



DANBY AREA NEWS

CHINESE MUSIC CONCERT

Submitted by Bob Strichartz, Danby Community Council

The Cornell Chinese Music Ensemble will present a concert of traditional Chinese music on Sunday, October 24 at 3pm in the Danby Town Hall.

Some of the instruments featured in the concert include:

- the erhu, also known as the Chinese violin, a 2-stringed bowed instrument;
- the guzheng, a plucked zither;
- the ruan, and the pipa, both 4-stringed lutes;
- the yangqin, a hammered dulcimer; and
- the dizi, a transverse flute.

There will be about 10 musicians performing solo and small ensemble pieces.

This free concert is part of the Danby Community Council's Danby Concert Series, and receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. ❁

HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Submitted by Christel Trutmann, Danby Community Council

The Danby Community Council Halloween Party—a favorite with youngsters and a treat for adults as well—is coming 'round again on Sunday, October 31, 3-5pm in the Danby Fire Hall.

There'll be games, hot soup, apple cider, pizza, snacks, tall folks on stilts, smaller folks in a costume parade, popcorn, and pumpkins! Look forward to a Bounce House, paint and crayons, and a button-making machine.

There'll be a spooky CD in a boom box and Halloween and seasonal songs and singalong with Pamela Goddard. Photos will be taken!

Volunteers are needed to help make all this happen. If you can help out, especially with setup before 3pm and cleanup afterward, or add some more fun to the party, please contact me at 607.342.1062. ❁

ELECTION DAY COMING!

The 2010 General Election will take place, as always, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; November 2, this year.

Danby's polling places are the same (the Town Hall and the West Danby Fire Hall) but the voting machines will be different. A "trial run" of the new machines during the September primaries showed that voters found the new technology both quick and easy to use. Multiple "privacy booths" allow several voters to vote simultaneously before queuing up for a 10-second visit to the ballot scanner. Poll site managers are available to answer questions about the voting procedure.

Mid-term elections traditionally have a lower turn-out, which means that

your vote matters even more than during "big" national elections. Voters will choose New York's next Governor, Attorney General, and Senators, along with the Tompkins County Sheriff. Mid-term or not, these are important decisions.

In addition, there's an important local referendum on the ballot. Danby voters will decide whether the Town Highway Superintendent should be changed to an appointed position or remain an elected one.

With election day so early in November this year, this may be the only reminder you will see in the Danby Area News. Mark your calendars.

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 2, from 6am to 9pm. ❁

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Danby News Delivery: The Good News
We've "discovered" another 50-odd
households that aren't on the "Postal
Patron" delivery routes, mostly along
the Danby/Brooktondale border near
Coddington Road. Welcome, new
readers!

Danby News Delivery: Please help!
Ask your neighbor: "Did you get your
Danby Area News?" If they didn't,
we'd like to hear about it. Our goal is
"A newsletter in every mailbox."

If you receive multiple copies (it *could*
happen), please let us know.

Danby News Delivery: The Bad News
We continue to hear the same com-
plaints about slow delivery by the
Spencer and Wilseyville post offices;
one resident didn't receive the Septem-
ber issue until the 17th! If you don't
receive your issue promptly, please
contact your postmaster. The problem
may not be local, but it won't get fixed
if you don't speak up.

SPEEDING THRU TOWN?

We haven't actually seen the patrol cars
recently, but the rumor is that quite
a few folks—owners of drive-by traf-
fic, we hope—are paying off speeding
tickets to the Danby Town Court.

So, save yourself big-time aggrava-
tion, points on your license, and a few
dollars. Respect the posted 40MPH
speed limit on NYS Rt.96B in down-
town Danby. It's not just a good idea;
it's economic good sense.

And, when you've got half-a-dozen
tailgaters urging you to go faster...
remember, you're saving them from a
speeding ticket!

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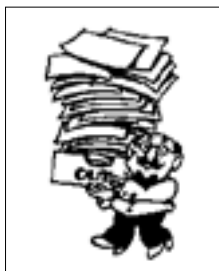
The Town of Danby has a web site,
[town.danby.ny.us]. If you have a
question about the Town, it's a great
place to start looking for answers. If
your answer isn't on the site, you will
find lots of contact information to
continue your search. ❁

TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Autumn brings a harvest of all good things in our gardens and orchards. It's time to plan ahead for the long winter to come. As I look into October, there are two things on my mind: budgets and dogs.

