



DANBY AREA NEWS

KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Submitted by Andrea Hazard

Head on down to the Danby Fire Station on Saturday, October 27! From 3-6pm, the Danby Community Council offers games, crafts, button making, pizza, cider and goodies, a costume pageant and loads of fun!

For more info: Andrea Hazard, 607.272.8791, [ahazard@twcny.rr.com]. ❀

SAFE HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

Submitted by Bonnie Rathbun

Bring your kids and treats to Danby Federated Church on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31, 5-7pm and have a safe Halloween Trunk or Treat party.

You can set up your treats out of your car (trunk or otherwise) or on a table in the Church's Fellowship Hall. The kids can go around the cars and tables to trick or treat safely and you don't have to drive around the dark streets of Danby or go up to the Mall.

We will also have activities and hot cocoa and snacks inside for all. Make this a safer trick or treat time. Come to *Trunk or Treat* at the Danby Federated Church on Halloween. Costumes are welcome! ❀

HARVEST SUPPER

Submitted by Joel Gagnon

The West Danby Community Association is having a Harvest dish-to-pass supper at 5pm on November 3rd in the West Danby Fire Hall. The event will include an opportunity to meet the candidates in this fall's local election.

All of the candidates for local office will be invited, and this may be the only opportunity to meet the candidates in a public forum. Everyone with an interest is welcome. Beverage and table service provided. ❀

SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT FOR ERIK GADEN

Submitted by Bea Hogben

The Danby Fire District (Danby and West Danby volunteers), will host a spaghetti dinner at the Danby Fire Station, Noon-5pm on Sunday, October 14. The of the dinner will raise funds for a local resident, Erik Gaden, who was badly burned in an accident at home on August 15.

Erik was helicoptered to SUNY-Upstate in Syracuse and has undergone two skin graft procedures. He remains in the intensive care unit with injuries and cardiopulmonary issues. His expenses are overwhelming.

Erik has been a resident of Danby since 1967 and is a past member of the Danby Fire Company. His son, John, has volunteered since 1985 and is the current Chief. Erik is self-employed and has been unable to work since the accident; his recovery is projected to take 6-12 months. The community has planned this fundraiser to give him a hand.

The spaghetti dinner includes a choice of meatless or meat sauce, salad, bread, beverage choice, and dessert. Suggested donations for the meal are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children; children under 5 eat for free.

The event include a raffle, with proceeds going directly to Erik. 310 tickets are available (in advance and during the dinner) for \$10/ticket. Everyone is encouraged to sell tickets and will receive a free ticket after selling fifteen; call 607.277.5543 for info. Up to three winners, chosen at 4:30pm during the dinner, will receive a cash prize of up to \$100 plus certificates donated by area businesses.

Volunteers to help with dinner set-up, cleaning, or serving, please contact Bea Hogben at 607.272.5294. Cards sent to Erik Gaden, 2484 Danby Road, Willseyville, NY 13864 will be delivered to Erik. Donations are welcome and gratefully accepted; please make checks payable to "For the benefit of Erik Gaden" and mail to Sue Lason, c/o Tompkins Trust Company, PO Box 460, Ithaca, NY 14851. ❀

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DANBY TOWN HISTORY

Submitted by Joan Grant, Town Historian

1907: One Hundred Years Ago

Births

Katharine Hepburn	Kate Smith
John Wayne	Caesar Romero
Barbara Stanwick	Fay Wray
Sir Laurence Olivier	Gene Autry
Orville Redenbacher	Mel Blanc
Author Rachel Carson	Burgess Meredith
Earl S. Tupper (Tupperware)	Cab Calloway
Chief Justice Warren	Earl Burger

Inventions and Discoveries

- Scott Paper introduces first paper towel.
- Louis Lumiere develops three color photography.
- Paul Cornu builds the first free-flying helicopter.
- James Spangler and William Hoover invent the first domestic vacuum cleaner.
- Albert Einstein postulates $E=mc^2$.
- Leo Baekeland invents the first plastic: Bakelite.
- Hershey Kisses introduced.
- Maytag washing machines introduced.
- Thomas Alva Edison introduces the Universal Electric Motor which runs on existing lighting circuits.
- Ivan Pavlov studies conditioned reflexes.

