



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## CAROLING IN WEST DANBY SUNDAY, DEC. 18, 6:45 PM

Come sing with your neighbors! All are welcome to wander West Danby hamlet with us. We will start and end at the home of Randy, Debi, and Laura Brown, on Station Road. Theirs is the first house on the left after you have crossed the railroad tracks if you are coming from the West Danby end of Station Road, the last on your right if you are coming from Danby. Their barn has a huge number 98 painted on the Station Road end.

Cookies or other finger food can be left at the Browns' home before we venture out. For more information, call Sally at 564-7647.

*Submitted by Sally Gagnon for the West Danby  
Community Association*

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD VACANCIES

The Town Board would like to hear from residents who are interested in serving on boards and committees. There are vacancies for 2006 on the Planning Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals. There are also vacancies on the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council (EMC), the Youth Partnership Board and other boards and committees. Residents who are interested in serving the Town of Danby on a board or committee may contact either Supervisor Ric Dietrich at 227-2434 or the Town Clerk at 277-4788 for information. Please send letters of interest and resumes to the Town Board, c/o the Town Clerk, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Letters should be received by December 15.

## CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 3PM, DANBY TOWN HALL

The final concert in the Danby Community Council's concert series for 2005 will feature the Trio Sans Souci in a program of chamber music for winds and piano, Sunday Dec 11 at 3pm in the Danby Town Hall. Admission is free. The Trio consists of Beth Kelly, flute, Lenora Schneller, clarinet, and Frederic Lacroix, piano. The program includes music of Saint-Saens, Bax, Poulenc and others, including a surprise.

Beth Kelly teaches flute locally, holds a Master's degree from Indiana University, and performs with many area groups, including Women's Work, Ithaca Opera, and Cayuga Vocal Ensemble. Lenora Schneller holds a Master's degree from Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, and has performed locally with Tabula Rasa, Cornell Contemporary Chamber Players, and the Festival Chamber Orchestra. In addition to teaching clarinet, she is a reference librarian at the Cornell Music Library. Frederic Lacroix is a piano instructor and doctoral student at Cornell. He is active as a vocal coach in Ottawa, performs extensively in Canada, and will have his first opera, "Snow White," staged this season.

The Danby Concert Series is made possible by public funds from New York State Council on the Arts/Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County through the Decentralization Program. The Danby Community Council has applied for another grant for next year. Watch for announcements in future issues of the Danby Area News.

*Submitted by Bob Strichartz for Community Council*

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## HIGHWAY DEPT. GETS GRANT

The Town of Danby Highway Department has received a \$40,000 grant from the Multi-modal Program. This grant is made available from Senator Seward's office, and funding is from the 2005-06 state budget. This grant money is for improvements on East Miller Road. The Town of Danby Highway Department would like to thank Senator Seward and County Legislator Frank Proto for their combined effort in helping us receive the money.

*William Hall, Danby Highway Superintendent*

## CD RELEASE CONCERT SONGS FROM PAMELA GODDARD

To mark the release of her first recording of traditional American song, Danby resident Pamela Goddard is presenting a CD Release concert at the Danby Town Hall. The concert, with guest appearances by *Diamonds in the Rough* and *Kitchen Chair*, will be held on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the Danby Town Hall.

Pamela Goddard has been singing traditional Anglo-American songs since her high school years in New York's Hudson Valley. Danby residents may remember her guest appearances with Jeff Warner and Alison McMorland during folk music concerts presented by the Danby Community Council. She has been praised for her beautiful voice, her crystal-clear diction, and her haunting interpretations of the old songs.

The December 18<sup>th</sup> performance will include narrative ballads collected in the mountains of Vermont as well as Victorian parlor songs collected from the outer banks of North Carolina. She will be joined by harmony singers *Diamonds in the Rough* and the acoustic instrumental duo of *Kitchen Chair*. Both of these groups appear on the new CD, *As Time Draws Near*.

This concert is free, open to everyone, and appro-

priate for the entire family. "I chose the Danby Town Hall for my concert because I want to give something back to my community," Goddard says. Light refreshments will be available after the concert, and copies of *As Time Draws Near* will be available for purchase.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Danby Community Council is a volunteer organization in Danby. We have a budget of approximately \$25,000 which we use to run youth programs, community programs, concerts, the Farmers Market, scholarships, Danby Fun Day, etc. We are looking for new volunteers to help. For more information or a job description, contact Dan Klein, 272-7582, <danbydan@hotmail.com>. The Annual Meeting, where new officers are elected, is Thursday, January 12, 7:00 at the Danby Town Hall. Please come if you can.

