



COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONCERT: THE GRADY GIRLS

Submitted by Ted Crane

St. Patrick's Day is coming up this month and, for the third year in a row, we're celebrating with live Irish Traditional dance tunes from The Grady Girls. Join us in Town Hall on Sunday, March 13, at 3pm.

Three sisters and their two cousins make up this family band, bringing to us the foot-tapping rhythms and sweet melodies of the land of their foremothers: reels and jigs, polkas and slides. Kids, bring the 'rents to this event. You'll have fun together, listening to the music and meeting all your friends during the concert.

Like all DCC events, this concert is free; if you wear green, you'll lose none of it to get in the door. The Danby Concert Series receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County.



YOUTH GRANTS

Submitted by Susan Franklin, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

Do you have a child going to summer camp, or participating in another type of program during February or March? Financial assistance is available for Danby youth up to age 21, in the form of grants of up to \$100 per youth per year.

Grants are awarded quarterly for camps, lessons, after-school programs, and more. You can submit an application for February or March...right now. The deadline is March 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in April through June.

Funding is provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby. Families who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch are especially encouraged to apply.

For more information and applications please contact [\[youthgrants@danbycc.org\]](mailto:youthgrants@danbycc.org). You can also find applications on the Town Hall bulletin board.

PANCAKES CONTINUE!

Turn out to support your local Fire Companies...by eating breakfast. It can't get any better than that!

The WDFC, at 47 Sylvan Lane, is preparing its *St.Patty's Day Breakfast* on Saturday, March 12. Maybe we'll see the return of Green Pancakes...or not. Tasty, nutritious, and filling, green... or not.

The DVFC, at 1780 Danby Road, offers breakfast on Sunday, March 20.

All events run 8-11am. Food is prepared by real firefighters over hot stoves. Proceeds benefit the Fire Companies.

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

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Guidelines and the *Submission Guidelines* at the same web location.

You’ll learn what is, and isn’t acceptable material for publication. If it’s acceptable, we’ll make an effort to include it; *generally, we print everything we receive!* You’ll find hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier.

A terse version of these guidelines is in the left-hand column of this page. ❁

TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Questions, questions, questions. Here at the Town Clerk's office we get all sorts of questions. Can I get a paid tax receipt? How do I get a building permit? The weather is bad, will there be Court tonight? When was the West Danby Water District established? A deer was hit by a car, it's in my yard, what do I do? Can you look up birth and death records from the 1820s? Do you have a notary there? Help, there's water running over the road—send someone now. Does Danby have a law against burning trash? What's going on with the police in my neighborhood?



Those are all real questions, and they've been asked in the past few months. The Clerk's office is often the first place residents go to get answers to their questions. Providing information is a big part of our job. The quickest way to reach us with a question is by phone or Email. Sue McLellan and I can be reached at 607.277.4788 or at [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org].

We have several ways to broadcast information of interest to residents. Specific, short term news is posted on the Town of Danby web site, [townofdanbyny.org]. Most often, those news items are also broadcast to an Email subscriber list. You can self-subscribe to Email alerts through the Danby web site. The subscription is private and secure; when Email is sent, your address is not visible to other recipients. To sign up, visit the website and click on the "News" link in the sidebar. Scroll to the bottom of the News Page where you will find a place to subscribe to Town of Danby News. Simply enter your address in the box and click "subscribe." A confirmation Email will be sent to you via the Email account you specify.

Information that has a longer "shelf life" and is more general can often be found right here in the Danby News. The DN is edited, produced, and mailed to all current Danby residents, and even to a few former residents who want to remain in touch with their hometown. It's a service provided by Danby Community Council. The Community Council, the Town Supervisor, the Fire District, and other Danby agencies regularly use the DN to communicate with residents.

The staff of the Town Clerk's office is always here to help. If we don't know the answer, we will do our best

to direct you to the correct place. Have a question? Give us a call. We look forward to hearing from you.

