



DANBY AREA NEWS

TALKING ABOUT DANBY STREAMS

Submitted by Bill Evans, Danby Community Council

The Danby Community Council is sponsoring an evening of discussion on Danby's streams on Friday, July 15, 6-9pm, in the pavilion of Upper Buttermilk State Park ((off West King Road).

The event will feature a series of short talks covering geological history, ecology, best management practices, NY rules and regulations, water quality monitoring, and more. Speakers will include:

- Todd Miller, US Geological Survey, retired
- C.J. Randall, Planner for the Town of Danby
- Jon Negley, Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Jean Foley, NY Dep't of Environmental Conservation
- Alex Flecker, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Cornell University

For those interested in continuing the conversation after the presentations, there will be several black light stations set up near Upper Buttermilk Creek for viewing aquatic insects and moths.

In addition, at a date and time to be determined, Dr. Flecker will lead a field trip to one of Danby's streams to catch, identify, and discuss the natural history of our local aquatic insects. The field trip is limited to 15 participants--if you are interested, contact me, [wevans@danbycc.org].

Please join us in visualizing the past, present, and future of Danby's streams. ❁



DANBY FUN DAY 2016

Submitted By George Jakubsen

Celebrate 33 years of fun at our annual Danby Fun Day on Saturday, July 9, 2016. The fun happens in and around the Danby Fire Station, 1780 Danby Road.

The fun begins at 10am with the lineup for the parade. A float need be no larger than a small trailer towed by a tractor or four-wheeler. Every kid, young and old, wants to be in a parade—here's your chance! The parade will kick off at 10:30am.

There will be games, games, games galore, face painting, a cake wheel, a Chinese auction, more than you could ever hope to do. We will have craft vendors from all over the area. There will also be other educational exhibits, fire safety information, firefighting exhibitions, and more! ❁

DONATE EXTRA PRODUCE TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Submitted by Todd Rose

If you are a gardener, a homesteader, a CSA member, or anyone who sometimes has an excess of vegetables or other produce that ends up in the compost, the Neighborhood Food Hubs program of Friendship Donations Network offers an easy way to do something better with that surplus.

Right here in Danby and our surrounding area, we have neighbors, many of them families with children, who sometimes go hungry for lack of the resources they need to put food on the ta-

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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

In the Town Clerk's office, the process and paperwork of adopting and filing local laws is a close second in importance behind preparing minutes of Town meetings.

Several Local Laws are being considered during 2016. The Code Office and Planning Board have drafted amendments to our zoning law and subdivision regulations, primarily clarifying processes and updating procedures. There are also potentially updates and revisions which will arise out of revisions-in-progress to Danby's Comprehensive Plan,



The long awaited Groundwater Protection Ordinance is the final piece of protective legislation related to potential high impact industrial activity. This law will also trigger some related changes to zoning and subdivision. Copies of both the proposed Groundwater Protection Law and Amendments to the Subdivision Regulations are available through

The Town Board has set two Public hearings for Monday, July 11. A hearing for the Groundwater Protection Law will begin at 7pm, followed by a hearing about amendments to the Subdivision and Land Division Regulations, at 7:30pm.

the Town Clerk's Office and on the Code Enforcement page of the Town of Danby web site.

New York State municipal law outlines a process for passing a local law. The first step is drafting the law, and then it is reviewed and refined by the Planning Board and the Town Attorney. Review of any local law includes an Environmental Assessment Review, which notes potential impacts. Recommendations from the Planning Board are part of the subsequent review by the Town Board, which creates a proposed law for consideration. Once this decision to move forward has been made, the Town sends the proposed law to other interested agencies, such as the County Planning Department, for their review and potential concerns.

At this point, the Town Board sets a public hearing and the Clerk's office is responsible for publishing legal notice of the same. There must be at least 10 days between publication of the legal notice and the public hearing for all local Laws affecting zoning. The Groundwater Protection Law falls into this category. See a related article in the DAN for more details.

Public Hearings reflect a formal and legal need for community involvement. Hearings are designed for members of the community to voice their support, opposition, or confusion regarding the purpose and intent of

proposed local laws. Comments may be submitted in person during the hearing, or in writing prior to the hearing.

