



DANBY AREA NEWS

DANBY FUN DAY

This year's Fun Day and Parade will be held Saturday, July 16th (and no, this is not the weekend of Grassroots). We welcome local talent, and are in need of vendors, exhibits, demos, musicians, entertainers, animals for a petting zoo/exhibit, a hay or buggy ride, and any other "fun" events you can think of. Volunteers are needed as well. Please contact Andrea Hazard for more information (272-8791).

ASKING FOR HELP

Hello, My name is Scott Wendt. I am the Chief of the West Danby Fire Department. I have been in this department for 10 years this June, and it has been the best thing that I have ever become a part of. I never thought of myself as being the chief of this wonderful department, but with the encouragement of my predecessor, Mel Westmiller, I am very proud to have made it to that rank.

The reason that I am writing today is to ask the community of West Danby for help. Our small department is in desperate need of new members. We currently have a wonderful, hard working membership, but we need more. The West Danby Fire and Rescue currently has 15 active members. That number could be greatly improved with your help. We had approximately 46 Fire calls, 16 Rescue calls, and 178 calls as a district last year. Although that is not a large number compared to some of our larger neighboring departments, with our small membership it can tax our department's stamina quickly.

We have many different jobs that can be done by the members of our community. Interior firefighters are greatly needed, but we also have a great need for EMTs, fire police, truck and pump operators, and auxiliary.

Our department also has a Junior Firefighter program for teens from 15-17 years of age.

Please feel free to call our station at 564-7303 or my home at 564-0367 with any questions or interest. We have our regular monthly meeting on the second Monday of every month, starting at 7pm. We do regular training on the remaining Monday's of each month. Please feel free to stop in and ask any questions, we will be glad to help you in any way we can. Help us help you!

Thank You,
Scott Wendt, Chief, West Danby Fire and Rescue

COMMUNITY LIBRARY NOTES

Welcome, Spring! New videos and audiobooks arrive 3/31. We will have replaced our adult fiction by 4/28. The book discussion group has been reading novels by Sharyn McCrumb and *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. We have purchased *The Kite Runner*, *The South Beach Diet* and *The South Beach Diet Cookbook* for our permanent collection.

Hot off the presses...the latest Harry Potter is being purchased for the Danby Community Library through a specially donated fund in memory of Marie Boehme and will be released in July at the same time as the bookstores. So, enjoy a little spring through books and videos and come out and see your neighbors at the Danby Community Library.

Submitted by Patti Meyers

THANK YOU!

...from everyone at the Danby Market to **Jeff Huddle**, who went above and beyond and foiled a burglary attempt with his truck and cell phone. You are our hero!

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Danby Community Council appointed Robert Chapman to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Directors at their March meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 7, 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall. We will be discussing summer programming among other topics. All DCC meetings are open to the public. For more info, contact Dan Klein, 272-7582, <danbydan@hotmail.com>.

BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS

Grants up to \$500 are available for any individuals or groups in Danby who want to do a beautification project. The projects must be located in highly visible locations, such as the entrances to towns and villages, along major roads, and in front of prominent public buildings such as schools, post offices, town halls, and historic buildings. Projects may include such features as landscape plantings, signage, benches, planters, hanging baskets, and sculpture. The Beautification Program is funded by the Tompkins County Legislature utilizing the hotel room tax fund, in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

There are a few other easy to accomplish requirements of these grants. To discuss your idea, please contact Dan Klein, Tompkins County Community Beautification Coordinator, at 272-2292, ext. 123, or by e-mail at <dek22@cornell.edu>.

DANBY E-MAIL NEWS

There is a new e-mail newsletter for Danby residents. The monthly newsletter is free. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential and will never be sold. You can unsubscribe at any time. This newsletter can be used by residents to announce events, yard sales, items for sale, free things to give away, requests for information (for example, who can recommend a good local snow plower) or whatever else you think might be of interest to Danbyites. There are over

100 people receiving the Danby Email News so far. To add your name to the list, email Dan Klein at <danbydan@hotmail.com>.

EXCERPTS FROM E- MAIL NEWSLETTER

Save the date: Wayne Myers' garden on Michigan Hollow Rd. will be open for tours on Sunday, May 15 and Saturday June 18, 10:00–4:00. Wayne's garden has a combination of flower beds, stone work, interesting structures, a mill house with water wheel, and a huge fossil from his land that is outstanding. It costs \$5 to visit and is part of the countywide Open Days Garden Tour. More details at <www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/community_beautification> or Google *Tompkins Garden Tour*.

