



DANBY AREA NEWS

WEST DANBY YARD SALE DAY

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet

Get ready to browse treasures, or have a sale, or both! Once again, West Danby is teaming up with Spencer and Van Etten for a tri-county, Route 34 Yard Sale Day on Saturday June 11.

There is no cost to participate with your own sale, unless you decide to place an individual ad somewhere. The West Danby Community Association will purchase an ad in the Ithaca Journal and submit notices to other weekly papers and online bulletin boards. We will also place large signs at the intersection of Rt. 13 and Rte 34/96 to direct people south toward West Danby and Spencer.

Maps will be available at the 4-Corners of West Danby, listing the local sales that we have found out about. If you want to get your sale on this map, please contact me, [pf13@cornell.edu] or 607.255.0443, with your ad-

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Great Yard Sale on page 4*

ELECTION INSPECTORS NEEDED

Submitted by Stephen DeWitt, TC Board of Elections

If you might be interested in learning more about the election procedure and would enjoy working at the polls, please contact the Tompkins County Board of Elections [sdewitt@tompkins-co.org].

We look forward to working with you this year and we truly appreciate your dedication to the democratic process. ❁

GEORGE WILSON IN CONCERT

Submitted by John Henderson

The next concert in the Danby Town Hall concert series will feature George Wilson. The free concert begins at 2pm (note: 2pm!) on Sunday, June 12, in the Town Hall.

George is a fiddler extraordinaire and beat-all banjo player, and a gifted 12-string guitarist, but mostly a performer who is lots of fun. He calls



George Wilson, 07nov2003 (Ted Crane)

Rensselaer County his home. Although dance music has brought him to our area many times over the decades, his performance in Danby will be a rare chance to hear him in a solo concert.

As a solo artist, he builds on his treasure trove of Quebecois, Cape Breton, and Shetland Isles fiddle music and throws in so much more. In Danby, he will be doing an eclectic mix of stuff. He'll surely pick up the banjo and conjure up the comic heroics of Uncle Dave Macon, the first big star of the Grand Ole Opry, or lay down some Leadbelly-inspired blues on his 12-string guitar. And, if that's not enough, we are likely to hear an Adirondack song, an Irish harp tune on banjo, or lots of wry commentary.

The Danby Town Hall concert series is supported, in part, by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts and the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. ❁

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Visit the
Town of Danby web page, and have
a look at the "Danby News" section,
[town.danby.ny.us/DAN]. If you're
thinking of sending something for
publication in the Danby News, there's
two documents to read: the *Guidelines*
and the *Submission Guidelines*.

The first document describes what is,
and isn't acceptable material for publi-
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.

PUBLIC ACCESS INTERNET

The Town Board has approved a Pub-
lic Access Internet Facility in Town
Hall. A wireless hotspot is already
operating—indoors and in the park-
ing lot. If you'd like to use it, register
at the Town Clerk's office to get the
password.

Within a few weeks, desktop comput-
ers will be available for visitors who
don't bring a wireless-enabled device.

**TOWN OF DANBY
WEB SITE**

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

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

The events of April 28, when a rare Tornado passed through Danby, could be described as a "perfect storm." The good news is, no one was seriously hurt. The bad news is, as we all know, there was a tremendous amount of damage done. As we now know, sixteen homes were hit. Twelve homes had minor to moderate damage, three had major damage, and one was destroyed. Nine other buildings were damaged or destroyed on Jersey Hill and Comfort Roads. Trees were blown down at

46 properties (an estimated 1,000 trees at one location on Jersey Hill Road alone) and up to 1,000 trees in the Buttermilk Creek Valley, many along the steep creek bed.

When the winds come screaming through Town, who do you go to for news? Who do you turn to in order to report the problem? How to we ensure that the information you receive is accurate and up to date?



A Town Clerk's office is sometimes dubbed "Gossip Central." As Town Clerk, I deal in "rumor control" and more, especially in case of an emergency. The role of a "Public Information Officer" (PIO) in a small municipality is similar to other aspects of a Town Clerk's job: to collect, verify, and disseminate information through effective communication with the media, in order to help citizens make decisions about their health, safety, and welfare.

