

DANBY AREA NEWS

IT'S FLU SEASON

No, you aren't Harry Potter, and you can't escape from flu season with a liberal application of floo powder. Flea powder doesn't work, either.

Come to Danby's Town Hall at 7pm on Wednesday, November 6 to hear Celeste Rakovich from the Tompkins County Health Department tell you everything flu-ey: what it is, what to do if you get sick.

You'll learn why it's important to vaccinated and how to prevent the spread of flu. Get info on where you can find a clinic for a flu shot, and take home flyers for parents, for seniors, and for providers. ❁

HARVEST FEST WRAPUP

By way of thanking all the contributors and participants, Danby's Community Council would like to tell you about the 7th Annual Harvest Festival.

A big shout of approval to the participants in the Big Pumpkin contest. It was a horrible year for Danby's pumpkin growers, with predators, blights, too much rain, and (as always) Danby's poor soils. Bill organized the contest, Susan and Ted found prizes, and Jamie Sorrentino was the head judge. Several young folk served as self-propelled counterweights on the other side of the balance beam.

The big winner was the hydroponically-grown entry from the Janda clan. The roundest one was the slightly-not-quite-as-large sphere from the Sorrentino-Spoon gang. And the Slow Lane crew brought the fresh-picked result of a summer's worth of growing: five golf- to softball-sized, bright yellow orbs.

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CONCERT: PARTY OF FOUR

Submitted by Katharine Hunter, Community Council

It's time for a party! A Party of Four, that is. Come out to Danby's Town Hall on Sunday, November 17, 3pm, to hear jazz-inflected harmonies from four locally recognized jazz vocalists.

Party of Four celebrates the voice using 4-part jazz harmony. They specialize in vocal jazz arrangements of well-known swing and original tunes.

Cookie Coogan is known for her strong voice, and her soulful, swinging style. She performs solo, leads her own bands, and appears with several ensembles based in the Finger Lakes and beyond.

Dave Davies is a swinging force in the Ithaca; he's part of several Ithaca bands including Djug Django, Lloyd's Boys, and the Opera Cowpokes. Each venture, features his keen ear for rhythm and harmony. Party of Four features many of Dave's 4-part vocal arrangements.

Doug Robinson career has included touring with the Burns Sisters Band, Martin Simpson, Bob Brozman, Tino Gonzales, and Billy Eli. Locally, he performs with Djug Django, the Molly MacMillan Jazz Trio, singer Sally Ramirez, and the Burns & Kristy Band.

Wayne Gottlieb is best known locally as the songwriter and vocalist of the Pelotones. Since 2007, has been presenting swing jazz with Zingology, the Diana Leigh Trio, and others. He writes and arranges many of the Party of Four songs.

This event, like all other Community Council Concerts, offers free admission and is open to the public. It is supported by funding from the Town of Danby and the **COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP** of Tompkins County. It's family-friendly and refreshments will be served. ❁

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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

Bits and Pieces

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ARE THE SEASON for harvest and gratitude. As I look back on a decade of service to Danby, I have a lot to be thankful for.

Getting to know my neighbors and making connections throughout the town is at the top of my gratitude list. Driving past the beauty of Jennings Pond each day on my way to work and having the Danby Community Park right across the street and available for a restorative walk have been a great joy for me.

I'm thankful for the extraordinarily beautiful day for the Community Council Harvest, when all these things came together. It was wonderful to see lots of families in the outdoors, listening to music and enjoying the mid-October warmth under a cloudless sky. I enjoyed lots of conversations with friends and neighbors. I had a smile, watching dozens of children playing and scrambling over climbing hills, boulders, and gentle slides in the new natural playground.

I look forward to many more walks and times when we can "re-create" ourselves in the park in the years to come. And, I will share more gratitudes in my final Clerk's Desk article in December.

Election day is set for November 5. Early voting is available in Tompkins County this year, starting Saturday October 26. Early voting, for all municipal elections, will take place in Ithaca's Town Hall and the Crash Fire Rescue Building on Brown Road (near the Tompkins County airport). For those who will be voting in person on election day itself, the polling places in Danby are the West Danby and Uphill Danby Fire Stations. We're happy to answer questions, here at the Danby Clerk's office.

