



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE: TOWN WIDE MEETING

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

I am watching squirrels sipping nectar from the Maples, robins fishing the running water from snowmelt, and the tops of my silver birches pushing out the male and female in their separate catkins. It's so early, this usually happens in April. Life is moving here in a very visual way but, I wonder, what else is going on that I am unaware of?

Another way to watch and participate in the changes going on in our Town of Danby is to join us for the upcoming Town Wide Meeting.

Our Towns' various Boards, Task Forces, and Committees, will all be there. They'll describe to each other—and to the interested residents who attend—what they are all presently engaged with.

During the last few years, different groups have been meeting, covering different areas of interest. What are their goals? Why are they meeting, and what have they accomplished?

First responders are so much in the news lately, from all over the world. What does the Emergency Response team look like, here in Danby? Who are these fellow residents who are ready to watch our backs? Find out at the Town Wide Meeting.

Youth services are another area of interest for the Town. The Town pays for things like the Recreation Partnership. What are these services, who do they serve? Do you participate? In the face of massive funding cuts at the State level, is it important to try and continue funding these programs? Find out at the Town Wide Meeting.

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## “SONGS OF SPRING” CONCERT

Submitted by Bob Strichartz, Danby Community Council

Soprano Joanna Manring, accompanied by pianist William Cowdery, will perform during a free concert, “Songs of Spring”, in the Danby Town Hall on Sunday, April 10 at 3pm. The concert will feature classical songs by Schubert, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Faure and others, as well as Irish folk songs.



Manring has performed with the Syracuse Opera and the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra. She completed her Doctoral studies in performance at the Peabody Conservatory after a Master's degree at Syracuse University. Cowdery is musical director and organist at the First Congregationalist Church in Ithaca and is director of the Chorus of the Southern Finger Lakes. He frequently performs as a pianist and conductor, and has a PhD in musicology from Cornell.

This concert is the first in the Danby Community Council's 2011 concert series, which receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County (NYSCA Decentralization grant). Watch for announcements of more concerts in future issues of the DAN. ♣

## ZONING ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

In 2007, Danby's Zoning Ordinance was amended to require the Town Board to appoint Alternates to the Planning Board. Since then, the Board has only filled the positions once.

Comments from the public about a new proposed change to the Danby Zoning

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**DANBY NEWS NOTES**

Submitted by Ted Crane

**Danby News Delivery:** A big welcome  
to almost sixty new Danby News house-  
holds! The Spencer Post Office has kindly  
offered to help out by delivering to Danby  
residents on its Rural Route #3, many of  
which we hadn't yet identified!

In addition, they've promised that all the  
residents on Rural Route #1 will receive  
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ery, so we're relying on that and drop-  
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publication in the Danby News, there's  
two documents to read: the *Guidelines*  
and the *Submission Guidelines*.

The first document describes what is,  
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cation. If it's acceptable, we'll make an  
effort to include it; *generally, we print  
everything we receive!*

The second document gives some hints  
about how to prepare a submission.  
Following these guidelines makes the  
editing and layout easier.

A very terse version of these guidelines  
is presented in the column on the left  
side of this page.

**TOWN OF DANBY  
WEB SITE**

Have you visited [town.danby.ny.us]  
yet?

There's a lot of information about the  
Town of Danby on that site. You'll  
find meeting agendas, minutes, and  
relevant documents. You can see the  
list of happenings in Danby. And,  
links to Danby-related web sites! ☘

## TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

One of the things I like very much about Danby is that, as a community, we have a healthy small-town informality. The discussions held in our town meetings are often informal, allowing citizens to offer opinions in an open and frank dialogue. The atmosphere of our Town offices is relaxed and friendly. When people come to Town Hall, they are greeted as friends and neighbors—whether they've lived here all of their lives or are new arrivals to our town. I enjoy working this way.



But, occasionally, formality is required in this work. The Seal of the Town Clerk, when it appears on an official Town document, is one of the symbols of appropriate formality. The official Seal of the Town Clerk is used, primarily, on two types of documents: marriage certificates and certified resolutions.

Resolutions are the formal actions of a municipal body—the Town Board, Planning Board, or Board of Zoning Appeals. Some resolutions impact residents directly, such as those regarding special permits or requests for a variance of local zoning rules. Some resolutions, such as the approval of minutes and appointing members of boards and committees, are simply, “Taking care of business.”

Other resolutions have larger political implications; they are the voice of the Town regarding pending State and Federal legislation. There are also resolutions regarding potential legal action by the Town, such as in Code Enforcement. Recent examples include an action regarding a property on East Miller Road, a resolution urging the NYS DEC to reconsider the draft NYS DEC Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement, resolutions that adopt local laws, and even a resolution in support of a resolution (!) by the Tompkins County Council of Governments linking a possible statewide tax cap to needed relief from unfunded mandates. The wording of each of these resolutions can be found in the minutes of Town Board meetings from the past few months.

