July 2015 FREE TO RESIDENTS

# DANBY AREA NEWS

## DANBY FUN DAY, 2015

When: Saturday, July 11, 2015

Where: Danby Fire Station, 1780 Danby Road

Celebrate 32 years of fun at our annual Danby Fun Day. Proceeds from Fun Day will help pay for replacing outdated AEDs (automated external defribrillators), the machines we use to shock a heart that has stopped beating. Our current AEDs have been discontinued and need to be replaced.

#### Parade

The fun begins at 10am with the lineup for the parade. We are encouraging groups to make floats. A float need be no larger than a small trailer towed by a tractor or four-wheeler. Every kid, young and old, wants to be in a parade—here's your chance! The parade marches out at 10:30am. For a parade entry form contact George Jakubson, [george.jakubson@cornell.edu], or Elizabeth Saracino, [esaracino@danbyfiredistrict.org].

#### Games and More

There will be games, games, games galore, face painting, a cake wheel, a Chinese auction, more than you could ever hope to do. There will be history displays from the Danby and West Danby Fire Departments. Come learn about some of this community's special past. There will also be other educational exhibits, fire safety information, firefighting exhibitions, and more!

#### Coupons!

Look for 2-for-1 coupons for the kitchen and games area (not the chicken barbecue) elsewhere in this issue!

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## Natural History Series: Damsels and Dragons (Flies)

Submitted by Bill Evans, Community Council

The Danby Community Council and the Conservation Advisory Council are delighted to sponsor a presentation by the esteemed local naturalist, Dr. Meena Haribal. Dr. Haribal recently published a book, Where to find Damselflies and Dragonflies in the Cayuga Lake Region and Vicinity, a copy of which is available in the Danby Library. The book has wonderful pictures and discusses the presence of more than 100 species in our region.

It turns out that Jennings Pond in Danby has several species found nowhere else in Tompkins County, such as the Vesper Bluet and Citrine Forktail.

These ancient carnivorous insects have survived on earth largely unchanged for more than a 100 million years.

They are voracious eaters, devouring mosquitos, and some of the larger species eat tadpoles and

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Don't miss *Moth Mania* at 8pm on Friday, July 3, in Upper Buttermilk Park. It starts with a presentation about local moths by Dr. Jason Dombroskie and at about 9pm, we will head out into the park around the pavilion to view moths attracted to black lights. A least four black light stations will be set up

within view of the parking lot near the park entrance.

Moth watching will be open until about midnight and we expect to see more than 100 species, including some of the large silk moths—they may be as big as your hand. This will be a great opportunity to get digital photos of Danby's beautiful and intriguing moths.

**July 2015** 

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This coupon entitles the bearer to receive one game of equal or lesser value with the purchase of one game at regular price. Valid ONLY at Danby Fun Day 2015. One coupon per customer. No cash value.

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## CREEKSIDE CONCERT

Submitted by Alison Christie, W.D.Comm. Association

Join us for an early evening concert of old time music in the serene beauty of our host Wayne Myers' creekside garden on Michigan Hollow Road in West Danby. Saturday, August 1, at 6 pm.

Please bring a dessert to share and a chair or blanket for seating. We'll provide lemonade and iced teas.

Come a little early to enjoy the grounds, see the glass sponge fossil, and appreciate Wayne's collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century tools. Sponsored by the West Danby Community Association. Rain location is the Danby Town Hall.

## Fun DAY: Music

What would Danby Fun Day be without music? On the south side by the chicken line we will have Ben Hogben with Celtic music at Noon, followed by the New West Danby Henry Ford String Throttlers at 12:45. On the north side by the games and vendors we will have the Hound Dog Blues Band, Noon-1:30, then a hot dog eating contest at 1:45, and finally Flunk School, 2-3:30pm.

## Town Clerk's Desktop

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Summer time can be a good time at Town Hall and Town Clerk's office. Our usual work (renewing dog licenses, issuing handicap parking permits, creating meeting minutes, and keeping track of Town records and finances) seems a little more light hearted...a little more relaxed.

Preparing for Danby Fun Day is some of the most joyous work we do. In June, the Town Board was happily

engaged in the annual tradition of approving a resolution to close NYS Rt.96B for the Fun Day Parade.

