



DANBY AREA NEWS

A FEAST FOR THE SENSES THE WEST DANBY PICNIC

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet, West Danby Community Association

One of our favorite events of the year is about to unfold: an old-fashioned picnic with food, games, music, and good conversation! This year's gathering, on Saturday, September 6, 1pm at Hatch's Pavilion, has lots of fun planned for the kids.

We've got all the senses covered. The cheerful sight of friendly neighbors gathering in the open air of our beautiful hamlet. Tasty homemade fare and desserts. The smell and sizzle of the barbecue. The lively sounds of *Mac Benford, Randi Beckmann, and Marie Burns* in an unplugged set of tunes and songs.

We'll bring a special twist for kids and the young at heart. Danby Youth Service Program Manager Karlita Bleam will organize fun games for the kids, and there will be a badminton net set up too!

What to bring: food to share, a table setting, a chair if you've got one. Something for the grill for those who'd like to throw something on the barbie. Drinks are provided. Don't forget to bring friends and family, of course! All are welcome.

While we gather for fun, let's also take the opportunity to nurture our community. We'll have a basket set up for donations to the Danby Food Pantry, so if you think of it, bring something to help ease hunger directly in our community. And for the first time, we will try a magazine swap! Bring any unwanted magazines to give away and maybe you'll see some you'll like to take.

This event is sponsored by the West Danby Community Association. Graciously hosted at the Hatch Pavilion

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CONCERT: THE SHEHERAZADE TRIO

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

The Sheherazade Trio, consisting of Susan Waterbury, violin, Elizabeth Simkin, cello, and Jennifer Hayghe, piano, will perform as part of the Danby Community Council's concert series in the Danby Town Hall on Sunday, September 28 at 4pm (note: the time is not the usual one).

This trio of classical musicians on the faculty of Ithaca College's School of Music has performed to great acclaim several times before in Danby. This concert features the great *Archduke* trio of Beethoven as well as a new work *River* by Ithaca composer Sally Lamb McCune.

Susan Waterbury and Elizabeth Simkin have masters degrees in music performance from the Eastman School of Music, and Jennifer Hayghe has a PhD in music performance from the Julliard School of Music. All three have performed with many local groups and around the world. A few years ago, when she was 8 months pregnant, Jennifer Hayghe was soloist in Beethoven's Piano Concerto #4 with the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra!

Concerts in the Danby Community Council's concert series have free admission and receive grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County.

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SPEAKING OUT FOR HEALTH CARE

Submitted by Barbara Harrison

The documentary *Speaking Out for Healthcare for Everyone* portrays people's experiences with our health system utilizing a storytelling format. You can see it on Tuesday, September 30, at 7pm in the Danby Town Hall. In a little over 45 minutes, statistics, cartoons, photographs, and video

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

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You'll learn what is, and isn't acceptable material for publication. If it's acceptable, we'll make an effort to in-

clude 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

The sale of DEC sporting licenses contributes to a big step-up in our work routine during in September. *Doe Management Permits* (DMPs) sales began on August 6 and continue through the end of the work day on Wednesday, October 1. The early August sales started out with a bumpy ride, with the State's new system being tested under fire. We can hope that the internet access difficulties, printer malfunctions, and problems with the DMP lottery system will be over by September.



There have been several changes to the online licensing system, effective last February. A completely new *DEC Automated License System* (DECALS) was installed last winter...and they are still working out the bugs. At the same time, changes were made to the types of available licenses and their associated fees. In a number of cases, fees for NYS resident hunters actually went down!

Due to these changes, it make take more than just a few minutes, this season, to process hunting and fishing licenses. Sue

McLellan and I appreciate your patience during the next month.

Some of the changes which may affect local sportsmen (and women) include the loss of the *Super Sportsman* license. Those who bought that option in the past will now have purchase each privilege separately. The license year has been adjusted slightly, from September 1 to August 31. The use of crossbows is now allowed in some circumstances. Information about all of these changes can be found in the 2014-2015 hunting; this and the fishing guide are available through the Town Clerk's office.

