



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## FUN DAY—JULY 14, 2012

Submitted by Christel Trutmann

Fun Day will start off—as usual—at 10am in the morning and our famous parade down NYS Rt.96B at 10:30am. It isn't over until the Chinese Auction drawing completes around 3pm. In between, we'll have great music, games, vendors, and food. This year, we're going to try something different; we'll aim to have the BBQ ready to serve right after the parade, which hopefully will mean less waiting 'round hungry than in the past.

As you'll read in Gay Huddle's article, this year's Fun Day is a first-time collaborative effort between the Danby and West Danby fire companies, and we have elected to pass the proceeds to Danby's injured fire chief. It's indicative that no one I asked could remember exactly when John Gaden started serving as chief; it's been more than fifteen years, for sure. John and his wife Sharon *are* the Danby Volunteer Fire Company. They need our support now, and John's fire company will need the community's support to keep up while he recovers. If you've ever thought about volunteering, now would be a good time.

Fun Day is made possible with support from many wonderful volunteers, the Town of Danby, the Danby and West Danby fire companies, and the Tompkins County Tourism Program.

For more info, see the Fun Day contact list on page 5. It's not too late to sign up for the parade or booth! ❀

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## GIVING BACK AT FUN DAY

Submitted by Gay Huddle

Chances are, that while making your home in Danby you, or someone you know, has needed the Danby Volunteer Fire Department to come to put out a fire, to offer assistance, or to administer first-aid. Danby is so grateful to the dedicated men and women of the Danby Fire Department; all are volunteers who give of their time.

Now, we have a chance to give back. Recently Fire Chief John Gaden was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident and faces a long recovery. He and his wife Sha-

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## AT THE DFC...

All of these events are happening at the Danby Federated Church, 1859 Danby Road. For more info, 607.272.1687 or [[office@danbyfederatedchurch.org](mailto:office@danbyfederatedchurch.org)].

### Pork BBQ on July 13

Pork Dinners are a staple of summertime. Come on down to the Danby Federated Church on Friday, July 13, 2012, 4pm-'til, for a super spread including Pork BBQ smoked (ribs or loin brisket), potato, cole slaw, beans, beverage, and dessert. All for \$9.

### Ice Cream and Music on Wednesdays

The summer tradition, *Sundaes on Wednesdays* continues this year, beginning on July 25 and continuing for four more Wednesdays in August.

Each evening includes free ice cream sundaes at 6:30pm, followed by an hour or more of musical entertainment starting at 7pm. Yes, you read right, it's free!

So far, the Ithaca Youth Orchestra is booked for July 25, and August may include *Under Construction* (60s, 70s, 80s music), a bevy of bagpipes, and *Copper Coins*. ❀

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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 publication. 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.

**TWO PUBLIC ACCESS  
COMPUTERS IN TOWN HALL**

A second computer *for use by the public* has been installed in Town Hall. You can cruise the web with it and check your web-based Email. It has a DVD drive, so you can use it to view presentations and other DVD media.

If you're new to computers, one-on-one introduction/how-to is available. Contact me at 607.273.8678.

Thanks to Scott Stratton and Tom Loreda for the eMacs and to Dan Hevett for the iMac. Also, Barbara Skoblick for the wireless "g", available both inside and outside Town Hall.

**DANBY WEB SITE**

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

Meeting agendas, minutes, and relevant documents. Happenings in Danby. Everything in a nutshell. ☘

## TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Ah June—the skies are blue, roses are in bloom, tomato and green pepper plants are in the ground, the strawberries have been picked and the raspberries are beginning to ripen. This can only mean one thing in a Town Clerk's office. It's marriage season.

We issued more than half of this year's marriage licenses during the month of June—two of them on one day! If prior experience is any sign, Sue McLellan and I will issue several more before the summer is over.



One year has passed since New York passed a domestic relations law that extended the legal right to marry to include, without exception, persons of the same or different gender. We have seen an increase in the number of marriage licenses issued in the Danby Town Clerk's office since that time. Fourteen marriage licenses were issued to couples during 2011, nine of which were issued after July 25

(the first date that a same sex couple could apply). Eight marriage licenses have been issued so far in 2012. This is up from just five in the same time period of 2011.

