



# DANBY AREA NEWS



## DANBY FUN DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 24

10 AM-4 PM

DANBY FIRE STATION  
1780 DANBY RD.

Come celebrate Danby and support your fire department! This year's event, sponsored by the Danby Fire Department and the Danby Community Council, will feature the **Ross Park Mobile Zoo** from 12 till 3. Six animals will be on display, including reptiles, mammals, and birds.

*Other Fun Day events include:*

**Danby Parade—11:00 am**

**Fire Department's Famous Chicken BBQ—12 noon  
till gone**

**Plaque Dedication Ceremony—2:00 pm**

**Musical Entertainment throughout the day**

**Hot Dogs & Hamburgers**

**Ice Cream, provided by West Danby Fire  
Department**

**Children's Games**

**Farm Animals**

**Bob the Letterman**

**Quilt Raffle**

**Cake Wheel**

**White Elephant Sale**

**Book Sale**

**Vendors galore, and much more!**

*Vendors and exhibits wanted.* This is the perfect

opportunity to sell your wares, or show off your favorite hobby. Interested persons should contact Andrea Hazard at 272-8791. It is preferred that vendors bring their own tables and chairs. There is no cost to vendors, but donations to the Danby Fire Department are welcomed.

*Volunteer opportunities are available.* Among other things, we need help with Children's Games and Stories, the Book Sale, Cake Wheel, and Barbecue (especially at cleanup time after 3 pm). Even one hour of your time is greatly appreciated! Please call Bea Hogben (272-5294) to help with the barbecue, or Andrea Hazard (272-8791) to help with other events, or just show up.

*Cake Wheel Donations are needed.* Please contact Bea Hogben (272-5294) for more information.

*Come sell your unwanted treasures* at the Danby Fun Day's White Elephant Sale. Or look for newfound treasures that your neighbors are selling. Sellers must provide their own setup, and remove any unsold items. You may keep whatever you earn, but donations to the fire department are welcomed. Please contact Asher Hockett (272-9462) if interested. You may also donate your old books to the Book Sale. Bring books the morning of the event. Proceeds will benefit the fire department.

*A special Ceremony* for the Dedication of Plaques, with the Reverend Bernard N. Hogben officiating, marking memorial trees and garden will be held at 2:00 pm on July 24<sup>th</sup>. These plaques honor past Fire Department members Lucretia (Lou) Bowles, Clyde Carrier, and David Cox, and those who served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield. We also wish to honor recent Fire Department member, Dennis Pollack. Our condolences to the family of Kenneth Campbell, who provided the memorial plaques.

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Deadline is the 15th of the month. Materials may be accepted later if time allows. Submissions should generally not exceed one page. We cannot print political material or letters of opinion.

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## IS YOUR DOG LICENSED?

**A Dog Enumeration will take place in Danby beginning in July 2004.** New York State Department of Ag & Markets requires all dogs over four months old to be licensed in the township where they are harbored, renewed annually. If your dog is not registered please make an effort to do so as soon as possible. You may license your dog at the Town Clerk’s office or by mail. You’ll need: 1) Proof of an up-to-date rabies vaccination; 2) Spay or neuter verification from your vet (if spayed or neutered); 3) Fee for license—spayed & neutered, \$5; unspayed and unneutered \$15.50. ***There is an additional fee of \$5 for each unregistered dog that is located during the enumeration.*** Unregistered dogs are dogs that are unregistered at 4 months and overdue renewals.



# SECOND ANNUAL DANBY PARADE JULY 24, 11:00 AM

The Danby Parade Committee, in cooperation with the Danby Fun Days would like to have you join in on the parade! You or your organization or business can enter a float, carry signs or banners, or use your imagination. Please fill out the enrollment form below and return it to the Danby Town Hall (Attention: Parade) by July 10. Don't miss out...it's a lot of fun!

For those participating in the parade, here are things you need to know:

Upon receiving your application, we will assign you a number of placement in the parade line-up. You

will be contacted with your placement number. Placement will be the decision of the parade committee. Walkers, bands and floats will be intermixed. Horses and other animals will be last in line.

All participants will register at Rick Dobson's north driveway, near Miller Road. Line-up will be at the further entrance. Registration and line-up will begin at 10:00 am, and the parade will start promptly at 11 am. The parade route will take you up Rt. 96B past the Danby Market, will make a brief stop in front of the firehouse for you to be announced, and will then continue to the church. Traffic will be re-routed during the parade for your safety.

Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and cheer the parade on. The second annual parade is on its way to being bigger and better. We hope to see everyone there!  
*Submitted by the Parade Committee*

## DANBY PARADE ENTRY FORM JULY 24, 2004

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of entry (circle one) Business Classic Car Band Group Club Animal

Name of business, club, group, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle make, model, year \_\_\_\_\_

Animal breed, name \_\_\_\_\_

(All animals must be under control—leash, lead, harness, saddle, etc.)

***I agree not to hold the Danby Fun Day, the town or the parade committee responsible for any injury due to my participation in the parade.***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature required; under 18 years of age, parent or guardian should sign)

Name, address & phone of contact person \_\_\_\_\_

# VAN NORSTRAND BROTHERS IN CONCERT SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 3PM DANBY TOWN HALL

Come enjoy the high energy, original music of the exceptionally talented brothers Andrew and Noah Van Norstrand. Accompanied by their mom, pianist Kim Van Norstrand, the Van Norstrand brothers will perform a range of fiddle-based music, with roots in American traditional music and dance. Between them, these talented teens play violin, viola, guitar, mandolin, bouzouki, didgeridoo, and a wide range of percussion instruments. This is a concert where it will be difficult to sit still in your seat!

Although just barely old enough to drive, Andrew has already racked up an impressive list of performing credits. For several years he has performed across New York as part of the acclaimed bluegrass group *Chestnut Grove*, with seasoned musician John Rossbach. With younger brother Noah on percussion, and mom Kim on piano, the family has been thrilling fans of traditional music and dance as the *Great Bear Trio*. They have performed at music festivals across the northeast.

A recent performance brought them national attention, when they took third place in the “*Talent from 12 to 20*” contest on National Public Radio’s *Prairie Home Companion*. Their original music thrilled the NPR audience, showing mature musicianship, with arrangements that are sophisticated beyond their years.

Following a recording of dance music as *Great Bear Trio*, the Van Norstrand brothers have released “Driftage,” a duo recording of original music and arrangements. They describe their compositions as being influenced by the traditional fiddling styles of Ireland, Scandinavia and Appalachia.

“These three very different, yet related genres are each integral to how we play, compose, and approach music in general,” they say. “However, when it comes

to arrangements, we’ve incorporated a host of other influences including elements of jazz, rock, and even classical music. This is Driftage—music that has traveled across the globe, carried by the universal currents of rhythm and energy.”

Look forward to the musical journey! Andrew and Noah Van Norstrand will perform at 3:00 pm, August 15<sup>th</sup> in the Danby Town Hall. This concert may be held at the Town Gazebo, in the event of fine weather. Appropriate for the entire family, the music is sure to inspire and delight the ear. This concert, free and open to everyone, is made possible through the efforts of the Danby Community Council concert series, and is supported by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts and Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County Decentralization Program.

*Submitted by Pamela Goddard*

## TOWN HOURS

### TOWN CLERK

July 1–Aug 15: Tues–Fri 9am–3pm  
August 16 on: Tues–Fri 9am–4pm, Sat 9am–noon  
Ph: 607-277-4788 • Fax: 607-277-0559

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

93 Hornbrook Road, Ithaca, NY 14850  
Monday–Thursday 6am–4:30pm • Ph: 272-9169

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Wednesday–Friday 10am–5pm or by appointment  
Ph: 607-277-0799 • Fax: 607-277-0559

### TOWN COURT:

Tuesday eve, 7pm  
Ph: 607-277-4788 • Fax: 607-277-0559

### DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Tues & Thurs 3:30–5:30pm, Sat 9:30am–2:30pm

All offices at the Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, except where noted.

## DANBY CHORUS

Plans are underway to re-activate the Danby Community Chorus. If you love to sing and would like to be a part of the chorus or would like more information, please contact Roland Boda at 273-8241.

Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled to begin the second week of September and be held Sunday afternoons at the Danby Federated Church fellowship hall. Rehearsals will start at 3:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Music will be oriented to the fall and winter season along with Christmas.

To make this happen, a minimum of four voices per part (SATB) will be mandatory. Minimum age will be High School age. Members and friends of the Danby or West Danby community are welcome.

