

# DANBY AREA NEWS

## WEST DANBY YARD SALE DAY

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet, WD Community Association

West Danby and Spencer are planning yard sales on the same day, Saturday, June 9, so it'll a good day to bargain-hunt along the ten or so miles of NYS Rt.34/96 and adjacent roads....

If you plan to have sale that day, do get in touch with me, [pf13@cornell.edu] or 607.564.0030 (evenings) or 607.255.0443 (leave a message) with the details (street address, a list of items that might draw shoppers). This way your sale will be on the map that folks can pick up at West Danby's "Four Corners", at the Spencer ShurFine, and at a couple of larger yard sales.

Everyone else, save the date for treasure hunting.

Let's hope for fine weather, but it is rain or shine. If it rains, well, some of the best bargains can be found on rainy sale days! ❀

## BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

By Bill Evans, Community Council

All Danby residents and other interested parties are welcome to participate in surveying Danby's breeding birds from June 9-16:

June 9: Jennings Pond Big Day (birding around Jennings Pond). Bird walks for all levels of expertise. Meet in the parking lot on the hour (4am, 5am, 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am) for short bird walks in the vicinity of the pond.

June 9-16: Birding throughout Danby with the goal of verifying the breeding status of Danby birdlife.

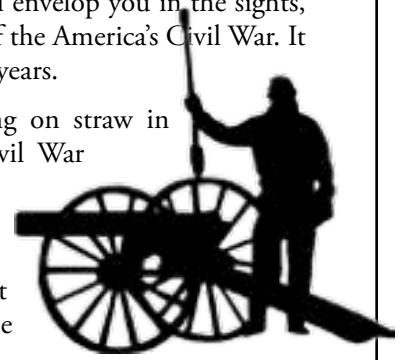
June 16: Compilation brunch. The Community Council will sponsor a birders brunch (w/ coffee, tea, baked goods, fruit & yogurt) in Danby's Town Hall at 11am to compile and discuss the week's birding--all are welcome!

For a checklist of breeding birds in Danby, see [oldbird.org/DanbyBirds.html]. ❀

## CIVIL WAR IN DANBY

STEP BACK IN TIME on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, when a Civil War Encampment settles in to Dotson Park. A company street of tents, campfire smoke, period attire, and the unmistakable thunder of musket and cannon fire, will envelop you in the sights, the sounds, and the smells of the America's Civil War. It will transport you back 150 years.

The soldiers will be sleeping on straw in their tents and cooking Civil War fare over campfires. Musket tripods will adorn the fields. The clamor of black powder fired from musket and cannon will mark the hours.



Danby resident and Danby Community Council member Danny Wheeler is the maestro of this amazing living history event, giving our community a first-hand look at the daily life of the soldiers during the Civil War.

Danny has been involved with Civil War organizations since 1984. His mother and grandmother were members of the Women's Relief Corps and Danny follows the footsteps of his great great grandfather, Jerome B. Kelley, a private in the 45<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Danny first joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in 1984. In 1988 he organized Sydney Camp #41 in Ithaca

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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

## LEGAL MATTERS—Passing Local Laws

**L**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. Every few years, it can be helpful to outline why and how local governments pass local laws.

The Danby Town Board is looking to pass several local laws this summer and fall. Some municipal laws are very local and site specific, such as a local law that will be considered on June 11 to apply commercial zoning to a property on Hornbrook Road. Others cover more of the town, like an ordinance and procedure related to Forestry and Timber Harvest that may be considered in July.

New York, as a "home rule" state, recognizes the need to address local concerns and needs, and offers local municipalities the power to pass laws. The process provides Towns the means to meet challenges based in the concerns and priorities of our residents.

Local Laws are nominally drafted by the Town Board. In the case of Zoning Laws, at the discretion of the Town

Board, the Town Planner and the Planning Board may play a substantial role. The intent of the law must be reflect the vision set out in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Law should meet current concerns of Danby's residents. Review of any local law includes an Environmental Assessment, which notes potential impacts and mitigation.

