

DANBY AREA NEWS

EXPANDING THE DANBY FARMERS' MARKET

Submitted by Christel Trutmann

Calling all Danby-area producers, craftspeople, and entertainers! Beginning on July 1, the youth-run farmers' market will offer produce at the Danby Fire Station pavilion, every Thursday afternoon, 3:30–6:30pm.



Now in its third summer, it's time for the market to expand. This is a chance for Danby-area artisans and entrepreneurs to sell and publicize

their goods and services, attract new business, and enrich the Danby community. Whether you grow flowers, bake pies, sell antiques, or play music, you're welcome to come pioneer the first summer of the expanded Danby Farmers' Market!

To get involved, get information, or make suggestions, contact Christel Trutmann, [cst47@cornell.edu]. ❀

News Flash:

After attending an informative training session regarding treating allergies, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke, conducted by Peter Goodman at the Danby Fire Station on June 15, I left the station for home around 8:30pm.

Much to my amazement, I, Beatrice Hogben, saw a black bear go "lumbering" across 96B from the Hornbrook Road area and across the lawn of the Danby Fire Station. A deer was also standing on the lawn looking at the bear, acting as though he could not believe his eyes either.

I'd heard there were bears in the area. Now I believe it. ❀



FUN DAY AND PARADE

Red, White, and Blue, and Safety, Too!

Celebrating more than 25 years of this event on Saturday, July 11, and helping our hard-working fire and emergency medical volunteers.

What's Happening?

10:00 Fun Begins!
10:30 Parade
12:00 Famous Danby Fire Co. Chicken BBQ
3:00 Chinese Auction Drawing

Music:

Noon-12:45 West Danby Henry Ford String Throttlers
1:00-1:45 The Hogben Family Crane Hill Trio
12:45-1:45 Flunk School
2:00-3:00 Vince Mazzarella's Hound Dogs Blues Band

Any questions, contact us! Sue Beeners, 607.277.0799 or [sbeeners@aol.com]; Sharon and John Gaden, 607.659.3116 or [danby071302@yahoo.com]; or Barbara Robinson, 607.273.8987

Parade Details:

The Theme is *Red, White, and Blue, and Safety, Too!* All'y'all join in with your float or walking group. Deadline for applications is July 6, contact Amy Cusimano, [amymc@twcny.rr.com] or Sue Beeners. Remember, line-up is at 9:30am near Dobson's Danby Motors, and the Parade marches out at 10:30am.

Danby Road will be closed during the parade, 10:30am–Noon, from the intersection of Danby Road with Miller Road to Bald Hill Road. A detour will be marked along West Miller, Comfort, Lieb, and Bald Hill Roads. ❀

COMM COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by June Pollack

Asher Hockett, the DCC treasurer, and June Pollack DCC member, reported on a meeting with the United Way. Budget procedures and funding were discussed. We learned that there is a \$3000 FOCUS grant geared
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DANBY AL BLOCK PARTY

Submitted by Ian Guest and George Blanchard

Each year, our local American Legion hosts a community Block Party. While this event is Post 221's largest yearly fundraiser, it also offers a great opportunity for local residents to get out, spend some time with friends and family, and to meet other community residents.

This year, we'd like to extend an invitation to all Danby residents to join us for the 7th Annual Block Party. Have some fun with us on July 18, starting at 2pm.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Ithaca VFW Van Shuttle Service, the Coddington Cemetery, the Ithaca Veterans Day Parade, and Post 221.

The usual, hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage, salt potatoes chips and beverages will be available the entire day. Club Members and local residents also donate a variety of salads and deserts.

Raffles, Music, and a Live Auction are mainstays for this event. Additional opportunities for fun are in the planning stages.

If this date does not fit your schedule, please consider donating to this worthy cause. Donations of money, gift certificates, or auctionable items in new or like-new condition, are now being accepted for the Live Auction. For info, contact Ian Guest, 607.272.1129. ❄

Community Council, continued from front page— towards programs that develop Middle School decision making. The program will be led by Laura Smith, the Youth Coordinator from Cooperative Extension. The UW also wondered whether the Danby Area News could be delivered electronically but, while the DAN is available on the web, there is little advantage to not delivering individual copies.

