

DANBY AREA NEWS

DANBY CHAMPION TREE REGISTER

Submitted by Bill Evans, Conservation Advisory Council

There's something special about big old trees besides awe and beauty. They give us a unique reference point for the past. Early European travelers passing through our region 300+ years ago described the land we call Danby as largely a contiguous tall dark forest.

The big trees were cleared rapidly after 1779, but do we have any of the big old trees left? Might we still have a few 300 year old trees in Danby—a place to sit and meditate about times past?

Don Schaufler and Matt Ulinski of the Danby Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) started looking for big trees in Danby a few years back. Building on their initiative, the CAC thought it would be an interesting project for the Town to formally recognize Danby's champion native trees (and any long-lived native plants). We have about 50 species of native trees in Danby. Some are easily recognized but others are tricky.

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HEAT SMART, SAVE MONEY

Want to curb your home's energy appetite? Find out how at the upcoming HeatSmart meeting on Thursday, March 9, 6:30-8:30pm in Danby's Town Hall.

You will learn how to save money and energy by air sealing, insulating, and installing a heat pump in your home. This meeting features an introduction to the program

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GRADY GIRLS: TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC

Submitted by Ted Crane

If Ireland had winters like Danby (instead of year-round green and shamrocks), if Danby had winters like it used to (instead of on and off blankets of snow), and if we were all cabin-bound for months at a time...well, we'd have families using all that quality time learning to play together. Music, that is.



The Irish tradition is one of the ways the Grady family remains solid, and playing music together is a skill that visitors—and audiences everywhere—can appreciate.

On Sunday, March 19, at 3pm in Danby's Town Hall, we're rolling out our welcome for the premier local family of Irish musicians: the Grady Girls. Town Hall is at 1830 Danby Road (a.k.a., NYS Rt.96B).

The annual Grady visit to Danby has almost become an tradition in itself. A hundred or so music lovers surround the five or six musicians in the meeting room and the magic begins to happen. Feet tap, heads bob, and the younger folk skitter forward to sit on the floor in front of the band. They all enjoy superb performances on fiddles, flute, guitar, and bodhran, mixed in with a song or three.

As with all of Danby's Community Council events, this concert is free, open to the public, and refreshments will be served. The concert series is supported by funding from the COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP of Tompkins County and the Town of Danby...and helped along by your contributions to the non-profit Community Council.

Coming soon: the *Cornell Klezmer Ensemble* on April 9. ❁

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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

During the past two months, the Town Board has appointed representatives to the Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, Conservation Advisory Council, West Danby Water Board, as well as two Co-Historians. Several of these positions, such as Water Commissioners, Planning Board, and Board of Zoning Appeal members, take an Oath of Office as part of their duty. One of my duties, and privileges, as a Town Clerk is to administer and witness the Oath of Office of each municipal representative in the Town of Danby.



I am intimately familiar with the vow (whether an Oath or Affirmation) that every government official takes, at every level of government from the smallest municipality to the highest office in the Federal Government. The municipal Oath is short and simple. In my case: "I, Pamela Goddard, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will

faithfully discharge the duties of Town Clerk according to the best of my ability." In some cases, the word, "swear," may be replaced with, "affirm."

Nearly eight years ago, in 2009, I was elected Town Clerk in the Town of Danby NY. Four times since then, every two years, I have repeated my Oath of Office. In the years that I have been Clerk, I have administered Oaths of office hundreds of times to members of our Fire Police and Fire Commissioners, Planning Board and Zoning Appeals officers as well as our elected Council members and Highway Superintendent. Each of us vows to support the Constitution of the United States and Constitution of the State of New York.

Recent events have made me very aware of the importance of this Oath. Each time I receive or administer the Oath to support the Constitution, I am moved by the sacred trust that our residents and citizens put in us: to defend and support the entire Constitution, not only those parts that correspond to our personal beliefs or interests.

The founders of our nation deeply considered, and passionately debated, the rights and duties that are most necessary for a free and functional society. First among these are freedom of religion, speech, and the press

and the rights of assembly and petition. These primary rights of all citizens should be protected at all costs. They are the bedrock on which our nation rests. These are the rights which generations of loyal and brave men and women suffered and died to protect and preserve.