These resolutions become Certified Resolutions. The text of the resolution is printed, preferably on Town letterhead, along with the results of the roll call vote. At the bottom of the Certified Resolution, the Town Clerk states that s/he, “...does hereby certify that the forgoing resolution is a true and exact copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of said Town

of Danby.” The date of the meeting is included, along with my signature, the date of certification, and the words, “In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Town of Danby.” The seal's raised imprint makes the Certified Resolution legal and official. You can't get much more formal than that.

As a reminder, office hours for the Town Clerk have changed to better reflect the residents needs and requirements at Town Hall. New Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-Noon. The Town Clerk's office will be closed Sundays and Thursdays. And yes, the chocolate kiss bowl remains full. Come in and say, “Hi!”

Questions? Call 607.277.4788 or send Email to [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us]. ❧

## WEST DANBY HOUSE TAGS

Submitted by Joan F Grant, Town Historian

### Attention West Danby Residents!

As Town Historian, I receive many calls and letters each year from individuals who are researching their families. It's fun to be able to help whenever possible. This year the Municipal Historians of Tompkins County, along with friends of the historians, have been working since last spring on a project to get people interested in researching the history of their homes.

We have free cards available that are called “house tags”. This is a small card that you would fill out and then put in a safe and easily accessible location in your house. The “house tag” would stay with the house, so future owners would have an idea of the importance of the history of the house.

On Friday, April 22, 7-9pm, Roger (Deputy Historian) and I will conduct our second *Fill Out Your House Tag* meeting in the West Danby Volunteer Fire Company. We will have maps of the Town of Danby available plus a host of research materials on hand. There will be tables and chairs set up to work at and we will be there to help you fill out your card and answer any questions you might have.

This project is fun to do and doesn't really take a lot of time. The “house tag” is the short version of the House History but, if you are so inclined, we will have the long version available for those interested.

Roger and I really hope that you will be able to join us. If you have any questions in advance of the date, please call us at 607.272.7335. ❧

## GAS DRILLING TASK FORCE

Submitted by Candace Collmer

Danby's Gas Drilling Task Force (GDTF) continues its work of learning about potential positive and negative impacts of high-volume gas drilling in the Danby area, considering how negative impacts could be managed and minimized, and planning educational forums that are open to the public.

On March 23, the group heard a presentation by Michael Dineen, a member of the Concerned Citizens of Ulysses. The door-to-door petition drive done by this group revealed that 80% of those approached (over 1,300 people) supported a ban in the Town of Ulysses on drilling for natural gas using slickwater horizontal hydrofracturing. The GDTF is beginning work on designing a representative survey to learn about the views of Danby residents on shale gas extraction and possible Town responses. A number of Task Force members have expressed interest in designing and conducting a door-to-door survey. The Town Board, during its March 14 meeting, approved the GDTF idea of conducting a survey, but asked to see the survey questions before endorsing the process.

The Danby Town Board also approved a resolution drafted by the GDTF, seeking reconsideration of the Department of Environmental Conservation's Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement. The resolution reminds the DEC that we feel it is very important to address, "the crucial issues of managing wastewater and cumulative effects of shale gas extraction," and also requests a role for a citizens' advisory committee. The resolution will be sent to all of our NYS government representatives, and it's online on the Town of Danby web site, [[town.danby.ny.us/TownBoard](http://town.danby.ny.us/TownBoard)].

Jennifer Tiffany will speak as the GDTF representative at the Town Wide Meeting at 7pm, April 7, in Town Hall. This meeting is intended to provide an information exchange about issues facing Danby and the work currently being done by a dozen or so Town committees and civic groups. The meeting will involve short presentations by each group. The public is invited to attend and learn more about the projects people are working on in Danby.

The public is welcome to attend and participate in GDTF meetings. The next meetings are planned for Wednesday, April 13 and April 27, in the Danby Town Hall at 7pm.

For more info, contact Jennifer Tiffany, [[jjst5@cornell.edu](mailto:jjst5@cornell.edu)]; Kathy Halton, 607.273.0533 or [[khalton@twcny.rr.com](mailto:khalton@twcny.rr.com)]; or Candace Collmer, 607.257.5737. ♣

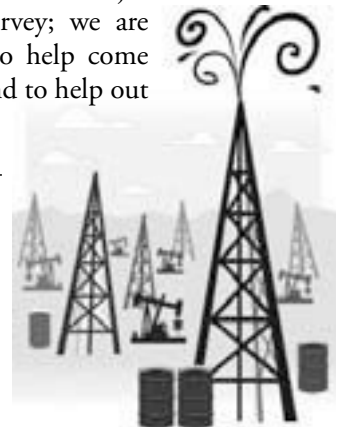
## A SURVEY ON GAS DRILLING

Submitted by Jennifer Tiffany

The Danby Gas Drilling Task Force is preparing a representative survey of town residents, to gauge local feeling about gas drilling and to suggest what actions the Town Board might take. We are just starting to draft the survey; we are looking for volunteers to help come up with the questions, and to help out by going door-to-door.