The DCC is reviewing its newsletter guidelines and policies. It is agreed that this is a collaborative effort between DCC and the Town Board. The discussion centered on fairness and objectivity in reporting, and concern about candidates statements in DAN. DCC does not want its mission of community building overshadowed by possible political overtones.

June Pollack reported that many requests have come in for Youth Scholarships, and that 75 percent of this year's funds have already been awarded. [Since the meeting,

GET FIRED UP!

Smoke is banking down, alarms are blaring, the fire is growing and it's getting hotter! **Do you have what it takes?**



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tions that are realistic, yet completely safe for trainees. The trailer combines interactive "SmartProps" with smoke, heat, and digital flames to create the most comprehensive and realistic fire training experience possible.

The Fire Safety Trailer, sponsored by *Flax*, will be on-site during Danby Fun Day on July 11. **Do you have what it takes?** ❄

the remainder of the allocated funds have been awarded. We are sorry, and wish we could do more.]

Ted Crane reported that the DCC now has a web presence, [town.danby.ny.us/DCC], as a part of the new Town web page. Minutes and announcements will be available online, along with the Danby Area News.

The DCC concert series continues with a folk concert featuring Richie Stearns and Steve Selin in the Town Hall on June 21 at 3pm. A local band, the /West Danby String Throttlers/ will play at the West Danby picnic on August 29. Bob Lieberman's film /Last Stop in Kew Gardens/ may be shown in the fall.

The DCC hopes to provide summer activities at Jennings pond during the summer (see Julie Kulik's separate article).

The next meeting of the Danby Community Council will be on July 2, at 7pm in the Town Hall. ❄

TOWN OBSERVER

A short extract from Joel Gagnon's Broader View articles

Town Board

Two local laws and a proposal to commit the town to participate in a new health consortium were all on the agenda for June.

The public hearings on the local laws (the Right to Engage in Agricultural Activity in the Town of Danby, and changes to its Subdivision Regulations) were thinly attended, but the comments covered the full range of reasons to be in support or opposition.

There was some discussion regarding the mention of CAFOs (concentrated animal feeding operations) in the "Right to Engage" law. It simply states that Danby is not an appropriate place for CAFOs. The sense of the Town Board was that the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force should propose an amendment to the Danby Zoning Ordinance to outlaw CAFOs outside of agricultural districts. Such a change would have very limited applicability since most of the Town is in an agricultural district, but it was pointed out that some CAFOs--such as large poultry operations--do not need a lot of land. The law passed, 3/2, with Beavers and Salino voting against and Connors, Klein, and Dietrich in favor.

The vote on amending the Subdivision Regulations went the same way. The changes apply to only lots created by permit and do not affect those created after consideration by the Planning Board. Lots eight acres or larger can now be created by permit as often as desired, and lots smaller than eight acres can now be split from a parent parcel once every three years. Lots created by permit still need to conform to standard criteria; the Planning Board is still the path of choice for unusual situations and complex subdivisions.

The proposal to create a health insurance consortium of Tompkins County municipalities is coming to a critical decision-making juncture. The potentially participants have been asked by the Council of Governments to commit to the plan by July 1. Danby, like the other small municipalities, is expected to have substantial cost savings and enhanced benefits to covered workers. The Town Board voted unanimously to become one of the partners in the new venture.

In other action, the Board reviewed plans for a public meeting on the impact of natural gas drilling, scheduled for June 15. Kathy Halton, a volunteer for this effort, did a lot of the prep work for this meeting.

Ronda Roaring, during the privilege of the floor section of the meeting, reminded the Board that a year has elapsed since she pointed out that the fines specified by the Dog Control Ordinance have not changed since the ordinance was passed and are completely inadequate in today's dollars.

On behalf of the Highway Department, Laura Shawley reported that the new radios (promised by the County) have been received, that the crew are all trained in their use, and that the radios are now in service. The Highway Department received a NYSEDA (NYS Energy Research and Development Authority) grant (\$1650) to install new energy-efficient lights at the highway barn. The highway crew is down one worker since the recent retirement of Gary Hollenbeck. The department is trying to postpone hiring a replacement, to save money, but Shawley reported that Highway Superintendent Carl Seamon will want to replace him at some point.

Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor, reported that he is working on getting the Cornell Veterinary College to collaborate with the Tompkins County SPCA to provide veterinary services as part of the vet school training. The construction of a new treatment facility, adjoining the SPCA's building, has been proposed. The hope is to save the SPCA money on treatment, while enhancing the educational training of the veterinary college.



