

DANBY AREA NEWS

SOLID MUSIC WITH THE 3-D TRIO

WHAT DO YOU GET when you put a piano, and oboe, and a flute in front of the crowd in Danby's Town Hall? Come find out on Sunday, October 6, 3pm.

No, seriously.

Gwen Beckman is a locally reknowned pianist. She's a graduate of the performance program at Ithaca College, a certified Suzuki instructor, and teaches both liturgical and general music at several venues in Elmira and Corning.

Wendy Griffin plays her oboe throughout the Southern Tier and into Pennsylvania. She's taught music in a variety of positions from New York's capitol region down to the whole nation's capitol region.

Michele Gordon is a free-lance flutist. She has won the last three National Flute Association competitions for Jazz Flute Big Band (2015, 2017, & 2019), soloed at the convention in 2017, and has been invited to perform again during the 2019 convention.

These are three strong women musicians and you can look forward to enjoying a variety of musical styles. We had a taste of Michele's marvellous musicality when she appeared in Danby this summer (with guitarist Dennis Winge) and we look forward to a similarly powerhouse performance during the return engagement.

You don't have to travel abroad—or even out-of-state—to hear great music. You only have to come down to Town Hall on Octover 6! It's open to the public, and suitable for the whole family. Refreshments will be served.

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2019

Submitted by Ted Crane

DANBY'S HARVEST FESTIVAL is an annual celebration of our rural character, charm, roots, and community. Come gather outdoors in Dotson Park with your fellow Danbites! The 7th Annual Festival of homegrown happiness takes place on Sunday, October 13, 1-5pm.

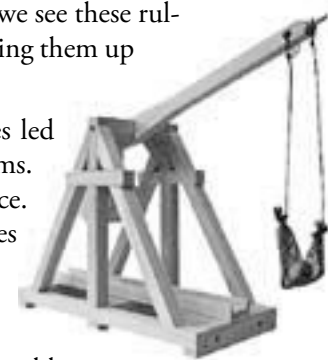
We're going for the birds again: Cornell Raptor program will be on site. Student volunteers will introduce you to some glorious birds of prey: falcons, owls, and maybe a kestrel or an eagle. Sometimes we see these rulers of the sky in the sky, but seeing them up close and personal is special.

There'll be games and activities led by our Danby Youth Programs. We'll have a bonfire for ambiance. And for warmth, if temperatures take a dive! Roast some vittles on the flames while enjoying the company of friends and neighbors. Enjoy a bit of cider, cold,

hot, spiced, or however you like it. We're always tickled when someone brings some goodies to share!

We're cutting the grass from around our trusty community trebuchet, and the potato launcher is coming out of storage. Both will be on hand to fling pumpkins, squashes, potatoes, lemons, and other bio-degradable projectiles. It's not every day you get to holler, "Fire in the hole!" and lob moldering produce in the general direction of the Town of Caroline. Shhh, don't tell Caroline!

Music by Lloyd's Boys and the Jazz Sharks. And more! October 13. Sunday. Be there! ❁



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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

Public Hearings

TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED during the Town Board meeting on Monday, October 7, both at 7pm (the second will immediately follow the first). The Town Board regular meeting date is on the first and second Mondays of the month, 7pm.

A public hearing is a legal requirement for many municipal actions, including adopting local laws, adopting the annual budget, and other actions such as the acceptance

of a property deed for conservation easement. While the Board presents information about the subject of the hearing, the hearing itself is primarily to hear from the public. Residents, property owners, and interested parties have the right to voice their support for—or their concerns about—the matter at hand. This is also a time when you can ask questions to gain clarity and understanding; in Danby, questions are often answered but that interaction is not a legal requirement.

Here are some specifics about the Public Hearings on October 7. The first hearing is to receive comments about the adoption of a local law allowing the Town Board to override the NYS municipal tax cap. Such a local law must be adopted each year, if a municipality thinks it may need to override the tax levy limit established by New York State.