In fact, we've seen a gradual increase in the number of marriage licenses issued in our town over the past several years. Between 2007 and 2009 only six or seven marriage licenses were issued per year. During 2010, that number jumped to eleven, with couples wanting to take advantage of the opportunity to get married in October (10/10) and especially on or near October 10 (10/10/10). Since the change in the domestic relations law we have issued 17 marriage licenses, four of which (or roughly 25%) were to same gender couples. That ratio is in keeping with other parts of Tompkins County, according to a recent article in the Ithaca Journal.

By way of reminder, a couple who intend to be married in New York State must apply in person for a marriage license, to any Town Clerk in the state. At least two forms of ID are required—a photo ID and a birth certificate—for all potential spouses. If either person has previously been married, we need documentation of how that marriage ended. Although the marriage license is issued immediately, there is a waiting period of

24 hours before the ceremony may take place. A marriage license is valid for 60 days, beginning the day after the license was issued.

Once the ceremony has been completed, the license is returned to the Town Clerk's office and a legal Certificate of Marriage is issued. Keep this document safe. It can be important later in life, particularly when applying for retirement benefits. Additional Transcripts of Marriage may be issued to the wedded couple, if proof of marriage is needed for other legal purposes.

-Whether it's Summer, Fall, Winter, or Spring, any couple intending to wed in the State of New York can get their marriage license at the Danby Town Hall during our regular hours. From now through Labor Day, those hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10am-5pm. If it is impossible to visit the office during those hours, I will issue a marriage license by appointment; call 607.277.4788.

I look forward to doing my small part in helping couples become formally and legally wedded to each other. Indeed, it is one of my biggest joys.

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

## Town Hours

### Town Clerk

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559  
Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm.

### Highway Department

93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169  
Mon-Fri, 6am-2:30pm

### Code Enforcement Office

Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559  
Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm or by appointment

### Town Court

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031  
Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

# PIERCE LOSES HIS HEAD OVER MARIE ANTOINETTE A DANBY FUN DAY FANTASY

Submitted by Jim Reagan

*[Parts 1 and 2 of this fictional fantasy appeared in previous issues of the Danby News. Note: this is a fictional fantasy; any resemblance to anything at all is purely coincidental. But, hey, you never know. You'll just have to be there to find out.]*

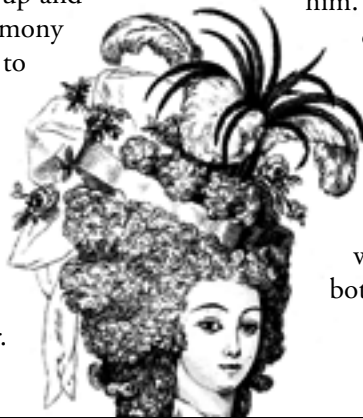
Fun Day had arrived and Pierce was a little worse for wear, not having slept the entire night, but he rolled out of bed at 5am. He drank his morning coffee, all the while peering at and contemplating a punishing corset, the enormous powdered wig, and an exquisite gown awaiting him. He figured, quite rightly, that getting dressed into his magnificent regalia too early would be a bad idea, as he had a full day of strenuous activity ahead of him, and he wanted to look his very best.

Pierce had hired Tommy Bovino, a local equestrian, to prepare the carriage and the horses. Tommy would also do the driving, but our hero worried about the man's reluctance to wear the livery of the royal guard; absolutely de rigueur, as far as Pierce was concerned. He had to slip the guy an extra \$200 to put on the costume.

Pierce never realized that living out one's dream could be so stressful, and as the clock ticked closer to parade time, he felt the familiar palpitations in his heart and the shortness of breath that accompanied them when he was overly stressed and excited. His only thought was that it was imperative to make it through the day, and then he didn't really care what happened afterwards; his dream was that important to him.

Pierce lay down for a while and tried to calm his fears by listening to his Judy Garland records, another facet of his life that he kept private from his drinking and hunting buddies.

It was time to prepare! Pierce made up and dressed with all of the care and ceremony of a Kabuki artist. Every detail had to be perfection. He believed that this was his one and only opportunity to be what he had always wanted to be...and nothing must spoil it. Ever so slowly; bit by bit, Pierce could see Marie Antoinette coming into focus and looking back at him in his dressing room mirror.



