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# FINGER LAKES APPLE TREE PROJECT

Submitted by Steve and Ellyn Selin, Finger Lakes Apple Tree Project

When early settlers in the Finger Lakes cleared forests to start agricultural communities, apple trees were often the first new ones planted. Some apples were eaten fresh or dried and others were fermented into cider.

Hard cider was the most common alcoholic beverage in the US until the early 1900s. During the Prohibition years, many cider orchards were cut down to grow other crops. Afterward, when Prohibition ended, beer production increased rapidly but cider was soon all but forgotten. Apple trees were neglected, the fruit was no longer harvested, and many orchards were swallowed up by the encroaching forests.

We at the Finger Lakes Apple Tree Project hope to locate these lost trees and orchards and bring them back to life. We'd like to use the apples to help revive the tradition of cider-making in the Finger Lakes.

The old apple trees found in our community are often wild or obscure heirloom varieties unknown to the world of commercial apples. Wild apples are usually pretty rugged looking and are too astringent and bitter to eat fresh (unless you're a deer or a sheep.) "Spitters" like these have just the right qualities to make a great cider.

Thanks to the amazing abundance of apples in the 2013 growing season, we were able to harvest over 75 bushels of wild and forgotten apples from the yards, fields, orchards, and woods of our Danby neighbors. With them, we made 150 gallons of first-rate cider.

The Finger Lakes Apple Tree Project hopes to locate and map lost trees and orchards, to identify and propagate wild and obscure heirloom varieties, to educate landowners about the trees we

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# DCC CONCERT: MAC BENFORD AND UP SOUTH

Submitted by Ted Crane

Mac Benford and his Up South crew are coming to the Danby Town Hall on Sunday, April 27, 3pm. Mac has been a leading figure in the preservation and performance of traditional Appalachian string band music for more than forty years, but all you need to know is that he's a



grandmaster of the five-string banjo, and that he's great!

Up South, with fiddler John Hoffman, has pushed the boundaries of Old-Time music. John and pianist Randy Beckmann were introduced to Irish audiences through performances with the legendary tenor banjo player

> Mick Maloney. Along with Mac, they're often joined by Marie Burns

and bassist Sally Freund.

Mac has what may be the most unique vocal style you'll ever hear. His songs will charm you in. They tell a story, they tell you about life in rural communities. As a member of the last generation to have had personal contact with the great traditional artists of the past, Mac is carrying on the tradition in his own inimitable style.

This is a show for the whole family! Listen to music, meet your friends, enjoy the treats, and have a good community time! Like all DCC events, this concert is free. The Danby Concert Series receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership 💆 of Tompkins County and the Town of Danby. \$

-See "Youth Violin" on page 6

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## Danby News Notes

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Have a look at the "Danby News" section of the Town of Danby web site, [town.danby.ny.us/DAN]. 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.

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.

### DANBY WEB SITE

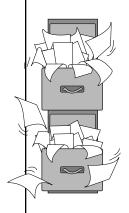
Have you visited [town.danby.ny.us]?

Meeting agendas, minutes, and relevant documents. Happenings in Danby. Everything in a nutshell.

# TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

"Hello. You've reached the office of the Clown Turk, Clown of Danby." April Fool. (For several years, I've wanted to do that. If you called on Tuesday, April 1, you just might have heard me say it.) We don't get many opportunities to play or be foolish in the Town Hall. People come to our desk with serious questions and serious tasks—whether paying taxes, licensing your dog, or being issued a handicap parking permit.



Please note that the Town Clerk's office has stopped collecting local taxes. After April 1, any taxes not yet paid—and second installment tax payments for Town and County tax—are collected at the Tompkins County Finance Office on Court Street in Ithaca. The phone number there is 607.274.5545.

Here's another reminder for dog owners. Remember that your animal must be licensed annually. Make sure that its vaccines are up to date and pay for your dog license renewal on time. If you do, there

is no change in license fee for a spay/neutered animal. Dog license renewals are sent out monthly on the anniversary of the month in which the original dog license was issued. If you pay late, after 60 days, a late fee of \$3 per month is attached to dog licenses. This additional fee will help cover extra mailing and processing costs without penalizing responsible dog owners.

