

DANBY AREA NEWS

NATURALIST SERIES: BOBOLINKS

Submitted by Tom Gavin, Biologist and Author

BOBOLINKS ARE A RELATIVELY COMMON migratory songbird, often found in hayfields and meadows in the Danby area during late spring and summer.

On Tuesday, May 29, 7pm in Danby's Town Hall, I'll be giving a talk titled "Ecology, Behavior, and Conservation of Bobolinks in Upstate New York."

As a Professor Emeritus from Cornell's Department of Natural Resources, I've studied Bobolinks in New York for years. The ecology and behavior of Bobolinks is amazing. Local farmers can make a difference in protecting this species if they are able to adjust their mowing practices in June. Please come to hear the details. ❁

SEED TO SUPPER GARDENING CLASSES GROW AND USE YOUR OWN PRODUCE

Submitted by Theresa Joseph

VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS are teaching a six-week beginners gardening course in Danby's Town Hall, Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, on May 9, 16, 23, 30, and June 6, and 13. Please plan to attend all 6 classes.

Class topics will include: garden site and soil development, garden planning, planting, watering, weeding, and pest management. Students will do Ph tests on their soil, sow seeds, practice identifying "weeds" and insects, and more.

The sixth class will feature harvesting, nutrition, and recipes for your vegetables. If it's preferable to the class, that class (June 13) may be moved to August, when harvesting has begun.

All participants will receive a free beginning gardening book, seeds, transplants,

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NATE MARSHALL

JUGGLER AND MUSICIAN

Submitted by Katharine Hunter, Community Council

GET READY FOR FUN and great listening with Nate the Great Marshall and friend(s)--a really fun show--for young to old. Sunday, May 6, 3-5pm is going to be a first-class afternoon for all members of all of the families of Danby. Come find out for yourself!




Juggler extraordinaire and musician for all seasons, Nate Marshall carries on the folk music tradition of song and storytelling with a modern twist of humor. His musicianship is steeped in a several genres including swing, blues, Americana and jazz.

Nate is a staple of the childrens' music scene in central New York but, as Nate the Great, he has toured the U.S.

in venues ranging from theaters to cafes to street corners. It all started when he was seven, with three tennis balls. Now, it's juggling, balancing, flipping, and catching. Sadly, he won't be able to have open flames in Town Hall...but you can use your imagination!

What do a banjo and a harmonica have in common? Easy to play, maybe, hard to master, maybe, but for sure: Nate Marshall.

As always, this free concert is presented by Danby's Community Council with support from the Town of Danby and grant support from the **COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP** of Tompkins County and the 

Refreshments will be served and a good time is promised for all! ❁

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

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

WELCOME, Alex Pfeifer

Our Deputy Clerk, Sue McLellan, and her husband Mike will be moving to Bath, NY sometime this Spring or early Summer. I'm glad to say that we've found another gem to carry on as Deputy Clerk.

Alex Pfeifer is already a familiar face at the Town Hall. She has served our community since she moved to Danby, as a Library Volunteer and also, last year, as co-historian for the Town. She will continue that teamwork with the current historian, Mary Ann Barr, who also works as our Records Management Assistant, methodically organizing our municipal records.



Before coming to Danby, Alex and her family lived for several years in Victoria, Australia, where she worked in primary school education. Alex has also worked as a production editor, library assistant and circulation clerk, and as a legal secretary. She has a degree in English Literature, a solid basis for good communication and writing skills. From her work as a library volunteer and Town Historian, I know her to be organized, detail oriented, and thorough in completing tasks. She is also

eager to learn, obtain new skills, and is open to new experiences. Danby residents will enjoy getting to know her better.

Alex lives right around the corner in an historic home on Danby Road, and can walk to Town Hall on beautiful days. Thankfully, there will be some overlap between Sue McLellan and Alex. Sue and I will be able to jointly bring Alex up to speed on the multiple and varied activities in the Clerks office: dog licenses, tax collection, handicap access parking tags, and so much more.

Spring Rabies Clinics

Many Danby pet owners rely on the free rabies clinics to keep their dogs, cats, and ferrets healthy and safe with up-to-date vaccinations.

