

DANBY AREA NEWS

A CRANKIE AFTERNOON

Submitted by Lily Gershon

WHAT IS A CRANKIE? A crankie is an old storytelling art form. A long illustrated scroll is wound onto two spools, which are loaded into a box with a viewing screen. The scroll is hand-cranked while the story is told, accompanied by song, music or puppetry.

Come see four original crankie creations with live music and puppetry by Edith McCrea, Isaac Sharp, Lily Gershon, Matt Ocone, and Marina Gershon. Danby's Town Hall at 3pm on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

The Ballad of Lady Margaret: A ballad, or story-song, from Francis James Child's collection, that seems to date back to the late 17th or early 18th century. Ballads originated in Europe during the Middle Ages, and some were passed down orally well into the 20th century. Like many ballads, Lady Margaret is a tale of betrayal and tragedy.

The Graphic Score: A short introduction to the 20th century concept of a graphical music score, followed by a performance of *Indentation #3* by Italian post-futurist Luigi Chiavetta—with a crankie version of the score.

Duck Odyssey: On January 10, 1992 a cargo container full of rubber ducks and other plastic toys fell into the Pacific Ocean from a ship...spilling its contents. In the years since, these durable little seafarers have washed up on beaches around the world. This is the story of one such rubber duck and its journey across the sea.

Stories of a Russian Dad: Lily brings to life an interview with her father about his experiences in the Soviet Union in the 1970s.

Join Danby's Community Council in Town Hall for this exciting and unique performance. Free and open to the public. More info: [lilysilly.com/crankies/]. ❀

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Submitted by Alison Christie

IF YOU EARN LESS THAN \$54,000, the Alternatives VITA program can prepare your Federal and State Income tax returns for you. The Community Council has organized two tax prep sessions:

Saturday, February 10, 10am-2 pm, Danby's Town Hall
 Saturday, February 24, 10am-2pm, West Danby Fire Hall
 By appointment only. Call 2-1-1 to schedule an appt.

The Alternatives Free Tax Preparation Program has been offering free tax preparation services since 2003. They have prepared more than 20,000 tax returns for working families and individuals, and returned over \$36.8 million in refunds to our community. It's goal is to help all eligible workers claim the credits they deserve without paying fees, and to help them turn refunds into financial assets.

There are a limited number of appointments, schedule yours today! ❀

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MOBILE FOOD TRUCK

Submitted by Margie Vandemark

FOR TRUCK VISITS by the Mobile Food Pantry (from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier), we have recently decided to use the Fire Station during January, February, and March.

The January 22, February 26, and March 26 will be in the Fire Station. Please use the parking lot and bring your own bags/boxes. We will open the doors at 10:30am and clients may get food at Noon.

On April 23, we will resume using the church parking lot. ❀

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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

Property Tax Collection - An Update

DO THE ACTIONS OF POLICY MAKERS in Washington affect local municipal operations? They certainly did this year, at the turning of the year. Thanks to the “tax reform” passed by Congress, and the limits it will place on allowed state and local tax deductions (starting in 2018), hundreds of property owners scrambled to pre-pay 2018 Town and County property taxes during the 2017 calendar year. 2017 will be the last year that many property owners will be able to deduct the full amount of the state and local income, school, and property taxes.

Tax bills were sent out just before Christmas in order to give people the opportunity to decide whether the pre-pay option was of benefit to them. Normally, the first day for property tax collection is the first business day in the new year; this year, we were ready after Christmas.

To give you an idea of how the timing, the “original warrant” (total amount to be collected for County, Town, and Fire levies) was \$3,779,519. By the end of business on January 12, \$942,606 was already in hand. This much is not usually

collected until around the 25th of January.

About $\frac{2}{3}$ —roughly \$675,000—of that was pre-paid before the end of calendar year 2017, both in person and by mail.

It's worth mentioning that a huge chunk of the total levy is received via escrow services at the end of January. This year, however, many escrow services allowed their customers to pre-pay and get reimbursed.

A rough estimate is that 300 people pre-paid 322 tax bills (some people have more than one bill, for more than one property). At least 172 bills were paid in person during the days we were open between Christmas and New Year. While we didn't have the lines reported by some NY Towns, it was quite a ride. We enjoyed a quiet New Year's weekend after that.

After the big rush, the beginning of January has been a bit slower than usual. 184 bills, worth about \$267,000 have come in, versus 238 bills, worth about \$357,000, that were processed by mid-January last year.

The \$675,000 collected in the last two days of December 2017, was truly extraordinary. And, given the change in tax law, a one-time event.