Please remember that even if you have a *Lifetime License*, you still need to visit a sales agent for DMP tags and other add-ons. Licenses are on sale all year 'round. Please bring your previous sporting license or your driver's license, to make it easier to find you in DECALS. Hunter-landowners (50 acres or more): we now have to enter your tax map number. Even if you have received this benefit in the past, it will help to bring a copy of your tax bill.

Remember as well that your Town Clerk's office is just one of many outlets for DECALS. In addition to retail outlets, you may also purchase your licenses online.

During September, the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays. After Labor Day weekend, we add Saturday mornings, 10am-Noon. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. You can always reach us at 607.277.4788 or [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us].

In celebration of the harvests of late summer, not only is the candy bowl filled with chocolate kisses, but fresh flowers are blooming at the Town Hall entrance and in vases on the Town Clerk's counter.

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

DANBY FIBER GROUP MEETS IN SEPTEMBER

Submitted by Kathy Halton

The Danby Fiber group is going to have its first meeting on Sunday, September 14, 2pm, in my house, 2505 Danby Road. If it's nice, we can sit outside on the deck.

Bring anything that you have been working on, so we can see and applaud. All spinners, knitters, and other fiber folks are welcome. If you have questions, call me at 607.273.0533. ❁

Every year, local hunters are encouraged to make donations to the New York State Venison Donation Coalition. The Venison Donation coalition is a non-profit organization that co-ordinates efforts of hunters, deer processors, food banks, and other individuals to add locally sourced food to New York State food banks.

Ground venison is distributed through food pantries, soup kitchens, and senior living centers. One deer can provide up to 160 servings of highly nutritious ground venison to those in need.

It's easy to support this effort, even if you butcher your own venison. Simply tell the clerk to click the donation link and \$1 will be added to the license fee. Donations can also be accepted through the secure web site, [venisondonation.org] or via check payable to: Venison Donation Coalition, Inc., 415 West Morris Street, Bath, NY 14810. For more info, call 1.866.862.DEER. ❁

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, County Legislator

In July, the Tompkins County Legislature unanimously passed a resolution to allow solar panels and other home energy efficiency improvements to not be counted in the assessed value of a house. I want to try to explain some of the background details and implications of this decision. Like many things that local government grapples with, it is not as simple or straightforward as it may seem from the outside.

When a homeowner adds something of value to their home, let's say a garage, the assessed value of that home increases, and so do the taxes one pays on that home. The assessed value increases because the selling price of that home would increase.

It would seem 'common sense' that adding solar panels to a home would increase its selling price, but actually, the County Assessment Department has found that this is not the case. However, no one can predict the future. The resolution the County Legislature passed says that even if there is added value to a home's sale price due to its having solar panels any time in the next 20 years, that increase will not result in an increase in County taxes for that home.

One issue central to this matter has to do with the Black Oak Wind Farm in Enfield. This is a commercial wind farm that hopes to start operating in a few years. NY State law does not allow a municipality to grant this

green energy assessment exemption for individual homes without also granting the exemption for commercial enterprises. For this reason, some of us were reluctant to grant the exemption at all. However, in the end, Black Oak signed a letter indicating that they will enter into a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement with the County so that we will be able to collect taxes from them once the wind farm is up and running.

Because solar panels have not been shown to add to the sale price of a home, and because of the Black Oak issue, I hesitated before fully committing to this exemption. However, I received a lot of input from Danby residents, and also heard from the Danby Town Board in support of the exemption. I am very pro-solar (I have both solar electric and solar hot water panels on my roof, but this decision has no effect on my assessment), and I wanted to support the efforts of Solar Tompkins which has recently been signing people up for home solar panel installation at a fast pace. Because of all these factors, I was glad to be able to contribute to the adoption of non-polluting energy sources.

