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DANBY AREA NEWS

Spiders!

Submitted by Bill Evans, Danby Community Council

The Danby Community Council is excited to host a pre-Halloween presentation about spiders by Dr. Linda Rayor in Danby's Town Hall on Saturday October 29, 7pm.

Dr. Rayor will give us an overview of the fascinating world of spiders and her research on huge social spiders, along with an introduction to common spiders around Danby.

Dr. Rayor serves on the faculty of Cornell's Entomology Department and has won numerous teaching awards for her courses on Spider Biology, Insect Behavior, and for the Naturalist Outreach Program (which teaches how to do effective scientific outreach). She directs a large K-12 science outreach program that emphasizes backyard biology and natural history in Central New York. In addition, she was one of the founders of /Insectapalooza/ at Cornell—the incredible annual kid-friendly insect show (coming up soon, Google it to find out more).

Treats will be served and kids are welcome to come in their Halloween costumes. In preparation for Dr. Rayor's presentation,

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Fire Prevention Week and Open House

Submitted by Sharon Gaden

The Fire House is Open at Danby's Fire Station on October 16! Take part in Fire Prevention Week! The Chicken BBQ will be ready to go at Noon (proceeds benefit the Fire Company), so be sure to arrive before it's gone.

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FIRE IN THE HOLE!

It's time for Harvest Fest.

Danby's Harvest Festival is, foremost, an annual celebration of our rural character, charm, roots, and community. Come gather outdoors with your fellow Danby dwellers in the fall majesty of Dotson Park. Our fourth year of homegrown revelry takes place on Sunday, October 16, 2-5pm.

We're expecting some special guests this year. Avian guests. The Cornell Raptor program will be on site from 3-4 pm. Converse with the friendly and knowledgeable student volunteers while they introduce you to some glorious birds of prey—including falcons, owls, and, perhaps a kestrel or an eagle. In Danby, we're fortunate to see and to hear many of these magnificent birds as we go about our daily activities. But not up close and personal like this.

Danby's new Youth Program Manager Jack Davison will be on deck to lead the fun and games with the kids. He's excited to meet as many Danby young'uns and families as possible. Let's give Jack a warm welcome, and tell him

about all the fun stuff you want to see happening for kids in your home town.

We'll have a bonfire for ambiance. And for warmth, if temperatures take a dive! Roast a hot dog[©], an apple, or make s'mores[©] while enjoying the company of friends and neighbors. Enjoy a cup of our favored, fall beverage, local cider—refreshingly cold or mulled, spicy, and warm. Last year, we were tickled that several home-baked treats were brought to share. If you are feeling inspired by the fall bounty, the fresh, crisp, fall air does create willing appetites.

Our trusty community trebuchet is receiving its annual tune-up to ensure it is in top form for flinging pumpkins, squashes and any other basketball-sized

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Submitted by Ted Crane

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Guidelines and the Submission Guidelines at the same web location.

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 Planning

The Town Board has begun its 2017 budget planning process by considering a local law to override the NYS Tax Cap. As was the case last year, this is not a step taken lightly. Crafting a municipal budget is one of the most important jobs of any town board. Town Clerks have a role in passing local laws: formatting the law itself, sending the law for review to the Town Attorney, informing neighboring Towns, posting legal notice,

and the filing with the State Department once a law is passed. All of these steps are required and important, if a law is to be passed legally.

By the way, passing an "override" law does not compel the Town to go over the tax cap, but provides the option if it becomes necessary. Our Bookkeeper is actively researching ways that we can stay at or under the tax cap set by New York State.

The Board has scheduled several extra meetings during October, dedicated to budget review and planning. These meet-

ings are set for Mondays, October 17 and 24, at 5:30pm in Danby's Town Hall. The regularly scheduled meetings on October 10 and 17, at 7pm, will still take place.

In September, all departments complete budget sheets, reviewing what is needed for next year and what can be reduced, based on the experience of expenses during the previous three years. For example, items in the Town Clerk's Office portion of the budget include expenses and income related to public information in the form of legal ads, web site and Email maintenance, and other information technology. There are also budget lines for the expenses and income related to dog control, tax collection, and other fines and licensing. And there are the budget lines related to standard office equipment needs and staff salary costs.

By reviewing past years, we are able to see where we can prudently cut. Some costs, related to ongoing contracts and services required by law, are out of our control. Most budget lines have remained stable over the past few years.

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, most likely, for the Town Board meeting on

November 14. 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.