Less formal public information sessions were held last October to increase community awareness of Groundwater issues and the importance of groundwater protection, and to gather public input. The information sessions presented included an in-depth focus on rural areas, which rely on private wells drawing from fragile aquifers. Further discussions have occurred during open public meetings of the Town Board.

Once the Public Hearing is complete, the Town Board will consider and vote on the law. If it passes, the Clerk's office prepares the document for legal filing with the Town Attorney and New York's Secretary of State. This must be done no later than 20 days following adoption of the law.

The ability to pass local laws provides Towns the means to meet challenges based in the concerns and priorities of our residents. It's an interesting process, which I'm honored to be part of.

In order to be as accessible as possible, the Town Clerk's office is open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Saturday hours are dropped during the summer, through Labor Day weekend. If there is a need, Sue McLellan or I can be available by appointment. 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]. ❁

BOOK CLUB TURNS MORE PAGES!

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club invites you to join us on Sunday, July 24, 4 pm, in 371 East Miller Road, to discuss *The Trees* by Conrad Richter.

Refreshments will be served. We hope to see some new faces: people like ourselves who love to read, and think, and talk!

Questions? Please call me at 607.279.1480. ❁

➔ **Food Hubs, cont'd from front page—**

ble. At the same time, many of us are fortunate enough to have what we need and often more. We can help meet the needs of others in our community by sharing what we have.

Local food pantries, such as the Danby Food Pantry, offer us one way to do this, and, since 1988, Friendship Donations Network has played a key role in redirecting hundreds of tons of good food each year to the food pantries instead of to the landfill or the compost pile. Much of this food comes from grocery stores and farms, but individuals like you and me are also making a very meaningful contribution by dropping off our surplus produce at one of the many Neighborhood Food Hubs around the county. The program was launched in 2013; in that year, over 700 pounds of surplus produce was collected at four sites and distributed in Ithaca and surrounding areas. Those numbers grew to 2,800 pounds of food collected from ten hubs in 2014, then 8,268 pounds from fifteen hubs in 2015, and the program continues to grow!

Since 2014, Danby has had a hub at Danby Farms, 222 Bald Hill Road. That hub is still active and a new Danby hub has been added at Morningsong Community Service Farm on Marsh Road, with its drop off location at the corner of Marsh and Hornbrook Roads. The Neighborhood Food Hubs program runs from July 1 through October 1. Bring your extra fruit, vegetables, and eggs (homegrown, from your CSA share, farmers market, or grocery store) to either donation bin on Wednesdays, 8am-8pm. Look for the Neighborhood Food Hub sign and the large cooler.

Donations will be delivered to and distributed by the Danby Food Pantry or, on the weeks the pantry isn't held, The Friendship Donations Network will deliver the food to other food pantries and individuals in the area.

July 6 is the the first Wednesday drop off day at both Danby hubs, and they continue thru September 28. There is at least one Neighborhood Food Hub collection site every day of the week from July 1 through October 1. Other Neighborhood Food Hubs will be located in Dryden, Groton, Lodi, Newfield, Ithaca, and Trumansburg. See a complete listing at [friendshipdonations.org/hubs/].

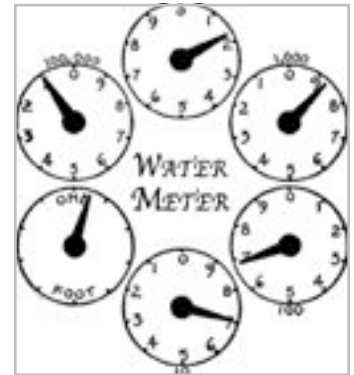
For more information, contact the Neighborhood Food Hub coordinators, Sue Merkel and Jeanine Huber, at 607.216.9522 or [hubs@friendshipdonations.org]. Help us lend a hand to our neighbors and keep your delicious produce out of the compost bin. Thank you! ❁

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

The District met on June 15, the minutes of which can be found on the Town web site.

On Monday July 18, the Danby and West Danby Fire Companies will be doing a fire hydrant training in West Danby using the hydrant on Valley View Road.