In order to be as accessible as possible, the Town Clerk's office is open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10am-Noon on Saturdays through the Spring. As always, we are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. And yes, there's still chocolate in the bowl on the counter.

Questions? You can contact me at 607.277.4788 or [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org]. ❁

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

Our interim District meeting scheduled for February 17 was postponed to February 24 due to unexpected scheduling conflicts with several of our Commissioners.

As of writing this update, even the rescheduled meeting will probably have been rather short. The reason for the meeting was to present estimate information from the companies bidding to do the plumbing repair work in the pump house. I have spoken with six different companies; four came out to look at the job, two decided against the work after having seen the job...and none have gotten back with an estimate. I will continue to call different companies.

The leaking roof on the pump house looks to have been repaired. A local roofer came out to do an estimate and saw a minor faulty point in the roofing material. Rather than give me an estimate, he repaired it on the spot. We will continue to monitor it for leaks to ensure the repair holds.

The New York Rural Water Association Convention is coming up in May. Carl Seamon and I plan to attend. The District will only pay for one of us to go and Carl and I will split the cost of the other going. I plan to use the time to network with other operators to solicit ideas for isolating chlorination functions in our pump house as well as attend as many concurrent sessions that seem relevant to our system.

If you have a question about Water, contact me at [tsukontarak@townofdanbyny.org]. ❁

PARK SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

By Michele Lenhart

Danby Community Park Association (DCPA) is a group of Danby residents who care about promoting Dotson Park as a fun place for the community to appreciate nature and engage in low-impact recreational activities.

We are currently recruiting new board members to serve in an officer role (vice president, treasurer, or secretary) or as a general member. This is a low-commitment way to enhance a local park and spend time with good people in the community.

We will be hosting an informational meeting in the Italian Carry Out on Thursday, March 17, 7:30pm for anyone interested in learning more about how to get involved with DCPA. Please Email [dotsonpark@gmail.com] or check our web site [dotsonpark.org] for more information. We hope that you can join us to hear more about this opportunity to be involved in a fun community organization that needs your help! ❀

ATTENTION FARMERS!

Submitted by C.J.Randall, Danby Planner

The Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program offers funding to support agricultural projects in the Tompkins County.

Eligible farmer-landowners can receive assistance to complete projects that increase farm production, advance on-farm conservation/environmental goals, and enhance profitability.

Projects must implement part(s) of a farm business or environmental plan. Farms must meet all eligibility requirements and participate in the Agricultural Environmental Management program through the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Funding is available to address a variety of projects. For projects budgeted between \$20,000 and \$50,000, the State pays 90 percent and the applicant pays 10%; between \$50,001 and \$100,000, the applicant's share rises to 25 percent.

Applications should be complete and accurate, and submitted by 4pm on Monday, March 7. For additional information and to obtain an application, please visit [tompkinscountyny.gov/swcd/Grants] or or 170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca. ❀

FREE TAX PREPARATION

If you are single and earn less than \$35,000, or are a family earning less than \$54,000, the Alternatives VITA program can prepare your Federal and State Income tax returns for you.

Alternatives' Free Tax Preparation Program has been offering free tax prep services since 2003. They have prepared over 17,000 tax returns for working families and individuals and returned over \$32 million in refunds to our community. Their goal is to help all eligible workers claim the credits they deserve without paying fees, and to help them turn refunds into financial assets.

The Danby Community Council is bringing this program to Danby's Town Hall on Saturday, March 19, 10am-2pm. You must schedule an appointment in advance by calling 2-1-1. ❀



NAME CHANGE: MEET THE DC!

In a reflection of the times, and its strong place in the Danby community, the Danby Federated Church is now the Danby *Community* Church.

Call it the Danby Church, for short, and expect to see the initials, "DC."

Watch for its new web site and other information coming soon! ❀

STAY IN THE LOOP

Receive timely event notices, reminders, and volunteer opportunities by Email.