The law is reviewed by the Town Attorney, who suggests needed corrections and clarifications. This step helps to ensure that there are no inconsistencies with NY State laws or with existing Town Laws. Once the 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.

### Public Hearings

After the law has been fully reviewed and concerns from interested agencies have been addressed, the Town Board sets the date for a Public Hearing. The Clerk's office publishes legal notice of the hearing. The legal notice (for zoning laws) must appear at least ten days prior to the public hearing, and its format and wording

notice is specified by NYS law. In Danby's case, these notices are published in the "Legals" section of the Ithaca Journal, the Town's "paper of record." The notice is also posted official bulletin board in Town Hall and on the town's web site. When possible, as a courtesy, a copy may also appear in the Danby News.

Public Hearings put the Public in local government. There is both a formal and legal need for community involvement. The hearing is a chance for residents to voice their support, opposition, or confusion regarding the purpose and intent of proposed action, like a local law. Residents can speak in person (Danby's hearings are often friendly and informal) or they may submit comments in writing, prior to the hearing.

After a Public Hearing, the Town Board considers and votes on the law. If it is adopted, the Town Clerk prepares—within twenty days—the document for filing with the Town Attorney and New York's Secretary of State.

The Clerk has a role that spans the entire process, from keeping records of the discussion leading up to the law, to informing the public, and filing the official paperwork. This is an interesting process, and I'm honored to be a part of it.

### Office Hours

As a reminder, the Clerk's office "summer hours" are now in effect. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am-5pm. From June until early September, the Town Clerk's office is closed Saturday, Sunday, and Thursday. And, thanks to resident generosity, the bowl of chocolate kisses remains full.

You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788 and by Email at [[townclerk@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:townclerk@townofdanbyny.org)]. ☘



Mowing Season Is Here

- photo by Ted Crane

➔ *Civil War, cont'd from front page—*

and has been a member of Company E, 148<sup>th</sup> New York, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), the oldest SVR in New York since 1981. In 1999-2000 he served as the Commander in Chief of the SUVCW; currently he is its National Quartermaster.

The aims of these organizations are preservation and education, and Danny has been very involved in both. From the repair and restoration of Danby's own Civil War Memorial—in front of our Town Hall—to DeWitt Park and memorials all over the county, Danny is the unofficial steward of many important historical relics.

The encampment will be open to the public. You'll have the opportunity to observe the period dress of soldiers, cooks, chaplains, cavalrymen, and women. You can examine a variety of muskets and medals and learn what a gum blanket is—and which well-known company got its start making them. You'll get to sample a simple bean soup, provided by Betty Wheeler, Danny's wife and a member of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW. Bite down on some hard tack if you dare.

Danny's call has mustered up a marvelous crew of participants including members of the 148<sup>th</sup> Company E Volunteer Infantry, Sydney Camp 41 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry (unmounted), and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

The event is a well-supported community affair. Both the Danby Community Park Association and the Community Church have graciously allowed the use of grounds for this two-day extravaganza. The Church will host a breakfast prepared by the participants on Saturday morning and a service featuring a Civil War-era preacher on Sunday morning.

Look for a contribution from Danby youth as well. The event is free and open to the public. It is organized by the Danby Community Council and supported by funds from the Town of Danby and United Way of Tompkins County.

If you haven't participated in an encampment before you may wonder what you are in for. Living history events incorporate historical tools, activities and dress into an interactive presentation that seeks to give observers and participants a sense of stepping back in time. As Danny puts it, "If a plane passes overhead, we don't see it or hear it." So, make sure to silence those cell phones as you step onto the field and into 1860 America. ❧

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Board of the Town of Danby will hold the following Public Hearing at 7pm on June 11, 2018 in the Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the approval of the proposed project:

Rezoning, 129 Hornbrook Road, Tax Parcel 10.-1-82.2, 129 Hornbrook Road; Petricola-Bartholf Partnership, Owner, Robert Bartholf, Applicant; Applicant proposes to rezone 2.237 acres of the 108.89-acre parcel from Low Density Residential Zone to Commercial "C" Zone and to subdivide the existing 108.89-acre property into two parcels: Parcel A, measuring 2.237 acres with existing 8,800 sq. ft. warehouse to be zoned Commercial "C"; and Parcel B, measuring 106.653 acres and formerly operated as vehicle dismantler Autosalvage of Ithaca, Inc., to remain zoned Low Density Residential.