Danby Fun Day & Parade

SATURDAY JULY 11TH, 2009, 10:00AM-3:00PM

Red, White and Blue- and Safety, too!

DANBY FIRE STATION 1780 DANBY RD

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SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Updates this month on gas well drilling, emergency management, summer community get-together, CSEA agreements, NYSERDA, and budgets.

A well-attended gas drilling information session was held on June 15. One of the requests made during the evening was for information on specific topics, in addition to a general overview. We're ready to arrange follow-up on any topics that you'd like to know about.

The H1N1 "Swine" Flu has properties that make it unlike other flu outbreaks in the past. Training and preparation for continuity of Town services are now weekly topics of discussion, as the Town tries to stay ahead of this learning curve. We are concerned that the general community is informed about the need to pre-plan. We will have information available and will schedule workshops. Please watch for more information.

Some of our neighborhoods are planning community get-togethers. We encourage efforts that bring residents together. If you would like organizational help, or would like to sponsor a get-together, please feel free to contact me for assistance.

This is a "contract negotiation year" with the union representing our highway workers. I am sure you have all read articles describing how the NY State pension fund is in trouble. You guessed it, they will be looking to the taxpayer to bail them out. This, and a large jump in health insurance costs (if the Town does not benefit from the proposed county-wide insurance cooperative) will dramatically affect our budget. As a result, this year's negotiations are somewhat different than previous ones. Updates in August.

The Town recently participated in an energy audit with NYSERDA. We have received their report and will have met with them by the time you read this. We believe that, if recommendations are implemented, there will be a sizable decrease in our energy consumption at the Town Hall and the Highway Barns.

The County and State budgets, along with the union contract negotiations and costs associated with additions to our Fire Station, pose a unique situation for the Town this fall. State revenues will decrease, County services will decrease, and the Town is facing expenses for the maintenance or replacement of aging Highway equipment. The Highway Department will present its recommendations for equipment replacement in July.

It's a challenge.

Otherwise, my garden is doing well with just enough rain. I truly love the taste of fresh veggies from the garden. Enjoy the long days, June, so far, is being a good month.

Please address comments or questions to me at 607.227.2434 or [supervisor@town.danby.ny.us]. ☘

FIRE STATION UPDATE

Submitted by Ralph Bowles, Fire Commissioner

The proposed addition to the Danby Fire House is struggling. Our cost estimates (done by a professional in that line of business) were well below the construction bids; we are required to obtain competitive bids in four disciplines: General, Heating and Air Conditioning, Electrical, and Plumbing.

All the bids came in too high, so we cut back our requirements and re-bid. Those bids were OK, except Plumbing. We have now re-bid Plumbing and are approaching satisfactory costs.

Since we have already gone to the public and passed a referendum on the original cost estimates, we are trying to bring the cost within that range. Let's hope we can start construction soon.

In the meantime, Fun Day is coming up. We, the Commissioners, plan to do the chicken barbeque as "Famous" as ever. See you all there. ☘

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BALD HILL SALE & PARTY

Residents of Bald Hill Road are invited to join the Third Annual Block Party weekend!

On Saturday, August 22, 8am-1pm, we're having a Bald-Hill-wide garage sale. Advertisements for the sale will be placed in the Ithaca Journal. Please consider having a sale at your Bald Hill home.

On Sunday, August 23, 4pm, we'll have a BBQ/pot-luck dinner at Jennings Pond. The pie-baking contest and pie tasting begins at 6pm. All Bald Hill residents are welcome to attend and enter a pie, and the best pie baker on Bald Hill Road will be crowned!

Questions? Contact Jean at [jeanrowley@gmail.com] or 607.277.0547. ❄

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Submitted by Sheila Enstine

The Military Family Support Group provides emotional and practical support to military families in our area. If you have a loved one currently serving in the military, or if you have served and would like to share your insights and experiences, please join us at our next meeting on July 28.

We meet at the Danby Federated Church, on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings begin with a dish-to-pass meal at 6:30pm. Occasional guest speakers provide information to help us better support our service members.

We are not affiliated with any branch of the United States Department of Defense, and our meetings are open to family members of any military personnel, regardless of the branch of service involved. For more information, call me at 607.220.9664. ❄

SHORTER NOTICES!