In order to renew dog licenses each year, we need to have the most current rabies vaccine certificate on file in the Town Clerk's office. Thank you, to all of the dog owners who renew their licenses on time. This saves the Town time and money, and reduces paper waste, by avoiding the need to send additional monthly reminders.

The Tompkins County Health Department has scheduled its Spring Rabies Vaccine Clinics in the following

locations: Lansing on May 2, Danby May 3, Dryden on May 9, Enfield on May 10, and Ithaca on May 17. The Free Rabies Clinic in Danby on May 3 will be held at the Fire Station on Route 96B. Proof of prior vaccination is required to receive a three year certificate for cats and dogs. Those with questions about the Spring Rabies Clinics should call the Environmental Health Division of the Health Department, 607.274.6688.

As a reminder, Spring office hours for the Town Clerk are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-Noon. We shift to *summer hours* in the middle of May, with our last Saturday for the season on May 12. And, thanks to resident generosity, the bowl of chocolate kisses remains full.

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

WEST DANBY YARD SALE DAY

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet, WD Community Association

LAST YEAR WAS A "GROWING" YEAR without an organized yard sale day in West Danby, so get ready! This year we'll do it, and have set the date so that it falls on the same day as sale day in Spencer, Saturday, June 9.

The West Danby Community Association will place ads in local papers and on CraigsList, and we'll create a map of local yard sales that can be picked up on the morning of June 9 at the "Four Corners" of West Danby, at the Spencer ShurFine, and at a couple of larger sale sites. We'll also post that map on CraigsList the evening of June 8.

So, if you are planning to hold a sale that day, let us know by contacting me at [pf13@cornell.edu] or 607.564.0030 (evenings) or leave a message at 607.255.0443 with the details (street address, and a list of some items that might draw shoppers). Your sale starts whenever you want it to; we are only advertising the date. There is no fee to get in on this, and you should feel free to post your own individual ads of course, couldn't hurt!

Everyone else, save the date for treasure hunting... ❀

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

LAST MONTH, THIS COLUMN covered grants and how we are changing our staffing to reflect these new demands. This month, we also worked on a new secretary for the Planning Board and the BZA along with other positions to assist with bookkeeping and in the Town Clerk's office.

Culverts and bridges

The engineering report on the Gunderman Road bridge will be completed and reviewed soon, so I will have to wait until next month to fill you in on whether it can be repaired or will need to be rebuilt. There are other projects around Town, also awaiting approval.

Water, Water, Water

It seems like a lot of what the Town is engaged in involves water. Everything that is built requires water in some form or another: wells, ponds, road ditches, culverts, homes, farms, and more, so water is a big deal for all of us. Danby has been, and still is, making a big commitment to understanding all of our water needs.

The Cayuga Lake Watershed conference we are helping to organize will address storm water issues. The involvement of our Highway Department in the storm water coalition, is an example of our concerns.

The movement of surface water remains a Town priority but it is not the only concern. Subsurface water,

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

THE WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT flushing scheduled for April 17 and 18 has been postponed to Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15-16 due to inclement weather on the scheduled days in April.

On Tuesday, May 16 hydrants north of the fire station will be flushed and on Wednesday, May 16 those south of the station will be flushed. Each day, work will begin shortly after 9am. ♻️

➡ Seed To Supper, cont'd from front page—

and a certificate of completion. To sign up, contact me, [terrijo77@gmail.com] or 607.222-0580 and mention "Seed to Supper"

The "Seed to Supper" program is a shared program of the Oregon Food Bank's Learning Gardens and has been adopted by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of New York State. ♻️

aquifer water, is an issue as well. We have invested a lot of time and energy over the last few years to develop a ground water protection plan. You might ask, "Why is this important?" It can show us where our recharge areas are; this could help to create zoning that protects the recharge in areas where it is limited. In addition, establishing a baseline for additional water information, like well log data, is useful. Knowing where the deep-drilled wells are, having estimates of well yields, and even gathering related information about water quality is important.

Some areas of the Town have lots of good quality water, others have hard water or water with lots of iron in it. Many have sulfur water, others have little water. So, everything we learn about all aspects of our water helps our planning and helps new residents understand the dynamics of their land.