In order to be as accessible as possible, the Town Clerk's office is open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. We are also open Saturdays, 10am-Noon. As always, we are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. And yes, there's still chocolate in the bowl on the counter.

Questions? You can contact me at 607.277.4788 or [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org].

Fun Day Thank Yous

Submitted by the Danby Fun Day Committee

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company gratefully acknowledges the following individuals and businesses that contributed to our annual Danby Fun Day fundraiser and thanks you for your support: Tompkins County Tourism; Virginia Freedman; Linda Hansen; Erin Oates; Bill Oates; Jackson Oates; Chris Baker; Casey Nash; Eva Voiht; Leslie Connors; Jonathan Zisk; all the wonderful bakers near and far who donated to the Cake Wheel; Gay Huddle; Garry Huddle; Maddi Huddle; Jeff Huddle; Kasey Spada; Ky Spada; Connie Sczepanski; John & Margie VanDeMark; Heidi McNeil; Courtney McNeil; Danny McNeil; Tammy Knight; Ursula Hilsdorf; Tina Hilsdorf; Sue McLellan; Jan Pfleiderer; Kim, Susannah, and Russ Nitchman; Ken VanEtten; Jeffrey England; Geoff Dunn; Danby Community Church; Danby Community Council; Danby Community Youth; Travis Judd; Gnomon Copy, Ed Enstine; Danby American Legion; E&V Energy; Bangs; Route 96 Power & Paddle; Finishline Automotive; Papa Johns; Paleontological Research Institution & Cayuga Nature Center; Maguires; ABC Carpet; Sciencenter; The Ithaca Ale House; Grassroots; Sherwin-Williams; Eastern Mountain Sports; Cost Cutters; Grants Plants; Highland Kennel Farm; Dolce Delight; Autozone; Mikey David's; Willcox Tire; Wings Over Ithaca; State Farm Lee Newhart; Italian Carry Out; Kevin & Lea Faehndrich; Tenwood Lodge; Ithaca American Legion Post #221; Hangar Theatre; Bout Time Bed and Breakfast; Linda Wyatt Photography; Sarah Wyatt; Pauline Helfenstein; Danny McNeil; Virginia Freedman; Hollybrook Golf Course; Hair-It-Is; Perfectly Posh; La Tourelle and August Moon Spa; Sahara Restaurant; Transformations; Cobbler's Cottage; Rogan's Corner; and Gene's Barber Stylist. Thank you!

P.S. please watch for changes coming to Danby Fun Day 2017!

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislature

A constituent wrote to me recently and said, "I get nothing for my taxes except for snow plowing of the streets." We had an interesting Email exchange, and I thought I would write about this subject this month, given that it is budget season for local governments.

Our property taxes pay for County and Town government services, the school district, fire protection, and for some people, water and street lighting. I am only going to write about County taxes, which make up roughly 1/3 of your total tax bill.

Our taxes do pay for snow plowing of roads. They also pay for mental health services in the County. This constituent commented that he is paying for services he does not receive. I do not receive mental health services either. The reason we all pay for mental health services can be stated either philosophically or economically. The philosophical reason is that we all have an obligation to take care of the most vulnerable people in our society. The economic reason is that without mental health services, a certain number of people will act in ways that are costly to society. I think of publicly-funded mental health services as a kind of insurance.

We provided mental health services to 1,177 individuals last year.

Similarly, our taxes pay for the Health Department. The Health Department provides multiple services including combatting communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, monitoring rabies activity in the County, working on the problem of lead in drinking water in our schools, and providing tools for children with developmental disabilities to enable them to become higher functioning members of society. I believe that if the government did not take on these functions, everyone's quality of life in Tompkins County would be lower.

Our taxes pay for public libraries. They help support the airport. They pay for our Sheriff's Department to try to keep us all safer. They help with our public bus system so that people without cars have some options about how to get to work. They pay for some youth services, business recruitment and expansion, and workforce development, all of which are important for our collective future.

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VERIZON CELL TOWER BALLOON TEST

Submitted by C.J.Randall, Danby Planner

Verizon Wireless proposes to construct a telecommunications facility consisting of a 109-foot monopole tower with an additional 1-foot lightning rod, a 12x22 equipment platform, and other associated site improvements on property owned by the American Legion Post, 1231 Danby Road. During the week of October 3, representatives from Verizon Wireless will be conducting balloon tests for this proposed wireless telecommunications tower.