An official recommendation to the Town Board to approve the rezoning was adopted on March 15, 2018 by the Planning Board in accordance with Town of Danby Zoning Ordinance Section 800(3). Further information, including access to draft Local Law, may be obtained at the Town Clerk Office, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850.

All persons will be heard either in writing or in person. ❧

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## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

AS I WRITE ON THIS BEAUTIFUL, warm morning, the outdoors beckons and, gosh, I do love to go outside. The changing season means the doors and windows are open and need new screens. It means cleaning winter gear and servicing the lawn mower. I did that in March, good for me, and I'm ready to go to work on the grass that just shot up.

Tons of new, different stuff outside to keep me busy.

We live in a area that gets more cloudy days than sunny ones. It almost demands you enjoy the day while you have it but, for me, that feeds into seeing how much damage the house and property have encountered. I'm starting to rethink sunny days. When the kids were around, this was an insane time of year, as they all played a different sport and our real jobs were not always as sympathetic to this reality as one might have liked.

The kids are gone, but somehow between the four of them, and the grandkids, there is lots to talk about, especially reflecting on their insanity. Karma?

I have been your Town supervisor for many years, and seen the Town through many changes of seasons and, with the influx many new residents, demographics, size, and complexity.

You can see this in the number of applicants for openings we have had in hiring and for volunteers on our different boards. Residents who chose to live here also bear the associated costs in the form of taxes.

Recently the TCCOG Board presented its findings on Emergency Medical Services provided by and for Towns in Tompkins County. Rebecca Brenner has been representing Danby at these meetings and was instrumental in the conversations leading up to the presentation on the dilemma in funding, staffing, training, and support for the EMS as a whole.

I was very impressed with the level of commitment that it takes, to be an EMS provider nowadays. The sustainability of this service is in jeopardy in our Town, and its resolution is on our agenda. Twenty years ago, the demographics were different. The Fire District of that day felt they needed a rescue truck to respond to accident calls, so they built one, and set up this service for Danby.

Seasons change, and the realities of operating this system suggest that we find a way to reinvent the service if it is going to remain a vital part of our Town.

We should all take a minute to reflect on that moment when, for whatever reason, you call 911. What do you expect from that call, and what processes need to be in place to service the call. As residents, this will be a question we all should reflect on and stay tuned to, as its outcome will affect us all.

By the way, if you are interested the full EMS report, it is available online.

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

## WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

WE FINISHED OUR SPRING 2018 hydrant flushing on Wednesday, May 15. I hope that everyone was aware of the flushing schedule and that no one was inconvenienced by temporary brown water as a result. Our next scheduled flushing is in August.

Also on Wednesday May 15, Scott Freyburger from the Tompkins County Department of Health came to sample water for many different things and to inspect our pump house facility and storage tank. He will be sending an analysis of the water sample results as well as written inspection report.

J.D. Ferro will be repairing the pump house roof sometime in late May or early June if their schedule holds.

The next West Danby Water District Commissioners meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13, 5pm, in the West Danby Fire Department conference room. Tod opted not to attend this year's annual New York Rural Water Association Conference as the agenda didn't appear to have enough information specific to our water system. The District joined a more locally focussed group, The Finger Lakes Water Works Association that holds a much smaller annual conference and is membered by other water districts of similar size to ours. We hope to have representation at that conference when it occurs. ❁

## LOGGING IN DANBY

Submitted by CJ Randall, Town Planner

A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS have expressed concern about logging and timber harvesting in Danby, particularly in sensitive environmental areas. The Town's many forested landscapes, from Deputron Hollow to the Danby State Forest, have visual appeal and are part of the Town's character, history, and identity. The Town's forests are living ecosystems that can be conserved; but as trees do grow and change—impacted by ice storms, tornadoes, invasive species, or disease—it is worthwhile to consider planned management of forest lands.