Woods Hollowed Out

Deputron Hollow received a great deal of attention this month, thanks to a logger who disturbed the land and road while removing hundreds of trees from the hollow. There are many issues that have arisen from this tragedy and The Town is dealing with them in an active way. Some of what we can do involves changes in our land and road use laws. Other aspects we will be asking our Conservation Advisory Council to explore include landowner education, and permits to log that require a forestry report to be submitted. This is an ongoing story, so there will be more to come.

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

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WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE SURVEY OF QUANTITY & QUALITY

Submitted by Ted Crane

ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT parts of attending Danby's board meetings is understanding and reacting to the various stories presented by residents who are concerned about changes to their neighborhoods.

Traffic is a frequent concern, as is preserving rural character, but nothing comes up as often as water. The enormous investment we have put into our homes is painfully dependent on a water source. Our well.

Some parts of Danby have abundant water and limitless wells, while houses in other neighborhoods must conserve water and, sometimes, drill multiple wells.

The Town has benefitted from several water studies but only one of them—by the USGS—actually collected new data and only from test wells near the NYS Rt.96B corridor. All other information about wells was taken from reports submitted by well drillers.

The Well Completion Reports that drillers submit to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation have only been mandatory since the year 2000. Prior to then, the DEC has only sparse records. The reports only exist for the hundreds of new homes/wells, not the thousand-ish older ones in Danby. Even for those homes, a key number—gallons per minute—is often only a rough estimate, taken rapidly in an ad hoc fashion, and not representative of long-term real-world water availability.

The survey on the next two pages is intended to bring our current, real-world well information to light. It will not be rigorously scientific because few homeowners can do detailed tests, and most, if not all, of the data collected will be subjective. Perhaps no better than a rushed test conducted by a driller, but it will be current, and will describe wells have been in use for a while.

The survey is a private effort but the results—the overall summaries and maps, not the individual responses—will be available to residents and to the Town. It might provide some comfort to homeowners who wonder whether their good water is a fluke or is neighborhood-wide; likewise to homeowners at the other end of the water spectrum.

Use your imagination: at some time in the future, the results might be a planning tool for the Town; perhaps to help identify an area where municipal water would be useful (as happened in West Danby).

Please complete the survey... even if you don't have water concerns.

An online version of the survey will be available at [danbyny.org/WaterSurvey].

What's The End Result?

The value of the survey comes from being able to see the answers to the questions laid on a map. Where is the water with minerals? Are there neighborhoods where there are seasonal water issues? Neighborhoods where residents believe water is becoming scarce...and for what reason?

All of this depends on knowing the location of the well, so it's important for responses to include this information. If you provide contact information (name, phone, Email), it will *not* be distributed unless you give permission. It would, however, be useful to help clear up any questions about the information on your survey.

Survey Instructions

- It's very important to provide an address or GPS location for your well. Contact info is helpful in case there are questions.
- To make the survey useful, it's important to have as many responses as possible. Please fill out the survey.
- The most fun comes from measuring water flow (see below) but answers to all the rest of the questions are just as useful.

- A date can be a year. Month/Day are OK, too.

- On all questions, a good guess is great, but feel free to leave an item blank if necessary.

If you test your own water flow:

- If you fill a container at a sink or tub, the water flow may be limited by a flow restrictor in the faucet. The results are not limited by your well.
- If you measure flow from the spigot attached to your pressure tank, first measure how much water comes out before the pump kicks in. Then measure how long it takes to refill the pressure tank. Then repeat and average. In this case, you're measuring the output of your pump, not necessarily the well.

- If you can pump water directly out of the well, determine how long it takes the well to recharge. Measure the water level first, pump out water, then measure the new water level...and see

how long it takes to return to the original level. A 6-inch casing has about 1.5 gallons per foot.

- The online survey at [danbyny.org/WaterSurvey] will have links to article(s) that describe this measurement in more detail. Use this, if you can...the results are much easier to tabulate.

- Return paper surveys to "Water Survey, POBox 6886, Ithaca, NY 14851" or to the Town Clerk's office. I can pick them up there.