Soon, he would no longer be Danby's most trusted excavator and contractor. He would emerge from his lovely home on Bald Hill Road and enter into his gold carriage as the most infamous Queen of France, the fabulous and hedonistic Marie Antoinette.

Our restive redneck, with powdered wig piled high, bejeweled, and dressed in a blue and gold glittering gown, waved to the crowd along the parade route and the Danbyites loved it! The onlookers absolutely thrilled at the little cakes that her majesty threw to the crowd. The guillotine and the beheading were favorites to one and all! Pierce and his project were a huge hit! No one would ever forget the spectacle!

The Danby Annual Fun Day had never had enjoyed such a large turnout and such accolades.

Those who knew something of world history explained to the less enlightened among the assembly: the significance of July 14 in history, the woman in the gold coach, and the many fascinating details of the awesome and intriguing mode of her execution.

Several citizens stood in line for a considerable time to experience the faux beheading provided by the cunning guillotine. The Reign of Terror enjoyed a sort of reprise right in the very heart of Danby, and it proved to be thrilling to one and all.

Pierce had been correct; his efforts had been both educational and exciting; that could not be denied. Suddenly, the Fun Day had acquired a whole new significance, a whole new purpose. No one had been hurt nor had anyone, as far as could be determined, rejected the flag, baseball, or even apple pie because of good ol' Pierce's disguise as the sumptuous and tragic Marie Antoinette.

The inhabitants of Danby saw only an old guy wearing a dress and some fake jewels riding in an open coach and waving to the crowd. They were amused. Pierce Ryan had broken some ground in the few years left to him. He had realized a dream of many decades and no one was the worse for it. In short, he had been fabulous, if only for an afternoon, if only in his own mind.

*Paris Match*, provided pictures and copy from local historian and librarian, Veda Dolt, ran a charming article and photo spread on the whole affair in its August issue. The French were both honored and amused all at once.

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## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

The Town of Danby is definitely busy with paperwork, and preparing grant applications isn't the least of it. Given our lean resources, our staff has been further stretched by the recent changeover—theirs, not ours—from HSBC Bank to First Niagara.

The West Danby Water Commission and the Town are working diligently on a project seeking multiple grants to update the aging West Danby water system.

Even after delivery of several major components for the Highway Barn's new wood boiler, the project has had to have some installation details redesigned, leading to change orders and an update to the paperwork for the grant that is funding the project. We've heard the grant will cover virtually all of the cost of the changes.

There's also a lot of desk work related to our plan, approved by the Town Board, to install solar electric panels at Town Hall. These panels won't cost the Town anything, and will allow us to maintain a level and predicatable electric cost for many years. The preliminary tasks leading up to union negotiations are taking our time, too.

The County's Broadband effort has finished its telephone survey of county residents. It is moving to hire a consultant, who will hopefully take the project to the point where bids for implementation can be requested.

I have not had a new meeting on the proposed trail to Banks Road, but have had several meetings with seven of our fellow municipalities to gain bargaining power by negotiating a joint cable-TV agreement with Time-Warner. The Town Board has already authorized me to proceed with an audit (at no cost to the Town!) of Time-Warner's fee collection as a first step in this process.

All of these projects have a great deal going on, and I am just skimming over the tops of the waves in this description.

The broadband proposal is a good example, as there are several different paths I am tracking here. Working with the County, we brought together local volunteers—the best in the field, both public and private sectors. We are focusing on the *last mile*, where topography, distance, and population density makes any hard-wired solution untenable (or, in the case of large utilities like as Time-Warner or Verizon, unprofitable). The group's goal is a system based largely on fixed wireless communication, similar to what Dryden is building.

We met and discussed—for a year—a definition of the problem and then a path to follow into the future. We presented our findings to the County Legislature, who proceeded to legitimize the committee and reinforce its position. Our next goal is to compile this data and put the project out to bid.

At the same time, though, we are looking how a broadband implementation might play out as standalone item in Danby. What would happen if we ask residents to work together with the Town and a local provider to directly create a build-out? Perhaps we could increase our Time-Warner franchise fee to 5% and use the income to create a model that includes fewer-than-usual houses per mile. Or we could ask residents if they would like to contribute toward this build-out, outside their tax dollars. Or some combination.