Possibly the most important piece of Town business to take place in November is the adoption of the annual budget. This lays out how much income the Town will take in through taxes and how those tax dollars will be spent. You can find out more about the proposed through the Clerk's office. A Budget hearing and the Town Board vote on adopting the budget, will happen on Monday November 4, at the start of the regular Town Board meeting.



I will be completing my 10-year stint as Town Clerk at the end of December. You will still see me in January, because I'll be helping (as a Deputy Clerk) with property tax collection. Alex Pfeifer is running unopposed so, most likely, after the election she will officially be "on deck" to be the new Town Clerk in January. She is seeking a permanent Deputy Clerk to start in January. That job notice is in the Danby Area News and is also posted on the Danby web site and Town Hall bulletin board.

Applicants are also sought for annual vacancies on the Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Conservation Advisory Council. In addition, the West Danby Water District can use more involvement. There is always a need for our local "first responders" in the Fire and Rescue Departments.

The Town Clerk's office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am-5pm, and Saturday mornings 10am-Noon. As always, the Town Clerk's office is closed Sundays and Thursdays. In addition, we will be closed November 28-30 for the Thanksgiving holiday. 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@townofdanbynyny.org]. ❁

GEARING UP OUR HISTORIC ARTIFACT

Submitted by M.A. Barr, Town Historian

If you're not a clockmaker, it's sometimes hard to imagine what the inner workings of a clock are like.

Our 1824 clock is unique in today's world for several reasons, not least of which is the gears that make it tick. They are all made of wood, as mentioned when I described the needed repairs. If you are not familiar with wooden clock gears the photograph gives a pretty good idea. However, this is a "before" picture, taken prior to the repair work on the clock.

Be sure to check out this Danby antique when you are in Town Hall. It is displayed, inside its own cabinet on the wall, in the large meeting room. ❁



photo by Ben Hogben

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, Tompkins County Legislator

After approximately 30 hours of budget meetings, the Tompkins County Legislature approved a tentative budget for 2020. The final budget will be adopted mid-November, and will most likely be the same at the tentative budget.

The budget calls for a 2.75 percent increase in the tax levy. However, for the sixth straight year, the tax rate will be decreasing. This means that if your assessment did not increase this year, your County tax bill will actually decrease. The tax rate has decreased because of a lot of building activity in the County and because of high sales tax collection.

The average home in Tompkins County is now valued at \$190,000. Sometimes people ask me why their assessments have gone up. There may be a specific reason for a given property's change in assessment, but my general response is simple supply and demand. People want to live here, and there is not enough housing to meet that demand. Therefore, the value of everyone's house increases.

In the budget process, we differentiate between one-time spending and ongoing spending. We support a lot of programs on a one-time basis for a variety of reasons such as

- the program is new and is seen as kind of an experiment
- the County is providing funding until the program can find other revenue to support itself

- the program is a special case to address some specific need that we support, and for which no other funding is available

These one-time allocations are generally on the smaller side. They are taken out of the County's reserves and do not affect the tax levy or tax rate.

Ongoing budget items are the ones that affect the tax levy. This year we added a number of new employees into the budget. These are costs that will have to be funded from taxes every year going forward, unless there is some change to the program. We added two new Sheriff's deputies, a new planner, several people to the Workforce program, several people to the District Attorney's office and to Assigned Counsel to deal with the significant reforms to the criminal justice system that NY State enacted, a Chief Diversity and Equity Officer, and several other positions.

Although I am concerned about the extra ongoing expenses the County has taken on, overall I think the budget is a good one. We are trying to provide programs and services that residents need and want. The fact that we have lowered the tax rate again is an objective measure that any municipality would be glad to be able to achieve.

There is more information about the budget on the County website, or you can contact me directly at [\[danbydan@hotmail.com\]](mailto:danbydan@hotmail.com) or 607.272.7582. 🌿

SEEKING DEPUTY CLERK APPLICANT

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office is currently seeking an applicant for a Deputy Clerk. This part-time position averages 20 hours a week. The Deputy Clerk would work three days a week as well as 10-12 on some Saturdays from September to May. This position is appointed by the Town Clerk and approved by the Town Board.