Roland Boda will be directing and Grace Payton has offered to be accompanist. If enough interest is shown (minimum number signed up) an organizational meeting will be held to discuss specifics of the chorus. Come join us and share in the fun!

## COMMUNITY LIBRARY NOTES

Remember summers coming into your cool, dark library after the brightness and heat of the sun? Relive that this summer at the Danby Community Library. Kids can join the Summer Reading Program and earn prizes. Everyone can find old favorites and bestsellers, too. Pick up a copy of the Book Discussion Group's Summer Picks—a list of suggested reading for the summer that will be discussed in September. Look for us in the parade and at Danby Fun Day. Plenty of free parking and no traffic jams on the way to TCPL's Danby Community Library! *Submitted by Patti Meyers*

## ATTN: SPORTSMEN

Sporting license sales for 2004–2005 will go on sale Monday, August 16. The clerk's office will be open at 9:00 am for the first day of sales.

*Submitted by Carol Szczepanski, Danby Town Clerk*

## JENNINGS POND CLEAN UP

It was a beautiful day for clean up. The swimming area looks great thanks to the Tompkins County Probation Department and the 5 Danby residents that came to support their community. A big THANK YOU to Dan and Philip Brown, David McCarthy, Scott Kozak, Mason Cusimano, and Jim Bond from probation. It would not have been possible to do with out all of your help.

Jennings Pond will be open for the season on June 27<sup>th</sup> thru Labor Day. Hours of operation are Sunday thru Thursday 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enjoy and have a great summer. *Pond Director, Amy Cusimano*

## PEN-PALS NEEDED!

The Danby Community Council has voted to adopt Paynesville, a small town outside of the capital Monrovia in Liberia, West Africa. Liberia is just emerging from a terrible civil war during which 200,000 people out of the two million population were killed and half the population was displaced.

What will it mean to have a "sister city"? As a first step, we want to begin a correspondence for children to get to know each other. We have the names of 11 boys and 15 girls, ages 5 to 15, all orphans or abandoned street children who have been taken in by a local relief organization. The children are living in a dormitory, growing their own food, and attending classes, most for the first time in their lives.

If you would like to have one of these kids as a pen pal in Liberia, please contact Faith Sternstein (272-4139) or leave a note (for the Community Council) at the Town Hall with your name, age, address, and phone number.

## NO AUGUST NEWS

The Danby Area News will not be publishing an August issue. The next regular issue will be the September edition. See you in the fall!



## TOWN CLERK SUMMER HOURS

The Town Clerk's office hours will be shorter for the month of July and the first two weeks of August—July 1 through August 15. The office will be open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, and closed Monday and Saturday. If you need to obtain a license or are in need of Notary Public services you may call and I will arrange a time that is convenient. The office phone number is (607) 277-4788.

*Submitted by Carol Sczepanski, Danby Town Clerk*

## OPEN SPACE FOCUS OF NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING

Danby's Comprehensive Plan calls for retaining and enhancing the town's rural character and open spaces. How do we do that? With the help of the Tompkins County Planning Department, 20 possible strategies have been identified. The July 14 meeting (7:00 pm this time, at the Town Hall) of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force will examine these strategies and decide which, if any, to consider putting in place in the next few months. A "dot voting" process will be used to weigh the options, and that dot voting process will be open to all comers so we can best discern which strategies have the broadest support. The turnout for the moratorium public hearing (over 100) testifies to the sensitivity and importance of this topic. Balancing property rights and a natural resistance to being told what we can do with our land with the expressed desire to somehow protect our open spaces will certainly not be easy, but focusing on what we could do and deciding together which strategies to entertain at least allows us all to hear and weigh each other's concerns.

The more of us who participate in this process, the more likely it is that the outcome will reflect a community consensus. Please consider coming to this meeting! The list of strategies is available from the town clerk, or you can email me at <joelpgagnon@hotmail.com> and I will send it to you electronically. The list is not

exhaustive and additional ideas would be welcome. I have a list of email addresses for those who provided them at any of the previous meetings of the task force and will share any additional ideas you pass on to me with those on the list in advance of the meeting. Anyone who wants to be on that email list can send me an email request and I will be happy to add you.

This focus on open space protection and enhancement is only the first stage of a much larger process that the task force is engaged in. A work plan for the group and for the County Planning Department's support of it was approved at the last meeting. We will soon embark on a visioning process in which we will try to get specific about what we want and where we want it. From that will flow a consideration of what we can do to encourage that vision to become reality. All are welcome to be part of that process as well. Membership in the Task Force is open to all and there will be plenty of opportunity to help out in the group's work.