Danby resident Barbara Behrmann's book is about to be published. The following description is from her website, <www.breastfeedingcafe.com>:

"The Breastfeeding Café: Mothers Share the Joys, Challenges and Secrets of Nursing is a collection of candid stories and anecdotes in which women from all over the U.S. discuss the joys and rewards, frustrations and challenges, sorrow and anger, pride and satisfaction, and humor and poignancy that characterize the nursing experience in our contemporary, bottle-feeding culture."

DANBY TOWN TALK FORUM

If you are part of an organization, club, or business, please stop by the Danby Market on Sunday, April 10, 2–3pm, to discuss with me what you would like to see in future Danby Town Talk columns in the Ithaca Journal. If I can get word out about events that you are having in Danby that are open to the public, or if you know of someone who is celebrating a special birthday or anniversary or who won an award, or if you have some interesting Danby history to share, I'd like to hear about it! I hope to see you there.

Thank you.

Gay Huddle, Danby Town Talk Columnist

CHANGES COMING TO MEDICARE

Several important changes are occurring in benefits under Medicare as a result of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. One is the addition of new preventive and screening services, which were added as of January 1, 2005. Another is the addition of Medicare Part D, Prescription Drug Coverage.

The first new prevention benefit is a one-time wellness physical examination within 6 months of the day you first enroll in Medicare Part B. The exam covers measurement of height, weight, and blood pressure, and an electrocardiogram, as well as education, counseling and referral related to other preventive services.

The next is screening blood tests for early detection of cardiovascular diseases, or abnormalities associated with an elevated risk of cardiovascular disease. The covered tests include those for cholesterol levels and other lipid or triglyceride levels. These tests are covered once every 24 months.

Finally, blood glucose testing is covered 2 times every 12 months for those at high risk for diabetes.

The most significant change for most Medicare beneficiaries and new enrollees will be the addition of Part D, Prescription Drug Coverage. Even though the enrollment period doesn't open until November 15, 2005, it is not too early to learn about this new benefit and how to evaluate its features for your particular situation.

Like the Medicare Approved Drug Discount Cards introduced in 2003, this benefit is optional and voluntary for Medicare Part A and B beneficiaries. That is what makes this tricky. You must decide whether or not to sign up, and understand the trade-offs to be considered.

Persons who have drug coverage through other options—for example, employer plans, VA benefits, union plans or private plans—will be notified whether their existing coverage is “at least as good” (creditable)

as the standard Medicare Part D. If it is, these beneficiaries can decline Part D coverage.

Within each area, a minimum of two plans will be offered. Beneficiaries will have to decide which plan does a better job of meeting their needs, and then enroll. We are hopeful that EPIC will be deemed ‘creditable coverage’ and therefore substitute for Part D for those who currently have EPIC coverage.

This is important because if one declines Part D coverage during open enrollment or when one becomes eligible, and wants to add this coverage later, there will be a surcharge added to the premium for each month the beneficiary did not have creditable coverage.

Persons with limited income will be eligible for additional benefits, including no premium or deductible, and co-pays of as little as \$1 or \$3 per prescription. Persons who are ‘dual-eligible’ for both Medicare and Medicaid will be notified of their entitlement to drug coverage and auto-assigned to a drug plan in their area.

To get more information about the costs, enrollment process and deadlines, and get the most current information available, there is a good local resource: trained Health Insurance Counselors. To talk with a counselor, call Lifelong at 273-1511. Or stop by 119 W. Court St. to pick up information from Medicare with more details.

FOSTER MEETINGS

To anyone who is considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent, there will be an informational meeting at the Human Services Building, Room 142, 320 W. State St., Ithaca, on Thursday, April 14th, from 12:00–1:00. Youth Services is also looking for Host Homes for teenagers for short-term respite.

Also, the *Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting-Group Preparation and Selection* will be held Saturday, March 19th, 10am–1pm at the Human Services Building. This is the start of a 33-hour, 11-week program to prepare you to foster or adopt, and to determine what kinds of placements are best suited for your family. Call 274-5266 for more information.

PUBLIC INFO MEETING REPORT

The proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinance aimed at open space preservation elicited considerable commentary at a public information meeting on March 14.

The most frequently cited objection was to property owners being told how they could subdivide their land. Many in attendance did not want their property rights being further constrained by regulation. Since the intent of the regulation is to guide development to minimize negative environmental and esthetic impacts, this objection is fundamental and cannot be addressed easily.

