

DANBY AREA NEWS

PUPPET THEATER AND PUPPET-MAKING WORKSHOP

On Saturday, November 18, 2pm, in Danby's Town Hall, Lily Silly brings Aunt Irene's Variety Show to Danby. Step into the magical world of puppetry!

This fun for all ages performance is followed by a backstage tour of the magic of puppetry. Then join us for a puppet-crafting session where everyone gets to make their own creation. Families have the chance to create their own puppet ensemble for endless silliness at home!

Aunt Irene's show is filled with music and fantastic variety acts. See a singing sloth, the mysterious Linked Lizard, Rosita the flamenco dancer, and Wanda the Wizard. Things seem to go awry as a needy witch casts spells to compete with acts and musical numbers. Live music by classically trained guitarist Isaac Sharp. Songs in a variety of languages.

Please arrive early! The show is only thirty minutes long and you don't want to miss a moment. Refreshments served. Free and open to the public. This event is presented by the Danby Community Council with support from the United Way and the Town of Danby. ❀



COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONCERT: MIDDLE EASTERN MUSIC



Come hear the mesmerizing and spirited sounds of Turkish and Middle Eastern music and more! Sunday, November 12, 3pm, in Town Hall. Dara Anissi plays the oud and guitar. Nikolai Ruskin provides the percussion.

There's a rumor of special refreshments for this event: Turkish Treats prepared by our Youth Program participants with the help of Melis Schildkraut and her family!

Free and open to the public. The concert series is presented by the Danby Community Council with grant support from the **COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP** of Tompkins County and the

Town of Danby...and helped along by your contributions to the non-profit Community Council.

[December 3, 2-4pm: a tour of the solar system, amazing photos from Cornell's Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility presented by a real, live scientist!]

[December 10, 3-5pm: an afternoon of lovely jazz in Danby, with with Jim Scarpulla, keyboards, Doug Robinson, guitar, and Harry Aceto, acoustic bass.] ❀

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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 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* 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

Gratitude

November is the month to prepare for the end of year financial tasks; in the Clerk's office, that means getting ready for property tax collection in January. It is also the time to reflect on reasons for gratitude.

I am enjoying Autumn's abundance. The warmth of September and October, extending summer and the growing season, has been a gift. I finally pulled out the last of the basil on October 16 and we enjoyed homegrown tomatoes longer than expected. Abundance is noted at Town Hall as well. Dog license renewals seem to be more prompt. Building permit revenue is up, reflecting home improvements as well as new construction. And, we've issued more marriage licenses as of October 15, 2017 than we had in the entire year of 2016.



Work between departments and boards is moving smoothly. I have gratitude for the staff camaraderie and support experienced at Town Hall.

Our mutual support has resulted in passing several zoning amendments that update and clarify Danby's well-established (but sometimes cumbersome) Zoning Code. Subdivision, land division, and environmental review sections are now up to date and more straightforward. Old, defunct "Planned Development Zones" have been returned to the appropriate zoning level for their neighborhoods. Clean energy concerns have been strengthened through Danby's certification as a "Clean Energy Community" and a Solar Zoning Law regulates utility-scale installations while maintaining support for small home scale systems.

I have special gratitude for personal and professional support from my Town Clerk's office team and from the Danby community. Sue McLellan and Mary Ann Barr are key to the smooth operations of the Town Clerk's office. Their attention to detail means that we maintain proper and efficient procedures and can access documents and information you need.

Putting one's self in the public eye can be a difficult and vulnerable thing to do in these challenging times. It can be tempting to retreat into a "quiet life." My connections with you, the members of my community, encourage me to keep serving, as best I can. I thank you.

Food Scrap Recycling

Beginning the end of September, a food scrap recycling drop spot has been open every Saturday, 9am-Noon, behind Danby's Town Hall on NYS Rt.96B. The first month has been quite successful, and drop offs should be even more abundant as cold weather makes home recycling in our backyards more difficult and holiday meals create more peelings, leftovers, and scraps.

