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DOTSON PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Michele Lenhart

There have been many visitors walking the trails and playing disc golf in the park this summer. According to our park log, patrons hail from as nearby as Danby Road and as far as California!

The Danby Community Park Association (DCPA) is working on two projects right now to encourage even more people to use the park. Check out the beautiful plan for a natural playground, courtesy of Natural Playscapes author and designer, Rusty Keeler. A few generous donors have given funding that could get the playground started, but we need community support to bring the plan to fruition.

If you are interested in helping to make this playground a reality, there are a variety of ways to help! Some are very

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WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

The most exciting news from the West Danby Water District is that new tank construction has begun. It has been so long in coming that I am still getting used to thinking that we will have a new tank very soon.

As of July 14, the tank footer is in place, forms removed, plumbing installed, and panels on site ready for assembly. There will be another concrete pour for the floor and then the tank assembly will begin. After that, we will have some electrical work to do, to supply circuits for cathodic protection, a light and receptacle.

If weather permits, we should have our new tank up and in service by the time you read this.

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$\mathbf{4}^{\mathrm{TH}} \ Annual \ Danby \ Barn \ Dance \\ \text{Submitted by the Danby Community Council}$

On Friday, August 8, come be part of the party at the Fourth Annual Danby Community Barn Dance at "Slow Lane", 888 Comfort Road, the intersection of Comfort and Lieb Road. This is a fun, relaxed community-building event presented in conjunction with the Danby Community Council.

The evening is open to everyone: musicians, dancers, listeners, foodies, kids, teens, adults, and seniors. This year, there's a little less "roughing it"; we're moving indoors to the running-water-and-electricity part of Slow Lane.

If you've ever done the Virginia Reel—or seen it in a movie or on TV-you've done an kind of barn dance. All the dances use a short list of similar, easy-to-try, and quick-tolearn figures: circles, stars, turns, and swings. You'll quickly recognize the ladies chain, roll-away, and chassez.

Don't worry if you've never done this before. All dances will be taught and helpful, experienced dancers will be on hand to ease newcomers into the figures. Dances early on in the evening will be simple.

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It starts with a rustic Pot Luck supper at 6pm. Enjoy the best of the summer's bounty, supplied by you and your friends. By 7pm, the musicians will be warming up for an hour of "Waltz Jam". They play sweet tunes while dancers turn around the room. Waltzing is easy, fun, and even useful. If it's your first time, ask for a 1-minute intro (gentle steering help is available).

The waltzes will be followed by an old time Barn Dance—circles, contras, squares, and what have you— starting at 8pm and going until well after dark. Come early and stay late.

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Danby News Notes

Submitted by Ted Crane

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You'll learn what is, and isn't acceptable material for publication. If it's acceptable, we'll make an effort to in-

clude it; *generally, we print everything* we receive! You'll find hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier.

A terse version of these guidelines is in the left-hand column of this page.

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Town Clerk's Desktop

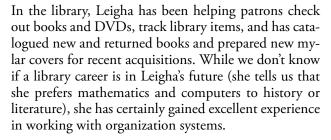
Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Summertime continues to be a good time at Town Hall and in the Town Clerk's office. Our usual work (renewing dog licenses, issuing handicap parking permits, creating meeting minutes, and helping to keep track of Town records and finances) seems a little more easy going...especially with the help of a good student intern.

This is the fourth summer that we've worked with a Danby youth as a summer intern in the Town Clerk's office. We offer a high school student a chance for real

world work experience and receive some real help in return. This summer, the Clerk's office and the library volunteers have shared the pleasure. Leigha started the first week of July and will be with us into mid-August.

Leigha has been doing doing an exceptional job. She helps with ongoing filing and records management projects. She works outside, weeding and watering plants as needed. In fact, she'll efficiently take on any work project we can give her



Helping very local young people learn about municipal office procedures is a wonderful aspect of our summer internships. In 2012 and 2013, our interns both lived on Bald Hill Road and were able to walk or bike to the office. This year, Leigha regularly rides her bike to Town Hall from the Hornbrook Road area...when it's not pouring rain. Whatever job she does, she takes on cheerfully with a big smile. We will miss her when the summer is over and she returns to school.

Marriage Licenses

As I write this, in mid-July, we just issued our fifth marriage license of 2014. Historically, we've issued more marriage licenses in the late summer and fall than we have in spring or early summer. September or October weddings seem more popular here than the iconic June wedding. So, we expect that there will be more to come in 2014.

We are happy to issue marriage licenses to all couples ready to "take the plunge," whatever the time of year. Please remember that both people getting married will need copies of their birth records, a photo ID, and (if previously married) proof of how previous marriages ended. There is a \$40 filing fee; it covers both the preliminary license and eventual Certificate of Marriage, that is issued on receipt of the license formalized by the marriage officiant and witnesses. The filing fee is shared by the Town Clerk's office and the NYS Department of Health in Albany.