The problems so far have been cost. The County's already-built communication towers that could greatly reduce the cost of the infrastructure needed to implement a fixed wireless system, if they could be used as its central communication backbone...but the likelihood of getting permission to use these towers is greater if the County "owns" the project. A public/private partnership could be the cheapest way, either as a County or Town project.

Please share your thoughts, all potentialities being considered.

As always, if there is an issue the Town should address, please contact me, [[supervisor@town.danby.ny.us](mailto:supervisor@town.danby.ny.us)]. ☘

### Danby Fun Day Contacts

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| Music                    | George Jakubson   | <a href="mailto:george.jakubson@cornell.edu">george.jakubson@cornell.edu</a> |
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| Volunteers and Questions | Christel Trutmann | 607.342.1062<br><a href="mailto:ctrutmann@gmail.com">ctrutmann@gmail.com</a> |

**Giving Back, continued from front page ⇨**

ron are great people, and they have worked hard for many years as volunteers for this community. It has been decided to offer proceeds of this year's Danby Fun Day and Parade on July 14 to the Gadens to help with medical costs.

You can help by coming out to Fun Day for the chicken barbecue, to take a chance at the cake wheel, to buy some raffle tickets, etc. In cases such as this one, it really does "take a village" to make a difference, and we can do it right here in Danby for John and Sharon. Thank you! ❧

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**COMING NEXT MONTH:  
THE WEST DANBY PICNIC**

Submitted by Joel Gagnon

The West Danby Picnic will be on Saturday August 25 at noon. Mutsu, the Newfield-based music group that played to popular acclaim at the 2010 picnic will be providing the music to enhance the festivities. ❧

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**TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS SURVEY**

Tompkins County, Way2Go (a program at Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension), and other local transportation partners are collaborating with national transportation innovator ITNAmerica to research the potential of implementing ITNEverywhere in this area. The goal is to build upon existing services to provide new ways for people to get rides, share rides, help each other, save money, and use less energy.

To measure local interest, Danby residents, 18 years of age or older, are invited to complete an online survey that asks about their transportation habits, preferences, and interests concerning potential services. Individuals who complete the survey are entered into a drawing to win \$50 or one of six \$20 Wegmans gift cards.

The survey takes about 15-20 minutes to complete and can be found online at [[www.surveymonkey.com/s/itnetompkins](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/itnetompkins)]. Paper surveys are also available at Coop Extension, 615 Willow Avenue in Ithaca. The survey closes on July 21, 2012.

For more information, contact Chrisophia Somerfeldt of Way2Go at 607.272.2292 or [[chrisophia@cornell.edu](mailto:chrisophia@cornell.edu)]. ❧

**Marie Antoinette, continued from page 4 ⇨**

Kelly leaned back in her chair at the zoning office, put her feet up on the desk and wondered if she might like to try something new and different; something a bit outrageous on her own account. She considered the prospect that perhaps she had underestimated this little community and that maybe it was more ready for self-expression and risk taking than she would have ever imagined, even in her wildest dreams.

Some days later, Pierce opened Kelly's Email with some trepidation. He was pleasantly surprised that she lauded his creativity and courage. At one point he had thought that, at his age, that there was nothing further he could accomplish. Now, Pierce realized that he would want to keep learning for as long as he lived. He had revealed himself and nothing else would be quite so important again. There were no barriers preventing him from being himself and that, he reasoned, was a good thing.

Kelly wanted to agree, but she wasn't so sure. On some level she knew that people like Pierce made others feel less safe and secure. Kelly wondered if she dared make her own fantasy a reality on the very next Danby Fun Day. If Pierce could do it, why couldn't she? Amelia Earhart had always been an inspiration to her. Why not? What did she have to lose?

Pierce enjoyed great popularity following his exhibition at The Danby Fun Day, receiving several pats on the back, Emails, and an invitation to speak at Ms. Dayton's global class during its study of the French Revolution. Dressed as the magnificent monarch and speaking impeccable French—a skill few in town knew that he possessed—Pierce captivated his adolescent audience.

Some wondered if fun had something to do with truth or if truth could be fun. It was too difficult to think about. Pierce was already contemplating his next Fun Day as Lucille Ball, the queen of comedy.

