mon
5:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Budget Meeting**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
- Oct 20 • Tue
7:30pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
Fire District Meeting: Public Hearing on 2016 Budget
- Oct 26 • Mon
Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Mobile Food Truck**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**
- Oct 29 • Thu
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Protecting Your Water Resources, Part 2
- Nov 1 • Sun
2am 🏠 Everywhere 'Round Here
Clocks Fall Back—extra hour of sleep
3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Community Council Concert: Grassanova
- Nov 5 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
- Jul 10, 2016 • 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