Various communities—Pittsburgh and Buffalo are among the larger ones—have passed bans on hydraulic fracturing for shale gas extraction, others—the Canadian province of Quebec, for example—have passed long-term moratoriums while the issue is studied. The state of New Jersey is considering a ban, as are various small towns in NY. Others are considering zoning changes to prohibit "high impact industry" in general. We need to consider what we want our community to look like in the future and what strategies will help us get there.

If you are interested in helping, contact Eric Banford, [[brew\\_bird@yahoo.com](mailto:brew_bird@yahoo.com)] or 607.277.0183. ♣



## TOWN HOURS

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### **Supervisor's Update, Town Meeting, continued from front page—**

The Danby Land Bank, the Food Pantry, Unique Natural Areas, Gas Task Force. What projects are they working on?

The Town is thinking about new laws that will govern the use of its roads by large or heavy vehicles; perhaps by imposing weight limits, seasonal use limits, and even requiring a bond before usage permits will be issued.

How does all of this affect residents? It is important for all of us in many ways. Learn more at the Town Wide Meeting.

Come hear and meet our various groups, hear about the projects in place, and become a part of the dialogue.

In mid-April, the NYS DEC will be holding a hearing about its proposed plan ("Rapid Waters") for the use of the Danby State Forest; that is, for the use of about 25% of the Town of Danby. Do you know what they are proposing? Does it matter to you what goes on in our State Forest?

I do believe that there are some, among you, who have an interest, pro or con, in the prospect of Gas Drilling coming to our Town. I would be interested to hear what you think. In the time we have before some form of this new industry manifests itself, I would encourage all of us to become involved in the process.

There are endeavors taking place in Ulysses and Dryden (among other localities) to ban this sort of activity. What effect would this have for our residents?

It is important for all of us to be able to comment on the projects we are presently engaged with, listen to reactions, be clear and transparent in our work, and advocate for areas of concern.

As always, if you know of an issue the Town should address, please contact me, [[supervisor@town.danby.ny.us](mailto:supervisor@town.danby.ny.us)]. ❁

### **RIBBON ART WORKSHOP**

Submitted by Virginia Freedman

The Arts Workshop will be held again this year at the Danby Federated Church. This is a free workshop, but you will be asked to pay for your supplies.

We will meet at 7pm, every other Thursday, starting May 5. The instructor is Virginia Freedman. The first project is an antique reproduction picture made of ribbon art flowers and beads.

You will learn Ribbon Art to complete this project. Please call me at 607.319.4164 or Gloria Miller at 607.273.7566 to sign up, no later than April 25. ❁

### **Zoning Ordinance, continued from front page—**

Ordinance will be heard at 7pm on Monday, April 4, as a part of the Town Board meeting.

The proposed amendment will substitute the word "may" for "shall", allowing the Town Board to make appointments, but without requiring them. Additional changes make typographical and numbering corrections to the Zoning Ordinance. ❁

### **DANBY STATE FOREST MGMT PLAN**

The NYS DEC has prepared a draft management plan for its *Rapid Waters* region, which includes the Danby State Forest. The proposed management plan appears to protect "high-use recreational areas...trails...ecosystems" but does not note any such areas in the Danby Forest. Much of the Danby Forest could be available for development.

A public hearing, originally scheduled for Candor on April 7, will probably be moved to mid-April. Keep an eye out for late-breaking info, and participate with your comments. ❁

### **WEST DANBY CRAFT SHOW & BBQ**

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

The West Danby Fire Department's Annual Spring Craft Show and Chicken BBQ will be held 10am-2pm on Saturday, April 9...with the chicken ready around Noon.

There are still a couple of tables left, but we have many local area crafters, a bakery, Finnish Bread, "Watkins" and "31" signed up. The Danby Ladies Quilting Group will be there selling tickets for its next beautiful quilt, now in construction. Lots to see and do plus great food. If you would like to participate, a space with table is available for \$10.

We are cooking the chicken in our new Chicken BBQ pit. Thank you to everyone who has helped make that possible. This year we are raising funds to buy uniforms for our new members so please come out and support your local volunteer fire department.

On Sylvan lane, off of NYS Rt.34/96 in West Danby. Watch for the signs at the end of the road. Questions or need info? [[marrell11@aol.com](mailto:marrell11@aol.com)] or 607.564.0020. We appreciate the support from everyone who comes to our events. Thank you very much! ❁

## LIFE IN DANBY

*This month's observations of life in Danby*

Submitted by Julie Kulik

Quite a celebration of Spring's Migration this month! Thanks to all for your emails and phone calls, keep them coming.