The ideal candidate will possess good computer skills and be willing to learn on the job. The candidate will also be comfortable interacting with the public and dealing with cash transactions. Other duties include the processing of dog licenses, hunting licenses, marriage licenses/transcripts, accessible tags, and, during the tax season (January-April), the processing of the Town and County tax bills. Start date is January 2020.

For more information, and to pick up an application, contact Alexandra Pfeifer, [\[apfeifer@townofdanbyny.org\]](mailto:apfeifer@townofdanbyny.org), 607.277.4788, or in the Town Clerk's office. 🌿



A Cornell Raptor at Harvest Festival

photo by Stefan Ohlström

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town of Danby Supervisor

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

BOARD VACANCIES

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN of Danby invites residents to apply now for volunteer municipal boards seats starting January 2020. Your involvement is welcome and needed.

Each year, one seat opens on the Planning Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Planning Board is a seven year term. Board of Zoning Appeals is a five year term. The Planning Board meets monthly, on the third Thursday, to review subdivision and development applications, review and revise the Town Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Board of Zoning Appeals meets as needed, usually on the fourth Tuesday of each month, to hear and decide variance requests related to the Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance are available on the Code/Planning page of the Danby web site and in the Town Clerk's office.

There are several open seats (2-year term) on the Conservation Advisory Council. This Advisory Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7pm. The CAC advises the Board in the development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources.

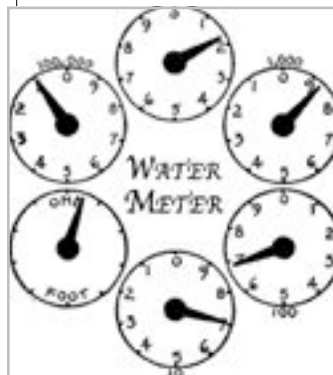
The West Danby Water Commissioners, who tend the rural water system in West Danby, have at least one and possibly two vacancies. Contact the Town Clerk for more information.

An appointment application is available through the Town Clerk's office. This simple form includes contact information for the applicant and three simple questions: any experience (professional, educational, etc.) which would assist in the position, a brief description of why you would like to be considered, and what you would hope to accomplish in this position.

If interested, or for more information on these positions, contact Town Clerk, Pamela Goddard, [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org] or 607.277.4788. ❧

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner



SCOTT WENDT IS NOW Officially a district water operator.

Scott is replacing long-time operator Carl Seamon. Carl has been a reliable and dedicated operator for many years. Luckily, Carl says we can still count on him to help us when we need his knowledge of the

system. Welcome Scott and thank you Carl.

There was an issue with the pressure switch that operates our pump not shutting off at the preset pressure last month. It turns out to have been a slight leak in the 1/4-inch line that feeds the pressure gauge so that it wasn't reading pressure accurately. That has been repaired and the switch reset.

In October, there was a distribution service line leak in the area of 72 Station Road. This one line has been a problem several times in the recent past.

We had a Water District commissioner meeting on October 2 and our next meeting is on December 4, 5pm, in the West Danby Fire Department's conference room. ❧

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FRANK DARROW: A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Ted Crane, Bill Evans, Susan Franklin, Katharine Hunter, Pat Woodworth...and others

On October 18, Danby lost one of its finest gentleman. Frank Darrow, along with his wife, Cathy, have been residents of Gunderman Road since 1967, when Frank accepted a post as Chemistry Professor at Ithaca College.

They literally dug into rural life, where they have loved fresh food from their garden. Over the years they raised pigs, sheep, and horses. Their two daughters, Gretchen and Carolyn grew up with the Darrow love of nature. As a family they have spent many happy hours hiking the Finger Lakes trail and camping most summers in the Adirondacks.

Frank was deeply connected to his neighborhood and community. He was willing and able to “step up” when needed. He served as Chemistry Department chair and Provost at IC. In Danby, he took a seat on its Planning Board during the 1990s. In the words of his family, “He enjoyed his leadership roles but was always happy to let them go when his time serving was up.”