Work on the plumbing in the pump house is now complete as Postler & Jaeckle Corp replaced corroded pipe and a fitting to our chlorinator. We had some issues with sulphur smells in the water while trying to maintain proper chlorine levels during the time the chlorinator wasn't functioning. Those issues are now resolved. ❁

BZA GAINS SOME MEMBERS

Submitted by Paul Hansen, Danby Code Officer

With the addition of two new members, the Board of Zoning Appeals is now able to decide zoning appeals.

Membership now includes Gary Bortz, David Hall, Earl Hicks, and Tobias Dean. One seat is unfilled, but a successful zoning appeal still requires the vote of at least three members. Applications are still being accepted; the term for the open seat ends December 31.

The first meeting of the reconstituted BZA occurred on Tuesday, June 28, 7pm, and future BZA hearings will also be held, as needed, on the 4th Tuesday of the month. ❁

CORRECTION BY FIRE

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

The article *The Fire Sirens...* (Danby News, May 2016) had an error. We wrote they were no longer used to summon volunteers and that the sirens had been retired. That is wrong. The sirens are used for Structure Fires, but not for all of the other emergencies. This Commissioner wonders why? Stay tuned.

Fire Chiefs (Danby News, June 2016) are firefighters who cook at events like Fun Day. Fire Chiefs are just that; the men and women who are in charge of the Fire Companies in Danby. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

Two subjects have come up during recent meetings of Danby's Town Board: Broadband and Time-Warner. Where we have been for almost eight years, a really long slog to provide high speed internet to Danby residents?

As I'm writing, from a chair under some pines overlooking the pond, I'm struck by how profoundly the internet has affected my life, my work, my family, and the way I receive information and news. The world is, literally, at my fingertips.

Time-Warner

A number of years ago, we used the density of housing in a trailer park to boost numbers supporting the extension of cable TV into new areas. So, in the past, we have been able to put communications infrastructure on the table during contract talks with Time-Warner. That was many years ago.

Today, Danby is one of the longest—if not the longest—holdouts to signing a contract with Time-Warner. The reason? The failure to negotiate line extensions into new neighborhoods.

This stalemate has slogged on for years but, with the passing of time, the Council of Governments has formed and municipalities are sharing problems. One of these problems has been our individual contracts with Time-Warner. In the past, each Town renewed separately—on different dates—and this made it difficult to gain the leverage of combined negotiation. The Towns agreed to wait on new contracts until all of them expired—this took some time—and formed a combined negotiating team.

This team has represented the municipalities in negotiations with Time-Warner and has pushed for significant changes that address our concerns. Line extensions were foremost in the language that was included in our contract.

While some back and forth did take place between the team and T-W, the proposed merger with Comcast has overshadowed it all. At this point in time, the team isn't sure who it is supposed to be negotiating with. Sometime this feels like beating a large rock with a wooden hammer but, with another meeting scheduled soon, I might have additional information for the next Danby News.

Broadband Internet

At the same time as the Time-Warner negotiations, the County put together a committee to explore issues with Broadband Internet. The idea was that no existing solution was going to work for us, and so we proposed to address the weakest link: gap regions, where Broadband was completely unavailable. The result of this strategy is in its final lap, sortof.

We know that many Danby residents are already receiving service and generally are happy to have it...while others, mostly in a few remaining gaps, are still "in the dark."

If you are still waiting for your wireless broadband service, or if the provider has told you that you can't get this service now, please contact me at [supervisor@townofdanbyny.org].

Last month, in order to get a comprehensive overview of this situation, I asked unserved

residents to contact me. Many of you have done so, and I thank you for your help. We are now in the process of putting all the information together, and then we will approach the service provider to talk solutions.

I hope this helps, I want every resident to have access to the same resources. It is frustrating, even maddening, to experience how long a time this stuff is taking. It has been a working goal for many years and we will continue to push aggressively to resolve to the best of our abilities.

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

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FUN DAY: FANTASTIC FOOD

Noon is the start of the famous Danby Fire Department's Chicken Barbecue. Chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, bread, and a drink—what's not to like?