If, for some reason you have still not received your Town and County property tax bill, please call us immediately. We can print out and send a duplicate bill. Please note that if your taxes are paid by an escrow service, the original bill was sent to the bank or payment service. If there has been a change in your escrow status and the bill should come to you, let us know. Again, we can print out a duplicate copy and send it to you right away.

Remember, Town Clerks are only tax collectors. In fact, we face the same “tax pain” as all of the rest of the property owners in Danby. I'm proud that we were able to be successful in helping as many property owners as possible with pre-payment in December, in an effort to help with allowed deductions. I know that there is little I can do to make winter better, but I can promise that the candy bowl will be filled with chocolate kisses including plenty of dark chocolate. Thanks to the generosity of the “loose change chocolate fund,” there will be plenty for all.

February Hours

During January Tax Collection, the Town Clerk's office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays 10am-5pm, and Saturday mornings, 10am-1pm. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. Starting February 1, we'll revert to the usual 10am-Noon hours on Saturday. Tax collection continues through Monday April 2. You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788 and by Email at [townclerk@townofdanby.ny.org]. ❁

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETINGS DANBY FIRE DISTRICT

Please take notice that the Danby Fire District of the Town of Danby, Tompkins County, New York, will hold its regular meetings on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 P.M. Meetings will be held at the Danby Fire Station, 1780 Danby Road, Town of Danby. All meetings of the Danby Fire District are open to the public.

This notice is being given in accordance with the provisions of Section 104 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

By order of the Danby Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners.

January 9, 2018, Sharon Gaden, Secretary ❁

HISTORY IN FEBRUARY

Submitted by M.A. Barr

WAYMARKS OF HISTORY CAN BE FOUND almost every day, some big and notable, while some are small and seemingly inconsequential. All are interesting to those of us who are intrigued with delving into the past.

The History Center in Tompkins County (a.k.a. the History Center) is a great place to indulge one's interest. Since February is African-American History Month, the following items in the History Center's news letter caught my eye and reminded me, once again, that history's waymarks are right in the middle of our own communities.

"The Webbs--A Tompkins County Family. In honor of our county's bicentennial, the History Center is celebrating one long-established family from Caroline, the Webbs and their descendants, who exemplify the strength, character, and dedication to family and community that highlight the best of Tompkins County.

"Peter and Phyllis Webb were both born into slavery sometime in the 1790s and brought to New York as children. Phyllis (she had no last name) was born in North Carolina. Peter Webb, who was born in Virginia around 1792, was brought here by John James Speed, a slave merchant who settled in Caroline on Level Green Road.

"Through tremendous hard work and perseverance, Peter bought his freedom in 1818; Phyllis would be freed when slavery was abolished in New York State in 1827."

This photographic exhibit tells the moving and enriching story of one family's triumph over extreme hardship and their prosperous and vibrant descendants.

February is African American History Month. Look for events throughout the month sponsored by The History Center in Tompkins County, Greater Ithaca Activities Center and Southside Community Center. Save the Date: Free African-Americans in Pre-1827 Tompkins County. Saturday, February 3, 2-3:30pm. Visit The History Center for this discussion with Tompkins County Historian Carole Kammen. ❁

VOLUNTEERS FIGHT BLAZES

Submitted by Katherine Anderson, Fire Commissioner

MORE THAN 30 DANBY AND WEST DANBY volunteer firefighters were called into action to fight fires over the holidays. Their job was made more challenging by freezing temperatures, snow, and ice. Fortunately, there was no loss of life or serious injury.

On Christmas evening, a fire on Larue Road destroyed a home. The Danby and West Danby Fire Departments received mutual aid in battling the blaze from the firefighters of Brooktondale, Newfield, Candor, Spencer, Slaterville, and Bangs Ambulance.

Another fire at the beginning of the New Year also resulted in the total loss of a home, on the 2000 block of Danby Road. First responders arrived shortly after 9pm and fought the conflagration into the early morning hours. Our volunteers were joined by firefighters from Candor, Brooktondale, Newfield, Enfield, Spencer, Slaterville and Ithaca.

These recent house fires serve as a timely reminder to thank the first responders and others who put their lives at risk to keep us safe and protect our property. From the chiefs on down, all of the Danby Fire District's firefighters and EMS members are volunteers who devote many hours to training and practicing and are on call, day and night, to assist in emergencies.

It's also a good moment to remember these timely fire-safety tips:

- Never leave candles or stoves or ovens unattended
- Check tree lights for safety and unplug them when you are not at home
- Make sure that any additional heating devices are approved for home use and turned off when you leave the house.