If you'd like to hear about things like concerts, elections and votes, and other public events, drop a request to [danbynews@tedcrane.com].

It's a low-volume offering; generally not more than one message a week and most often less than that. ❀

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

Both the crazy cold weather and the intense focus on the upcoming national elections have affected my month of February. Can you believe that, at thirty seven below, Watertown was the coldest spot in the nation?

Was I spoiled by the temperate October, November, December? And the easy weather that persisted through a large part of January, and did I feel that the record-breaking cold was the only price I paid?

Was I living with the threat of having to climb up on the roof and shovel the snow off? Were there some anxious times, wondering if I needed to get my beast of a snowblower ready to go? Was I grateful that I have been spared from these tasks?

Yes for sure, the cold I can deal with, although some others must surely have had frozen pipes. I know the winter is not over and some of our big snows come suddenly at the end of winter, so I still could yet face these challenges. This winter has been so different than last. I think most all of us would agree another season of deep snow—like last year—would have been too much.

Perhaps I am feeling my age. After all, when I moved here I shoveled the drive by hand, cut, split and stacked five cords of wood a year, raised three kids, went to work, built the house, and got by on no sleep. Perspective changes as we age.

The CSEA contract has been signed, always a challenge for me.



Our new solar project is going forward. It will complement the array serving Town Hall. We are hoping to take advantage of a New York State program that allows us to provide power to all our municipal facilities Highway, Fire, Water—from a single, large array of panels located on Town property near the Highway Department. When installed—at no cost to the Town—it will cut our electric costs and help keep them increase-free for decades.

To make it easier to locate the solar farm, we are working on a land swap with Auto Salvage, the owner of an irregularly shaped parcel adjacent to the Highway Department.

On another land front, the Town is seriously looking at the lot next to Town Hall. The owner was served notice of an unsafe building and needs to tear down the existing structure and clean up the lot.

These items will be on the Town Board's in March. Other items?

Remember our biomass boiler project? Well it is still alive. We have been working to find a solution to its problems, to find a third party to highlight the incredible mistakes that happened, to re-engineer the project, and to find the money to fix the mixtaks. The effort is seeing a little daylight!

We are also looking at an idea to lower our—your—residential electric cost rates by working with other communities and buying electricity in bulk. It's an interesting idea, stay tuned this topic as well as all the others I have mentioned.

The proposal for commercial development on Gunderman Road, known as the Summit Enterprise Center, is entering into its final stages with a decision to come perhaps in April or May.

I do hope the Groundhog's prediction is true.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at [\[supervisor@townofdanbyny.org\]](mailto:supervisor@townofdanbyny.org). ☘

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PROTECT FAMILY AND HOME

Submitted by Wayne A. Westmiller, Fire Commissioner and Fire Safety Tech. II, Cornell

In 2013 in the United States, there were 369,500 home fires that killed 2,755 people. In addition, there were over 2,600 Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning deaths.

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds.

Your ability to get out depends on warning from detectors and planning.

The Plan

Everyone in your household should work on and understand a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes.

Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke detector. This is a great way to get children involved in fire safety in a non-threatening way.

For easy planning, download the NFPA's escape planning grid.

During your walk through, look for and deal with flammables and clutter that could slow down your exit—or the ability of firefighters to reach you or the fire. Read the NFPA's escape planning tips and download its free safety tip sheet.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

You can purchase these detectors at home repair stores like Agway or Lowes. You can get separate Smoke and

CO detectors or combination units. Some houses have the detectors already installed; these are powered by the house's electrical system with a battery backup. Detectors should be placed in bedrooms, furnace rooms, basements, and near kitchens. Detectors in and near kitchens can be an annoying problem, but fires are most likely to start there.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is produced by incomplete combustion. Such poor combustion can occur in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, or furnaces.

When inhaled, even a small amount of CO will reduce the oxygen-carrying capacity of your blood. The loss of blood oxygen can be fatal; so CO detectors are needed in homes.