The Town Clerk's office is able to offer serious help for those with disabilities that impair mobility. Those who have never needed a disability parking permit may be surprised to learn that the Department of Motor Vehicles does not issue handicap parking permits! The Town Clerk's office is where you come for a rear view mirror hang tag. All applications are processed at the local level, by the Town Clerk where you live. Medical certification, in the form of a completed application form and/or signed letter from a qualified practitioner, is required. Most doctors have these forms handy.

Parking permits may be issued for either a temporary and permanent disability. Temporary hang tags are red and are issued for up to six months. Permanent hang tags are blue and are issued for five years. Both types can be renewed as needed. Permanent permits are issued to persons who are not expected to recover from conditions such as arthritis, lung disease, use of portable oxygen, or other impairments that impose unusual hardship in getting around.

NYS blue and red hang tags are valid in any designated space, everywhere across the state with two exceptions: Cornell University and New York City. If you have a regular need to park at Cornell, you should contact Cornell transportation for more information. Similarly, the New York City Department of Transportation issues a City Permit that allows persons with disabilities to park at most curbsides. NYC does not otherwise set aside reserved on-street spaces. Designated spaces for standard parking permits are available off-street in parking lots.

During April the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10am-Noon on Saturdays. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. Summer hours, dropping Saturday mornings, will commence Memorial Day weekend at the end of May.

Spring is taking a long time to arrive. Perhaps the promise that the candy bowl will be filled with chocolate kisses, including plenty of dark chocolate, will help tide us over until the flowers bloom.

Questions? Call 607.277.4788 or send Email to [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us].

# ANNUAL WD Spring Craft Show

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

This year, this month! Join us, either as a crafter or as an art lover and customer. This year's Spring Craft Fair and Chicken BBQ will happen on Saturday, April 12, 10am-2pm in the West Danby Fire Company, 47 Sylvan Lane.

The kitchen will be busy with the Fire Company's Chicken BBQ. Dinners (and halves) on sale throughout the day.

Crafters, the fee for one spot is \$10. One 8-foot table and two chairs are provided. Set up begins at 8am.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, [marrell1@aol.com] or 607.564.0020.

# **EXPECTING SPRING KITTENS?**

Submitted by Jan Pfleiderer

We are searching for a "barn" kitten to live in our home. No specific brand, just a cute and free mouser who will receive a good home with good cat lovers in rural Danby.

You can reach me at [janpfleiderer@hotmail.com] or 607.257.1120.

# COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, County Legislator

I have been hearing from a number of West Danby residents who are concerned that Tioga County Transit is planning to discontinue its Waverly to Ithaca route. This would cause West Danby's only public transportation link to disappear. Tioga County Transit also runs an Owego to Ithaca bus along NYS Rt.96B through Danby, but that route is also covered by a TCAT route.

Tioga County Transit's problems stem from the way its bus system is primarily funded: through the NY State Department of Health, as a way to pay for Medicaid recipients to get to their medical appointments. That method of subsidy was abruptly changed, and Tioga County may not be able to support its bus system any other way.

There is no hospital in Tioga County, so its Medicaid patients mostly come to Ithaca for their medical needs. Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) discontinued its routes to Tioga County in 2012, also for budgetary reasons. TCAT estimates the cost of duplicating the Waverly to Ithaca route, once a day (round-trip) on weekdays only, at about \$300,000 a year. There is no way passenger fares could even come close to that amount, which means someone needs to subsidize the route if it is going to continue.

Tioga County is not the only county facing this issue. Cortland, Schuyler, Chemung, Chenango, Ontario, and Otsego counties are all in a similar situation. These counties are appealing to New York State for help in changing the Medicaid funding system back to what it was, so that rural bus service can continue. That decision rests with the state.

Tompkins County's bus system is not funded with Medicaid money, so TCAT is not threatened with this issue. The situation is fluid. As of press time, we are being told that Tioga Transit will continue to operate until at least mid-May. I will continue to monitor this situation and will be happy to keep people updated as I learn more. Let me know if you want to be part of that 'update list'.

You can contact me at 607.272.7582 or [danbydan@hotmail.com].

# WEST DANBY WATER UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

The Water District is losing one of its valuable Commissioners. John Sill has decided to step down from his service.

John worked for 27 years at Ithaca College, in the plumbing and heating plant. He retired as the supervisor of that department. That experience, along with his concern for the well-being of our community meant that his input to District issues was always valued and respected. John has decided to leave as his travel plans in retirement will keep him from the time commitment he feels necessary to meaningfully contribute during this important time for the District.

