

# DANBY AREA NEWS

## THE LASER SNOW PLOW

Submitted by Ted Crane

A visitor to Town Hall was talking about the future of snow removal—the laser-powered snow plow—and I could not help thinking about the numbers. Would this work?

The laser snow plow was described as including a front-mounted laser to melt the snow with a second, rear-mounted laser to evaporate the snow melt, leaving a dry, safe pavement. Absent the rear-mounted laser, the end result would be an inch of ice on the road.

Any engineering analysis, even on the back of a dinner napkin, begins with a few assumptions and facts:

- the plow is about 8 feet wide, say, 100 inches
- the plow is moving slowly, under 7mph, say, 120 inches/second
- the snow is about 10 inches deep (rule of thumb: 10 inches of snow melts to 1 inch of water)

- the snow would instantly melt if raised in temperature by 1 degree.

- 1 calorie heats 1 gram of water by 1 degree (celcius)
- Google search has a built-in calculator that does math *and* automatic unit conversion. Try entering, “one acre in chains” (see last month’s Danby News). Using this calculator, details like US/English units vs. Metric go away.

So, first, how much snow needs melting per second? Width times forward motion times depth...100 \* 120 \* 1.

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

JOIN DANBY’S COMMUNITY COUNCIL on Sunday, October 14, 1-5pm for Danby’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Fest. Celebrate the rural charm and character of our community and enjoy the autumn glory of beautiful Dotson Park in the company of friends and neighbors.

Our trebuchet will be tossing basketball-sized missiles, like the pumpkins and gourds and other biodegradable stuff you bring. Its companion, a modern, hi-tech potato launcher hurls smaller items like, well, potatoes...and lemons (make lemonade with them first, please).

It’s been a wierd growing season. Some growers moan about orange things that never got beyond the tennis-ball stage, while others claim to have yards full of monumental-sized *cucurbita pepae*. Let’s see who’s telling the truth. Will you be one of the winners of our Big Pumpkin Contest?

We’ll have some select local vendors sharing their locally grown and produced goods. We’ll have a bonfire with treats to roast including vegan options.

The Family Reading Partnership will be unveiling its *Story Walk in Dotson Park*. Take your youngsters around the park to read the pages of a picture book!

The *Opus Ithaca Jazz Combo* will be making its debut performance. It’s five kids from Boynton Middle School, including the talented Danbite Kate Keresztes on bass. Gabe Condon, another Danbite, is the director. We’re aiming to have some Old-Time musicians, too.

Some interactive woodworking projects are on tap, as are games and activities led by Danby’s youth program manager, Melis Schildkraut.

As always, this event is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted, of course. The event is sponsored by the Danby’s Community Council, with support from United Way of Tompkins County. See you there!

Do you want to participate as a presenter? Contact [programs@danbycc.org] with your idea! ❁



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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

### Budget season

**O**CTOBER IS THE MONTH for working on municipal budgets for 2019. According to New York State Municipal Law, certain steps must be done by a certain dates. This year, we started early in order to take a good look at Danby's finances.

Various departments, including the Clerk's office, make their budget estimates for the next year. The Clerk's office also reviews potential expenditures for the Town Hall, including equipment such as our shared copier and fax machines, costs of information technology, and general building maintenance. Our goal is to go beyond keeping spending stable by reducing costs wherever possible. With careful research, we have been able to reduce the cost of some service contracts while increasing the reliability of the technology and equipment we rely on to serve you.



Once all of the budget worksheets have been completed, the Town's budget officer (the Bookkeeper, in Danby) prepares a Tentative Budget. This is presented, through the Town Clerk, to the Town

Board during a Town Board meeting on or before October 8. Through the rest of the month, the Board reviews and modifies the budget as appropriate. Once review is complete, a Preliminary Budget is drafted.

A Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget must be held no later than the Thursday following Election Day; this year, no later than November 8. Notice of this hearing must be published in Danby's newspaper of record (the Ithaca Journal) and be posted on the official bulletin board near the Clerk's Office—and on the Town's web site. Once it is complete, copies of the budget are available for public inspection. After the Public Hearing, the Board may make modifications to the budget without requiring additional public hearings. The final budget must be adopted no later than November 20.

While the Public Hearing is the most obvious time for public participation, all Town Board meetings, including budget review meetings, are open to the public. At this time, the Board anticipates holding a budget review on October 15, at 6pm, prior to its regular meeting. Additional budget review meetings are likely to be scheduled for the latter part of October.

### Public Information Session

In addition to budget review, the Town Board will present a Public Information Session on Monday, October 1, with detailed information on the implications (pro and con) of changing the Highway Superintendent from an Elected to an Appointed position. In either case, Carl Seamon's term runs for another year, and he has stated that he would like to continue for an additional two years.

As a reminder, the Town Clerk's office is open and accessible 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Through the Autumn, Winter and Spring, our office is open on Saturdays 10am-Noon. We are closed on Sundays, and Thursdays. Messages can be left at 607.277.4788. And yes, the chocolate bowl is still full.

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

## 2019 FIRE BUDGET HEARING

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Secretary, Fire District

**D**ANBY FIRE DISTRICT's Budget Hearing for its proposed 2019 budget will be held October 16, 2018 at 7pm in the Danby Fire Station, 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, New York 14850. ❁

## CAC MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE

Submitted by Matt Ulinski, Chair, Conservation Advisory Council

**T**HE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL is changing the schedule for its monthly meeting.

Starting in October, the CAC will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, still at 7pm in Town Hall. The last meeting on the old schedule was September 24. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings. ❁

## INCOME FROM RURAL PROPERTY

Submitted by Don Schaufler, Conservation Advisory Council

**T**HE NEXT PRESENTATION coordinated by the CAC (Conservation Advisory Council) is on October 22, 7pm, in Danby's Town Hall. It's by Steve Gabriel, on Forest Farming with an emphasis on mushroom growing—especially small scale operations.

Steve is an exceptionally knowledgeable speaker on this topic; we are lucky to have him. Juice and cookies, prior to show and afterwards, too. ❁

## HISTORY, CURIOSITY, & OTHER ISSUES

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Danby Town Historian

DO YOU ENJOY EXPLORING, researching, organizing and planning? Do you enjoy talking or reading about history? If this sounds like you, how about volunteering some of your time to assist the Danby Town Historian?

Going forward I need assistance with several projects. Anyone who volunteers can do so on a one-time basis for a specific project, or can give an hour or two a week, a month, or a year to help out with whatever is needed. Any amount of time you can give is helpful and much appreciated. Contact me, in Town Hall on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday afternoons, 1-4pm.

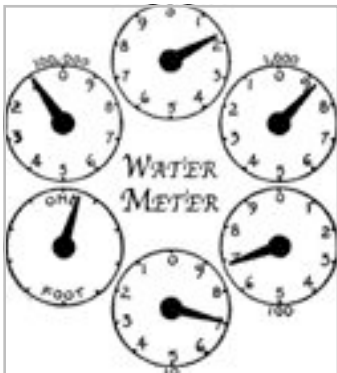
If you are curious, you are welcome to pop your head in to see what I am working on and how the Town Historian's workspace is set up.

Other issues include the history on display in the Danby Library. There are photo panels of early days in Danby and the panels are changed now and then. Some new ones were just put on display. So there is more than books to at in the library. We will also be putting our display case and an upgraded display area together the big room in the coming months. ❀

## WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS approved Scott Wendt's offer to take the preliminary step of completing coursework to become a Class C System water operator in New York State. He will take a week long class starting Oct 15 at the Cortland Water Operator Training Center before beginning supervised practical work in our system. Upon completion of a six month period of practical work the final step to getting an operator's certificate is to be observed and interviewed by the Tompkins County Health Department while working in the pump house. It is important job and we welcome Scott.