Danby residents can rest secure that I take my Oath of Office as a profound and sacred duty. I will continue to take whatever action is necessary to protect the rights set forth in our Constitution—now and in the future. I believe that all government officials who take an oath to support and defend the Constitution do so with a strong heart and deep sense of public service. I trust that each of us will do our duty to this Oath and to those we serve and represent.

As a reminder, in order to be as accessible as possible, the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday as well as Saturday morning hours 10am-Noon. We continue to collect Town and County taxes through Friday March 31. The Town Clerk's office is always closed on Sundays and Thursdays.

You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788, and by Email, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org]. ☞

☞ **Champeen Trees, cont'd from front page—**

You can see a list, most of which occur in Danby at [bhort.bh.cornell.edu/tree/list.htm].

We invite residents of Danby to look for big trees on their property or in our state forest, park, and conservation lands. If you find a tree you think might be a contender for the biggest of its kind in Danby, take a picture, measure the approximate circumference of the trunk at about 4 feet above ground, and Email this information along with the tentative species identification to Matt and Don at [mulinski@townofdanbyny.org]. They will evaluate whether it might be a contender and, if so, contact you about getting access to the tree to make an official measurement.

Preliminary champions will be announced at the Danby Forest Conference, a multi-speaker event presented by the Community Council at Upper Butter-milk Falls State Park, this coming July 14. Good luck in your searching and, in the meantime, please join us for a Danby tree and bird walk May 13 (more details in a future Danby News). ☞

HELP US HELP YOU

Submitted by George Jakubson, Danby Fire Company

Part 1: Can we find your house?

It's a dark and stormy night: rain, sleet, snow, maybe all three! In the middle of the night you smell smoke, or someone in the house experiences a medical emergency! You call 911 and the fire department is dispatched. Can we find your house when moments may count?

Most houses in Danby have mailboxes on the street. Unfortunately, house numbers that comply with postal regulations often do not help emergency responders find you quickly. The mail carriers travel during the day and expect to stop at every mailbox, and about half of the mailboxes aren't even on the same side as the house. Emergency responders are trying to get to a particular address quickly, often at night.

Pay attention as you drive our roads and you will see that many of the house numbers are difficult, if not impossible, to read. Compare that to the green reflec-

tive signs with white numbers you see at some houses. Those we can see quickly, and get to your house that much faster.

Tips for marking the house number:

- Make sure numbers are at least four inches tall, are reflective, and contrast with their background.
- Make sure numbers can be clearly seen from a distance.
- Make sure numbers can be seen from both directions. Our volunteers may be coming from both directions!
- Place numbers at the end of your driveway, on the same side of the road as your house.
- In winter, clear snow from number signs as promptly as possible.
- Talk to your neighbors about clearly visible numbering. If your house is number 200 and we see your neighbor's bright, reflective "198" sign, we know we're getting close.
- Talk to the Fire Company about unusual situations, for example, corner houses that have addresses on one road but driveways on another. We can take note of those situations.

We have, unfortunately, had occasions when we missed a house and had to turn around to find it. Do you want that to happen to you?

An easy way to do this is to order a green, reflective address number sign and, if needed, a post for mounting it, through the Fire Company. We can also help you install the sign if you need help. You can call the Danby Volunteer Fire Company at 607.272.8114 and the West Danby Volunteer Fire Company at 607.564.7303.

The end of the story: Fortunately, you and your neighbors have all installed reflective house numbers as we described. The emergency responders can get to the house quickly, and everything turns out well.

This is a series of occasional articles from your fire departments with information and tips about safety, fire safety, emergency medical services, and the like. Have an idea for a story? Contact me at 607.255.4546 or [george.jakubson@cornell.edu].

GO SOLAR! COMING TO DANBY

An exciting new program will soon be expanding the transition to solar energy county-wide. Go Solar! Tompkins County, in partnership with local and regional installers, will help make solar more affordable while bringing the community together to learn about the benefits of adopting solar, including new options that make solar accessible to more people than ever before.

Building on the momentum of the hugely successful Solar Tompkins program, the new campaign will host a series of events around Tompkins County where attendees can learn all about the program and how they can use solar energy for their electric needs. Installer partners, who are offering discounts of ten percent or more through the campaign, will be on hand to answer questions about going solar.