One other small thing about the economics of solar panels. The Town of Danby has waived building fees for homeowners who install solar panels on their house. This is a small but powerful gesture. As far as I know, we are the only municipality in Tompkins County to do this.

Questions? Contact me at [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ❁

➡ **Health Care Film, continued from front page**

footage from a variety of sources are incorporated to enhance the message of, "Everybody In, Nobody Out."

The purpose of showing the film is to give the local community an opportunity to learn more about single payer health care. Very little information about this form of health care is presented to the public by the mainstream media.

Single Payer New York is interested in bringing this issue to the fore because Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, author of New York Health (A5389/S2078) will be holding legislative hearings in upstate New York during November and December. We would like as many people as possible to have a grasp of this topic and, if possible, to participate in the hearings and work by speaking with their legislators.

The passage of legislation to cover all New Yorkers could help individuals in these states, and might help focus attention on the passage of a national bill to to replace the ACA with universal, comprehensive reform.

SPNY's chapter *Finger Lakes for New York Health* is offering the film. Its members will help facilitate a discussion after the video and answer questions. For more info, call me at 607.279.6429.

The event, on Tuesday, September 30, at 7pm in the Danby Town Hall, is hosted by the Danby Community Council. If you have another public information program of interest to Danby residents, please contact [programs@danbycc.org]. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Taking care of business has its revealing moments. As we move into budget season, we get to see how last year's projections turned out. One of our goals that I have talked about in past articles has been our effort to look at the budget for leaks.

Leaks are drains to the system that require more energy and/or money to replace what's lost...for the same results. A good examples is the establishment—together with other municipalities in the County—of our own Health Care Company. Yes, we've had cost increases, but these are far below what it would have cost if our health care needs were placed on the open market.

This is also true of our general insurance needs, which are met through a cooperative insurance company, NYMAR.

Other types of leaks, vehicle maintenance for example, are being addressed at the Highway Department. We have made significant headway controlling some maintenance costs by acquiring new trucks, but that still leaves us with older equipment that needs to be sent out to be fixed. And the new equipment will get older. To address this, the Town Board approved a request from Highway to hire our own mechanic.

Speaking of leaks, West Danby's celebration of its new water tank happens on October 4. I hope to see you there!

We had to overcome several hurdles on the way to this new tank, and the project could not have come to this happy ending without the willing support of our community.

Broadband, the question asked most by residents, is still waiting for its money from the State. The project is still alive, the funding is still promised, but its caught in the political doldrums. The County's Broadband Committee is meeting again, but has received no clear information about when the money will be released.

Time Warner, the other communications issue we are pushing on in contract negotiations, is also pending. It's unclear at this time whether we'll be able to improve its offerings, content, or service quality.

Land use issues continue to be the big topics at various Board meetings, and continue to bring residents out to Town Hall. You can read about the issues in the meeting minutes at Town Hall or online at [town.danby.ny.us].

Thank you all, who turned out to express your thoughts and feelings on these issues. As always, if there is an issue the Town should address, please contact me, [supervisor@town.danby.ny.us]. ❁

WHITE HAWK CELEBRATION

Submitted by Serena Lindahl

Celebrate the beauty of the Fall Equinox at White Hawk Ecovillage! The festivities will be held on Saturday, September 20, 5-9pm in the village circle on White Hawk Lane.

Our community is growing! We have six houses built and two more are about to break ground. We want to share our success with the surrounding community.

Activities will include live music by Sundown Sally and others, a potluck dinner, activities for kids, a silent auction with items contributed by Ithaca area businesses, a campfire after sundown, and possible guided tree and herb walks. If you love music, love nature, love food, or just want to see what's at the end of that gravel road off of NYS Rt.96B, please come join us!

The dinner is bring a dish to share, your own place setting to minimize waste, and BYOB. There is guaranteed to be a wide array of food that includes vegan, vegetarian, and other special dietary options. We are asking for a \$5 suggested donation for the bands but no one will be turned away.