The next District meeting will be held in the West Danby Fire Station Conference Room on October 10, 5:30pm. An important agenda item will be preparing for winter. We have several uninhabited homes in the district and we've got to communicate with their owners to see if we should shut service off to the dwelling if they will be left unheated. ❀

## ELECT OR APPOINT A HWY SUP'T?

Submitted by Ted Crane

WE CAN ALL AGREE on three things:  
• We all want a Sup't who will do the best job of maintaining Danby's roads.

- If the Town of Danby were formed today, it would probably hire a transportation engineer with administrative skills to head up the Highway Department.
- The Town has a well-accepted administrative structure *and a tradition of electing officials.*

Danby's Sup't is elected but the position is rarely contested. The only contested election this century was in 2005. Before that, the previous contest was in 1993.

The perceived problem is that NYS law requires town officers, in general, to reside within the town. With only about 3,300 residents, Danby has a shallow pool of potential Sup'ts.

Here are four ways to resolve this problem:

① The Sup't manages the day-to-day affairs, hires consultants for expert advice, and allows the Supervisor and Financial Officer handle the budget. This is close to how it works today in Danby.

② If a potential Sup't is identified but is not a Danby resident, the candidate is asked to immigrate. A salary incentive might help...but a competitive salary would be required in any case.

③ Enact a local law allowing an elected Sup't to live outside the Town but within, say, 30 minutes of the Highway Department. The NYS Department of State uses this kind of law as an example of when a Local Law may supercede a State Law (see "Adopting Local Laws in NYS") and the Attorney General concurred (opinion #2000-5). *The citizen's right to vote is preserved while the pool of candidates is expanded.*

④ Enact a local law abolishing the elected Sup't's office. Replace it with an employee hired by the Town Board. Voter input becomes, at most, indirect: via other elected officials. Some say politicians are better qualified to choose than voters...simply by having been elected; others question that idea during Public Hearings.

Danby's Town Board has only considered the fourth option, first in 2010, then in 2016, and now in 2018. Why not consider the other, less controversial options?

Danby's Town Board has asked Danby's citizens to make a choice by voting in the General Election. Danby's citizens can choose to ask the Town Board to come up with an alternate, more voter-friendly option to continue our good highway management. ❀

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

I WRITE AS HURRICANE FLORENCE walks on shore in the Carolinas. I watch as things happen that people thought could not happen. The cedar wax wings, on their annual southward migration, have stopped by. The milkweed is not yet opened, the woodchucks are looking for places to den up for the winter. Beech and Hickory nuts are already down and consumed by the squirrels. Chestnuts are just starting to fall. So what is happening and what will happen also is playing out in Danby. A new Planning Board chair, a vacancy replacement, new land being added to the CAC's work on residents wishing to protect their land from development.

Our forestry laws are also being drafted, as well as fixes to some language in our zoning that needs clarification. A new building for the Highway Department, financed by the Town, to house its new wash bay, financed by grant money. The grant also includes new, insulated garage doors and a heat pump.

The front of Danby's Town Hall is experiencing some change: an EV vehicle charging station, along with some seating, partly financed through another grant.

A new bus shelter for *park and ride* is being installed in the entrance to Dotson Park, across from Town Hall. As you read, we hope to find grant funding for some major road infrastructure projects.

Many residents have been giving me their opinion about whether our Highway Superintendent should be appointed by the Town Board instead of elected by Danby's voters. I think their opinions are important.

I've served longer than most Supervisors, and I understand the feelings on both sides of the subject. Some feel strongly that citizens should be involved in electing their choice of leaders, while others feel that frequent elections are counterproductive.

It has taken the better part of thirty years for me to begin to establish long term plans for the Town, but I have had to do this two-year term by two-year term. I am grateful that voters have supported me in this way, and I do believe that the Town as a whole has benefited.

### **YOU HAVE TO ASK YOURSELF, "SHOULD I AND MY FELLOW VOTERS HAVE THE FINAL SAY ABOUT WHO IS RUNNING THE TOWN?"**

Elections have not changed the Highway Superintendent very often, either. The possibility of a small group selecting the official responsible for spending a huge slice of the Town's budget on the basis of politics and personalities rather than what's best for the long-term good of the Town could be troublesome.