• CONTACT INFORMATION

0 In case there are additional questions, can you be contacted? Contact info will *not* be shared unless you check here:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

• WATER SOURCE

1 What is your water source? (circle one)
municipal water water delivery
private well private stream
private spring private pond
shared source (housing development)

• WELL LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

2 Address _____

3 GPS (if you know it) _____

If you have more than one well, provide info about each one (extra sheet, please)

4 Is well drilled or dug? (circle one)
drilled dug

5 When was well drilled/dug? _____

6 Depth to water source _____

7 Depth to surface of water _____

8 Depth to bedrock _____

9 Is the water source in (circle one)
rock sand and/or gravel

10 Total depth of well _____

11 Well Yield, when drilled/dug (for today, see next section) _____

12 Do you have water storage? (enter gallons)
in well _____
pressure tank _____
dedicated storage tank _____

• RECENT WATER QUANTITY (WELL YIELD)

13 Have you measured water quantity recently? (circle one)
yes no

14 Well Yield, recent _____

15 Recent test method (circle one)
Fill container at sink
Fill container from spigot close to pressure tank or well
Better Test (describe) _____
Other test (describe) _____

16 Do you always have enough water? (circle one)
Always
Problems every few years
Problems during dry spells
Some problems during the summer
Frequent problems during the summer
Frequent problems throughout the year

17 Has the water quantity changed over time? (circle one)
No, same as the day it was drilled
Yes, more than before
Yes, less than before, gradually
Yes, less than before, suddenly

18 When did it change? (date) _____

Return to "Water Survey, POBox 6886, Ithaca, NY 14851" or drop off at Town Clerk's office.
Better yet, use the online version at [danbyny.org/WaterSurvey].

- ①9 Was there a specific event associated with any change in water quantity?

• WATER QUALITY

- ②0 Do you drink your water? (circle one)
- Yes, from faucet
- Yes, using filter or treatment at faucet
- Yes, using simple, whole-house sediment filter
- Yes, using non-simple filter (see ②2)
- No

- ②1 Rate the quality of your untreated water (circle one)

Excellent - love it

Good - drink it

Fair - filter before drinking

Poor - no drinking, laundry only

Very poor - not even laundry

- ②2 Does your untreated water have any of these problems? (circle all that apply)

Iron	Methane
Salt (chloride)	other gas
Sulfur	
Copper	Hardness
Nitrates	Bacteria
Sediment	Taste
other solids	Odor

- ②3 Do you use (circle one)
- no treatment carbon filter
- sediment filter chlorine
- water softener UV
- other water treatment _____

An online version of this survey is at: [danbyny.org/WaterSurvey]. Please use it if you can, it's much easier to tabulate!

- ②4 If the water quality changes during the year, when do problems occur?

(circle all that apply)

Winter Spring Summer Fall

whenever the well is running dry

other _____

- ②5 Has the water quality changed over time? (circle one)

No

Yes, better

Yes, worse

- ②6 When did it change? (date) _____

- ②7 Was there a specific event associated with any change in water quality?

• YOUR WATER USAGE

- ②8 Normal Daily Usage (estimate gallons)

household (kitchen, bathroom) _____

garden _____

lawn _____

car wash _____

agriculture, irrigation _____

agriculture, livestock _____

agriculture, other _____

commercial _____

- ②9 Annual Water Cost (dollars)

water (delivery, fees, etc) _____

water treatment _____

Not every question has a simple answer! If you have more details, please attach a separate sheet of paper; be sure to indicate which question number the comment applies to. Thank you.

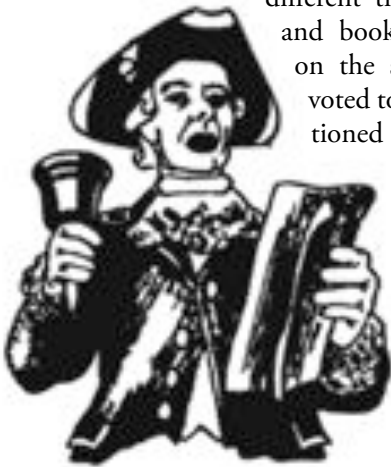
HISTORY'S PLACE IN OUR TOWN OR, A PLACE FOR HISTORY IN TOWN

Submitted by Mary Ann Barr, Town Historian

CHECK OUT THE DISPLAYS in the Library in Town Hall. It has become the place to see some of Danby's historic items. The latest additions to "old" things are two paintings of Danby scenes, hanging on the wall over the bookcases.

One is a watercolor painting and the other is an oil painting. See if you know which is which and also what places are depicted. The paintings were both done by a local artist named Dutton. In time we hope to learn more about the painter.