In Town Hall, that means budgeting for the next year. With funding cutbacks expected from the State and County, and with an expected rise in retirement and health care costs for Town employees (particularly our unionized highway workers), each department has been asked to make a 2% cut in budgets for the next year. With the help of bookkeeper Laura Shawley, we've got a good handle on appropriate costs for the Town Clerk's office for the next year.



The Town Board will be holding budget hearing meetings on Mondays from the end of September into October.

Now, what do budgets and dogs have to do with each other? Quite a bit, it turns out. Although dog licensing is mandated by the State, all licenses and dog control are managed by local municipalities. In particular, Town Clerks are responsible for all of the record keeping related to dog control. Danby, along with other members of the Tompkins County Consortium of Governments has found it most effective to contract with Tompkins County Animal Control (managed by the SPCA) for the control of wandering and nuisance dogs. Since the municipalities share this service, devising an equitable rate of pay is important. Any change in Danby's rate could have a noticeable impact on the Town budget.

An accurate count of all the Danby dogs is the most important thing we can do to make sure that our Town is paying its fair share (but no more!) of the TCAC contract. The last full dog count in Danby was in 2008 but, knowing that the population of Danby has grown in the past few years and that people come and go, we want to make sure that we have the most accurate information possible regarding Danby's dog population.

October Dog Enumeration

After months of failed starts with a previous contractor, we've entered into an agreement with a highly experienced and skilled person. Richard Leonard has previously successfully counted dogs for Dryden, Newfield, and Groton. He is the dog control officer for the Town of Dryden and knows all of the "tricks of the trade."

He will count the dogs in Danby in October. When he's finished with us, he will continue with the Town of Caroline.

Richard Leonard will conduct a door-to-door count of all dogs residing in Danby. New York State law requires that all dogs must be licensed if they are (1) three months old or more and (2) in the Town for more than 30 days. If you have a dog that is licensed, you will need to show a renewal notice signed by the owner and the Town Clerk. Proof of a current rabies vaccine must also be provided. If you don't have these papers handy when Rich-

ard visits, you will be required to bring them to Town Hall to avoid a citation.

New York State law adds a \$5 surcharge to the licensing fee for a dog that is found unlicensed during a dog enumeration. This fee is kept by the Town, and helps to offset the cost of dog control.

You may license your dog at the Danby Town Clerk's office during regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-Noon. The license fee is \$12 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$20 for an unspayed/unneutered dog. Proof of spay/neutering must be provided. If you license your dog prior to being visited during the enumeration, you will not be charged the additional \$5 fee. Stop in soon, and take care of this simple task.

Dog renewals and licensing can be sent by regular mail to the Danby Town Clerk, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. If you have questions, please contact me directly at [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us] or 607.277.4788. I look forward to hearing from you! 🐾

SAVE ENERGY, SAVE DOLLARS

Thursday, October 7, 6:30-8:30pm
CCE Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue

Learn low-cost and no-cost ways to reduce home energy use and programs to help you afford home energy-efficiency improvements at this free workshop. They even "pay" you to go: each household receives a free Energy-Savers kit worth \$15.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Carole Fisher at 607.272.2292 or [crf11@cornell.edu] to reserve a seat and an energy kit. 🐾

FIRESAFE DANBY

Dedicated to improving the quality of fire, rescue and EMS services in the Town of Danby

Submitted by Adam Crown

This new blog hopes to provide Danby residents with vital information they need to keep themselves and their loved-ones safe.

It'll keep them informed of emergency services issues and developments. We'll do our best to answer any questions residents may have.

The blog is published by Adam Crown, a former member of the Danby Volunteer Fire Company and a nationally-certified Fire/Life Safety Educator. It's edited by Linda Wyatt, who is an intermediate EMT/Fire-fighter in Danby and also a nationally-certified Fire/Life Safety Educator.

On the web at [firesafedanby.blogspot.com]. ❧

INSIDE THE NBA, IN DANBY

Submitted by Eric Lindstrom

Ever wonder what goes on inside the big, white building on the corner of Route 96B and Muzzy Road in Danby? National Book Auctions



conducts bi-monthly auctions of collectible and antique books, artwork, currency and

ephemera, and makes them available to collectors around the world.