Other articles in the Danby News will tell you that this year's Fun Day celebration will happen on Saturday July 11. NYS Rt.96B will be closed from about 10:30am until Noon. Traffic will be detoured via the usual West Miller, Comfort Road, and Bald Hill Road route. This detour is only for the few hours during the Fun Day Parade.

June brought a range of intense weather patterns, with at least two tornado warnings and some heavy rains that resulted in serious flooding and road damage. Kudos go to the Town Highway Department and to the Fire and Rescue squads. They all spent long hours working on behalf of residents, to minimize the damage and disruption as much as possible.

We've also heard that there were countless residents who stepped up and helped their neighbors. Thank you to all. We can hope that the weather in July and August will be more gentle—but remember that we're entering hurricane season.

As we've seen, emergency situations can pop up quickly and unexpectedly. We are doing our best to provide

## FUN DAY: CHINESE AUCTION

Would you like to donate an item, basket, or gift certificate? Are you crafty and would like to make something? There is a Children's Chinese auction too! The little ones love to win, there are numerous ideas for a basket for a child to win! All donations greatly appreciated. We can pick up donations or, if you prefer, arrange for a place and time for you to drop them off. Contact George Jakubson, [george.jakubson@cornell.edu].

residents with needed and useful information through our new "alert" news distribution. This was particularly useful during the June 14-16 flooding emergency and road closings. Sign up to get notices directly to an Email address via the "subscribe" feature at the bottom of the "news" page at [townofdanbyny.org].

In July the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays. We are closed on Sundays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through Labor Day. Special hours may be arranged by appointment. You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788, or at [townclerk@townofdanbyny.org].

Summer is here, with all of its unpredictable weather! In celebration, not only is the candy bowl will be filled with chocolate kisses, but there are fresh flowers blooming at the Town Hall entrance and in vases on the Town Clerk's counter.

## Broadband in Danby Update

Submitted by Ted Crane

The distant dot of light at the end of the tunnel seems to be growing larger...and quickly.

New York State finally released funding for the project. Clarity Connect, which had run into the limits of its internal finances, is beginning installing the infrastructure of the project and Danby is one of the first towns to receive its buildout.

Clarity's "main mover", Chuck Bartosch, described the history of the project—and the upcoming deployment—to Danby's Planning Board on Thursday, June 18. He expected to begin installing poles (similar to telephone poles) at roadside locations by the end of June, and to begin installing customer equipment in July.

During the presentation, Bartosch noted that Clarity has reexamined its pole locations. He felt that Danby might be better served by fewer "main" poles, with the addition of secondary poles supporting fiber optic connections to nearby residences (data still travels by fixed wireless to the pole, but enters the residence via fiber). As a result, he hopes to serve 286 out of Danby's "officially unserved" 280 residences (the official count is considered to be incomplete).

Danby residents who have previously indicated interest will be contacted by Clarity. Others can contact Clarity via its web site, [clarityconnect.com], or by calling 607.257.8268.

Coming: reports from newly connected households. \$

## DCPA ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

Submitted by Michele Lenhart, DCPA

Summer is one of the four best seasons in Dotson Park! There are plenty of trails to explore and July is a great month for picnics in the pavilion. Here is one great reason to visit the park:

The Danby Community Park Association (DCPA) is hosting its annual meeting on Thursday, July 16 at 6pm in the park pavilion...and you are invited! DCPA will provide grilled hot dogs (including a vegan option), rolls, toppings, chips, and drinks. If there is anything else you are craving, please bring it!

The business meeting will start shortly after 6pm with a review of the 2014-15 happenings in Dotson Park and a discussion about the priorities for 2015-16. We are recruiting new members for our Board of Directors, so be sure to check it out. This is a really fun, low-commitment way to give back to the Danby community! No experience necessary.

After the meeting, hang out by the fire, listen to some acoustic guitar music, and chat with your new park friends. Send a message to [dotsonpark@gmail.com] to let us know you are thinking about attending! (RSVP requested for planning purposes but not required.)

If you haven't stopped by the park lately, make a plan to check out all of the work the DiscIthaca crew has done to update the disc golf course--including three new holes. Remember that you can borrow discs for free from the basket in near the front door in Town Hall, or invest in your own so you can play anytime!

DCPA will have a space at Fun Day where you can try your skills at a disc golf basket, learn more about the first phase of the natural playground, or find out more about volunteer opportunities. We hope you stop by.

