



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## SCOTTISH TRADITIONAL SINGERS ALISON MCMORLAND & GEORDIE MCINTYRE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 3 PM, DANBY TOWN HALL

A very special concert of Scottish songs will be presented at the Danby Town Hall this month. As part of a North American Tour, the husband and wife team of Alison McMorland and Geordie McIntyre come to us from Perthshire, Scotland. Although essentially solo performers, Alison and Geordie have developed a joint repertoire based on a fine sense of personal harmony.

A Glaswegian of Highland and Irish descent, Geordie McIntyre's lifetime involvement in song, ballad and poetry is reflected in his singing, collecting and songwriting. His early years as a radio and television technician, and later as a Modern Studies teacher, coupled to his passion for the outdoors have fueled and complemented his central interest in folk music.

Born in Renfrewshire, Scotland of Ayrshire/Irish stock, Alison McMorland's family was highly musical. For many years she lived in Cornwall and then in Yorkshire where exploring the folk cultures of these locales helped sharpen and define her Scottish identity. She came to wider public notice in the early 1970's and since then has been active as a collector, performer, teacher, editor, and publisher. Her single-minded commitment to developing the traditional arts within the community, both in England and Scotland, has embraced pioneering and innovative work in oral history and reminiscence, children's folklore, as well as voice workshops and Arts for Health. Dick Gaughan said of her: "She is, in her

field, one of the greatest singers to emerge and her importance cannot be too greatly stressed."

Together Alison and Geordie have an extensive repertoire, and have sung at clubs and festivals in most corners of Britain, Ireland, and more recently in the USA. Their music will transport you to the beauty of the Highland hills.

Alison McMorland and Geordie McIntyre will perform at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 18th in the Danby Town Hall. For part of their performance, they will be joined by Danby resident Pamela Goddard. Appropriate for the entire family, the music is sure to 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.

## WEST DANBY PICNIC

Croquet and badminton will be highlighted at this year's West Danby Picnic, to be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 12. The Hatchs will again host the event at their pavilion and park-like setting on Short Road. The event is dish-to-pass, with lemonade provided, as well as a grill for those needing one. Bring your friends!

## FIRE COMPANY REPORT

2 fire calls in July, for a total of 30 from January 2004 through July; 6 rescue calls in July for a total of 48 from January 2004 through July.

*Submitted by Beatrice Hogben, Trustee*

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**DANBY FEDERATED CHURCH**  
**2004 FALL FAIR ROUND-UP**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 10AM-3PM**  
CHICKEN BAR-B-Q • BAKE SALE • SILENT AUCTION •  
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## DANBY SENIORS

All Danby senior citizens (age 55 and older) are invited to the September 2 dish-to-pass at 6:00 pm at the Danby Federated Church. We are fortunate to have Rita Rosenberg sharing her experiences in Belize. She has given two week seminars for the past four years for teachers from the U.S. and Belize at the rain forest in Belize. Hope you can come and learn more about our south of the border neighbors.

On Wednesday, September 29, a one day trip is planned by bus to Old Forge for a luncheon cruise on the first four lakes of the Fulton Chain, then return by train to our bus. [Editor's note: the Fulton Chain of Lakes is really beautiful!] A stop in Remsen on the way home for dinner. The total cost will be \$55 thanks to a contribution from Tompkins County to pay for the bus. Please contact Barabara Mosher at 272-3730 or Nancy Weitzel at 272-6570 to sign up. We always have an enjoyable time and the fellowship is great.

*Submitted by Priscilla Barber, President, Danby Seniors*

## JENNINGS POND UPDATE

Well, It was a nasty summer (at least the rain was not snow). Jennings Pond officially closed August 23<sup>rd</sup>. for swimming. Due to the numerous rain-out days and the life guards returning to school, we had no other option. The park is still open for picnicking and fishing. On behalf of the Jennings Pond team, thank you for your support. Have a great fall and winter and we will see you next summer.