*Submitted by Joel Gagnon, Chair*

## PRESENTATION OF SUBDIVISION PLANS

The public is invited to listen to and comment on plans for a residential subdivision proposed to be located north of Olde Towne Village, opposite Nelson Road, on July 12 at 7:00 p.m. The point of this presentation is to get public feedback, especially from the neighbors, as to whether the revised concept plans for the project sufficiently mitigate the impacts on rural character, the environment, and neighborhood to justify exempting it from the proposed development moratorium.

Developers Mauro Marinelli and Barry Craddock have been exploring ways to change their original 23-lot proposal to bring it more in line with the Comprehensive Plan. So far, proposed modifications would protect the open field adjoining 96B and add a trail connector to Comfort Road in lieu of a road link. If an accommodation can be reached, the Town Board would exempt the proposal from the development moratorium (should we opt to enact it) and allow the application to proceed under the current regulations.

*Joel Gagnon, for the Town Board*

## DANBY HISTORY NOTES BY JOAN GRANT, DANBY TOWN HISTORIAN

### WHEN CORNELL CAME TO DANBY

"In 1961, Cornell University erected the precursor to Arecibo—a 17-foot-diameter radio telescope on the roof of a concrete block laboratory built on the former 210 acre Jones/Miller Farm, located on Fisher Settlement Road. According to George Peter, born and raised on nearby Peter Road and director of laboratory operations at Cornell for the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center at the time, solar flares were observed from the lab and the results reported to the National Bureau of Standards. The site was so remote, he said, that researchers were frequently forced to snowshoe to the lab from South Danby Road, two miles away.

"After five years, Cornell built on the site an 84-foot-diameter radio telescope, whose dish was a spherical reflector. The 'Danby Dish' was mounted on the hillside and aimed at the same sections of the sky being concurrently monitored by telescope operators in Puerto Rico.

"To protect the reflector from the elements, the university covered it with a heavy nylon bubble. On March 25, 1974 researchers discovered a 12-inch slash in the bubble. Initially vandals were blamed, but later reports in the Ithaca Journal cited 'defective material' under a 'heavy snow load.' Regardless of the cause, \$30,000 in damages proved fatal to the project. The Danby laboratory was closed, and operations moved to Brown Road in Lansing.

"In 1985 the Schlesingers bought the land and buildings from Cornell, deeding 171 acres to the DEC for additional state forest land. They turned the lab into a home and dismantled the 17-foot telescope."

*From The Towns of Tompkins County, edited by Jane Marsh Dieckmann*

## JULY/AUG. CALENDAR

DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS—Annual Picnic, Thursday, July 1, 6pm, Hatch's Pavilion.

TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING—Wednesday, July 7, 7pm Town Hall.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & TOWN BOARD MEETING—Monday, July 12, 7pm, Town Hall.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE—Wednesday, July 14, 7:30pm, Town Hall.

DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL—Monday, July 19, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

PLANNING BOARD—Wednesday, July 21, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

DANBY FUN DAY & PARADE—Saturday, July 24, Danby Fire Station. See pages 1 & 3.

VAN NORDSTRAND BROTHERS IN CONCERT—Sunday, August 15, 3pm, Danby Town Hall.

## ONGOING

SENIORS STRENGTH TRAINING GROUP—Mondays, 9am, Danby Federated Church.

WEST DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY—Second Monday, 7pm, West Danby Fire Hall.

DANBY FIRE COMPANY—Mondays, 7pm, monthly meeting the second Monday at 7:30pm.

DANBY FOOD PANTRY—Third Friday, 4–6pm, 1859 Danby Road.

COMPUTER & INTERNET ACCESS—During regular hours of the TCPL Danby Community Library.

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY READING GROUP—Fourth Tuesdays, 7pm, TCPL Danby Community Library.

## SENIORS PICNIC

Danby Senior Citizens will hold their annual picnic at Hatch's West Danby Park, corner of Brown & Short Roads on Thursday, July 1 at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish-to-pass and your table service. Meat and beverage will be provided. All Danby seniors are invited.

# Danby Youth Flyer

## Danby Summer Youth Program Schedule

The programs for Summer 2004 will offer educational, fun and exciting new experiences for Danby youth in their own community. Preregistration is required for every program.