The Town recognizes that the timber resources in the Town are a renewable resource of significant value and may be harvested. Yet the Town also recognizes that poorly executed timber harvesting practices can result in direct environmental damage to land and water quality and significant damage to Town roads—at substantial cost to residents and taxpayers.

The Town is working on a local law intended to protect the Town's land resources, water quality, and public infrastructure by regulating harvesting activities. A permitting process would require real property owners who engage in commercial harvesting of timber and firewood on their land to notify the Town of those activities.

A first draft of a local law amending the Town's zoning ordinance regarding Timber Harvesting was introduced during the Town Board meeting on May 14 and during the Planning Board meeting on May 17. The Town Board will be reviewing that draft during its meeting on Monday, June 11. A public information session is expected in late June or early July.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, [cjrandall@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.277.2400. The draft is available on Danby's web site: [townofdanbyny.org], click on "Departments", then "Planning", then "Documents", then "Draft... Timber". ❁

## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

TURN 55 THIS MONTH, which makes me eligible to join the Danby Seniors. I will be signing up as their youngest member.

It turns out I am not alone in getting older. From the 2000 census to the 2010 census, there was a 34 percent increase in those 60 and older in Tompkins County. The rate of increase has slowed somewhat, but the total number of seniors in the county is continuing to rise and is not expected to peak until around 2030.

The sharp increase in the number of seniors after the year 2000 was because that was the first wave of the baby boomers reaching their sixties. The baby boom is generally said to have started in 1946 and ended in 1964. I was born in 1963, so I represent the last wave of the baby boomers.

According to the 2010 census, Danby had 706 residents who were 60 or older. That represents about 21 percent of the town, or 1 out of every 5 people in Danby.

The Danby Seniors is a local volunteer-run social organization. The County Office for the Aging (COFA), on the other hand, is a taxpayer-funded agency. COFA's mission statement is, "to assist older adults and persons with long term care needs to live independently in their homes and communities with quality of life and dignity." They provide a very consumer-oriented service and are available to meet with anyone in person, by phone, or by Email to answer any questions about aging-related issues, caring for a loved one, housing options, Medicare, etc.

Tompkins County is blessed with many organizations and agencies that contribute to our quality of life. I look forward to getting involved with the Danby Seniors, and I am comforted to know that COFA will be there to help with issues that arise for many of us as we move through the phases of our lives.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me; [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ❁

## WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE SURVEY OF QUANTITY & QUALITY

Submitted by Ted Crane

**R**ETURNS ARE COMING IN from the Water Survey included in last month's *Danby News*. If you haven't filled ours out yet, now's a good time to do it.

The easiest way to take the survey is online, at [[danbyny.org/WaterSurvey/](http://danbyny.org/WaterSurvey/)]. That URL will take you to a form fill-out web site.

The survey mostly contains multiple-choice opinion questions like, "Is there always enough water in your well?" If you know details of your well, there are a few questions about its construction (depth, etc.).

*An online version of the survey is available at*

[[danbyny.org/WaterSurvey/](http://danbyny.org/WaterSurvey/)].

It only takes a few minutes to answer all the questions, but the online survey contains useful information about residential water wells that might hold your attention for a bit longer.

If you don't have web access (yes, that happens in Danby) or the online form doesn't work for you, you can always find a paper copy at the Town Clerk's office, or a copy of last month's *Danby News* at [[danbyny.org/DanbyNews/](http://danbyny.org/DanbyNews/)].

### What's The End Result?

The value of the survey comes from being able to see the answers to the questions laid on a map. Where is the water with minerals? Are there neighborhoods where there are seasonal water issues? Neighborhoods where residents believe water is becoming scarce...and for what reason?

All of this depends on knowing the location of the well, so it's important for responses to include this information. If you provide contact information (name, phone, Email), it will not be distributed unless you give permission. It would, however, be useful to help clear up any questions about the information on your survey.

The results will be available to Danby residents and, of course, to the Town for planning purposes.

### Thinking About Having Work Done On Your Well? Low Interest Loans Are Available!

Thanks to a grant from the US Department of Agriculture, the Water Well Trust is providing low-interest loans for the rehabilitation of an old well, or the drilling of a new one.