Rain date will be September 27, same time and place. Please watch our web site for updates, directions, or to find out more about the community: [whitehawkecovillage.org]. We look forward to sharing with you! ❁

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

Town Court

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031

Tue, 7pm

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WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

Having been filled, sanitized and tested, the Tompkins County Department of Health gave us permission to put our new water storage tank online. The switchover from the old to new tank was completed on Thursday, August 21. Our system is now operating completely from the new tank.

Statewide Aquastore will be subcontracting removal of the old one sometime in the first few weeks of September.



In the meantime, there is electrical work to be done that will provide cathodic protection to the tank as well as circuitry for an outlet and light at the tank site. Once the excavation for the electrical work is done, our new flushing hydrants will be installed. There are eight of these and they are mostly located at the ends of our branch lines.

The last water meter was replaced on Thursday, August 21 and Marge, Carl and I will be getting training in using our new Badger billing software and handheld reader. That training will occur in the later part of September.

The District news that I am most happy to report is that we will be having a ceremony to commemorate completion of our nearly \$400,000 project. On October 4, 11am-1pm, the community is invited to come to the West Danby Fire Station for refreshments, see a display of the project, ask questions about the project, walk up to the tank if they wish, and to thank each other for completing such a major undertaking.

We have invited both Senator Jim Seward and former Representative Frank Proto to thank them for their initial effort at getting us the funding. Hopefully, we will also have representatives from the Community Block Grant Funding Agency, T.G. Miller Engineering, and our Town Board and Town Staff as they all contributed to completing the project.

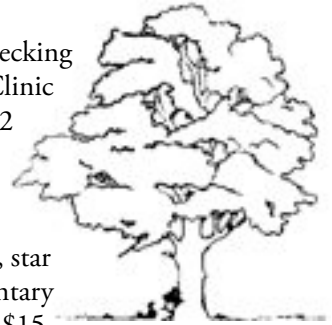
So, put October 4 on your calendar. We will be sending postcard invitations to our District residents and advertising on the Station billboard as the date gets closer. ♣

DOTSON PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Michele Lenhart

Crisp September climes make it a refreshing time to explore the park! The Danby Community Park Association challenges you to try one new activity in the park this month, for example:

- Kick off the month by checking out the Disc Golf Pro Clinic on Tuesday, September 2 at 5:30pm in Dotson Park. The clinic features Prodigy Discs team member Will Schusterick, star of the YouTube documentary *Shoestrings*. The clinic is \$15 and you can find more information on the DiscIthaca Facebook page.
- If you have never played disc golf before, give it a try! There are discs available to borrow in the Danby Town Library.
- Gather your friends and family for a game of bocce, corn-hole, horseshoes, or kickball in the park.
- Walk the trails and see how many different species of wildlife you spot.
- Check out geocache treasures hidden in Dotson Park.
- Lay a blanket on the park hill on September 9 and watch the full moon rise.
- If you have never donated to the park before, drop a few bucks in the donation box near the larger parking area.
- Attend the park board meeting on September 18 at 7:30pm in The Oasis, at the corner of Comfort Road and NYS Rt.96B.
- Or, come up with your own type of fun—and then post a photo on our Dotson Park Facebook page!



Throughout the summer, DCPA has tried to drum up community support to begin building a natural playground (plans for the playground can be seen at [dotsonpark.org]). We have heard from a few families who say they will happily use a playground once it is built, but we need at least 4-5 people who are willing to volunteer some time to actually clear brush, move dirt, install some elements, etc. Until a few generous folks step forward, this project is on hold. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know by contacting [dotsonpark@gmail.com].

We hope to hear from you soon. Let us know about your adventures in the park! ♣

WHAT ABOUT THOSE LIGHTS?

Submitted by George Jakubson

This is the first in what we hope will be a series of occasional articles from your Fire Departments about emergency services, tips and tricks, and the like. If you have thoughts on future topics, or comments on this one, please send them to me at 607.277.0671 or [george.jakubson@cornell.edu].