For more information on volunteering with the Danby or West Danby Fire Departments, please contact one of the Fire Chiefs:

Danby, John Gaden,
[jgaden@danbyfiredistrict.org]
West Danby, Scott Wendt,
[swendt@danbyfiredistrict.org] ❁

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Submitted by the Breakfast Committee

THE WEST DANBY FIRE DEPT will be holding its annual *Sweethearts Breakfast* on February 17 and its *St. Patty Breakfast* on March 17 (a.k.a., St. Patrick's Day). Both will be in the West Danby Fire Station on Sylvan Lane in West Danby, Saturdays, from 8-11am.

West Danby's breakfast is ALL YOU CAN EAT pancakes, home fries, bacon, sausage, and eggs to order. \$7 for an adult. \$6 for seniors, \$5 for kids 5-12 years old. Under 5 years old? Free!

MEANWHILE, UP ON THE HILL, the MDVFC continues its breakfast offerings on Sundays: February 11, and March 4, all 8-11am. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

FROM SIXTY DEGREES ONE DAY, to too far below zero the next. Our town is full of interesting mood swings of the weather. So what is new, going into the new year?

Housing Easement

The last time Danby did a survey of its housings was, perhaps, in 1981. While the construction of new housing is fairly well regulated by the present building code, and modern more-energy-efficient building materials are being employed, we still have to ask, "What about our older housing?"

Demographics factor in as well, with older residents having the difficult task of living on fixed incomes. They cannot afford costly upgrades that would help them reside in their homes.

This leads to other questions, like what does our senior population desire, do they want to continue to reside in their current homes, or would they prefer to stay and live in Danby, but in other, more modern and suitable homes?

The Town supports many programs that support our youth in Town, but are we paying attention to the needs of our older retiring residents?

There is an overall housing shortage in Tompkins County. During the next year, the Town hopes to add demographic information to our knowledge of local Housing.

And In The Background

We are deciding how to spend the grant money we received for energy efficiency at Town Highway Barns. We're also balancing the books for the end of the year report. There are a few big projects to flesh out, but we are developing the work plans for the Planning Board, the Conservation Advisory Council, and the Town's staff.

A January thaw, and another the following week, and another the week after that, will slide us forward toward the promise of a busy schedule for the year.

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

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

THERE IS NOT A LOT OF NEWS this month. With three flu-bound commissioners, our scheduled meeting for December was cancelled as a result of not being able to have a quorum.

Our next meeting will be held at the West Danby Fire Station on Wednesday, February 7, 5pm.

In addition to our regular meeting business agenda, we will discuss approving Scott Wendt's taking the Class C Operator's course in Cortland so that he can train to become an operator in our district.

We also have to contact J.D. Ferro to make sure we are on its early 2018 schedule for repairing the pump house roof, as they couldn't get to us before the cold weather set in at the end of the roofing 2017 season. ❧



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Mon-Thu, 6am-4:30pm

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Town Court • [courtclerk@townofdanbyny.org]

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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:

Free Tax Preparation: Saturday, February 10, 10am-2pm, Town Hall, and Saturday, February 24, 10am-2pm in the West Danby Fire Station. Call 2-1-1 for an appointment, with Alternatives Free Tax Trep Program.

Crankies: Sunday, February 11, 3pm, Town Hall.

Grady Girls Irish Traditional Music: Sunday, March 11, 3pm, Town Hall.

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, February 11 7, 2pm. Call for info 607.273.8678.

Danby Community Church

Chicken and Biscuits: Friday, February 9.

Lunch and Games: Monday, February 19, Noon. Hot homemade soup and easy games. ❧

DANBY NEWS DELIVERY CHANGES

Submitted by Ted Crane

It's funny, how our lives are ruled by the strangest things...or by faceless entities like the Post Office.

An innocent address change—three miles down the road—moved me from ZIPcode 14850 to 14883. That meant receiving the Elmira phone book instead of Ithaca's, along with mailings appropriate to Tioga County residents rather than Tompkins dwellers.

Now, the Danby News is having its world turned on its head. *Thanks to recent strict enforcement of USPS rules, the Danby News can no longer be delivered cheaply to "Postal Patron."* We are required to individually address every copy.

Because we've been counting on the "one in every mailbox" feature of Postal Patron delivery, we don't know every Danby address. Until we can figure out which addresses have been "lost", circulation will go down from about 1540 copies to 1350. In spite of this, total postage will go up significantly, as will the cost of printing and the cost and labor of applying most of a thousand extra labels. Delivery time may become longer, as well.