The PIO's job can include coordinating crisis communications and monitoring the media, with respect to news about our Town in any given situation. In the event of a local emergency, the Clerk/PIO works with the public, the media, and other agencies such as fire and rescue, the Code Enforcement Office, the Highway Department, and the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response (DoER).

How were crisis communications handled on April 28? As it turns out, I was attending an out-of-town workshop. Fortunately, in this case, the Town Clerk was not a major link in the emergency response chain. Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich, Sue Beeners in the Code Enforcement Office, Carl Seamon in the Highway Department, and members of Danby's fire and rescue departments were on the job.

On April 28, public information was handled by the County's Department of Emergency Response. Given the scope of this event, and the fact that the storm passed through multiple Towns, DoER likely would have handled the event, even if I had been here. Information from the County went out to the media around 6:30am, advising that people avoid travel on eight roads in Danby (including Jersey Hill and Comfort Roads, Rt.96B, and Buttermilk Lane) due to potential debris and/or electric wires in the roadways. Later in the day, a "Storm Damage Update" was issued, stating that preliminary assessment of the damage had begun and that crews were out in force cleaning things up.

In fact, the Danby Fire and Rescue and Highway crews had been out working since 3am that morning, working to clear roads for school buses and people going to work.

In the weeks since, I have been making sure that response and recovery data gets to State and Federal agencies. Fortunately, the County DoER had already scheduled regional PIO training for May 4. The tornado, and the threat of flooding in Ithaca, added a layer of focus to our discussions. Recovery and follow-up meetings are underway so that we can do an even better job with a Town-wide emergency in the future.

Whether it's a tornado, an ice storm, major fire, pandemic illness, industrial accident, or something we have not even thought of, we're working to make sure that communication channels are clear and the correct information gets to those who need it.

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

FUN DAY CONTACTS

- Vendors: Sue Beeners 607.277.0799 [sbeeners@aol.com]
- Parade: Amy Cusimano [amymc@twcny.rr.com]
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- BBQ: Christel Trutmann 607.342.1062 [ctrutmann@gmail.com]
- Kids Games: Andrea Hazard 607.272.8791 [ahazard@twcny.rr.com]
- Wheel O'Treats: Gay Huddle 607.273.6530 [gayhuddle@hotmail.com]
- Chinese Auction: Sharon Gaden 607.659.3116 [danby071302@yahoo.com]
- Book Sale: Leslie Connors 607.277.1717
- Everything Else: Christel Trutmann (see above)

Great Yard Sale, con't from front page—

dress and a few items of interest. The deadline for getting your sale on the map is Tuesday, June 7 (an absolute deadline).

The West Danby Fire Department is planning to serve food off the grill at its Fire Hall on Sylvan Lane during the day.

So let's hope for fine weather and plenty of bargains and bargain-hunters in this favorite sort of recycling event! ❁

FREE YARD SPACE DURING THE RT.34 YARD SALE

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

Have stuff to sell? Need a space to set up?

Bring your Yard Sale here! The West Danby Fire Department is offering yard space at our Fire Station, free of charge. Sell out of your trunk or set up in the yard at 47 Sylvan Lane in West Danby.

To reserve a space, call Kelly Wendt at 607.564.0367.

The West Danby Fire Department will also be selling Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Snacks, and Drinks! Come see us! ❁

DONATE YOUR UNUSED INTERNET TREASURE

Submitted by Ted Crane

The Public Access Computing Facility in Town Hall is taking shape.

Thanks to donations of wireless routers by Larry Chace and John Lottey, visitors in Town Hall and its immediate vicinity can connect to the Internet.

I've already taken advantage of this availability during meetings in Town Hall, using the Internet to access and read documents and details of NY laws that are being discussed.

I have several iMac G3 computers

TO AND FROM THE YARD SALE

Submitted by Lori Robbins

Fueling Up for Yarding

On the way to the Rt.34 Yard Sale, a mere \$5 will get you a fine Pancake Breakfast, and will benefit the Newfield Girl Scout Troop 40127's trip to New York City.

Saturday, June 11, 2011, 8-11am, in the Newfield Methodist Church.

Washing Up Afterward

And, on the way home, treat your tired (4-tired) auto to a wash!