During August, the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. We are closed on Thursdays and Sundays. Regular hours—which include Saturday mornings—will resume after Labor Day Weekend. If there is a special need, we will make arrangements to serve you by appointment on Saturdays.

In celebration of the first harvests of summer, not only is the candy bowl filled with chocolate kisses, but fresh flowers are blooming at the Town Hall entrance and in vases on the Town Clerk's counter.

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

SAVE THE DATE: WDCA PICNIC

Submitted by Alison Christie, West Danby Comm. Association

Save the Date for the West Danby Community Association picnic: Saturday, September 6, 1pm, at the Hatch Pavilion in West Danby.

Anonymous Thanks For Volunteer Help

Fallen Limbs

Thanks to the two strapping young gentlemen who stopped to move a large tree branch that had just fallen across Comfort Road.

A sudden summer storm was the final straw for a heavy and long branch. It completely blocked travel for a few minutes before "the boys" stopped their pickup, picked up the branch—it must've weighed hundreds of pounds—moved it to the side of the road, and went on their way.

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, County Legislator

I want to use my article this month to highlight one of the lesser-known Tompkins County Departments: the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). This department is made up of just three fulltime and one part-time employees and is funded through a combination of County, State, and grant money.

SWCD is not a regulatory agency. What they do provide is technical assistance for projects designed to stop and prevent erosion, promote soil health, and improve water quality. Erosion is the kind of thing you don't think about until it happens to you, and then you realize what a big deal it can be.

SWCD also provides stormwater technical services to the towns of Caroline, Danby, Newfield, and Ulysses. These Towns are part of a regulatory system of stormwater management that requires a high level of expertise. The County provides this expertise so that it need not be duplicated by each Town. This is a practical and efficient way to deal with the issue of sediment flowing off new construction sites and subdivisions.

One specific example of a project that SWCD might become involved with in Danby, is on Coddington Road. Stormwater is flowing off one person's land, over another's, and into the roadside ditch. The roadside ditch is eroding, causing land on a third person's property to fall into the ditch, and is threatening to undermine a telephone pole on the road. SWCD is looking for grant money to help correct this situation.

This small group of County employees brings a lot of money into our area to prevent damage to our infrastructure and degradation of our environment. I see this as the perfect role for County government since flowing water and erosion don't respect municipal boundaries and these projects often require more money and expertise than any one landowner or Town has to offer.

Questions? Contact me at [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582.

⇒ West Danby Water, continued from front page

Other District news is that we are now down to two households remaining that haven't had a new water meter installed. One may require a plumber and the

other has been very difficult to coordinate a schedule with.

In coordination with the West Danby Baptist Church Committee, we will be repainting our fire hydrants in the near future. They will be painted to National Fire Protection Standard 291: yellow barrels designating municipal



source and red top and caps that are standard for flows less than 500 gallons per minute.

The Water District Commissioners and Operators are planning to have a community open house at the West Danby Fire Department to commemorate the completion of the new water tank.

The details of the celebration are still not worked out but the public will be invited for snacks, drinks, and an opportunity to visit the tank. Details will be posted sign boards when they are finalized and postcards will be sent to the district's residents.



DFC Float in the Fun Day Parade

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Wow, we got out of town, and went for a car ride to North Carolina. During the long drive it seemed to us that not only had the speed of driving intensified, but that the number of trucks was intimidating. Maybe I have not got out enough.

Our family home in Danby has been where the family flocked for get-togethers but, as time went on and families grew and lives became more complicated, they all came to rest in the South. I can't imagine why.

So it became easier, logistically, for us to take some time and go hang out at their places.

Having children grow up in Danby and attend local schools has been a challenging and rewarding time. Watching them take their experiences to new places, building new lives for themselves, is indeed fascinating.

We had a wonderful time being waited on hand and foot, hanging out with grandkids and with family that

had not seen each other for a while and oh so much to show us. Others in the family, who could not make it, sent electronic imaging flying through the airwaves. Maybe I have not got out enough: the last time I did this it was photo albums filled with pictures of similar vacations.

One of the nice things about getting away is that the constant reminders around the home—that you are not doing enough—aren't there. I can not look anywhere around my place and not see things, "to do" that need more time and attention than I have available.

It's that getting away, letting you feel other realities, other experiences, other people's lives that helps put all those things that were all so important, in a new light.

Back Home, the grass very long, firewood is being delivered, and it's fairly quiet at work. Sometimes it is good to be reminded that no matter where you go... there you are.

As always, if there is an issue the Town should address, please contact me, [supervisor@town.danby.ny.us]. \$

Fun Day Pre-Thank You!

