DANBY AREA NEWS

White Hawk Annual Equinox Party

Submitted by Serena Lindahl

On Saturday, September 21, Danby's local ecovillage is again hosting its annual Fall Equinox event.

The event starts at 5pm and ends at approximately 9pm.

There'll be a potluck, music, apple cider pressing, activities for kids, an evening fire, and lots of company and conversation! Everyone is welcome: whether you're interested in the community, want to see the changes that have happened in the last year, or have never visited before.

If you're planning on enjoying the potluck, please bring a dish to share (labeled for allergens and special diets) and a place setting (plates, silverware) for each individual partaking.

Located at the end of White Hawk Lane (between Miller and Gunderman Roads), expect a night of relaxing companionship after you've celebrated Danby's Annual Community Day.

We're looking forward to seeing you!



Danby Community Fun Day And Parade

Submitted by Brian Collins

THE DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY is hosting its Danby Community Fun Day on September 21, 2019. This community celebration offers various food options including a chicken BBQ, the very popular Lucky Draw Auction, vendors, games, live music and more!

All the money raised goes to support the all-volunteer fire company whose members actively donate their time to provide fire protection and medical service to the community.

We are very pleased to announce that the parade is coming back! The line-up will begin at 9:30am, and the parade itself begins at 10:30am with the entire event running from 10am until 2pm.

There are a number of ways that you can participate this year: as a vendor, a volunteer, a donor (including books), or as part of the parade. Please contact us at [danbycommunityfunday@gmail.com] if you're interested

in any (or all!) of these with *ven-dor*, *volunteer*, *parade*, or *donation* in the subject line.

We look forward to seeing you! Please save the date!

This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Tompkins County Tourism Program.

Coming to Danby
in October:
The 7th Annual
Harvest Festival
October 13 • Dotson Park

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Deadline is the 15th of the month. Materials may be accepted later if time allows. Submissions should generally not exceed 250-350 words (one column). We cannot print political material or letters of opinion.

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Danby News Notes

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Before submitting an item for the Danby News, please have a look at the *Submission Guidelines*. You can request them by Email from the editor at [danbynews@tedcrane.com] or find them at [danbyny.org/DanbyNews]. If you're thinking of sending something for publication in the Danby News, there's two documents to read: the

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

Heavy Weather

YEAR AGO, (MID-AUGUST, AS I WRITE THIS) I was Awriting about how Danby had been spared flooding from heavy rain. Once again, mid-August brought flash flooding and damage from high winds to our Candor neighbors in the south and (this year) to several residents in Central and South Danby. Are dangerous storms the new normal? Intense weather certainly seems to come more frequently. And, it is often very localized and scattered. We again remind all of us all to take care of regular maintenance and to be grateful for

what we have.



Heavy cloudbursts and high winds in August may also be a precursor to potential flash flooding in the Autumn, when hurricane season blows through. Once the ground is saturated, there can be nowhere for heavy rains to go except down the roads, under culverts and bridges, and through ditches. Roads may be closed, and we may need to make long detours to get where we want to go. Emergency alerts remind us, don't drive through flowing water on roadways. The water

may be deeper than you think. Go to higher ground, especially if your home is a in flood prone area. Act swiftly to protect your life and property.

Tompkins County has created a "Swift911" emergency alert system, through which you can receive notice of weather and road emergencies directly to your computer, phone, or mobile device. This information can be targeted to the locations where you live and work. Consider enrolling today.

Hunting Time

September means that hunting license season is upon us. Residents with lifetime licenses have been making the trip to the Clerk's desk to get permits, such as bowhunting tags, which are not mailed directly. Hunters have also been coming in for "Deer Management Permits," which allow hunters to take additional "antlerless deer" during the regular hunting season. Hunters may apply for up to two DMPs, which are assigned or awarded by lottery system. Certain people, such as disabled veterans and landowners with 50 or more acres of contiguous land, receive a preference on DMPs. Deer Management Permit applications can be purchased here at the Town Clerk's office through Tuesday, October 1.

Alex Pfiefer and I are happy to help you with sporting license sales, dog license renewals, and handicap access parking tags. We are also available to answer questions about municipal business, to the best of our ability.

