



DANBY AREA NEWS

UFOs IN DANBY'S TOWN HALL

Submitted by Gould Colman, Danby Community Council

Unidentified Found Objects will be featured as Danby-ites bring treasures to this event, whether unidentified by them or constituting puzzles for the audience. Bring your brains and your puzzles to Danby's Town Hall on Sunday, November 15 at 3pm!

Questions and comments will be welcomed because, presumably, a sequence of audience questions will illuminate the objects' identities.

Consider an item. Is it a tool (yes). How much does it weigh (14 pounds). Is it broken (probably). And so on. Most locals probably have one or more, "What do you call it," that will provide mass bewilderment.

Stump Wayne Myers, Danby's prime collector of pre-electric farm tools, if you can. You'll want to consider several items from his vast collection...as he tries to stump you.

You'll want to keep Danby's farm-centric 19th-century economy in mind. Hops and tobacco were grown. Flax, too (according to the 1865 NYS Census, 164 baskets of flax in 1864). Back then, Danby has 150 milk cows and 632 horses aged two years or older!

Farms, back then, included what the census called, "domestic manufactures." Credit Danby women for having created 336 yards of linen in 1864. Perhaps some relevant tools will appear. ❁

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT WARM-UP MEETING

Submitted by Asher Hockett

The 116th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count will take place on Friday, January 1, 2016.

On Sunday, December 6, at 10:30 am, please join us at the Danby Town Hall

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GRASSANOVA IN CONCERT NOT YOUR ORDINARY BLUE GRASS

Submitted by Ted Crane, Danby Community Council

Grassanova brings its special version of Bluegrass to Danby's Town Hall, 3pm on Sunday, November 1. This free concert is presented by the Community Council with support from the Town of Danby and the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County.

When I first saw them headlining this year's Apple Festival in Newark Valley (I'd missed them at Porchfest, at Ellis Hollow, at all the wineries, and even at Heebasquabee), I wondered how you could do Bluegrass without a fiddle.



They do it by sharing the melody lead. Tom Quigley's mandolin is a delight and Dave Richman's guitar steps out front with some truly awesome picking. Paul Fairbanks' punctuates the background with his banjo and, joy to the ears, takes over the melody when it really counts. Marie Quigley drives it all with her over-the-shoulder acoustic bass guitar.

Contrary to stereotype, we won't have to mop up the floor around Paul's feet after the concert. This is a college-educated banjo player. And this is a great band.

You'll recognize the tunes, even if you've never heard them quite the same way: Old and in the Way, JD Crowe, the Beatles, Emmy Lou Harris, Pink Floyd, Merle Haggard, and the Byrds. So, join us in Town Hall on Sunday, November 1, at 3pm. ❁

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Before submitting an item for the Danby News, please have a look at the *Submission Guidelines*. You can request them by Email from the editor at [danbynews@tedcrane.com] or find them in their temporary location at [danbyny.org/DanbyNews]. 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*.

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

Gratitude and Thanksgiving

November is, traditionally, and appropriately, a time of Thanksgiving; of taking stock, bringing in the harvest, and expressing appreciation.

2015 has challenged Danby in many ways. Each season brought new tests to our town, from the winter's Hornbrook Road standoff, to spring's neighborhood concerns on Nelson Road, and historic flooding and road damage in June. There are ongoing neighborhood concerns regarding development and zoning changes. The Town and the Fire District have struggled with budget related challenges in 2015, and the Town Board and Fire Commissioners have been very thoughtful about what is really best for our Town.

It may seem surprising that, looking back over this past year, I'm moved to express deep gratitude. First for the excellent support staff in Clerk's office: Sue Mclellan and Mary Ann Barr. Each of these women diligently keep on top of so many things, from historic records to the most recent contracts for public works projects (such as a new roof for the Highway Barn). The business of the Town Clerk's office would be chaotic without their help.

I have similar gratitude for the support and cooperation we have between Town departments—especially between the Clerk's office and the Supervisor. This spirit of mutual support is not always the norm in small towns. Working together towards common goals makes such a difference and results in fewer mistakes and more positive outcomes.