A law permitting a tax cap override does not require that the municipality exceed the tax cap, nor does it increase the tax levy. It simply allows the municipality to do so. Danby has not needed to do this for the past two years, and may need to do so this year. However, it is prudent for the Town to have such a law in place. Given several expected increases in expenses, the law permits more freedom to provide adequate services to residents.

The second hearing, to follow the local law hearing, is to consider acceptance of a Conservation Easement on a Durfee Hill Road property. If I count correctly, this will be the fifth conservation easement entered into by the Town of Danby. Conservation easements are grant-

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Danby, County of Tompkins, pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c, and to allow the Town Board of the Town of Danby to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes; (b) the fire protection district; and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the town board for the fiscal year 2016 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax Levy limit" as defined in General Municipal Law 3-c.

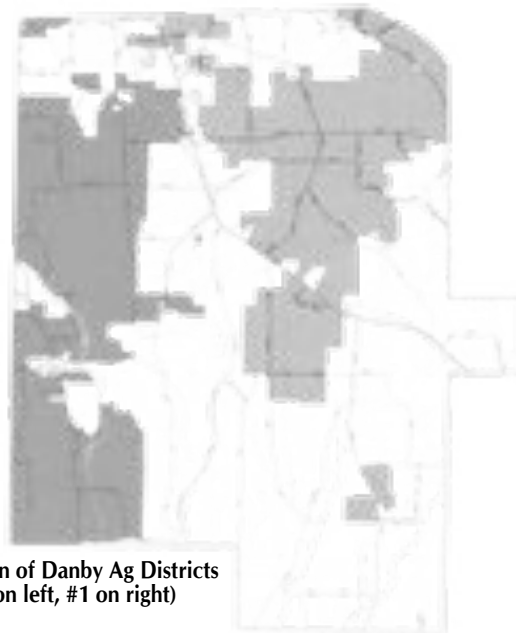
ed for the purposes of preserving, protecting, or conserving land in its natural, open, scenic, educational, historical, agricultural, or forested condition. The Conservation Advisory Council has created the easement program to encourage land owners to protect open and natural spaces, discourage development in low-density zones, and to conserve land resources for sustainable uses. Contact us for more information.

Budget Planning

Getting back to the Town's budget planning process, the 2020 budget will be drafted and discussed during the October Town Board meetings. These meetings are open to everyone, so that planning is a transparent process. The October 7 meeting will begin with a budget workshop at 6pm. Additional budget workshops will be scheduled during the month. For more information, contact the Town Clerk's office. The public hearing regarding adopting the 2020 Danby municipal budget will be held in November, most likely during the November 4 meeting.

The Town Clerk's office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am-5pm, and Saturday mornings 10am-Noon. As always, the Town Clerks' office is closed Sunday, and Thursdays. 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].



Town of Danby Ag Districts (#2 on left, #1 on right)

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!

Danby Community Council

3-D Trio in Concert: Sunday, October 6, 3pm, Danby Town Hall.

Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 13, 1-5pm, Dotson Park.

Tick Trickery: Wednesday, October 23, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

The Great Room at Slow Lane

Contra Dancing: Most Fridays, 8pm. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, dances taught. Info: 607.273.8678. Also: *Scandinavian music and dance,* Sundays, October 6, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, 2pm.

Moon Gatherings

Community potluck, nature connection, meditation, songs, story sharing at each New Moon, for all ages. For dates and directions, contact [honeysharmony@gmail.com]. ❀

TICK TRICKERY

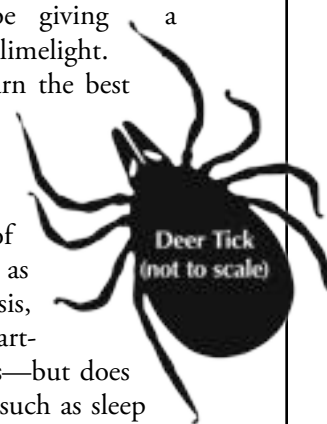
Submitted by Mary Woodsen

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7pm, in Danby's Town Hall, I'll be giving a talk that puts Lyme disease in the limelight. Given the threat it brings, we'll learn the best and worst ways to prevent any tick-borne disease. Some might surprise you.