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, July 9, 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. ❄

AT THE DANBY FED CHURCH

Fuller, Soyring, Friends in Concert

Come hear our own Sallie Fuller and Heather Soyring in concert at 7pm on Friday, July 10.

Sallie is a gifted songwriter, a wonderful musician, and a talented singer. Many songs at the concert will be from her debut CD, *Slow Miracle* as well as new arrangements of old favorites and new songs. Heather's ethereal voice blends perfectly with Sallie's rich vocals. Their friends join them on the cello and keyboard.

Check Sallie out at [twfuller.com/sallie/] and [ourstage.com/fanclub/salliefuller/].

Sundaes on Wednesday

The Danby Federated Church invites the community to its *Sundaes on Wednesday* events, at 7pm every Wednesday, July 29-August 19 on the lawn in front of the church. There will be entertainment! No fee, but donations will be accepted. ❄

RETIREMENT CONGRATS!

My husband, Garry Huddle, has only worked two full-time jobs during his adult life. He started work at a union apprentice at the Cayuga Press in 1964, right after being graduated from high school. In 1994, he was recruited by Cornell University as a purchasing agent. Through the years, Garry has learned all aspects of the printing trade, from the old days of linotype machines to present day, high-tech computers.

On June 30, Garry retired from Cornell and entered into the next, new chapter of his life. He expects to continue doing what he has always enjoyed, such as golfing, fishing, hunting, gardening, and travelling. New hobbies will be his motorcycle and helping out when needed during the summer months with granddaughters Marci and Maddi.

Garry also looks forward to spending more time as Danby Town Justice. In just a little over a year on the bench, Garry has performed numerous wedding ceremonies and might just arrive at upcoming happy events such as that on his new motorcycle!

I'm busy making a "honey do" list for Garry but, most likely, he will work on it only after completing what he says might be his most important post-retirement decision, which way to swing the hammock! Congratulations, Garry, we are very proud of you—Gay and all the family. ❄

DANBY TRAILS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

The Danby Trails Advisory Committee met on June 9 at the home of Marika Briggs.

We got down to business at our June 9 meeting, transferring lines from the map we created previously—which were rubbing off—to tracing paper. We included all the existing roads and proposed trails, and intend to add natural, historic, and cultural features and the UNAs at our next meeting. The map will ensure that the trails will connect to these features.

The committee noted that the northeast part of Danby is not yet served by trails; we hope to address this, perhaps by the acquisition (either outright or via conservation easement) of Bonnie Tyler's property with its wooded creek and gorge.

It has become clear that the Committee should seek out involvement from 1) residents, 2) State agencies, 3) Town and County government, 4) local businesses, 5) non-profit organizations, and 6) the Chamber of Commerce. We need to answer several questions:

- Should a *Friends* group or some other organization be established to represent Danby trails?
- Will the Town fund any of the expense of creating these trails?

A number of people are in favor of a trail connecting Jennings Pond to the Michigan Hollow Trail, but there are valid concerns that it might disturb the otters and orchids at the back of the pond and nesting rails in the wetland area.

Ronda has contacted Jim Loomis of the Spencer-Van Etten trails group. Although their main goals are to connect with three large hiking trails in their area, Loomis was supportive of the idea of creating a connector from Spencer Lake to the Danby State Forest.

In the near future we will need to make decisions about what kind of trail marks, signs, and boardwalks to use or recommend. We hope that some of the work will start before our 5-year plan is approved, including a portion of the Danby Park trail which may be underway in mid- to late-August.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on July 15 in the Town Hall. The public is invited. For more info, contact me, [rondaroaring@hotmail.com] or 607.589.4031. ❀

JENNINGS POND UPDATE

Submitted by Amy Cusimano, Pond Director

The first Jennings Pond cleanup was held on Sunday, June 14. The Tompkins County Probation Department



Jim Bond and dredged treasure: the Jennings Pond weeds! (ted crane)

crew, headed up by Jim Bond, began working on dredging the Pond a week before the big push. Since we had a very mild winter, there was a lot of weed in there. Thank you Jim!

Opening day is Saturday, June 27, with seasoned life guards on duty. Regular hours will be Sunday-Thursday, 1-6pm, and Friday and Saturday, 1-8pm.