One suggestion is that the guidance should apply only to larger developments and not to the “one lot here and there.” However, most development in Danby is of this one-lot-at-a-time sort. To exclude it would be to exclude most of the development we are experiencing. Of course, the rules would only apply to properties in the low density zone; but that is most of the town.

The Town Board will be very interested to hear what the public take is when the matter comes before the public again at public hearing. That hearing has not yet been scheduled. If all the changes are in place by the April 7 Town Board meeting, the board will probably schedule a public hearing for late April at that time. Watch the Ithaca Journal and the town signs for notice.

Several other concerns have been raised about the legislation, both at the public information meeting and in Town Board and Planning Board review. The legislation has been modified in response, but whether the changes adequately address the concern is also of interest to the Town Board. Many of the concerns were based on misunderstanding of what is proposed, and could be “explained away.”

For example, many seem to think that larger lots will be required. This is not the case. In fact, by encouraging pre-planning and clustering, smaller lots will be easier to create. The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force is looking at both phasing

and clustering along the road frontage (“sliding” lots over by reducing frontage in order to leave some frontage undeveloped) as additional measures to include in the second round of changes currently being crafted (see the Task Force Update article for more on this). Those possibilities are not a part of this first round proposal, however. The existing lot requirements regarding frontage and lot size (200’ frontage, 2 acre minimum) would remain in place, absent a cluster development plan. The option of clustering is already in the Danby Subdivision Regulations, but it is not emphasized. The revised regs would highlight it and encourage it.

Another concern, and a complex one to address, is the potential impact of the revised regs on property values. Some are concerned that property values will increase, others that they will decrease. Since assessments are supposed to track market value (everyone is free to quibble about whether they actually do), we can focus on the factors influencing market value. Any development increases property values overall, since those values are overwhelmingly in the “improvements” and not in the raw land. For the landowner, however, the main concern is the effect on the value of their land.

The task force has tried to minimize the potential adverse impact by “locking in” the lot entitlement based on frontage in the current regs, recognizing that under the current regs a property owner’s equity primarily resides in their road frontage (where the infrastructure of roads and utilities is already in place), particularly since our regulations require frontage to create a lot. Under the new regs, a property owner would be entitled to the same number of frontage lots as in the current regs--1 for every 200 feet. The total number of lots allowed might change, depending on how much frontage there is compared to the total acreage of the parcel. The new regs would allow 1 lot to be created for every 200 feet of frontage or 1 for every 5 acres of land, whichever is more. Note that the size of the lots is not proposed to be increased.

Would landowners find their land to be worth less or more under the new regs? Conceivably it could be less for those with large acreages and little frontage. It might also be more, since carefully planned development incorporating protected open space might well be worth more on the market. The outcome is hard to

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predict but unlikely to be large given the modest shift in how equity currently resides.

The new regs state that the parts of a parcel included in the conservation area should be connected to each other (be contiguous). This is for ecological reasons (larger contiguous areas function better as ecosystems) and for practical reasons (larger tracts are easier to delineate and use for agriculture or recreation than a patchwork quilt of pieces). This contiguity requirement has given birth to another concern, however. Some landowners fear that keeping land in unbroken tracts will make it easier to create trails. They either don't want trails (a fear of liability as well as the potential for abuse by ATV users and snowmobilers is often cited) or are afraid of a government-imposed trail. It is true that it is easier to create trails through large unbroken tracts. Most of the existing trails in Danby are through such lands (e.g. the Finger Lakes Trail).

It is also true that the Comprehensive Plan encourages trail creation both for recreation and for rural economic development (by supporting tourism and agriculture if some of those trails were for horse riding). Nothing in the proposed regulations would require trail creation, however, and there has never been any suggestion that trails should be created coercively in these regulations or anywhere else.

What about the impact on housing affordability? The new regs would make creating new lots in the low density zone a more involved and lengthy process. That translates into more expensive. Aren't we pricing people of modest means out of the housing market? The task force has discussed this issue at length, since it concerns all of us. We have done what we could to simplify the process to keep costs down, including relying on readily available data, while retaining the basic process set forth in the regs to distinguish lands best preserved from those where development can be directed with the least impact. The primary task force effort to address affordability, however, will be to create opportunity for housing in and near the hamlets, both new and infill, in denser neighborhoods where services and amenities can be more economically provided. That work will be in the context of hamlet strategic planning, soon to get under way.