See the Center for Disease Control [cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm]

Test the batteries monthly. Lithium batteries are supposed to last 10 years, so you might want to try them. Read the instructions for testing the detectors. If you hear a beep that continues for a long time after the test or otherwise, this indicates a low battery; replace it.

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers (FEs) can be purchased at home repair stores like Home Depot, or online via Google, Amazon, or Uline. I recommend purchasing a Powder FE, because it covers multiple fire types at a low price. You will want to get a 2.5 pound ABC (see Side Bar) for kitchens and 5# or 10# ABCs for areas near furnaces or garages. For most houses one 5# ABC per floor would be adequate.



Care for FEs involves periodic checking of the gauge on the side. If the arrow points to the "green" or "OK" area, the FE is good.

Once a year, tip the FE upside down, tap the bottom with a rubber mallet or the palm of your hand, and hold it upside down for a few minutes. This action loosens the powder in the FE. Then tip it upright and re-hang it.

To fight a fire with an FE, pull the pin and point the nozzle at the base of the fire. Squeeze the handle in short bursts as needed.

If the FE pressure is low, or you have used it to fight a fire, have a professional FE company service it or replace the whole unit. ❁

Classes of Fire

A	Ordinary combustibles such as wood, paper, trash or anything else that leaves an ash.	Water
B	Flammable or combustible liquids, including oil, gasoline, and other similar materials.	Smothering
C	Energized Electrical Fires. Always break the circuit!	Non-conductive agent
D	Combustible metal fires. Once a metal ignites do not use water in an attempt to extinguish it.	Dry Powder agent.
K	Cooking oils, grease or animal fat.	Purple K, found in kitchen or galley extinguishers

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Dan Klein

The Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL) is possibly our most beloved local institution.

Consider some of these statistics as evidence of how important the library is:

- In 2015, TCPL had more than 365,000 physical visits to the Library
- Free programs for children, teens and adults had a combined attendance of more than 32,000
- Nearly 800,000 items were circulated last year
- TCPL has more than 40,000 registered borrowers
- The TCPL collection includes more than 222,000 items

The library is partially funded by tax dollars, but also by private funds.



There is a large piece of the library building that most people have never seen.

Until recently, it was home to the Finger Lakes

Library System, the organization that services libraries throughout our whole

region. The Finger Lakes Library System recently got space of their own, freeing up 6,000 square feet of space.

The plans for using this space revolve around accommodating several new features in the library. One is a Teen Center. The Teen Center is meant to be a safe venue for teens to spend out-of-school time, and will feature collections, mobile technology, flexible spaces for reading, studying, collaborating, and holding programs.

Another feature to be added to the library is a 21st Century Learning Lab. The Learning Lab will be used to promote education, skill building, employment, career development and more. It will feature a dedicated computer training area, media tools, a “makerspace”, and more.

The \$1.1 million dollar cost to install these and other new features is being undertaken entirely by private fundraising through the Tompkins County Public Library Foundation. Expect these projects to be completed next year.

NEW APPARATUS TO IMPROVE FIRE PROTECTION

Submitted by E. C. Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

The Danby Fire District Commissioners’ proposed bonding of a new Tanker/Fire Truck received Danby Voter approval on February 2 by a vote of 75 yes to 24 no.

Previously, the Commissioners had studied our needs and drew up specifications for such a truck. For over a year, the Apparatus Subcommittee analyzed our current equipment, consulted with fire fighters, chiefs, fire truck manufacturers, various industry experts, apparatus consultants, lenders, bankers, accountants and lawyers, We received and processed a lot of information. The Fire Commissioners and the Fire Chiefs then developed a specification package for the new Tanker/Fire Truck.

The Commissioners then voted to seek bids late last fall. The successful bidder was 4Guys Fire Truck Company.