Other items displayed in the library are maps from different time periods in Danby and books about local history on the section of shelves devoted to history that was mentioned in a previous article.



All these displays will be changed out every so often because there is much more Danby history to see. When the roof of Town Hall is repaired, the display case will again be in the large meeting room with some different items.

A reminder: young people interested in history, take note of the large poster on the board, right inside the front door of Town Hall. It is titled *Student Research Awards* and offers support for a variety of projects such as the creation of history-based websites, history exhibits, historic marker proposals, research papers, and much more. For details, visit [archives.nysed.gov] and click on "Education". If you think you would like to participate but cannot come up with a specific topic or theme, check with me and I can show you some of the old stuff we have that could be the basis for a project.

I am at Town Hall every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Noon to 5pm. You can come in during those hours, or call the Clerk's office, 607.277.4788 and ask for the Town Historian. ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

RECENTLY, A CONTAINER WAS LEFT outside the book drop at Danby's Town Hall with what were assumed to be donations. Sadly, the container was open and the books were exposed to the elements and ruined.

While we do not encourage donations we will accept like-new, gently used current books. Outdated encyclopedias, old National Geographics, Readers Digest Condensed books, instructional manuals, self-help books, and anything with mold/dust/yellowed pages, holes, or moisture damage are unusable. These items create an unfair amount of work in any organization.

Please donate responsibly and know when to tear the cover off and recycle.

Two series by Sarah Maas are now available: *Throne of Glass* and *Court of Thorn and Roses*.

Library volunteers are available on Saturday, 10am-Noon, Tuesday, 1:30-3:30pm, but the library is always open for self-check when the Town Hall is open. Instructions for signing out items is posted on the desk along with instructions for registering if you are a new patron. Returning items is just as easy with our schoolhouse book drop or the outside BOOK DROP. ❀

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! ❀

26TH ANNUAL PLANT EXCHANGE

Submitted by Dan Klein

THE 26TH ANNUAL Plant Exchange will take place on Saturday May 19, 2018, 1-3pm at the Danby Fire Station on NYS Rt.96B. This free event is an opportunity to swap, donate, and try new perennials, houseplants, seeds, annual seedlings, and anything else garden related.

It is not necessary to bring a plant in order to get a plant, nor is it necessary to stay the whole time.

It's better to divide plants in advance so they don't suffer in the heat on the day of the Plant Exchange. Label what you bring if you can. Also, make sure there are no earthworms in what you bring. There is an invasive non-beneficial earthworm in our area that we don't want to spread.

For more information contact Dan Klein, 607.272.7582 or [danbydan@hotmail.com]. ❧

[If you can't find everything you need for your summer garden, try Sunday's (May 20, 9am-2pm) Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale, organized by Cooperative Extension at Ithaca High School. Growers, garden groups, educational exhibits, and more. Admission is free. Info: 607.272.2292.]

POTTERY TOUR HOSTED IN DANBY

Submitted by Renata Wadsworth

THE FIRST ANNUAL Finger lakes Pottery Tour will be held on Mothers Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13. There will be three host studios offering work for sale by 18 potters in addition to a la carte flowers and food trucks.

My studio in Danby is one of the host locations. Come enjoy beautiful handmade pottery, delicious food from the Good Truck and Fittnell Farms, buy a bottle of artisan cider made by South Hill Cider, grab some flowers for your Mom and visit your neighbors while you're at it!

The studio, at 326 Gunderman Road will be open 10am-5pm on Saturday and 11am-4pm on Sunday. Visit [fingerlakespotterytour.com] for more info, or contact [info@renatawadsworth.com] or 607.227.4272.

Hope to see you there! ❧

DANBY'S UNIQUE NATURAL AREAS

Submitted by Matt Ulinski, Chair, Cons. Advisory Council

THE CHARGE OF the Town Of Danby's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) is to determine ways to protect the Town's valuable natural resources and land.

One way the CAC identifies important conservation values is through the use of the Tompkins County Unique Natural Area (UNA) inventory. A UNA, "... is a part of the landscape that has outstanding geological and environmental qualities, such as special natural communities, or plants and animals that are rare or scarce elsewhere in the county or region. UNAs fall into at least one of these categories: important natural communities, quality of example, rare or scarce plants or animals, geological importance or cultural significance..." (quote from the County web site).

