

### NOTES ON THE NUMBERS Submitted by Ted Jones, Danby Town Bookkeeper

It's budget time again. Town departments are busy preparing their fiscal-year-2007 budget requests which must be submitted to the town clerk by September 20th. These requests will be compiled into a preliminary budget by the bookkeeper and submitted to the town board for review, revision, and approval.

The town board has scheduled workshops where it will meet with department heads and discuss budget requests. The heads will explain their budgets and justify any increases. Danby residents are invited to listen to the discussions. Before the budget is voted on, the public may attend a final meeting and voice their concerns.

Throughout the years, the town board has consistently worked to keep tax increases to a minimum. One of the biggest challenges is to find ways to replace aging highway equipment. A new truck can cost more than \$170,000, and several trucks are past replacement age. Also this year, we have been required by the EPA to conduct environmental remediation work at the highway barns. This may require nearly \$400,000 to complete and the board has approved a bond for \$385,000 to cover the costs—and we can pay for most of this bond without raising taxes because other bonds (including the town barn and a dump truck) have been paid off recently.

The 2006 Town budget—including the Fire Dep't was \$1,885,149. Of this, 44% covered oper-

ating expenses and debt, 26% paid salaries, 16% went to the fire department, 6% to health insurance, 6% to employee benefits, and 2% was used to purchase equipment. The NYS Thruway Authority provided \$95,857 to help pay for highway improvements, and there was about \$76,000 of other income (clerks fees, zoning fees, court fees, etc.). The balance was raised by taxes.

# VIOLIN RECITAL: SUSAN WATERBURY

Submitted by Bob Strichartz, Danby Community Council

The next concert in the Danby Concert Series is a recital by violinist Susan Waterbury and pianist Charis Dimaras on Sunday Oct 8, at 3pm in the Danby Town Hall. Admission is free. The program will feature sonatas by Mozart (K 454) and Schumann (#2) as well as a solo violin work, *Seven Colors* by local composer Sally Lamb.

Both Waterbury and Dimaras are on the faculty of Ithaca College's School of Music. Waterbury has a Master's degree from the Eastman School of Music. She is first violinist with the Ariadne String Quartet that performed last year in Danby and performs regularly with many chamber music groups in the Ithaca area, including Ensemble X. She has appeared in New York City's Carnegie Recital Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and Lincoln Center, and has released recordings on several labels. She was a member of the award-winning Cavani String Quartet.

Dimaras holds a Master's Degree from the Julliard School of Music and performs locally both as a soloist and an accompianist.

The Danby Concert series, sponsored by the Danby Community Council, is made possible in part by public funds from the NY State Council on the Arts/Tompkins County Community Arts Partnership Decentralization Program.

> I've often wondered how much of my hard earned dollar goes to taxes, so I put together a pie chart showing where the money goes. The chart is based on an annual income (married, filing jointly) of \$100,000, not including exemptions or deductions, and a home value of \$150,000. All information comes from tax tables provided by the federal, state, county, and town governments.

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# DANBY TOWN HISTORY

Submitted by Joan Grant, Town Historian

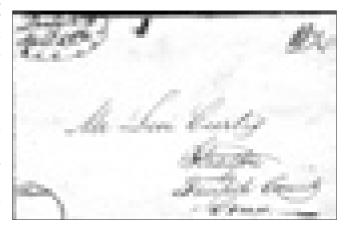
This is the first part of the second of two 19th century Danby letters that Peter Fraissinet of West Danby wanted to share. The misspelled words and grammatical errors are as written. The last portion of this letter will appear in the November issue of the *Danby News*.

#### Addressed to: Mr. Levi Curtis, Stratford, Fairfield County, Conn., dated Danby, April 11th 1824

After waiting with patience four weeks I received Sally's letter which was the 9th day of April it gave me much pleasure to hear from all Stratford friends. I had begun to think that you had forgotten me. Never had I been separated from by dear Father and Mother, brothers and sisters so long before, often have I thought I should like to see them by not so as t make me feel homesick. I never felt so content any where from home in my life. I have found acquaintances in Danby so that I think I shall not get homesick. I went a visiting to Mr. Nathan Beers last week a Thursday and he wished me to write to Willis and tell him that he and Mr. Ufford promised to buy his farm if he would sell it. He says he thinks some of going

to Mishigan and they may have it [?] Willis I think it probable I shall stay and keep house for him if he buys it.