Autumn office hours for the Clerk's office go into effect the Saturday after Labor Day. We are now open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am-5pm, and Saturday mornings 10am-Noon. As always, the office is closed 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].

HELP WANTED

Job description:

• almost anything to do with Danby's history.

Hours:

• make your own (most of the time).

• Pick one: (1) Phone: Town Hall, 607.277.4788; (2) Write: Town Hall, Town Historian, 1830 Danby Road; (3) Email: [mbarr@townofdanbyny.org]; (4) Drop in: Town Hall on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons, 1-4pm.

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!

Danby Community Council

Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 13, 1-5pm, Dotson Park. It's not too early to begin planning for Danby's premier outdoor event.

The Great Room at Slow Lane

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

Danby Community Church

Red Cross Blood Drive: September 20, 1-6pm.

Moon Gatherings

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

Home Improvement Incentives

Submitted by Tom Seaney, Heat Smart

OME TO THE MEETING Sunday, September 8, 2pm, in the Waldorf School, 20 Nelson Road, and learn how you can take advantage of clean heating and cooling technologies to make your home more comfortable and energy efficient.

You'll also be able to meet our carefully selected contractors who offer free home assessments and recommendations to make your home comfortable while—at the same time—using less energy. And you'll learn about New York State and Federal government financial incentives for heat pump systems, making it more affordable to replace or supplement your old heating system.

See, first hand, how an air source heat pump system works: the Waldorf School is now heated and cooled using one!

Whether you just want to reduce your home energy bills or be part of the Tompkins County goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (or both!) come to the meeting—you'll be glad you did.

CAC UPDATE

Submitted by Betsy Keokosky, CAC Secretary

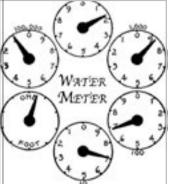
GRETCHEN SALM, Land Conservation Support Specialist for the Finger Lakes Land Trust, will be coming to the Conservation Advisory Counil meeting on September 10, 7pm, in Danby's Town Hall.

We will be discussing the preservation activities of both organizations and ways we can learn/partner with each other. If you are interested in learning more about both organizations and conservation easements and land trusts you may wish to attend.

The Danby Conservation Council is actively seeking new members. If you are interested in helping preserve Danby's Open Space, providing input on conservation in Danby to the Town Board and educating the public we would love to talk to you. Interested applicants should contact the Town Clerk, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org]; for more information, contact [mulinski@townofdanbyny.org].

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner



THERE IS NOT MUCH NEWS to report from the Water District this month.

As of August 13 we finished the second of our twiceyearly hydrant flushing.

The sole candidate on the ballot for Danby Town Supervisor, Joel Gagnon, attended our last meeting on

July 31. His input was constructive and welcome.

Our next meeting is October 2, 5pm, in the West Danby Fire Station conference room.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, , Tompkins County Legislator

Update on Station Road Project

IN 2016, TOMPKINS COUNTY RECEIVED a grant from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to do road, culvert, and stream work on Station Road in West Danby. The \$246,000 grant is to be used to restore approximately 2,000 feet of the Cayuga Inlet tributary, replace 2 failing culverts, realign the channel while maintaining existing meanders, stabilize stream banks with native vegetation, decrease nutrient and sediment loading from runoff, and improve movement of fish and other species. This work is expected to mitigate future flood damage such as occurred in June 2015.

The grant money is being matched by an equal dollar amount from the County budget, for an estimated total project cost of \$500,000.

The project has been delayed several times. The latest delay is due to the DEC rejecting the plan for the stream stabilization, and for additional design needed to replace a water line. The County will be redesigning these portions of the project. The funding was set to expire at the end of 2020, and we are now requesting an extension to the end of 2021.

I will update you as more information comes in.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

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

SARAH ELBERT: IN MEMORIAM

Submitted by Ted Crane, Pamela Goddard, Al Becker, Pat Woodworth, Mary Woodsen, Joel Gagnon, Lew Billington, Katharine Hunter, and Scott Davis.

SARAH ELBERT OF DANBY, NY passed away on Friday, August 3.

We only got to know Sarah well during the past few years, and the more we learned about her, the more her

rich and significant history unfolded.