Submitted by George Jakubson, Danby Fun Day

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company sends a big *Thank You* to everyone in the community who helped with Danby Fun Day last month. The list is long, and the publication deadline is short, so please bear with us while we compile all the names. We would hate to leave anyone out. Stay tuned for the whole list next month.

HELP FUTURE FUN DAYS Give Us Your Feedback

Now that Danby Fun Day 2014 is a happy memory, the Fun Day planning committee would like to find out what you think. Have any comments about what you did or did not like? Complaints? Kudos? Other ideas?

Please contact George Jakubson by mail at 211 Buttermilk Lane, Ithaca, NY, 14850, by phone at home, 607.277.0671, or work, 607.255.4546, or at [george.jakubson@cornell.edu]. He will compile the comments and share them with the group. Once again, thank you all for a great Danby Fun Day.



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Highway Department

93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169

Mon-Thu, 6am-4:30pm

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Mon-Wed, 9am-4pm; Thu-Fri, by appointment

Town Court

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031

Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

DANBY TOWN TALK...RENAMED

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Correspondent

The *Danby Town Talk* column, which runs in the *Ithaca Journal* every Thursday, has recently expanded to cover a few other neighborhoods along with Danby.

This is great news for everyone! To reflect that expansion, by the time your read this, the Ithaca Journal will have changed the name of my column to *Southern Tompkins Town Talk*.

Please continue to come along with me as I search out stories and event information from Danby, West Danby, Newfield, upper South Hill, Brooktondale, and possibly from Willseyville and Candor. I look forward to this opportunity. Send me your stories, information and pictures, and thanks for reading!

⇒Barn Dance, cont'd from front page

Speaking of musicians, bring your instrument! If you don't already know the uncomplicated, traditional tunes, music books will be available. Like the dancers, the band wants more players for waltzing and will welcome you with a big smile.

Please note! It's a wonderful wooden floor, so we ask you to wear soft soled—and free of sharp objects—shoes. Some folks like to bring a clean pair for the purpose, and others are OK barefoot.

Yes, we'll ask you to park at the road and walk up the driveway, but if that's a problem there's a few close-by parking spots. There's water and some seating, but please bring your own serving utensils, and dinnerware. A few tables will be set up for the meal and dance break snacks. If you have a battery lantern, it'll help you find your way back to your car after dark. A water bottle is a good idea. Dress for the weather, whatever that might be, and there's often a pleasant pleasant breeze.

The Community Barn Dance is a great family event. Danby-ites of all ages can enjoy open air dancing or take a stroll in the nearby garden and country roads.

It's free (though donations to help with expenses are welcome)! It's a chance to meet your Danby neighbors and for the community to come together for a relaxing evening out. Play, dance, hang out under the stars. For more details contact 607.273.8678 or [barndance@danbycc.org].

Danby Seniors Update

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

There is no regular meeting in August. We are planning a luncheon cruise on the MV Columbia on August 8 that 45 of us will be attending.

Big thanks to Ted and Connie Merritt for hosting our July chicken BBQ at their Longhouse...it was a gorgeous summer day. There was good food, good music and great fellowship!

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 4 at 6pm in the Danby Church for a dish to share supper. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed!

EVENTS 'ROUND TOWN

This column appears monthly, featuring brief descriptions of events—current and upcoming months—around Danby. If you have a non-profit event that the general public is invited to...send a notice to the Danby News!

Sundaes on Wednesdays

Ice Cream Sundaes (free!) and 'burgs and dogs at 6:30pm, followed by live music at 7pm. In front of the Danby Federated Church, 1860 Danby Road.

6-Aug: Diamond Someday Bluegrass Band 13-Aug: Finger Lakes Pipe Band (bagpipes)

20-Aug: See Horse Run

Neighborhood Food Hub

Bring your extra vegetables, fruit and eggs to the Friendship Donations Network's *Neighborhood Food Hub* donation bin on Wednesdays (July 2-October 1), 8am-8pm. Donations will be distributed by the Danby Food Pantry or, on the weeks when the Food Pantry isn't held, elsewhere in the Ithaca area.

For more information, contact the Program Coordinator, Meaghan Sheehan Rosen, 607.216.9522 or [info@friendshipdonations.org].

Dotson Park, cont'd from front page

small commitments, some larger—but we need to hear from you that you want this to happen in order for us to move forward. Please Email [dotsonpark@gmail.org] to let us know you'd like to see the playground happen.

DCPA is also working on marking the trail system more clearly, and looking into the possibility of developing new trails for mountain bikers. We hope that you get a chance to come out an play in the park this summer! \$\frac{1}{2}\$

Community Council Summer Youth Programs

Submitted by Karlita Bleam, Danby Youth Program Manager

This summer in Danby, we have a wide range of activities to choose from. All programs (except Danby Fun Day) will begin and end at Danby Town Hall, and are available to



Danby youth aged 8-14 years...at no cost to you! On days we will be traveling, we will travel by CCE van. So get ready for a summer you'll never forget by visiting our web site,

[ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby] orfeelfreetocontactmeviaEmail,[kb578@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.X222

Growing Girls Group

Tuesday and Thursday, August 5 & 7, 9am-5pm

What does it mean to be a girl? This safe space will be filled with creative activities that celebrate exactly this and will end with the classic girl move, a sleepover!