We are all grateful for the relative smoothness of a major transition in our Code Office, this past year. This summer we shifted to an all-new staff with new titles (CJ Randall, Planner and Paul Hansen, Code Officer) with few "growing pains." And, we have deep gratitude for the support given to Sue Beeners, the outgoing Code Officer/Planner, as she adjusts to her disabilities. Working together, we have been able to retain as much "institutional memory" as possible, while helping Sue to get the care that she needs.

And I am deeply thankful for the efforts of so many people who work for the benefit of our Town Boards, Volunteers, Residents—and all of the ways we have

supported each other through a challenging year. You have proven that it really does make a difference to get involved.

Keep Informed

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Holiday Calendar

Speaking of Thanksgiving, Danby's Town Hall will be closed for holidays in November (November 26-28 for Thanksgiving) and December (December 23-26 for Christmas). The rest of the time, the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays, and Saturday mornings, 10am-Noon. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. You can always reach us at 607.277.4788 and [townclerk@townofdanby.org].

And yes, the chocolate bowl still is full. ❀

2016 DANBY BUDGET HEARING

November 9 is the big day, when the public has the opportunity to provide its input regarding Danby's Budget for 2016.

There's a public hearing in Town Hall at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, either to listen or to speak. Written comments will also be accepted.

Most of Danby's budget is proposed by the Supervisor and adjusted by the Town Board, but a substantial portion is prepared by the Fire District and—by law—is included without modification into the Town budget. Preliminary information indicates that your Town-based taxes will not change much, relative to 2015, but there may be a noticeable increase in the Fire District portion of the levy.

Copies of the budget are available via the Clerk's office but, as of this writing, are not online. ❀



SONG RECITAL BY LYNN CRAVER, SOPRANO

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

Lynn Craver, soprano, accompanied by Richard Montgomery, piano, will present *An afternoon of Romance*, songs and arias from the romantic era at 3pm on Sunday, November 8 in Danby's Town Hall. Featured composers will include Debussy, R. Strauss, Donizetti, Lehar, and Samuel Barber's masterpiece, *Knoxville, summer of 1915*.

Lynn Craver is the co-founder and Artistic Director of Opera Ithaca. She has performed locally with the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra. She holds her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Ithaca College in Vocal Performance. Richard Montgomery is vocal coach/accompanist for the Musical Theater program at SUNY Cortland. He holds a Masters of Music in vocal coaching accompanying from the University of Illinois. He has performed as conductor, music director and stage director with numerous opera companies.

This performance, like all Danby Community Council concerts, is free. It receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. ❁

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

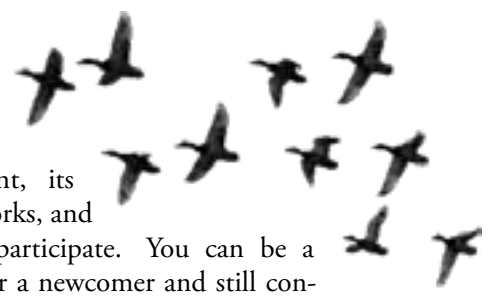
Submitted by Dan Klein, County Legislator

There is usually a lot going on at the County Legislature level, and that is one of the reasons I enjoy my job. It seems that in the past month there is even more going on than normal. In addition to the ten extra budget meetings we had in September and October, here are quick snapshots of some issues that have come before us recently that we will need to make a decision on one way or another.

There is a large pile of ash left over as a result of decades of burning coal to generate electricity at the Cayuga Power Plant in Lansing (for those of you who have been around awhile, it was known as Miliken Station). A private individual hired an outside specialist to evaluate the coal ash pile. The Environmental Management Council is asking the County Legislature to fund more studies of the site to determine risks of groundwater and Cayuga Lake contamination.

We have been asked to weigh in on whether we think NY State should institute a policy called, *Carbon Fee and Dividend*. In a nutshell, this policy would put a tax on carbon emissions, that would then be returned

➤ Bird Count, continued from front page



for an information session to discuss the count, its history, how it works, and how you can participate. You can be a seasoned birder or a newcomer and still contribute to the count effort. Your hosts for this warm-up event will be Bill Evans and Asher Hockett, two of your Danby neighbors and long-time birders.