## ZONING QUESTIONS

Submitted by CJ Randall, Town Planner

**I**F YOU'VE EVER WONDERED about how Danby's zoning impacts what gets built where, you may be interested in reviewing the initial questions developed as part of the Town's Land Use Regulation and Zoning Audit. The list of questions we are asking about the Zoning Ordinance (and other land use regulations, such as the Flood Damage Prevention Law or the Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Law) is now available on Danby's web site: [[townofdanbyny.org](http://townofdanbyny.org)], click on "Departments", then "Planning", then "Documents", and then "Draft...Audit".

This Audit is intended to identify inconsistencies between the Town's Comprehensive Plan and the current version of the Zoning Ordinance. The zoning audit is comprised of questions that place principal emphasis upon the structure of the zoning regulations themselves and the methods used in their enforcement. Each question focuses on a particular dimension of planning including a broad look at uses, lot requirements (such as setbacks, lot coverage, and accessory buildings), as well as what incentives are offered for desired development, such as senior housing.

If you have a question to add or a question about the process or deliverables, please contact me [[cjrandall@townofdanbyny.org](mailto:cjrandall@townofdanbyny.org)] or 607.277.2400. ♣

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The WWT is a non-profit based in North Carolina, dedicated to ensuring that people have access to safe drinking water. Tompkins County is included in the current project area of the Water Well Trust.

The Water Well Trust is currently accepting applications from Tompkins County until September 30, 2018. More information and the application can be found at [[waterwelltrust.org/how-to-apply/](http://waterwelltrust.org/how-to-apply/)]. Priority is given to households where health risks are imminent, to those with minorities, elderly, children, or disabled persons, including disabled veterans. Additionally, the resident must own the home and property.

More information about the Water Well Trust program is also available from the Tompkins County Health Department. ♣

## ROAD CLEANUP THANKS

Submitted by Ted Crane and Pamela Goddard

WE OFFER OUR APPRECIATION—and ask the Danby Community to thank—all the folks who helped us out with the NYS Rt.96B road cleanup on Earth Day, Sunday, April 22:

- David Brown (southern section)
- Diana VanDeBogart (near Town Hall)
- Elizabeth Honis and family (near Town Hall)
- Cathy and Frank Darrow (Fire Station and north)
- Guillermo Metz and family (north of Miller Road)

Special props to Kai, the youngest member of the crew, whose salad tongs were clearly the best way to pick up small trash items along the road.

About twenty five bags of trash were collected in two hours, including an astounding ten bags by the Metz clan. Thanks also to the NYS DOT Highway crew, who picked up the full bags for disposal.

Five categories of trash are most commonly found along the roadside:

- drink containers (energy drinks, soda, beer, coffee)
- other random litter from vehicles (mostly wrappers; do we really eat what the wrappers used to contain?)
- spilled contents of residential trash/recycle cans
- vehicle parts, mostly rusty and/or broken
- yellow road-marking paint chips

There's not much anyone can do about the paint chips, the vehicle parts are inevitable, and—for sure—no Danbite would toss litter from a vehicle onto their own road. But, hey, please put an effective cover on your trash and recycle containers when you put them out on the road for pickup? ❁

## DANBY BOOK CLUB

Submitted by Janice Beal

THE DANBY BOOK CLUB meets on the third or fourth Sunday of each month, 4pm, at one of our homes.

We read mostly non-fiction and are very focused on discussing the book. Refreshments are served.

Please join us! New members are always welcome. Questions? Contact me, 607.279.1480 or [beal.janice.e@gmail.com]. ❁

## A PAGE OUT OF DANBY'S HISTORY

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Danby Town Historian

ARTIFACTS ARE LIKE 3-D PAGES from a history book. We have some of these 3-D pages in Danby and recently acquired another one from a generous donor, Karen Laun. It is a bottle, complete with its label, that tells us its contents: *Essence of Peppermint—Price, 15c*. Karen came across it at a meeting of the Finger Lakes Bottle Club and having an interest in Danby history she purchased it. Along with her donation she submitted a write up of research she did on the bottle.