The Newfield Girl Scouts Service Unit will be hosting its annual car wash and can-bottle drive, outside the Tioga State Bank, Main Street in Newfield, from 10am to 2pm. ❁

that will soon be installed for public use in Town Hall. They're most of a decade old, but can provide useful access to the Internet: browsing and viewing Email through a web browser. They aren't quite up to playing video from the 'net, though.

If you have an unused treasure lying around the house, please consider donating it to a good cause: free public usage. One-piece computers (that is, no separate CPU tower), like more modern iMacs, would be great. My interest lies with Macs, but if you're a PC-guru and can support a PC, step up!

Got hardware or expertise? Email to [webmaster@town.danby.ny.us]. ❁

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak

Last fall, Carl Seamon contracted with Underwater Solutions, a company specializing in manned, underwater tank cleaning, to clean our storage tank this spring. The job was completed on May 8. Cleaning the tank was one of three major projects planned for this year intended to improve our service to the District. This, along with twice yearly line flushing will hopefully diminish nagging issue of brown water.

Another high-priority project planned for this year is to locate and repair all unmetered water leaks in our distribution system.



That will require locating and marking all service connections in the district and bringing in a company to use sound devices to find leaks. This spring, if you see Carl, Gene Beavers or Tod Sukontarak in your yard with a metal detector... they are only trying to locate the water service valve to your house.

The third high priority project is to make a plan either for the repair or replacement of our storage tank. Although it is now clean of sediment, it has structural issues that need to be addressed in the near future. Determining how to address these will be the main topic of discussion among the Water District Commissioners in the coming months.

Carl presented the report from the tank cleaners—including photos of the inside of our tank—to the Danby Town Board during its May meeting. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

The EF1 tornado that visited Danby will go down in our history books, and my heart goes out to our residents who have been grievously hurt by this event. No loss of life was sustained, but the damage to homes and to so many trees was tremendous, and has affected many of us.

When talking with representatives from FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency), we acknowledged that you used to plan for the type of emergencies that a reasonable person might expect...and now you should plan for everything.

Thanks are due to all of you for your efforts: to good neighbors, for stepping up to the plate and helping your neighborhood; and to the Highway and Fire Departments, for all your efforts that night.

Another topic that has our attention this month is Youth Services Program and its sister organization, the Recreation Partnership.

The Town has taken some time this month to sort the ins and outs of the Youth Services Program. Municipalities and County stakeholders are making decisions. They have to face the reality that current levels of funding cannot be maintained. Anticipating some degree of financial squeeze, they are trying to prioritize programs. Youth Services has different components, such as youth employment, community service, and after-school and outdoor programs. As we attach costs to the parts of each program, we look for ways to continue to provide programs for our youth. Last year, Danby served 41 participants.

The growth in Danby's population revealed by the US Census is also reflected in the number of youth, 0-17 years of age: up 1.85% to 749.

Danby contributes \$10,175 to the Recreation Partnership; last year it served close to three hundred Danbites with programs such as tennis, track, tot spot, swim lessons, pool passes, soccer, and Stewart Park Day Camp.

Last year Danby, through the Community Council, provided scholarship funding for youth to attend other programs.

Please contact the Town with any questions you have on this topic.

Gosh, there has been a lot of talk about *fracing* and about related laws. It seems to be the topic of most of my conversations with residents. To put it in a nutshell, there is

concern that industrial activity in the town would not be a good thing and I certainly agree with that.

So what is Danby doing on this matter? At this time, the Town is gathering information and working with interested residents to understand the legal questions surrounding this matter. The laws of New York are some of the most complex and convoluted in the country; trying to understand how these laws—and any we might pass locally—might play out is a challenge.

I am seeing this in stages. First line of defense, our roads. Second line of defense, using zoning to prohibit industrial activities in and around our aquifer, and possibly restricting these activities in residential zones. Third, looking into a possible ban on all “high-impact industrial activities”.

To put this in some perspective, the Town has been working diligently on Road Use Laws and Road Use Agreements. With two years of research behind us, we have not yet made a decision on when we can have these laws ready for a public hearing. Much work is being done, and more needs to be done. To further understand these complex issues, a series of information-gathering and question and answer sessions are being set up for our Boards.

We are hoping to begin work on our biomass furnace for the Highway Department by early summer, and our programmable thermostats and new lights for Town Hall meeting room and library before then.