The world is changing much faster than it used to. The Town has to be able to execute timely responses in a way that will not work against its long-term planning, and that can't be done based on personal agendas. We have to come together.

So, in the end, the question comes back to you, the voter. You have to ask yourself, "Should I and my fellow voters have the final say about who is running the Town?" This question goes beyond the Supervisor, Clerk, and Town Board members, all the way to the Highway

Superintendent. Are you, the voter, capable of and willing to make this decision?

For sure, my views on the subject are from the inside out. You, the reader, are looking in, and you need to be aware and mindful of what you see happening around you, and make your decisions accordingly.

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

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## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

**B**IG THINGS ARE GOING ON at the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport, more than I can cover in any detail in this article.

In May, Governor Cuomo flew in to announce a NYS grant of more than \$14 million for airport improvements. That will go a long way towards the full airport makeover, which is currently estimated to cost more than \$24 million. The airport is looking to make up the additional money needed with federal grants and other revenue the airport receives.

The airport is owned by Tompkins County but is not funded by local tax dollars. The airport gets all its revenue from FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) grants, from a few dollars out of each airline ticket from passengers flying out of Ithaca, and from revenues from parking, car rentals, and food service.

The large grant from NYS came with a few strings attached. The biggest is that the work must be done by the end of 2019. That is a big challenge given the scope of the project.

When completed, the three current boarding gates will be augmented by three more and by three jet bridges, the elevated walkways from the terminal to the plane. I have always enjoyed walking across the pavement at our airport, feeling like I was in the final scene from the movie Casablanca. Unfortunately, for reasons that go well beyond Ithaca, that will be a thing of the past.

The waiting area will be expanded. Currently there are more passengers flying out in the morning than there

are seats in the terminal. The unsecured part of the airport will be expanded too. The current airport was designed before the TSA (Transportation Safety Administration) existed and before baggage scanning machines were being used. Post-9/11 features have been added to the airport, but in a way that the building was not designed for and space was not adequately provided for.

The heating and cooling systems will be redone, which is normal for a building more than 25 years old. The new systems will be energy efficient. Even though the space will be larger, the utility bills for the airport are estimated to decrease by \$50,000 a year.

A federal customs facility will be built. This will probably not affect the average user of the airport. However, it will allow private planes to fly in from Canada and beyond. The most frequent international private flight may may be arriving from China.

One small thing that I have always appreciated about our airport is that the luggage carts are free. It is a small thing, but it is not something I have seen at any other airport, and it helps let newcomers know immediately that they are in a special place.

Our Airport Manager is Mike Hall, a retired two-star Air Force general. He deserves lots of credit for making all this happen without costing local taxpayers anything.

There are even more interesting developments going on at the airport that I will have to report on at another time.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me; [[danbydan@hotmail.com](mailto:danbydan@hotmail.com)] or 607.272.7582. ✿

### ➔ *Laser Snow Plow, cont'd from front page—*

Google: “100 inch \* 120 inch \* 1 inch in cubic centimeters” (Google will correct the spelling of centimeters). Answer, 196,645cc.

How much does that weigh? 196,645g (grams), naturally, and that will require 196,645 calories (a.k.a., gram calories) to melt, per second. That’s 707,922,000 calories per hour, or 707,922 kcal/hour.

Many people know the kilocalorie as, “one calorie of food I eat,” so you’d have to eat and digest 707,922 familiar calories every hour to power this laser. In kilowatt hours, we’re talking about 823 kWh, about the same as used by a typical home during a month.

So the front-mounted laser-powered snow plow uses one house-month worth of power every hour to melt snow. Let’s not forget the rear-mounted laser to evaporate the melted water, which could take about 100x the energy. To avoid frustrated drivers, the plow is going to have to move a lot faster than 7mph, which means yet more power. A major power plant would need to be mounted on this plow. One of those 200-foot-tall wind turbines, like a *GE 1.5sle*, for example.