It was a lesson for everybody who had ever had a dream, and Pierce had accomplished something singlehandedly that most only think about and never dare to do. No one threw garbage on his lawn again or screamed unpleasantness while whizzing by at 60mph. One does not do such things to a local treasure, to an unusual and unique 'character'.

Perhaps the assumption that rural folks would only accept replicas of themselves was outmoded and irrelevant. Pierce had realized one of God's greatest gifts: nothing left to lose and nothing left to hide. It was a revelation lost on very few. ❧

## GAS DRILLING UPDATE: GETTING THE WORD OUT

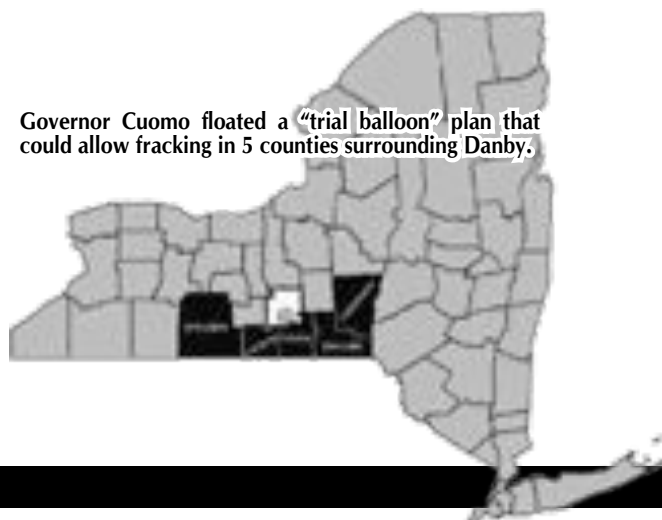
Submitted by Jennifer Tiffany and Kelly Morris

Visit the GDTF booth at Danby Fun Day to learn more about shale gas extraction and getting the word out!

Danby stands in a good position to share its views and its model laws with other towns looking to forestall harmful impacts from shale gas development. Many feel that the best option is a statewide ban or moratorium, which would provide equal protection to all municipalities. However, if NY State adopts a policy allowing drilling but respecting local laws and comprehensive plans, Danby can serve as a resource by getting the word out about what we have put into place and why it is a priority to adopt well-developed local laws protecting public health, safety, infrastructure, environmental quality, and economic vitality.

Members of the GDTF joined a phone bank calling elected officials all over New York State, encouraging them to sign a letter to Governor Cuomo, composed by Dominic Frongillo (Town of Caroline) and other local elected officials. The letter endorses a continued moratorium on hydraulic fracturing in New York State until three studies have been conducted: a comprehensive health impact assessment of the entire shale gas extraction process; a revised and properly thorough analysis that considers all potentially negative socioeconomic impacts; and a revised and properly thorough study of cumulative impacts.

The letter was presented to Governor Cuomo at a press conference in Albany on June 4. To date, over 300 elected officials across New York State have signed the letter. We can reach out to many of those officials to encourage them to develop a safety net of ordinances and comprehensive plans in their localities at the same time as supporting the statewide moratorium. ❁



Governor Cuomo floated a "trial balloon" plan that could allow fracking in 5 counties surrounding Danby.

## SAFE POOLS MAKE SUMMER COOL

Submitted by Matt Cooper, Danby Code Office

It's getting mighty hot out there, so most of us are thinking about all the ways we can cool off. To that end, you might be considering installing a swimming pool.

Pools that are more than 24" deep require a building permit. The NYS Building Code tries to anticipate and prevent problems by establishing safety standards for construction. Knowing that pools are a leading cause of drowning and electrical accidents, the Building Code includes the following safety measures to guide you to a safe installation:

- You'll need a 48" high barrier or fence with a self-closing and self-latching gate
- The gate must be lockable or at least equipped with a child-proof latch
- Suction outlets need to be designed to prevent user entrapment
- Virtually all pools are required to have a pool alarm that sounds both at the pool and inside the residence.

In the case of aboveground pools that are greater than 48" in depth, the pool itself can serve as the barrier so long as the ladder or other access to the pool is removable, lockable, or otherwise capable of being secured to prevent access.

Pools that have any electrical device (lights, pump, heater, etc.) attached to them are required to be certified by a third-party electrical



inspector. If you're having the pool installed by professionals, they'll almost certainly know about the requirements for GFCIs, equipotential bonding, and the like.