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

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TOWN COURT:

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031
Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

THE DANBY SOLDIERS' MONUMENT

Submitted by Karen Laun, Danby History Group

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, when the Union and the Confederacy fought to determine the future of the United States. After four years of bloody battles and the eventual victory of the North, weary soldiers returned home. But, sadly, many others did not. Today, in small towns across the North and the South, there are monuments to young men who went to war and sacrificed their lives. Danby is no different. The next time you drive by the Town Hall on Rt.96B, stop for a moment to visit the Soldiers' Monument.

The Soldiers' Monument Association of Danby was formed in July 1866. The members of the association were Charles Keeler, E.L.B. Curtis, Levi C. Beers, John L. Hance, and Reverend Warren Meyo. They began fundraising by holding a picnic. This was followed by other fundraising events, including dances, lectures, and literary and social entertainments. A sum of \$1900 was raised, and then a vote was held to increase the fund to \$3000. A separate building committee was formed with Curtis, Hance, and Josiah Hawes.

The monument they erected in 1871 is a 29-foot-high column of Italian marble with a granite base and an urn on top. On it are engraved the names, units, dates of death, and ages of the 45 Danby men who lost their lives fighting for the Union. The soldiers, 18 to 51 years old, died in such infamous places as Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, and the Andersonville Prison. Most were never returned to their families and were buried near where they died.

Visit the Danby History Group table at Danby Fun Day to learn more about Danby's Civil War history and look for more articles in future editions of Danby Area News. ❧

DANBY NEWS MAILING SPECIALIST

We're still looking for a new mail-master for the Danby News!

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If you're interested, please contact me at [\[danbynews@tedcrane.com\]](mailto:danbynews@tedcrane.com). ❧

LIFE IN DANBY

This month's observations from Danbyites

Submitted by Julie Kulik

I love gathering stories and sightings from folks--please keep them coming! Here is some of what I received this month.

"I walk my dog over the culvert that crosses our creek every morning about 7am. Early this week I walked her and saw a pair of mallards, two pairs of Canada geese and one great blue heron in the same location, just milling around peacefully. That is, until my dog barked. But evidently they realized that she was on the leash, so they just looked over and moved a little bit upstream, but didn't panic. It was so peaceful."

"Please remind people to not let their dogs go unleashed during "baby" season for many animals and ground birds!"

Here are the reported findings this month. See you in the woods!

Mammals:

Bobcat, Coyote.

Birds:

Song sparrow, Field sparrow, Vesper sparrow, Eastern towhee, Yellow warbler, Prairie warbler, Common yellowthroat (warbler), Northern flicker, Ruby-crowned kinglet, Brown thrasher, Catbird, Pileated Woodpecker, a pair of Great Blue Herons passing through in lively conversation, Bonaparte's Gull, Barn Owl, Ruby throated Hummingbird, Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle.

Amphibians:

American Toad eggs, Wood frogs.

Mushrooms/Plants:

First "mushroom" of the year, Gyromitra kofii, widespread solitary fruits on May 1, and lots of wild Leeks.

Insects:

Lots of Deer Ticks!, a wolf spider as big as the top of a 16oz. coffee cup.

contact me at [\[jnk54@cornell.edu\]](mailto:jnk54@cornell.edu) or 607.272.2292 x222. ❧



DANBY LAND BANK COOP UPDATE

Submitted by Elizabeth Keokosky

Mowing for Biomass

The company that gave us a contract, Broome Biomass LLC, is fighting its way through the Tioga County bureaucracy to get its production plant for grass briquettes begun. Break-ground date has been extended from April to July. If our biomass contract with them does not happen this fall, we are looking for a field to mow for fiber hay. Call 607.342.5430.

The Chicken Project

We got our model chicken tractor built and first baby chicks ordered. We are linking to a local chicken producer, Erica Frenay of Creamery Road in Caroline this July, to help, learn about butchering, and get our own broilers butchered. Thanks to Don Barber, Town of Caroline Superintendent, for making that connection and Ben Boynton, local Caroline carpenter for his help designing and working with us to build the model. ✿

TAX INCENTIVES FOR EASEMENTS

Submitted by the Conservation Advisory Council

The Danby Conservation Advisory Council wants you to know that there is an extra tax incentive for putting a conservation easement on your land during 2011. Landowners who put a conservation easement on their land this year can deduct 50% of their gross income off their taxes (up from 30% in 2010).