Historical Events

- Baden Powell founds the Boy Scouts movement.
- The Lusitania breaks trans-Atlantic speed record: Ireland to New York City in five days and 45 minutes.
- Oklahoma was admitted as 46th state.

SHORTER NOTICES!

Bereaved Parents Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the bereaved parents support group will be on Tuesday, October 9, 5:30–7pm at Hospicare on East King Road in Ithaca. This is a peer-run group serving parents or grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. For more information about the group, please contact Carlo Troise at 607.255.9470.

Foster Care/Adoption Informational Meeting

Considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent? The Tompkins County Department of Social Services will hold an informational meeting at the Human Services Building, Room 142, 320 West State Street, on Thursday, October 11, Noon–1pm. Tompkins County has a special need for foster families in the Ithaca City School District.

Please call 607.274.5266 for more information.

- *San Francisco Chronicle* prints the first daily comic strip, *Mr. Mutt*, later called *Mutt & Jeff*.
- First taxicabs arrive in New York City from France. They use 4 cylinder gas engines and cost \$12,000.
- Teddy Roosevelt in his second term as President.
- Warner Brothers film company founded.
- U.S. automobile production reaches 43,000 units.
- Stockings required at Atlantic City beaches, along with long bathing dresses, bathing shoes, and straw hats.

Awards

- Rudyard Kipling receives Nobel Prize for literature for *The Jungle Book*.
- Florence Nightengale is first woman to receive Order of Merit, for contributions to nursing. She is 87.

Interesting Facts

- Coca-Cola advertises its beverage as, “Good to the last drop.” The slogan is long forgotten by the time the line is adopted by Maxwell House coffee.
- U.S. population is 87 million.
- First Class postage stamp is two cents.
- *NY Times* introduces the New Years Eve Ball on its New York City building.
- Average worker earns \$12.98 in a 59-hour week.
- 8,000 cars for every 10 miles of paved roads (not many paved roads!).
- One dollar in 1907 has the same purchasing power as \$20.67 in 2005.
- Butter is 33¢/lb, bacon is 20¢/lb, sugar is 5¢/lb. and eggs are 29¢/dozen.

Resources: [trivia-library.com], Enc. Britannica.

Pet Loss Support Group

Monthly meeting of humans who grieve the loss of a pet or other animal companion due to death, disappearance, or other circumstance, 7–9pm on Tuesday, October 16 in the in the Centennial Room at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals.

A joint project of the Colonial Veterinary Hospital and Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine, the group provides education about coping with loss, and the emotional support from discussing common feelings. Participants are asked to bring a photograph or other memento of the companion animal they wish to honor. All humans are welcome to attend. For additional details, contact Colonial Veterinary Hospital at 607.257.3650 or [petloss@colonialvet.com]. ❧

SUPERVISOR'S TOWN NEWS

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

It has been a busy month for the town. We approved a backup power system for the West Danby water district, connecting it to West Danby's Fire Department generator.

Additional water news pertains to our aquifer study. We approved bid preparation for the drilling of two to three test wells. One well will be on Town Highway Department property and one or two on property owned by the Community Park Association. The town wants to record natural water level conditions for two years before equipping the wells with pumps.



Photo: Amy Cusimano

Lifeguards at Jennings Pond: Ethan Bibbie, Gabriella Ziedman-Zager, Scott Kozak, and Mason Cusimano (top).

Speaking of the park, the Planning Board approved the Community Park Association's request to begin rough grading for an access road and they are also developing ball fields. Work on parking and support facilities are subject to further Planning Board review.

The Town also approved an agreement to continue participation in the Recreation Partnership. Many Danby youth are involved in these programs which include sports and cultural activities. Because the programs are partially subsidized, this program includes families on limited incomes.

We approved the purchase of a badly needed new truck for the Highway Department and, luckily, it will arrive in Danby before the snow falls.

We discussed a request from the S.P.C.A. for additional funds. The S.P.C.A. claims that it will shut its doors next year unless each town doubles its current contribution. For Danby, this would be a sizable sum, \$14,162.

The Town of Danby is also reviewing the costs for an alarm system and painting of the Town Hall.