While this isn't a complete list, it should give you an idea of what's required to have a safe and legal pool installation. If you have any questions about swimming pools or anything else related to the building code, feel free to contact our office at 607.277.0799 or [code@town.danby.ny.us]. Either Sue or I will be happy to help you out.

For more information from the state about pools: [www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/currrpoolreq.htm]. ❁

## DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle

Last month the L.A. Kings won the Stanley Cup and it sure was exciting to watch “local boy” Dustin hoist that trophy and skate around the ice with it, and the next night he appeared on the Jay Leno Show as well. Pretty exciting stuff for a young husband and father of 3 little boys! Dustin’s wife is the former Nicole Poole of Ithaca.

Los Angeles Kings hockey team captain Dustin Brown is shown in this class picture, second row, second from right. The teachers are Donna Collins and Kathy Reasor, who both remember Dustin telling them he was going to be a professional hockey player when he grew up. Dustin and his family lived in Danby on Michigan Hollow Road.

Dustin worked hard to follow his dream, and his parents, Bryan and Sharon, supported him every step of the way. Way to go, Dustin Brown! ❀



Photo provided by Nancy Kotmel

## HELP TRIM THE MONUMENTS

Submitted by Sharon Boda

The Danby Rural Cemetery, at 13 Curtis Road, just off NYS Rt.96B, is a beautiful setting maintained totally by volunteers.

This summer, we are in need of a few more willing hands to string-trim around the stone monuments. Can you spare an hour, now and then, for exercise and community service? Call Richard Hautala 607.272.3287. ❀

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The Danby Seniors meet at Merritt’s for our July chicken BBQ. Signups are required—call them if you haven’t signed up yet!

We have no regular meeting in August, but Ted has planned a trip to Skaneateles Lake for the mail boat tour with lunch to follow at the Sherwood Inn. This trip is full—all 34 seats are filled.

Thanks go out to our hosts for June: Dave and Ann VanDeMark and Dan and Kathy Clements! On June 6, many of us enjoyed seeing The Diamonds followed by a good family style luncheon in beautiful Penn’s Peak, PA.

Our next regular meeting will be the first Thursday in September—the 6th—with a dish to share dinner at 6pm in the Danby Church. All seniors 55 and older are welcomed to attend. ❀

## AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

With summer fast upon us, we are having several events at the Legion.

The Fourth of July falls on a Wednesday; we will be having a Picnic at the Pavilion from Noon to 5pm. Hamburgs, Hot Dogs, Sausage, several salads, and other food will be served. Cost will be either *a la carte* or all-in-one. Call or stop down and cool off for more on the pricing.

On July 28, we will be having our 10th Annual Block Party. The day starts off with Breakfast, 8-10am, \$6. Afterward, for the daring, we will be having a Motorcycle Poker Run. Sign up 9-10am, registration is \$15 with an additional \$10 for a passenger. After the ride, prizes will be awarded for the best hands and you will be treated to some mouth-watering food. Any questions about the poker run, contact Ted, 607.272.3009.

At approximately 2pm the Block Party reaches full swing with several auctions and raffles. The DJ starts to play your favorite tunes at 5pm and continues ‘til... Stop by for a good time! For more information please call the American Legion, 607.272.1129, or stop by and visit us. ❀



## SECOND ANNUAL DANBY BARN DANCE

Submitted by Ted Crane

Hardly a day goes by when you don't hear someone say, "Things aren't like they used to be." Well, *some* things today can be much the same as they used to be. Maybe even better!

Once upon a time, the farmers and store clerks, men and women of all ages, would put down their work tools, pack picnic baskets, and gather for a community dinner and a fun evening of music and dancing. Not 'yer fancy-pants dancing that needed lessons beforehand, either. You'd find the shy, solid types having fun on the dance floor with teens and grand-folks.



Last year, my birthday landed on a Friday, the night when Pamela and I host a weekly *New England Contra and Square Dance* over in Dryden in the Bethel Grove Community Center. That evening, we moved it to Danby and invited, well, lots of local folks (everybody we knew with Email, that is), and lots of local folks joined in! It was so much fun, we'd like to invite all of you for this year's version.