After the meeting, at around Noon, we will hit the field for a few hours of birding in the Danby bird-count sector. Bring warm clothes and binoculars and your bird books.

This event is sponsored by Danby's Community Council. For more information visit [audubon.org/content/join-christmas-bird-count] or Email [asherhockett@hotmail.com]. ❁

to every taxpayer in the state. It has some similarities to what the State of Alaska does with its oil revenues. It would theoretically encourage industry to become more energy efficient without costing consumers.

We are taking the first step of considering a law that would ban the sale of products containing microbeads in Tompkins County. Microbeads are tiny plastic balls that are put in some health and beauty products to create a mild abrasive. The plastic microbeads are too small to be filtered out in our water treatment process, so they end up in Cayuga Lake and other water bodies.

The County Legislature is being asked to consider various possible laws to regulate drones in Tompkins County. Drones are rapidly increasing in popularity. They are largely unregulated by the federal government at this time. There are issues with drones concerning privacy, safety, terrorism, and interference with airplanes that are not easy to solve.

These are all big issues with layers of complexity, details, and nuance. I cannot do justice to each issue in such a short article. As always, if you want more information, or have questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 607.272.7582 or [danbydan@hotmail.com]. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

The first snow was on the ground this morning. There's a hard freeze coming tonight. The seasons are changing. Some change is welcome: today's colors are at the seasonal peak, the clouds are spectacular, and the air is so clear. It's truly a wonderful time to live in upstate New York.

Some changes, though, can also be challenging. Changes in land use, for instance, over this past year or so and also as a result of zoning changes currently being considered by the Town.

Here is my list of the top concerns about change in Danby. No list is complete without a caveat: this list is not all encompassing, and I am sure most everyone could add a subject or two.

- Conflicts between uses allowed under present zoning, uses that place competing interests in neighborhoods at odds
- Traffic, as the County grows, jobs attract traffic, as the Town grows with new residents, it creates traffic. We have been reducing speed limits all over Town, and will be reducing more in the future, but there is little we can do to stop increased road use
- Open space, one of the primary goals of the Town's comprehensive plan, is being threatened as we struggle to find effective ways to enforce that goal
- Light pollution and noise, including discharge of firearms, is becoming problematic as more houses move in and our open spaces shrink
- Access to a viable water source is a concern for many residents. Water is going to be a big deal on the Town's agenda.

As we map Danby's water and understand our aquifers and recharge areas, it is becoming clear that water quality and well recharge rates were not created equal in Danby.

The Gunderman Road Planned Development Zone (PDZ #10) that is presently before the Planning and Town Boards is a good example of changes that the



Town is experiencing. It is also an example of potential collateral damage felt by a neighborhood: the proposed changes are a threat to its quality of life.

Some kinds of change are inevi-

table and some are not. As the Town grows, conflicts will arise about how the Town wants to change and for what reasons.

The almost-completed aquifer study was entered into as a way for the Town's water resources to be better understood, so we can make wise decisions about this invaluable resource. These studies will lead to Danby adopting new laws to protect its resources.

Change and conflict go hand-in-hand. Our Boards try to manage change but...eventually...your elected boards will be making decisions and passing new laws. They are not easy decisions, and can only be resolved through and with our residents help: by becoming involved in the process.

These issues are not just Gunderman Road concerns, they are Town-wide. Gunderman residents just happen to be the ones most involved right now in the process of change in Danby; we all need to pay close attention, change could be coming to your neighborhood.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [\[supervisor@townofdanbyny.org\]](mailto:supervisor@townofdanbyny.org). ☪

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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. ☪

FIRE DISTRICT PROVIDES EMS

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

Have you ever had a medical emergency or accident? Did you receive help from an Emergency Medical Service (EMS)? If so, then you have some idea of what is involved.

What happens when you call 911, the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response Center?

First, the 911 Center questions you as to the nature of emergency, the location, and other details. The Center next determines which emergency responders are geographically closest and available and it calls them out. If you use a land line, this all takes about 5 to 20 seconds; from a cell phone, about 10 seconds longer. The Center also notifies Bangs ambulance, other first responders, such as the Sherriff or other Fire Departments, if other units are needed.