The order was formally placed following voter approval of the bond referendum. The new vehicle will be similar to the one pictured. ❀



Many of you will remember when the library moved into its current building—formerly Woolworth’s—in 2000. The purchase of the building was also a joint partnership between tax dollars and private fundraising, mostly from the Park Foundation. To me, this shows that, historically and currently, the library is a highly-prized local institution. I applaud their efforts to meet the community’s needs not just in the present, but with a sharp eye towards the future.

In addition to the library in downtown Ithaca, TCPL partners with the Danby Reading Room in the Town Hall by providing items through inter-library loan. Patrons may also return items borrowed from TCPL at the reading room or items borrowed at the reading room to TCPL. The Danby Reading Room is staffed entirely by volunteers, and they can always use more help. ❀

DANBY BOOK CLUB

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 20, 4pm, at 1011 Fisher Settlement Road. We will discuss / Cold Mountain/ by Charles Frazier.

Refreshments will be served. Please join us! Questions, call 607.589.6924. ❀

SPRING YOGA CLASSES IN DANBY

Submitted by Kelly Morris

Beginner's Yoga classes start on March 14. They'll meet on Monday evenings, 6-7pm, at *Yoga in the Woods*, 90 Lieb Road.

There's room for up to 15 participants and you can pre-register or ask questions by Emailing [kellymorrismail@gmail.com]. The fee is donation based. For more info, visit [yogainthewoods.info]. ❀

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marv Eastman

Let me start by apologizing for the cancellation of February's Chicken BBQ. It was just too cold to be outside. I know a lot of our BBQ faithful were looking forward to the mouth watering chicken event but, fear not, we will be having a Chicken BBQ on March 13, Noon until sold out. Cost is \$ 9 and includes a half chicken, dinner roll, and choice of two from macaroni salad, BBQ beans, or salt potatoes.

We will start the month of on the 5th with a Steak Dinner, 5-7pm. Menu is a 12oz steak cooked to order, salad bar, dinner roll, and a choice of baked potato, onion rings, or french fries. Don't forget the dessert! All for just \$12.

On March 18, we will be having a Fish Dinner, 5-7pm. Have your fish either fried or broiled, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, the salad bar, a dinner roll, and homemade desserts. Still only \$12.

We regret that we will not be doing a Corned Beef Dinner this year...mark your calendar for next year, though.

Need a place for a special event? Give us a call at 607.272.1129. ❀

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, March 3 at Noon in the Danby Community Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to come for fellowship and a short meeting. This isn't a church group but a community group.

Hosts for February were John & Margie VanDeMark and Ted & Connie Merritt. We had a smaller turnout than usual, only about 44. Judy & Bill Cuyler, our new Presidents, got gift certificates to the Rose as door prizes since it was Valentines month.

In March, Linda Howe will cook us up some Easter Ham. ❀

SOUTHERN TOMPKINS TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal columnist

Please remember to send your stories to me for the *Southern Tompkins Town Talk* column that appears weekly in the *Ithaca Journal*.

Perhaps you would like to share some good news about graduations, marriages, new babies, or special events happening in Danby and West Danby neighborhoods, as well as Newfield, Brooktondale, and upper South Hill. Pictures (in JPEG format) are always welcome.

Please contact me at [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or 607.273.6530. ❀

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The Mobile Food Truck is sponsored by the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

All persons needing food are welcomed to come and should bring their own bags and boxes. There is usually a variety of items including produce, sometimes bread/bakery, canned goods, juices, etc.

The next "Truck" (it's always the 4th Monday of the month) will be Monday, March 28 at Noon. It will be held at the Danby Fire Station. We will resume meeting at the Danby Church in April. ❀

'TIS THE SEASON FOR MEETINGS

Submitted by Alison Christie

West Danby Community Association

Thirty neighbors gathered in the West Danby Fire Hall on Saturday, January 25 for the West Danby Community Association's Annual Meeting. Most were from downhill Danby but, because the WDCA is open to everyone, a few uphill folks attended the festivities!