I will keep you posted about this and other issues involving taxpayer money and the quality of life for Danby residents.

JENNINGS POND UPDATE

Submitted by Amy Cusimano, Recreation Director

WOW! What a great summer it was. It went by too fast for most of us.

It was a busy year for the Jennings Pond crew. There were the Youth programs on Tuesday evenings, the first annual Bald Hill, Lieb Road and Jennings Pond Road block party, and all the usual birthday and holiday celebrations. In 2006, we had a total of 577 attendees to our beautiful park. Our final tally for 2007 is 1791 attendees, another WOW!

It may be because of the higher gas prices, because people are just not traveling, or because we had a hot summer. Maybe it is because the Town of Danby and our neighboring communities have found a slice of heaven in their own backyard.

The swim season may be over, but there are still warm fall days ahead. The trails are open for hikers and bikers and the BBQ pit are still willing and able.

Thank you to everyone who enjoyed Jennings Pond and thank you to our great lifeguards. See you next summer!

Danby Fun Day - July 12, 2008

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Tue, 7pm

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Tue & Thu 3:30-5:30pm, Sat 9:30am-2:30pm
All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

DEMPC UPDATE

Submitted by Sue Beeners, Zoning Officer

The Danby Emergency Management Planning Committee, chaired by Gene Beavers and John Smith, is hard at work in various projects related to emergency preparedness.

Foremost is the Disaster Response Survey, which will help our Fire and Rescue Personnel identify possible needs within our community during prolonged power outages, winter storms, and other events. The information is confidential, and used only for this purpose. The Survey has been distributed at the Danby Fun Day, the Bald Hill neighborhood Block Party, the West Danby Picnic, and our local churches; and will be distributed at other future events.

If you have not yet completed the Survey, you can pick it up at Town Hall or download it from the Town's website, [town.danby.ny.us/]. Please return your surveys to Carol Sczepanski, Town Clerk, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850. It just takes a couple of minutes to fill out, and will help our first responders.

Are you ready? Summer is over, and time for more bumpy weather, such as possible high winds, winter storms, and power outages. Please be sure to pick up an Emergency Information Kit from the Danby Town Clerk, or visit [www.tompkinsready.org/]. TompkinsREADY is the web site for emergency information related to our area and has extensive information on preparing for these bumps. Be sure you know your neighbors so you can lend each other a hand. ❁

FIRE/RESCUE THANK YOU

The family of Erik Gaden would like to thank all who responded to the fire/rescue call on August 15th at Erik's home. Your response time was quick, your knowledge and efficiency was comforting. Your caring was unbelievable.

Thank you to the Danby Volunteer Fire Company, West Danby Fire Company, Bangs Ambulance Service, and Guthrie Air. ❁

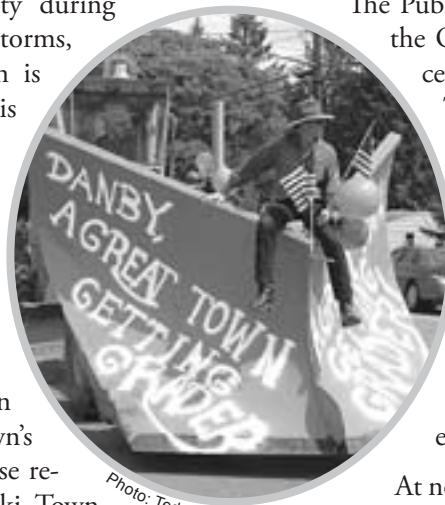


Photo: Ted Crane

SENIOR CITIZEN'S FAIR

Submitted by Danielle Conte, TC Office for the Aging

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging is offering a Public Hearing and Senior Citizens' Fair on Thursday, October 25, at Titus Towers, 800 South Plain Street. Registration begins at 9:30am. Seniors, agency representatives and interested community members are invited to attend.

The Public Hearing is a chance for people to tell the Office for the Aging about issues or concerns they have about services for seniors in Tompkins County, and to give comment on the proposed plan of work for 2008.