Our final bit of news is that Oasis has closed its doors, and we are looking for a new meeting spot for our meetings (the third Thursday of every month). If you have any ideas, please Email us to let us know. We hope to hear from you soon, or better yet, see you in the park!

## FUN DAY: DIME TOSS NEEDS HELP

Perennial kid favorite, the Dime Toss is looking for glass-wage, ceramics, cups, etc. Anything that you can toss a dime into to win is needed. Now is the time to clear out that old stuff you no longer want. Contact George Jakubson, [george.jakubson@cornell.edu], to arrange a pickup. \$

## COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, County Legislator

Tompkins County is the newest member of the Energy Improvement Corporation, a nonprofit NY State local development corporation. Joining this organization allows us to offer an innovative program called *Energize NY*.

Energize NY offers businesses that want to do energy efficiency improvements on their buildings a creative means of paying for it. This program offers loans for these energy efficiency improvements but with some special conditions. One condition is that the dollar amount of the energy to be saved is greater than the loan's annual payment. In other words, the business saves money from day one even though they have just taken out a loan.

Another unique feature of these loans is that the payments are not made to a bank but to Tompkins County directly as part of the business's annual property tax bill. There are several advantages to this system including the idea that the loan transfers to the new owner if the building is sold. The new owner then continues the payments, but also continues to see the energy savings. This arrangement takes some of the risk away from business owners who may not be sure that they will be in a building for the 5-20 year life of the loan. The County's involvement allows for these loans to be offered at a low interest rate by taking some of the risk away from the banks. Decreased risk means that projects are more likely to happen.

Some people have asked if the same program could be established for homeowners. The answer is that this is not possible at this time. Almost all home mortgages are backed in some way by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the government-sponsored mortgage corporations. These organizations have decided that they do not want to be involved in this type of financing, commonly known as PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy). So individual houses are not eligible, but incorporated and cooperative multifamily dwellings, nonprofits, and religious houses of worship are eligible.

Like any big financial transaction, there are a number of details that apply. If you are a business owner that would like to find out more about making your building more energy efficient while saving money from day one, start on the Energize NY website and let our County Planning staff know you'd like to be added to the mailing list for local training sessions currently being planned.

You can contact me at [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582.

## FIRE DEP'TS NEED VOLUNTEERS

Submitted by Edward Kokkelenberg, Fire Commissioner

Every firefighter and emergency medical care provider

in the Danby Fire District is a volunteer, but no amount of dedication can make up for the fact that there just aren't enough of us and, as some move away or retire, our needs increase.

#### Please Volunteer Today!

The Danby Fire District consists of two fire companies (Danby Volunteer Fire Company and West Danby Fire Department) and both are staffed—from the new-

est recruit to the fire chief—completely by volunteers. Our members are regular folks who typically come to the company with no background in the fire service.

There's a variety of ways you can get involved, depending on your interests and availability. All training and equipment is provided at no cost to the volunteer. Volunteers would become Members of one of the two fire companies.

Active Members consist of all of our Members who respond to emergency calls: this includes exterior and interior firefighters, emergency medical personnel, drivers, auxiliary members, support members (those who help with fund raisers and do work around the fire stations etc.) and fire police. We also encourage 16-17



### Fun DAY: Cake Wheel

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Cake Wheel Coordinator

Cakes, pies, cupcakes, brownies, sweet breads, cinnamon buns, cookies...needed for the cake wheel at this year's Danby Fun Day on July 11.

Please drop off baked goods at the Danby Fire Station, Friday evening after 5pm or Saturday morning before 10am.

All proceeds from the cake wheel benefit the Danby Fire and Rescue Department and where would we be without those folks?

year olds to volunteer with us as junior members; of course, you do need parental or guardian's consent.

#### Membership Process

Applicants are strongly encouraged to come to our training prior to applying.

Application forms may be obtained by visiting Company training, on Mondays (except holidays) at 7pm, or any of our community events, or by calling 607.272.8114 (Danby) or 607.564.7303 (West Danby).

Prospective volunteers must appear at a monthly business meeting of the Fire Company to submit their application. Business meetings are held at the fire sta-

tions on the second Monday of each month at 7pm.

In accordance with New York State law, new members must pass a background check for arson and a background check for sexual assault. New members must complete a probationary period. During this time, they must get a physical exam and should begin working to obtain the training required for whichever duties they wish to perform. After the probationary period, the members of the Fire Company will vote on whether to accept the individual as a full member.