Go Solar! Tompkins will also be working with HeatSmart Tompkins on some community events where area residents can get the full picture of all of their clean energy choices and learn how to truly go net-zero energy.

Go to [gosolartompkins.org] for more information, program updates, and resources for help making the switch to solar power today. All events are free and everyone is welcome.

➔ Heat Smart, cont'd from front page—

and you'll have a chance to meet the contractors we have selected (through a competitive vetting process), who can assess your home at no charge to you and then suggest how you can upgrade it.

Light refreshments will be served.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

It is the middle of February as I write to you, but you'll be reading this in March. So far, winter-wise, at my house anyway, this winter has been acceptable. That works for me, but snowmobilers might feel otherwise. It's all in how you look at it.

After several months on medical leave, I've spent this last month comprehending where the Town is, as a whole, at the moment.

In the January Area News, I wrote about receiving a note about residents voicing their priorities for the coming year. The note talked about meetings where the Town was working on goals for the next year, boards, committees, and recommendations for appointments, chairs, vacancies. It was concerned about a Town seeking continuity of service, but with the general public being represented and not participating.

Some residents have asked me if I would be interested in joining a group to meet around town to listen to residents. The goal of these meetings would be to have a dialogue with "ourselves" about our Town.

At official board meetings, we hear from residents on a variety of issues all the time: roads, taxes, policies, land use, and transportation. After a while, we can begin to see the Town as a forest...and miss the dialogue with the trees. What we often do not hear is how you are doing, how you are feeling about your life in Danby.

The grammar and the words I just used underline the situation, the line between government and its residents. Sometimes I agree with the notion that the act of governing does not lend itself to listening to how residents feel about how government affects them.

I am not sure where this whole process will go, but I applaud the residents who are asking for this.

The Steam Mill/Durfee Hill Road Broadband project buildout is proceeding and should be online (relatively) soon, barring any further unexpected impediments cropping up. It's an important example of how a neighborhood—or a whole Town—can band together to solve a problem where individual residents are powerless.

There Broadband coverage gap in the South Danby Road area presents a similar, but even more geographically-challenging problem. Once again, it may be solved using the power of neighborhood action. I do believe

this could be a solution for those of you who still want to to have access to high speed internet in the not-too-distant immediate future. Residents who wish to explore this alternative, please let me hear from you.

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

BOOK CLUB GETS A MENTION

Submitted by Janice Beal

The Danby Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 26, 4 pm, at 1011 Fisher Settlement Road. We'll be discussing "The Mensch" by David Weiss, a local author, and the controversy surrounding it.

We'd love to see some new faces, and hear some new voices. Please join us! Questions? My phone is 607.279.1480 and Email is [beal.janice.e@gmail.com]. ❄️

ONE BOARD POSITION STILL OPEN

As of the end of February, one seat on the Conservation Advisory Council remain unfilled. Contact the Town Clerk, 607.277.4788 or [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org] for information and an application. ❄️

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 - Town Court** • [courtclerk@townofdanbyny.org]
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- All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS CONTINUE

Submitted by George Jakubson and Marrell Cortright

Green Eggs and Ham? Dr. Suess had it almost right. **G**Come on down to the West Danby Fire Station on Saturday, March 11, 8-11am for the annual *St. Patty's Day Breakfast* of all-you-can-eat eggs, bacon, sausage, and *Green Pancakes!* There's a pot of golden O.J., coffee and tea for 'ye, too, if you can only find it at rainbow's end.

Two weekends later, on March 26, the valley-dwellers can take a turn to travel for morning treats. Whho cooks for you? The Danby Volunteer Fire Company cooks for you. It's a big pancake breakfast, 8-11am on Sunday!

Come meet your neighbors, enjoy the view of the weather outside, and have a delicious breakfast made and served by your local volunteer firefighters (and some friends). What could be better? And you don't have to cook or do dishes afterwards!

Proceeds benefit your volunteer fire company. ❁

FIRE CHIEFS, PART II

Submitted by Edward Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

Some jobs are easy—you either take orders or you are in command and understand the job—some jobs can be bad, and some jobs are like herding cats.