Ever wonder what *your* collection might be worth? Have that first edition Hemingway on your shelf? National Book Auctions has a research and cataloging department that takes consignments from around the nation and puts these volumes into the hands of collectors from Montana to Mozambique. For more information, visit [NationalBookAuctions.com]. ❧

DOTSON PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

People are talking about the park, we hear, wondering what's happening. Sorry to tell you: there won't be any dancing, although rumor had it otherwise! Maybe next year....

Currently, we are making progress on the disc golf course, but financial issues dominated the most recent Board meeting. We



expect to get the last 10 percent of our first NY state grant, which will enable us to pay off about \$10,000 of our nearly \$50,000 debt from the road-building, but beyond that, we're about broke.

We're working on getting our \$482,000 NY state matching grant (awarded in 2009) to contract, and we need help fundraising so we can develop the park as planned. There are now just five people on the board, plus a couple of regular volunteers. The park is at a critical point these days, and your interest and support are needed now more than ever.

Any park questions or concerns may be directed to me at 607.272.7189 or [janderty@yahoo.com]. ❧

2010 GREEN BUILDINGS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday & Sunday, October 2-3, 10am-4pm

More than 30 homes and businesses that use renewable energy and/or eco-friendly building practices will be open to the public for self-guided tours during this two-day event.

Homeowners and/or builders will be on hand to discuss their work and answer questions about solar energy, wind power, geothermal, solar hot water, straw bale construction, timber framing, non-toxic finishes, local and reclaimed materials, and more.

The event is free, but we are collecting donations at the sites. Visit [ccetompkins.org/gb-open-house] for details on specific sites and which day they're open.

Preregistration is required for van, bicycle, and walking tours; please contact Guillermo Metz at 607.272.2292 or [gm52@cornell.edu]. ❧

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Gosh, there seems like a lot more on my plate than usual. Probably, its just me and my house repairs, gutters to hang, wood to split, stack, and generally get ahead of... and I'm jealous of those who are far enough ahead to be behind on next years chores.

As you have probable noticed, the front of the Town Hall is getting a facelift. I've had a chance to look over the whole structure—inspecting all the nooks and crannies—and there is a lot of work that will be done and more that will need to be done on our historic structure.

The problems have been hidden, running through the upper stories. For example, the old flashing is failing in spite of patchwork over the years. We will be conducting a complete assessment and I will let you know the results.

The salt shed is getting ready for ground-breaking, with completion expected later this Fall. The Town was hesitant to enter into any new debt—or tax increase—so, after the bids were opened for the foundation work, the Board decided to reject all the bids and have the Highway Department do the work; they're qualified and can do it less expensively than the bidders. The structural work was previously awarded to Benson's Farm Equipment from Groton.

Broadband Internet access (or, the lack of it) still has residents calling and Emailing me for information. A newly formed broadband committee of the Tompkins County Legislature will investigate how to best promote the technology county-wide and advise the legislature on the issue.

They will bring together all the local private and commercial concerns in the County and draft a proposal for us to pursue. I would advise everyone not to hold his or her breath on this topic, but it is still moving along.

The boiler project at the Town Barns has taken some twists and turns. We are currently waiting for approval from NYSERDA of a change order related to what we want to burn: we're hoping to use locally-produced hay bales! Next month, I will let you know how this is going. If approved, it will—I have been led to believe—be the first gasification hay burner in the United States.

CSEA negotiations begin again this week, I am sure there will be more on this subject coming in future articles.

The Health Consortium is beginning coverage next January. There are still lots of hurdles to be covered as this project moves along, and Don Barber (Caroline's Supervisor) deserves a lot of credit for moving the project over a variety of obstacles.

Budget workshops will be held every Monday during October, 7-9pm, in the Danby Town Hall. I will be giving the Board a preliminary proposal at our Board meeting this month.

As always please contact me on any issues that you feel the Town should address. ❁

AT THE WEST DANBY FIRE HALL

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend all the happenings at the West Danby Fire Hall!