Please Volunteer Today!

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## FUN DATE CRAFTS AND VENDORS

We will have craft vendors from all over the area. Interested in vending? Contact Elizabeth Saracino [esaracino@danbyfiredistrict.org].

### Town Office Info

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Highway Department • [highway@townofdanbyny.org]

93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169

Mon-Thu, 6am-4:30pm

Code Enforcement Office • [code@townofdanbyny.org]

Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559

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

Town Court • [courtclerk@townofdanbyny.org]

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031

Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

#### Danby Seniors Update

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next event for the Danby Seniors is the Chicken BBQ on Thursday, July 2, at 3pm. Oasis has closed, so the BBQ will be at the Merritt's. Please, you need to sign up with Ted and Connie at 607.272.3009.

There is no August meeting but we have a luncheon boat trip to the Thousand Islands on August 20. Please contact Alice at 607.272.2970 for information.

Big thanks to Sharon and Rollie Boda for hosting our June meeting. Our next regular meeting at Danby Church will be September 3 at 6 pm.

#### FUN DAY: VOLUNTEER TO HELP

As always, members of the Danby Volunteer Fire Company welcome help with Fun Day. What a great way to give back to the community! Meet new friends, have fun.

## FUN DAY: FANTASTIC FOOD

Noon is the start of the famous Danby Fire Department Chicken Barbecue. Our new pitmaster last year received rave reviews and he's back! Chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, bread, and a drink—what's not to like? On the kitchen side, we'll have hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, veggie burgers, salt potatoes, popcorn, cotton candy, and more!

## **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!

#### Rummage Sale

The Women's Fellowship of Danby Federated Church will have a rummage sale on Friday, July 24, 3-7pm and Saturday, July 25, 8am-Noon.

We will accept donations starting on Sunday, July 19, and until Wednesday July 22. Please call Sharon if you need to have things picked up, 607.273.8241. Please, no furniture, clothing, or electronics.

#### Sundaes on Wednesday

Starting July 29, Free Ice Cream and a Concert; Wednesdays, 7pm at the DFC.

#### **Blood Drive**

Red Cross Blood Drive at the DFC, Friday, July 31, 1-6pm. No appointment necessary.

## BEAT THE HEAT ON FUN DAY

Submitted by Marrell Cortright, WDFD

The West Danby Fire Department will be putting down the heat during Fun Day on July 11! The WDFD will be selling Ice Cream again this year.

Stop by and say, "Hi," to the fire fighters working there. We'd love to see you! You can purchase ice cream, bottled water, and reuseable grocery bags with the Department logo on them. We all thank you for your continued support of the West Danby Fire Company and we appreciate it.

### Fun DAY: Hot Dog Eating Contest

In response to suggestions from last year, we are having the First Annual Fun Day Hot Dog Eating Contest. Two divisions, kids 10-14 and kids and adults 15 and up. How many hot dogs can you eat in three minutes? Cash prizes! Entry fee \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth. Sign up at the hot dog/hamburger stand. Parental permission required for those under 18.

## How To Attract Native Pollinators Submitted by Ronda Roaring

The USDA, in association with the Xerces Society, will be offering a free, full-day pollinator short course on Thursday, August 27, 2015, 9am-4pm, at the USDA's Big Flats Plant Materials Center, in Corning.

This full-day training will provide you with the latest science-based approaches to increasing pollinator populations for improved pollination and crop production. Leave with the tools necessary to assess, create, protect, and manage habitat for these vital insects.

For more information and registration contact [shortcourses@xerces.org], or scroll to the bottom of [xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/]. Registration is free but space is limited, so sign up soon.

#### Damsels and Dragons continued from page 1—

small fish. Certain species can live up to ten years and others are world travelers, migrating more than a thousand miles.

Dr. Haribal's presentation will take place in Town Hall at 3pm on July 19. After her presentation, at about 4pm, she will lead a walk at Jennings Pond to see some of the species currently inhabiting Danby.

# Community Council Summer Youth Programs

The Community Council kicks off its summer Youth programming with two days of Danby Fun Day preparation and a booth at Fun Day. We have also secured two days of outings with the Floating Classroom on Cayuga Lake (details and registration below). We are also making plans for trips to local parks for swimming, a natural building construction project, earth art, dramatic fun with folk tales, and more.