There were several comments on David Howe's Osprey article in the March Danby News, including collaborations on sightings in this area, and a recognition that Ospreys are no longer on the endangered species list, they are "threatened."

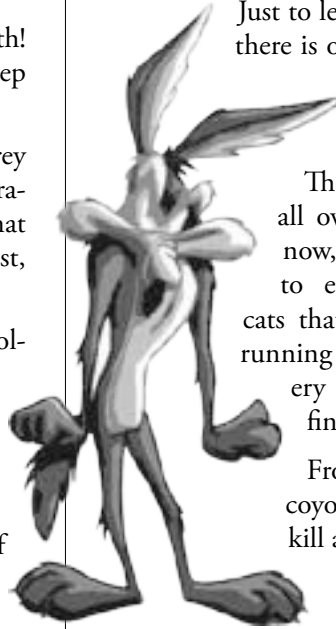
Here are some quotes from our Danby neighbors, followed by the species list. See you in the woods!

- "This week I saw the first great horned owl here in years!"
- "For a few minutes on Saturday, a woodcock made about every sound a woodcock can make, over a sloping sloppy snow melt field, right at the point of dusk that's too dark to see a small flying bird."
- "I grew up on Bald Hill Road, near Jennings Pond. That was in the late 40s to mid-60s. My grandparents lived next door and both had a keen interest in nature. My grandfather was an old-time hunter but at the same time was known to bring an opossum into the basement during sub-zero weather to keep its tail from freezing. My grandmother had beautiful flower gardens and loved feeding and identifying birds. They were my mentors and I spent many happy hours with them learning to observe nature.... Those were the carefree days when a kid could leave the house and wander the fields and woods without having to report in every 10 minutes. There were only a few houses in the area at that time; only actively farmed fields with grazing cows and sheep close by. The pond was a favorite spot for my grandmother and me when I was little and later just by myself.

As for the osprey, there was an actively nesting pair at the pond in those early years until DDT decimated many of the raptors. I married and moved away in 1966 and there still weren't any osprey at the pond. When my husband and I retired, we returned here in 2000 and built a home on Comfort Road. In the last 10+ years I have seen osprey at the pond though I can't say for sure if they nest there nor when they made a comeback. My son and I have also seen visiting Bald Eagles there. The Bald Hill/Jennings Pond area has changed a lot over the years and it's not the "wild" area that it was in my childhood but that hasn't stopped the osprey from returning!"

## WARNING: BIG COYOTE

Submitted by Linda Emery



Just to let everyone know there is one big coyote in West Danby.

The tracks are all over our lawn.

There's yellow cat hair all over the porch and, now, out of the six to eight hungry cats that have been running around every day, we can find only one.

From the paw prints, the coyote looks big enough to kill a small dog.



## DEPT OF FOUND FELINES: BLACK CAT

Submitted by Joan Grant

Found on Michigan Hollow Road, last December 12: Neutered, male, all black cat with yellow eyes. He is between 10 and 12 years old. He has been vet checked for Fe-HIV and feline leukemia, and both are negative.

If you know of anyone who has been missing a kitty that fits this description, please call Roger Grant, 607.272.7335. He (the cat) is very affectionate and someone must be missing him.

Mammals	Birds
Woodchuck (at Ithaca College not exactly in Danby, but an exciting Spring sighting nonetheless), Fox tracks, Coyote tracks (some of which looked pregnant judging by the stride), Opossum.	Snow Geese, Hawks (broad-winged, rough-legged, red-shouldered, red-tailed), Woodcock, Osprey, Snow Buntings (on a driveway, taking a migration rest), 50 Robins, Great Horned Owl, Bald Eagle, Merlin, Red-winged Blackbirds, various Woodpeckers.

Please contact me at [jnk54@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292 x222.

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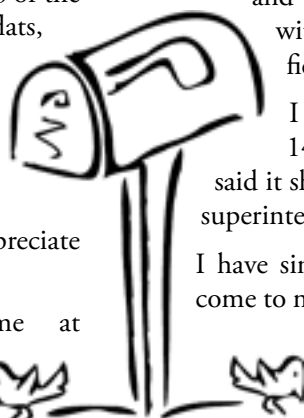
For more than two years, Melanie Dilliplane has been the Danby News' "go-to" person, our addressing and mailing specialist. It's been a pleasure to turn each issue over to her and her competent friends, knowing that it'll be prepared for and delivered to the Post Office, post haste.

Time passes, and she writes that while it's only a once-a-month volunteer job, other commitments are pressing. It would be great if someone could take over...soon.

Here's what you need to know about the job: around the middle of the month, you get a week or more advance warning, followed by a more detailed schedule. You pick up the Danby News from the printer (or have it delivered to you), you apply labels to about 1/3 of the issues, you prepare the paperwork and mailing flats, and then you deliver it all to the Post Office. A piece of cake, no? Yes?