Saturday, October 23, 10am-2pm

Third Annual Fall Craft Show and Chicken BBQ. Chicken ready around noon. Locally handmade and handcrafted items, baked goods, warm cider and raf-fles.

Sunday, November 14, 8-11am

Annual Harvest Breakfast

January, date to be announced

Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, February 13, 8-11am

Annual Sweethearts Breakfast

Sunday, March 13, 8-11am

Annual St. Patty's Breakfast ❁

TOWN HOURS

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TOWN COURT:

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Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

H₂O: WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak

It is budget planning time and, although we have serious plans for infrastructure improvement, we are proposing not increasing our budget in order to respect the Town's tight financial circumstances.

As for the progress of our planned improvements, we've sent out bids on the list of work that was presented to the Board this summer. We stipulated a November 1 deadline on the bid returns and will review them during the first week of November.

The operators flushed the lines on the water system in September and plan to allow opportunity in future flushes for the coordination of fire department training.

That's all for now and thank you. ❧



On Saturday August 28, twenty four hunters met in the Danby Fire Hall to learn deep truths about deer biology and deer hunting from Neil Dougherty.

Many commented that they have heard Neil speak before, but once again came away with new and great information. The focus was habitat improvement and improving hunting success.

Photo by Russ Nitchman

HAPPENING AT THE DFC

Women's Fellowship Fall Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 25, 10am-3pm. Annual fair featuring fresh homegrown produce, baked goods, Fall crafts and gifts, dried flower arrangements and decorations, jams, jellies, and candies, chicken BBQ, white elephant sale, and a silent auction to benefit the Danby Food Pantry. Contact Bonnie Rathbun, [brathbun@twcny.rr.com]. ❧

TOWN OBSERVER

A short extract from Joel Gagnon's Broader View articles

Town Board Gives Go Ahead for Salt Barn

After unsuccessfully chasing grant money for many years, the Danby Town Board decided to just go ahead and build a salt storage "barn" using available funds. Thanks to diligent exploration of the lowest cost options that would satisfy the need, the Highway Department has come up with a plan to build the facility with an asphalt floor, braced concrete sidewalls, and a fabric roof over a metal frame.

The roof was bid first, with the winning bid (\$32,175) offered by Benson's Farm Equipment of Groton. The Town specified a small range of building sizes in its request for bids, hoping that bidders could base prices on stock, rather than custom, roof sizes. Once the winning bid was awarded, the building footprint was finalized and specifications for the walls and floor were developed to match.

When bids for the concrete work came in higher than hoped (one for \$91,788 and another for \$118,500), the Highway Department recommended to the Town Board that they be rejected and the Highway crew authorized to do the form work and concrete pour themselves. The cost of doing the work that way is projected to be around \$50,000. The Board authorized the work at its meeting on September 13; work is expected to begin almost immediately and be completed this fall.

A critical enabler for this project was the discovery by the Town's bookkeeper, Laura Shawley (who doubles as the office staff for the Highway Department) that CHIP (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) funds from NY State are not limited to use for highway improvements but can also be used for other highway-related capital projects—including a salt barn. Since the Town would not want to commit an entire year's CHIP funding for construction (at the expense of road work), Shawley hit upon the idea of spreading the construction over two years.

The State money is supplemented by local funds garnered from improvements in operating efficiency within the Highway Department under Carl Seamon's leadership. The project will proceed with neither a need for borrowing by the Town nor a tax increase.

Biomass Boiler Progress

Danby was successful in getting a NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Au-

thority) grant for \$263,647 to install a state-of-the-art biomass boiler to heat the Town's Highway Barn. The Town needs to front the money for the project and submit the costs incurred for reimbursement.

The biomass boiler is coming from Europe, where the use of biomass as a fuel is much better developed than it is here in the United States. It will be capable of using hay bales as its primary fuel. The Danby Land Bank Cooperative is expected to be the source of the waste hay and fallow field mowings, thus resulting in a locally produced, renewable, and carbon-neutral fuel source. This boiler could also be fed wood chips or shavings, should those be available and cost-competitive. Any of these fuels are expected to be significantly cheaper than the propane currently used to heat the facility.