Qualified farmers can deduct up to 100% of their incomes. These deductions can be taken for 15 years (up from 5 years in 2010). The extra tax incentives may or may not be extended in 2012.

Conservation easements can be complex, and you should consult with a tax advisor before making any commitments. Some things you should know about conservation easements are:

- They are voluntary and only include what you want included.
- They do not allow public access to your land unless that is what you want.
- You continue to own the land.

If you are interested in learning more about placing a conservation easement on your land, you can contact the Danby Conservation Advisory Council (Joel Gagnon, 607.564.7647, [joelpgagnon@hotmail.com] or you can contact the Finger Lakes Land Trust (607.275.9487, [info@flt.org]). ✿

DANBY PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

The Danby Community Park Association's Annual Meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday, June 16, in the Danby Town Hall. Elections will be held for the Board of Directors, and annual reports of DCPA activities and finances will be presented.

Nominations for Board positions will be accepted through June 15. Any resident of Danby at least 18 years of age is eligible for nomination to a three-year term, and may vote at this election.

For more information, or to make a nomination, please Email us at [dotsonpark@gmail.com]. ✿

WHITE HAWK VILLAGE UPDATE

Submitted by Henry Peterson

Some Danby citizens at the Town-Wide Meeting asked me if White Hawk is up for sale. The answer is, there is one house (of the four) for sale. While new home construction has been slow to materialize, we have new memberships in progress, with families wanting to build as soon as economic situations become favorable. One couple is waiting for their house in Saratoga to sell. Another couple is seeking local employment.

Meanwhile, there has been activity. A new well was dug near Buttermilk Creek to help out with the Town and USGS Aquifer Study. A new horse barn was built during the cold season and a neighbor is leasing acreage for her horses. (White Hawk members will use the manure for fertilizer for growing food, flowers and trees.) Our flock of chickens has doubled—even with the loss of a few to a fox and hawk.

A new CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm is being established for business this season using Naturally Grown techniques to provide a box of fresh produce each week for 20 weeks. It is called "Friends of Garcia Farm". Visit [friendsofgarciafarm.com] or contact Jimi or Jessica at [friendsogarcia@gmail.com] or 845.699.0628.

White Hawk members have presented monthly sustainability forums covering such topics as cheesemaking, sprouting, and knitting.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for June 26 and July 17. There's plenty more to come. Visit our web site at [whitehawk.org] or call me at 607.273.5879. ✿

LOOKING FOR DANBY AUTHORS AND BLOGGERS

Submitted by Dan Klein

Last month's Danby Area News featured an article about Danby resident Tom Gavin's new book *Life at Dr. Tom's: Mostly Humorous Anecdotes by a Mostly Retired Cornell Professor*. Tom's book grew out of his blog. Are there any other bloggers in Danby? Other published authors? If you know of one, or are one, let me (272-7582, [danbydan@hotmail.com]) know. Below are the published authors I am aware of in Danby.

[Editor: If you have a web site, please drop a note to [webmaster@town.danby.ny.us] for a link on the Town's web site.]

Robert H. Lieberman

Paradise Re-zoned (1974)

Goobersville Breakdown (1979)

Baby (1982)

Perfect People (1986)

The Last Boy (2002)

Lamar Herrin

American Baroque (1981)

The Rio Loja Ringmaster (1983)

The Unwritten Chronicles of Robert E. Lee (1991)

The Lies Boys Tell: A Novel (1992)

Romancing Spain (2006)

House of the Deaf (2006)

Alexander Skutt

The Warwick Encyclopedia of Boxing (2000)

The Boxing Register: International Boxing Hall of Fame Official Record Book (with James Roberts) (2006)

Barbara Behrmann

The Breastfeeding Cafe (2005)



A WORLD UNTO ITSELF

Submitted by Jim Reagan

If anyone were to doubt the value of a garden in the pursuance of peace and tranquility, they should inquire on the subject to the old man at 1240 Danby Road. Living in close proximity to two taverns and a major highway for many years, one would think that he and his partner would be chronically nervous, addled, and disturbed by this time.