The fleet of 200-foot-tall wind turbines mounted on trucks would drive around Danby. They’d need flexible towers and blades to fit under the trees and power lines, and specially reinforced road surfaces to drive on. Dirt roads won’t pass muster. The back of the dinner napkin says, “Uh, uh, isn’t going to happen.” ✿

## BUILDING BIODIVERSITY

Submitted by Kelly Makosch, Finger Lakes Land Trust

**T**HE LINDSAY-PARSONS BIODIVERSITY PRESERVE in West Danby, features miles of trails, ponds, grasslands, and woods. The Finger Lakes Land Trust just moved on an opportunity to expand this 537-acre flagship preserve by protecting a key parcel located in the heart of the property.

The Biodiversity Preserve was established in 1995 as the world's first temperate zone reserve for bioprospecting—the investigation of naturally occurring plant and animal compounds for their medicinal value. The FLLT originally partnered with Cornell University and Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals to create the preserve, and this is the 13th time the FLLT has expanded the site. Although modest in size, this critical nine-acre addition protects an active Great Blue Heron rookery and part of a kettle pond. It falls within a Tompkins County Unique Natural Area. Completion of the project will secure important wildlife habitat, help maintain water quality, and offer people of all abilities the opportunity to view a heron rookery.

Lindsay-Parsons has become a popular destination for hikers, birdwatchers, and others who enjoy nature. The site is particularly diverse. It includes more than 60 acres of wetlands and ponds and extensive frontage on the Cayuga Inlet. The property borders a privately-

owned parcel secured through a conservation easement and is immediately adjacent to Danby State Forest. It is part of a larger connected landscape that hosts wide-ranging mammals such as black bear and fisher.

The Land Trust is developing a management plan for the new site which will likely include: seasonal mowing to maintain grassland habitat for nesting birds; planting trees and shrubs and removing non-native, invasives to enhance the wetland buffer; creating a formal, universally-accessible, wetland overlook; using the existing small barn for storage of tools and lumber.

The Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve falls within the Land Trust's Emerald Necklace Project—an ambitious effort to link 50,000 acres of existing public conservation lands. The necklace extends in an arc around Ithaca, from Finger Lakes National Forest in the west to Hammond Hill and Yellow Barn State Forests in the east. These lands host 78 miles of the Finger Lakes Trail, two Audubon-designated Important Bird Areas, and several dozen Unique Natural Areas. The Preserve is recognized within New York State's open space plan as a priority project.

Please contact the Finger Lakes Land Trust, 607.275.9487 or [fllt.org](http://fllt.org) with questions about this exciting project and how you can help save land in the Finger Lakes region. ❧

## AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin W. Eastman

**F**IRST OFF, I would like to take a moment to extend our thoughts and prayers to the people of North and South Carolina and hope that they get the relief they sincerely need.



Up here in the sunny north, we are enjoying the lovely New York weather. Just remember that no matter what the weather may bring, we at the Ithaca American Legion are here to serve you.

Speaking of serving, don't forget that we have a Steak Dinner on October 6, 5-7pm. The menu is steak cooked to order, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, salad bar, and home made desserts. All for just \$13.

We will be having our Pasta Dinners on the 10th and 24th of October. You can choose from:

- ① Pasta with marinara sauce, \$7
- ② Pasta with meat sauce, \$8
- ③ Pasta with Loaded sauce \$9
- ④ Chicken Parm w/ pasta and choice of sauce \$9

You also get the salad bar, garlic bread and, upon request, sausage or meatballs.

On October 19, we will be having a Fish Dinner. Dinner includes a 10-12oz fish, either fried or baked, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, salad bar, a dinner roll, and home made desserts. All for \$13.

All dinners are open to the public.

Looking for a special place for a holiday party, graduation, or retirement or birthday? We have the place for you. Seating from 10 to 100. Come check us out. Call 607.272.1129 for more information.