While we can't be specific about all the dates until a summer program manager is hired, we will offer a total of six weeks of programs, with two days (9am-4pm) of programming per week, mostly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. All programming will be at the Danby Federated Church, Dotson Park, and Jennings Pond...except for field trips.

There is no fee for these programs, however donations are welcome.

We hope to have our summer program manager on board to help with Danby Fun Day and to meet our Danby families at Fun Day. You can get final dates and details by Email; Families whose youth have participated in a recent program are already on the list, and others can send a request to [youthprograms@danbycc.org]. You can also check for updates on the CCE web site, [ccetompkins.org/4-h-youth/rural-youth-services/].

#### **Team Fun Day**

Tuesday, July 7, Thursday, July 9, and, of course, Fun Day, Saturday, July 11, 9am-4pm Danby Federated Church

Join members of the DCC (Alison Christie, Katherine Hunter, and Julie Clougherty) and Danby parents for



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two days of Fun Day projects and activities. We will design a silk-screen for Danby T-shirts (bring your own shirt), create a Minecraft themed game, a Frozen activity, and a Hunger Games themed scavenger hunt, and more. We'll brainstorm ideas, break into small groups for project design and creation, and work together in teams to deliver fun for kids old and young at Danby Fun Day. Then on Saturday, July 11, we'll staff take turns staffing the booth and running activities. Bring a lunch. Snacks and water provided. Activities on Saturday will take place at Danby Fun Day.

#### **Fun Day Donations**

We are seeking pocket-sized, gently-used treasures for kids for one of our Fun Day activities. Think Lego figure, beanie baby, pocket mirror, gem stone, etc. We are also seeking second-hand T-shirt donations (plain is best) for our silk-screen station at Fun Day. Kids and adults are invited to bring a T-shirt and do a one of a kind Danby silk-screen imprint at Fun Day. Treasures and T-shirts will be collected in a box labeled Team Fun Day, near the coatrack in Town Hall. Thanks!

## Danby Community Library

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Happy Summer! Lots of fun books and movies at the library!

New DVDs: Chef and Still Alice

New Books: God Help the Child Toni Morrison

A God in Ruins Kate Atkinson
In the Unlikely Event Judy Blume

New Collection from Tompkins County Public Library:

Adult Fiction

#### Still Missing:

A Short History of Everything. It's a Book on CD, and we must return it to the Finger Lakes Library System...or pay for it.

#### Local author:

Nina Miller (former head of Hospicare) has written a novel called, *The Mother of Invention*, set in a Town with many references to Ithaca and surrounding areas. Fun Read!

The Danby Community Library will also be open for self-checkout on Thursdays, when either the Court Clerk or the Code Officers open Town Hall. You can return books to the outdoor book drop, any day, 24/7



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## Danby Area News: Event Calendar

Jul 2 • Thu

3pm Merritt's Pvilion

Seniors BBQ

7pm Town Hall

Danby Community Council

Jul 3 • Fri

8pm Upper Buttermilk Park Pavilion

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Community Council Program: Moth Mania

Jul 4 • Sat
9am Town Hall
Library Volunteers Meeting
Jul 11, 2015 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

Jul 13 • 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

Jul 14 • Tue 7pm ← Danby Fire Hall Fire District Meeting

Jul 16 • Thu 3-6pm 🕰 Danby Federated Church Food Pantry

7pm 🕰 Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting
6pm 🕰 Danby Community Park
Park Association Meeting

Jul 19 • Sun

3pm (a) Town Hall, then Jennings Pond Community Council Program: Damsels and Dragons: The Flies of Danby

Jul 20 • Mon
7pm 🔁 Town Hall
Town Board Meeting

Jul 21 • Tue 7:30pm Danby Fire Hall Fire District Meeting

Jul 23 • Thu

7pm A Town Hall
Conservation Adv Council Mtg

Jul 24/25 • Fri 3-7pm, Sat 8am-Noon

Danby Federated Church

Rummage Sale!

Jul 27 • Mon

Noon 🕰 Danby Federated Church Mobile Food Truck

Jul 29 • Wed

6:30pm 🔁 Danby Federated Church Sundaes on Wednesday: Ice Cream and a Concert

Jul 31 • Fri 6pm Danby Federated Church Red Cross Blood Drive

Aug 1 • Sat
9am Town Hall
Library Volunteers Meeting

#### **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