We will have hot dogs for the kids or for those who (gasp?) don't like barbecued chicken. There will also be popcorn, cotton candy, drinks and more. ❀

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!

Community Council Events

Talking About Danby Streams: Friday, July 15, 6-9pm, see front page article.

At the DFC

Summer Shortage Blood Drive: Friday, July 15, 1-6pm. Stop by for homemade goodies, coffee, and good company. Walk-in heroes welcomed.

Summer Yard Sale: Friday, July 29, 3-7pm and Saturday, July 30, 8am-Noon. Call Sharon, 607.273.8241 for more info. Please, no furniture, clothing, or electronics.

Senior Citizens' Exercise Group: Mondays and Thursdays at 9am. A little stretching, a little walking, a little work with hand weights, and a lot of friends and laughter.

Sundaes on Wednesdays: Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 6:30pm. Live music and free ice cream. See article.

The Great Room at Slow Lane

Contra Dancing: Fridays, 8pm. Info: 607.273.8678.

Save The Dates For West Danby

The annual West Danby Picnic will happen on Saturday, August 27, 4:30pm, in the Hatch Pavilion at the corner of Short and Brown. The event will honor Joan Barber for her community spirit.

Richie and Rosie will be featured at a concert on September 10 at Wayne Myer's fabulous gardens on Michigan Hollow Road. ❀



FUN DAY: MUSIC

Music! What would Danby Fun Day be without music? Under Construction will be playing on the north side of the station, starting around 12:30. *Ben Hogben* will be on the apron near the chicken line shortly after Noon, followed by the *New West Danby Henry Ford String Throtters*. ❁

SUNDAES ON WEDNESDAYS

Are you in the know? For many years, one of Danby's hidden treasures has been the *Sundaes on Wednesdays* program offered by the Danby Community Church.

The ingredients are simple: free ice cream sundaes with real hot fudge, hot dogs and hamburgers for sale, comfy seats on a green lawn, and an hour or so of free live music. It's a plus when the weather is great (which it always is), but the event goes on, rain or shine.

This year's series is limited to three Wednesdays in August. Be there for all of them!

- August 3: Ithaca Concert Band
- August 10: Diamond Someday, Blue Grass
- August 17: Ithaca Bagpipe Band



Photos from Danby Fun Day 2015 —Ted Crane

FUN DAY: CHINESE AUCTION

Would you like to donate an item, basket, or gift certificate? Are you crafty and would like to make something? There is a Children's Chinese auction too--the little ones love to win, there are numerous ideas for a "basket" for a child to win!

All donations greatly appreciated. We can pick up donations or, if you prefer, arrange for a place and time for you to drop them off. ❁

FIRE STREET NUMBERS

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

Several times a year, new visitors to our home mistakenly turn into the neighbor's driveway--across the road--because our numbered mail box is across the road from our home. This used to occur quite often until I installed a Fire Department Street Number sign.

Fire trucks and Emergency Responders are trained to look for these signs and having one at the foot of my driveway allows these responders to arrive all the sooner. They are particularly useful in fog or a rainy night.

If you do not have such a sign, you can obtain one of them through either of our Fire Stations. ❁

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

If the Fire Department Responders come to your home or business in an emergency, who is in charge? If they are responding to an emergency, under New York State Law, the Chief or his designee is in charge. You no longer have control over your property and should do as the Chief directs.

All modern furnishings give off a lot of toxic fumes and you can be overcome by them in a matter of seconds. You should get out and stay out; the fire company has SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) carried on the trucks and when the trucks get there the fire fighters can go inside the burning building.

When the fire company arrives, leave the directions to the Chief; only provide keys and answer his questions. While it is natural for, owners to try to save their property, do not reenter the building or scale ladders, etc., but get out of the way and obey the fire Chief on the scene. Then stay clear to avoid injury. Let the fire fighters do their job. ❁

SUBDIVISION AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

Submitted by C.J.Randall, Danby Town Planner

Subdivision regulations control how a parcel of land is divided into smaller lots. Subdivision regulations are not zoning, but operate in concert with zoning.