The program accepts all food scraps, including meat, bones, and dairy products, as well as paper towels and napkins. Food scrap recycling offers a clean, comfortable, and convenient way for residents to expand their waste diversion options while reducing disposal costs. The drop off shed will be open every Saturday, year 'around. This may be just the thing through the winter for those who want their food scraps composted. Residents can pick up a free countertop caddy, transport container, and compostable liners at the TCRMM office, 122 Commercial Avenue in Ithaca or at the Danby Drop Spot.

Additional recycling and waste management information is available at Town Hall and the Clerk's Office. You can pickup curbside recycling guidelines, recycle stickers, and other information during regular business hours.

As a reminder, the Town Clerk's office is open and accessible 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Through the Autumn and Winter, our office is open on Saturdays 10am-Noon. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. And, as always, the chocolate bowl is full. That is the least I can do to show my gratitude.

You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788, and by Email, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org].

DANBY BOOK CLUB

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club meets on the third or fourth Sunday of each month, 4pm, at one of our homes.

We read mostly non-fiction and are very focused on discussing the book. Refreshments are served.

Please join us! New members are always welcome. Questions? Contact me, 607.279.1480 or [beal.janice.e@gmail.com].

BOARD VACANCIES

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

The Town Board of the Town of Danby invites residents to apply now for volunteer municipal boards seats starting January 2018. Your involvement is welcome and needed.

Each year, one seat opens on the Planning Board and another on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Planning Board has a seven-year term, while the BZA has a five-year term. The Planning Board meets monthly, on the third Thursday, to review subdivision and development applications, and to review and revise the Town Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets as needed, usually on the fourth Tuesday of each month, to hear and decide variance requests related to the Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance are available on the Code/Planning page of the Danby web site and in the Town Clerk's office.

There are several open seats on the Conservation Advisory Council. CAC seats "roll over" every two years. The CAC advises the Board in the development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources. The full charge of the CAC, including recommendations to the Town Board for Conservation Easements on property in Danby, keeping an open space inventory, and drafting management plans for Town of Danby Property, is available in the Town Clerk's office.

The West Danby Water Commissioners, who tend the rural water system in West Danby, have at least one and possibly two vacancies. Contact the Town Clerk or Tod Sukontarak for more information.

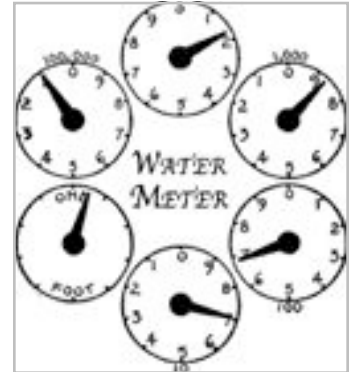
An appointment application is available through the Town Clerk's office. This simple form includes contact information for the applicant and three simple questions: any experience (professional, educational, etc.) that would assist in the position, a brief description of why you would like to be considered, and what you would hope to accomplish in this position.

If interested, or for more information on these positions, contact Town Clerk Pamela Goddard at townclerk@townofdanbyny.org or 607.277.4788. ❁

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

Our three-year-old water storage tank had its first inspection and cleaning during the first week of October. The recommended schedule for tank cleaning per specification from the manufacturer, Aquastore, is three to five years. The Commissioners discussed the schedule and decided that for the first inspection we wanted to do it on the early side of the recommendation to give us an idea of how to schedule future inspection/cleanings. Our tank is in excellent shape. There was less than one inch of sediment on the bottom, the seams all look good, and the cathodic protection is working. Given this, we plan to schedule the next session five years out.



We now have a bid from JD Ferro to repair the roof on the pump house and we are on its schedule. They do their roofing work in the order that customers get onto their list. I am hoping that we will have warm weather long enough for them to do our roof this autumn. If not, we will have it done in the early part of roofing season next year.

After consulting with engineers at T.G. Miller concerning potential effects of the proposed pocket neighborhood development on Brown Road, the commissioners requested that the builders and Town planners consider a distribution loop be part of the construction plans. The benefit of loops in the system is that they provide the ability to isolate water distribution issues by shutting valves on each side, thus reducing the number of affected residences when there are problems. They also allow for flow from different directions should there be flow issues in a system.