Danby Planning Board: Alternative Fuels

Henry Peterson addressed the Danby Planning Board during its August meeting, touting the virtues of alcohol fuel. They are numerous, beginning with a reduced dependence on imported oil and, at the same time, exporting our country's wealth. Unlike extractive fossil fuels, alcohol can be produced indefinitely and it is also carbon neutral, contributing nothing to global warming. Production is easy on the land, provided that its byproducts find their way back onto the land, either directly as fertilizer, or indirectly as the manure of animals fed the byproducts.

Peterson spoke of small-scale distillation, with multiple stills potentially located in the town. Stills capable of producing 3 gallons/batch can be had for less than \$1500, or even manufactured locally by anyone handy with tools. Peterson said he thinks alcohol can be produced for about \$1/gallon. The Federal government subsidizes the production at the rate of 55 cents per gallon, reducing the production cost to 45 cents.

There were skeptics in the audience. Some questioned the EREI (energy return on energy invested); some academics believe that the return is actually negative. Peterson said the figures he has seen are in the range of 35 percent, and agreed that corn is a poor feedstock. Sugar beets or sorghum would be better, and cellulosic

feed stocks are also a possibility, but that technology is still being developed.

If it were produced, how would it be used? Before prohibition, engines were designed to run on alcohol or gasoline. Some engines currently being manufactured can run on E85 (up to 85 percent alcohol). Otherwise, there is an upper limit on what unmodified engines can use. Peterson suggested that that upper limit is around 50 percent. Others had it closer to 15 percent. Since gasoline already contains 10 percent alcohol, how much more can be added is important.

Alcohol can also be mixed with diesel fuel. Ric Dietrich reported that the Town of Dryden tried that with its highway fleet and found it worked well in the summer, but winter operation was less satisfactory. The fuel tended to gel at lower temperatures, a problem that could be solved by substituting kerosene, but at an increased cost that pretty much negated the cost advantage of adding the alcohol.

Betsy Keokosky reported on the activities of the Danby Land Bank Cooperative. That group was partnering with a group of investors, led by Tony Nekut, to build a pellet fuel plant in Caroline. They have found the economics of wood pellet fuel do not support the venture, however, because of high costs for maintenance of the equipment. Keokosky said that she believes that grass has a better EREI than wood. The group is now looking into producing grass briquettes or logs that could be burned in conventional wood stoves. Ultimately, combined heat and power operations make the most sense, said Keokosky, with large users like hospitals and universities best positioned to move in that direction.

The Planning Board did spend a little time discussing how to inform themselves about mixed use development as a precursor to considering incorporating it into Danby's land use laws. Olivia Vent reported that she had been in talks with Robert Morash, a planner with ties to the urban ecovillage being developed on Aurora Street in Ithaca. She suggested that the Board invite Morash to its next meeting, to explain some of the concepts and how they might be employed in Danby. ❁



DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle

I watched a very powerful Oprah show with guests Wynonna and Naomi Judd. They are mother/daughter singing sensations in the country music field. Wynonna went out on her own to record but mother and daughter are now back in the studio together and going out on tour. They are able to work together again after years of family therapy.

During the discussion on stage, Wynonna said something very profound, "We often don't really know our mothers other than they are our mothers." I've looked through pictures from the past of my mother, always noting how little and beautiful she was; in my mind, a young Liz Taylor look-alike. But do I really know her story...her childhood memories, her relationship with her parents, her teenage dreams, her thoughts as a young wife and mother? When I ask her questions now, she talks about some things but not others.

So, I had an idea. I would like to hear your stories about your Moms, to be included in the Danby Town Talk column along with a picture of your Mom from past years. Nothing fancy, nothing lengthy, please. A small tribute, of sorts, to your Mom as a person, a woman, not just, "your Mom." I know we have lovely ladies out there who have accomplished so much, along with raising a family, and this is a way to recognize them for those achievements. After this, perhaps we could work on stories about Dads.

Send stories and pictures to [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or to 65 Gunderman Road, Ithaca. If you have questions, please call me at 607.273.6530. ❀

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Submitted by Sheila Enstine

The Military Family Support Group provides emotional and practical support to military families in our area. If you have a loved one currently serving in the military, or if you have served and would like to share your insights and experiences, please join us at our next meeting on September 9.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Danby Federated Church. Meetings begin with a dish-to-pass meal at 6:30pm. Occasional guest speakers provide information to help us better support our service members. For more info, call me at 607.220.9664. ❀

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

Thanks to the Hineys and the Grossmans for hosting our September meeting!