Connection and involvement in the community is important to Cathy as well, as demonstrated by her current involvement in the Danby Community Council. Both Frank and Cathy have been regular attendees to DCC concerts, as well as the concert radio shows at Bound for Glory.

Frank Darrow died peacefully at home after a brief but intense illness. He was supported by his wife and daughters and the loving care of many friends and neighbors. His warm smile and always interesting conversation will be deeply missed. ❧



Launching Two Potatoes During Harvest Festival

photo by Stefan Ohlström

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

Flu Facts and Fears: Wednesday, November 6, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

Party of Four in Concert: Sunday, November 17, 3pm, Danby Town Hall.

West Danby Community Association

Harvest Supper: Saturday, November 16, 5pm, West Danby Fire Station.

Seasonal Caroling: Sunday, December 15, 2pm, Slow Lane, 888 Comfort Road.

Danby Community Church

Holiday Craft Fair: Saturday, November 9, 9:30am-2:30pm. Vendors, soup lunch with breads, Silent Auction to benefit Food Pantry, Found Treasures table.

Pie Bake-off: during the Craft Fair. Pies due at 10am. No entrance fee, pies will be sold during the day. For info: [brathbun3@gmail.com].

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, November 22, 1-6pm, Walk-ins encouraged.

After-Thanksgiving Supper: Saturday, November 30, Noon-2pm. The Big Bird, fried with all the trimmings.

The Great Room at Slow Lane

Contra Dancing: Most Fridays, 8pm. Beginners welcome, no partner needed, dances taught. Info: 607.273.8678. Also: *Scandinavian music and dance*, Sundays, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, 2pm.

The Gathery

Soapmaking Workshop for Home & Gifting : November 10, 2-5pm \$59.

Giving at the Gathery Holiday Market: November 24, 10am-4pm. Free and open to all.

Get tickets or information on these offerings and more, visit [danbygathery.com/events].

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]. ❧

WHAT'S YOUR SHARE?

Submitted by Ted Crane

We're now passing through the part of the year known, usually painfully, as *Tax Season*. The School Tax bill has come and (for some of us) gone, government bodies are discussing and passing their 2020 budgets, and the tax bills for those budgets will soon be in our mailboxes.

Nobody likes to pay taxes of any kind. With income taxes, we have the dubious advantage of calculating the bill ourselves but, with property taxes, the amount we pay is sort of a black box. "They" tell us, and we pay "them" what they ask. This article is an attempt to describe how that amount is determined.

In short, we each pay our share. Our shares are (mostly) proportional to the part of the Town of Danby that each of us own. Yes, *we* each own a part of the Town of Danby.

Let's use some very round numbers to explain that. The total value (officially: *taxable value*) of the Town of Danby is about \$325,000,000. Who says so? Using rules created by the State of New York, every property in Danby has been assigned a value by the County's Department of Assessment. Every bit of everything, including houses, open fields, State forests, and more.

The taxes for the average property are a proportional share of its value, relative to the total *taxable value*. This *tax share* idea does not appear in official documents but let's work it out. The average property—residence and land—in Tompkins County is valued at about \$190,000, so let's use that for Danby. Its *tax share* is about $190,000/325,000,000$, or 0.000585. That's about 0.06 percent of the total.

Numbers in tax calculations come in two varieties: too big and too small. In the case of something like 0.06 percent, it's so small that an old, arcane measure is used all over tax documents: 0.6 per mill (per mill even has its own symbol "‰"; note the double zero).

➤ *Harvest Fest, cont'd from front page—*

The grand prize, a voucher for a family membership was donated by the Museum of the Earth / Cayuga Nature Center.

Multiple thanks to Bill Huizinga of Candor, whose farm stand donated the dozens of pumpkins that started the day as decoration around the park...and ended up as trebuchet projectiles soaring over downtown Danby.

On November 4, the Town Board of Danby will hold a public hearing about its 2020 budget (ask the Town Clerk for a copy!) and then vote to enact its budget. If it doesn't change much from the preliminary budget that was discussed during October, Danby will spend somewhat less than \$3,000,000 during 2020. Of this, a bit more than \$2,550,000 will come from property tax.