Three balloons will be flown from the site in order to gauge the visual impact of the tower. The middle balloon will be set at the height of the tower (110'), and the other two balloons will be flown at 90' and 130'. Verizon's consulting engineers will photograph the appearance of the balloons from various locations in the town. These locations are listed on the last page of the Full Environmental Assessment Form submitted to the Planning Board, which can be found on the Code Enforcement page of Danby's web site, [townofdanbyny. org].

The Danby Planning Board will review the results of the balloon test during its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 20, 7pm. A Public Hearing on the project will be held at a future date. Public notice of this hearing will be provided, and all interested parties may provide the Planning Board with comments in person or in writing.

In the interim, please direct any questions or concerns about the process or this application to C.J. Randall, Town Planner, at 607.277.0799 or [cjrandall@townofdanbyny.org].

Harvest Festival, cont'd from front page—

projectiles you might dare to launch with Commander Tom Janda and his crew. It's not every day you get to holler, "Fire in the hole!" and lob moldering produce in the general direction of the Town of Caroline. Shhh, don't tell Caroline!

We'll have our hand-powered tool station as usual, stamp carving, and we've got plans for a few more surprises. So, mark the date, and be ready with a chair, a jacket, and your token for the trebuchet. Let the wild, Danby rumpus begin!

②−Vegan and gluten-free options available, of course.

FIRE DISTRICT REMINDERS

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

- 1.It is again the time of the year to prepare your heating system for winter and increased safety. Prevent chimney fires by removing built-up creosote through cleaning; clean chimneys don't catch fire.
- 2. Test your smoke alarms and replace their batteries. Replace the alarm if it does not operate.
- 3. Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms should be checked. New York State Law requires that every dwelling, condominium, cooperative and each unit of a multiple dwelling shall have an operable CO detector. Additionally, contractors must install a CO alarm when replacing a hot water tank or furnace if the home is not already equipped with an alarm.
- 4. While you are at it, service or replace or install fire extinguishers. See the March 2016 / Danby Area News/ for details.
- 5. Clear brush and trash away from the areas around your home. This allows emergency personnel to easily access your home and may protect the buildings from spreading brush fires. As you know, the dry conditions most of us are experiencing makes brush, grass, and trash fires more likely and very quick to spread.
- 6. Keep your interior hallways and stairs free from clutter. Firefighters can be hindered as they must crawl low to the floor in smoke- and dust-filled areas, so anything that slows them slows their response and endangers the occupants and the firefighter as well.
- 7. Never leave candles unattended, whether in pumpkins, at the holiday table, or on a mantelpiece etc. \$

GARDEN CONCERT WAS DREAMY

Submitted by Alison Christie, West Danby Community Association

It was a dazzling, breezy afternoon in West Danby, for a superb concert in the warm company of friends and neighbors.

Many thanks to Wayne Myers and Donna for hosting us in such a spectacular setting. We appreciate The Drain Brain for their assistance with our "necessary house."

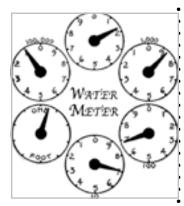
This concert was made possible with grant support by New York Council on the Arts, administered by the Community Arts Partnership. Thanks to the West Danby Community Association for arranging the event.

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

A big "Thank You" to all the West Danby residents who responded to the District's need to find a 100,000 gallon a day water leak.

On September 19, we finally did find a surfacing water place on Hillview Road that had chlorine in it so we know we found a leak and hopefully it will turn out to be the leak that takes us back to normal consumption. There was five days of looking and a call to New York Leak Detect to help us but we finally found a big one.



Once located, Carl Seamon contacted Minteer Construction to come out and excavate the site and repair the leak. They will have been out on September 20 and hopefully we will be back to normal consumption levels after that.

Thanks again to all our neighbors who recognized the concern and acted as eyes to find the leak.

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All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

WDFC Annual Fall Craft Show

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

The pickers will be playing on Saturday, October 15! Coffee, donuts, cider, and Chicken BBQ will be for sale in the kitchen. The craft show will be 10am-2pm, with the live music from 11am-1pm. Proceeds to benefit the West Danby Fire Company.

Set up will begin at 8am. The fee for one spot is \$10. One table and 2 chairs are provided for each spot. If you would like a chicken dinner, just stop by the kitchen after you have arrived in the morning and buy a dinner ticket, that way if you are busy and can't get there when it is ready, they will save you one. Table space is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Any questions, or if you want a signup form, please don't hesitate to contact me, [marrell1@aol.com] or 607.564.0020.