The week after Phebe's death there was a piece written by an unknown friend in the Ithica paper which I think you will be pleased to hear. It is the following...



#### Danby Jan. 9th 1824

Died on Wednesday the 7th, Mrs. Phebe I. Curtis the wife of Elbert Curtis, daughter of Dr. Lewis Beers, aged 20 years... Seldom if ever has the hand of friendship been called to mention the death of a private individual, whose premature and, has so universally called forth the tears and grief of relations, and the simpathy of all those who knew her, as that of Mrs. Curtis. Born in affluence yet she was meek; surrounded by a wicked and flattering world yet she kept herself free from its follies -- with a heart replete with goodness and virtue , her hand was ever open to relieve the poor and distressed of whom she was an idol -- to her, death had no terror. She could triumphantly exclaim... "O , death, where is thy sting! O grave, where is thy victory!" Such was Mrs. Phebe Isabella Curtis. Almost idolized by her parents, for whom she had the purest affection; beloved by a husband, who knew and appreciated her worth: long will her memory be cherished.

Thus has she been cut off, in the morning of her days. We feel the solemn lesson sink deep into our hearts, when minds so largely endowed and adorned, evince, it their fate, the truths utter by the sublime poet Dr. Young, who made the threats and the promises of the Gospel, the theme of his midnight stains; and then they admonish:

"By nature's law, what must be must be now There's no prerogative in human hours In human hearts, what bolder thoughts can rise Than man's presumption on to morrow's dawn? Where is to morrow? In another world!"

Uncle Dr. has took me a riding he was sent for to marry a couple. Tell Sally I think they marry very young here. The girl that was married was about 17 years. I went

> with Uncle, there was three weddings that day, the one that I went to was Dutch. It was between five and six miles on the road to Ithica. I was much pleased. The bride was dressed in a plain cambric frock and figured lace Vandike and ruffles after they were married they sat a table they had [F?s] and all kinds of sweetmeats and to finish they had sourcraut that I did not like. They had

ginger and pound cake and two sorts of pies, apple and pumpkin; the old man of the house eat with his hat on, and the old woman went around the house a smoking. I have been a visiting a number of places time passes away swiftly. I expect by Sally's visiting you had not received Uncle's letter. Tell Sally I will write and tell all about the visits I have made and all particulars. I must [?] by my pen and leave room for E. to. My love to you all. From your affectionate daughter Betsy. Give my love to all cousins and the girls Susan and Charity & c.

# Town Board Update

Submitted by Carol Sczepanski, Town Clerk

#### RESOLUTION NO. 70 OF 2006 UPDATE

Resolution No. 70 of 2006 entitled *Urging the Withdrawal of U.S. Military Personnel and Bases from Iraq* has been sent to the President of the United States and to each member of the New York State Congressional delegation.

### Notice Of Bond Resolution Subject To Permissive Referendum

This is a brief summary of a resolution adopted on September 11, 2006. The resolution is subject to permissive referendum in accordance with section 90 of the Town Law. The complete, unedited text is available at the Town Clerk's office.

A Resolution adopted by the Town Board...authorizes the issuance of bonds and other obligations to finance the construction, alteration, and remodeling of the Town's Highway Garage...in accordance with a Notice of Violation promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency dated February 28, 2006, at a maximum estimated cost of \$385,000. This estimate includes all costs. The project will be paid by the levy of a tax, not to exceed \$385,000, which shall be collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Town Board. Under the Local Finance Law, the Project has a period of probable usefulness of ten (10) years.

Dated: Sep. 16, 2006 and Published: Sep. 20, 2006.

#### House Numbering

At the August 11 Town Board Meeting, Fire Chief John Gaden reported that many residents do not have visible numbering on their mailboxes.

The State Fire Code requires that all properties have address numbers, minimum 4 inches in size, and clearly visible from the street.

The Danby and West Danby Fire Departments have a supply of such numbers for sale and can help you install them. Contact Neal Franklin, Danby Fire Department (272.8114 or 273.3831), or Steve Cortright, West Danby Fire Department (564.0020).

# ZONING AND CODE UPDATE

Submitted by Sue Beeners, Town Zoning Officer

#### Wood Stove And Furnace Safety

Whatever you heat with, please make sure that it is in safe condition!