The essence of peppermint was produced by William P. Richards, a native son of Danby born in 1839. As a grown man he fought in the Civil War, then returned to Danby in 1865 and married Sarah German (Sarah's family lived on German Cross Road). William and Sarah had a farm in Dryden and one in Danby and the Danby farm most likely produced the peppermint that in turn produced the essence of peppermint.

You can see the bottle itself on the history shelf in the Danby Library as well as the full write up about it and the Richards. Enjoy this "page" from Danby's history that reveals another aspect of 19<sup>th</sup> century life in our town.

**Reminder:** Urge any young people you know who are interested in history to check out the Student Research Competition mentioned in the March 2018 issue of Danby Area News. There is also a large poster about it on the board inside Town Hall entry. It looks like a fun project. ❁

## 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 every other week 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.

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



## BROOKTONDALE FARMER'S MKT

Submitted by Barbara Perrone

The Brooktondale Farmers Market opening day is Tuesday June 5, 4-7pm at the Brooktondale Community Center on Valley Road. Come on out and join us for some wonderful seasonal treats. Enjoy community, support local families, and shop for your seasonal goods at the Farmers Market. Relax in the Inspirational Gardens, Enjoy some live music and have some fun at the playground.

This season, our market will have lots of plants, garden starts and flowering baskets. Locally grown veggies and fruit, fresh eggs, local cheese, maple syrup and honey, mushrooms and fresh baked breads, and yummy baked goods. We are blessed to have a direct connection with an olive farm in Greece with olives, olive oil and vinegars and other goodies. We will also have herbal medicinals, nature photography, and crafts by the Art Hive Collective.

We are so excited to be joined this year by the Ithaca Art Hive, offering open art creation, free to everyone during the market hours. Explore a wide range of creative possibilities and have fun with friends and neighbors. The Art Hive will join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the each month.

The market's size and location by the playground make this market a wonderful place to stop with the family. Swing by on the way home, or come on out with a picnic dinner! The Brooktondale Farmers Market is located in the pavilion at the BCC, 524 Valley Road, in Brooktondale, just over the hill from Danby, from June thru October on Tuesdays, 4-7pm. Come on out and enjoy the season with us.

For more information or interest in vending, contact me at [[thebrooktondalefarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:thebrooktondalefarmersmarket@gmail.com)]. ❧

## WOMEN'S FICTION

Submitted by Joanne Farbman

THE WOMEN'S FICTION BOOK CLUB of Danby is currently meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. Since it's a pretty new group, this schedule could change.

So, anyone interested in this new group should contact me at 607.280.3069 or [[jsfarbman@gmail.com](mailto:jsfarbman@gmail.com)]. We'd love to have you! ❧

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Submitted by the Danby Community Day Committee

Could you give a few hours each month to help plan Danby Community Day 2018? Yes, the times are changing and we've changed the name of Danby Fun Day to Danby Community Day. We need volunteers that might be interested in helping with: cake wheel, BBQ servers, parade, and games. Or maybe you have an idea of what could be added to make this day even more special, come share your ideas. We are also hoping groups/teams might be interested in doing a demonstration, watch for schedule of events over the next few months. The next planning meeting will be on June 7, 7pm, in the Danby Fire Station. Please join us.

Save the date: 1st annual Danby Community Day is September 15, 2018. ❧

## 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:

*Bobolinks:* Tuesday, May 29, 7pm, Town Hall. All about this wonderful little bird.

*Civil War Living History:* Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24. Dotsson Park and Community Church.

### The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

*Scandinavian Dancing:* music by Steffan Ohlström and Stephen Ellner. Sunday, June 10, 2pm. Info 607.273.8678.

### Danby Community Church

*Tai Chi Classes:* begin again on Monday, June 4, 11am. Continues on Mondays and Wednesdays for 4 months. Check it out, if you've never heard of it.

*Tour of Historic Danby:* July 14.

*Red Cross Blood Drive:* Friday, July 20, 1:30-5:30pm. Walk-ins welcome.