Please, help us update the mailing list! Ask your neighbor, *Did you get your copy of the Danby News?*

More on this in the next Danby News. ❧



Grassanova Rocks Out in Town Hall

OUR NEIGHBORS: MARK SPEISER

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

I MET WITH MARK AT HIS HOME on Hornbrook Road on a cold but sunny January day. He's a member of the Danby Volunteer Fire Company and had been fighting a fire until 3m, so I was happy to find him tired but ready to talk. It had been the town's second major fire in three weeks. We certainly appreciate everything Mark and the other volunteers do for the town.

Mark was born in Hoboken, New Jersey. He made his way to Tompkins County through friends. Here he met and married his wife Sara, who works as a social worker at Hospicare in Ithaca.

Originally, the site on Hornbrook Road was just a trail up to a small cabin. Mark had a woodworking shop in downtown Ithaca and envisioned not only building his own house but moving the woodworking shop to the property.

The shop eventually became Danby Hardwoods, a nationally known hardwood dealership, selling kiln-dried hardwoods that are used by professional carpenters, home hobbyists, furniture builders, school technology classes, students (including architectural students from Cornell), and others. He gets most of his wood delivered by a company in Pennsylvania, but he also buys wood from other sources like exotic wood dealers or through referral from tree services, who are cutting down interesting trees on private property. Mark pays the tree owner for the wood.

Mark built the house himself in 1984. It's "super insulated" with walls that are a foot thick. Mark stressed that the walls shouldn't be built with 12-inch boards but with two 2x4s with space in between for insulation to prevent transfer of the cold through the wood. He used R36 in the walls and R40 in the roof. "Our property was originally wooded and still is except for the [vegetable] garden."



When I asked Mark what he envisioned for Danby in the next 20 to 25 years, he replied, "We like it here undeveloped. If you want the land around you to be undeveloped, you better buy it—that's the way it works here." Mark started with 10 acres. When the property next to his began to be subdivided, he bought 10 more acres. "I'm a little bit of a hermit. I wanted to have a boundary between me and my neighbors."

"What goes on on the highway [96B] is not that much of interest to me." He went on to say, "I don't want to get real political about these things. I'm kind of standoffish about it. I know a lot of people want to sell whatever they want and to do whatever they want as long as it's legal. It's a tricky situation, and I understand both sides. And I'm not involved in it. In that sense, I'm apolitical."

Mark made a lot of the furniture in the house and transitioned some time ago to making bowls. Some are all one piece of wood, others are laminated with waterproof glue. One way or the other, they have a unique beauty and vary greatly in size, shape, color, and type of wood. One was made of zebra wood from Africa. He sells the bowls at Ithacamide in the DeWitt Mall and on his web site. Many are special orders. He also sells at craft shows and will sometimes make 150 bowls and go off to several shows at a time. Although Mark is devoting more and more of his time to creating bowls, his son is spending more time helping with Danby Hardwoods and may eventually take it over full-time.

To see samples of Mark's beautiful bowls, visit [bowledoverwood.com].

If you would like to suggest someone to be interviewed, feel free to contact me at [rondaroaring@hotmail.com]. ❁

BOOKS FROM THE NYC LIBRARY LIONS

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE of New York have the right to apply for a free card from the New York Public Library. Having a card allows you to access more than a thousand daily newspapers and other publications, 30,000 stream-able films and documentaries, 300,000 downloadable E-books and audio books, as well as a variety of other materials.

Many of the items are available in languages other than English, especially Spanish. To get a card, just go to [NYPL.org] and apply. Once you receive the card, you will need to provide a copy of proof of residency (usually a driver license) and your membership will be authenticated. ❧

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman, Post Manager

WELL, THE FIRST PASTA DINNER we tried seemed to meet with a warm reception. More than what I can say about the temperature outside. If you liked the first dinner, we have more pasta dinners to come.

On Saturday, February 3, 5-7pm, we will be having a Steak Dinner. Menu is steak from a prime rib loin, cooked to order, with sautee'd mushrooms and/or onions, salad bar, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings. Homemade desserts, coffee or tea, all for just \$13.

Our second Pasta dinner will be on February 7, 5-7pm, and includes pasta with choice of sauce (plain marinara, marinara w/ meat sauce, or a loaded sauce: sausage/pepperoni/ground beef/onions/peppers/mushrooms) and salad bar, all for \$7. Pasta w/ chicken parm and salad bar is \$8, and chicken and broccoli alfredo is also \$8.