The UNA inventory was started in 1973 and has been revised and updated since then. There are currently 195 UNAs in Tompkins County, ten of which are part of Danby. "A UNA is not a regulatory designation, and it does not provide legal protection for an area." It does provide important information to help each landowner to become better acquainted with his or her own property and for municipalities to create policies to protect their natural resources.

More info and a full map of UNAs in Tompkins County can be found by searching for "UNA" at [tompkinscountyny.gov].

Want more information about the CAC? Contact the Danby Town Clerk, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org], or me, [mulinski@townofdanby.org]. ❧

W.DANBY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Submitted by Sandra Fish

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the West Danby Cemetery Association will be held on Friday, May 18, 2018, 10am, in the West Danby Fire Hall on Sylvan Drive.

We encourage all lot owners and family of members to attend. If you have questions, please call me at 607.592.5923. ❧

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman, Post Manager

WELL, OUR DINNER SEASON is coming to a close for the summer. We will still have a few more pasta dinners, but the Steak and Fish are done for now.

On Wednesdays, May 9 and the 23, 5-7pm, we will have our Pasta Dinners. You can Have your pasta smothered in one of our sauces. Sausage and/or meatballs, garlic bread, and the salad bar are included.



The pasta sauces are: plain (chunky) marinara or meat sauce for \$7, loaded sauce (ground beef, sausage, mushrooms, peppers, onions, and pepperoni) chicken parm for \$8. On occasion, we have chicken and broccoli alfredo for \$8.

We will also have a Pasta dinner in June. None in July or August, but all dinners will resume in September.

Save the Date: On Saturday, May 19, Noon 'til gone, the Ithaca American Legion proudly presents Ralph's Ribs or a Roast Pork Dinner. Dinner will include coleslaw, BBQ baked beans, and a dinner roll, all for \$12 per dinner (or two dinners for \$20). Tickets are on sale 'til May 1 at the Legion. Get them early!

On July 4, 1pm, we will offer Party on the Patio (Pavilion). Details to come.

Looking for a special place to have a gathering this spring or summer, check us out. Birthday Party, Graduation Party, or Wedding Reception? Questions, call 607.272.1129.

As we approach Independence Day, remember the veterans who fought and gave the ultimate sacrifice so you could have your freedoms. Freedom is not free. ❁

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

USUALLY THE 4TH MONDAY of each month at Danby Community Church, but there is no pantry in May as it falls on Memorial Day.

The next mobile pantry will be on Monday, June 25. ❁



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:

Nate Marshall: Juggler and Musician; Sunday, May 6, 3pm Town Hall.

Seed To Supper: Starts Wednesday, May 9, 6:30pm, Town Hall. Your own good food on a budget.

Bobolinks: Tuesday, May 29, 7pm, Town Hall. All about this wonderful little bird.

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 Stefhon Ohlström and Stephen Ellner. Sunday, May 6, 2pm. Info 607.273.8678.

Danby Community Church

Ladies Tea: Saturday, May 5, 3-5pm. Wear your favorite apron!

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, May 18, 1:30-5:30pm. Walk-ins welcome. ❁

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, May 3, Noon, for a dish to share luncheon. A speaker from Food Net will come to share information with us.

We thank our hosts for April: Nancy Gould and Alice & Ricardo Humerez, assisted by Sharon Siegard and Helen Street.

Details on our 2018 trips were listed in the last Danby News. For more information contact Nancy Gould, 607.273.8705, Nancy Weitzel, 607.272.6570, Ann VanDeMark 607.539.7928, or Pat Phelps 607.539.6477. The remaining trips include: June 13 to The Beeches, Rome, NY, July 26 to the Steamtown National Historic Site Museum, and September 6 to the Cortland Repertory Theater and Sherman House. ❁

Community Council Youth Programs

If you are not already on my mailing list, please send me a message and I will add you. Contact me at 585.236.6304, or Email [mas759@cornell.edu] or visit [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] - Melis Schildkraut ✂

Don't Be Board!—Grade 4 and 5

Danby Community Church

Wednesdays, 2:30-5pm, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23

South Hill students are invited to join my community bench making program. During this program, we will learn basic carpentry skills while constructing benches for the Danby Community. The final resting location for the benches is not yet set—I will work with both the youth and the community to figure out the best place possible!

