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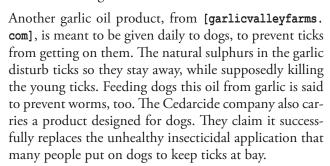
More About Lyme

Submitted by Becca Harber

There are simple things, beyond wearing appropriate clothing, to minimize the chance of getting bitten by deer ticks. Some use manufactured chemical repellants that contain the powerful insecticide *deet*, but deet is not healthy for people either, as it's absorbed by the skin.

One non-toxic tick repellant is a garlic oil preparation meant to be applied to the ground (your yard) once a month [mosquitobarrier.com].

A repellant meant to be applied to skin, clothesm and other items is made out of red cedar tree oil. Best Yet is available from [cedar-cide.com] (I've ordered it.) It's also for mosquitos, bedbugs, and other biters and is supposed to be non-staining. I apply it to a piece of cloth that I put under me when I sit on a log or the ground. I also plan to apply it to clothing when I'm on an outing.



There's anecdotal accounts about how eating enough raw garlic—daily—keeps ticks away. One friend described how this hadn't worked for her for mosquitos, but did work *down south* where ticks were so abundant she could see them crawling on the ground. She told me that her partner was a tick favorite until he started eating garlic regularly!



Fun Day Thank-Yous

The Danby Volunteer Fire Department thanks everyone for supporting Fun Day 2009, held on Saturday July 11. We hope you had fun and enjoyed the food, auction, games, displays, parade, music, and visiting with friends. It was a great success and all proceeds benefit the Danby Volunteer Fire Company.

This annual event requires a lot of planning and support, and there are so many individuals, organizations, businesses and groups to thank their efforts.

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Additionally, we thank Cornell Cooperative Extension; the Town of Danby; Town of Danby Highway Department; Tera Coates and the Danby Work Crew; Tompkins County Sheriff's Department; New York State Troopers; Flashing Feathers Archery Club; Vendors; All the great musicians; All the wonderful bakers who donated goodies for the cake wheel; Candor Fire Department Fire Po-

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Fun Day Thanks, continued from front page—

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Thank you for your support to the businesses and individuals who donated to the Chinese auction: ABC Carpet; AJ Hollenbeck & Son; Andrews Agency Inc; Autozone;

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More Thanks

Submitted by Gay Huddle

I would like to thank all those who contributed treats to the Cake Wheel at Danby Fun Day 2009. Over \$160.00 was raised for our Danby Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Thank you also to Kasey, Marci, and Maddi Huddle for their help running the wheel, and to Garry Huddle for picking up (and returning) the wheel from the Im-

> maculate Conception Church. They have been kind enough to loan us the wheel for the past many years.

> Last, but certainly not least, thank you to those who played their quarters and/ or made a contribution. It's a fun way to go home with something really yummy. I hope Bill Hiney enjoyed the birthday cake his daughter Sue won for him...oooops, did I spill the beans, Sue? Did you tell your Dad that you baked all day?

Town Observer

A short extract from Joel Gagnon's Broader View articles

July Town Board Meetings

Internet Access—This topic came up in a variety of ways during the July Town Board meetings. Supervisor Ric Dietrich reported that he is putting together a coalition to jointly apply for Federal Stimulus funding for a regional broadband network. This effort is being driven by the way the stimulus funds are being distributed. Only large-scale projects are being funded, creating an incentive for collaboration. Dietrich said he was arranging a July conference to try to get potential players on board.

Haefele TV, which currently provides DSL service to a small part of southern Danby, apparently feels that it would not make sense to expand further north. Haefele apparently is willing to provide coverage in Danby from the Ithaca side, but do not want to take the initiative in acquiring the rights to do so from Verizon.

Time-Warner Cable, citing the expense, has done little to extend its cable network to rural parts of Danby. Danby's cable franchise, granted to Time-Warner, expired years ago and has been simply extended on the same terms ever since. Guy Krough, an attorney for the Town who attended the meeting, suggested that collaborating with other Towns during franchise negotiations might give the Town the leverage to negotiate service expansion. Dietrich was asked by the Board to approach the Tompkins County Council of Governments with a proposal to negotiate collectively, with the costs shared.

96B Signage—Robert Roe, who lives next door to the Town Hall, reported that an errant driver had motored off of the highway and crossed nearly 200 feet of his lawn, destroying his mailbox. Apparently, the passing lane (intended to provide safety for cars positioned for a left turn onto Hornbrook Road) ends abruptly, with no warning, leaving speedy vehicles pointed at his lawn.