Many of us here in Danby grew up in other places in which fire and EMS services were delivered by paid personnel and not volunteers. Here in Danby, as in many rural areas, these services are delivered by volunteers. For all of us transplants, and as a reminder for the rest of us, here is a short summary of what the different types of lights mean and what we as drivers are supposed to do.

Flashing *RED* lights signify an emergency vehicle engaged in emergency operations. This could be a fire engine, ambulance, police car. In addition, you will see private vehicles with red lights and sirens. Some individuals, usually the chiefs in a volunteer department, are authorized to run their private vehicle as emergency vehicles when the situation warrants. *WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?* When it is safe, pull to the right and stop to let the vehicle through. This is true whether the vehicle is overtaking you from the rear or approaching you from the front (unless you are on a divided highway). Be sure to check for other emergency vehicles coming before you get back on the road.

Flashing *BLUE* lights signify a volunteer firefighter on the way to an emergency. A blue light is a courtesy light

only, and does not carry any legal rights. As a matter of courtesy we ask that you yield so that we can get to the emergency scene more quickly. *GREEN* lights are the same as blue lights except that green lights are carried by members of a volunteer ambulance company.

Flashing *AMBER* lights indicates a hazard vehicle engaged in a hazardous operation (e.g., snowplow, tow-truck, utility company vehicle). Slow down and be careful.

MOVE OVER LAW. New York State recently passed a *move over* law. When you see flashing lights on the side of the road, slow down. If it is safe, then move over to allow a safe clearance between you and the emergency services workers.

Drive slowly past an emergency scene. The fire department will sometimes need to close down one lane of a road so that there is room for emergency operations. We understand the inconvenience, but please go slowly through the scene when your lane opens. We rarely shut down more than a quarter of a mile of road. That distance at 60 mph takes 15 seconds. That distance at 20 mph takes 45 seconds. The extra 30 seconds has a large impact on our safety as we work on the emergency scene.

Looking for a great way to give back to the community? Consider working with your volunteer fire department. There are many ways to help. Stop by the Danby station (1780 Danby Road, 607.272.8114) or the West Danby station (47 Sylvan Lane, 607.564.7303). Company meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7pm. The other Mondays are training meetings. ❁

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!

The Civil War in Local Diaries

Come on down to the Danby Federated Church on Wednesday, September 17 at 7pm, for readings from local Civil War diaries! This window into regional history will be performed by members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The event is sponsored by the Tompkins County Sesquicentennial Committee and the SUVCW, including its former president, Danny Wheeler.

A light reception will follow the readings.

Steak Dinner: Saturday, September 20, 5pm

Grilled Steak, baked potato, green beans, salad roll, beverage and dessert. \$12. At the DFC.

Neighborhood Food Hub

Bring your extra vegetables, fruit and eggs to the Friendship Donations Network's *Neighborhood Food Hub* donation bin on Wednesdays (July 2-October 15), 8am-8pm. Donations will be distributed by the Danby Food Pantry or, on the weeks when the Food Pantry isn't held, elsewhere in the Ithaca area.

For more information, contact the Program Coordinator, Meaghan Sheehan Rosen, 607.216.9522 or [info@friendshipdonations.org]. ❁

DANBY'S FIRST CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, Chairperson, CAC

During a formal signing ceremony on Wednesday, July 30, the Town of Danby completed acquisition of its first conservation easement. The easement will limit residential development on a 25-acre parcel on Sandbank Road.

The owners, Art and Donna Hanson, gave up the right to further subdivide and develop the land (beyond one house) in the interest of preserving it for future agricultural use. The property is well suited to that purpose and has some of the best agricultural soils in the Town of Danby. Located, literally, across the road from Ithaca, a part of Danby that is under intense development pressure, it is unlikely to have remained undeveloped for long without this protection in place.



Donna and Art Hanson and Supervisor Ric Dietrich signing Danby's first Conservation Easement. Conservation Advisory Council Chairperson Joel Gagnon looking on. (Photo by Ted Crane)

The Hanson family has owned land in Danby for generations, and Art Hanson grew up nearby, on a part of the farm near the land covered by the easement.