For Danby locations, the 911 center determines whether they are in West Danby or the central part of the Town. The unpaved road and hill between NYS Rt.96B and NYS Rt.34/96 is often a limiting factor in a fast response.

We have two first response vehicles, one in part of town. We also dispatch heavy rescue equipment contained on our two engines if it is a Motor Vehicle (MV) accident or if a fire may be involved.

In both West Danby and Danby, Emergency Medical trained responders (EM) also carry medical gear in their private vehicles and quickly decide between going directly to the scene or taking the EM vehicles first; all to meet the goal of a quick response.

In 2014, the Danby Fire District's two stations responded to 133 EMS calls; the bulk of these were for bodily injuries, heart or breathing problems, and motor vehicle accidents. This is more than half of all Fire District calls in 2014 and we are on track to exceed this in 2015.

What exactly is EMS and how do Danby and West Danby perform this vital job?

EMS follows the basic principles of first aid: preserve life, prevent further injury, and promote recovery. EMS, when alerted, needs to get to the scene fast, provides initial care in an emergency, and transfers patients to an ambulance or helicopter for transport to a hospital.

Danby and West Danby are certified by the NYS Department of Health to provide emergency medical care at the level of Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B): Basic life support providers are trained to assess and manage immediate life threats.



Danby's 443 "Fly Car", driven by Linda Wyatt in the 2015 Fun Day Parade

Modern EMS vehicles are rather specialized. Some are what we call "Fly Cars", which are light SUVs and bring basic medical supplies and trained EM technicians to the scene; Danby has one of these SUVs and an older medical vehicle. West Danby has a Heavy Rescue Vehicle. Vehicles that bring the patient to the hospital are ambulances; this task requires specialized training. Bangs has the training and is usually just a few minutes behind us at a scene. Bangs has Advanced Life Support capabilities and is under the medical direction of Central New York EMS.

Vehicles that bring specialized tools and equipment are /Heavy Rescue/ and in this age, often are Fire Engine Pumpers. Both West Danby and Danby have major equipment carried on our two 2013 model Engine Pumpers. These can stabilize damaged vehicles and use tools such as the Jaws of Life to extract victims.

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A Bit of History

The first ambulance as a specialized vehicle was designed during the Napoleonic wars. Civilian ambulance advances were made with the introduction of a transport carriage for cholera patients in London during 1832. It was found that the patient may be driven to the hospital so speedily that the hospitals may be less numerous and located at greater distances from each other. The earliest emergency medical service was reportedly the rescue society founded in Vienna after a disastrous fire.

The first motorized ambulance was brought into service in 1899, with the Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, taking delivery of the first automobile ambulance, donated by 500 prominent local businessmen. Interestingly, your author worked part time at Michel Reese while working his way through college.

During World War One, further advances were made in providing care before and during transport. Two-way radios became available after World War I, enabling for more efficient radio dispatch of ambulances in some areas. Shortly before World War II, then, a modern ambulance carried advanced medical equipment, was staffed by a physician, and was dispatched by radio.

For a more in depth, google "wikipedia emergency medical services".

AUTUMN IN DOTSON PARK

By Michele Lenhart, Danby Community Park Association

During this month of giving thanks, the Danby Community Park Association would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has made Dotson Park feel like Danby's back yard this fall!

Thank you to all of the friends of the Park who have volunteered time and energy to keep the park in shape: DiscIthaca folks have worked for months to expanded the disc golf course, Danby community members helped with landscaping, Ithaca College students spent a Saturday in October cleaning up trails, and all-star volunteers regularly mow the park! We are grateful for those who have donated funds or equipment for park events and maintenance. Special thanks to the local groups and individuals who have planned events in the park this fall, such as Harvest Fest, the super moon viewing, or the rocket launch. We also appreciate the Town of Danby for supporting the park this year—DCPA would not be thriving without your help!

And now for our autumnal appeal: DCPA will soon have three open spaces on our Board of Directors. This is a nice opportunity for folks who are looking for a meaningful, low-commitment way to start getting involved in the Danby community. Want to learn more? Email [dotsonpark@gmail.com], or come to our next park meeting on November 19 at 7:30pm. We will gather at the Ithaca Beer Company; look for the Dotson Park sign and join us! The Board loves meeting new people and talking about the park, so if that sounds good to you, you'll fit right in!