#### **Emergency Planning**

The Town and the Fire Department are working on emergency management planning. Please make sure that your household is adequately prepared by stocking up with items that might be needed in an emergency.

#### Right To Farm Law

The Town Board is moving forward on a proposed *Right to Farm Law* which would notify incoming residents that the Town supports farming, and that typical farm practices should be expected.

#### Hamlet Planning

A grant application has been resubmitted to the State, requesting \$25,000 to help the Town develop strategic Plans for the Central and West Danby Hamlets. Strategic Plans are required in order to apply for major funding for such items as community facilities, infrastructure, and housing improvements. The County will provide detailed maps of the Hamlets to the Town.

This project would involve people from the whole community, and especially would invite involvement from businesses throughout the Town. Please contact the Zoning/Code Enforcement Office at 277.0799 for more information.

# Town Hours

**Town Clerk** Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559

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93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169 Mon–Fri, 6am–2:30pm

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# West Danby Harvest!

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet

At the tone, the time will be exactly 5pm, Saturday, November 4th...and it's time for our annual Harvest Supper dish-to-pass at the West Danby Fire Hall! Always a good time!

Bring your favorite dish, sweet or savory, and a belt that can loosen a notch. Beverages will be provided. There'll be live acoustic music too!

### AFTER THE FLUSH!

Submitted by Ruthanna C. Hawkins

Receive a discount coupon for having your septic system pumped and learn how conventional and alternative systems work. Understand the preventive maintenance and routine care that can save costly repairs while protecting water quality.

A free program open to everyone, sponsored by the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network and the Town of Danby is being offered from 7–9pm on Wednesday, October 18 at the Danby Town Hall.

When a septic system is suitably located, properly designed and installed, and adequately maintained, it provides economical, safe wastewater disposal. Wastewater from the kitchen, bathrooms, and laundry carries chemicals, solids, grease, and wastes that contain nutrients and bacteria that can cause disease. Failing septic systems allow inadequately treated water to enter the groundwater, where it can reach streams and lakes, and even nearby wells.

Taking care of your septic system, including regular pumping is an important way to guard against water pollution. The October 18th program will explain how a typical septic system works, introduce alternative systems, explain signs of system failure and give tips for preventive maintenance and routine care.

Thanks to funding from the Tompkins County Department of Health, Thomas Septic Service, and Gaggle Company, Tompkins County residents who attend the program will receive a \$20 discount coupon towards septic system pumping. Pre-registration is required; contact the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network office at 607.532.4104 or [manager@cayugalake.org].

Coming in November: How Well Is Your Water?

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Submitted by Andrew Thurnheer, Highway Superintendent

The summer has come and gone so quickly.

As most of you have noticed, we have not been able to work on East Miller Road as planned. The project has, unfortunately, been postponed due to the 9-1-1 Tower construction on East Miller Road. But not to worry— if we are not able to get to it before the cold weather hits, it will be the first project of the spring.

We have, however, done some road work on Lieb Road and our road crews have been busy with grading and ditching several other Danby roadways. We've also been preparing for the upcoming snow season.

If you have any questions or complaints, please contact Andrew Thurnheer at 272.9169. Have a safe and happy Fall!

### DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. Submitted by Beatrice Hogben, Trustee

During the first six months of 2006, the volunteer members of Danby Fire and Rescue responded to 39 rescue calls and 11 fire calls.

We welcome Barbara Robinson as a volunteer member, as both a fire fighter and a trained in rescue person. Aaron McCall also recently joined as a volunteer in the capacity of Junior Fire Fighter. Welcome to you also!

If you're contemplating joining us, stop in at the Danby Fire Station on any Monday night to discuss the possibilities. We need help in all areas—fire fighting, emergency medical service, fire police, etc. Training in any of these areas is free to you.

### THE TOWN SIGN Submitted by Dan Klein

Shelly Marino is one of the unsung volunteers of Danby. She is the person who changes the message on the sign at the Danby Fire Station on Route 96B to let passersby know about upcoming public events.

Shelly will be unable to do this job from the end of September until sometime in November. Can someone help her, and the community out? If so, contact her at [mkm1@cornel1.edu] or by phone at 277.7161.