## WEST DANBY YOGA CLASSES

A series of yoga classes will be offered at the West Danby Fire Station. The dates are Wednesday evenings, December 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6:00–7:30 pm; and Friday mornings, December 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 9:00–10:30 am). The cost will be just \$5 per person for each of these sessions. This special price is due to Danby Community Council sponsorship of this program.

Instructor Minnie Jardine has completed the 2004 Forrest Yoga Foundation teacher training as well as the advanced teacher training course in 2005. She has assisted Ana Forrest several times at workshops around the country. Minnie teaches with enthusiasm, enjoyment, and a deep knowledge of the form.

Forrest Yoga is a vigorous form that uses deep breath and abdominal work to develop core strength. This class is open to all levels. Minnie is experienced in modifying poses to fit any personal limitations or injuries. For more details, contact Minnie at 564-1869 or <minniejardine@earthlink.net>.

## A MESSAGE FROM BILL HALL

Dear Danby Residents,

I just wanted to let all of you know that I have appreciated having the honor to serve all of you as Danby Highway Superintendent for the past 14 years. The job has seen some weather events such as the '93 blizzard, the flooding in 1996 & 1998 and the ice storm of 2003. We have also seen road additions such as Old Town Village, Fieldstone Circle, and CMC near Nelson Road. I have also made many friends over the years. However, I can say that I won't miss checking roads at 2:00 am in the middle of a snowstorm or putting up a downed stop sign in the middle of the night. I would also like to thank my staff—Carl, Dave, Gary, Jim Jeff, Kent and Sue for their support. Thanks again—and see you out and about on the hills of Danby.

*Sincerely, Bill Hall*

The Town of Danby Highway Department would like to thank Bill Hall for being our supervisor for the past 14 years. We wish you well in your future endeavors. **Thanks Bill!!!** We will continue to serve the residents of Danby to the best of our ability.

*Respectfully, Kent McNeil,  
Danby Highway Department*

## LIBRARY NOTES

“A pious man explained to his followers: ‘It is evil to take lives and noble to save them. Each day I pledge to save a hundred lives. I drop my net in the lake and scoop out a hundred fishes. I place the fishes on the bank, where they flop and twirl. “Don't be scared,” I tell those fishes. “I am saving you from drowning.” Soon enough, the fishes grow calm and lie still. Yet, sad to say, I am always too late. The fishes expire. And because it is evil to waste anything, I take those dead fishes to market and I sell them for a good price. With all the money I receive, I buy more nets so I can save more fishes.’” —Anonymous (From Amy Tan's new book *Saving Fish from Drowning*.)

Other new books and collections this month: Jan Karon's *Light from Heaven* (the final novel in the *Mitford* series), Bill Bryson's *A Short History of Nearly*

*Everything* and Anita Diamant's *The Red Tent*. New videos and audiobooks will arrive January 5, 2006 (start practicing writing the new year!). Thank you to all our new and continuing volunteers. Stop and say hello to the people who run your Community Library. Happy Holidays to all!  
*Submitted by Patti Meyers*

## HELP FIND MISSING CEMETERIES

I'd like to take this opportunity to add to Ronda Roaring's article in the *Danby Area News* (September 2005 issue). The Tompkins County NYGenWeb site <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nytompki/>> consists of volunteers who are dedicated to the preservation of the history of Tompkins County. For the past several years we have attempted to find those little known burial grounds that were once rumored to exist and would today be found on private property or state-owned land. We would be very interested in learning of their locations and be given the opportunity to record the headstone inscriptions and take photographs of the headstones. These burial plots were probably early family burial grounds and might consist of only a small number of burials, even one or two, but they are as important to preserve to history as those larger cemeteries that have been previously inventoried. A list of those cemeteries that we have heard of, but have not yet found, is at: <[http://www.rootsweb.com/~nytompki/cemeteries/cem\\_missing.htm#A](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nytompki/cemeteries/cem_missing.htm#A)>.