Officially, the \$2.55 million is called the *tax levy*. Also, officially, the *tax rate* is defined as the *tax levy* divided by the *taxable value*, or (about) $\$2,550,000/\$325,000,000$, or 7.6‰. Notice that that's per mill. And your tax bill is your property's value times the *tax rate*.

Please bear in mind that Danby's roughly \$3,000,000 budget can be broken into four parts:

Service	Amount	Controlled by...
Fire	560,000	Fire District
Water*	70,000	Water Dist./Town Board
Highway	1,390,000	Highway/Town Board
General Fund	930,000	Town Board

* Water bill is only paid by West Danby properties

If you own the average property (see above), your *tax share* of Danby's *tax levy* is about 0.6‰ of \$2,550,000, or somewhat more than \$1,490. If you do it the more exact, official way, your tax bill will be about 7.6‰ of \$190,000, or, surprise, about \$1,490.

Don't forget, your tax bill will also include a levy for the County's budget! It's on a separate line.

One question that always comes up, at least in the minds of taxpayers, is, "How much of that \$10,000 project came from my pocket?" If you think of the taxes on your average property as a *share* of the total, the answer is easy: about 0.585‰ of the \$10,000, or about \$5.85.

Fair, I don't know, but it's your share.

Nota bene: There are quite a number of caveats, exemptions, exceptions, and details omitted from this description...without greatly affecting the general idea. ✂

Thanks go to the entire Janda-Clougherty family (Tom, Julie, Cole, Joren, et al) for a whole list of things: preparation before the event, maintaining and running the trebuchet and the bonfire, and more. And to the crew of trebuchet assistants, including Thompson Terry et fil and Eric Banford. And to Ted, the guy with an eye for spuds, and the dozens of folks who fired the potato launcher.

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AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin W. Eastman

WELL, HERE IT IS NOVEMBER ALREADY, the leaves have turned, there's a nip in the air and it's time to give thanks. Not just because Thanksgiving will soon be upon us, but be thankful for all the Veterans out there.



November 11 is Veterans Day. There are several services to commemorate this great day. Remember, they fought for your rights, many did not return, so not only on Veteran's Day but on any day, thank a Vet for his/her service.

November 10 is the Marine Corps Birthday. Don't forget the Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Ithaca. We have a lot to be thankful for in this great country that we live in. Remember, Some gave all, All gave some.

With the nip in the air, it's time to come inside and enjoy a meal at the Ithaca American Legion. On November 6, we will have a Pasta dinner. You're guaranteed not to leave hungry. All meals Starting at \$8.

On November 15, 5-7pm, we will have a Fish Dinner: fish either fried or broiled, choice of baked potato, french fries, or onion rings, salad bar, and home made desserts by members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Still only \$13.

There will be no Steak Dinners on November 2 or December 7; they will resume January 4.

Looking for a place to have your Holiday Party, give us a call, 607.272.1129, and see what we can do for you.

On December 7, 4pm-'til, we will be hosting a Birthday Party to celebrate both Dale and Val Burgess's Birthday. Feel free to stop in and wish them a happy birthday. ❀



Cole Janda as Atlas, supporting the Biggest Pumpkin. Harvest Festival 2019.

photo by Henrik Spoon



A Rainbow Of Clouds Over Slow Lane.

photo by Ted Crane

➤ *Harvest Fest, cont'd from page 7—*

The setup and cleanup crew, led by the plucky H. Katharine Hunter, were so good. Hire them. They can turn bare ground into a Festival in under an hour and, even more quickly, restore its original condition. And then there's Steve Barber's tractor and brush hog, which mows the grass ahead of time and, later, mechanically composts the leftover pumpkins and potatoes.

Pamela brought a much-needed, last-minute table, and Heide contributed grape juice and tableware.

Kudos to the Danby Community Park Association, whose newly-created Natural Playground (phase 1) entertained (what seemed like) hundreds of youngsters for hours, and hours. It's amazing what you can make from rocks, dirt, and slippery slides.

Ditto to the Reading Partnership, which has put a lot of time and thought into the Story Walk that winds thru the park. And to the Disc Golf volunteers who mow and maintain the big open fields!