Please remember that Jennings Pond follows the NY State Parks Department rules and regulations. No swimming when the life guards are not on duty.

Please respect the park by cleaning up your trash and picking up after your four-legged friends. All dogs *must* be on a leash at all times during operating hours.

Thank you and have a *great* summer. ❀

DANBY SENIORS

Submitted by Marjory M VanDeMark

Thank you to the Hautalas for hosting our June 4 meeting—we had a great turnout! We were delightfully entertained by the songs of Sallie Fuller and Heather Soyering, a nice prelude to their July 10 public concert at the Danby Church.

On June 9, there were 40 of us at the Merry Go Round Playhouse for *The Full Monty* matinee, with dinner afterwards at Lasca's. We're so thankful for a beautiful day for the trip!

Our July 2 picnic will be at 2pm (note time change!) in Merritt's pavilion. Please call Ted and Connie, 607.272.3009, as they'd like a count on how much chicken to get for BBQ. It's also a dish-to-pass.

There will be no August meeting but, on August 31, we're sponsoring a bus to the State Fair (it's Senior Day); cost is \$10/person. We'll leave Danby at 9:30am and return from the Fair about 5-6pm. Please call Susan Hautala, 607.272.3287 to sign up.

We meet the 1st Thursday of the month. All senior citizens, age 55 and over, are invited to attend! ❀

ENVIRON MGMT COUNCIL

Submitted by Roberta Dixon

What Can We Do About BPA?

Bisphenol A (BPA) was created in 1891 as a synthetic estrogen. It has been used in the manufacture of a variety of consumer products, including water bottles and various items for children. Unfortunately, studies have concluded that acidity and high heat increases our exposure to BPA through leaching, and it is suspected that even low levels of BPA can trigger early puberty, breast or prostate cancer, obesity, and diabetes.

Katie Kelly, the Child-Safe Products Campaign Coordinator for Clean New York, spoke to last month's meeting of the Environmental Management Council. She explained that the Federal Food and Drug Administration still classifies BPA as safe, even though 93 percent of government funded low-dose studies have found harm. Canada has deemed BPA unsafe and is implementing a ban, and twenty states in the U.S. are acting independently to ban BPA. Within New York

State, Suffolk County has already passed a ban.

There are several reasons to support local action: federal laws take longer to update; local laws can be stronger; and local laws create momentum and bring attention to the issue. After Katie's presentation, the EMC voted to support a Tompkins County ban on products containing Bisphenol A (including baby bottles and sippy cups, toys for age 3 and under, and infant formula cans and bottles).

Working to get BPA children's products out of the marketplace is the first step. Major changes are occurring, but lobbyists and industry are voicing strong opposition to bans. Part of Katie's job includes doing outreach to daycares and nursery schools on how to choose safe products. She is also available for "Healthy Home Parties," to promote product safety education. These parties are free and there is nothing to purchase. It's a fun way to get together with your friends and family and learn more about being a safe and aware consumer. For more info, contact Katie at 734.646.2119 or [\[clean.katiekelly@gmail.com\]](mailto:clean.katiekelly@gmail.com). ❁

COUNTY REP'S UPDATE

Submitted by Frank P. Proto, County Legislator

Undoubtedly the most challenging of budget years is facing us! In order to achieve the 3 percent tax levy goal set, and reduce the tax rate for 2010, the County must trim about \$4.4 million from the budget. Most programs will be affected, and potentially some eliminated. Though we were fortunate to receive some Federal Stimulus Monies these are one-time and short lived. Agencies will be affected as well; services throughout the county surely may be reduced.

Ridership on Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) continues to increase in part due to economic need, better routing, and service improvements. Though New York State funding is slated to change, the three primary providers Cornell University, the City of Ithaca, and Tompkins County are doing their collective best to maintain the reliability and quality of TCAT. The proposed route changes were approved by the TCAT Board and should be effective this fall.

As Health and Human Services Committee Chairman please remember we're not out of the woods regarding the H1N1 (Swine) flu just because no active cases have occurred in our county as of this writing. Continue to utilize those sanitary practices as simple as washing hands, and covering your nose and mouth when sneez-

ing. Check with Tompkins County Health Department if you need specific information.