Everyone enjoyed a choice of five different delicious and warming soups and chilis, a tantalizing array of home-canned pickles, and home-made desserts.

A brief business meeting elected officers for the association's steering committee for 2016: Alison Christie, Chair, Pat Curran, Treasurer, and Peter Fraissinet, Secretary.

Special guest Roger Kimmel Smith introduced our comedic, silent film feature, Buster Keaton's *The General*. He gave us interesting background on Keaton and the movie. We laughed enthusiastically at the timeless com-

edy of Keaton's genius and munched freshly popped corn.

We also raised \$147 for Danby's food pantry and gathered several boxes of pantry goods. Thank you to the friends and neighbors who shared their camaraderie, culinary talents, and who supported our food pantry. It was a lovely night out in West Danby.

Danby Community Council

A small, cheerful crew braved the cold on Thursday, February 11 for the DCC's Annual Meeting.

A scrumptious potluck was followed by a slide presentation encapsulating the events of 2015, followed by reports from the president and the treasurer, and then the election of Directors.

Elected to two-year terms were Alison Christie, Julie Clougherty, Bill Evans, and Susan Franklin. Danny Wheeler was elected to a one-year term. Gould Colman, Katherine Hunter, and Ted Crane are also serving on the DCC Board of Directors. ❀

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

Danby Federated Church, 1858 Danby Road

Chicken And Biscuit Dinners: Friday, March 11, 5-7pm. Chicken and Biscuits, mashed potatoes, squash, apple sauce, corn, green beans, harvard beets, beverage and desserts. Also on 4/8.

Free Lunch: Soup, Friends, and Games, March 21 at Noon. Continues on 3rd Mondays, thru April. Join us for a good time and good company in the heart of winter.

At the Danby Volunteer Fire Company

Breakfast. Sunday, March 20, 8-11am. Pancakes, eggs, french toast, sausage, home fries, beverages.

At the West Danby Fire Department

Breakfasts: St. Ptt's Day Breakfast, Saturday, March 12, 8-11am. All the yummy breakfast you can eat. ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Do you or someone you know love mysteries and thrillers? We have them at Danby Community Library! From James Patterson's newest novel, *NYPD Red 4*, to newly donated books by Tom Clancy and others, check out our offerings.

Who won the Oscars? We will have a selection of Oscar-nominated DVDs, including Brooklyn and The Revenant.

Do you read Rick Marsi's column, *The Great Outdoors* in the newspaper? We are ordering his new book of nature essays: *Log Cabin Year*.

Tell a friend or neighbor about the Danby Community Library, the best kept secret in Danby. ❀



SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak, Pond Coordinator

Interested in being a full-time Lifeguard this summer? Think ahead! Lifeguard training courses are available at the Ithaca YMCA during April and May.

The Jennings Pond Swim Program in Danby needs lifeguards for July and August and will reimburse you for your training! If you are a Danby resident over 16 years old and you are interested in becoming a lifeguard for the Jennings Pond Swim Program during July and August, contact Amy Cusimano [myemail1607@gmail.com] or Mary Ann Kozak [mkozak1@twcny.rr.com].