What's for Snack?

Newfield Middle School

Tuesdays, 3-5pm, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22

West Danby residents and students at Newfield Middle School are welcome to join a youth-directed cooking program. Youth will democratically decide what to cook every week, and will receive a booklet of recipes upon completing the program.

Dungeons & Dragons

Danby Community Church

Thursdays, 4:30-6:30pm, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31

Danby youth will begin their own D&D campaign, choosing roles to occupy in a fantastical world composed by youth Dungeon Master, Dax Lyon. The direction of the campaign will be entirely up to the youth, and they will be provided with the necessary materials to execute their vision.

Summer Programs

All summer programs are free and open to Danby youth entering grades 4-8, unless otherwise specified. Dates and times may be subject to change. More information on summer programs will be posted at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms].

Outdoor Adventures at Hammond Hill

Drop-off and pick-up: Danby Community Church

Monday-Wednesday, 6/25-27, 9am-3:30pm

Join primitive pursuits instructor and Dryden program manager, Dave Hall, at Hammond Hill where we'll explore nature and learn outdoor skills.

Choose Your Own Adventure!

Monday-Thursday, 7/9-12, 9am-4pm

Cornell Coop Extension, Willow Street, Ithaca

Join Melis and Beth Bannister of the Joint Youth Commission for an open-ended program. We will meet downtown, where we will have access to many adventures including: the Sciencenter, the CCETC kitchen, and the Ithaca farmers market!

Community Herbalism

Monday-Thursday, 7/16-19, 9am-4pm

Danby State Forest

We will be working with herbalist and educator Nikki Nease, to locate and collect medicinal plants to create herbal medicine.

Art & Soul

Tuesday-Friday, 7/24-27, 9am-4pm

Dewitt Middle School

Throw yourself into a week of artistic exploration as we join Beth Bannister and JYC youth to complete various arts and crafts.

JENNINGS POND LIFEGUARDS

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak

SUMMER WILL BE HERE SOON! The Jennings Pond Swim Program, a part of Buttermilk Falls State Park, is looking for lifeguards for the 2018 swim season, from the end of June until Labor Day. All applicants must be 15 years old with the following certifications:

- Lifeguarding/First Aid
- CPR-adult-AED and Waterfront.

All of these Red Cross courses are available through the YMCA. We will reimburse you for your training. Courses are ongoing in the Spring.

We encourage all of our Danby Youth to seek Lifeguarding at Jennings Pond as a great employment opportunity and to be part of your community. For further information please contact: Amy Cusimano [myemail1607@gmail.com] or [jeremiah.kozak85@gmail.com]. ✂

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

May 3 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Seniors
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg
7-9pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Free Rabies Clinic

May 5 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
3-5pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Ladies Tea
5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • Steak Dinner

May 6 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall • Community Council Concert
Nate Marshall—juggler and musician

May 8 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

May 9 • Wed

5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • Pasta Dinner
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Seed To Supper (1st meeting)

May 12-13 • Sat & Sun

🏠 326 Gunderman Road • 1st Annual Pottery Tour

May 14 • 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

May 15 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

May 17 • Thu

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

May 18 • Fri

10am 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Cemetery Assoc.
1:30-5:30pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church
Red Cross Blood Drive

May 19 • Sat

Noon 🏠 American Legion • Ribs & Roast Pork
1-3pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • 26th Annual Plant Exchange

May 21 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

May 23 • Wed

5-7pm 🏠 American Legion • Pasta Dinner

May 28 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg

May 29 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • The Naturalist: Bobolinks

Jun 2 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Jun 7 • Thu

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

Jun 11 • 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

Jun 12 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall
Tuesdays, 1-3:30pm, Saturdays, 10am-Noon,
and when the Open sign is out!

Food Scrap Recycling 🏠 Town Hall ←↻↺↻↺
Saturdays, 9am-Noon

Seniors Strength Training Group 🏠 Danby Community Church
Mondays and Thursdays, 9am.

Tai Chi Classes 🏠 Danby Community Church
Mondays and Wednesdays, 11am.

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 Drive, off Rt.34/96

🏠 Danby Community Church • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road