Topics such as the cell towers, broadband service, Cayuga Lake monitoring plan, sustainability, gas well drilling, agriculture and farmland protections, affordable housing, and flood hazard mitigation are all on our plate. If you'd like to discuss an issue, constituent meetings will continue in Dolce Delight on Route 96B, at 11am on the second Tuesday of the month, and at Brookton's Market on Wednesday/Thursday. Contact me at 607.277.4875 or [\[fproto@tompkins-co.org\]](mailto:fproto@tompkins-co.org) to set up a time or discuss an item. *[editor's note: arrived too late for the June Danby News, but still relevant]* ❁

W. DANBY FALL CRAFT SHOW

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

The West Danby Fire Department has set the date for its Fall Craft Show. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend 10am-3pm on Saturday, October 17 Chicken barbecue too!

If you would like to have a table at the craft show, please contact Marrell Cortright at 607.564.0020 or [\[marrell1@aol.com\]](mailto:marrell1@aol.com). We have already booked several tables, so if you're thinking about it, at least call me to have the info sent to you. ❁

LYME TICKS IN DANBY

Submitted by Becca Harber

Living in Danby is different, now that lyme disease (LD) has arrived. My friends' children, living north of West Danby, have been bitten eight times this spring and get deer ticks on most days. Nearby, I've been bitten five times in two years. Because I've seen what LD did to a friend and based on what I've read, I very much want to avoid it.

I also hope to share what I've learned from people who've had lyme and/or are involved with those who have. This info, based on actual experiences of thousands, often contradicts what is asserted by the Centers for Disease Control and National Institute of Health.

Here are some basics:

- Deer ticks (DT) that may carry LD are active much of the year, even in winter, when the temperature is 40F or above. They can be found from the ground up to wherever deer can reach. They don't drop off higher branches onto people; they need to directly grab on.
- Symptoms of LD don't necessarily happen soon after a bite, sometimes they appear months or years later.
- The symptoms of lyme disease vary a good deal between individuals. Only about half of people infected get any rash. In addition to the bulls-eye shape, it can be a different rash anywhere on the body. If you're bitten, do daily checks for a rash.
- The rash is different from the reddish skin close around the bite, from the irritation of the bite itself, that often occurs very quickly.
- Deer Ticks like long grass and meadows (mown grass is considered a lower risk), leaf litter, logs, and stream sides. They may be anywhere that deer—or the small mammals (mice, voles, chipmunks, etc.) and birds that also carry them—can go.
- The best prevention is avoiding getting bitten.

Some suggestions:

- Wear very light-colored pants and shirts to visit tick-infested areas. The dark colored ticks are easier to spot when they're on light-colored clothing.
- Tuck pants legs under socks. Wear light-colored hats if you contact things at deer level.
- Check your clothes and hat while you're out and before you go inside. Adult ticks are black with a red mark. Tiny nymphs are blackish.

Doing whole body tick checks in good lighting, especially before bedtime, is extremely important.

The goal is to minimize the amount of time that ticks are in you. The longer the tick is in you, the more chance that the lyme spirochete, if present, will enter your body.

Some sources say that infected ticks need to be in you for at least 36 hours to transmit lyme, while others say 24 hours. However, experiences indicate that there are no clear cut-off times, and that people might get lyme from shorter exposure.

In Tompkins County, if you remove a deer tick intact, you can take it to the County Health Department for a free test that will show how many hours the tick was in the person, and get their interpretation of infection risk (which will be lower than in the book mentioned below). The test results take about 10 days to get back to you. Unfortunately, to test a tick for the actual presence of lyme currently costs \$100 through the County.

According to the book, *Beating Lyme* by Constance Bean with Lesley A. Fein, MD, the two kinds of lyme tests (the enzyme-linked immunoabsorbent assay (ELISA) and the Western blot) are both very

unreliable. "ELISA tests pick up no more than a third, perhaps half, of the cases of lyme." The Western blot, much more expensive, is said to diagnose about two thirds of infections, but isn't given to most people. And the spirochetes, "Cannot generally be found in body fluids or tissues [of infected people]."