BOOK CLUB MEETS AGAIN

Submitted by Janice Beal

The October meeting of the Danby Book Club will be on Sunday, October 23 at 4pm. Dave has invited us all to his home at 371 East Miller Road.

We'll be discussing "A House in the Sky" by Amanda Lindhout. New members are always welcome! If you have any questions please call me at 607.279.1480.

YOUTH GRANTS

Submitted by Susan Franklin, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

Do you have a child going to camp or participating in another program during the next few months? Financial assistance is available for Danby youth up to age 21, in the form of grants of up to \$100 per youth per year.

Grants are awarded quarterly for lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is December 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in January thru March.

Funding is provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby. Families who qualify for free or reducedprice lunch are especially encouraged to apply.

For more information and applications please contact [youthgrants@danbycc.org]. You can also find applications on the Town Hall bulletin board.

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!

Community Council Events

Young Naturalists: Saturday, October 15, Noon, see article.

Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 16, see article.

Spiders: Saturday, October 29, see article.

At the DFC

Hymn Sing to Benefit Second Wind Cottages: Friday, October 14, 2016, 7-9pm. Reception to follow.

Second Wind Cottages is a project to build cottages for homeless men in the area. In 2012, Carmen Guidi donated land in Newfield to house six men for the winter. There are now 9 cottages. Visit [secondwindcottages.org/].

Second Wind is supported by the faith-based, non-profit Community Faith Partners as well as over 100 businesses, individuals and organizations.

Election Night Pork Dinner: November 8, 5pm

Red Cross Blood Drive: November 11, 1-6pm

Holiday Craft Fair: November 12, 9am-2:30pm

Doug's Fish Fry Truck: November 21, 11am-6pm

Community Thanksgiving Dinner: November 26, Noon

Operation Christmas Child: Collection Week November 14-21

The Great Room at Slow Lane

Contra Dancing: Fridays, 8pm. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, dances taught. Info: 607.273.8678.

Old-Time Square Dance: Friday, October 14, 8pm. Music by Mad Goat. All welcome!

Scandinavian Dancing: Sunday October 9, 2pm, music by Stefan Ohlstrom; dances taught!

Traditional Irish Music: Thursday, October 13, 7:30pm, House Concert with 4-time All-Ireland fiddle champion Dylan Foley and accordionist Dan Gurney. Followed by a Session for all! Please call 607.273.8678.

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Senior's will be Thursday, October 6 at Noon in the Danby Community Church (note the time change to "winter" hour).

It's not a church group—all seniors 55 and over are invited to join us for a dish to share supper. Thank you Dawn and George Parks for hosting our September meeting, assisted by Mary Oltz. Four nice large Mum plants went home with winners as raffle prizes.

⇒ Legislature, continued from page 4—

Our taxes pay for various environmental initiatives. We all need to do our part to address the issues of climate change and pollution. And we also need to invest money in more immediate environmental concerns such as flooding.

There are many more services and functions our taxes pay for than I can write about here. The above are just some of the more visible ones.

I don't love paying taxes. I don't like the pressure they can put on some low-income segments of our population. I understand why paying for services you don't use personally can be frustrating. But I think of taxes as the price for civilization, and a major contributor to our high quality of life in Tompkins County.

I think about all of these issues as I decide what I think should and shouldn't be in the budget. I don't mean to preach to you in this column, I just wanted to share how I think about taxes and the budget.

The current proposed County budget contains a tax increase of \$16 for the average homeowner in Tompkins County.

On Wednesday October 5, 7pm, there will be a public budget forum in the County Legislature chambers (you should double check the date and time if you plan to attend). This is one of a number of opportunities you have to make comments to the legislature about what you feel your taxes should or shouldn't be spent on.

You are also always welcome to contact me directly with your thoughts and questions.

As always, feel free to contact me, 607.272.7582 or [danbydan@hotmail.com] if you have questions or comments.

AMERICAN LEGION POST UPDATE

Submitted by Marv English

Well, we are starting off our Dinner for the fall and winter season here at the American Legion.

On October 1, we will have our first Steak Dinner of the season. Steak cooked to order, topped with sauteed mushroom or onions, a choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, the salad bar, a dinner roll, and homemade desserts. Only \$12.

On October 15, we will be having an OctoberFest Party. Starting at 3pm, we'll offer German Comfort food (Brats, etc.), a Bake Sale, Raffles, and other prizes.

On October 21, the Fish Dinner (broiled or fried).

Choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, the salad bar, a dinner roll, and homemade desserts. Only \$12.

Look for a Halloween Party on the 29th with a D.J. and snacks.

If you are looking for a room for any function/ event stop on down to 1231 Danby Road, The Ithaca American Legion. We have both large and small rooms available. We can accommodate parties up to 125 people but also as small as 15 to 20.

Know someone who is looking to make a little extra cash, we are in need of a part-time bartender. Have them stop in and fill out an application (E.O.E.).

For more information you can call 607.272-1129.

SOUTHERN TOMPKINS TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Columnist

Please remember to send your stories to me for the Southern Tompkins Town Talk column that appears weekly in the Ithaca Journal.

Perhaps you would like to share some good news about graduations, marriages, new babies, or special events happening in Danby and West Danby neighborhoods, as well as Newfield, Brooktondale, and upper South Hill. Pictures (in JPEG format) are always welcome.

Please contact me at [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or 607.273.6530.



Danby Community Library

Submitted by Patti Meyers

We have new Picture Books! Panda Pants, When Spring Comes, They All Saw a Cat, My Garden, Goodbye Summer; Hello Autumn, Ada Twist, Scientist, The Storybook Knight, Where oh Where is Rosie's Chick?. We also have a nice collection from Tompkins Library including ABC books and books about school, apples and Autumn.

We have the newest: *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* in play format and *Killing the Rising Sun* by Bill O'Reilly.

While there is no 2016 Tompkins County Community Read this year, the Multicultural Resource Center has picked The New Jim Crow by Michele Alexander. There will be community events and a film series related to this book. Come in and check it out or go to [multiculturalresourcecenter.org/bookread/].

Always remember that you can use our check system when checking out materials if a volunteer is not available. Detailed instructions are on the desk. Please make sure you are a registered Danby Community Library patron. You can sign up for a card—instructions are on the desk, too!

Giant Orb Weaver—photo by Bill Evans →

Spiders, continued from front page—

we invite all Danby residents to take photos of spiders in their house or neighborhood and Email them to me, [wevans@danbycc.org]. I'll print out the pictures and have them on display at Town Hall the night of Dr. Rayor's presentation.

DOTSON PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Julie Clougherty, Danby Community Park Association

Think back to your childhood for a moment and try to remember your favorite places to play. Was it in the woods, climbing trees, balancing on logs, playing tag, or hide and seek? Were you lucky enough to have a cave or a creek to play in? Did you climb on big rocks and hop from one to the next, trying not to fall into the hotlava/endless space, etc. below? Did you play in piles of leaves in the fall and in piles of snow in the winter? So many of the best childhood memories involve playing outside, in natural spaces, free to imagine and roam at will.

Here in Danby, a group of people is working to provide kids with a special place to play that's unlike any other playground in town. If you haven't heard, a natural playground in Dotson Park is in the works. There's a perfect spot just inside the park, on the left of the entrance road, that's already been picked out for the playscape. It's got a bit of a slope on one side, a grove of gorgeous trees at each end, and it's bordered by a row of shrubs with excellent potential for some hide and seek spots.

There's already some money in the budget, a fantastic design sketched out, and enthusiastic people are putting it all together right now. Stay tuned for more information on implementing Phase 1—we'll be looking for volunteers and maybe some materials. We're look forward to making Danby even more special for all of us with this exciting project!

CODDINGTON FALL FESTIVAL

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Submitted by Heather Mount

Coddington Road Community Center, at 920 Coddington Road, is pleased to present its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 22, 2016, Noon-4pm.

This year's festival will include midway games, music, face painting, balloon animals and lots of other fun activities for kids of all ages.

We will once again be featuring our amazing community raffle--with items from many local merchants—and a Chicken BBQ. Pre-sale raffle and BBQ tickets can be purchased at the community center.

For more information about Coddington Road Community Center programming, visit [coddingtonroad.org] or call at 607.277.1434.

Community Council Autumn Youth Programs

Danby welcomes its new Rural Youth Educator Jack Davison! Though Travis will be missed by many, Jack is excited to continue Travis success with well-known programs...and to add new programs with a focus in creative construction, outdoor education, and theatre!

Jack is a graduate of TC3, where he studied Outdoor Recreation and Leadership. He has worked as a swim instructor, snowboard Instructor, youth wrestling and soccer coach, and as Program Manager for Rural Youth Services in Caroline. He intends to bring art, photography, music, and theater programs to the Danby area, as these subject areas are his lifelong passions. Please be on the lookout for Program Fliers coming home from school with your youth.