Conservation easements are voluntary instruments that allow landowners to give up some rights in exchange for clear public benefits. In this case, the public benefits include the value of agricultural use to the economy of the town and the region. Since the land adjoins already-protected land in the Lick Brook Preserve (owned by the Finger Lakes Land Trust), the open space will help maintain the rural character of the area.

Protecting rural character by acquiring development rights is a primary objective of the Town of Danby's conservation easement program. Danby's program

has been developed and is being implemented by its Conservation Advisory Council, at the behest of the Danby Town Board. It seeks to acquire easements the low density parts of the town, with the aim of reducing the adverse effects residential development on rural land uses.

Because the Town's resources are limited, and to keep the costs of monitoring and enforcement down, the CAC

is trying to keep easements as simple as possible, with as few restrictions as possible. Danby's easements will try to avoid special protections that the Town might find hard to enforce. Restrictions in the Danby easement (a template easement can be found at [town.danby.ny.us/CAC]) are aimed at protecting the land itself. Responsible stewardship of the land is essentially unconstrained. Traditional agriculture, recreation, and hunting uses are unaffected.

This focus on simple easements means that the costs to prospective donors are minimized. These costs could easily be offset by tax benefits that may result from the donation. In addition, the State of New York has a refundable tax credit on easement-protected land that can help offset property taxes, without reducing tax revenue to the Town.

There is strong support within the town for protection of open space, and especially for voluntary measures to do so. The conservation easement program can play a meaningful role in preserving Danby's rural character.

Interested property owners are encouraged to contact the town to explore a conservation easement that will protect the traditional and future agricultural and recreational uses of their property. ❁

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, September 4 at 6pm in the Danby Church. All seniors, 55 and over are invited to join us for a dish to share supper!

We had no August meeting but 45 of us enjoyed a nice lunch cruise on the MV Columbia on August 8...it was a beautiful day to be on the lake! ❁

➡ West Danby Picnic, cont'd from front page

(located at the intersection of Brown and Short Roads in West Danby) through the generosity of the Hatch Family. The picnic will happen rain or shine (there is shelter), starting promptly at 1pm. See you there! ❁

DANBY FUN DAY: THE THANK YOUS

A big *Thank You* to the following individuals and organizations for helping us plan, organize, and hold Danby Fun Day 2014 (we sincerely apologize if we missed anyone, we tried very, very hard not to): Susan Beeners, Karlita Bleam, Danby Youth, Karlita's Mom, Judy Caveney, Pat Caveney, Bob "The Letterman" Chase, Leslie Connors, Marrell Cortright, Steve Cortright, Ted Crane, Danby American Legion, Danby Community Council, Danby Federated Church, Lynn Deuschle, Weston Duncan, Geoff Dunn, E&V Energy, Cindy Ervay and Girl Scout Troop, exhibitors, Skip Fairchild, Flashing Feathers Bow Club, Bernie Fitzpatrick, Joan Grant, Bill Halton, Kathy Halton, Andrea Hazzard, Tina Hilsdorf, Gay Huddle, Garry Huddle, Maddi Huddle, all the great bakers in Danby, Irish Step Dancers, Hannah James, Christopher Jones, Ted Jones, Ivan Kerestkes, Dan Klein, Tammy Knight, Edward Kokkelenberg, Zoe Larson, Chad Lazar, Rita McCarthy, Sue McLellan, Danny McNeil, Heidi McNeil, Robbie Miettunen, the great bands who played, David Nitchman, Kim Nitchman, Russ Nitchman, Susannah Nitchman, Erin Oates, all the parade participants, Shayna Ratner, Charles Robinson, John Rowley, Hilary Alve-Schilling, Tamara Scott, Connie Sczepanski, Ellie Sczepanski, Carl Seaman and the whole Town of Danby Highway Department, Jack Shawley, Jessica Shawley, JoAnna Shawley, Laura Shawley, Kasey Spada,