Because of the way the residences served by our system are located, our distribution is piped with dead ends at every terminus. The Brown Road Project is the first real opportunity to pipe a loop in the system. That would be a 3" line running from the flushing hydrant on Short Road, west to the main line on the west side of Route 34/96.

Our next district meeting is Wednesday, November 8, 5pm, in the West Danby Fire Station. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

No complaints from me about the weather we are experiencing this third week in October. It is just fine.

So, how is the Town doing? Where are your tax dollars going, and for what? I watch the leaves blow, wondering if our residents feel the leaves look like their tax dollars at work. Big questions for the Town Board as we work through the final stages of the 2018 budget.

There is nothing I can do about other taxes, like Federal, State, County, School, Fire, or Sales taxes, but we do have some control over our local Town tax.

We have the advantage of ready access to years of past budgets and the relationship between the legislated and the actual expenses. The Town's staff can get vital information that allows them to see trends.

During election years, much is said about elected officials and their positions, ideas, and goals. It's all well and good, but those are largely just words. The practical work—real work—is done by staff. Those are the go-to people, the ones charged with making all the ideas and goals happen.

Without high quality staff that have intimate knowledge of the complexities of rural government, the laws

that govern it, and the networking needed to move projects forward...not much would get done.

Continuity of thinking, a team pulling the projects forward, enabled us to expand broadband, rebuild the Water District's Storage Tank, build a solar array to power all our municipal buildings, and work with the Highway Department to create a comprehensive storm water plan for the future.

Goals are important. Things take time: six years for broadband, three years for water district, five years for solar array.

I would like to acknowledge the Town of Danby staff as simply the best there is. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented team.

Which is my segue to the budget. Without our staff, I would not be able to say, "This year we are not going to raise your taxes."

A budget with zero percent increase was recently approved to go to the Public Hearing on November 6, 7:30pm, in Town Hall, where this 2018 budget will be presented to the public. If you'd like a copy in advance, please contact the Town Clerk.

If this helps you, the staff is pleased to be doing an excellent job of making sure our tax dollars are not just leaves blowing in the wind.

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

PANCAKE BKFST SEASON IN SIGHT

Submitted by the Breakfast Committee

As the sun's path sinks daily toward the winter horizon, there's a light at the end of the tunnel...and that light is the cooks preparing for the 2018 season of Pancake Breakfasts at the Fire Stations.

Breakfasts are coming back! At the Danby Volunteer Fire Company, 1780 Danby Road (NYS Rt.96B), the stacks are ready. Pancakes, french toast, sausage, home fries, and—wait for it—eggs made to order. Yesssss!



Come chat with friends and family and let us wait on you. All breakfasts are 8-11am on Sundays: December 10, January 14, February 11, and March 4. ❁

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FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION DINNER

It's time to show our appreciation for the dedicated women and men in our community who volunteer with our Fire companies. The West Danby Community Association is offering a Firefighters Appreciation Dinner and Concert on Saturday, November 4, 5pm, in the First Baptist Church of West Danby. Let's all be there!

We will gather for some soul-satisfying chili with homemade cornbread and salad. We'll have a five-alarm spicy version, a vegan version, and some other milder but meaty versions. Add a dollop of sour cream, a sprinkle of cheddar, and a shake of cilantro to dress it the way you like. We invite you to share your favorite hot sauce to turn up the heat! Plus chips, guacamole, and salsa too. We'll end on a sweet note with scrumptious desserts from our West Danby bakers.

The volunteers and their families are invited to enjoy a complimentary meal. It's a small token of gratitude for the gift of their experience, commitment, and time. For others, the dinner is a free will donation. All proceeds will be split between the Danby and West Danby Fire Companies. Come join us for an evening of fun in West Danby.

After dinner, around 6pm, enjoy the upbeat bluegrass music of the Hilltoppers. This five-piece acoustic band includes guitar, mandolin, doghouse bass, banjo, and fiddle. They play the standards and some of your favorite tunes with wonderful vocals and harmonies.

This event is presented by the West Danby Community Association. The concert receives support from the **COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP** of Tompkins County and the Town of Danby.