Do you have a yen to volunteer, an hankering to help out, and are you ready to step up to the plate? It's a warm feeling to see your name on the masthead, and to know that people appreciate your efforts!

If you're interested, please contact me at [[danbynews@tedcrane.com](mailto:danbynews@tedcrane.com)]. If there's a landrush of interest, here's things that'll be a plus in your favor: ability to print mailing labels; familiarity with US Post Office paperwork, ability to pick up from the printer. ❀



## DANBY, NY 14883

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

It has always bothered me that the address of my Danby home address is "Spencer 14883." People always think I live in Tioga County. "How long have you lived in Spencer?" comes the perky question. Grrrr!

Last year I worked on the census, mostly in Tioga County, because the Census Bureau thought I lived in Tioga County. Seriously! My main territory was Candor. Even though Candor's ZIPcode is 13743, some of the census forms were sent to Candor 13734. Well, according to the superintendent of the Candor post office, the ZIPcode takes precedence over the town name and the postal service is *required* to send mail with incorrect ZIPs to the incorrect post office (where, we hope, the error gets fixed).

I asked her, "If I used the address, 'Danby 14883,' would the mail come to me?" She said it should. I consulted with another post office superintendent, who said the same thing.

I have since run tests, and the mail does, indeed, come to me at "Danby 14883." Such a change won't help our Town Clerk, who needs to know everyone's zip, but if you like putting "Danby" in your address, give it a try. Send yourself a postcard or an empty envelope at "Danby" with and your current ZIPcode. It should work. ❀

## EARTH DAY 2011

Submitted by Eric Banford

This year, Earth Day falls on Friday April 22, which also happens to be Good Friday. There will be a series of events in downtown Ithaca on Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17. Details are on the web at [[ces-ithaca.org/](http://ces-ithaca.org/)]. Rather than plan a Danby community event, this year I'd like to advocate for personal action that will benefit our community.

Let's celebrate Earth Day by beautifying our own backyard!

As the snow melts, I'm sure you've all noticed that our road sides are littered with trash. There will be a Danby-wide effort to clean up the roads on Saturday April 16, see Ronda's item for more details. I'd encourage everyone to get outside and clean up a section of the road in their neighborhood. Bring gloves and garbage bags, and see what you find. Talk to your neighbors about

## THE LITTER NEWS

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

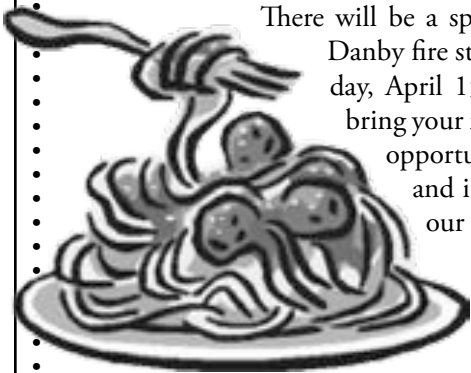
Spring is upon us. A litter cleanup of NYS Rt.96B and NYS Rt.34/96 has been scheduled for Saturday, April 16, with some groups also working on the Sunday the 17th. If you are a regular member of one of these groups, thanks for all your help in making Danby look great.

If you aren't a member but would like to participate in this clean up, please contact me at [[rondaroaring@hotmail.com](mailto:rondaroaring@hotmail.com)] or 607.589.4031, and I will help you get in touch with one of the group coordinators. ❀

doing it together. Walk around your block, reconnect with your neighbors, and clean up our community. ❀

## DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY UPDATE

Submitted by Christel Trutmann



There will be a spaghetti dinner at the Danby fire station, 5-9pm, on Friday, April 15. Bring your family, bring your neighbors; we love the opportunity to see old friends and introduce new ones to our firehouse!

Anyone who wants a tour of the trucks while they're there just needs to say the word. We love the opportunity

to see old friends and introduce new ones to our firehouse.

As of mid-March, Danby has responded to 42 calls so far in 2011.

Our line officers for the year are John Gaden, Fire Chief; JoAnne Oliver First Assistant Chief; Peter Goodman Second Assistant Chief and EMS Director; and Roger Grant as Third Assistant Chief and Training Officer. The time and effort these individuals invest in weekly meetings, paperwork, management, and keeping up with a constantly changing tangle of pertinent regulations is truly valiant. We thank them—and their tolerant spouses—for their continuing service.

If the thought of driving a fire truck gets your adrenaline pumping, or you wish you had the confidence and training to handle a life-threatening situation, please talk to us about volunteering! Emergency response in your community is covered entirely by volunteers from the Danby and West Danby fire departments, and the majority of us had no experience when we joined. The departments provide each member with the training needed to be safe and effective on scene.

The rewards in personal growth and camaraderie are great, and we need people! Send your questions about volunteering to [ctrutmann@gmail.com], or talk to us at the spaghetti dinner, or feel free to stop by at the Danby or West Danby firehouse any Monday after 7pm.