Sarah was graduated magna cum laude from Cornell University and continued at Cornell until 1974, when she was granted a Doctorate in history. She partici-

pated in Students for a Democratic Society, the Union for Radical Political Economics and the Congress of Racial Equality, and protested against the Vietnam War. She made a documentary film on the week of the 1968 Democratic National Convention entitled, *The Streets Belong to the People* and authored six books and numerous articles.

She was on first-name basis with figures in the 60s and 70s protest movement, that we ordinary people could only know as icons.

As a professor at Binghamton University, she taught classes for several decades years and was best known for her work on Louisa May Alcott. She would explain that a subtext of that author's work, Little Women, dealt with women's rights, slavery, and other social reforms. She was awarded the university's Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Sarah lived a quiet life in Danby, contributing to her community as a member of its Board of Zoning Appeals from 2013 until she resigned in 2016. She continued to believe in the right of the people to choose representatives; her support was instrumental in the recent change that allowed Danby voters to select candidates by open primary voting.

HISTORY GOES TICK-TOCK

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Town Historian

MANY PEOPLE KNOW THE SONG My Grandfather's Clock with the lyrics that say, "The old clock stopped, short, never to go again when the old man died." Danby has gone one better. We got the old clock started again!

Our old clock was donated about two years ago by the King family of Danby. The clock is what is called a Pillar-and-scroll shelf clock with wooden works or gears. It was made by the Jerome and Darrow Clock Com-

pany in Bristol Connecticut and dates from about 1824. It was in good condition but had stopped short.

Its fate was reversed with the able help of Ric Dietrich, Ben Hogben, and others. It now works and even chimes the time. We are in the process of getting a cabinet made to protect it, then it will be displayed in Town Hall. Watch for notices saying when it has been installed!

As nearly as can be figured, it has spent its whole life in Danby and has many years left to it. A true Danby treasure.



Town Office Info

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Highway Department • [highway@townofdanbyny.org] 93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169

Mon-Thu, 6am-4:30pm

 $Code\ Enforcement\ Office \bullet \texttt{[code@townofdanbyny.org]}$

Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559

Mon-Wed, 9am-5pm; Thu, 12:30-5:30pm

Town Court ● [courtclerk@townofdanbyny.org]

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031 • Tue, 9am

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman

Well, Here we are in September already, the days are getting shorter, the nights longer, and there is a little nip in the air. When this happens, it's time to think, "Where do we go for dinner?"

The answer is the American Legion. Beginning on September 20, we will be starting our Fish Dinners. Steak dinners will start on October 5 and Pasta will resume on September 25.

It you don't feel like cooking during the week, check out our bar menu (wings, sausage burgers, and other simple foods).

September 20 is the kick-off Fish Dinner. You can get your fish either fried or broiled with a side of french fries, onion rings, or baked potato. The meal also includes the salad bar and desserts by the auxiliary, and still only \$13.

On September 25 we will kick off the pasta dinners. There are several options available: Pasta with Marinara Sauce; Pasta with Meat Sauce; Pasta with a Loaded Sauce, or Chicken Parm with a side of pasta.

Meals come with garlic bread and salad bar. Meatballs and Sausage are available as an extra for only \$1 more.

Looking for a place for that holiday party or reunion or maybe a wedding? Stop by and see what we can do for you. Rooms for all types of parties from very small to approximately 100 people. Call 607.272.1129.

Mobile Food Truck

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

MONDAY, SEPTMBER 23, NOON, in the Danby Community Church parking lot. This is open to all who need food and comes from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. Please bring your own boxes/bags! The mobile truck offers a wide variety of food...many times fresh produce & bakery products, also canned goods, sometimes frozen meats, dairy products, and packaged foods.

Some of us were impressed by a tour of the Food Bank recently when we went for an volunteer orientation. Established in 1981 in Elmira, there are a fleet of 9

trucks and 165 partner agencies serving more than 4000 square miles in 6 counties. The latest meal count was 10.8 million! "One in eight face hunger, all of us can help."

Danby Community Library

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

ANOTHER SUMMER IS OVER and school has begun. Hope everybody was able to finish their summer reading lists.