Following the Public Hearing, a Senior Citizens' Fair is planned, including presentations on Diabetes Management, Saving Energy and Green Living for Older Adults, What You Should Know About Cancer Screening, and "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 607.274.5490 to RSVP. ❁

PROJECT CARE

Submitted by Trina Schickel, TC Office for the Aging

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging needs volunteers to assist homebound senior citizens through the Project CARE Program. Volunteers typically visit an individual for 1-2 hours, once a week, depending upon need.

Seniors may have one or more of the following types of needs: companionship, assistance with laundry or light housekeeping, errands, grocery shopping, light yard work or respite for a caregiver. Respite might involve staying with the senior in order that the caregiver might go out or have some time off from the responsibilities of caregiving.

Volunteers should be good listeners and enjoy the company of seniors. For more information about Project CARE, please contact Trina Schickel at the Office for the Aging, 607.274.5491. ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

The miracle is at hand-but like most miracles, it can come only after the darkest of nights and the deepest of heart-breaks. For life can be as precarious as a walk along a cliff, and its greatest rewards reached only by those who dare to risk everything...for what matters most.—from the book jacket of *What Matters Most* by Luanne Rice.

Kudos and congratulations to Harriet Moore, who has been volunteering for the Danby Community Library since 1997. After ten years of service, Harriet will no longer be volunteering for us but she assures me that we will still see her in the library a patron. Thank you also to Paul Moore, who has volunteered with Harriet since 1998. Three cheers!

Need to think of a gift for that “person who has everything”? Think of donating a book to the library in their name. We will furnish a bookplate for the inside cover honoring that person. We can also do these as a memorial to a loved one.

Our last collections from TCPL will arrive in October: Young Adult Fiction, Biographies, Audiobooks, Videos, and Large Type Fiction. Look for a Fall Reading list for book recommendations. Hope you were able to pick some good ones from our summer reading list.

Welcome Autumn with its sights, smells, sounds, and opportunities to curl up with a book. ❧

DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Correspondent

I would like include a story about Dick Carr’s bird-houses in my *Ithaca Journal* column. I know he has made many of them for lots of Danby folks. If you have a Dick Carr birdhouse, can you please contact me with some information about it? Thanks!

Please remember to exercise your privilege to vote on November 6, 2007. Danby is lucky to have so many dedicated folks willing to serve in an elected office, in the best interests of this community.

Please send me your “back to school” stories and pictures! I’ll happily include them in my column.

Garry and I would like to thank everyone who helped us out as we served for the first time as hosts for the September Danby Senior Dinner. Pamela Goddard

2•1•1 INFORMATION SERVICE

Submitted by Fran Manzella, Call Center Supervisor

What is the name of the program that can help you find the local food stamp office? *What is that number* that parents can call to get referrals to programs serving teens? *I can’t remember who* I call to find housing assistance programs in my community!

You don’t have to remember a name or a 7- or 10-digit number. You don’t even have to look in the phone book. You just need to remember three numbers: 2-1-1.

Tompkins County residents can now dial 2-1-1 to find health care, services for seniors, programs for people with disabilities, mental health services, legal assistance, addiction treatment, employment, housing, food resources, consumer information, transportation, day care, and other community services.

Callers speak with an information and referral specialist with access to a database of hundreds of not-for-profit and government organizations that provide services in Tompkins County. Specialists are available 24 hours a day, every day including weekends and holidays.

2-1-1 Tompkins is free, confidential, consumer-focused, and non-judgmental. Referrals to services are based solely on callers’ needs. Interpreter Services are available for callers who do not speak English.

Cellular service for 2-1-1 is under development. In the meantime, dial toll-free 877.211.8667 (211.TOMP). Look on the web, too: [211tompkins.org/]. ❧

entertained the group with her lyrical songs of days long past.

It’s a bit sad to close up at the end of summer. Flower pots are emptied and stored away, as has been my little blue pool that I enjoyed so much on hot days. The casual feel of flip-flops, driving to the ice cream stand, and keeping the kids up late has been replaced with sneakers, milk and cookies after homework and an early bedtime. Autumn is my favorite time of the year and I look forward to it, but I do get a little nostalgic for the easy days of summer, those that fly by faster and faster each year, don’t you think?

Is there anyone out there who can do something with that empty building that housed The Danby Market? It would be so great to see some activity in there again and it would be a boost to the Danby community. ❧

Community Council Youth Programs October 2007

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 at the Town Hall and on the web.