A sharp round of ap-claws to the Cornell raptor program, for its magnificent birds, truly the descendants of dinosaurs.

Thunderous clapping for our musicians. Steffan Ohlstrom wandered the grounds with his haunting Scandinavian fiddle tunes. Later, Lloyd's Boys donned suits, hats, and goatees to bring us swiny old-time music and songs.

Thanks to Elana Maragni from Alyssa's Wool Balls for bringing natural fibers to the Harvest Festival, and to Danny Wheeler and the SUVCW, for the entertaining and educational display of Civil War information and memorabilia.

We're warmly grateful to Prometheus, who gave us the fire that toasted edible treats and restored circulation to chilly hands.

We must also mention the Big Bang, meteorologists, and the Internet, for successfully predicting and delivering on a truly spectacular Autumn day: clear skies, crisp air, and blazing sun.

To the 372 people who visited the Harvest Festival: We hope you had fun and come again next year.

Finally, a word for the Directors (Bill, Cathy, Katharine, Susan, Ted): Thanks! And to you, dear reader: Wouldn't you like to take part in this wonderful thing? Come to a Community Council meeting, first Thursday every month, 7pm, in Town Hall. ❧



The Biggest and Roundest Pumpkins photo by Henrik Spoon
in the Big Pumpkin Contest. Harvest Festival 2019.



The Wise Owl. photo by Steffan Ohlström
At Harvest Festival 2019.

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark and Nancy Gould

THE NEXT MEETING of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, November 7, Noon, in the Danby Community Church. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to share in a dish-to-share luncheon.

We thank our hosts for October, Bill and Pat Dougherty, Alice and Richard Humerez, and Nancy Gould.

Our December holiday lunch will be at Noon in Stella's Barn on our usual day, Thursday, December 5. There is a charge and signups are required. Call Margie, 607.273.8046 for information, or sign up during the November meeting. ❀

CALL FOR HOLIDAY CRAFTERS!

Submitted by Bonnie Rathbun

THE DANBY COMMUNITY CHURCH's Holiday Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, November 9. It will feature craft vendors, a bake sale, lunch of homemade soups and breads, a silent auction to benefit the Danby Food Pantry, and—just added—a pie bake-off contest.

Potential participants can get full information by contacting Bonnie Rathbun, 607.2721687 or [brathbun3@gmail.com]. There is a \$15 fee, and the Church supplies the table and chairs.

The Pie Bake-off contest is open to anyone and will be judged by several people from the church. Pies should be entered (no fee) at the church by 10am on the day of the event. After the judging, the pies will be sold by the slice or taste. Prizes for winners! ❀

WEST DANBY HARVEST DINNER

Saturday, November 16, 5pm brings the return of the West Danby Community Association's Harvest Dinner.

Join the WDCA in the West Danby Fire Sation meeting room to sample the best of the bounty from West Danby and parts beyond. If past history holds true, the WDCA will have a number of gourmet dishes prepared, and you can bring your own as well. ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

THROUGH THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY book sale, we were able to obtain quite a few books by Donna Leon. Her series of mysteries featuring Commisario Guido Brenetti begins with *Death at La Fenice*. We also obtained the *Temeraire* series by Naomi Novik.

We have several copies of the TCPL 2019 Community Read book, *The Prince of Los Cocuyos* by Richard Blanco.

Recent purchases include:

(Adult Fiction) *Evie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Homes, *White Elephant* by Julie Langsdorf, *The Chelsea Girls* by Fiona Davis, *Finding Nouf* by Zoe Ferraris, *The Saturday Evening Girls Club* and *The Beantown Girls*, both by Jane Healey, *The Lost Girls* by Pam Jenoff, *Kopp Sisters on the March* by Amy Stewart, *The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood, *My Sister*, *The Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite, *The Dearly Beloved* by Clara Wall, and *Trail of Lightning* and *Storm of Locusts* by Rebecca Roanhorse.

(Non-Fiction) *The Green New Deal* by Jeremy Rifkin.