We'll also learn what's at the heart of Lyme disease and coinfections such as parasitic anaplasmosis and babesiosis, about viruses like Powassan and Heartland, and how Lyme disease mimics—but does not cause—diseases and conditions such as sleep apnea or Bell's palsy.

Last, we'll learn about the four types of ticks and the threat they bring: the deer tick (a.k.a. black-legged tick), lone star tick, American dog tick, and Asian long-horned tick.

This program is presented by the Danby Community Council. It's open to the public! ❀



NEW NATURAL PLAYGROUND!

Submitted by Julie Clougherty, Community Park Association

BOULDER-HOPPING and hill-climbing, anyone? Come out to Dotson Park for Harvest Festival on October 13 and, while you're there, stroll up the slope to check out the natural playground! We've been working on it through the summer and it's time to officially unveil Phase 1.

It's got some nice chunky rocks to play on, hills to run up and over, a boardwalk to saunter across, and a slide to slide down, plus some comfy benches for those of us with tired feet.

There's a new Story Walk, too! If we get lucky, there may even be a couple of other fun things to do.

Remember, this is a work in progress. We hope to inspire friends—old and new—to find a way to get



involved, whether by playing or helping us develop the next fun elements of this unique playspace. Ideas and energy are wonderful things, and playing (and working) outside is good for us all!

Special thanks to Tompkins County for granting funds to install Phase 1, and to the Danby Town Board for supporting us through the grant process (and all of it). And to all the donors and supporters over the years, we are truly grateful. We appreciate your patience as we've slowly progressed to actual rocks and soil and wood!

Phase 2 will include an amphitheater with a stage, willow tunnels, and a tree fort area. If those sound like projects you'd like to help with, please let us know! [dotsonpark@gmail.com].❀

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

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

THE CLOCK IS TICKING

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Town Historian

“THE CLOCK IS TICKING,” isn't always a phrase to warm the cockles of our hearts. However, in Danby's Town Hall there is now a quiet ticking that is a just what we want to hear.

Danby's antique 1824 clock is up and running! Danby is lucky to have people with knowledge and expertise that can preserve our timepiece of the past, and who are willing to donate some time to that effort. In a small



way they deserve to go down in history just as much as a Galileo, Ben Franklin, or Christiaan Huygen, all three of whom furthered the development of time and clocks in one way or another.

With the generous help and effort of Tod Sukontarak and Ben Hogben, among others, our clock was restored and put on display. This one-hundred-and-ninety-nine year old artifact is now set to tell time for people 199 years from now and beyond. Makes me wonder how Danbyites will tell time in the year 2199.

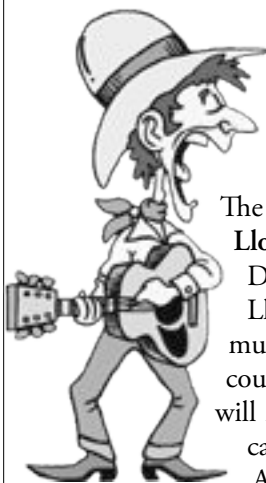
See *Danby News*, September 2019 issue for more history about our clock. ❁

HARVEST FESTIVAL MUSIC

Submitted by Bill Evans

THE MUSIC SCENE at the 7th Annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 13 leads off at 2:30pm with The **Jazz Sharks** from Opus Ithaca: six local middle school and high school kids who play jazz standards by Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock, Cannonball Adderley and others. The band, which includes Kate

Keresztes from Bald Hill Road, made their excellent debut during last year's Harvest Fest and gave another great performance in Danby's Town Hall this past May.



The Jazz Sharks will be followed by **Lloyd's Boys**, who are making their Danby debut at about 3:30pm. Lloyd's Boys plays hillbilly-swing music, drawing on the roots of swing, country, jug band and blues—the band will include some of our region's musical greats: John Hoffmann, Harry Aceto, Dave Davies, Jerone Gagliano, Stuart Krasinov, and of course,

Lloyd himself, Lloyd Graves.