The garden brought privacy and relief from traffic noise and blaring music; the little water feature helped create a whole new world. Frogs, uninvited but very welcome, appeared from somewhere and would jump from lily pads into the cool, clean water whenever he approached. Birds made a point of stopping in for a bath or a cool drink on those especially hot afternoons, as

the old man, hypnotized watching the gold fish swim about in lazy circles, dozed with the glass of Pinot Grigio in danger of falling from his hand.

In the midst of roaring motorcycles and wanton dance music, the garden provided solace and refuge for man and beast. The rosy haze from the red leafed beech tree, mixing with the western sun; the trickling crystalline sound of

the little fountain; the twittering goldfinches in the sunflowers only added to the torpor and feeling of repose that the old man found in that lovely Italian wine.

A rugosa rose, still blooming an intense pink, would send out a perfume so intense that one would think that it should have been visible to the naked eye. The old man thought about how he had carried the rose from place to place before moving to the house in Danby, its permanent home.

He reasoned that we create worlds, good or bad...tranquil or chaotic...reassuring or frightening, but it may have only been the wine talking or the spell of that microcosm called garden.



More than 80 people and 20 groups were represented during Danby's Town-Wide Meeting on April 7, 2011. (Ted Crane)

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The Danby Senior Citizens will meet next at 6pm on Thursday, June 2 for a dish-to-pass dinner at the Danby Church. All Danby seniors 55 and over are welcomed.

Thank you to our hosts for May: Joan Lorson, Mary Maynard, Mary Oltz, and George Parks!

We're planning a luncheon cruise on the MV Columbia for June 22. Call Margie 607.273.8046 to sign up; those already signed up, please make payment by the June meeting.

We also plan to charter a bus to the NY State Fair on Tuesday, August 30 and a trip to the Merry-Go-Round Theater on September 28, to see *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (a musical emphasizing the songs from the 50s and 60s girl groups). Contact the Merritts, 607.272.3009, to sign up for either of these trips. ❧

DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle

Hello Neighbors! I am looking for some new stories for the Danby Town Talk column—I am looking for your stories!

Do you have a neighborhood experience you would like to share, or a special mention for a graduate, or a new bride/groom celebration, a school award, or a new baby in you family perhaps? Do you have gardening tips to share? A great recipe? Some history of your area or of your house? I also like to receive pictures.

The Danby Town Talk column appears every Thursday in the Ithaca Journal. I write about stories from Danby, West Danby, Newfield and upper South Hill. However, I can only write the stories that I hear about, so please help me fill up this column with your stories, your pictures. I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or 607.273.6530. Thank you. ❧

A BIG THANKS TO YOU

Submitted by Priscilla Barber

Thank you to all who came to help in so many special ways.

What an overwhelming experience it was to wake up at 1:40am on Thursday, April 28, and find that a tornado was tearing through my house. On Thursday morning and Friday, many people appeared to offer their help. They worked many long hours helping me to clean away the debris.

How fortunate it is to live in Danby with so many caring people! Special thanks go to the Danby Fire and Rescue Squad and the EMTs, Danby Federated Church, and the Jersey

Hill Community. Thanks also go out to the many people who prayed and offered words of encouragement.

Thank you all. ❧



The morning after, on Hilltop Road.

(Ted Crane)

AT THE DFC...

It doesn't matter whether you prefer Pulled Pork or Chicken as your BBQ, or if the action at the 50/50 Auction tickles your fancy. Either way, or both, you'll want to head over to the Danby Federated Church on Saturday, June 18 for the big event.

You can preview the items at 2pm (or on the DFC web site, one week prior to the event), makes bids starting at 3pm, and enjoy the BBQ at 4pm.

If you would like to have an item auctioned or to donate to the auction contact Rollie Boda at 607.273.8241.

The BBQ dinner includes salt potatoes, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert, and beverage, all for \$8 with take-out available.

On the other hand, if you like to sell your own, reserve a space at the DFC's Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, July 16.

More info next month, or contact the church at 607.272.1687, Ed at 607.592.8276, write to [office@danbyfederatedchurch.org]. ❧

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Just got back from the Annual Danby Plant Exchange—what a great place Danby is to live! Thank you to Dan and all his helpers. Stop in to the Library and browse some gardening books!

Speaking of thanks, one of our long time volunteers has quietly retired from our ranks and we want to send out a heartfelt thank you to Beatrice Hogben for all of her hard work on our behalf. If you borrow a book one day and find a “donated in honor of Beatrice” bookplate inside, you will have found the book we chose to honor her service.