Get a jump on the summer...it's just around the corner! ❀

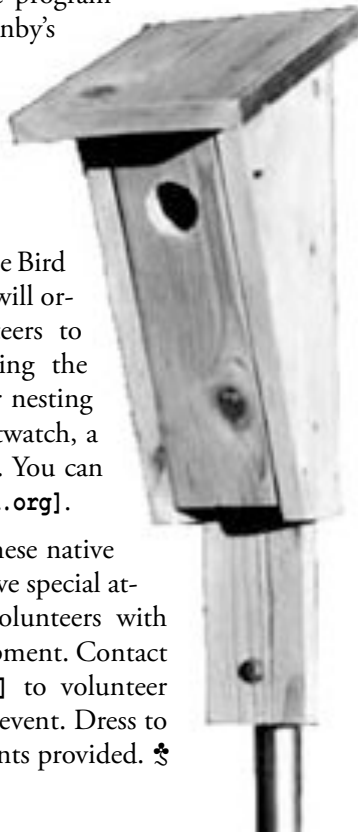
BIRD HOUSE BUILDOUT

Join other birding enthusiasts, novice and experienced, to construct bird houses for Eastern bluebirds at this family-friendly event on Saturday, March 12, 1-4pm, in Danby's Town Hall. The program is brought to you by Danby's Community Council.

We'll measure, cut, drill, and assemble bird houses to install in Dotson Park.

In the near future, after the Bird Houses are installed, we will organize interested volunteers to monitor the boxes during the spring and early summer nesting period. It's a part of Nestwatch, a Citizen Science program. You can learn more at [nestwatch.org].

We'll learn a bit about these native birds and why they deserve special attention. We welcome volunteers with carpentry skills and equipment. Contact [achristie@danbycc.org] to volunteer or express interest in the event. Dress to work outside. Refreshments provided. ❀



WEST DANBY EGG HUNT

Submitted by Alison Christie, WD Community Association

What's all the buzz about? It's time for our annual egg hunt extravaganza. It starts at 11am—promptly—on Saturday, March 26, in the Hatch Pavilion, near the corner of Short and Brown Roads in West Danby. It's brought to you by the West Danby Community Association.

Say hello to the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs, and choose a new book to take home with you.

This year we will have a special focus on bees. Come learn about these important pollinators and make a mason bee "hotel" to take home with you.

Danby's Youth Program Manager Travis Judd will be on hand to lead cooperative games for the kids. Once again, we will have snacks for all and delicious, freshly brewed *Gimme!* coffee has been donated to keep the adults warm while they chat with neighbors and watch the children play. ❀

Gently Used Books Needed

At the West Danby Egg Hunt we offer all attendees the opportunity to take a book home. You can donate books for kids ages 6 and up, young adults, and adults and drop them in the labeled box at the Town Hall under the coat rack. Thank you. ❀

GET YOUR ITHACA PHONEBOOK

Submitted by Ted Crane

Last month I wrote, "If you're a Verizon customer and you want an Ithaca residential *White Pages* book from Verizon call 877.2GETDEX. Not only is it free, they'll ask you how many you want! Customers of other companies...let me know what happens to you."

Since then, I received the residential listing. Good news: I asked for two and received three. Not so good news: they're "print on demand" pamphlets...lousy quality tiny print. The entire Ithaca directory fits on 16 pages. Still, better than no book! ❀

Community Council Late Winter 2016 Youth Programs

Greetings Danby Youth and Families!

We've got a busy season coming up so keep your eyes peeled.

First, the West Danby Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 26, come join us, play some games, search for eggs and have a blast!

In Danby's Youth Program, our Winter programs conclude during the first week of March and our Late Winter round kicks off the week of March 14. The Biology program identified and documented lots of tree and animal species of Dotson Park and Jennings Pond and, if you haven't been to look a little closer, the diversity is awesome!

Rocketry took full advantage of the open space at Dotson Park. Participants had fun designing and building their own rockets and every launch was a thrilling experience.

The food prepared every day in Iron Chef was very difficult to judge but always super tasty. Our participants developed lots of new friendships during this program and practiced great mentorship skills weekly.

The Late Winter round is going to be full of adventure; check out what's happening below. If you have any questions about the new programs or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at ttj22@cornell.edu or 607.272.2292.x222.

Additional program announcements will be in this newsletter, in Danby's Town Hall, on our web site [\[ccetompkins.org/4-h-youth/rural-youth-services\]](http://ccetompkins.org/4-h-youth/rural-youth-services), and in flyers given out in schools.

These programs are free of charge for Danby Youth ages 8-14.