The date is in early August—Friday, August 3—so this announcement appears in the July Danby News to give you a chance to save the date. We'll have big circle dances, contras, and maybe even some squares. Or, just listen to the music.

Bring a dish-to-pass at 6pm, eat and enjoy the view from the barn, try a few waltzes around 7pm, and then join the everything-taught-on-the-spot dances around 8pm.

Don't worry about being late; experience shows that the food doesn't run out, and the music will continue until at least 10pm! All the dances are taught, you don't need to come with a partner, and we expect a lot of beginners. Kids, too!

There'll be a live music—fiddles, guitars, and the like—but there's no electricity (the good ol' days, you know) so bring a lantern (no open flames, please). Wear comfortable, loose clothing and shoes for a concrete floor in the barn.

Our "Slow Lane" barn is at the corner where Lieb Road meets Comfort Road and Southern Comfort Road, uphill from Jennings Pond. It's dry inside, and there's almost always a breeze wafting through the big doors. Park safely along the dirt part of Comfort Road and walk on over.

It's free, tho' there will be a "hat" to help cover costs.

PS: The "bring" list: dish-to-pass, plates and utensils, chairs, lanterns, comfy clothing, shoes, yourself and your family. We don't recommend alcohol or strong perfumes, and, please, no flames or anything burning.

PPS: If anyone has a fork lift (bobcat, skid-steer, or tractor), we could use some help moving a few large and heavy objects in the barn, sometime between now and the barn dance!

PPPS: Questions? 607.273.8678 or [slowlane\_invite@tedcrane.com].



## JENNINGS POND: ONE OF DANBY'S BEST KEPT SECRETS

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak

The 32-acre pond, located off Bald Hill Road, is the headwaters of Buttermilk Falls. It is also part of the "Continental Divide of the Eastern US", with waters draining both north (to the St. Lawrence Seaway) and south (to Chesapeake Bay). Although operated by the Town of Danby, it's a part of NY State Park system.

The pond is surrounded by picturesque woods and is habitat for Canada Geese and Great Blue Heron. It offers fishing, picnicking with grills, boating (bring your own), and *free* swimming with lifeguards.

A hiking trail from the parking lot leads around the pond, through large, old trees and native wildflowers. From the back of the pond, you get to see even more birds and aquatic creatures.

The swimming area is open seven days a week, from June 23 until Labor Day. Its hours are 1-7pm on weekdays and Sunday, and until 8pm on Saturday. It's great for the whole family! Come and enjoy a swim! ❁

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY!

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Danby Community Library's Summer Reading List:

*The Girl Who Chased the Moon*

by Sarah Addison Allen

*One Thousand White Women*

by Jim Fergus

*Calico Joe* by John Grisham

*In One Person* by John Irving

*Memento Mori* by Muriel Sparks

*The Tribes of Eden*

by William H. Thomas

We are grateful to Mary M. and Joan L. for their volunteer service and welcome Mary W. as a new volunteer. Our volunteer ranks are thinning out for the summer. If you have a couple hours a month (or more) and are interested in becoming a Danby Community Library volunteer, please contact us at 607.277.4200 or [[library@town.danby.ny.us](mailto:library@town.danby.ny.us)].

If you visit the library and a volunteer is not available, please take advantage of our self check system! Make sure to write your name legibly, and to write the due date on the book and on the card. Also, make sure we have your contact information on your registration card. ➡

## PROJECT CARE VISITS SENIORS

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging needs volunteers to assist homebound senior citizens via the Project Care Program.

Volunteers typically visit an individual once a week for about 1-2 hours, depending upon need. Seniors may have one or more of the following types of needs: companionship, assistance with laundry or light house-keeping, errands, grocery shopping, light yard work or respite for a caregiver. Respite might involve staying with the senior in order that another caregiver might go out or have some time off from the responsibilities of caregiving.

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

Our hours are Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm, and Saturdays, 10am-Noon. *Please, no donations of books or DVDs during this summer due to our diminished volunteer pool.*

Have a great summer of reading and relaxing! ❁





# Danby Youth Flyer

## Community Council Youth Programs Summer 2012

These programs are sponsored by the Danby Community Council, and are free to Danby residents. Registration is required. Spaces are limited and fill up quickly, so register early!