We hope to see you in the park soon: fling a disc, take a hike, watch a moonrise, try a geocache. Dotson can be your backyard, too! ❀

What should I do when I call 911?

Provide the dispatcher with as much information as possible, including your exact location, the nature of the incident or accident, how many patients there are, the approximate age and sex of the patient(s), whether they patient is conscious, breathing, speaking coherently, and describe any hazards (e.g. downed power lines) that might be present at the scene. Frequently, the dispatcher will ask you to remain on the line; do so. Help is on the way.

PERMACULTURE WORKSHOP COMING TO DANBY

By Eric and Cathleen Banford

Penny Livingston-Stark defines permaculture as, "a design science that is rooted in the observation of natural systems. The principles of permaculture teach us how to design ways of living that have the stability and resiliency of natural ecosystems. Permaculture design fosters a growing understanding of nature's patterns, and generates models of sustainable living--always with the

goal of achieving maximum productivity with minimal labor and use of outside resources."

Are you curious about these ecologically sound ways of living for you and your family? Would you like to find ways to engage your whole family in hands-on learning about permaculture and sustainability? The Town of Danby and Danby Community Council are helping to sponsor a permaculture workshop series to help you get started.



John Rowley, winner of the 2015 Bald Hill Pie Contest, with the winning pie. Uh, well, the pie plate, anyway. The judges ate all the pie.

There will be opportunities to learn both through theory and hands-on workshops. These workshops will be geared toward adults and very focused youth (roughly, age 14 and up), though we would also like to invite whole families to join in the hands-on portions of the course. Anyone interested is encouraged to Email [visionspringsgardens@gmail.com] and let us know if you'd like to join us.

We'd love to hear any topics of interest related to permaculture that you would like to see covered in the course. Please Email by November 14, then check the December issue of Danby Area News for sliding scale costs and other details. ❀

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX GIFT COLLECTION

Submitted by Sheila Enstine



Beginning the first week of November and running through Sunday November 22, the Danby Federated Church is participating in Operation Christmas Child, a program run by the international relief organization Samaritan's Purse.

Brochures explaining how to pack shoe boxes with gifts for children from ages two to fourteen are available at the Church. The brochures are also available online at [samaritanspurse.org]. Filled shoe boxes can be dropped off at the Church until noon on Sunday, November 22. The Church will deliver the boxes to the regional Operation Christmas Child drop off location.

Please contact the Danby Federated Church at 607.272.1687 with any questions. ❀

DANBY BOOK CLUB

Submitted by Janice Beal

The new Danby Book Club would like you to join us on at 4pm on Sunday, November 15, at 638 East Miller Road. We will be discussing *The Shipping News* by Annie Proulx, a Pulitzer Prize winning novel. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served. Questions? Call Bill, 607.220.4288. ❀

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED

Submitted by Katrina Schickel, TC Office for the Aging

It's not too early to think about snow! With winter weather coming upon us, the Tompkins County Office for the Aging is updating its listing of snow shovelers.

Deep snow and icy sidewalks are dangerous for everyone, but especially for senior citizens. Many seniors are not able to remove the snow from their sidewalks without assistance.

DO WE LIVE IN ELMIRA?