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:

Concert: Sunday, November 12, 3pm, Town Hall. Turkish and Middle Eastern music with *Dara Anissi and Николай Рускин, Nikolai Ruskin*. Special treats, too.

Puppets: Saturday, November 20, 2pm, Town Hall. *Lily Silly* puppet show and backstage tour. Make a puppet, too!

Tour of the Solar System: December 3, 2pm Town Hall. Photos and more, from the Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility. Hang on to your hats!

Concert: Sunday, December 10, 3pm, Town Hall. Lovely Jazz with *Jim Scarpulla, Doug Robinson, and Harry Aceto*.

Danby Community Church

Election Night Dinner: Tuesday, November 7, 5-7pm. Pork or chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, veggies, dessert and drinks. What a good excuse to vote!

Holiday Craft Fair: Saturday, November 11, 10am-2:30pm. Also silent auction, soup and bread lunch.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, November 17, 1:30-5:30pm. Somewhere, somebody needs yours.

After-Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner: Saturday, November 25, Non. A fantastic feast of flavors and friends.

The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

Scandinavian Dancing: music by Steffan Ohlström and Stephen Ellner. Sunday, October 29, 2pm. Also November, call for info 607.273.8678.

West Danby Community Association

Firefighter Appreciation Dinner and Concert: Saturday, November 4, 5pm, West Danby Fire Station. Many kinds of chili, music by *Hilltoppers*.

OUR NEIGHBORS: DAVID O. BROWN

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

Interviewed on a beautiful October day at a picnic table at Jennings Pond.

David was born in Louisville, Kentucky. “My father brought us up here in the 1960s when he became a professor at Cornell. I graduated from Ithaca High in 1977. I took a year off from college to ride around the country on a motorcycle and decided I really wanted to do film. While at Cornell, I took a summer job working with whales out of Gloucester, Massachusetts to get photo IDs of the tails of the humpbacks. I’ve always loved watching animals. It’s just everything to me. So when my parents and I moved up here [to Ithaca], it was paradise.”

After Cornell, David ended up with the Cousteau Society for seven years, where he photographed the oil spill created by the Exxon Valdez. Then he ran his own company for 10 years. He’s filmed narwhal in the Arctic and searched for the ivory-billed woodpecker in Arkansas. He now works part-time at the Johnson Museum, digitalizing their photo collection, and spends the rest of his time filming.

David’s most important film to date is *Fragile Legacy*, an award-winning 30-minute film narrated by actor Ted Danson. In 2012 in the Johnson Museum, David saw the hand-blown glass marine invertebrate models made by Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka during the late 1800s. He then went to a talk by Drew Harvell, curator of Cornell’s Blaschka collection. David and Drew decided to see if they could find—in today’s waters—as many of the species represented by the glass models as possible. To date they have found many but not all of the 569 species. The film compares the fragility and beauty of the Blaschka glass models to that of the world’s oceans with many underwater scenes of Drew swimming around coral reefs filmed by David.

In 2015, David moved to Danby with his wife Tori, co-owner of /The Pilates Room/ in Ithaca, and their two children. They live in a geothermally heated house on Michigan Hollow Road. “My wife and I looked at the map carefully when we saw the house for sale and saw its positioning with Jennings Pond. We came out and



hiked around, and I said, ‘Okay, I could live here.’ We have five acres that adjoin the Danby State Forest. So no one will ever be able to build next to us so long as it stays a state forest. In 20 years, I’d love for people to be sitting here and seeing what we’re seeing. So I hope that in Danby the land and the water will come first and that the Town will maintain its rural character.

“I’d like to see any growth that happens in Danby be as light on the land as possible and particularly as pertains to the water system. One of the heartbreaking things for me was seeing the wetlands on Meadow Street fill up with Lowe’s, Walmart, and Wegmans. Buttermilk Creek is such a beautiful resource. We’re so extraordinarily fortunate to have that water resource around here, we should never take it for granted.”

David would like to make a film that starts on Jennings Pond. “There’s tremendous interest in both the Great Lakes and the Chesapeake. I’d like to spotlight people who are working for watershed protection in both directions and show the waters uniting all these people in the same cause. The [continental] divide has always been here with the water flowing in two directions. Imagine two people in two different kayaks each having a drink of water. Off you go.”