Finally, planning has started for Fun Day 2011. Time to start thinking about your parade float, vendor booth, or ideas for making Fun Day bigger, better, greener, and Danbier. Watch for more Fun Day updates in the coming months! ❀

## DANBY LAND BANK COOP UPDATE

Submitted by Elizabeth Keokosky

### The Chicken Project

Do you want to be a producer instead of just a consumer? Are you increasing distrustful of supermarket chicken, but not willing to pay organically-raised chicken prices? Here is an opportunity to turn your life around in a small but important way. You can determine what goes into your own chicken. And not only do they give eggs and meat but they also help the garden with manure.



Get started with chickens. Learn how to build a moveable chicken house and protect them with portable electric fencing. We keep initial investment to the minimum. We also help with initial startup and getting them butchered. Give us a call or email and see if it something you would be interested in.

### Biomass Project Continues Growing

This year, the Danby Land Bank has a contract with Broome Biomass LLC, to sell 500 large round bales. Broome Biomass, located in Newark Valley, is going to produce a small grass briquette for industrial combustion. We are mowing member fields and working toward encouraging a hay, straw, and agricultural waste combustion industry in the area.

Please contact us if you know of any small company, institution, or industry that might be interested in burning biomass. We can arrange a feasibility study to determine what they would save.

### For More Information

[info@danbylandbank.com] or 607.347.5430. ❀

## AT THE DFC...

Ladies of all ages are invited to a Paris (S.D.) Fashion Show and supper, Sunday, May 15, 4:30pm. Wear your favorite fashion statement and join us for this program and supper. This is open to the community. Contact Bonnie, 607.272.1606 or the church to sign up to attend this event.

Buk, buk, buk, it's a chicken and biscuit dinner! Friday, April 8, 5-7pm, featuring Chicken and Biscuit, Squash, Green Beans, Corn, Harvard Beets, Apple Sauce, Pies and Assorted Desserts, and a Beverage. \$8/adult, \$4/child. ❀



## AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marv Eastman

Well, as we leap forward, we are winding down our activities at the Legion. We have a full slate of events for April though.

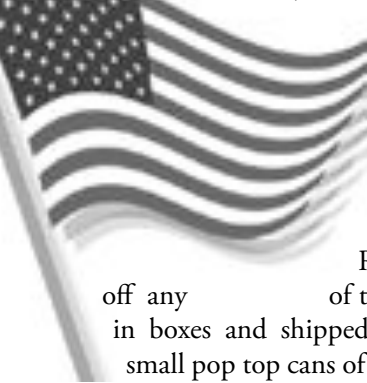
We will be having our normal Steak Dinner, but we will be doing two Fish Dinners: one on the 15th and the other on Good Friday, the 22nd. On April 16, we will be supporting Ferris Racing with its annual Chicken BBQ.

April 2, 5:30-7pm: Steak Dinner. Steak to order; Salad Bar; Choice of French Fries, Baked Potato, or Onion Rings; Vegetable of the day; Dessert; Coffee or Tea; Dinner Roll...all for \$10.

April 15 and 22, 5:30-7pm: Fish Dinner. Fish, Baked or Fried; Salad Bar; Choice of Baked Potato, French Fries, or Onion Rings; Coffee or Tea; Dinner Roll; Dessert...all for \$10.

April 16, Noon-'til: Ferris Racing Chicken BBQ. Stop by or call for details.

We are joining the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 377 on a program called *Operation We Care*. It started in 2003 and ships packages, year round, to the troops. We are looking for names and address of those from our area that have deployed overseas. Also, We will be having a drop box at the Post (1231 Danby Road) so you can drop off any of the following, to be put in boxes and shipped to our troops: Jerky, small pop top cans of fruit, packages of nuts, slim jims, drink mixes, CDs, baby wipes, phone cards, puzzles, and paperback books (westerns, sports, humor). Stop by or call the Legion at 607.272.1129 for more information about this program.



Save the Date: July 23 Annual Block Party, 2pm-'til. Band Triple Play starts at 5pm. Food, Raffles, Fun and Games for one and all.

Don't forget that if you need that special place for a shower, wedding, or other event. Check out the American Legion we have a large banquet hall that will seat up to 100 people. ❀

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The Danby Seniors will meet on Thursday, April 7, at Noon in the Danby Church. Linda Howe will be cooking ham for our Easter celebration, so please bring complimentary dishes.

Thank you to Dave and Ann VanDeMark and to Dan and Kathy Clements for hosting our March meeting with a cheerful St. Patrick's Day theme. Ted led us through a couple Bingo games and the lucky winners got some of his homemade maple syrup—thanks Ted!