You can request or donate a book ‘in honor of’ or ‘in memory of’ a special person or a special event like a birthday or anniversary. We now have bookplates to put in the book.

We love our self-service feature for borrowing materials when the Town Hall is open and hope you do, too. We have experienced some problems with it and hope we can continue this service. Please, please, please read the directions provided when you sign out materials:

- You must sign a card for any book, movie or audio book you borrow.
- Record the date due or we cannot file the card correctly and find it when you return the item.
- You must be a registered patron of the Danby Community Library. (There are registration cards there for you to fill out completely and sign).
- Movies are in great demand so please return them as soon as possible after watching—don’t feel that you have to keep them for the month.

New hours added! We are trying Tuesday night hours for the month of June in order to provide open hours in the evening. We will be open from 6:30-8:30pm, Tuesday, June 14, 21, and 28 (but not on June 7). If we see enough interest, we hope to continue this.

New collections this month: Juvenile Fiction and Juvenile NonFiction. We also have *The King’s Speech* on DVD and the new Jean Auel, *Land of the Painted Caves*, the sixth and final book in the *Clan of the Cave Bear* series. We have been waiting for this to come out for a long time and have donated it in honor of Paul Moore, a former Danby Community Library volunteer. ❀

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL EVENING GATHERINGS

Come join us for these Family programs this summer. There will be an informational talk, a “show and tell” on an environmental topic, children’s activities (led by Julie Kulik), and some nature walks.

These are free programs organized by Danby’s newly formed Conservation Advisory Council. Come meet some Danby neighbors and explore new wild areas of Danby. Bring the Family! They will all run 6:30pm-8pm.

June 22 at Jennings Pond: Bill Evans (who knows a lot about all Aerial Animals) will share information about local moths.

July 13 and 27, location and theme to be announced! Watch the Danby Area News for further details. ❀

GIRL SCOUT PROGRAM

Submitted by Lori Robbins

Newfield’s Summer 2011 is open to girls—including those from Danby—currently in kindergarten thru 12th grade, who would like to experience something new and fun. This year’s theme is, “Our Great Green Outdoors”. Girls will learn how to be prepared to hike, set up shelter, sleep and cook outdoors, all while being safe and having a fun time. In addition, girls will learn about using resources wisely, Leave No Trace, how to tie various knots, weather readiness, and how to use a compass.

The program will be held on Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm at the Newfield Methodist Church, Main Street, on June 28, July 5, 12, 19, and 26. An activity fee will be collected at the first meeting to cover expenses; \$10 for registered girls, and \$12 if currently registered. If interested, please contact the registrar, Lori Robbins, [lorianne3666@aol.com] or 607.564.7031 prior to June 27. ❀

JENNINGS POND NEEDS LIFEGUARDS

Submitted by Amy Cusimano, Jennings Pond Director

Mars doesn’t *really* need Moms, but Jennings Pond is looking for life guards for its 2011 summer season. Part time, from June 25 thru Labor Day. All applicants must be 16 years old and have current life guard certifications—including water front training.

Please contact me, [amymc@twcny.rr.com] for information or to apply. ❀

Community Council Youth Programs Summer 2011



These programs are funded by the Danby Community Council, and are free to Danby residents. Registration is required. Please Email or call if you know of children who could benefit from these, or if you have a program idea.

Summer Programs may fill up quickly, so get completed forms to Julie ASAP!

Also, there are a few Youth Employment opportunities this summer for Danby Youth over 14. Decisions regarding positions will be made by June 3. If interested in employment, make sure to get your working papers from your school nurse before school lets out.

All summer programs are for ages 9 and up. Permission slips are in the Danby Town Hall, or can be found at [ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby] Questions? Please contact: Julie Kulik, 607.272.2292.x222 or [jnk54@cornell.edu]

Afternoon Rambles

Friday, June 24; Tuesdays, June 28 and July 12.
Location: Jennings Pond, 1-4pm

Come relax with other Danby youth, create natural art projects from clay, vines, stones, and other things we find, swim (when lifeguard is on duty) play games, and find hidden Letterboxes. Please sign up for each session separately.

It's All About Danby: Help Your Community, and Have Fun Too!