John, we wish you well in your travels and thank you for your service. That said, we are now looking for a candidate to become a Commissioner. The only requirements are that the person have 27 years experience, operational and supervisory, in a water field...just kidding.

If you are, or know someone who is, interested in the issues pertinent to the Water District and can commit approximately one to three hours per month to those issues, contact me at [todsukontarak@gmail.com] or 607.564.0469.

In other District news, as of March 15 we have changed 80 meters with approximately 28 to go. If you haven't had your meter changed, you had a note taped to your door with Tod's contact info asking you to schedule a time with him to do it. Our next reading will be on or about March 31 and, to meet schedule, we need to have the meters changed in all of the West Danby residences by then.

# FUN DAY WAKE-UP CALL

Submitted by George Jakubson

Save the date! July 12, 2014 is Danby Fun Day!

You can look forward to those wonderful moments and

activities, the parade, the chicken barbecue, the games, the music, and more!

If you would like to help run a game, or anything else, please contact me [george.jakubson@cornell.edu] or 607.255.4546.

# Supervisor's Update

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Daylight savings time. On first Monday following daylight savings the sun continued to occupy my back yard, even as the clock rolled past six o'clock. I am feeling like I am getting my days back. I am sitting on my back porch, it is 38 degrees, and I am in shirtsleeves, soaking up the sun.

If this were August I would be freezing.

The geese ran north the whole night through, riding the warm air surging up from the south. Right now I am watching the rain turn to snow. Tomorrow I will be snow blowing my driveway.

The joys of life in upstate New York.

A lot of land use issues are making the rounds of our Planning and Town Boards and will follow us into the summer as topics of interest.

Funding for Youth Services, as it has been for several years, is a hot topic. This funding makes possible our Youth Development programming (both in-school and after-school), our Youth

Employment efforts (internships and job experience, generally during the summertime), and even the Recreation Partnership, which presents group-oriented recreation activities like the sports opportunities at Cass Park.

Danby has been designing its programs from a long-term view: we start by building a community within the otherwise far-flung youth of our town. We encourage our youth to develop skills in both group interaction and self-reliance through programs that begin in elementary school, rather than waiting until problems begin to manifest themselves during the high school years.

Currently, continued budget support is problematic. The funding streams that support these efforts are drying up. If these programs are going to continue, some new ideas need to be explored.

The problem will need to be addressed at both the county and municipal level. In the past, funding has been cobbled together with intra-municipal and County contractual agreements. The State has pretty much vanished from the equation. Can the remaining entities put something together to continue? If they can't, then should we try and find the money locally?

Ultimately, like any goal the Town sets, the answer rests with how important the topic is to its residents, and who gets involved and tries to solve this problem.

Currently the Town is trying to draw your attention: solving this and other problems requires citizen participation on the County boards that will address this topic during this coming year, and requires folks who are able—and willing—to attend local board and Community Council meetings.

Participating in meetings not only allows you to share your interest and input, but it ensures that you can share what is being discussed with our other residents for their review and comment.

Among other Town topics, our County and municipal leaders are floating an alternative budget proposal, a response to the Governor's budget, that addresses issues important to local taxpayers and government, is being prepared. Because the budget is due April 1, your Town Board will have voted on this before you read the Danby News; you can read all about it in the meeting minutes at [town.danby.ny.us/TownBoard].

As always, if there is an issue the Town should address, please contact me, [supervisor@town.danby.ny.us]. \$

#### **⊃** Apples, cont'd from front page—

find on their property, and to return the apple trees to useful production for the purpose of making great ciders that are distinct to our region.

To accomplish this, we need your help! Neighbors, if you know of some interesting apple trees—whether it's one tree or a whole orchard—we would love to hear about them. Please contact us at 607.279.7563 or [FingerLakesApples@gmail.com].

# Town Hours

#### Town Clerk

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559

Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-Noon

Highway Department

93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169

Mon-Thu, 6am-4:30pm

#### Code Enforcement Office

Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559

Mon-Wed, 9am-4pm; Thu-Fri, by appointment

**Town Court** 

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031

Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

# **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!

#### At the DFC, 1859 Danby Road

AARP Safe Drivers Course. April 8 and 9, 1-4pm, \$20 for AARP members, \$25 others. Get points off your license or an insurance discount. Register at 607.272.1687.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner: Friday, April 11, 2014, 5-7pm. Chicken and Biscuit, Squash, Green Beans, Corn, Harvard Beets, Apple Sauce, Pies and Assorted Desserts, Beverage. Adults, \$8; Children, \$4.