*Sundaes on Wednesdays:* Return of our favorite munchies and music event! Starts July 25. ❧

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark and Nancy Gould

THE NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, June 7, Noon, in the Danby Community Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to join us for a dish to share lunch.

We thank our hosts for May: Pat Phelps, George & Dawn Parks, assisted by several of the senior exercise gals. It's great to see some new members coming this year! We had speakers from FoodNet give us lots of useful information. There's a possibility we could have a weekly congregate (social) dining site here in Danby!

Our July BBQ will be at the American Legion this year at a cost of \$5 per person. Signups are needed: contact Margie 273-8046 for more information.

Upcoming trips:

- Wednesday, June 13: The Beeches in Rome, NY for Buffet Dinner and Show "Voices of Legends". Contact: Nancy Gould, 607.273.8705.
- Thursday, July 26: Steamtown National Historic Site Museum and Trolley Museum and Dinner at Bingham's. Contact: Ann VanDeMark, 607.539.7928
- Thursday, September 6: Cortland Repertory Theater to see "The Rat Pack Lounge" followed by dinner at The Sherman House in Homer. Contact: Pat Phelps, 607.539.6477. ❄

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE PANTRY from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier will be at the Danby Community Church at Noon on Monday, June 25 for anyone needing food. Please bring your own bags or boxes. ❄



## DANBY RURAL CEMETERY MEETING

Submitted by Sharon Boda

THE DANBY RURAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9am, in the Danby Community Church, 1859 Danby Road. All lot owners, relatives and other interested parties are welcome to attend. This is an active cemetery maintained by volunteers and burial lots are available for sale. For more information call 607.273.8241. ❄

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DANBY BIG PUMPKIN CONTEST

By Bill Evans, Community Council

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS AGAIN sponsoring a contest for the largest pumpkin grown in Danby. A competing pumpkin must be grown in Danby and cared for by the contestant or their family.

If it looks like a pumpkin, we will call it a pumpkin (no gourds allowed!). Only one pumpkin can be submitted per contestant (multiple contestants per family okay). Weight in pounds and girth in inches will be used to determine the largest pumpkin. The weigh-in & measurements will be made during the Danby Harvest Festival in mid-October.

A limited supply of seedlings from last year's winner (a nearly 100 pounder!) are available for pickup during the DCC meeting in Town Hall on June 4, 7pm, or by contacting Bill Evans at [wbevans@danbycc.org](mailto:wbevans@danbycc.org). ❄

## SUMMER ART CAMP

Submitted by Camille Doucet

SUMMER ART CAMP with Camille Doucet for all ages and medium. Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm, the weeks of July 2 (includes July 4), July 16, July 30 and August 20. Fees are \$175/week; two half scholarships available.

For more info, visit [camilledoucet.com](http://camilledoucet.com) or contact me, 607.272.8781 or [doucetcamille@gmail.com](mailto:doucetcamille@gmail.com). ❄

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

OUR NEW SUMMER HOURS started May 18 and run thru September 1: Tuesday and Friday, 1:30-3:30pm, but no Saturday hours.

We had an opportunity to attend the Finger Lakes Library sale and were able to choose some great additions for our collection of books and DVDs. Some recently added DVDs are *The Post*, *Phantom Thread*, *Call Me by Your Name*, and *3 Billboards in Ebbing Missouri*.

Mystery lovers may want to check out the Maggie Hope series and we just purchased the newest Maisie Dobbs book. ❄

## Community Council Summer Youth Programs

# Danby Youth Flyer

Hello Danby youth and parents!

Here is the list of programs that I will be offering this summer. All Danby youth entering grades 4 through 9 are welcome to participate.

The programs are free, but the Community Council will happily accept donations to cover costs.

If you're interested in signing up for any of these offerings, please contact me, [mas759@cornell.edu] or 585.236.6304, or find the full flier at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms]. Please stay posted for possible additional programming during the first and last weeks of August. I look forward to hearing from you! —Melis, Danby Youth Program Manager

### Outdoor Adventures at Hammond Hill

Monday-Tuesday, June 25-26, 9am-3:30pm  
drop-off and pick-up: Danby Community Church

Join primitive pursuits instructor and Dryden program manager, Dave Hall, at Hammond Hill where we'll explore nature and learn outdoor skills.