In May we'll change to a 6pm meeting time for spring and summer. All Danby seniors 55 and over are welcomed and encouraged to attend! ❀

## FREE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS

Submitted by Virginia Freedman

### Danby Food Pantry

The Danby Food Pantry is one of 15 food pantries held in our County. You must be a Danby resident to use this service. If you need food to supplement your family, please come and visit us. We are open 3-7pm, every third Thursday of the month, in the Danby Federated Church at 1859 Danby Road (NYS Rt.96B).

Proof of residency is the only requirement that is requested at your first visit. Any and all information is strictly confidential.

### Mobile Food Truck

A Mobile Food Truck comes to Danby on the last Monday of each month. This service is open to any resident of Danby. You must provide your address.

### Home Delivery of Food

If you cannot leave your residence because of disability or other restrictions, please call 607.319.4164 and arrange to have food delivered to your home, either on the third Thursday of the month or on the day that the mobile food truck comes to Danby.

### Home Address Fire Numbers

Seniors and disabled persons can be provided with free "fire number". This is a large green tag that has your house number and is very clear for the Fire Department or Emergency personnel to locate your home. The Town will install it where it is most legible. Please call Sue Beeners at 607.277.0799 to make arrangements. ❀

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Happy Spring! You know what that means? Our annual Open House and Book Sale is right around the corner! Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 30, 10am-3pm. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

Please place ALL library returns, especially movies and books on CD or tape, in our yellow schoolhouse. We need to check them in before someone else borrows them.

New this month:

*Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett

*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

*Sing You Home* by Jodi Picoult

*Crunch Time* by Diane Mott Davidson

DVDs:

True Grit

Black Swan

The King's Speech

127 Hours

and various new board books for the little ones.

Look for our "Open" flag by the front door that will tell you we're open and a volunteer is happy to assist you. We are also open for returns and self-checkout whenever the Town Hall is open. ❁

## ADOPTIVE/FOSTER PARENTING MEETING NOTICE

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child? And are you:

- Over the age of 21?
- Able to develop a meaningful relationship with children?
- Have extra room in your home and heart?

If you answered, "Yes," to the questions above, please consider attending an informational meeting to learn what the next step is to becoming a certified foster, adoptive or respite parent. The next meeting for those interested in caring for children and teens in their homes will be held on Thursday, April 14, at Noon in the Human Services Building, 320 West Martin Luther King Jr. Street in Ithaca. If you are unable to attend this meeting or want further information, please call Debbie McKane at 607.274.5259. ❁

## HUNTING THE EASTER EGG

### In West Danby

The West Danby Community Association will be offering an Easter Egg Hunt again this year. It will be around Hatch's pavilion—at the corner of Short and Brown Roads—as it has been in the past, at 11am on April 23.



### At the Danby Federated Church

Ages 3 to 10 (or in 5<sup>th</sup> grade): Saturday, April 16, 11am. Helpers needed for the hunt and to stuff eggs. Please see Bonnie Rathbun to help. This event is open to the community. ❁

## PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS IN THE DANBY TOWN HALL

Submitted by Ted Crane

A proposal to create a Public Access Computer Facility in the Danby Town Hall is under consideration by the Town Board.

Many Danby residents are unable to participate in today's online world, thanks to the inconsistent availability (or none at all) of high-speed Internet service in our Town. If they have computers, many are limited to dial-up speeds. Other residents take their computers downtown to wireless hot spots...or are unfamiliar with computer usage.

For those with portable computers, the project would provide public wireless access in Town Hall when the building is open. In addition, several computers would be installed an available for public use. The public network is expected to have 5Mbps download speed. For those new to computers, as well as those with specific questions, some assistance, either on an individual or group basis, will be available.

Most of the computer and networking hardware will be donated (*Do you have an unused, older computer? It never hurt to have a few more!*), so the cost to the Town will be minimal. Similarly, maintenance and tutorial help will be provided on a volunteer (*Would you like to share your knowledge and experience?*) basis.

Opening day is expected later this spring. If you would like to participate—*donate a computer, or offer your assistance*—please contact me at [webmaster@town.danby.ny.us] or 607.273.8678. ❁

## Community Council Youth Programs Spring 2011

# Danby Youth Flyer

These programs are funded by the Town of Danby and Tompkins County, with oversight by the Danby Community Council. Most programs are free to Danby residents, but registration is required. Please Email or call me with questions: Julie Kulik, 607.272.2292.x222 or [jnk54@cornell.edu]

Permission slips are on the bulletin board in the Danby Town Hall, or may be downloaded from [ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby]

### Primitive Pursuits

Grades 3-8

Mondays, 3-5:30pm;

February-April 11 (no meeting on Feb 21)

June Pollack's (43 Hornbrook Road) (bus available from South Hill Elementary school)

We are finishing up sessions on Mondays in April, a new session will run Mondays April 25-June 6, with a sleepover in June (no session 4/18, 5/31). For this new session, all participants need to sign the new spring permission slip to be registered for this class.