Seniors' Free Lunch and Games: Mondays, Noon, on April 21.

#### **Danby Community Council:**

Violin recital with Angela Yantorno: Sunday, April 6, 3pm, Danby Town Hall. For free!

Mac Benford and Up South: Sunday, April 27, 3pm, Danby Town Hall. Old-time string band. Free!

"For Pete's Sake" Sing: Saturday May 3, 1-4pm, Danby Town Hall. On Pete Seeger's birthday, join your neighbors in the singing.

Cindy Mangsen and Steve Gillette: Sunday, May 18, 3pm Danby Town Hall. Primier folk singers and songwriters.



The Solarize Tompkins project is bearing fruit in the Town of Danby. In these photos, a 15kW solar photovoltaic array is being installed (above) on a snowy day in December; a day later (right) the snow is melted and only one more panel needs to be mounted.

This installation went "live" on the Winter Solstice, December 26, and has already generated more than 3mWh (three megawatt hours) of electricity.

# YOUTH VIOLIN RECITAL

Last fall, during the Danby Community Council's concerts, one of the standing-room-only crowds was entertained by the band, "Not From Wisconsin." That event, a cross between folk, contemporary, and old-time mu-

sic featured fiddler Angela Yantorno.

Angela isn't just any fiddler. She is classically trained, is an active performing violinist in various chamber groups, and she runs a violin studio for elementaryaged (5-10) children studying the Suzuki method. She's bringing her students to Danby's Town Hall for a recital on Sunday, April 6, at 3pm.



If you haven't heard Suzuki students play, it's a real eyeopener. They'll cover everything from classical to popular, and they'll do it with confidence! The Suzuki method is based on the beliefs that all people are capable of learning from their environment, and that a positive environment will help foster character in students.

Whether you're a music lover, a parent looking to broaden your child's horizon (bring your kids!), or a Suzuki fan, this recital will be a wonderful event to take part in. It's free, as are all of the Community Council's concerts. Sunday, April 6, 3pm, in Town Hall.



### DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be at Noon on Thursday, April 3 in the Danby Federated Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to join us for a dish to share lunch. Linda Howe will again cook our "Easter" ham.

In May we'll change to our summer meeting schedule, still on first Thursdays, but at 6pm in the evening.

Thank you to our March hosts, Bill and Pat Dougherty and Nancy Gould. We had a great turnout of more than 50 people.

Upcoming bus trips are to Penn's Peak for the /Branson Fever/ luncheon show on May 7 and to the Made in America store plus other stops on June 12. Contact Ted Merritt for more detail or sign up at the next meeting!

# Free Tax Preparation for Seniors

Free tax preparation is offered at Lifelong (downtown) for seniors, 60+ and/or low income. Call 607.273.1511 for info. Appointments are going fast!

## Danby Food Pantry Challenge

This April, the Feinstein Foundation has \$1 million dollars to divide among hunger-fighting nonprofits nationwide. Grants are based on donations given to our pantry during those months. They can include cash, checks, food items (valued at \$1 per item or pound), or pledges.

Contact Joan Barber, 607.280.4776 for more info. Checks can be made out to *Danby Food Pantry* and mailed to 8 Hilltop Road, Ithaca NY.

# BROADBAND IN DANBY UPDATE

Submitted by Ted Crane

We've all been waiting a long time to get our fast broadband connections to the Internet! Two tidbits—believable tales—about real progress on the broadband project have come my way.

The first involves a group of my neighbors on West King Road, in the Northwest corner of Danby; one had been tied to a Hughes Net satellite dish. My correspondent (and her neighbor) contacted Clarity Connect and learned that both could "see" one of the new wireless Internet towers, off to the west toward Mecklenburg. Well, as of today's info, they've connected to Clarity's wireless network. A quick speed test suggests that data is arriving

from the Internet getting in excess of 5Mpbs (5 million bits per second). One of them is watching movies on the Internet!

FYI, my correspondent ("It must be 100 times faster than Hughes Net!") chose to pay monthly for the service (about \$50) to check it out before changing to a quarterly or annual payment option, which would bring the monthly cost under \$40.

A sidebar to this story is that a third neighbor, a bit downhill, who could *not* see the Mecklenburg tower, was still able to connect to the Internet via a repeater antenna on one of the other homes!