Looking for wings on Monday night or, for that matter, any night? Stop in and check us out. Remember *Veteran's Serving Veterans* but you don't have to be a veteran to stop in and look around! ❧

## 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. ❀

## 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

*6<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival:* Sunday, October 14 in Dotson Park. Music, walks, Pumpkin Chunkin', Spud Launcher, things for kids to do, rides, the Pumpkin Contest, and more. A rapidly growing Community celebration!

### The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

*Scandinavian Music and Dancing:* Some Sundays. Music by Steffan Ohlström and Friends. Info: 607.273.8678.

### Danby Community Church

*Tai Chi Classes:* Continue on Mondays and Wednesdays, 11am. Check it out, if you've never heard of it.

*Dinner and a Movie:* Friday, October 19, Dinner at 5pm: Pizza and Salad; Movie at 7pm: Paul the Apostle. Everyone invited.

### Moon Gatherings

Community potluck, nature connection, meditation, songs, story sharing at each New and Full Moon for all ages. For dates and directions, contact [honeysharmony@gmail.com].

Do you have a telescope or other astronomical tool? Could you bring it to Dotson Park on January 20? Contact [programs@danbycc.org] to help with viewing of Total Lunar Eclipse!

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, October 4, at Noon in the Danby Community Church, for a dish to share luncheon.

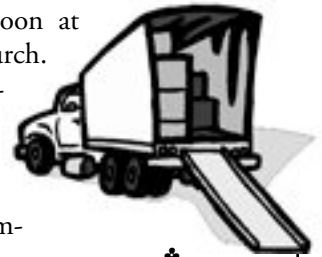
In September, a bus load of our group enjoyed a show at the Cortland Repertory Theater and dinner at the Sherman House. Thank you to Pat Phelps for coordinating this trip! ❀

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, at Noon at Danby Community Church.

From the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, this pantry is for anyone needing food. Bring your own bags/boxes. Pantry will also occur on November 26 but not in December, as it falls during holiday week. ❀



### Danby Gathery

*Kundalini Yoga with Jai Hari:* Thursdays, 9-10:30 am. A dynamic, unique and effective Yoga that helps clear your mind, ease anxiety, uplift depression, increase energy and improve your over all well being. All levels welcome, no experience necessary. Drop in \$20, packages available. Info: [jai@thisinspiredlife.today] or 607.760.5386.

*South Hill Cider Dinner,* Thursday, October 4, 6pm, \$45. Includes courses paired with newly released ciders. Introductions to courses and ciders by chef Rachel and Cider Maker and Danby Resident Steve Selin. Tickets or info: Steve, 607.279.7563.

*Singing Notes and Slinging Jokes:* Friday, October 19, 7-9pm, \$20. Unique blend of music and storytelling that is changing the way the Finger Lakes experiences entertainment. Features Singtrece, sharing the stage with her partner in life comedian, storyteller, and spoken word artist Kenneth McLaurin. ❀

### Fortune Cookie of the month

A fine is a tax for doing wrong.  
A tax is a fine for doing well.

(tc) ❀



## Community Council Youth Programs

### Youth Farm Project - Grade 6-8

Mondays, 4-6pm, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29  
23 Nelson Road

Do you know where your food comes from? Or how potatoes, carrots, and tomatoes grow in the ground? Come hang out at Three Swallows Farm, home of the Youth Farm Project, to harvest veggies, set up a farm stand, explore, and eat.

### Fridays w/ Gaia

Fridays, 3:30-6pm, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/26, 11/2  
Ithaca Children's Garden

The Ithaca Children's Garden has a lot to offer - fruits, vegetables, decorative plants, play spaces, and more! Join myself, Lauren (ICG), and Lyn (Advocacy Center) to explore the garden while focusing on important topics such as leadership, friendship, and the natural world.