Jack will be at the Harvest Festival on October 16, so come say hello!

Program information can be found below, in Danby's Town Hall, in flyers given out in schools, and on the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County web site

DCC Presents: Young Naturalist Talks

Come to Danby's Town Hall on Saturday, October 15 at Noon, for an exciting natural history event just for kids and their adults.

We're inviting speakers from Cornell's Naturalist Outreach program to Danby to talk about the natural history, ecology, and behavior of animals and plants.

These lively, well-grounded, and age-appropriate, science-inquiry based presentations will open the world of backyard biology to our young people and enrichscience learning at school. Topics may include reptiles and amphibians, ants, camouflage and mimicry in insects, and more! To register and find out about October's topic, contact Alison at [achristie@danbycc.org]. Talks will last no longer than one hour including snack.

Find us on Facebook! To stay up to date on Danby happenings, search out the Danby Community Council page on Facebook. There's a West Danby Community Page page as well! Please stop by and "like" our page and invite your Danby neighbors and other friends to do so as well. It's great to foster connections and information sharing in our rural community.



[ccetompkins.org/4-h-youth/rural-youth-services]. If you have any questions about the new programs or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jack at [jsd253@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292. X222.

Rethink... Repurpose

Mondays, October 3-November 14 (except 10/12), 4:30pm-6pm

Danby Community Church

One person's trash is another person's treasure! In this program we will take materials and items that have been thrown away or recycled and give them a new purpose, learning how to make the most of what we already have, and conserve our resources by being creative!

Lunch Bunch

Boynton Middle School

We don't bite! Come hang with us for lunch Tuesdays during your lunch period.

Wizarding Wednesdays

Wednesdays, October5-26, 3:30-6pm Danby Community Church

From Diagon Alley to Hogwarts, there is much to prepare for, leading up to the "Wizarding Weekend" (October 27-30)! Brooms must be enchanted, House Dormitories decorated, Uniforms patched and Butterbeer prepared! And don't forget Quidditch practice!

Primitive Pursuits

Fridays, October 7-December 16 (except 11/11, 11/25), 3:30-5:30pm

43 Hornbrook Road

Come enjoy the brilliant colors of fall--while learning ancestral living skills such as friction fires, shelter building, native crafts, nature awareness, tracking and more! Participants learn about their local environment through the study of earth living skills and nature awareness.



Postal Patron

Danby Area News: Event Calendar

Oct 1 • Sat

9am (4) Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting 5pm American Legion Post • Steak Dinner

Oct 6 • Thu

Noon Danby Comm. Church • Seniors 7pm Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg

Oct 10 • 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 11 • Tue

7pm Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Oct 14 • Fri

7pm 🛍 Danby Community Church Hymn Sing To Benefit Second Wind Cottages

Oct 15 • Sat

10am West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fall Craft Show 3pm American Legion Post • Oktoberfest

Oct 16 • Sun

11am Danby Fire Hall • Open House & Chicken BBQ 2pm 🕰 Dotson Park

Harvest Festival

Oct 17 • Mon

5:30pm Town Hall • Town Board Budget Meeting 7pm Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Oct 18 • Tue

7pm 🔁 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting Public Hearing: 2017 Fire District Budget

Oct 20 • Thu

3-6pm Danby Comm. Church • Food Pantry 7pm 🕰 Town Hall

Planning Board Meeting

7:30pm 🛍 Danby Fire Hall (tentative)

Community Park Association Meeting

Oct 21 • Sat

5pm American Legion Post • Fish Dinner

Oct 23 • Sun

4pm 🚑 371 East Millers Road • Book Club

Oct 24 • Mon

Noon-1pm A Danby Community Church

Mobile Food Truck

5:30pm Town Hall • Town Board Budget Meeting 7pm Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg

Oct 20 • Thu

7pm Town Hall • Board of Zoning Appeals

Oct 29 • Sat

7pm American Legion Post • Halloween Party 7pm 🔁 Town Hall • Spiders!

Nov 3 • Thu

Noon Danby Comm. Church • Seniors 7pm Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg

Nov 5 • Sat

9am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Jul 8, 2017 • 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 Danby Community Church Mondays and Thursdays, 9am.

AA Meeting Danby Community Church Wednesdays, 7pm.

Danby Quilters Group ☎ 607.273.2950 Call for Info.

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 Community Church 1859 Danby Road
- American Legion Post 221 1231 Danby Road