For more info, contact: Julie Kulik, 607.272.2292.x222 or [jnk54@cornell.edu]. You can find a program registration form in Town Hall, or download one from [ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby].

### Danby Days (Ages 9 and up)

July 3-5, Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-3pm  
and Saturday, July 14

Location varies: Danby Town Park, Youth Farm on Nelson Road, at the Fire Station on Danby Fun Day

During the week of July 3-5, we will prepare for the Danby Fun Day by making new games, and perfecting our balloon animals and face painting, do some trail work at the Danby Town Park, and help out at the

Youth Farm on Nelson Road. Each day, we will also eat fun snacks, play games, and explore.

### Exploring Here and There (Ages 10 and up) (a joint program with Town of Ithaca youth)

July 17-19, Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-3pm

Danby Town Park, transportation provided to field trip

We will go on the Floating Classroom, a research boat on Cayuga Lake on Tuesday. Then, the rest of the week, explore the Forests of Danby Town Park, working together to build shelters, make crafts, cook with solar ovens, work with GPS devices/Geocaching and play games.

### Danby Girls (ages 10 and up)

Aug 28-30, Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-3pm

Location varies: Finger lakes Trail head,  
Danby Town Hall

Come spend time with other Danby girls, have a spa and yoga day, hike on a Finger Lakes Trail to a Lean To, and of course teach each other fun games and cook foods to share! ❁

## HOMESTEADING AND THE LOST ARTS

Homesteading and the Lost Arts, a new program for youth aged 10-16, will be offered 9am-4pm on July 30..August 2 and August 20..23 at 4-H Acres, 418 Lower Creek Road in Ithaca.

Step back in time to experience what homesteaders days were like as they made or built everything they needed from scratch; grew, prepared and preserved their food; and enjoyed working together and relaxing around the fire. Homesteading involves exploring what is available in the environment and inventing what you need. You will face challenges and tackle them together with fellow participants and experienced staff.

Youth will experience what it takes to develop a homestead such as: building shelter, gardening, cooking over a fire, primitive pottery, metal forging/branding, weaving, natural dying, gourd containers, log drum making, and walking sticks. Try a little of everything and do more of what piques your interest. Experience what daily life was like many, many years ago.

This program is offered by Rural Youth Services, 4-H Youth Development. For more information and registration forms, check [ccetompkins.org/lost-arts]. For questions, please contact Kathy Jett, 607.272.2292.x143 or [klj27@cornell.edu]. ❁

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## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Jun 30 • Sat  
10am-2pm 🏠 Danby Community Park • Work Day
- Jul 4 • Wed  
2pm 🏠 American Legion • Picnic at the Pavilion  
🏠 Library Volunteers Meeting cancelled
- Jul 5 • Thu  
🏠 Merritt Pavilion • Seniors Dinner
- Jul 9 • Mon  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting  
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Department Meeting
- Jul 10 • Tue  
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
- Jul 11 • Wed  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting
- Jul 12 • Thu  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Community Council Meeting
- Jul 13 • Fri  
4pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Pork BBQ Dinner
- Jul 14, 2012 • Sat • Danby Fun Day and Parade
- Jul 16 • Mon  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
- Jul 17 • Tue  
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
- Jul 19 • Thu  
3-7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Food Pantry
- Jul 23 • Mon  
1-2pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Mobile Food Truck  
7:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Adv Council Mtg
- Jul 25 • Wed  
6:30pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church  
Sundaes on Wednesday; music: Ithaca Youth Orchestra
- Jul 26 • Thu  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting
- Jul 28 • Sat  
10am-2pm 🏠 Danby Community Park • Work Day  
2pm 🏠 American Legion • 2012 Block Party

- Aug 1 • Wed  
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting  
6:30pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church  
Sundaes on Wednesday
- Aug 3 • Fri  
6pm 🏠 Slow Lane • 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Danby Barn Dance

### ONGOING EVENTS

- Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall  
Saturdays, 10am–Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm,  
and when the Open sign is out!
- West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏠 WD Fire Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7pm.
- Danby Fire Commissioners 🏠 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm.
- 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
- 🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road
- Danby Community Council 🏠 Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7pm
- Danby Community Park Association 🏠 Town Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7pm.
- Danby Fire Company 🏠 Fire Hall  
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30pm.
- Danby Food Pantry 🏠 Federated Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 3–7pm.