“We’re so happy to be here,” said David. “I really, really love this place, and I’m growing more and more attached to it every time I open my eyes and look around.”

To learn more about the Blaschkas and the film, visit [fragilelegacy.info]. Some of the Blaschkas are currently on display at the Johnson Museum.

This is what I hope will be the first of many interviews with some of the interesting, talented, and caring people who live in Danby. If you would like to suggest someone to be interviewed, feel free to contact me at [rondaroaring@hotmail.com]. ❧

CHINESE AUCTION THANK YOU!

Submitted by Kim Nitchman

Danby Fun Day had its traditional Chinese Auction (soon to be renamed the "Lucky Draw") with about 140 varied mini-raffles. Prizes included lots of children's toys, crafts, sports items, and things to delight adults: car care certificates, stays at a local inn and a B&B, meals at local restaurants from pizza to steak, wine, whiskey and locally distilled gin, and locally roasted coffee, assorted merchandise, plants, clothing, certificates to attend different types of classes, two different kinds of coupon books, theatre tickets, haircuts.

Some donors' winnings paid for their tickets and recouped their donation by winning several items. A team of two veterans and three new volunteers collaborated to solicit donations of prizes, and organize on the day of the event.

Here's a big Thank You to all 64 donors (businesses, groups, and individuals), including two anonymous donations:

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

Tourism in Tompkins County is big business. First of all, there are more than 2,400 jobs in Tompkins County directly attributable to tourism. That is 5 percent of all the jobs in the county and \$60,000,000 in direct wages. And you can add another 50 percent to all those numbers to account for the indirect benefits of this money, such as construction of tourist facilities, suppliers of food and beverages, and the idea that those employed in tourism spend some of their money locally, supporting other jobs.

Travelers in Tompkins County spend \$200,000,000 a year. They spend it on lodging, food and beverages, retail and services, recreation, and transportation. All this activity generates \$15,000,000 in local taxes. If all that tax money had to be raised by Tompkins County residents, it would mean additional taxes of \$673 per household.

Of that tax revenue, approximately \$2.5 million is from the hotel room tax. Every time someone stays in a hotel in Tompkins County, they pay an extra 5 percent on their bill. That money is collected by the Tompkins

County government and is mostly used for items that try to further increase the amount of tourism in our county. We as residents get the benefit of some of those items without having to pay for them.

The hotel tax money is used for tourism development, arts and culture organizations, festivals and local celebrations, beautification, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and for Tompkins County Area Development (TCAD). In Danby, we get some money each year to help fund Danby Fun Day.

Tourism represents 2.5 percent of the direct economy in Tompkins County, and 4 percent if you take into account the indirect effects. This is something to think about as you notice all the new hotels opening in Ithaca, the bed and breakfast or the Air BnB in your neighborhood, the farm stand down the road, the trails running through our town, the concerts at the State Theater, or the crowds at the Ithaca Festival.

As always, if you have questions or comments, I want to hear them, [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ❁

FALL AND WINTER ARE COMING

Submitted by Edward Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

Here are some reminders from the Danby Fire district about fall and winter.

- When a fire occurs, get out immediately, and never go back into a burning building for any reason. Make and practice a fire escape plan with your family.
- The leading cause of home fires and of fire-related injuries is cooking, especially when cooking is left unattended).
- The leading cause of *fatal* home fires is smoking materials discarded carelessly. More than one-third of the people killed in such fires are not the smokers whose cigarettes started the fire, but their children.
- The second-leading cause of home fires, fire injuries and fire deaths is faulty heating equipment.
- Have your chimney checked and if necessary cleaned. Chimney fires can spread to the rest of the house with tragic results. We discussed these in the Danby News, September 2015
- Install and maintain smoke detectors on every level of your home and both inside and outside of all sleeping areas. Change the batteries on your smoke and CO alarms. If you do not have them, or the ones you have do not operate, get some new ones.
- If you have fire extinguishers, check them as advised in the Danby News, March 2016. If you do not have some, consider buying at least one for the kitchen.
- Clear brush and trash away from your home. Do not provide fuel to fires.
- Keep your interior halls and stairs free of clutter. Firefighters are taught to stay low when searching for victims and sources of fire and must be able to crawl without hindrance.