Our next meeting will change to evening time—6pm—on Thursday, October 7, in the Danby Church.

Ted & Connie are planning a trip to see *A Chorus Line* at the Clemens Theater on October 20 (dinner before the show is "on your own"). For information, give them a call at 607.272.3009. ❀

AGING? PUBLIC HEARING!

On Thursday, October 14, 2010, 2-3pm, the Tompkins County Office for the Aging will hold its Annual Public Hearing in the Community Room of at Ellis Hollow Apartments, 1028 Ellis Hollow Road, Ithaca.

Afterward, from 3-4pm, there will be a presentation by Cathy Roberts of the Empire Justice Center entitled, *What You Need to Know about Medicare and Health Care Reform*. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. You may contact Danielle Conte at the Office for the Aging, 607.274.5490, for reservations. ❀

PROJECT CARE

Submitted by Trina Schickel

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging needs volunteers to assist homebound senior citizens through the Project Care Program.

Volunteers typically visit an individual once a week for about 1-2 hours, depending upon need. Seniors may have one or more of the following types of needs: companionship, assistance with laundry or light house-keeping, errands, grocery shopping, light yard work or respite for a caregiver.

Volunteers should be good listeners and enjoy the company of seniors. For more information about Project Care, please contact Trina Schickel at the Office for the Aging, 607.274.5491. ❀

DANBY HISTORY GROUP CELEBRATES

Submitted by Mary Ann Barr

The History Group is one year old! Think of it. In 75 to 100 years it may be looked back on as an historic event. Right now, though, it is cause to cheer and look back at our its brief history to see where we came from and where we are going. We have met regularly throughout the year, planning the course of the Group, gathering historic information about Danby, and pursuing history-related activities.

Last June, we met at Wayne Myers' Garden during *Open Garden Day* and were intrigued and delighted by its wonderful landscaping and the displays of historic artifacts from the Bald Hill area. Wayne has developed a superb collection of historic pieces and displayed them in a picturesque replica barn. You can get a real feel for life in the past from going through the barn. It is worth the trip to see his place and what he has done.

On July 10, many of you visited Danby Fun Day booth. I don't know who enjoyed the day



more—the visitors or those of us behind the table. Among other things we had a contest for people to guess the weight of a Revolutionary War Cannonball. Three winners correctly guessed the weight: Elizabeth Teskey, Sarah Gagnon, and Ali. We want to remind them to pick up prizes the Town Clerk's Office.

Going forward into our second year, we are planning some events that spotlight different aspects of the Town's history. We hope to get people together to share interests in our yesteryears. Let us know if you have an area of interest about Danby's past, and we will keep in touch with you and include you in our upcoming agendas. You can get in touch with us by Emailing Pamela Goddard at [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us] or calling 607.277.4788.

Watch for announcements of upcoming activities we are working on. And if you want to participate in any capacity (including being a guest at an event) let us know. ❧

HELP THE FRIENDS O/T LIBRARY AND PROMOTE YOUR ORGANIZATION

Submitted by Julee Johnson

Can your organization or agency help us at the Fall Booksale? We need groups of 5-8 people to host a variety of 2.5 hour shifts. Jobs include being a pricer or greeter, staffing the information booth or being a "floater" (i.e. jack of all trades). The sale runs from Saturday, October 9 to Tuesday, October 26.

All of the jobs you'd be doing are "front of house" activities, where you can meet and greet the hundreds of people who walk through the sale every hour.

To show our appreciation for your efforts, your group's logo and name will be highlighted on the Friends web site and mentioned by name in press releases. Signs will be posted at the sale and announcements made over the intercom during your shift that mention and thank your organization. You're encouraged to wear your group's t-shirts, baseball caps, aprons, or similar attire, and distribute informational material about your group or an upcoming event. Please, no fundraising or political messages.