The above includes most of the concerns raised to

date. The Task Force and Town Board have adjusted the legislation to minimize the negative effects while retaining the potential benefits. The question is now this: Do the benefits outweigh the costs? The Town Board will have to make that judgment (referendum on the issue is not allowed under state law). Your opinion does matter. Keep an eye out for the possible public hearing in April and plan on attending and weighing in—one way or the other.

Joel Gagnon, Task Force Chair and Town Board member

TASK FORCE UPDATE

After carefully considering the provisions of a possible affordable housing ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force decided to shelve it for the moment. While simple in concept (it would require at least 10% of units in developments of 10 or more units to be "affordable"), it proved to be anything but simple to define affordability, deal with qualifying buyers, assuring that the units remain affordable, providing for payments in lieu of units where it might make sense to a developer or the town, etc. The sense of the group was that it would be administratively difficult for a town the size of Danby to handle. We agreed to focus on creating opportunities for affordable housing in and near the hamlets, by enabling more dense development there as part of the strategic planning process for the population centers. We will reexamine the whole affordability picture once hamlet planning takes shape to see if we are satisfied that we have made adequate provision for affordability. If not, we can reconsider this ordinance at that time.

The group has agreed to propose a change to the Subdivision Regulations that would allow for a reduction in road frontage for lots in order to spare some frontage (to preserve roadside farmland or a view, for example, or where wetlands or steep slopes present development constraints). Instead of having a lot every 200 feet, lots could be "moved over" by reducing the road frontage and allowing smaller lots while keeping the total number of roadside lots the same. Application of this provision would be at the landowner's option.

Also being considered, but not yet fully developed into language for inclusion, is the possibility of phasing approved subdivision plans. The basic idea is to

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encourage planning for development without driving the actual development of the planned lots. Currently, once a final plat for a subdivision is approved, it must be filed in short order or it expires. Once filed, it triggers taxation of the approved lots, generally much higher than the pre-approval taxation. We would like to plan the development while minimizing the tax consequences. Phasing the development over a number of years, perhaps 5 to 10 years or more, might allow us to do that. Should developments not executed then expire? We will work this out in the coming meetings.

A “conservation flag lot” provision is also being weighed. As proposed, it would allow substitution of a flag lot for a frontage lot, intended to give landowners additional flexibility in lot placement. This is still being carefully examined for potential unintended negative consequences.

While these matters are being worked through, the Task Force is organizing the hamlet strategic planning effort. A committee was to report to the March 23 meeting with a proposal for how this planning effort could be structured. More on that next month.

The Task Force is currently meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (the 13th and 27th in April) at 7 P.M. All are welcome to join the work.
Joel Gagnon, Task Force Chair

LAST SNOW NOTICE

- Local law No. 1 of 1990 prohibits parking on roadways. Please park your vehicles in your driveway. This will allow safer and quicker snow removal from our roadways.

- Please don't place garbage cans or recycling bins in the way of removal equipment. The snowplow wing can miss hitting these items if they are kept far enough back from the shoulder of the road.

- Lastly, do not tailgate snow removal vehicles. Snow and ice covered roads can present unknown hazards.

These tips are for everyone's safety. Please do your part to make the remainder of the winter accident-free.
Submitted by William Hall, Superintendent

DANBY HISTORY NOTES BY JOAN GRANT, TOWN HISTORIAN

DUG WELLS

A few years after we built here in Danby we discovered, in the backyard in a tangle of brush, a circular dug well. Shortly after the discovery, when grading with the tractor in the same area, we uncovered small bits of white china with a blue pattern. According to the 1853 and 1866 maps of Danby there was no preexisting structure on our land, and yet there is undeniable proof that there must have been. If you've ever seen a dug well and wondered just how our pioneering forefathers managed to dig one this article will help answer some of your questions.

THE HAND DUG WELL

A well was a luxury for the early pioneers. Without one they were required to haul water, sometimes over long distances, in horse drawn wagons. Some would build their houses next to creeks, some caught rain-water running off the roof, while others would dam a creek or stream and dig channels to bring the water to the house and farm.

In dry spells, with no above ground water source, a well became imperative. Digging a well could take weeks or even months before the water table was found. It could be a dangerous and amazingly difficult job. If not done correctly the side walls could cave in on the builder, killing him.

When most of us think of a hand dug well we automatically envision a circular shaft lined with flat field stones or brick. In actuality, the majority were square. Because the circular well was very expensive to build we can see why the square well became the well of choice.