**Primitive Pursuits** — Ages 9 to 14. August 3–5, (T, W,Th), 9am to 1pm, Danby Federated Church.

Youth will have the opportunity to connect to their native environment through learning to build survival shelters, tracking, knife safety, primitive navigation, wilderness safety and much more about survival in the wilderness.

**Creativity Week** — Ages 9 to 14. August 10–12, (T, W,Th), 9am to 12pm, Danby Town Hall

Youth will have the opportunity to learn or enhance their creative skills in pottery, jewelry making and clay creatures. The pottery class will be a "Wild Animal" learning extravaganza with animals from all over the jungle. Bring animal or jungle books that youth have read to share with the group.

**Craft Week** — Ages 9 to 14. August 24–26, (T,W,Th), 9am to 12pm, Danby Town Hall.

Youth will spend the week learning one of the following crafts: quilting, knitting, sewing, or cross-stitch. Please select two crafts on the registration form (First and second choice).

**Youth Gardening Class** — Ages 9 to 14. Danby Town Hall. Throughout the summer on Thursdays, 1pm to 2pm, starting July 8.

Youth can come help work on the garden at the Town

Hall. Plant, care for and harvest our own Danby crops! Vegetable produce that is picked will go to the Danby Farmer's Market and to the Danby Food Pantry.

If you have transportation or other concerns or questions, please contact Kate Gross at [kgross1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:kgross1@twcny.rr.com) or 272-2292 ext. 224. (Program topics are subject to change depending on the availability of program presenters.)

## Scholarships Available

The Danby Community Council is once again offering scholarships to youth in Danby for summer camps and programs. If you would like to apply for a scholarship for any summer camp or summer program, submit an application to Danby Community Council, 908 Steam Mill Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850. (See oposite page.)

Applications are available at the Danby Town Hall and the Danby Market. Applications will be dealt with on a first-come, first-served basis. The money for these scholarships comes from a United Way of Tompkins County allocation.

## Internet Access

Road Runner® high-speed Internet access is available during regular hours of the TCPL Danby Community Library, located in the Town Hall. Stop by and take advantage of it!

## Jennings Pond Hours

June 27–Labor Day  
Sunday–Thursday 1pm–6pm  
Friday & Saturday 1pm–8pm





# Thursday Night Free Family Events at Jennings Pond

## Sponsored by the Danby Community Council

All Programs take place at Jennings Pond, just off Bald Hill Rd. Programs run approximately from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. These programs are suitable for youth of any age, including adults.

**July 8—Wild Animals with Arne Van Leuken.** Come explore the animal life of Jennings Pond. We'll be trying to catch some interesting critters as well as viewing the collection of a local expert. Nets and guidebooks will be provided.

**July 15—Magic with Mike Stanely.** Prepare to be entertained and amazed. At the Danby Town Hall if the weather is bad.

**July 22—Paper making with Arne.** Take a look at how recycled paper gets made. We'll be mixing up scrap paper in blenders and creating our own paper-work. Whatever you make, you get to take home.

**July 29—Ice Cream Making with Arne.** We'll make some hand cranked goodness so bring your extra energy, 'cause it takes a lot of hand power to make it. We'll also try out some alternative ice cream makers and see how they hold up.

**August 5—Primitive Pursuits.** Come try your hand at primitive outdoor living skills such as matchless fire building, shelter construction, and more. Rain or shine. Primitive Pursuits is a program of Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County.

**August 12—Scavenger Hunt/Adventure Challenge with Arne.** We'll divide you up into teams and send you off. You'll learn a little bit about the pond, our local history, and practice your survival skills. It'll be part search, part study, and part who knows? Prizes for everyone who succeeds.

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## Danby Community Council Scholarship Application

The Danby Community Council provides scholarships for special camps/programs (sports, computer, art, dance, music, etc.) for youth who are residents of Danby and need financial support to attend. Funds are limited so please apply quickly.

Youth's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of camp/program \_\_\_\_\_

Address of camp/program \_\_\_\_\_

Is the youth currently eligible for a free or reduced lunch program? \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the information provided on this application is accurate:

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the application with proof of enrollment and (if applicable) payment of deposit to:

**Danby Community Council**  
**908 Steam Mill Road**  
**Ithaca, NY 14850**

Questions, please call 272-7582

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