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 of the day" and wear clothes that can get dirty and wet!

### Lunch Bunch at Boynton

Wednesdays, during lunch period

Look for Julie in the cafeteria, and we will go to a designated room off of the main cafeteria.

This in-school program lets you break away from the lunchroom and join other Boynton students from Danby and Enfield in teambuilding activities, special food additions to your lunch, meeting new people, and youth leadership possibilities!

### Spring Craft Clubs!

»»Grades 6-8 • at Boynton Middle School (meet in lobby by main office) • 3:30-5pm, Wednesdays, March 30-April 13

»»Grades 4-5 • in Danby (bus from South Hill Elementary available) • 2:30-5pm, Wednesdays, April 27-May 25

Inside and Outside, we will use natural and recycled materials to create works of art, celebrating the arrival of Spring! Activities may include: clay projects, journaling, water color painting, poetry writing, photography, and collaborative earth art installations.

### Spring Break in Danby: Geocaching & Golf Anyone?

Danby Town Park/ Town Hall

9am-1pm, Mon-Tue-Wed, April 18-20

(Optional) \$20 donation for this program

Enrollment limited to 10 participants

Geocaching (pronounced "geo-cashing") is a hi-tech scavenger hunt activity that is growing in popularity all over the world. We will log on to the Geocaching web site to learn of clues for finding hidden caches, then use GPS units to search for these "treasures". There may be field trips to Danby locations to find caches.

Also, did you know that Danby has a disc (Frisbee) golf course at the Danby park? We'll give it a whirl! ❁

### 4-H "ANIMALS AND MEDICINE"

Explore veterinary medicine through the unique youth program, *Animals and Medicine*. Sponsored by Tompkins County 4-H and designed for students in grades 9-12, this mini-course caters to a sincere interest in biology, medicine, and animals. There will be a \$50 registration fee to cover the cost of all program material and resources, including a pizza party at the final meeting.

*Animals and Medicine* takes place at the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine. The program will be held 6-8pm on Friday evenings, April 1-May 6. This six-week mini-course will be taught by Cornell veterinary students; lessons will incorporate guest presentations by veterinary professors with Cornell's vast teaching resources.

Each week will focus on a different animal species or group of animals, including cats, dogs, horses, ruminants, swine, and exotics. Hands-on activities will be comprised of practicing a physical exam, discovering the inner workings of the rumen, learning about different anatomy, and getting messy with dissection.

Enrollment in "Animals and Medicine" is limited to fifteen students; parents are welcomed to stay. Partial scholarships are available to assist with the registration fee. Please contact Sherron Brown, 4-H Administrative Assistant, to register or for a scholarship application. Cornell Cooperative Extension in Tompkins County provides equal program and employment opportunities. ❁

**Apr 2011**

Postal Patron

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Apr 4 • Mon  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Public Hearing: Changes to Zoning Ordinance**  
**Town Board Meeting**
- Apr 7 • Thu  
Noon 🏛️ Danby Federated Church  
**Danby Seniors' Luncheon and Meeting**  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Town Wide Meeting**
- Apr 9 • Sat  
9am-3pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall  
**Spring Craft Show and Chicken BBQ**
- Apr 10 • Sun  
3pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Community Council Concert: Joanna Manring**
- Apr 11 • Mon  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Town Board Meeting**  
7:30pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall  
**Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting**
- Apr 12 • Tue  
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall  
**Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting**
- Apr 13 • Wed  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**
- Apr 15 • Fri  
5-9pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Spaghetti Supper**
- Apr 16 • Sat  
11am 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Easter Egg Hunt**
- Apr 18 • Mon  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Conservation Adv. Council Mtg**
- Apr 19 • Tue  
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall  
**Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting**
- Apr 21 • Thu  
3-7pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**
- Apr 22 • Fri  
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • **House Tag Meeting**
- Apr 23 • Sat  
11am 🏛️ Hatch Pavilion • **Easter Egg Hunt**

- Apr 27 • Wed  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**
- Apr 28 • Thu  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
- Apr 30 • Sat  
10am-2pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Danby Community Library Book Sale**
- May 2 • Mon  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Town Board Meeting**
- Jul 9, 2011 • Sat  
**Danby Fun Day and Parade**

### ONGOING EVENTS

- Danby Community Council 🏛️ Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.
- Danby Community Park Association 🏛️ Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7pm.
- Danby Fire Company 🏛️ Fire Hall  
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30pm.
- West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏛️ WD Fire Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7pm.
- Military Family Support Group 🏛️ Federated Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30pm.
- Danby Fire Commissioners 🏛️ Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm.
- Danby Food Pantry 🏛️ Federated Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 4–6pm.
- Seniors Strength Training Group 🏛️ Federated Church  
Mondays, 9am.
- AA Meeting 🏛️ Federated Church  
Wednesdays, 7pm.
- Danby Quilters Group 🏛️ 273.2950