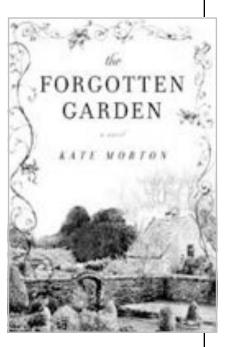
New purchases: Kid's books

Sorry Grown-Ups, You Can't Go to School by Christina Geist

Adult Fiction

The New Girl
by Daniel Silva
CIRCE
by Madeline Miller
Big Sky

by Kate Atkinson 🕏



DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark and Nancy Gould

The NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, September 5, Noon, in the Danby Community Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to join for a dish to share luncheon.

Our trip to the Merry Go Round Theater on July 30 was a big success and there's an upcoming trip to the Genesee Country Village and Museum on September 11.

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.

Community Council Youth Programs

Information about upcoming Youth Programs can be found at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] or by contacting Maddie, [mu33@cornell.edu] or 607.379.0245. \$

Youth Grants

Submitted by Susan Franklin, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

O 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 September 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in October thru December (but funds for summer activities may still be available, please ask).

Funding is provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby. Families who qualify for free or reducedprice 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.

3RD ANNUAL BIG PUMPKIN CONTEST Submitted by Bill Evans

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL is again sponsoring a contest for the largest pumpkin. 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 champion. The weigh-in will happen during the Danby Harvest Festival in Dotson Park on October 13. All contestants will receive a certificate of participation and awards will be given for the top three largest pumpkins, the most beautiful pumpkin, and other categories to be determined.

For information, contact Bill Evans at [wevans@danbycc.org].



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2019

Submitted by Ted Crane

Danby's Harvest Festival is an annual celebration of our rural character, charm, roots, and community. Come gather outdoors in Dotson Park with your fellow Danbites! The 7th Annual Festival of homegrown happiness takes place on Sunday, October 13, 1-5pm.

We're going for the birds again: Cornell Raptor program will be on site. Student volunteers will introduce you to some glorious birds of prey: falcons, owls, and maybe a kestrel or an eagle. Sometimes we see these rulers of the sky in the sky, but seeing them up close and personal is special.

There'll be games and activities led by our Danby Youth Programs. We'll have a bonfire for ambiance. And for warmth, if temperatures take a dive! Roast some vittles on the flames while enjoying the company of friends and neighbors. Enjoy a bit of cider, cold, hot, spiced, or however you like it. We're always tickled when someone brings some goodies to share!

We're cutting the grass from around our trusty community trebuchet, and the potato launcher is coming out of storage. Both will be on hand to fling pumpkins, squashes, potatoes, lemons, and other bio-degradable projectiles. It's not every day you get to holler, "Fire in the hole!" and lob moldering produce in the general direction of the Town of Caroline. Shhh, don't tell Caroline!

Music by Lloyd's Boys and maybe a youth band, too.
And more! October 13. Sunday. Be there!

Entrance to Natural Playground in Dotson Park

(ted crane)

Danby Area News: Event Calendar

Sep 2 • Mon

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

Sep 5 • Thu

Noon Community Church • Seniors

7pm Town Hall • Danby Community Council Mtg
7pm Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting

Sep 7 • Sat

9am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Sep 8 • Sur

2pm Waldorf School • Home Improvement Incentives

Sep 9 • Mon

6pm Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Sep 10 • Tue

7pm 🕰 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting 7pm 🕰 Town Hall

Gretchen Salm: Finger Lakes Land Trust

7pm Town Hall • Conservation Advisory Council Mtg

Sep 16 • Mon

6pm Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Sep 17 • Tue

7pm Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Sep 19 • Thu

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

Sep 21 • Sat

10am-2pm 🚇 Danby Fire Hall

Community Day

5-9pm White Hawk EcoVillage

3rd Annual Equinox Celebration

Sep 23 • Mon

Noon Danby Comm. Church • Mobile Food Truck

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5pm West Danby Fire Hall • Water District Meeting

Oct 3 • Thu

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

Oct 5 • Sat

9am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Oct 6 • Sun

3pm 🚇 Town Hall

Community Countil Concert: 3D Trio

Oct 7 • 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 13 • Sun

1-5pm Dotson Park
7th Annual Harvest Festival

Ongoing Events

Danby Community Library Town Hall
Open whenever Town Hall is open!

Librarian on duty when the **Open** flag is out.

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