The proposed change removes the authority of the Town Planner or Code Enforcement Officer to independently sign off on minor subdivisions, locally referred to as a "Land Division by Permit". The proposed language can be found at the Town Clerk's office or on the Code Enforcement page of the Town's web site.

A brief presentation on the proposed amendments, followed by a Public Hearing, is scheduled for July 11. For information, please contact me at [cjrandall@townofdanbynny.org] or 607.277.0799. ❁

SUMMER IN THE PARK!

By Michele Lenhart

The Danby Community Park Association's annual meeting is on Thursday, July 14, 6:30pm, in the Dotson Park pavilion. There will be an abundance of hotdogs (and veggie dogs), chips, pasta salad, s'mores, beverages, and friendly Danby community members. Please join us to learn more about the park, including what's happened during the last year and the vision for the future. Maybe you'll even consider joining the DCPA board! New officers to be elected at the 2016 annual meeting include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We hope to see you there!

We need a lawn-hero! We are looking for one or two volunteers to help mow Dotson Park - starting ASAP. You will get trained on how to use the park tractor, and then would be able to choose when you are available to mow. If you love being outside, riding power equipment, and have several hours that you can spare each month to mow the flat parts of the park (our veteran volunteer mower will take care of the mound) please Email us at [dotsonpark@gmail.com]. This is our most critical volunteer need right now, because when the park is mowed, people can use it!

There was a lot of activity in the park during June. Hopefully you got to enjoy the Bird Walk on June 18, or the Civil War Encampment on June 25-26, or checked out the new tees installed on the disc golf course. Sincere thanks to all of the community members who contributed to these great efforts. Be sure to get outdoors and enjoy some time in the park this summer! ❁

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION LAW

Submitted by CJ Randall and Pamela Goddard

Rural communities like Danby rely on aquifers for drinking water. An aquifer is an underground storehouse of water-bearing permeable rock, rock fractures, or unconsolidated materials (gravel, sand) from which groundwater can be extracted using a well. These water resources can be very fragile, and it is essential for public health to protect the groundwater from contamination.

All residents, institutions, and businesses in the Town of Danby depend upon local groundwater resources for our source of drinking water, either through private wells or local community water systems. In addition, some of Danby's groundwater and upland surface water runoff flows to neighboring towns and municipalities, and helps replenish the groundwater resources of those communities.

To ensure a safe drinking water supply now and for future generations, wellhead protection areas for both private wells and community systems, such as the West Danby Water District, must be safeguarded.

Danby has been working on a Groundwater Protection Law for a long time. A draft, currently under review by the Town Board, has been developed after years of research and analysis by the US Geological Survey and the New York Rural Water Association.

Unlike wetlands and surface waters, which can be studied by direct inspection, groundwater is not visible. Studying the aquifer thus requires inferences based upon the results of well tests, mapping of surface watersheds, and studies of soils and geology. Years of field investigations by USGS engineers and hydrologists have identified the aquifers in the study areas and the boundaries of recharge zones have been established.

The timeline for consideration of passage of the Groundwater Protection Law looks like this: the Town Board voted during May, to send the proposed law to other interested agencies—including the Tompkins County Planning and Health Departments—for Environmental Review. In June, the Town Board set a public hearing date for July 11. The public hearing provides an opportunity for public comments in support or opposition to the proposed law. After the public hearing, the Town Board will vote whether or not to adopt the law.

The Legislative Intent of the proposed law notes that, "The Town Board of the Town of Danby has established

FUN DAY: CAKE WHEEL

Submitted by Gay Huddle and family

The cake wheel will be spinning again this year at Danby Fun Day! We will, of course, need donated cakes, pies, muffins, cookies, fudge, cupcakes, etc., which can be dropped off the night before or the day of the event. A quarter a spin and all proceeds go to our Danby Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Thank you. ❀

this Local Law in the interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare, in order to protect and preserve the quality and quantity of the Town's groundwater resources. This Local Law has been formulated to protect groundwater resources that serve as the sole source of drinking water for residents and businesses in Danby. This is to be accomplished on a town-wide basis by regulating or prohibiting high-risk land uses that might contribute to the contamination or substantial depletion of groundwater resources. In critical recharge areas for unconfined and confined stratified-drift aquifers and wellhead protection areas for community water system wells, additional safeguards are instituted through the creation of an overlay zone."