This is the second time a car has run onto Roe's lawn; the first time, his car was hit and totalled. Roe asked the Board for help in dealing with the situation. Supervisor Dietrich indicated that he would request some sort of signage from the DOT, hoping those signs could be added to the existing plan for re-signage related to the new 40MPH speed limit.

Legislative Snags—Expressions of disbelief greeted the news that the Town's attorney for legislative matters

had not been consulted prior to Town Board's consideration of its *Right to Engage in Agricultural Activity in Danby* law, or the changes to the Town's subdivision regulations.

When the attorney was asked to send them on to the Secretary of State for filing, she remarked on several issues, most notably the Town Clerk's failure to properly provide legal notice of public hearings. The notice went into the paper five days before the public hearing, instead of the required minimum of ten days. The board will repeat the hearing and action on the law, on Monday, September 7, at 6:30pm.

The attorney also noted differences between the Danby Right-to-Farm law and language in NYS Ag and Markets law. The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force reviewed the attorney's concerns at its meeting (which took place between the agenda and regular Town Board meetings) and concluded that those concerns had been adequately considered (the attorney was not aware of the discussion that had taken place in committee). The Task Force recommended that the attorney be asked to file the law as passed, as she had indicated she would do, if asked. The Town Board agreed and instructed the lawyer to proceed with the filing.

CSEA Negotiations—The contract with the union representing the highway department workers expires at the end of the year. Negotiations are soon to get underway. Guy Krough, an attorney with negotiating expertise, has been hired by the Town to assist and advise the Board. The Board voted to designate Supervisor Ric Dietrich to negotiate on its behalf.

Other Actions—The board authorized the Supervisor to sign the contract with Danby Community Council (the DCC's board had similarly authorized the Council president, Bob Strichartz, to sign it). A revised resolution supporting the creation of a County health insurance consortium was also passed. It is substantially the same as last month's but worded better.

It was reported that evaluation of the West Danby Water system is underway. A committee is being created to explore options for erecting a salt shed for the Highway Department; Gene Beavers volunteered to be on it. There was a discussion about whether the templates for local laws being prepared by the County Planning Department to cope with the impacts of gas drilling will cover more than road issues and, if not, how and whether the other issues can be addressed collectively. Marjorie Bitzer is working with Kathy Halton to explore what needs to be done.

Supervisor's Update

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

The theme of my update item in last month's Danby News seems to have set a theme...and attracted interest. I talked about gas drilling, emergency management, community get-together, and NYSERDA energy audits.

The Town's position on gas drilling is to collect and to present all the information that would affect Danby residents, particularly the effects on the residents as taxpayers.

In July, the Planning Board will hear presentations on storm wa-

ter regulations related to *all* building sites for Danby. This will, of course, cover potential issues related to gas drilling regulation. The agenda also includes a presentation by an attorney, talking about gas leases, water rights, mortgages, and sale of property.

We are working with the County on road classification material, a.k.a. "Templates," that the Town can use to help protect our roads. Danby has a task force that is taking charge of oversight on issues related to gas drilling.

After a series of discussions about emergency management, the Town has decided to prepare recomendations related to a possible pandemic affecting the Town. If you would like more information on this issue, or want to participate in our meetings, please feel free to contact me with yours interests and/or questions.

The Town has also decided to participate in a program which is intended to lead to a broadband (Internet) build-out in Danby. I am sure you will have seem more of this in the news before this article reaches your mailbox. If you would like an update on where we stand, please contact me.

The NYSERDA energy audit of the Town Hall and Highway Barns is complete. The Town Board will discuss implementation of the resulting recommendations during its August meeting.

The Town has several potential vacancies (Highway Department, Town Planning, Board seats, and winter shoveling). All interested participants are encouraged to turn in resumes to the Town.

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

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Ralph Bowles, Fire Commissioner

Recently our cost-saving efforts for the Danby Fire-house addition have borne fruit. With the cooperation of the contractors, we seem to be within budget. We are hoping for a start this season.

Meanwhile, one of our Fire Company members has become quite expert at grant application writing. With assistance from other members, we've applied for a grant that would help with the building, and for another to fund new apparatus and equipment. These are federal grants and are fiercely competitive. If approved, they will save our taxpayers considerable money.

In the meantime, we have completed our part in the "Fun Day" and it has been quite successful. Our thanks to all for their help and support.

DVFC Raffle!