# **SHORTER NOTICES**

Submitted by Lots of Folks

• Raffle of Hornbeck Canoe to benefit the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance. Plants for Life, those fabulous Ithaca Area Gardeners who since 2001 have brought you the annual Fall plant sale with proceeds benefiting the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance (IBCA), is taking a hiatus from the sale this year. Instead, the group is raffling a Hornbeck Canoe [www.hornbeckboats.com], generously donated by Peter Hornbeck, also known as a Lost Pond Boat. The retail value is \$1,195.

Raffle tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and may be purchased at Cognoscentea, 105 West State Street in Ithaca, 273.2TEA, the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance, 100 West Seneca Street, 277.0960, or from any Plants for Life volunteer or IBCA Board member. The drawing will be held on October 28 at the IBCA Walkathon.

• The Pet Loss Support Group meets 6:30-8:30pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Wellness Center of the Colonial Veterinary Hospital in Lansing, off Catherwood Road behind McDonald's. It's free, drop-in, for humans only, registration required. Details: 257.3650.

• The College for Life Long Learning provides continuing educational opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. This fall, the College will be offering classes in Jazz Dance, Crazy Crafts, Model Car Building and Square Dance.

Classes begin the last week of September. For more information or to register, contact Trina Schickel at the Tompkins County Office for the Aging at 274.5482.

• Senior Citizens' Fair on Monday, October 23, 2006, starting with registration at 8:30am at Titus Towers, 800 South Plain Street, Ithaca. Seniors and interested community members are invited to attend.

After a Public Hearing, a chance to tell the Office for the Aging about issues regarding services for seniors in Tompkins County, the Fair begins! Brain Aerobics, Common Eye Conditions Among Older Adults, Dealing with Conflict, Common Sleep Disorders, Singing for All Ages, Medicare Part D, Blood Pressure Screening, "Please Try It" display of handy adaptive equipment. At noon, Foodnet will serve lunch to all Senior Fair attendees.

The Fair is free and open to Tompkins County seniors; however, seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call Danielle Conte at the Office for the Aging, 274-5490 to RSVP. ÷

### Danby Community Council Scholarship Application

The Danby Community Council provides scholarships to youth who are Danby residents and need financial support to attend special camps/programs (sports, computer, art, dance, music, etc.). Funds are limited, so please apply quickly.

Youth's Name		
Date of Birth Telepho	one & Email	
Address		
Parent/Guardian's Name		
Name of camp/programAddress of camp/program		Please send the application, with proof of enrollment in program and (if applicable)
		payment of deposit, to:
Is the youth currently eligible for a free or reduced cost lunch program?		Danby Community Counci c/o Carol Bushberg
I verify that the information provided on this application is accurate.		908 Steam Mill Road Ithaca, NY 14850
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date	Questions? Call 273.3400!

### **Community Council** Youth Programs Fall 2*006*

It's not too late to sign up! Free programs! Programs are for youth who live in or near Danby; the age range is listed for each program. All programs are free. Look for brochures and registration forms in the Danby Store, at the Town Hall, and on the web: [http://www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm] To have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Tom Archibald, 607.272.2292 x222, or [tga4@cornell.edu]. Remember, programs fill up, so register early.

#### Primitive Pursuits-Grades 4-8

Danby Federated Church Mondays, September 18-December 18 (3:30–6:30pm) (special bus drop-off is available from Boynton)

Youth learn ancestral outdoor survival skills including shelter building, knife safety, fire building, cord making, orienteering, outdoor cooking and much more. This popular program is an extremely valuable occasion

### More DCC Youth Programs Submitted by Julie Nichols Kulik

These programs are funded by the Danby Community Council. Look for registration forms at the Danby Store and at the Town Hall Or contact Julie, 339.6097, [flickerdharma@yahoo.com].

MUDPUPS-AGES 3+ AND A CAREGIVER Location TBA (in Danby) Mondays, Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13 (10-11:30am)

This class is aimed at both a caregiver and a young child participating together. For part of the class we will be working on a collaborative clay sculpture (something that fits the day's theme, such as tree houses, picnics, o playing in the snow) and then the children will go of with the instructor.