(Young Adult Fiction) *Romanov* by Nadine Brandes, *Nocturna* by Maya Motayne,

(Children's) *One Big Heart: A Celebration of Being More Alike than Different* by Linsey Davis, *Buddy's Bedtime Battery* by Christina Geist, *That Book Woman* by Heather Henson.

(DVD) *Crazy Rich Asians*. ❀



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

After a year away, I'm back in Danby again organizing programs for youth! I'm stepping in until a permanent educator is hired to replace Maddie.

This season, I am offering two afterschool programs. The first—on Tuesdays at the Danby Community Church—is a cooking program for middle schoolers geared at teaching cooking skills through the lens of family. Each participant will be asked to bring in a favorite recipe that they often enjoy at home and would like to share with the group. We will spend each session focusing on one recipe, and the program will culminate with a family dinner prepared by the youth!

I will also be offering a Primitive Pursuits program for 4th and 5th graders. We'll meet in Dotson Park. We are lucky to be working with Wren Anjali, a Primitive Pursuits instructor and experienced teacher, who will join me in leading this program.

I'm excited to be working with you all again. Stay tuned for more updates! - Melis Schildkraut

More information can be found at [danbycc.org/YouthPrograms] or by contacting Melis, [mas759@cornell.edu] or 607.379.0245.

Primitive Pursuits - Grades 4-5

Thursdays, 2:30-5pm, Nov. 7-14-21, Dec. 5-12-19
Dotson Park

Join us at Dotson Park as we welcome Wren Anjali from Primitive Pursuits to help us explore Danby's natural areas. We will learn the basics of plant identification, fire & shelter building, and outdoor cooking.

Cooking: Family Matters - Grades 6-8

Tuesdays, 4:30-6:30pm, Nov. 5-12-19-26, Dec. 3-10-17
Danby Community Church

Do you have a favorite recipe that your family likes to enjoy together? Something that grandma brings to thanksgiving that you've never tried to make before? Bring in a special recipe to share! Each week, we will focus on a different recipe. On the last day of program, families are invited to taste different foods prepared by the youth.

Lunch Bunch-Grade 6, 7, 8

Wednesdays, through December
Boynton Middle School Cafeteria

Lunch Bunch-Grade 4 and 5

Mondays, through December
South Hill Elementary School

Danby Youth Flyer



It takes more than two young folks to balance pumpkins! Harvest Festival 2019.

photo by Henrik Spoon

YOUTH GRANTS

Submitted by Susan Franklin, DCC Youth Grant Coordinator

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD going to camp or participating in another program during the next few months? Financial assistance is available for Danby youth up to age 21, in the form of grants of up to \$100 per youth per year.

Grants are awarded quarterly for lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is December 15 for programs beginning (or with payment deadlines) in January, February, and March (but it's seldom too late to apply).

Funding is provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby. Families who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch are especially encouraged to apply.

For more information and applications please contact [youthgrants@danbycc.org]. You can also find applications on the Town Hall bulletin board.

Nov 2019

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 2 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

Nov 3 • Sun

93am 🏠 Everywhere • **Clocks Fall Back**

Nov 4 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Public Hearing on 2020 Budget**

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

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

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

Nov 5 • Tue

6am-9pm 🏠 Danby and West Danby Fire Stations
2019 General Election

Nov 6 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Council Presents
Flu Facts and Info w/ Celeste Rakovich**

Nov 7 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Community Church • **Seniors**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Nov 11 • Mon

6pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Nov 12 • Tue

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

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Advisory Council Mtg**

Nov 16 • Sat

5pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **WDCA Harvest Supper**

Nov 17 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Council Concert
Party of Four**

Nov 19 • Tue

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

Nov 21 • Thu

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

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

Nov 22 • Fri

1-6pm 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Nov 25 • Mon

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church • **Mobile Food Truck**

Nov 30 • Sat

Noon 🏠 Danby Comm. Church
After-Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner

Dec 2 • 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**

Dec 5 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Community Church • **Seniors**

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council Mtg**

Dec 7 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

Dec 9 • Mon

6pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Dec 15 • Sun

2pm 🏠 Slow Lane

West Danby Community Assoc: Seasonal Songs

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