The Chief of an all-volunteer fire company can be that of the cat herder if he does not understand the nature of fire volunteers. This is complicated by the emergency nature of the work. Dealing with emergency crises takes repetitive training and training a volunteer group requires a further special set of skills. Patience and understanding, developed through long experience, are required.

John Gaden became a volunteer firefighter because his interest was stimulated by family and friends who were already members of the Danby Fire and Rescue Company. When John was young, his home caught fire and it was saved by the Danby Fire Company. John watched everyone in the fire company and came to appreciate how they worked together. He wanted to help the community of Danby and...today John is a dedicated Fire Chief.

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

One of the things I have heard consistently from some residents is that they don't like when the County Legislature takes a stand on state and national issues. I understand this concern because there are so many state and national issues that could consume so much of our time, while taking away from time we spend on local issues we actually have control of. On the other hand, if a state or national issue affects a lot of people in Tompkins County, then it is a local issue.

In the last month, the Tompkins County Legislature has weighed in on two national issues. In early February we voted unanimously to object to the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). I felt this was a worthwhile exercise because there are approximately 8,000 people in Tompkins County who could lose their health insurance if the ACA is repealed. Politics and ideology aside, I think decent health care is a human right and something the government should be involved in. I ask myself, "What is the point of following the rules—working, paying taxes, being a productive member of society—if one accident or one instance of illness destroys your life because you can't pay for it?" This just does not seem like the American Dream to me.

We also voted on making Tompkins County a "sanctuary county". Because of the deadline for this column, I am writing this before we have actually taken the vote.

The term "sanctuary county" is somewhat misleading, but that's what most people are calling it. There are many details that I don't have the space here to go into (the resolution itself is 4 pages!). But in a nutshell, what we are saying is that it is the responsibility of the Federal government to enforce immigration laws, not local governments. We do not want anyone to feel afraid to cooperate with police or to seek healthcare or other services for fear of being questioned about their immigration status. This is a practical policy legally and financially, and will result in the best outcome for everyone within the borders of Tompkins County.

Sheriff Ken Lansing has expressed support for this policy and points out that this resolution does not represent a change in policy or procedure by the Sheriff's office.

I know these are both controversial topics, and I know that I do not speak for everyone in Danby. As always, I welcome your comments and questions. Contact me about these or any other County Legislature issues at 607.272.7582 or [danbydan@hotmail.com]. ❁

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

Free Tax Preparation: Saturday, March 11, 10am-2pm, Town Hall. Also Saturday March 25, 10am-2pm, West Danby Fire Hall. Call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment.

Your Health: Presentation on blood pressure and diabetes. Sunday, March 19, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Come early for free blood pressure screening. See article.

Grady Girls: Sunday, March 19, 3pm, Town Hall. Traditional Irish music. See article.

Klezmer: The Cornell University Klezmer Ensemble (CUKE). Sunday, April 9, 3pm, Town Hall.

Danby Volunteer Fire Company

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, March 26, 8-11am.

West Danby Fire Department

St. Patty's Day Breakfast: Saturday, March 11, 8-11am.

At the Danby Community Church

Chicken and Biscuits: Friday, March 10, 5pm.

ReFit Exercise Classes: Mondays, 5:30pm. \$5.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, March 17, 10-2pm.

The Great Room at Slow Lane

Contra Dancing: Most Fridays, 8pm. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, dances taught. Info: 607.273.8678. ❁

➤ Fire Chiefs, cont'd from page 6—

At first, John served as a Bunker (a firefighter who lives in the station in return for room and board) and quickly developed a firefighter's skills and understanding. He also took the training required to become an external and interior firefighter.

To qualify for Fire Chief, John took two levels of fire officer training as well as hazmat command training. Even today, He takes at least two classes each year, all related to Fire and Emergency service.

John has been a member of the Danby Company for 33 years and Fire Chief for 21 years, the longest serving Fire Chief in Tompkins County. John brings an immense store of experience to his volunteer job. Chiefs are elected by the volunteer members of the Fire Company, but that selection requires approval from the Fire Commissioners and the Chief reports to the Commissioners.