A list of the Danby cemeteries that have been recorded and placed on-line can be found at: <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nytompki/tcem.htm>>. However, a few of the small family burial grounds that have records online were located in the 1920s and 1930s but have not been located by us. They can be identified in the header of the record as “location unknown.” We would very much like to learn about their locations also. As an example, the Jopp Family Cemetery, found at <[http://www.rootsweb.com/~nytompki/cemeteries/jopp\\_cem.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nytompki/cemeteries/jopp_cem.htm)> is thought to be in the Jersey Hill Road area. If you have any knowledge of these little known burial grounds, I would like to hear from you and I can be contacted at <[genealogy2@oldwillow.com](mailto:genealogy2@oldwillow.com)>.

*Cheryl Hall, Danby Coordinator for TC NYGenWeb*

# Danby Youth Flyer

## Community Council Youth Programs, Late Fall 2005

Programs are for youth from the town of Danby; the age range is listed for each program. Look for brochures and registration forms in the Danby Store and at the Town Hall; these will have more details and registration forms to be returned. To have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Tom Archibald by phone at (607) 272-2292 x. 222, or email at <tga4@cornell.edu>, or download the form off of our website at <<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm>>. Remember, these programs fill up fast, so register early.

**Weird Science**—Mondays, November 28–December 19, 2:30–5:00pm. Meet at Boynton Middle School. Grades 4–8.

There's a fine line between science and science fiction. Sometimes it's hard to believe all the weird and amazing things that scientists do. Did you know that some of the world's wackiest scientists live right here in Tompkins County? We'll visit with people who are involved in some really interesting science projects, whether at the science center or within the mysterious halls of Cornell University.

**Gingerbread Construction**—Wednesdays, December 7–December 21, 3:30–5:30pm, Danby Town Hall. Grades 4–8.

Have you ever made a gingerbread house and decorated it with all sorts of candy? Even if you have, come join us on Wednesday afternoons in December as we practice constructing creative gingerbread structures. If you're bored with gingerbread houses, why not make

a castle, or a skyscraper, or a boat, for that matter? We'll experiment with gingerbread construction and decorating and do plenty of eating along the way.

**Cultural Cooking**—Tuesdays, November 22–December 13, 5:00–7:00pm, Danby Federated Church. Grades 6–9.

We'll meet on Tuesday nights to learn recipes from around the world. Be prepared to learn plenty of new cooking techniques and develop a taste for new things! You'll help decide what countries you most want to explore, so be sure to join us so that your voice will be heard! We will also take time to listen to music, look at pictures, and even meet people from other cultures. As a special treat, we'll have a few experts visiting from Africa stop by to cook real African cuisine with us!!!

And if you live in **WEST DANBY**, keep your eyes and ears open for info about a family program that will be held in late December. Information is forthcoming!!

## TOWN HOURS

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### DECEMBER CALENDAR

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**TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING** —Monday, December 5, 7pm, Town Hall.

**DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL** —Thursday, December 8, 7pm, Town Hall.

**CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT**—Sunday, December 11, 3pm, Town Hall. See pg. 1.

**TOWN BOARD MEETING** —Monday, December 12, 7pm, Town Hall.

**MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES** —Tuesday, December 13, 9:30–11am, Danby Market. Frank Proto and Ric Dietrich.

**PLANNING BOARD** —Thursday, December 15, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**CD RELEASE CONCERT**—Sunday, December 18, 3pm, Town Hall. Pamela Goddard. See pg. 3.

**WEST DANBY CAROLING** —Sunday, December 18, 6:45pm. See pg. 1.

**TOWN BOARD YEAR-END MEETING**— Wednesday, December 28, 7pm, Town Hall.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**—Thursday, January 12, 2006, 7pm, Town Hall.

### ONGOING

**SENIORS STRENGTH TRAINING GROUP**—Mondays, 9am, Danby Federated Church.

**WEST DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**—Second Monday, 7pm, West Danby Fire Hall.

**DANBY FIRE COMPANY**—Mondays, 7pm, monthly meeting the second Monday at 7:30pm.

**DANBY FOOD PANTRY**—Third Thursday, 6–8pm, third Friday, 4–6pm, 1859 Danby Road.

**DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY READING GROUP**—Fourth Tuesdays, 7pm, Danby Library.

**DANBY QUILTERS GROUP**—Mondays, 6:30pm, Fridays, 9–11am. Call 273-2950 for info.