- Never leave candles unattended.
- Junk old rags, flammables such as wrapping paper, and unused paints and solvents...and anything that can fuel a fire.
- Have good lighting both in and out of home.
- Keep your auto and truck windshields clear. Have a blanket, an ice scraper, a strong working flashlight, spare gloves, and emergency phone numbers in your vehicle. Consider jumper cables and a shovel. Old door mats and kitty litter can help get you unstuck in many spots.
- If you have all weather tires, replace them with winter tires, all weathers are not useful on our hills.
- Many of us have badly clouded headlight covers. Clean them with one of the products for such a purpose. Turtlewax has one for \$8 or try using tooth paste as a home remedy.
- Do not use blowtorches to kill pests. The Tucson FD reported that a man lit his home on fire while trying to kill spiders with a torch. It was a total loss.

You can get a street number sign from the Fire Department. Green, reflective address number signs--and posts to mount them on--are available through the Fire Company. Under a grant, we can offer these at no cost to Danby residents who are senior citizens or who have disabilities; for others \$12/sign, \$5/post. To order a sign, please complete an order form (available at [danbyfiredept.com] or by calling 607.272.8114).

We will also help install a number sign at your request.

The Volunteers of the Danby Fire District wish you and your family safe and joyous holidays. ❧

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.

I cover the neighborhoods of Danby, West Danby, Brooktondale, Newfield, and Upper South Hill. Pictures (in JPEG format) are always welcome.

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

WOMEN'S FICTION

Submitted by Joanne Farbman

The Women's Fiction Book Club of Danby is currently meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. Since it's a pretty new group, this schedule could change.

So, anyone interested in this new group should contact me at 607.280.3069 or [jsfarbman@gmail.com]. We'd love to have you! ❧

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next gathering of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, November 2, Noon, in the Danby Community Church for a dish-to-share luncheon.

We thank our October hosts: Glenn & Jeanne Grossmann, Bill & Judy Cuyle, and Delores Berghorn.

Several seniors enjoyed a great show at the Merry-Go Round Theater on October 10. Big thanks the travel committee, particularly Nancy Weitzel, for putting the trip together!

Our December holiday lunch will be on Thursday, December 7, Noon, in the LaTourelle banquet room. There is an elevator down to the lower level, so no worries. The cost is \$12 each and signups are required; call Margie VanDeMark, 607.273.8046 for more information. ❁



Potato Launcher and Pumpkin Trebuchet at the Harvest Festival

-photo by Julie Clougherty

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman, Post Manager

Well, here we are in November already, soon the leaves will be gone and the snow will be flying. Remember, we will still be having our dinners at the American Legion, 1231 Danby Road. As a reminder, all dinners are open to the public.



Being No- vember, there are several events going on. On Sunday the 5th the annual Veterans Day Parade will be held in Ithaca. It starts at 2pm.

On November 4, 5-7pm, we will have a steak dinner. The menu is steak, cooked to order, with saute'd mushrooms and/or onions, a choice of onion rings, french fries, or baked potato. Salad bar and homemade desserts by the Auxiliary. Cost is still \$12.

On November 17, we will be having a Fish Dinner. Menu is fish either fried or baked, choice of side: french fries,

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

Several of our book sections have been re-arranged to make room for new purchases, thanks to suggestions from our patrons. Explore the changes in our book/author displays for this month.

Large Type selections from TCPL arrived last month and will be available until April 2018.

New books: *Y is for Yesterday* by Sue Grafton, *Journey to Munich* by Jacqueline Winspear. Just arrived DVDs: *Wonder Woman*, *The Lion King*, *Dunkirk*, *The Big Sick*, *My Cousin Rachel*, *Gifted*, *Get Out*, *The Last Word*.

And, finally, we now have two copies of the Community Read, *Blasphemy* by Sherman Alexie.

We are be open Saturdays 10am-Noon and Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30pm. ❁

Librarian on Duty • New Hours
Tuesdays 1-3:30pm
Saturdays 10am-Noon

onion rings, or baked potato, and our salad bar as well as the scrumptious homemade desserts. all for \$12.