In removing ticks, it's important to avoid squeezing them, to minimize the chance of infection if lyme is

present. Grab hold of the tick at the very base—at skin level—with tweezers and pull firmly, straight upward. Put it inside a container for optional testing. Do not kill ticks by squishing them with a fingernail, as they can contain other disease bacteria that might absorb directly into your skin. An even better tool that works even for tiny nymphs is a little pry-bar type "tick-remover" sold locally for \$5 by the staff of Primitive Pursuits. ❧

BAKE FOR THE CAKE WHEEL

Submitted by Gay Huddle

Yummy treats are needed for the Danby Fun Day Cake Wheel. Please call me at 607.273.6530 if you can donate something, or just bring your baked goods (of any kind) to the Danby Fire Station after 5pm on Friday night, July 10. Thank You. ❧

JENNINGS POND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Submitted by Julie Kulik

Four workshops will remind us how Fun it is to be outside, and how fortunate we all are to have Jennings Pond in our back yard! These are *free* and open to people of all ages.

Julie Nichols Kulik, a local naturalist and teacher at Earth Arts in Ithaca will be leading these programs this year. Please join us; come to as many events as you would like. The Wednesday evening, 7–8:30pm events at Jennings (Danby) Pond during July and August are all very family-friendly.

July 15, 7–8:30pm: Clay Creations!

We will process clay found locally, make individual pieces and collaborative clay sculptures and have them fired in a kiln back at the Earth Arts studio.

July 29, 7–8:30pm: Animals of Jennings Pond.

Come explore the animal life of Jennings Pond. We'll be start by playing some games that will help us move quietly in the woods, so we can see more. Then we'll go for a treasure hunt in teams on the trails around the pond, and see what animal signs we can find. Some field guides will be provided, you may want to bring binoculars.

August 5, 7–8:30pm: Birds of Jennings Pond.

Come explore the bird life of Jennings Pond. We'll play games that will make us move and interact with each other like the birds. Then we'll search the trails around the pond for treasure, and see what bird signs we can find. Some field guides will be provided, you may want to bring binoculars.

August 19, 7–8:30pm: Sense of Wonder.

Armed with magnifying lenses and very alert senses, we will feel, smell, observe, and listen our way around open spaces, wetlands, and woods. We will discover forests and fields in fun new ways using our senses. We will end by eating a snack made from edible wild plants!

For a rain dates (in case of cancellation due to inclement weather), contact Amy at 607.272.4634 or check the bulletin board at Jennings Pond.

These programs are made possible by funding from the Danby Community Council. ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Storm Clouds don't speak. And there's no such number as zero.—from *The Geometry of Sisters* by Luanne Rice.

Youth Summer Reading Challenge:

June 24-August 31

Read any book, write a review, and bring it in to get a prize and a chance to have your review published in the Danby Area News!

Adult Fiction Summer Reading List:

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| 1) Berg, Elizabeth | Home Safe |
| 2) Connelly, Michael | The Scarecrow |
| 3) Evanovich, Janet | Finger Lickin' Fifteen |
| 4) Hoffman, Alice | The Story Sisters |
| 5) Patterson, James | The 8th Confession |
| 6) Patterson, James | Swimsuit |
| 7) Rice, Luanne | The Geometry of Sisters |
| 8) Steel, Danielle | Matters of the Heart |
| 9) Van Lustbader, Eric | The Bourne Deception |

New expanded hours for the Danby Community Library! Every Wednesday, 1:30–3:30pm and every Saturday, 10am–Noon.

Recipe and a DVD:

Watch *Running with Scissors* and make Chicken Julienne (from bretv)

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 lb boneless chicken breasts, cut into strips
- 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 dash paprika, for garnish

Method: Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly grease a baking dish. Place butter and flour in separate shallow dishes. Dredge chicken strips, first in the flour, coating evenly, and then in the butter. Place chicken in prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Add salt and pepper to taste. Pour the heavy cream over the chicken. Sprinkle evenly with Parmesan cheese and paprika. Bake in preheated oven until cheese melts and cream bubbles, about 20 minutes. Makes 4 servings. ❀



Community Council Youth Programs Summer 2009

Summer Programs require pre-registration and are open for youth living in Danby. See indicated grades for appropriate age ranges. Contact Laura Smith, Danby Youth Program Manager, with any questions, concerns or requests for a brochure: [ljs257@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x225.