*Submitted by Amy Cusimano, Pond Director*

## THANK YOU DANBY CITIZENS!

The Danby Fun Day was such a success. The members of the Danby Volunteer Fire Company and the Danby Community Council felt that the community of Danby all came together and made all the planning worthwhile.

The parade, thanks to Amy Cusimano and her

committee, was exciting, varied, and interesting. It was a feeling of pride to see the people lined up beside the road in their lawn chairs in anticipation. Also, thanks to the West Danby Volunteer Fire Company for providing traffic control.

Andrea Hazard and Asher Hockett from the Danby Community Council spent countless hours coordinating the various attractions. There are no adequate words to say "thank you" to them.

The Bar-B-Q cooked by the Danby Fire District Commissioners, and chaired by Dick and Judy Oltz, netted us \$759 profit. They apologize to the persons who were disappointed when the chicken supply was exhausted before everyone was served. Special thanks to persons in the community who don't belong to the Danby Fire Company, but who helped serve the chicken and did up all the dishes at the end!!

The cake wheel netted a profit of \$144.25. Many thanks to the Danby women who contributed the delicious cakes and pies. Gerald Catlin did a great job conducting this event. The hot dog and hamburger stand showed a profit of \$227.20 and we thank Sharon Gaden's relatives for their valuable help with this. The book sale, under the direction of Asher Hockett (which was a lot of work by him and his committee) showed a profit of \$50.75. There were donations of \$235 by vendors and friends of the Danby Fire Company. All these proceeds benefited the Danby Fire Company and will be used to buy needed equipment for our rescue truck.

And last, but not least, thanks to the bands "Flunk School" and Mike Dawson's "Generation Gap" (playing enjoyable music for ALL AGES), Bob the Letterman, the Flashing Feathers archery setup (thanks to Steve Barber and his crew), the vendors galore, the white elephant sales, the Ross Park Mobile Zoo, the wonderful games for children under the direction of Kate Gross (our Danby Youth Manager), the special ceremony for the dedication of plaques, and the various other displays made for a fun and memorable day. Next year's Fun Day will be July 16th. Save the date.

*Submitted by John & Sharon Gaden and Beatrice Hogben*

## FUN DAYS PARADE

The 2004 Danby Fun Days Parade was a great success. Thank you to all of our participants: Dawson Trucking, Nancy Moore, Danby Federated Church Youth Choir and the Food Pantry, The Pirates Club, TCAT Trolley, Snow top Farm, Danby Highway Department, The Salvation Army Band, Andy Thurnheer, Carol Bushberg, Faith Sternstein and the Liberian music group, Bagpiper Dave Cook, Thomas and Liam Cooper, The Limo Diva's and the Danby Fire Department.

A big thank you goes to the West Danby Fire Department for their help with traffic control and to Bill Hall and the Danby Highway Department for supplying us with equipment. We would also like to thank Rick Dobson for the use of his property for parade line up and for the announcer's stand. See you in 2005!

*Submitted by the Danby Parade Committee*

## OTHER FUN DAY THANKS

*From Andrea Hazard:*

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, Danby Fun Day was a big success. For those of you who missed the event, there was an impressive parade, a variety of entertainment and displays, over a dozen vendors, and a sold-out chicken dinner. We already have bigger and better plans for next year's Fun Day, to be held Saturday, July 16th, so mark your calendar!

*From Naomi Strichartz:*

A huge thank-you to Amy and Asher for making the parade a big success. It was impressive. And to Sue for her help and the great signs.

## CAN EMERGENCY PERSONNEL FIND YOU?

If you have an emergency at your home and need to call for police, medical or fire personnel, can these responders find your house? Surprisingly, many residences in the Danby Fire District, encompassing mailing addresses in Brooktondale, Danby, Ithaca, Spencer, West Danby, and Willseyville, are difficult to spot be-

cause they are poorly marked. If an address is difficult to find in the daylight, think how much more difficult it might be to find during nighttime! This difficulty translates to lost minutes in coming to your aid. Please take time today to make sure your house numbers are clearly visible from the road.