Training is required in advance for groups new to the Booksale. It only takes about 20 minutes and is conducted at the booksale site on Esty Street. If you're interested or want more information, contact me at [ajt1126@lightlink.com]. ❧

ADOPTIVE/FOSTER PARENTING MEETING NOTICE

Foster Homes or Respite Homes Needed! Tompkins County DSS announces a new initiative to make a positive difference in the lives of children. Become a respite parent—you could be qualified to provide short-term care for children in your home. If you relate well with teens, this may be an opportunity for you.

Informational meetings for those interested in caring for children and teens in their home by providing respite, foster care, or adoption are held each month in the Human Services Building, 320 West State Street, Ithaca. The next Meeting will be held on October 14 at Noon. Please come or call Judy Voorheis at 607.274.5266 for more information. ❧

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

The September-October-November Reading List:

Fiction

Doig, Ivan	Whistling Season
Gerritsen, Tess	The Bone Garden
Hart, Carolyn	Haunted Ground
Holt, Victoria	The Time of the Hunter's Moon
Krentz, Judith	Times and Seasons
McMurty, Larry	Why the Sky is Blue
Perry, Anne	No Graves as Yet
Pitcher, Rosamunde	September
Scottline, Lisa	The Lovely Bones
Steele, Danielle	The Ghost

NonFiction

- 301.41 Frontier Women
- 305.4 1000 Things Everyone Should Know About Women's History
- 305.4 Pioneer Women
- 503.0 Grow 'Em Right: A Guide to Creating Habitat and Food Plots
- 599.74 Ghost Grizzlers
- 634.9 Jumping Fire: A Smoke Jumpers' Memoir

Many thanks to Dawn Parks and our Library volunteers for selecting the books and displaying them. ❁



ITHACA EARTH SCOUTS

Submitted by Laura Woinoski

We are proud to announce that our community now has an alternative scouting experience: Ithaca Earth Scouts!

Earth Scouts is a national program developed by Earth Charter U.S. that inspires boys and girls from 3 to 17 years of age and engages them in community action. It is open to all residents of Ithaca and the surrounding areas (including Danby, of course).

Earth Scouts' youth wrote the mission: *Changing the world one fun badge at a time--children and youth working together to make the Earth Charter a reality at home and in the community.* Badges center on universal human rights, eliminating poverty (economic justice), participatory democracy, respect for nature and a culture of peace.

If you would like more information or if you would like to register, please Email us at [info@ithacaearthscouts.org]. It's great to be involved while the group is still forming because we'll be making some fun decisions, such as uniform design and event planning. ❁

WHITE HAWK KICKS OFF SUSTAINABILITY SERIES!

Submitted by Laura Woinoski

White Hawk Ecovillage is excited to announce that it are beginning a series of workshops entitled the *Sustainability Series*. This series of free (or extremely cheap) workshops are open to the public; skills and knowledge of all kinds will be shared.

One of White Hawk's goals is to become a center of sustainability for the larger community, where people will gather to share their skills. The workshops will be taught by residents of White Hawk and by people of the larger area as well. The topics will be centered around the following categories: homesteading skills, farming, animal husbandry, fiber arts, food preservation, alternative energy, compost, natural building methods, alternative building methods, permaculture, and more!

The first of the workshops will be in conjunction with the *2010 Green Buildings Open House Tour* on Sunday, October 3, 12-4pm. Join us to learn how to make sunflower oil. We are turning our black oil sunflower seed harvest into sunflower oil a via cold press! ❁

Community Council Youth Programs Fall 2010

Yes, Laura Smith has gone to graduate school and we all miss her so much! But, youth programming is continuing!

For permission forms and questions, please contact Linda Schoffel, Rural Youth Services Coordinator, [ljs48@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.

Primitive Pursuits

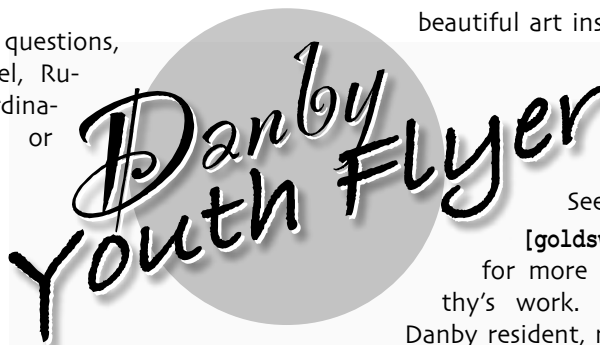
Grades 3-8
Mondays, 3-5:30pm;
September 20-December 20
(except October 11)
June Pollack's (43 Hornbrook Road)

Learn ancestral living skills such as shelter building, native crafts and nature awareness. Explore the outdoors, go hiking and get moving! Please dress for the weather and wear clothes that can get dirty! Primitive Pursuits instructors will lead the program.