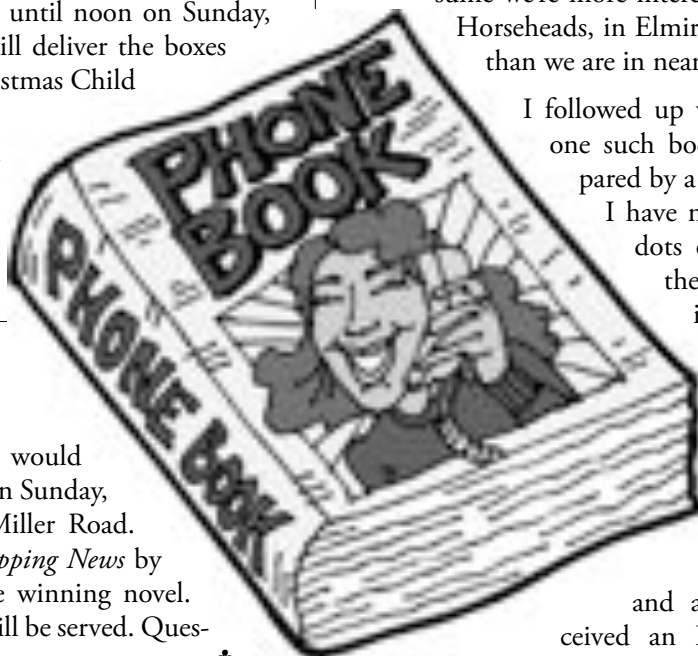
Submitted by Ted Crane

A few months ago, I prepared a short article for the Danby News bemoaning the loss of junk mail—actually, useful advertising and coupon books—when I moved from the Ithaca post office region to the Spencer delivery area.

Several folks commented about how they had the same problem or, more correctly, how they never knew what they were missing.

It gets worse. Shortly after writing that article, I received the first of several new phone books. Phone books for *Elmira!*

It's all because, according to the US Post Office, a goodly chunk of Danby is part of Spencer, NY. When the phone book companies, which are no longer just Ma Bell and its offspring, see this identification, they assume we're more interested in what goes on in Horseheads, in Elmira, and even in Corning, than we are in nearby Ithaca.



I followed up with the distributors of one such book, the *Yellowbook* prepared by a company called, "*hibü*".

I have no idea about those two dots over the "ü", but that's the way they do it. I visited [yellowbook.com] and followed the "Contact" link to a telephone number: 800-YB-YELLOW (why be yellow?).

After a relatively short conversation, and a two-week wait, I received an Ithaca-area phonebook.

They graciously allowed me to keep the Elmira/Corning book, too.

If enough people (hey, neighbors!) call them and complain about being shoved into the wrong pigeonhole, maybe we'll get moved back to Ithaca? ❀

If you are interested in assisting seniors by shoveling or plowing, on either a paid or volunteer basis, please call the Tompkins County Office for the Aging at 607.274.5482. If your name was listed last year, and would like to be listed again, please notify us. ❀

DANBY AUTHORS

Submitted by Dan Klein

Two Danby residents recently became newly-published authors.

Steve Lawrence, who has written sports columns for the *Ithaca Times* for 23 years, just published a book titled *Damn Good Stories—Told Reasonably Well—With Questionable Motives*. This book is available at Wegmans and also by direct order from Steve at [stevesportsdude@gmail.com]. Unlike all the other books mentioned in this article, it is not currently available on Amazon.

There are two David Halls in Danby. One is a local businessman who owns National Book Auctions and the former Oasis Dance Club; he has not written a book that I am aware of. The other is a youth educator and founder of the popular Primitive Pursuits program. This David Hall has co-authored a book with Jon Ulrich titled *Winter in the Wilderness, a Field Guide to Primitive Survival Skills*. He is currently on a mini book tour that includes appearances at the Ithaca Barnes and Noble on November 7, 4pm, and Eastern Mountain Sports on December 6, 6pm.

These two newly-published authors join a list of other published authors in Danby:

- Gail Mazourek , author of the 3 volume (so far) Samantha series for kids
- Lamar Herrin, author of at least 7 novels
- Tom Gavin, author of the ebook *Life at Dr. Tom's: Mostly Humorous Anecdotes by a Mostly Retired Cornell Professor*
- Barbara Behrmann, author of *The Breastfeeding Cafe*
- Robert Lieberman, author of at least 6 novels
- Niki Alling, author of at least 17 books and ebooks, including children's books that she writes and illustrates, coloring books for adults, poetry, and science fiction

I'm sure there are more Danby published authors out there. If you know of one, send me their info and I will include it in a future article. ❧

GET PAID TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR HOUSE

Researchers at Cornell are studying the use of dataloggers to measure heat loss in homes as a way to identify how leaky individual homes are. They are looking for people to put these small dataloggers in their homes for about 15 days, for which you will be paid \$5.

This is a fantastic opportunity for staff to learn how well your house holds its heat (or cold in the summer). You may have even had an energy audit done recently—and possibly made upgrades. But this is a new way to measure just how well your house actually holds its temperature, rather than what the models show for how your house should perform.