The second tidbit comes from Chuck Bartosch at Clarity Connect. The key antenna location that I described in January's Danby News should be active in a few weeks, and it will serve parts of western Danby. While this will not service a huge number of households, it's a key antenna because Clarity can install relays that *can* see more of Danby.

Yes, Clarity is still waiting for its contract with NY State to be finalized. Being awarded a grant and actually signing a contract to start the cash flow are different things! Chuck's best guess is that that will happen by the end of April.

If you have any interest in connecting to this project, it wouldn't hurt to contact Clarity at [clarityconnect. com] or 607.257.8268. If they know you're out there... they'll let you know when the radio waves are ready to find your neighborhood.

# Danby Community Library

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Dear Danby Community Members:

Please remember to write this date on your calendar: Saturday, April 26, 2014 for the Annual Danby Community Library Open House and Book Sale! We have more items than ever this year and you know the free refreshments are always a treat. So come early and stay late (10am-2pm) and we hope to see everyone at the Town Hall for this fun event. Our volunteers have been working hard to make this possible so please stop in and give them a pat on the back.

Sincerely, The Danby Community Library

Due date coming up? If you're still reading a loaner, an item can be renewed by calling 607.277.4200 and leaving a message on the answering machine or by Emailing to [library@town.danby.ny.us]. We will reply by Email to let you know the new due date.

South Carolina woman jailed over unreturned Monster-In-Law VHS. We would never go to this extreme, but we are missing:

- Orphan Game by Ann Darby
- The Day it Rained Hearts by Felicia Bond

As you go through your book collection at home in preparation for the upcoming book sale, please look for these items and return ASAP!

Need new volunteers! Our meeting time has changed from 1st Wednesday of the month to 1st Saturday of the month at 9am. Come in and check us out!

# GREAT TREES FOR YOUR LANDSCAPE

Submitted by Pat Curran, Cooperative Ext. of Tompkins County

Instead of that sickly birch or disease-ridden blue spruce, grow a healthy tree suitable for your landscape. Our motto is, "The right tree for your site."

Learn how to analyze your site and discover which trees will thrive for you. *Great Trees for Your Landscape* is offered on Wednesday, April 2, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Coop Extension Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca.

Attendees will also learn how to access the city of Ithaca tree map and the Cornell Urban Horticulture web site database. Fee: \$5-\$10, self-determined sliding scale. Pre-registration requested to ensure enough handouts. Please call 607.272.2292 for more information or to register.

# Position Opening: Planning Board Recording Secretary



The Planning Board of the Town of Danby is accepting applications to fill the position of its recording secretary.

Duties include:

• attendance at all Planning Board meetings, which may include

public hearings. Meetings are usually once a month on the third Thursday, 7-9pm, in the Town Hall.

- taking accurate and complete sound and note recordings of all meetings.
- the timely preparation of written meeting minutes that include Planning Board discussions, motions, and votes. Minutes will be prepared and transmitted to the Town Clerk and Code Officer no later than two weeks following a meeting.
- monthly transmittal of completed meeting minutes, notes, and sound recordings (following final approval by the Planning Board) to the Town Clerk/Records Management Officer for proper retention.

Preference will be given to a Danby resident. The supervisor for this position is the Planning Board Chair. There is an expectation of 4-8 hours per month varying with the length and complexity of meetings; pay is \$20/hour, which includes actual meeting time and time for the preparation of minutes. Contact the Town Clerk, [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us] or 607.277.4788 for additional information and applications.

Due date is Tuesday, April 15.





# Community Council Youth Programs

The current programs, Get Your Game On, Wacky Wednesday, and Cooking without a Kitchen will continue through April 10 and there is still space available for anyone that wants to join. They are open to all Danby youth in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

I am working on some Spring Break plans for the week of April 14-18. These include, potentially, a Claymation/ Stop-action filmmaking project, gardening in the park, and/or a Magic tournament with other towns.

Please keep an eye on our web site, [ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby] orfeelfreetocontactmeviaEmail, [kb578@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.222.

If you would like to be contacted directly by email or phone when these plans are more solidified I would be happy to do this.

New programs will begin after Spring Break. Primitive Pursuits will be returning along with other exciting activities. Please keep an eye on the web site for this upcoming info.