Tuesday-Thursday, July 5-7, 9:30am-12:30pm,
leading up to Danby Fun Day, Saturday, July 9
9:30am-3:00pm.
Location: Town Hall.

We will be preparing for the Danby Fun Day, including planning and preparing an entry for the parade, make T-Shirts, playing games and preparing games for the Fun Day. We will also be swimming and exploring at Jennings Pond (when lifeguard is on duty), and planting flowers at the Town Hall. On Saturday, we will march in the parade, and then help facilitate games for the day. Fun snacks for helpers will be provided!

Danby Girls Week

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 26-28, 9:30am-12:30pm,
Thursday, July 28 (9:30am-3:30pm)
Location: Meet at Danby Town Hall, Thursday field trip to Seneca Falls.

We will play games, take a Yoga class, and have a "spa" day outdoors with the girls. On Thursday we will take the Cooperative Extension Van to Seneca Falls and visit the Women's Rights National Historical Park and National Women's Hall of Fame.

Outdoor Explorers!

Monday and Wednesday, August 1-3, 9:30am-12:30pm,
Tuesday, August 2, 8:30am-2:30pm.
Location: Meet at Danby Town Park, field trip to Floating Classroom on Cayuga Lake.

We will create a primitive village, explore the animals, amphibians, birds and plants of Danby, go Geocaching, and go on the Floating Classroom on Cayuga Lake!

Danby Dinner - Theater!

Tuesday-Thursday, August 9-11, 9:30am-12:30pm
Pot Luck and Performance on August 11, 5:30-7:30pm.
Location: Jennings Pond

We will play theater games, and practice improv skills to get to know each other, pick a story/play to perform, create costumes and a stage from natural materials, and cool off by swimming at Jennings Pond. On Thursday night, we will meet at the pond with our families for a pot luck dinner, and a performance!

Youth Farm Week

Tuesday-Thursday, August 23-25 9:30am-12:30pm,
Family Pot luck on August 25, 5:30-7:00pm.
Location: Three Swallows Farm on Nelson Road in Danby. We will meet in the parking lot by the barn each week.

Activities include helping maintain the UPick fields, with other Youth Farm Members from SouthSide and LACS, games, Cooking, exploring land around farm, setting up a primitive village that we would spend time cooking and playing in.

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Jun 2 • Thu
6pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Danby Seniors' Dinner and Meeting
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Community Council Meeting
- Jun 4 • Sat
10am 🏡 Dotson (Danby) Park • **Trail Clearing Day**
- Jun 6 • Mon
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Meeting
- Jun 8 • Wed
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**
- Jun 11 • Sat
All Day 🏡 NYS Rt.34/96 • **The West Danby Yard Sale**
- Jun 12 • Sun
2pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Concert: George Wilson
- Jun 13 • Mon
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Meeting
7:30pm 🏡 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting
- Jun 14 • Tue
7pm 🏡 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting
- Jun 16 • Thu
3-7pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Community Park Association Annual Meeting
- Jun 18 • Sat
2pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Pulled Port & Chicken BBQ, 50/50 Auction
- Jun 20 • Mon
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Conservation Adv. Council Mtg**
- Jun 21 • Tue
7pm 🏡 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting
- Jun 22 • Wed
7pm 🏡 Jennings Pond • **Aerial Animals with Bill Evans**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**

- Jun 23 • Thu
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
- Jun 27 • Mon
1pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Mobile Food Truck**
- Jul 9, 2011 • 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 Community Park Association** 🏛️ Town Hall
3rd Thursday, 7pm.
- Danby Fire Company** 🏡 Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.
- West Danby Volunteer Fire Company** 🏡 WD Fire Hall
2nd Monday, 7pm.
- Military Family Support Group** 🏛️ Federated Church
2nd Thursday, 6:30pm.
- Danby Fire Commissioners** 🏡 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall
3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm.
- Danby Food Pantry** 🏛️ Federated Church
3rd Thursday, 3–7pm.
- Seniors Strength Training Group** 🏛️ Federated Church
Mondays, 9am.
- AA Meeting** 🏛️ Federated Church
Wednesdays, 7pm.
- Danby Quilters Group** ☎️ 273.2950
Fridays, 9–11am.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

- 🏛️ **Danby Town Hall** • 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