And, it's not only free, they will pay you \$5!

The research project, led by Cornell Professor Howard Chong, is in the process of gathering 200-500 participants for energy-efficiency research.

Each participant will be asked to:

- fill out a one-page survey about characteristics of the person's home
 - use a credit-card sized Data-Logger to record temperatures in the home for two weeks.
- Participants should live in a one-family residential house within 60 miles of Ithaca.

With the data, the researchers hope to identify and analyze which homes are the leakiest—that is, which homes are the least energy efficient. These homes are those that would benefit most from a retrofit. An online-accessible progress bar will anonymously compare your home's energy-efficiency to other homes' in the Ithaca/Tompkins area.

If this sounds like something that you would like to participate in, please fill out the short form that can be found at [temperaturedataloggerproject.sha.cornell.edu] by clicking "Sign Up to Participate:".

If you have any questions/concerns/suggestions, please feel free to Email Sara [skh68@cornell.edu] or Professor Chong [hc757@cornell.edu]. ❧



DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, November 5 at Noon in the Danby Federated Church, for a dish-to-share luncheon. It will be our Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey and gravy. Please bring a complimentary dish.

Thank you to our hosts in October, Glenn and Jeanne Grossman and Bill and Pat Hiney!

There will be no regular meeting the first Thursday in December. Instead we'll get together on Saturday, December 5 for a holiday luncheon out. Sign ups are required—call Ted and Connie at 607.272.3009 or sign up during the November meeting. ❁

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marv English

Well, here we are in the middle of October. The leaves have changed and the weather is getting colder. But fear not, at the American Legion, 1231 Danby Road, we are in full swing with our Fall and Winter dinners.

We had an Adult Halloween Party on October 31 and a good time was had by all. Thanks go to DJ George Stevens.

On November 7, we will be having one of our fabulous Steak Dinners, cooked to order for only \$12. It will include a 12oz. (pre-cooked weight) cooked as you would like it, salad bar, choice of French Fries, Baked Potato, Onion Rings, topped with either/both Sauteed Onions and Mushrooms, Coffee/Tea, and a Dinner Roll with Donna's Fantastic Desserts. We will start seating at 5pm and run until 7pm.

On November 20, we will be having a Fish Dinner, 5-7pm. Also only \$12, and including a 10 to 12oz. piece of Haddock (deep fried or broiled), Salad Bar, choice of Baked Potato, Onion Rings, or French Fries, a Dinner Roll, Coffee/Tea, and the best desserts around.

If you haven't been to a dinner at the Legion, there is no better time to go than now. The price is right and did I mention that all meals come with the Salad Bar and Donna's homemade desserts?

Also don't forget, it's getting close to that time of the year for the annual get-together of family and friends, or even the Holiday party. We have space here, where you could have those gatherings. Fifteen to twenty people, we have a room for that, bigger gatherings and parties, we can seat up to 100-110 people in the banquet room.

Able to be a member and looking for a little extra cash? We are in need of Bartenders, either one day a week or possibly more...or just as a fill-in. ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Scavenger Hunt!

Have you seen our outdoor bookdrop by the door to the Town Hall? If you return your book from Danby Community Library here, you can do it without coming in and you can do it anytime the Town Hall is closed!



Have you seen the seasonal books displayed on the tops of our bookshelves? Check out a spooky story or read *11/22/63* by Stephen King.

Have you seen people who want to volunteer at the Danby Community Library? We need new volunteers!

Have you seen our new books, DVDs, and collections?

- *Dreamworks* Home DVD
- *Cinderella* DVD (with Cate Blanchett)
- *Purity* by Jonathan Franzen
- *X* by Sue Grafton
- *Damn Good Stories* by Steve Lawrence (local author)

Large Type Fiction collection selected from Tompkins County Public Library. ❁

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!