For best visibility, we ask that all numbers be a minimum of 4" tall. Numbers on mailboxes should be visible from both directions along the road. This may mean affixing numbers on both sides of your mailbox. Residents living in apartments, duplexes, town houses, or other complexes should make sure their house numbers can be distinguished from others. Please replace any deteriorating or faded numbers. Numbers are sold in most hardware stores. Also remove overgrown vegetation if necessary.

The Danby Fire Company is sponsoring a sale of address number signs to the community. These number signs are designed to be placed along the road in front of your house, preferably near your driveway entrance. Number signs such as these are becoming more popular and can be seen in many surrounding towns. Numbers are white and 4" tall and custom-made on a green metal reflective vinyl background that is 6" wide. The standard sign length is 18". Up to 5 numbers are printed on both sides so that they can be seen along the road from either direction. You decide whether you want the numbers to read horizontally or vertically.

Each set of numbers costs \$12.00 and they can be mounted on a metal support post for an additional \$5, which includes mounting hardware. Without the post, you will need to mount the numbers yourself utilizing the pre-drilled holes in the sign corners. Members of the fire company will assist anyone who needs help setting up these number signs. To order for addresses within the Danby Fire Company response area, please call Neal Franklin at 273-3831. For addresses within the West Danby Fire Company response area, please call Steve Cortwright or Marrell Schutt at 564-0020. Completed number sets will be delivered free of charge to your residence or can be picked up by appointment at the Danby Fire Station, 1780 Danby Road. We will contact you when your order is completed.

Whatever type of sign you choose, please take care

that it identifies your residence clearly. We hope for heightened awareness of this concern and a great community response. Your Volunteer Fire Company hopes that you won't need us, but if you do we want to be sure to find you as quickly as possible.

## SECOND HEARING ON MORATORIUM

The Town Board will hold a public hearing at 7pm on Monday, September 13 to consider adopting a revised version of the proposed moratorium local law on applications for subdivisions and rezonings that was originally proposed in June. One of the reasons the board did not vote on the June version of the law was the request of the developers of the CMC subdivision, proposed for land opposite Nelson Road, to be exempted from the moratorium because this project had been under town review for several months.

A Memorandum of Understanding resulted from negotiations with those developers that reduces the inconsistencies with the Comprehensive Plan. The town board now proposes to adopt a revised law that excludes proposals that have received conceptual approval. The CMC subdivision is the only one in that position, and in fact recently also received preliminary and final subdivision approval from the planning board.

The draft local law includes findings that it is necessary to review town land use laws in order to assure consistency of those laws with the comprehensive plan, and that projects, if allowed to proceed under the current laws, might not be consistent with the comp plan. The draft local law provides a 6-month time for review and modification of town land use laws for this purpose.

Although there is little difference between this version of the moratorium proposal and the earlier one, the board would welcome additional comments at this hearing.

## TASK FORCE UPDATE

The next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force will be at 7:30 P.M. on

Wednesday, September 8. At the last meeting in July, we ranked an augmented list of open space protection strategies and grouped them in ways that seemed to make sense. Four committees were formed to investigate the chosen strategies and consider their application to Danby. They will report their findings and recommendations to the full group in September for feedback. The full group will evaluate the proposals and consider whether they adequately address the need. If not, we will decide how to deal with that. The committees as set up last time might be asked to modify or refine their proposals. Possibly committees could be combined or work together so the proposals can be integrated into a comprehensive package. If this all sounds rather flexible, that's because it is. Those involved in the work of the task force are shaping the effort.

This focused effort surrounding open space protection strategies is just the first phase of a much larger effort on which we will shortly embark to answer the "what do we want?" and "where do we want it?" questions in planning Danby's future. Within the scope of the comprehensive plan vision there is plenty of latitude to accommodate a variety of scenarios for a future Danby. The plan for the Task Force is to create a specific vision of Danby's future and to position our government to help make it happen. The issues we will be dealing with as part of this process are of great importance to all of us. You can contribute the most to our collective welfare by being an active member of the Task Force. Now is a good time to jump in.