For Tom's programs, to have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Tom Archibald, 607.272.2292 x222, [tga4@cornell.edu], or visit [http://www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm].

Primitive Pursuits—Grades 4-8

Danby Federated Church

Mondays, September 17–December 17 (3:30-6:30pm)
(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 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. This time around, we will focus on working towards an overnight in the woods!

Let's Do Lunch!—Grades 6-7

Boynton Middle School

Tuesdays during lunch,
(dates TBA)

Join us during lunch period for a more relaxed, enjoyable experience with your friends. We'll go to our own room and do whatever we want as we eat. We could play games, do arts and crafts, or just chat about whatever is on your mind. You will find that lunch at school can be more healthy and happy than you thought.

Video Visions—Grades 4-8

Boynton Middle School

Thursdays, September 27-December 13 (3:30-5:30pm)

We all see the world through different lenses. Wouldn't it be fun to share how you see the world by making your own video? Join us for this exciting new program as we use a hand-held digital video camera to explore, capture, and share the world around us. We will get to use cool video editing programs on the computer to help turn your raw footage into the video you want it to be. We'll also visit different spots, using video recording as a new way to view "community," and as a way to share your video vision with the rest of the world.

Tom adds, *"The more the merrier, so please don't hesitate to try these wonderful free programs. Home-schoolers are more than welcome. Wherever you are, in or near Danby, just come! See you soon!"* ❁

Correction: the *Water Wizards* article that appeared in the September *Danby Area News* was co-written by Bill Foster.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Even though Danby is a member of FEMA and NFIP, this only entitles residents to lower cost federal flood insurance. Most likely their homeowners/renters insurance does not cover flood damage.

Residents must ask for—and get—an extra rider.

The definition of "flood" in the minds of Danby residents can be very different from the precise insurance company terminology.

Typical insurance policies include many kinds of water damage under the term "Flood Damage" and won't pay a cent unless there is an extra federal (FEMA) flood insurance rider. Meaning, if someone lives on high ground, but their first floor is wrecked by a heavy rain,

a sewer pipe line break, or a water pipe break...that's a "flood" and must have federal insurance to cover damages. If high winds rip off part of a roof and the house interior is damaged by rain, that's a "flood" and, again, federal flood insurance is required for reimbursement.

Of course there is always the possibility of real floods--flash floods, mud slides, and slow rising, but devastating water levels in low lying areas.

So many people tell me, "I have homeowners insurance and live on high ground, I have nothing to worry about." That is a complete fairy tale in this day and age!

My main message is to get people to check with their insurance provider to make sure a federal flood insurance rider is included in their policy. If not, they need to add it ASAP! ❁

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Sep 29 • Sat

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Movie: 101 Ways to Retire...or Not!

Sep 30 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Concert: Matt & Shannon Heaton

Oct 1 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting, followed by budget work

Oct 4 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Danby Senior Citizens, mtg and Dish-to-Pass Luncheon

Oct 8 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Meeting, followed budget work

Oct 9 • Tue

10:30–11:30am 🏠 Town Hall
Meet Your Representatives—County Rep Frank Proto
and Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich

Oct 11 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting

Oct 18 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting

Oct 22 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board, budget work session

Oct 23 • Tue

6pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Emergency Mgmt Planning Committee

Oct 27 • Sat

3–6pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Community Council Halloween Party

Oct 31 • Wed

5–7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Trunk or Treat Halloween Party

Nov 3 • Sat

5pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
Harvest Supper and Meet the Candidates

Jul 12, 2008 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

Seniors Strength Training Group 🏠 Federated Church
Mondays, 9am.

West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏠 WD Fire Hall
2nd Monday, 7pm.

Danby Fire Commissioners 🏠 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall
3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm.

Danby Fire Company 🏠 Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.

Danby Food Pantry 🏠 Federated Church
3rd Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm

Danby Community Library Reading Group 🏠 Town Hall
4th 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 Fire Hall • 1780 Danby Road

🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • Sylvan Lane, off Rt.34/96

🏠 Danby Federated Church • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 American Legion Hall • 1231 Danby Road

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