As this is the month on November, with Thanksgiving and Veterans Day, we have many things to be thankful for. Try to attend either the parade or one of several other events in the community thanking the veterans for their service.

Veterans Day holds a tender and special meaning here at the American Legion for those veterans who fought--and many lost their lives--so we Americans can enjoy the freedoms that we have. On this day, this month, or anytime you meet a veteran, thank them for their service. Remember Freedom is not Free, many of these veterans lost life and/or limbs fighting for your freedom.

Looking for a spot for that up coming party, reunion or other event, give us a call and see what we can do for you.

Again, all dinners are open to the public. ❁

Community Council Autumn Youth Programs

Hi Danby!

After a hiatus, youth programming is beginning in Danby again! I'm Melis Schildkraut, your new youth program manager. I am so excited to learn more about your community and meet your youth.

This fall, we will be offering three different after-school programs, as well as hosting a weekly lunch bunch at both Boynton Middle School and South Hill Elementary.

All Danby youth, age 9-14, (grade 4-8) are welcome to enroll, no matter where they go to school. I'm looking forward to sharing my own interests in art, cooking, and the creative process with your kids.

If you have any questions, please contact me, [mas759@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x221. More info can be found at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms]. Program brochures and permission slips are available at [ccetompkins.org]. Although programs are beginning in September, there may still be spots available when you receive this newsletter.

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 (but funds for October-December activities may still be available).

Funding is provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby. Families who qualify for free or reduced-price 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. ❧



Primitive Pursuits - Grade 4 and 5

Thursdays, 2:30-5pm

9/28-10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/21

45 Hornbrook Road, behind Dotson Park

A guest instructor from Primitive Pursuits will guide us through various outdoor activities in the park including shelter construction, carving, fire-building, outdoor crafts, and nature awareness activities.

South Hill Lunch Bunch - Grade 4 and 5

Fridays

Join us during lunch for games, snacks, crafts, and bonding with other members of the Danby community.

Boynton Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays

Join us during your lunch period in the Boynton cafeteria for games, snacks, and crafts. We'll join youth from all around Ithaca, as well as youth program managers Beth and Eric. ❧



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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 2 • Thu

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

Nov 4 • Sat

9am 🏛️ Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
5pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
Firefighter Appreciation Dinner and Concert
5-7pm 🏛️ American Legion • Steak Dinner

Nov 5 • Sun

2am 🏛️ Everywhere! • Clocks Fall Back!

Nov 6 • Mon

7:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Public Hearing: Danby's 2018 Budget

Nov 8 • Wed

5pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • WD Water District Mtg

Nov 11 • Sat

10am 🏛️ Danby Comm Church • Holiday Craft Fair

Nov 12 • Sun

3pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Community Council Concert
Middle Eastern Music w/ Dara Anissi & Nikolai Ruskin

Nov 13 • 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

Nov 14 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Nov 16 • Thu

3-6pm 🏛️ Danby Comm. Church • Food Pantry
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting

Nov 17 • Fri

5-7pm 🏛️ American Legion • Fish Dinner

Nov 18 • Sat

2pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Community Council Event
Puppet Show and Backstage Tour

Nov 20 • Mon

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Nov 21 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Nov 21 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Board of Zoning Appeals

Nov 25 • Sat

Noon 🏛️ Danby Comm Church
After-Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov 27 • Mon

Noon-1pm 🏛️ Danby Comm Church • Mobile Food Truck
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg

Nov 28 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Joint Board Scoping Meeting

Dec 2 • Sat

9am 🏛️ Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Dec 3 • Sun

3pm 🏛️ Town Hall • A Tour of the Solar System
Photos and more from Planetary Imaging Facility

Dec 7 • Thu

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

Dec 8 • Fri

5-7pm 🏛️ Danby Comm Church • Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Dec 10 • Sun

3pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Community Council Concert
Jazz w/ Jim Scarpulla, Doug Robinson, Harry Aceto

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Library Open 🏛️ Town Hall
Tuesdays, 1-3:30pm, Saturdays, 10am-Noon,
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