NYS law grants exclusive control of the members of the fire department at all fires, inspections, reviews and other occasions when the fire department is on duty to the Chief. The Chief also has responsibility for all of the apparatus (engines etc.), other equipment, and communications gear.

Building an experienced and loyal team that includes all the skills a fire company needs is a challenge. Leadership is essential when the company is small and made up of volunteers. A chief needs to be involved or join in on many activities including training and work on the fire ground.

He or she also needs to see the big picture and the nuances of the volunteers' work. Understanding logistics and resource management is important, but a good Fire

Chief must also know how to lay hose, properly place an engine, and handle an axe.

John is in command of 35 people (including the Assistant Chiefs) who respond to 165-180 calls a year. Many of those are mutual aid to neighboring departments like Brooktondale and Candor. In 2016, Danby had 46 fire calls and 123 Rescue/EMT calls, for a total of 2159 man-hours.

As Chief, John attends many meetings: the Commissioners' monthly meetings, the Company's monthly meetings; the monthly meeting of Tompkins County Fire Chiefs, and several others. John is Vice President of the Tompkins County Fire Chiefs and EMS Association.

Chief Gaden also keeps his eyes open for funding opportunities. He has prepared grants by himself and as part of a grant writing team. He spotted the info about one of the larger grants awarded, from the Fire House Subs Foundation.

John is always looking for people interested in joining the Fire Company. Finding and training more firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians is currently the most important need. However, any one is welcome to help, as a Fire police person, a server at breakfast, or bringing refreshments to those on a call.

If you want to know more about joining, John will find something for you to do depending on your interests and availability. While there is some work involved, especially at first, the reward of helping someone in their time of need and having a good outcome is a huge satisfaction as is the pride in what you do! Contact him at [jgaden@danbyfiredistrict.org].

The next time you see John, thank him for a life well lived in the service of all. ❁

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, March 2 at Noon in the Danby Church, for a dish to share luncheon.

Our April meeting, on the 6th, will still be at Noon but in May we'll move to our summer meeting time of 6pm.

Judy Cuyle is working on speakers for our May & June meetings. We thank our hosts for February—Donna Donnelly and Sidney Doan. Three Bingo games were called with winners receiving gift cards. ❀

FREE TAX PREPARATION

If you earn less than \$54,000, Alternatives VITA program can prepare your Federal and State Income tax returns for you...for free! Its 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 program has been offering free tax preparation services since 2003. It has prepared more than 19,700 tax returns for working families and individuals and returned over \$36.8 million in refunds to our community.

Alternatives VITA will be visiting Danby twice during March:

- Saturday, March 11, 10am-2pm, Town Hall
- Saturday, March 25, 10am-2pm, West Danby Fire Hall

It's free, but appointments are required; please call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment. ❀

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The truck will again be in the Danby Fire Station on March 27, Noon-1pm. The April 24 truck will be back at Danby Community Church.

The truck is comes from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and is sponsored by the Danby Community Church. Anyone needing food is encouraged to attend. Please bring your own bags and boxes! ❀

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marv Eastman

We had our first Chicken BBQ of the season and, as usual, Mother Nature didn't cooperate. In spite of the snowflakes and wind, we managed to sell out—200 halves—in little over 2 hours

Spring is just around the corner and hopefully we will have better weather to come. There's another Chicken BBQ on March 12; all the proceeds of the BBQ will be going to the *Twin Tiers Honor Flight*. Halves will be available starting at noon, so come early and hungry. Menu is ½ chicken, a dinner roll, and a choice of two sides: BBQ Beans, Salt Potatoes, or Macaroni Salad. Cost is still only \$10.

We start the month off with our Steak Dinner on the 4th. Steaks are cut from a Prime Rib loin and weigh approximately 12 to 13 ounces. The steak dinner will be served 5-7pm. You will get a mouth watering steak cooked to order, salad bar, Homemade deserts, a dinner roll, and a choice of baked potato, french fries or onion rings, all for just \$12.

On March 17, we will be deviating from our usual Fish Dinner to bring you a holiday choice: Corned Beef and Cabbage or the Fish Dinner (Fried or Broiled). With either you can get the salad bar and homemade deserts. Fish Dinner will include either baked potato or french fries. Fish is \$12, and corned Beef is \$10.