Danby Youth Flyer

Farmer's Market

Thursdays 1:30-6:30 during July and August
Danby Fire Hall
Grades 5-12

If you're 14 or older and are looking for a job, or if you're younger and are looking for a great volunteer experience, the Farmers' Market is it! Be in the heart of Danby's own satellite farmer's market where you can meet people, practice cooking, and learn where our food comes from. Sell produce, learn the ins and outs of running a produce stand and other skills that will help you get jobs later on.

Team Fun

July 1, 10am-2pm; Danby Town Hall (lunch provided)
July 11, 11am-3pm; Danby Fire Hall
Grades 4-8

Spend July 1 at a working pizza party. We will brainstorm new activity ideas and design games for Danby Fun Day. During Danby Fun Day itself, be in charge of games, help at the craft table and make sure all your neighbors have lots of fun. There is no better way than this to get involved in Fun Day!

Water Wizards

July 6-9, 8:30am-1:30pm
meet at Danby Town Hall
Grades 3-8

This popular, four day program is a hit for any youth interested in water, science, and being outside. Spend hours on a 'floating classroom' boat, discovering what lies beneath the surface of our very own water, and explore a local stream. Learn about Ithaca's watersheds, and perform scientific tests all while having fun in the sun!

Primitive Pursuits

July 20-23, 9am-Noon
at June Pollack's
Grades 3-8

Learn ancestral living skills such as shelter building, native crafts and nature awareness. Explore the outdoors, go hiking and get moving! Please dress for the weather and wear clothes that can get dirty!

Computer Crazy

August 10-12, 1-4pm
Ithaca Youth Bureau
Grades 5-8

Discover the mysteries of how computers work by taking computers apart and putting them back together. Spend two days with computer expert Marty Schreiber at the Ithaca Youth Bureau diving into the world inside computers. One day will be dedicated to outdoor computer fun with solar panels and other electronics.

Discover Danby

August 18-20, 1-4pm
meet at Danby Town Hall
Grades 3-8

Explore nooks and crannies you didn't know existed in Danby, while going back to old favorites like Jennings Pond. Meet local experts in nature, animals and art. Get outside, learn and play in your own community's best spots!

The Cooking Challenge

August 24-26, 9am-Noon
Cooperative Extension, 615 Willow Avenue
Grades 5-8

Don't miss this chance to increase your cooking abilities in a variety of ways. Can you cook an entire meal from start to finish using only local foods? Do you know where your food comes from? See if you can, and learn how food gets from the farm to your mouth! Go shopping at a local farmer's market, plan a meal, learn and practice food safety, and more! Experiment, discover and eat! ❁

Rolling and Pooling

Get ready to roll at the Ithaca Youth Bureau Family Roller Skating Series. Mark your calendar now for Friday nights, 7-9pm, at Cass Park Rink: July 17, July 31, August 14, and August 28. The \$5 fee includes skate rental; it's only \$4 if you have your own skates.

Swimming and Sun anyone? The Cass Park Pool is open and the season runs until August 16. Daily hours are Noon-7pm. Passes may be purchased at the Pool (when it's open) or at the Ithaca Youth Bureau (8am-5pm weekdays). ❁

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Jul 2 • Thu

2pm 🏠 Merritt's Pavilion
Danby Senior Citizens Picnic
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting

Jul 6 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting

Jul 9 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Comprehensive Planning Task Force

Jul 10 • Fri

7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Concert: Sally Fuller, Heather Soyring, and Friends

Jul 11 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

Jul 13 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Regular Meeting
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting

July 14 • Tue

7pm 🏠 2353 Spencer Road, West Danby
West Danby Community Association Cmte Meeting

July 15 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Trails Committee Meeting
7pm 🏠 Jennings Pond
Family Program: Clay Creations!

Jul 18 • Sat

2pm 🏠 American Legion Hall
Danby Block Party

July 21 • Tue

7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting

Jul 23 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting - Hamlet Planning

Jul 29 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Sundaes on Wednesday
7pm 🏠 Jennings Pond
Family Program: Animals of Jennings Pond

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Council 🏠 Town Hall
1st Thursday, 7pm

Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall
Saturdays, 10am–Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm,
and when the **Open** sign is out!

Danby Community Library Volunteer Mtg 🏠 Town Hall
1st Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.

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

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 Community Park Association 🏠 Town Hall
2nd and 4th Thursday, 7pm.

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

Military Family Support Group 🏠 Federated Church
4th Thursday, 6:30pm.

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

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