Shutterbugs

Tuesday and Thursday, August 12 & 14, 9am-5pm

©LIGIX SNAP "Hold that pose!" Who is ready to learn how to capture and display photos? Day One we will learn the basics of photography and work around Danby but Day Two we will be traveling to some fun locations around Ithaca to capture even more of the beauty

around us.

Splish, Splash, But Not In A Bath Wild Water Games

Monday and Wednesday, August 18 & 20, 9am-5pm

Wet your whistle with rainbow paint tag, water guns, sprinklers, and oh so much more. You will be soaked to the bone before it's time to go home.

Summing up the Summer

Tuesday and Thursday, August 26 & 28, 9am-5pm

Recounting the last seven weeks with a little bit of everything you enjoyed and can't get enough of: games, crafts, photography and probably even some swimming.

If you would like to be added to a contact list that will receive updates on Danby Youth Programing please email me at [kb578@cornell.edu] anytime. Also, if there is a program you are interested in but you are concerned about the length of the program please contact me and we can discuss options. I will do my best to accommodate any situation or concern.

Free Swimming In Danby

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak

Looking for relief from the summer's heat? Jennings Pond is open with lifeguards on duty, Sunday thru Thursday, Noon-7pm, and Friday and Saturday Noon-8pm.

Swimming is free until Labor Day at Danby's own beautiful swimming area where you can picnic, fish and kayak too.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, instead of having four Danby Youth lifeguards as advertised, we only have two well-trained Danby Youth lifeguards and they will cover the hours as best they can given their other commitments. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

We are always looking for lifeguards and will reimburse our guards for their training. If interested, contact Amy Cusimano, [amymc@twcny.rr.com], or Mary Ann Kozak, [mkozakl@twcny.rr.com].

Danby Community Library

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Hope your summer is going well. Danby Fun Days had some stellar weather!

New books and movies at Danby Community Library:

- Monuments Men
- The LEGO Movie
- *All Fall Down* by Jennifer Weiner
- The Silkworm by Robert Galbraith
- Top Secret Twenty-One by Janet Evanovich
- *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

...and finally...

Conversion by Katherine Howe

Katherine is the author of *The Physick Book of Deliver*ance Dane and *The House of Velvet and Glass*, and a lecturer in American Studies at Cornell University.

Conversion draws parallel stories from the Salem Witch Trials and The LeRoy, NY Mystery Illnees of 2012. Very well written and interesting!



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Danby Area News: Event Calendar

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7pm 🕰 Danby Federated Church

Sundaes on Wednesday: Ithaca Concert Band

Aug 2 • Sat

9am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting 4pm Danby Federated Church • Pork Dinner

Aug 6 • Wed

7pm 🔁 Danby Federated Church

Sundaes on Wednesday: Diamond Someday Bluegrass

Aug 7 • Thu

7pm 🕰 Town Hall • Danby Community Council

Aug 8 • Fri

6pm 🕰 Slow Lane, corner of Comfort & Lieb 4th Annual Danby Barn Dance

Aug 11 • Mon

7pm Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

7pm 🙀 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting

7pm West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting

Aug 12 • Tue

7pm 🕰 West Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Aug 13 • Wed

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Sundaes on Wednesday: Finger Lakes Pipe Band

Aug 18 • Mon

7pm 🕰 Town Hall • Public Hearing

Appeal of auto repair shop denial

7pm Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

Aug 19 • Tue

7pm West Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

Aug 20 • Wed

7pm 🛍 Danby Federated Church

Sundaes on Wednesday: See Horse Run

The Town of Danby has a web site with lots more info. Check it out: [http://town.danby.ny.us/]

Aug 21 • Thu

3-6pm Danby Federated Church • Food Pantry
7pm Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting

Aug 25 • Mon

1pm Danby Federated Church • Mobile Food Truck
7pm Town Hall • Conservation Adv Council Mtg

Aug 2 • Sat

9am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting 4pm Danby Federated Church • Pork Dinner

Sep 4 • Thu

6pm Danby Federated Church • Seniors
7pm Town Hall • Danby Community Counc

7pm 🙀 Town Hall • Danby Community Council

Sep 6 • Sat

9am Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
1pm Hatch Pavilion, corner of Short & Brown
West Danby Community Association Picnic

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Danby Fun Day and Parade

Ongoing Events

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

Seniors Strength Training Group 🙀 Federated Church Mondays and Thursdays, 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

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