February 16, 5-7pm, we will be having a Fish Dinner. Haddock, either fried or baked, salad bar, choice of baked potato, onion rings, or french fries. Desserts, coffee and tea, all for just \$13.



February 25, we kick off our Chicken BBQs starting at Noon and going 'til sold out. Price is \$9 and you get 1/2 a chicken, salt potatoes, BBQ Beans, and a Dinner roll. For only \$5, you can purchase just the 1/2 chicken. Come early as we have a tendency to sell out.

Looking for a place to have a birthday party, office party, or a business meeting? Give us a shout. We have the space to seat anywhere from 10 people to 100 people. Thinking toward spring, check out our pavilion for your next get together. Call 607.272.1129 for more information. ❧

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DANBY SENIORS will be on Thursday, February 1, at Noon in the Danby Community Church, for a dish to share luncheon.

Hosts in January were Margie VanDeMark and Bill Cuyle, assisted by Sharon Siegard. About 35 folks came out on a cold, cold day. We gave a shout out to our travel committee for planning some good trips in 2017. Let them know any ideas you have for this year!

Some raffle winners were drawn with gift cards as prizes.

In February we'll have a speaker from the Emergency Preparedness program.

We thought more would be attending next time rather than in frigid January (enough with the cold!). ❧

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. ❧

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]. ❧

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! ❧

Community Council Winter Youth Programs

THIS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, I'm offering three programs for Danby youth. All programs are accepting participants and take place in Danby.

In addition to these current listings, I'll be starting a lunch program at Newfield Middle School for West Danby residents! If you're a Newfield middle-schooler, come find me in the cafeteria to learn more about programming and participate in a quick activity.

For more detailed program listings, please visit [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] or contact me at [mas759@cornell.edu] or 585.236.6304. —Melis Schildkraut ❧

Master Chefs

Mondays, 2:30-5pm, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/12
Danby Community Church

Spend time with your friends while exploring different recipes. Each week will feature a different part of a balanced meal, and the final program will conclude with a family-style meal prepared by the youth. Each program will begin with an activity outdoors, so come prepared with your snow boots and other warm accessories!

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 March 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in April thru June (but funds for January-March 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. ❧

Maple Mania!

Thursdays, 2:30-5pm, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/5*, 2/15
1118 Autumn Ridge Lane

Join me this winter as we break new ground in Danby. We will spend six weeks exploring the land, locating sugar maples, and tapping trees! Of course, there will also be time for eating warm snacks and playing winter games.

Book Binders

Tuesdays, 4:30-6:30pm,
1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6,
2/13

Danby Community Church

Explore various forms of book making, starting simple and getting more complex! Although book making requires a precise process, you will be able to express your creativity through your choice of paper and the content of your books. ❧



DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

THE COLD WEATHER AND FRIGID temperatures are perfect for snuggling up with a nice book.

If it's still too cold to go out when items are due, renew by Email, [library@townofdanby.org], or by phone, 607.277.4200.

We have completed our registration updates for the year and a thanks to all who responded and will remain patrons. This month new picture books will be arriving. Happy Reading! ❧



DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Feb 1 • Thu

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

Feb 3 • Sat

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

Feb 7 • Wed

5-7pm 🏛️ American Legion • Pasta Dinner
5pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • West Danby Water District

Feb 9 • Fri

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

Feb 10 • Sat

10am-2pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Free Tax Prep • call 2-1-1

Feb 11 • Sun

8-11am 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Pancake Breakfast
3pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Community Council Program
Crankies — stories on moving canvases

Feb 12 • Mon

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting

Feb 13 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Feb 15 • Thu

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

Feb 16 • Fri

5-7pm 🏛️ American Legion • Fish Dinner

Feb 17 • Sat

8-11am 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • Sweethearts Breakfast

Feb 19 • Mon

Noon 🏛️ Danby Comm Church • Hot Soup & Cool Games
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Feb 20 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Feb 24 • Sat

10am-2pm 🏛️ WD Fire Station • Free Tax Prep • call 2-1-1

Feb 26 • Mon

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

Mar 1 • Thu

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

Mar 3 • Sat

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

Mar 7 • Wed

5-7pm 🏛️ American Legion • Pasta Dinner

Mar 9 • Fri

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

Mar 11 • Sun

2am 🏛️ Everywhere! • Clocks *Spring Forward*
8-11am 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • Pancake Breakfast
3pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Community Council Concert
The Grady Girls • Irish Traditional Music

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

🏛️ 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