While the children listen to a story, have a snack, and ltures around the world. We'll go outside to explore and track the explore the outside world together, the caregivers will work on a clay project of their own (perhaps, a vase, signs of local animals and the changing seasons, and to mindfully collect natural materials for a craft activity. bowl, or hot-plate).

The Danby Youth Flyer is funded in part by the United Way of Tompkins County

for youth to get away from the fast-paced lives they often lead and relearn how to look at the world (natural and man-made) through a different lens. The future benefits are multiple and diverse, for both the environment and the youth.

#### Animal Adventures-Grades 4-8

Boynton Middle School

Fridays, September 22, 29, October 13 (3:30-5:30pm) (Non-Boynton students: Come meet us!!)

Do you like animals? Then you've got to join us for this short, fun program to start off the school year. We'll take field trips to visit interesting animals (like al-

per, ber, y. Bandfill September 23–December 16 (10am-1pm) Come learn recipes from around the world. Be ready to learn new cooking techniques and to try new things! We'll decide together what to cook, and also take time to listen to music, look at pictures, and even meet people from other cultures.

#### Picture Perfect–Grades 4-8

Boynton Middle School

Fridays, October 20–December 8 (3:30–5:30pm)

Do you like photography? If you think taking pictures is fun, then join us to explore the wide world of digital and film photography. Taking your pictures further, we'll make collages and frames to help make your pictures perfect enough to make you and everyone else proud.

For more information, or to share your ideas about potential youth programs, feel free to call. The more the merrier, so please don't hesitate to come and try these wonderful free programs. Homeschoolers are more than welcome. Youth who don't go to Boynton are also more than welcome to come to the program that meets there. Wherever you are, in or near Danby, just come! See you soon!!

be	Nature, Stories, and Crafts–Ages 5-7		
g	Location TBA (in Danby)		
or	Mondays, October 23, 30, November 6, 13		
ff	(2:30-4:30pm) (after school bus drop off)		
d	This class will include games and scavenger hunts, indigenous stories and songs from cultures around		
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## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 2 • Mon 6pm 🙀 Town Hall Town Board Budget Workshop 7pm 🙀 Town Hall Town Board Agenda Meeting Oct 5 • Thu Noon 🙀 Danby Federated Church Danby Senior Citizens Dish-to-pass Supper, followed by Joyce Camp doing her impersonation of *Maude* 7pm 👜 Town Hall Danby Community Council Meeting 7pm 🙀 Town Hall Open Forum with State Senator James Seward Oct 8 • Sun 3pm 🙀 Town Hall Concert with Susan Waterbury and Chanis Dimaras Oct 9 • Mon 6pm 🙀 Town Hall Town Board Budget Workshop 6:30pm 🚑 Town Hall Town Board Meeting Oct 10 • Tue 9:30–11:30am 🖉 Market Meet Your Representatives—County Rep Frank Proto and Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich Oct 11 • Wed 7pm 🙀 Town Hall Comprehensive Plan Task Force meeting Oct 14 • Sat 10am–3pm 🙀 Danby Federated Church Fall Fair, including a Chicken BBQ, 11:30am-'til Oct 18 • Wed 7pm 🙀 Town Hall Cayuga Lake Watershed Meeting: Septic Systems Oct 19 • Thu 7pm 🙀 Town Hall **Planning Board** 

Nov 4 • Sat 5pm 違 WD Fire Hall Dish-to-pass Harvest Supper; live acoustic music! Nov 9 • Thu 7pm 👜 Town Hall Danby Community Council Meeting Nov 12 • Sun 3pm 🙀 Town Hall Concert with Scott B. Adams, folk singer **UNGOING** Danby Farmer's Market 🚑 Fire Hall Thursdays, 3–6pm. Seniors Strength Training Group 🙀 Federated Church Mondays, 9am. West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🕰 WD Fire Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7pm. Danby Fire Company 🙀 Fire Hall Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30pm. Danby Food Pantry 🚑 Federated Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6–8pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 4–6pm. Danby Community Library Reading Group 🚑 Town Hall 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7pm. Danby Quilters Group \$ 273.2950 Fridays, 9–11am. WHERE THINGS HAPPEN Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road Danby Community Library • 1830 Danby Road Danby Market • 1774 Danby Road Danby Fire Hall • 1780 Danby Road West Danby Fire Hall • Sylvan Lane, off Rt.34/96 Danby Federated Church • 1859 Danby Road

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