The Community Council's Harvest Fest is a great place to enjoy music: open air, crisp early-autumn weather, the creak and thump of the trebuchet, and pure unamplified acoustic music! It's like taking part in a small-town fair...because it is a small-town Harvest Festival! ❁

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Town Court • [courtclerk@townofdanbyny.org]

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

AN AGRICULTURE DISTRICT IS A LEGALLY defined Area where a somewhat different set of laws apply. Every eight years, there is a review of properties within each Agricultural District. Currently, Agricultural District 1, the eastern half of Tompkins County, is up for review. This District includes part of the east side of the Town of Danby. Roughly 20% of all land in the Town is in Agriculture District 1.

Properties can be removed from an Agricultural District only during this review, but properties can be added at any time.

Many of the parcels included in Agricultural Districts are not currently used for agriculture, nor suitable for agriculture. My ten acres of forest is an example. As far as I know, my land was abandoned as pasture approximately 70 years ago. Aside from a few light-starved tomato plants, there is currently no agricultural use of my land. But my property remains in Agricultural District 1.

There are land-use and tax implications for the parcels within an Agricultural District. If you are not engaged in agriculture, then it probably doesn't matter whether or not your parcel is in the District. That is why I will not be making any attempt to remove my land from the District. However, if you are considering using your land for agricultural purposes, you will want to look

into this. Also, you may have an interest in the status of your neighboring properties.

According to the NYS Agriculture and Markets web site, *The purpose of agricultural districting is to encourage and promote the continued use of farmland for agricultural production. The Program is based on a combination of landowner incentives and protections, all of which are designed to forestall the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses. Benefits that properties in State-certified Agricultural Districts receive are partial real property tax relief (agricultural assessment and special benefit assessments), and protections against overly restrictive local laws, government funded acquisition or construction projects, and private nuisance suits involving agricultural practices.*

A map of the District is available for review at the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability's web site, organized according to municipality.

Any proposed modification, addition or removal of property from the Agricultural District must be submitted in writing to Monika Roth, Agriculture Specialist at Cornell Cooperative Extension, at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850.

For questions or more information, call Monika Roth, 607.272.2292.x126. ❁

See Agricultural District Map on page 3

➔ Ag Dist Factoids, cont'd from page 7—

- Less than 10% of the Ag District-protected land in Danby is actually farmed. If you remove the State-owned forest land from Danby's total acreage, the existing Ag Districts occupy somewhat more than 56% of the rest of Danby. Within that area, A&M law supercedes Danby law.
- Poor soil is only one of the reasons why Danby has so few farms. In spite of this, within Danby the Ag Districts, with only 10% farmed, fail the A&M guideline that Districts must consist predominantly (more than 50%) of viable agricultural land.
- Many of Danby's residential properties are situated within Ag Districts. The origin of this is historical: they were subdivided from larger, formerly farmed parcels. Some have said that Danby's premier farm product is building lots.

- Most A&M literature mentions Ag Districts and Agricultural Assessment side-by-side. In fact, there is very little relationship between Ag Districts and Ag Assessment. Ag Assessment is a separate tool that provides tax benefits. *You don't have to be in an Ag District to get tax relief, and being within an Ag District confers no direct tax benefits.*
- If you're not in an Ag District and want its benefits, entry is easy, perhaps quicker than growing your first crop. If you're in an Ag District and want to get out, there is only one opportunity every eight (8) years. For District #1, this is now.
- There is little effect on you and your property if your non-farm property is within an Ag District. The same isn't true, though, if it's your neighbor's property. See, *converting use and undesirable effects*, above. ❁

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 2020. Your involvement is welcome and needed.