### Jr. Naturalists

Tuesdays 3-5pm, 9/18,  
9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23  
Danby Community Church

Learn what Danby's natural areas have to offer! Discover how we can use the plants, animals, and other elements in our environment to create and sustain ourselves. Possible activities include creating natural dyes, fishing, and foraging. ❧

## DOTSON PARK STORY WALK

Submitted by Amber Smith, Family Reading Partnership

THE FAMILY READING PARTNERSHIP, in collaboration with the Danby Community Parks Association, is launching a *Story Walk in Dotson Park!* A Story Walk is a wonderful way for young children and their caregivers to experience literature and the natural world simultaneously.

While walking along a trail, families encounter the individual pages of a picture book...on fence posts at a height where young children can see and touch them. One walk is one complete story.

Story Walks are a fun and interactive way to engage families in reading and physical activity, with less stress and pressure than might accompany sitting down

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

NEWEST ADDED ROTATING SELECTION of books from TCPL are Science Fiction/Fantasy. For those of you who may have misplaced your reading glasses check out the Large Type choices.

Here are some of the library's recently purchased books:

### Adult Books

The Prisoner in the Castle

(newest in the Maggie Hope series)

Less (winner of the Pulitzer Prize)

The Gray Ghost by Clive Cussler

The Rising Sea by Clive Cussler

### YA Books

Serephina, Shadow Scale, and Tess of the Road

all by Rachel Hartman

The Trials of Apollo Book Three: The Burning Maze

by Rick Riordan

Armada by Ernest Cline

### Juvenile Books

Everest Series by Gordon Korman

Pie by Sarah Weeks

### Adult Non-Fiction

Lincoln's Trial

So many good books to read...so little time!

Five of our seven volunteers are grandmothers who care for babies and little children and cannot commit to a regular schedule, so the DCL will no longer advertise librarian-in-the-building hours. Instead, the library is open when Town Hall is open. If there is a librarian in the building and on duty, the flag will be displayed! ❧



to quietly read a book. The Story Walk book will be changed every few months so families can return again and again for a new experience.

The Story Walk will be officially unveiled during Danby's Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 14. The first book will be *It Began with a Song*, lovingly written by local author Katrina Morse. The first 50 families at the Harvest Festival will also receive a free copy of the book, and at 3pm you can hear the story read aloud by the author, hear her perform the story in song, and get your book signed. We hope to see you there! ❧

Danby  
Youth Flyer

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Oct 1 • Mon  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Info Session: Highway Superintendent**
- Oct 4 • Thu  
Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Seniors**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
- Oct 6 • Sat  
9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**  
5pm 🏠 American Legion Post • **Pasta Dinner**
- Oct 8 • Mon  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**  
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**  
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**
- Oct 9 • Tue  
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**
- Oct 10 • Wed  
5:30pm 🏠 WDFire Department • **Water District Mtg**  
5pm 🏠 American Legion Post • **Pasta Dinner**
- Oct 14 • Sun  
1-5pm 🏠 Dotson Park  
**Community Council's 6th Annual Harvest Festival**
- Oct 15 • Mon  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
- Oct 16 • Tue  
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District: Budget Hearing**
- Oct 18 • Thu  
3-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Food Pantry**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
- Oct 19 • Fri  
5pm 🏠 American Legion Post • **Pasta Dinner**
- Oct 22 • Mon  
Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Mobile Food Truck**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Income From Rural Properties**
- Oct 24 • Wed  
5pm 🏠 American Legion Post • **Pasta Dinner**
- Nov 1 • Thu  
Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Seniors**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**
- Nov 3 • Sat  
9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
- Nov 4 • Sun  
3am 🏠 Everywhere • **Clocks Fall Back**
- Nov 6 • Tue  
6am-9pm 🏠 Fire Stations • **General Election**
- Nov 10 • Sat  
5pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall  
**WDCA: Veteran Appreciation Dinner**
- Nov 12 • 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**
- Jan 20 • Sun  
afternoon 🏠 Danby Town Hall • **Tour of the Solar System**  
evening 🏠 Dotson Park • **View A Total Lunar Eclipse**

### ONGOING EVENTS

- Danby Community Library** 🏠 Town Hall  
Open whenever Town Hall is open!  
Librarian on duty when the **Open** flag 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