### Floating Classroom

Wednesday, June 27, 10am-2pm  
drop-off and pick-up: Ithaca Farmer's Market

Spend the day cruising along Cayuga Lake with other youth from Lansing, Dryden, and Ithaca. Special focus on all things science.

### Choose Your Own Adventure!

Monday-Wednesday, July 9-11, 9am-4pm  
Cooperative Extension, Willow Avenue, Ithaca

Join myself and Beth Bannister of the Joint Youth Commission for an open-ended program. We will meet downtown, where we will have access to many adventures including: the Science Center, the CCETC kitchen, and the Ithaca farmers market!

### Community Herbalism

Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, 10am-4pm  
Danby State Forest

Hike and learn while collecting medicinal plants to transform into naturally healing body products. At the end of the week, we will share our products with the Danby community at a location TBA.

### Art & Soul

Monday-Thursday, July 23-26, 9am-3pm  
Dewitt Middle School

Throw yourself into a week of artistic exploration as we join Beth Bannister and JYC youth to complete various arts and crafts.

### Fishing & Canoeing

Tuesday-Wednesday, August 7-8, 9am-3pm  
Jennings Pond

Fish, swim, and canoe on Danby's own pond! Lifeguards will be on duty for swimming time in the afternoon.

### Baking & Breadmaking

Thursday-Friday, August 9-10, 9am-3pm  
location TBA

Learn how to bake bread, pizza, and sweet things, too! On Friday we will take a fieldtrip to a local bakery.

### Outdoor Cooking

Tuesday-Wednesday, August 14-15, 9am-3pm  
Danby State Forest

Hike in the Danby State forest while learning to feed yourself in the great outdoors.

### Book-Making

Thursday-Friday, August 16-17, 9am-3pm  
location TBA

Learn a variety of book-binding techniques while creating plain notebooks or stories of your own.

### Finger Lakes National Forest Overnight

Monday-Wednesday, August 20-22  
drop-off (8am) and pick-up (2pm): Coop Extension

Join youth from around Tompkins County on a 2-day overnight trek. ❁

## DANBY'S BEST-KEPT SECRET

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak, Pond Coordinator

JENNINGS POND IS A BEAUTIFUL POND and wildlife area that is part of Buttermilk State Park. It is situated right off Bald Hill Road in Danby. People fish, kayak, and canoe on the 40-acre Pond. The Town of Danby funds lifeguards for swimming in the summer. The lifeguards—from the Danby area—serve our community. Come swim at Jennings Pond, opening toward the end of June. Look for our opening on the Town Sign! ❁

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

May 29 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Bobolinks in words, photos, tweets

Jun 2 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Jun 7 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Seniors

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg

Jun 9 • Sat

4am onward 🏠 Jennings Pond • Breeding Bird Survey

9am 🏠 Danby Comm Church • Rural Cemetery Assoc.

all day 🏠 NYS Rt.34/96 • West Danby Yard Sale

Jun 11 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Public Hearing: Zoning on Hornbrook

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting

7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting

Jun 12 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jun 13 • Wed

5pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • Water Comm. Meeting

Jun 18 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Jun 19 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jun 21 • Thu

3-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • Food Pantry

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting

Jun 23-24 • Sat-Sun

🏠 Danby Comm. Church • Civil War Encampment

🏠 Dotson Park • Civil War Encampment

Jun 25 • Mon

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • Mobile Food Truck

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg

July • ???

🏠 American Legion • Seniors BBQ

Jul 5 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg

Jul 7 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Jul 9 • 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

Jul 10 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Jul 16 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

### ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall  
Tuesdays and Fridays, 1:30-3:30pm,  
and when the Open sign is out!

Food Scrap Recycling 🏠 Town Hall ♻️  
Saturdays, 9am-Noon

Seniors Strength Training Group 🏠 Danby Community Church  
Mondays and Thursdays, 9am.

Tai Chi Classes 🏠 Danby Community Church  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 11am.

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 Drive, off Rt.34/96

🏠 Danby Community Church • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road