Get Your Game On - Grade 3 to 8 Tuesdays, March 4-April 8, 2:30-5:30pm Danby Town Hall

Have you ever wanted to design and build your own board game? Join me each week to play the games we already know and love and create new games to share with your friends and family. Bus is available from South Hill Elementary and Boynton Middle School.

### SUMMER OPPORTUNITY INTERESTED IN BEING A FULL-TIME LIFEGUARD?

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak

Summer is just around the corner. If you are a Danby resident older than 16 years and you are interested in becoming a lifeguard for the Jennings Pond Swim Program during July and August, contact Amy Cusimano [amymc@twcny.rr.com] or Mary Ann Kozak [mkozak1@twcny.rr.com].

We will interview you and, if you are eligible, sponsor your lifeguard training. Get a jump on the summer!



Wacky Wednesday, Grade 3 to 8 Wednesdays, March 5-April 9, 2:30-5:30pm Danby Town Hall

Gather together to do unique arts and crafts, play games and make art with your food before putting it in your belly as a snack. Bus is available from South Hill Elementary and Boynton Middle School.

# Cooking without a Kitchen, Grade 3 to 8 Thursdays, March 6-April 10, 2:30-5:30pm Danby Town Hall

From "no bake" cookies to Solar ovens and everything in between. Join us each week to create, and enjoy yummy snacks made without conventional kitchen appliances. Bus is available from South Hill Elementary and Boynton Middle School.

# South Hill Elementary Lunch Bunch, Grade 4 & 5 Tuesdays, March 4-April 8 During lunch and recess time

Come have lunch with others in your grade from Danby, play games, work on crafts and go outside on nice days. We will also get to work on service projects for school.

### West Danby Egg Hunt

Submitted by the West Danby Community Assoc.

The 2014 Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 11am sharp, at Hatch's pavilion (corner of Short and Brown in West Danby), offers more than colored eggs.

The eggs, of course, are hidden by bunnies, not that anyone really expects to see live bunnies, let alone live bunnies hiding eggs. If you see them hiding the eggs, then the eggs aren't hidden, are they? Look for eggs, not bunnies.

One bunny, the big Easter Bunny, will be there for sure.

More than a simple egg hunt, there will be games and finger food, and some children's books to share. So don't be late. Saturday, April 14, 11am at Hatch's pavilion.



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# Danby Area News: Event Calendar

Apr 3 • Thu

Noon Danby Federated Church • Seniors

Apr 5 • Sat

9am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Apr 6 • Sun

3pm 🕰 Town Hall

Community Council Concert: Violin Recital

Apr 8 • Tue

1-4pm 🛍 Danby Federated Church

**AARP Safe Drivers Course** 

7pm 🙀 West Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Apr 9 • Wed

7pm Town Hall • Danby Community Council

Apr 11 • Fri

5-7pm 🚇 Danby Federated Church

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Apr 12 • Tue

10am-2pm 🙀 West Danby Fire Hall

West Danby Spring Craft Fair and Cicken BBQ

Apr 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

Apr 15 • Tue

7pm West Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Apr 17 • Thu

3-6pm 🔁 Danby Federated Church • Food Pantry

7pm 🙀 Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting

7:30pm \(\text{\varphi}\) Oasis • Park Association Meeting

Apr 19 • Sat

11am Hatch Pavilion, corner Short and Brown

West Danby Community Association Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 21 • Mon

Noon A Danby Federated Church • Lunch & Games

7pm A Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

The Town of Danby has a web site with lots more info. Check it out: [http://town.danby.ny.us]

Apr 26 • Sat

10am-2pm @ Town Hall

Danby Community Library Book Sale

Apr 27 • Sun

3pm 🙀 Town Hall

Community Council Concert: Mac Benford & Up South

Apr 28 • Mon

1-2pm Danby Federated Church • Mobile Food Truck
7pm Town Hall • Conservation Adv Council Mtg

May 1 • Thu

6pm Danby Federated Church • Seniors

May 3 • Sat

9am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
1pm Town Hall • Community Council Concert

"For Pete's Sake" Sing - add your voice!

Jul 12, 2014 • Sat • Danby Fun Day and Parade

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

Danby Community Library Open Town Hall Saturdays, 10am—Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm, and when the Open sign is out!

Seniors Strength Training Group Federated Church Mondays and Thursdays, 9am.

AA Meeting Federated Church

Wednesdays, 7pm.

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
- Danby Federated Church 1859 Danby Road
- American Legion Post 221 1231 Danby Road

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