DCC Concerts and Events in November

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

Nov. 1: *Grassanova*—bluegrass

Nov. 8: *Lynn Craver*—soprano

Nov. 15: *Unidentified Found Objects*

At the DFC

Danby Federated Church, 1858 Danby Road

Election Night Dinner: Tuesday, November 3, 5-7pm

Fall Fair: Saturday, November 14, 10am-2:30pm

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, November 20, 1-6pm

Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Saturday, November 28, Noon-2pm, Free! ❁

Community Council Late Fall 2015 Youth Programs

Danby Youth Flyer

Hi Danby, it's Travis Judd with Danby Youth Programs, and I want to give an update on our programs! We have Campfire Cooking, Outdoor Adventure, Fridays at the Farm and a Lunch Bunch program all off the ground. Although the programs end soon, the next round of program offerings are shaping up quite nicely. I also had a blast at the Danby Harvest Festival and enjoyed getting to meet more of our community.

If you have any questions about the programs below or would like additional information, 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 Town Hall, on the Cornell Cooperative Extension web site [ccetompkins.org/4-h-youth/rural-youth-services] and in handouts give out during lunchtime in school.

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. Once off the ground, we have designed and built a cooking fire ring, prepared and made meals and treats, played games and have learned quite a bit about fire building techniques and what makes a good cooking fire. As our weather cools, the fire has been doubling as our comfort zone too!

Outdoor Adventure - Grade 6 and Up

Thursdays, September 24-December 17, 3:30-6 pm
Boynton Middle School

We have seen many exciting times during our ventures to Stewart Park and surrounding wooded areas. We have learned history about the area, fire building skills, identified trees and flowers, spotted lots of wildlife, played games with rope and tag games. While on the lake shore searching for driftwood and animals, we have gotten to witness kite surfing, hot air balloons and lots of tree climbers. Just around the corner we will be diving into winter survival skills, shelter construction, backcountry travel and navigation.

Lunch Bunch

Thursdays, September 24-December 17
Boynton Cafeteria during Lunchtime

We have been having a blast playing games, eating uncommon fruits and foods, challenging each other and just enjoying friendly new faces. Our group is ever growing, so come on by and see what the fun is about!

Fridays at the Farm

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

At the farm we have been learning some local (and not so local) history about the farm, assisting with fall harvesting, tasting new vegetables, preparing things like pesto, fresh vegetable stews and roasting over the campfire. We have also been doing some natural arts and crafts, planted garlic and are excited to preserve what we can before winter officially arrives!

Programs just around the bend...

Days at Dotson

Tuesdays, 11/10-12/15, 3:30-6pm
Dotson Park

Come join us as we embark on an adventure to learn our amazing resource inside and out. Cartography, creating a minimal impact group camp area, Letterboxing and wilderness games will be our focus for the program.

Find it Fridays

Fridays, 11/13-12/18, 3:30-6pm
Danby Federated Church

What drives you? What skills do you want to build? Who else around here shares your interests? Find it Fridays is our program to discover and feed your passions. We will look at various areas such as cooking skills, coding, small scale construction with Legos and other materials. However, the real question is, what is your passion? Bring it along, we will all learn about it and maybe you will find others who are just as passionate as you!



Nov 2015

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 1 • Sun

2am 🏠 Everywhere 'Round Here
Clocks Fall Back—extra hour of sleep
3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Community Council Concert: Grassanova

Nov 3 • Thu

5-7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Election Night Dinner

Nov 5 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Seniors
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg

Nov 7 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • Steak Dinner

Nov 8 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Community Council Concert: Lynn Craver, soprano

Nov 9 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • 2016 Budget Hearing
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting

Nov 10 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Nov 14 • Sat

10am-2:30pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Holiday Craft Fair

Nov 15 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall • Unidentified Found Objects

Nov 16 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Nov 17 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Nov 19 • Thu

3-6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Food Pantry
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting
7:30pm 🏠 Ithaca Beer Company
Danby Community Park Association

Nov 20 • Fri

1-6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Blood Drive
5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • Fish Dinner

Nov 23 • Mon

Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Mobile Food Truck
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg

Nov 28 • Sat

Non-2pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec 3 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg

Dec 5 • Sat

🏠 Seniors Holiday Luncheon

Dec 6 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall • Bird Count Warmup

Dec 8 • Tue

🏠 Both Fire Halls • Fire District Commissioner Election

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 🏠 607.273.2950
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