An overlay zone is a special kind of zoning district designed, in this case, to protect the aquifers. By creating overlay zones, which cross our conventional zoning district boundaries, the law restricts the use of hazardous materials within the aquifer's most sensitive areas. This applies mostly to industrial types of uses, but also to the bulk stockpiling of materials--such as cleansers, solvents, fertilizer, gasoline, and oil--that should be kept away from aquifer recharge areas. Also, since runoff is a major factor affecting water quality, the total percentage of land covered with impervious surfaces—like driveways and parking lots—are limited in the most sensitive recharge areas.

Smaller-scale development, such as building a house on an existing lot, will typically still require only a building permit. If you have any questions or concerns about how your property may be affected, please stop by the Code Enforcement Office or contact the Town Planner, C.J. Randall, [cjrandall@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.277.0799. ❀

FUN DAY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many hands make light work—can you help out on Fun Day? Do you have (or can you donate) items for the auction? New? Gently used? Gift Cards? Here are the contacts:

Parade	Virginia Freedman	vmf1950@aol.com
Vendors	Linda Hansen	hansenzool@aol.com
Auction	Sharon Gaden	sgaden@danbyfiredistrict.org
General Help	George Jakobson	george.jakubson@cornell.edu 607.255.4546

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Submitted by Ed Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

Volunteering to serve your community takes your time and energy, and volunteering for the Danby or West Danby Fire Companies is no different. Volunteer Fire Fighters, and especially Emergency Medical Technicians, are always needed.

Visit either Fire Company on a Monday evening to introduce yourself and obtain an application. We offer free training and a chance to serve your community.. ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Happy Summer! Hope this finds you with a summer reading list and enjoying the free parking, outdoor book return, and self-service check-out at the Danby Community Library.

We will only be closed on July 9 for our regular Saturday hours, due to Danby Fun Day.

Check out our seasonal book displays that the volunteers set out for you, related to current events: Gardening, Civil War, and Bird Days in June.

Please note that items borrowed from the Tompkins County Public Library downtown are not able to be returned at the Danby Community Library.



DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next gathering of the Danby Seniors will be on our usual meeting day—Thursday, July 7, 1pm, in the American Legion on Danby Road—for our annual Chicken BBQ. Signups are requested, please call Margie 607.273.8046 for information.

Thank you to our hostesses for June, Joan Barber and Donna Donnelly!

There is no meeting in August but a luncheon boat trip on the Erie Canal is planned for August 10. Our next regular meeting will be on September 1, at 6pm. ❁

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, July 25 at Noon. It will be held at the Danby Community Church. ❁

Remember to write the due date on both the card and the pocket inside the book when borrowing.

Missing: A Finger Lakes Library System item: *Rosa and the Water Pony*. Please return ASAP so the Danby Library doesn’t have to absorb the cost of this item.

New book by local authors: *Cataclysm: The Myst Clipper Shicaine*. Written by Kerry Forrestal and John Fracchia. One author is an EMT, a retired Air Force captain who goes on medical missions to Haiti. The other author is a career development educator at Ithaca

College, an elected official in Caroline, and a member of an improv troupe. The book has planetary adventure, political intrigue, horror, humor, mystery and action on the high seas. ❁

Community Council Summer Youth Programs

Hi Danby Youth and Families,

Happy (almost) summer! We have had quite a busy school year and are moving on to our summer programs. To kick things off, we will be working diligently to select, design and build games and activities for Danby Fun Day—one of Danby's biggest events of the year! Come be a part, have fun and give back to our awesome community. Check out the other great summer opportunities for incoming 6th graders below.

If you have any questions about the summer programs or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me, Travis Judd, at [ttj22@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x222 Hope to see many of you this summer!

Additional program/registration information can be found below, in Danby's Town Hall, on the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County web site [ccetompkins.org/4-h-youth/rural-youth-services] and in flyers given out in schools.

Here are the programs that are up and running! These programs are free of charge for Danby Youth ages 8-14.