Each year, one seat opens on the Planning Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Planning Board is a seven year term. Board of Zoning Appeals is a five year term. The Planning Board meets monthly, on the third Thursday, to review subdivision and development applications, 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. This Advisory Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7pm. Seats on the CAC "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 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.) which 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, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.277.4788. ☘

AG DISTRICT FACTIODS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Submitted by Ted Crane

- Much of the information provided about Ag Districts originates from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Market (A&M). A&M exists to protect and promote agriculture, and that information is almost always positive.
- Agricultural Districts, defined in NYS law, are one of many tools that allow A&M to protect and promote agricultural activities.
- These laws intentionally shift the balance between agriculture and all other land uses (like residences and non-agricultural businesses). The balance is most heavily tilted toward agriculture within Ag Districts.
- Within an Ag District, local laws—including zoning—are superceded if, in the opinion of A&M, the local regulation unreasonably interferes with agricultural activities.
- The definition of agricultural activity goes way beyond farming. *Taste NY*, another agricultural promotion program, promotes activities and businesses that extend into tourism, food processing, public events, and retail.
- Even within farming, A&M law permits activities that Danby's Right-To-Farm law would not, such as Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs, factory farming). It also allows a property to be converted from one agricultural use to another, such as from a hay pasture to a CAFO or a food processing facility.
- A&M law recognizes that customary agricultural activities may have undesirable effects on other properties. Purchasers of these properties are required to sign a statement acknowledging this, and have limited legal remedy afterward.
- According to the Tompkins County Planning Department, Danby has less than 1,400 acres in actual agriculture, but more than 14,400 acres within two Ag Districts. Surprisingly, not all of the farmed land is within Ag Districts.

Category	Acres	Percent
All of Danby	34,500	100%
(State) Forest	9,000	26%
Ag District #1	7,100	21%
Ag District #2	7,300	21%
Agriculture (not all within Ag Districts)	1,400	4%

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DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark and Nancy Gould

THE NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday October 3, Noon, in the Danby Community Church.

We thank our September hosts, Dawn & George Parks and Dan Clements. About 40 seniors spent a nice day in Mumford at the Genesee Country Village on September 11 and we thank Ann VanDeMark for the planning. Ice cream on the way home in Canandaigua hit the spot too!

Our December holiday luncheon will be on Thursday, December 5, Noon, at Stellas Barn. Reservations are required; call Margie 607.273.8046 to sign up. There will be a small fee. ❧

CALL FOR HOLIDAY CRAFTERS!

Submitted by Bonnie Rathbun

THE DANBY COMMUNITY CHURCH's Holiday Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, November 9. It will feature craft vendors, a bake sale, lunch of homemade soups and breads, a silent auction to benefit the Danby Food Pantry, and—just added—a pie bake-off contest.

Potential participants can get full information by contacting Bonnie Rathbun, 607.2721687 or [brathbun3@gmail.com]. There is a \$15 fee, and the Church supplies the table and chairs.

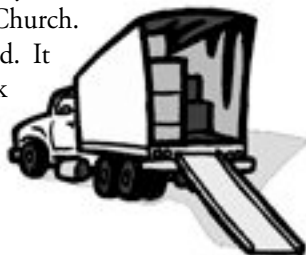
The Pie Bake-off contest is open to anyone and will be judged by several people from the church. Pies should be entered at the church by 10am on the day of the event. After the judging, the pies will be sold by the slice or taste. Prizes for winners! ❧

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The October date is Monday, October 28, Noon, at the Danby Community Church.

Open to anyone needing food. It comes from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. Please bring your own bags or boxes! ❧



DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

NEW PURCHASES include:

Adult Fiction

- *Girl Waits With Gun* (# 1),
- *Lady Cop Makes Trouble* (# 2),
- *Miss Kopp's Midnight Confession* (# 3),
- *Miss Kopp Just Won't Quit* (# 4)

(a series by Amy Stewart, historical fiction about one of the first female deputies in the early 1900s)

- *A Better Man* by Louise Penny
- *Park Avenue Summer* by Renee Rosen

Adult nonfiction

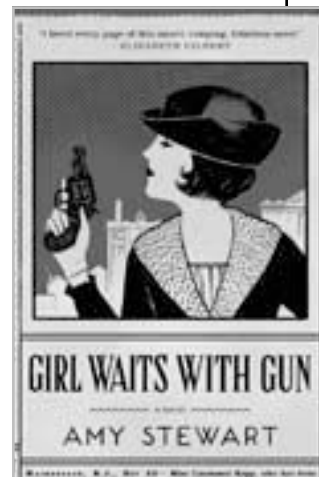
Shortest Way Home: One Mayor's Challenge and a Model for America's Future by Pete Buttegieg

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Pokemon: Detective Pikachu

Avengers: End Game

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindewald ❧



HELP WANTED

Job description:

- almost anything to do with Danby's history.