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Another big *Thank You* to the following businesses and individuals who donated to the Chinese Auction: Flax, Gnomon Copy, Ithaca Bakery, Heather Campbell, Patricia Smith, Danby Quilters, Jim Sczepanski, Tammy Knight, Grants Plants, Highland Farms, Dolce Delight, Italian Carry Out, Lane's Automotive, Lee Newhart, Willcox Service & Tires, Fly West Prims, Zumba with Hilary Schilling, Tabata Boot Camp with Tamara Scott, ABC Oriental Rug & Carpet Cleaning, John Thomas Steakhouse, Bangs Ambulance, Maines, Nail Candy Salon, DaVinci's Family Restaurant, Wegmans, Royal Court Restaurant, Sweet Melissa's Ice Cream Shop, Eastern Mountain Sports, Dandy Mini Marts, Papa John's, Maxie's Supper Club, Paleontological Research Institution, Cayuga Lake Cruises and Corks & More, Hangar Theatre, Finishline Auto, Route 96 Power & Paddle, Kost Tire & Auto Care, Mikey David's Barber Shop, Sciencenter, Greek Peak, Grassroots, Sahara Mediterranean Restaurant, Arthur Hollenbeck & Sons, Maguire Family of Dealerships, Lane's Automotive, Country Diner, Cost Cutters, Firehouse Subs, The Raymond-Hadley Corporation, Autozone, Sherwin Williams, Aaron's Rental, Hollybrook Golf Course, and Federal Safety. ❁

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marv English

Well, with the cooler weather comes the start of our fall dinners. We will be having a Steak Dinner on the 6th of September and our Fish Fry on September 19.

We will also be having two benefit Chicken BBQ's. The first BBQ is on the September 13 and will benefit the Veterans Day Parade, while the second BBQ will be on the September 27 and will benefit the Wounded Warriors Project Rally.

The Steak Dinner will include a mouth watering steak (cooked to order), a salad bar, your choice of baked potato, steak fries, or onion rings, and bread, coffee, and tea, as well as dessert. Cost is still \$12.

The Fish Dinner includes a Haddock Filet (deep fried or broiled), a salad bar, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, and bread, coffee, tea, and dessert. Cost is \$12.

The BBQs will each have a half of chicken, salt potatoes, baked (BBQ) beans or macaroni salad, and a dinner roll, all for just \$10. Chicken halves will also be available without the trimmings.

Hope to see you at the dinners! On the off weekends we will be having our usual weekend specials...stop in and see what we have to offer.

Need a place for that special occasion when your garage just isn't big enough, stop by and or call us to see what we can do. ❁

BALD HILL PIE CONTEST

Submitted by Ted Crane

Dateline Danby, NY, August 23: The tables and chairs are gone, the grill has been doused, the plates are clean, the Bald Hill Road Pie Contest is over, and the winners have been announced.

In a close round of voting by all those present, pie number two, a heavenly creation involving Heath bars and chocolate with a crumbled graham cracker and chocolate cookie crust, created by Bald Hill-ian Andrea Hazard, went home with the ceremonial cake lifter. The lifter is awarded annually--passed from winner to winner--and is decorated with personal trinkets of no known significance, each added by a previous winner.

In the under-sixteen category, Veery Evans walked off with the top honors. Her unsurpassed entry, a crispy chocolate butterscotch delight, received unanimous approval from all the judges. She received the youth-category pie server, also decorated with ribbons and memorabilia.

The pie judging took place at Jennings Pond, a rural outpost in Central Danby, and was preceded by a fabulous dish-to-pass potluck. The impromptu feast ranged from healthy, yet tasty greens-and-beans to grilled mussels. Dessert and judging the pies were one and the same. Your reporter reports a yummy-full tummy!