\$200 REWARD FOR CHESTNUT TREE

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

A \$200 reward—plus a blight-resistant seedling—will be given to the person who finds the largest healthy American chestnut tree over 18" DBH not previously recorded by TACF-NY. A \$50 reward will be given to all trees found over 14" DBH.

The tree must be found in New York State in 2016 and the property owner must allow TACF-NY access for pollination and/or seed collection. The tree must also be identified by TACF-NY as pure American chestnut.

What to look for: Open burs lying on the ground near the tree. The burs will be light brown with long sharp spines and measure around 3 inches across. The leaves are slender; 6 to 9 inches long with pinpointed teeth that have a fishhook profile. They are similar to a beech leaf, except longer and more pointed on each end.

For further information or identification of a tree contact President and District 4 director, Allen Nichols, 607.263.5105 or [fajknichols.75@gmail.com]. ☘



Danby Community Creators - Grades 5-8

Tuesday-Friday, July 5-8, 9am-4pm

The Danby Community Church

Danby Fun Day! Join us as we select, design, build and prepare activities and games for the Danby Fun Day community event! Together we can help make this day incredibly fun, put our stamp on the Danby Community and meet other Danby-ites!

Outdoor Adventure - Grades 5-8

Monday-Thursday, July 18-21, 9am-4pm

The Danby Community Church

Venture into the woods with us! We will be learning and practicing outdoor living skills, shelter construction, fire building, Leave No Trace principals, navigation, resourcefulness skills and more!

Funky Furniture - Grades 5-8

Monday-Thursday, August 1-4, 9am-4pm

The Danby Community Church

Need a new chair, shelf, table or other useful piece of furniture? Come learn how to fix and/or repurpose furniture that was a "lost cause". We will be sanding, painting, gluing, nailing, cutting, reconfiguring, embellishing and finishing our individual projects so you can take it home at the end of program. Who knows, maybe you will be the next Frank Lloyd Wright!

Can You Canoe? - Grades 5-8

Monday-Thursday, August 22-25, 9am-4pm

The Danby Community Church

Come get on the water! We will be learning paddling techniques, portaging, boaters safety rules, how to safely transport and take care of our small vessels. We will have snacks and activities while on the water, all while soaking in the scenery and wildlife we encounter. Our flat water locations include the beautiful Cayuga Lake and Jennings Pond. ☘

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

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

Jul 7 • Thu
1pm 🏠 American Legion Post 221 • **Seniors BBQ**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Jul 9, 2016 • Sat
Danby Fun Day and Parade

Jul 11 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Meeting
Groundwater Public Hearing at 7pm
Subdivision Regulations Public Hearing at 7:30pm
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**

Jul 12 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Jul 14 • Thu
6:30pm 🏠 Dotson Park • **DCPA Annual Meeting**

Jul 15 • Thu
1-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Red Cross Blood Drive**
6pm 🏠 Upper Buttermilk Park Pavilion
Community Council Presents: Danby Streams

Jul 18 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Meeting

Jul 19 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Jul 21 • Thu
3-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Food Pantry**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**

Jul 24 • Sun
4pm 🏠 371 East Miler Road
Book Club discusses "The Trees"

Jul 25 • Mon
Noon-1pm 🏠 Danby Community Church
Mobile Food Truck
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Conservation Advisory Council Mtg

Jul 29 • Fri
3-7pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Yard Sale**

Jul 30 • Sat
8am-Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Yard Sale**

Aug 3 • Wed
6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church
Sundaes on Wednesday: Ithaca Concert Band

Aug 4 • Thu
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Aug 6 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

Aug 10 • Wed
6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church
Sundaes on Wednesday: Diamond Some Day

Aug 10 • Wed
6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church
Sundaes on Wednesday: Ithaca Bagpipe Band

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 🏠 Danby Community Church
Mondays and Thursdays, 9am.

AA Meeting 🏠 Danby Community Church
Wednesdays, 7pm.

Danby Quilters Group ☎ 607.273.2950
Call for Info.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

🏠 Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road

🏠 Danby Fire Hall • 1780 Danby Road

🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • Sylvan Lane, off Rt.34/96

🏠 Danby Community Church • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road