Hours:

- make your own (most of the time).

Contact:

- Pick one: (1) Phone: Town Hall, 607.277.4788; (2) Write: Town Hall, Town Historian, 1830 Danby Road; (3) Email: [mbarr@townofdanbyny.org]; (4) Drop in: Town Hall on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons, 1-4pm. ❧

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 every other week 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. ❧

Community Council Youth Programs

Danby youth enjoyed a fun summer, participating in a variety of activities including biking, backpacking, nature crafts and archaeology. Fall programs are up and running. More information can be found at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] or by contacting Maddie, [mu33@cornell.edu] or 607.379.0245. In addition, Danby Youth Programs will be at the Danby Harvest Festival, so stop on by and come see what we're all about!

Photography-Grade 6, 7, 8

Mondays, September 16-October 28, 3:25-5:30pm
Boynton Middle School Cafeteria

With JYC youth, come learn the art of photography!

Wizarding and Games- Grade 6, 7, 8

Thursdays, September 19-October 31, 3:25-5:30pm
Boynton Middle School Cafeteria

With JYC youth, prepare for wizarding weekend with crafts or play board and card games.

Lunch Bunch-Grade 6, 7, 8

Wednesdays, through December
Boynton Middle School Cafeteria

Lunch Bunch-Grade 4 and 5

Mondays, through December
South Hill Elementary School



3RD ANNUAL BIG PUMPKIN CONTEST WEIGH-IN AT HARVEST FESTIVAL

Submitted by Bill Evans

FROM ALL ACCOUNTS, it has been a rough year for growing pumpkins in Danby.

Woodchucks, deer, slugs, and squash beetles have enjoyed dining on our pumpkin vines. Nevertheless, sometime between 2 and 3pm during the 2019 Harvest Festival in Dotson Park on October 13, judges will be receiving any Danby-grown pumpkins for prize considerations.

Contenders who cannot attend Harvest Fest can contact me, [wevans@danbycc.org] to arrange an alternate weigh-in time or location.



[Let me tell you how bad it is: if your cucurbit is larger than a tomato you stand a chance of winning. A chance of winning a prize! -editor]



WEST DANBY CRAFT SHOW AND CHICKEN BBQ

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

THE WEST DANBY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S Annual Fall Craft Show and Chicken BBQ will take place on Saturday, October 5, 10am-2pm, in the West Danby Fire Station, 47 Sylvan Drive.

The chicken will be ready about Noon.



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 was September 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in October thru December (but it's seldom too late to apply).

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.



DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 2 • Wed
5pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **Water District Meeting**

Oct 3 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Community Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Oct 5 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

Oct 6 • Sun
3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Community Council Concert: 3-D Trio

Oct 7 • Mon
6pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Budget Workshop**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting (Public Hearings)**
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**

Oct 8 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

Oct 13 • Sun
1-5pm 🏠 Dotson Park
7th Annual Harvest Festival
Pumpkins Measured and Thrown, Music, Games, Food

Oct 14 • Mon
6pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Oct 15 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Oct 17 • Thu
3-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Food Pantry**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**

Oct 23 • Wed
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Community Council Presents
Tick Trickery w/ Mary Woodsen

Oct 28 • Mon
Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Mobile Food Truck**

Nov 2 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

Nov 4 • 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 5 • Tue
6am-9pm 🏠 Danby and West Danby Fire Stations
2019 General Election

Nov 7 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Community Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Nov 11 • Mon
6pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Nov 12 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Library 🏠 Town Hall
Open whenever Town Hall is open!
Librarian on duty when the **Open** flag 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