Submitted by Sharon Gaden

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company is holding a raffle! There are three prizes: First Prize is a NASCAR helmet, signed by all the drivers of Roush Fenway (Nationwide and Sprint Cup drivers) and also by owner Jack Roush, that was donated to the Fire Company; Second Prize is \$250; Third Prize is \$100. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any Fire Company member or by calling Sharon Gaden at 607.659.3116. Only a limited number of tickets are being sold.

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Tue, 7pm

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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/potluck 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 August 25.

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Danby Federated Church. Meetings begin with a dishto-pass meal at 6:30pm. Occasional guest speakers provide information to help us better support our service members. For more info, call me at 607.220.9664.

Trash Talk in Danby

Leaving refuse or litter, or causing refuse or litter to be left on or along a highway or on private lands adjacent to a highway, is a violation of Vehicle and Traffic Law, section 1220(C).

A first offense can bring a maximum fine of \$350 and/ or up to 10 hours of community service. A second or subsequent violation, can bring a maximum fine of \$700 and/or up to 15 hours of community service. Please be a good steward of the town in which you live by 1) not littering, 2) picking up litter that you find and 3) reporting any littering you witness to the county sheriff's department.

It's our home, let's keep it clean!

AT THE DANBY FED CHURCH

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.

Community Wide Yard Sale!

Where are you going to be on August 15? Well, all the good stuff—and the white elephants—in town are going to be on the lawn of Dandy Federated Church. Who knows what you might find there!

Sellers, the fee is \$10; contact the church by August 10, [office@danbyfederatedchurch.org] or 607.272.1687, for information. Individuals and Organizations are welcome, but no food vendors.

Danby Community Library

Submitted by Patti Meyers

I am on vacation this month and I hope you are enjoying your summer!

The Danby Community Library remains open--and full of reading and viewing possibilities--on Wednesdays and Saturdays. It's also open for self-checkout whenever the Town Hall is open.

We will be receiving five copies of the Community Read, *The Grapes of Wrath*. Where is your favorite place to read?

Danby Seniors

Submitted by Marjory M VanDeMark

Big thanks go out to Ted & Connie Merritt for hosting our July picnic at their *Long House*. Close to 60 seniors attended and enjoyed Ted's bingo games and, later, Connie's guitar sing-a-long. Ted, with Paul Moore's assistance, barbecued the chicken to perfection.

Our State Fair bus trip will be August 31, at a cost of \$10 per person. Call Susan Hautala, 607.272.3287 to sign up. It's Senior Day, so admission to the Fair is free!

There is no August meeting; our next meeting will be Thursday, September 3 at 6pm in the Danby Church. All seniors 55 and over are invited to attend; it's a dish to share meal preceded by a short business meeting.

Community Council Youth Programs August 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@cor-

nell.edu] or 607.272.2292.X225.

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.

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? 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!

January Jennings Pond Family Programs Submitted by Julie Kulik

Two workshops remain in the Jennings Pond Family Program series. They 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 is leading the family-friendly

> programs this year. Please join us on Wednesday evenings, 7–8:30pm at Jennings (Danby) Pond.

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.

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Aug 5 • Wed

7pm 🙀 Danby Federated Church-Sundaes on Wednesday

7pm 🚇 Jennings Pond

Family Program: Birds of Jennings Pond

Aug 6 • Thu

7pm 🙀 Town Hall

Danby Community Council Meeting

Aug 10 • Mon

6:30pm @ Town Hall

Town Board Regular Meeting

7:30pm 🕰 Danby Fire Hall

Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting

Aug 12 • Wed

7pm 🛍 Danby Federated Church-Sundaes on Wednesday

Aug 15 • Sat

Danby Federated Church

Community Yard Sale

Aug 18 • Tue

7:30pm 🙀 West Danby Fire Hall

Danby Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting

Aug 19 • Wed

7pm Danby Federated Church-Sundaes on Wednesday

7pm 🚇 Jennings Pond

Family Program: Sense of Wonder

Aug 20 • Thu

7pm 🕰 Town Hall

Planning Board Meeting

Aug 22 • Sat

8am-1pm @ Bald Hill Road—Yard Sale

Aug 23 • Sun

4pm 🚇 Jennings Pond

Bald Hill Road Residents BBQ and Picnic

Aug 29 • Sat

Noon West Danby Hatch Pavilion

West Danby Community Association Picnic

Aug 31 • Mon

9:30am 🙀 Danby Federated Church

Danby Seniors' Bus Trip to State Fair

Jul 10, 2010 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

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 (4) 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 Tuesday, 6:30pm.

Seniors Strength Training Group Federated Church Mondays, 9am.

Danby Quilters Group **273.2950** Fridays, 9–11am.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

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- 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