The annual Pie Contest has drawn residents from Bald Hill, Lieb, and Comfort Roads for several years. What a wonderful way to get together with neighbors! ❁



TCAT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Submitted by Kathy Halton, TCAT Citizens Advisory Committee

The other day I saw someone access a TCAT bus on a wheelchair, and saw how his wheelchair was strapped into the bus by the driver. It was impressive. It made me want to let people who have disabilities know that they can still use the bus service. So here's the information that TCAT has on this issue.

If you have a disability, you can get half fare on the bus. The applications for half fare bus cards are available at [tcatbus.com] or by calling 607.277.7433. You would need to complete the application and return it to TCAT.



The Americans for Disabilities (ADA) act requires bus operators to announce stops at all major points, and in places where someone wants to get off. All you need to do is tell the bus operator where you are going. You can also get a "hailing card" to hold up for the bus to see you, by contacting TCAT at 607.277.9388.x420.

Also, service animals are able to come on the bus, but they must be under the control of the owner at all times. Buses are equipped with a wheelchair ramp or lift that the driver can use if you ask him or her. If you are still unable to access the bus, then you are eligible for ADA complementary paratransit.

The paratransit service is a specialized, door-to-door service for people who are not able to ride the fixed bus route because of their disability. In order to use this service, you must be ADA certified. TCAT bus service contracts with Gadabout to provide these rides. You can find out more about this service by contacting Jenn Jennings, paratransit coordinator, 607.277.9388.x420 or [jj2@tcatemail.com].

These programs are put in place to make sure that people with disabilities have the same access to public services and facilities as all other citizens, including the right to public transportation. ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Most people have some kind of experience with Back to School. Hope yours is good. *Reading, Writing, 'Rithmetic....*

New books for kids:

- Juvenile Graphic Novels
- New book by Avi
- New selection of Picture Books



Please return your books and movies to Danby Library! The cost of missing books that are not signed out and belong to the Tompkins County Public Library will be charged to Danby Community Library. This is not in our budget and could endanger the future of your community library.

Please sign out books you borrow, return them in a timely fashion, and...look through your books at home in case you have a library item. Thanks. ❁

YOUTH GRANTS FROM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

Financial assistance for Danby youth, up to age 21, attending activity programs is available. It takes the form of a grant of up to \$100 per youth per year. The Danby Community Council administers these grants, based on funding provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby.

Grants are awarded quarterly for camps, lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is September 15 for programs beginning in October-December. Families who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch are especially encouraged to apply. For more information and applications, please contact [youthgrants@danbycc.org]. ❁

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Sep 2 • Tue
5:30pm 🏠 Dotson Park • **Disc Golf Pro Clinic**
- Sep 4 • Thu
6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council**
- Sep 6 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
1pm 🏠 Hatch Pavilion, corner of Short & Brown
West Danby Community Association Picnic
5:30pm 🏠 American Legion • **Steak Dinner**
- Sep 8 • 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**
- Sep 9 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
- Sep 13 • Sat
Noon 🏠 American Legion • **Chicken BBQ**
- Sep 14 • Sun
2pm 🏠 2505 Danby Road • **Handspinners Meeting**
- Sep 15 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
- Sep 16 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
- Sep 17 • Wed
7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Readings From Civil War Diaries
- Sep 18 • Thu
3-6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
7:30pm 🏠 Oasis • **Park Association Meeting**
- Sep 19 • Fri
5:30pm 🏠 American Legion • **Fish Dinner**
- Sep 20 • Sat
5pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Steak Dinner**
5-9pm 🏠 White Hawk • **Fall Equinox Celebration**
- Sep 22 • Mon
1pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Mobile Food Truck**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Adv Council Mtg**
- Sep 27 • Sat
Noon 🏠 American Legion • **Chicken BBQ**
- Sep 28 • Sun
4pm 🏠 Town Hall
Community Council Concert: Sheherazade Trio
- Sep 30 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Film: Speaking Out For Health Care**
- Oct 2 • Thu
6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council**
- Oct 4 • Sat
11am-1pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
New Water Tank Celebration
- Jul 11, 2015 • 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

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

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