Back to the Future-Grade 5 and up

Wednesdays, 3/16-6/15, 3:30-6pm

Danby Community Church

How can you move forward if you don't know where we've been? Ever heard of the Underground Railroad? Harriet Tubman? How about the Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira? This program will be heading out on adventures to decode local (and not so local) locations of action, museums, cemeteries, people and buildings. Period appropriate meals, practices and challenges will also be enjoyed. Come enjoy the comradery, travel, and experiences of looking into the somewhat recent past. For the finale of the program, we will get to attend a live Civil War reenactment right here in Danby at Dotson Park. Come ready for awesome adventures and stories you wouldn't believe!

Danby Youth Flyer

Bring on the Birds-Grades 5 and up

Fridays, 3/18-4/22, 3:30-6pm

Danby Community Church

As the snow is leaving, what comes back with the warm weather? Birds! Which are the first and last to arrive? What do they sound like? How many Red-Winged Blackbirds can there really be? We will start with sites that are walkable for observations and move out to different environments to track down specific species (Bald Eagle, Osprey, and Blue Heron). Of course, Cornell's Lab of Ornithology will also be on our list! Cheep Cheep!

Lunch Bunch-Grades 6 and up

Tuesdays, 3/15-6/14, lunchtime

Boynton Cafeteria

Games, food, fun and friends. Bring your lunch to our table, have some special snacks and relax. Exotic fruits and veggies are arriving daily! ♣

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: CALL FOR FIRST-TIMERS

Submitted by Shelly Jo Lester

The Danby Youth Employment Program, offered by the Danby Community Council and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, provides opportunities for first time paid job experience for Danby youth, ages 14 and up.

Youth participate in basic job training and are then placed for up to 100 hours in job sites in Danby or the Ithaca area. A wide variety of job placements are possible; worksites include summer camps, local farms and stores, college labs, special job training programs and more.

For more information or an interest form, youth should contact Beth Bannister at CCETC, 607.272.2292.x229 or [\[bab47@cornell.edu\]](mailto:bab47@cornell.edu). There are also interest forms available at the Danby Town Hall.

Space is limited, so please contact Beth soon for this opportunity! ♣

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Feb 28 • Sun
8-11am 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Pancake Breakfast**
4pm 🏠 1011 Fisher Settlement Road • **Danby Book Club**
- Mar 3 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
- Mar 5 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
5pm 🏠 American Legion • **Steak Dinner**
- Mar 8 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
- Mar 9 • Wed
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
West Danby Water District Meeting
- Mar 11 • Fri
5-7pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Chicken & Biscuits**
- Mar 12 • Sat
8-11am 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **St.Patty's Breakfast**
1pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Bird House Buildout**
- Mar 13 • Sun
2am 🏠 Everywhere • **Clocks Jump Forward**
Noon 🏠 American Legion • **Chicken BBQ**
3pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Council Concert**
Grady Girls—Traditional Irish Music
- Mar 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**
- Mar 15 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
- Mar 17 • Thu
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
7:30pm 🏠 Italian CarryOut • **Danby Park Meeting**
- Mar 18 • Fri
1-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Red Cross Blood Drive**
5pm 🏠 American Legion • **Fish Dinner**

- Mar 19 • Sat
10am-2pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Free Tax Prep**
- Mar 20 • Sun
8-11am 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Pancake Breakfast**
4pm 🏠 1011 Fisher Settlement Road • **Danby Book Club**
- Mar 21 • Mon
Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Lunch, Games, Fun**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
- Mar 26 • Sat
11am 🏠 West Danby Hatch Pavilion
West Danby Easter Egg Hunt
- Mar 28 • Mon
1-2pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Mobile Food Truck**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**
- Apr 2 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
- Apr 7 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Danby Community Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
- Jul 9, 2016 • 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** ☎ 607.273.2950
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 **Community Church** • 1859 Danby Road
🏠 American **Legion Post 221** • 1231 Danby Road