Goldsworthy and Games

Grades 4-8
Wednesdays 3-5pm;
October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17
Danby Town Hall

Inspired by Andy Goldsworthy's work, we will create earth art together using rocks, sticks—and maybe snow and ice—then play cooperative games both inside and out. Some of the outdoor activities include using the Disc Golf course at the Town Park, and creating beautiful art installations around the Town Park and by the Town Hall. Please come to class with clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather.



See

[goldsworthy.cc.gla.ac.uk/extracts/] for more information on Andy Goldsworthy's work. Instructor: Julie Nichols Kulik, Danby resident, naturalist and instructor at Earth Arts in Ithaca.

Dungeons and Dragons Fans

Are you interested in reviving the game sessions organized in the Spring? Are there any parents out there interested in helping with the supervision of this group? Please contact me! ☘

Danby Community Council Scholarship Application

The Danby Community Council provides scholarships to youth who are Danby residents and need financial support to attend special camps/programs (sports, computer, art, dance, music, etc.). Funds are limited, so please apply quickly.

Youth's Name _____	Date of Birth _____
Parent/Guardian's Name _____	Telephone _____
Address _____	Email _____
Name of camp/program _____	Program Dates: _____
Address of camp/program _____	
Camp/Program Contact Info: _____	Total Cost: _____
Is the youth currently eligible for a free or reduced cost lunch program? _____	
I verify that the information provided on this application is accurate.	
Signature of Parent/Guardian _____	Date _____

Please send the application, with proof of enrollment in program and (if applicable) payment of deposit, to:
Danby Community Council
 C/O June Pollack
 43 Hornbrook Road
 Ithaca, NY 14850
 Questions? Call 273.4744 or
 Email [dpo11ack6@tcny.rr.com]

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Oct 2 • Sat
5pm 🏠 American Legion Hall
Steak Dinner
- Oct 3 • Sun
Noon-4pm 🏠 White Hawk EcoVillage
Turning Sunflower Seeds Into Sunflower Oil
- Oct 4 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting
- Oct 7 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Danby Seniors' Meeting
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting
- Oct 9 • Sat
9am-2pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Open House! Part of Fire Prevention Week
- Oct 11 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Regular Meeting
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting
- Oct 12 • Tue
7:30pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting
- Oct 16 • Sat
11am 🏠 Town Hall
Danby History Group Meeting
- Oct 19 • Tue
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
Public Hearing: 2011 Budget presentation (tentative)
- Oct 20 • Wed
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting
- Oct 23 • Sat
10am-2pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
3rd Annual Fall Craft Show and Chicken BBQ
5:30pm 🏠 American Legion Hall
Corned-Beef Dinner

- Oct 24 • Sun
3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Concert: Cornell Chinese Ensemble
- Oct 31 • Sun
3-5pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Halloween Party!
- Nov 2 • Tue
6am-9pm 🏠 Town Hall • **General Election**
- Jul 9, 2011 • Sat
Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

- Danby Community Council 🏠 Town Hall
1st Thursday, 7pm
- Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall
Saturdays, 10am-Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm,
and when the **Open** sign is out!
- Danby Community Library Volunteer Mtg 🏠 Town Hall
1st Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.
- Danby Fire Company 🏠 Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.
- West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏠 WD Fire Hall
2nd Monday, 7pm.
- Danby Fire Commissioners 🏠 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall
3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm.
- Danby Community Park Association 🏠 Town Hall
2nd and 4th Thursday, 7pm.
- Danby Food Pantry 🏠 Federated Church
3rd Friday, 4-6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6-8pm
- Military Family Support Group 🏠 Federated Church
2nd Thursday, 6:30pm.
- Seniors Strength Training Group 🏠 Federated Church
Mondays, 9am.
- Danby Quilters Group 🏠 273.2950
Fridays, 9-11am.

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