*Joel Gagnon, Task Force Chair*

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The Tompkins County Department of Planning invites communities and organizations to submit Preliminary Project Proposals for activities in the categories of Housing, Public Facilities, and Microenterprise. A selected project may become the subject of a Tompkins County application to the New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program 2005 competitive grant round. Projects that will implement actions identified in the Draft Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan are encouraged.

The New York State CDBG Small Cities Program is a federally funded program authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. At least 70 percent of grant funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. Under unique circumstances, Small Cities funds may be used to meet urgent community development needs.

Funding may be used by municipalities for projects in three categories: Housing (rehabilitation, homeownership, private water/wastewater system assistance or construction of new affordable housing), Public Facility (infrastructure or service-related projects), and Microenterprise. The maximum grant amount for single purpose grants for Housing and Public Facilities projects is \$600,000. The maximum grant amount for Microenterprise projects is \$400,000. The maximum grant amount for comprehensive grants serving a particular area is \$650,000. Contact the Tompkins County Department of Planning at 274-5560 or <planning@tompkins-co.org> to request a project proposal form. Proposals will be accepted until September 17, 2004. A public hearing will be held at the County Legislature on September 7 at 5:30 pm to discuss the CDBG program and identify county needs and priorities.

## HISTORY NOTES BY JOAN GRANT, TOWN HISTORIAN

About a year and a half ago, Carol Kammen, the Tompkins County Historian, sent a letter to inform me that the Glenn Norris book "Place Names in Tompkins County" was being revised. She asked if I might like to contribute to the endeavor as Danby's Town Historian. I replied that I was eager to help. I spent many months doing research and talking with those familiar with Danby's history. Not all of my place names were included but those that were are of interest and help explain Danby's unique heritage.

Should you be interested in purchasing a copy of the book, they are available at the Danby Town Clerk's office or at the Tompkins County Recycling Center. The cost is \$6 and they are not available in bookstores.

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# Danby Youth Flyer

## Danby Youth Programs Fall Session

Here are educational and exciting youth development programs for your children to enjoy this fall. Please look for Program Brochures at the Danby Town Hall and the Danby Community Library, these will have more details and registration forms. To have a brochure mailed to you or faxed, please contact Kate Gross at 272-2292 Ext. 224. Preregistration is required for all programs.

### **Cooking Danby Style:**

Monday, September 20 and 27, 4 to 5:30 pm, Danby Federated Church. Grades 4–10.

Come learn how to cook with the garden vegetable that were started from seed. Learn new and fun meals with fresh fruits and vegetables. Come learn to cook for beginners or learn more recipes for the experienced youth cook.

### **September Sampler:**

Monday, September 20 and 27, Danby Federated Church, 6:30 to 8 pm. All ages.

Come find out the different programs that will be run for youth in Danby in the coming year. Sample many different crafts, activities and fun programs for all ages.

### **Youth Business:**

Thursday, September 16, 23, 29, 4 to 6 pm, Fire Hall Pavilion. Grades 4–11.

Youth will learn how to start a business and create the products that they want to market.

The Danby Youth Flyer is sponsored in part by United Way of Tompkins County.

## SEPT. CALENDAR

**TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING**—Wednesday, September 1, 7pm, Town Hall.

**DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS**—Thursday, September 2, 6pm, Danby Federated Church. See page 3.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE**—Wednesday, September 8, 7:30pm, Town Hall.

**WEST DANBY PICNIC**—Sunday, September 12, 4pm, Hatch's Pavilion.

**TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**—Monday, September 13, 7pm, Town Hall. Proposed Local Law. Regular meeting of Town Board to follow.

**PRIMARY ELECTION**—Tuesday, September 14, noon–9pm, Districts 1 & 3 at Town Hall, District 2 at West Danby Fire Station.

**PLANNING BOARD**—Thursday, September 16, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**SCOTTISH MUSIC CONCERT**—Saturday, September 18, 3pm, Danby Town Hall. See page 1.

**TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING**—Monday, September 20, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**—Wednesday, September 22, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING**—Monday, September 27, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**DANBY SENIORS TRIP**—Wednesday, September 29. See page 3.

## 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.

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