All dinners are open to the public so don't hesitate to come on down for a good meal and maybe conversation. Don't forget that during the week we have chicken wings available. As always, our success depend upon you, so don't be a stranger.

As our thoughts turn to warmer weather, and you think about that family picnic or get together, remember the Ithaca American Legion, we have a large pavilion for your outing. Or maybe you have a small gathering and need a room that seats 30 to 40 people, we have that, too. We even have a banquet room that will seat 100 people. So don't be afraid to stop on over and check us out. Any questions feel free to call us at 607.272.1129.

A special shout out to one of our friends, Gay Huddle, hope you had a Happy Birthday/Valentines Day.. No Joke! We will be having a Steak Dinner on April 1. Mark your calendar for a Chicken BBQ on April 30 to benefit the *Ithaca Warriors Football Team*. Remember, freedom is not free. ❀

Danby Youth Flyer

Community Council Youth Programs

The Danby Youth Program is committed to offering quality, stable, uninterrupted programs to the youth of Danby. Our search for a permanent manager continues as of press time. For updates, check us out on the web at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms]. ❁

YOUTH GRANTS

Submitted by Susan Franklin, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

Do you have a child going to camp or participating in another program during the next few months? 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 lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is March 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in April thru June (but check about January-March programs).

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]. You can also find applications on the Town Hall bulletin board. ❁

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.

I cover the neighborhoods of Danby, West Danby, Brooktondale, Newfield, and Upper South Hill. Pictures (in JPEG format) are always welcome.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Submitted by Cole Janda

The Danby Community Council invites you to a free public health presentation on Sunday, March 19, 12:30pm, in Danby's Town Hall. Patricia Schaffer from the Cayuga Medical Center will be presenting on high blood pressure and diabetes, two prevalent conditions that may be affecting you or a loved one without your knowledge.

There will be a free blood pressure check before the presentation begins. Healthy refreshments will be served.

This is the second of three health-related presentations that will be offered as part of an Eagle Scout project. The final topic will be Lyme Disease, and that event will also be preceded by a free blood pressure screening. ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

So many new things at Danby Community Library!
New Books:

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi
365 Things to Do in Ithaca, NY by Laurel Guy
Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

New Board Books!
New Books on CD!

New on DVD:
The Secret Life of Pets *The BFG*
Pete's Dragon *Sully*
A Man Called Ove *Trolls*
Kubo and the Two Strings *Zootopia*

Coming Soon on DVD:
Hidden Figures *Silence*
LaLa Land *Fences*
Manchester by the Sea *Arrival*
Hacksaw Ridge *Moonlight*
Lion ❁



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Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Feb 27 • Mon

Noon-1pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Mobile Food Truck**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

Mar 2 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Mar 4 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
5pm 🏠 Amer Leg Post • **Steak Dinner**

Mar 10 • Fri

5pm 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Chicken & Biscuit**

Mar 11 • Sat

8-11m 🏠 West Danby Fire Station
St.Patty's Day Breakfast
10am-2pm 🏠 Town Hall
Free Tax Prep (call 2-1-1 for an appointment)

Mar 12 • Sun

2am 🏠 Everywhere
Clocks Spring Forward...lose an hour of sleep
Noon 🏠 Amer Leg Post • **Chicken BBQ**

Mar 13 • 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 14 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Mar 16 • Thu

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

Mar 17 • Fri

5pm 🏠 Amer Leg Post • **Fish (or Corned Beef) Dinner**

Mar 19 • Sun

Noon 🏠 Town Hall • **Free Blood Pressure Screening**
12:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Your Health: Blood Pressure and Diabetes
3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Concert: The Grady Girls, Irish Traditional Tunes

Mar 20 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Mar 21 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Mar 25 • Sat

10am-2pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Station
Free Tax Prep (call 2-1-1 for an appointment)

Mar 27 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Cons. Advisory Council Meeting**

Apr 1 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
5pm 🏠 Amer Leg Post • **Steak Dinner**

Apr 6 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Mar 19 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Concert: Cornell Klezmer Ensemble

Jul 8, 2017 • 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 🏠 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