DIGGING THE WELL

Digging a square well was a three-man job, with one man at the top and two in the well. This meant that the size of the well had to be quite large, 4'X4' or 5'X5', so that the persons digging would have enough room to maneuver pick, shovel and weighted pry bar. The first few feet were generally the easiest, shoveling down through soil and smaller rocks. The job of the man at the top was to raise the filled bucket, empty it out and lower it back down into the well. He was also responsible for lowering boards, nail and hammers.

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Every two feet the men in the well stopped digging. They would box off the walls, reinforcing them with rough-cut boards commonly referred to as curbing. Curbing would prevent cave-ins. This would be done all the way down unless the well shaft passed through exceptionally "hard earth" or rock where there was no worry about the walls giving way. If the men digging came upon a section of rock that wouldn't break up with the pick or heavy pry bar, holes would be drilled in the rock. Dynamite would be placed in the holes, the men hauled to the top and the rock blasted away. The men would once again be lowered down to collect the debris and send it to the top and continue to dig.

When the pick, shovel or pry bar finally broke into the water table there was still need for concern. On occasion the newly discovered water was unfit for drinking. It might be red with rust from iron rich earth or smell of rotten eggs from a large vein of sulfur. It could be used but most likely only for watering purposes. As a rule though, the well water was very suitable for drinking.

METHODS OF REMOVING WATER FROM THE WELL

- 1—Attach a bucket to the end of a rope and lower it into the well, then raise the filled bucket to the surface.
- 2—Place a large wooden beam over the top of the well with a pulley attached to the beam to make raising the bucket easier.
- 3—Attach a winch (windlass) under a small roof over the well. It looks like a drum on its side with a crank handle on the end. The rope is wound over the drum until the filled bucket reaches the top.
- 4—The same as #2, but a cable or rope is hooked to the harness of a horse or mule and the water is pulled up in a very large bucket.
- 5—A windmill that would operate a water pump that dumped water into a trough.

MAINTAINING THE DUG WELL

Once digging the well was completed and it was full of water, the maintenance began. Once a year someone had to go down into the well and clean it. "The wind blew leaves, insects and everything imag-

inable down into the well, which often contaminated it. Unless the water was too far down, mice, frogs and snakes could smell the water and fall in, resulting in coliform bacteria getting into the water." Generally one of the children was honored with the duty of cleaning the well, and it was a dirty job. The boards nearest the water would be slippery and slimy and covered with algae and moss. The algae and moss had to be scraped off and sent up in buckets. Once every five years, to prevent the loss of the well, an adult would be lowered down to replace rotted boards. Rotted boards formed tannic acid, which would give the water an unpleasant taste. Replacing the boards also prevented cave-ins and helped avoid having to re-dig the well and losing the family water supply.

The well was often used as a refrigerator where anything that needed to be kept cool could be lowered down into the cool dark shaft.

COVERS FOR THE WELL

Some wells had a simple board cover over the mouth of the well. Others were of the typical "wishing well" style with board or stone walls surrounding the well sides and a peaked wood roof. Some had a small building built over them and these were favored as they collected less debris.

Building a well is an amazing feat, proving once again that our forefathers had real determination.
Resources: Walton Feeds; Al Durtschi, 2000.

DEAD DEER

To report a Dead deer on a Town of Danby roadway, call the danby Highway Department at 272-9169. Notify us promptly, so that the deer may be picked up as quickly as possible. Please leave your name, nearest house number to deer, the location of the deer itself (in ditch, near mailbox, etc.) and most importantly a call back number in case we need more information. We will call in the report to the proper highway department (state, county or town). Town & county usually pick up deer the same working day; the state may take up to 24-48 hours. Deer are not picked up on weekends, but you may leave a message on the answering machine anytime.

Submitted by William Hall, Superintendent

DANBY PARADE ENTRY FORM › PARADE DATE: JULY 16, 2005

Name: _____

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

Name of business, club, group, etc. _____

Necessary information in detail: Vehicle, animal breed, musical group float etc...

Signature _____

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

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

Signature _____ (Signature required; under 18 yrs. of age, parent or guardian needs to sign)

Name and Address of contact person _____

Drop off your completed forms to Danby Town Hall or Danby Market.

Questions? Please contact A. Cusimano amymc@twcny.rr.com or S. Beeners at Town Hall.

PARADE UPDATE

The parade committee has sent out invitations and applications to many community organizations and businesses in Danby and the surrounding area. We have received enthusiastic responses from some of these organizations and businesses, but we still want everyone to join us in this fun event. Danby is celebrating its 210th birthday. How about period costume? Corsets and Buster Brown, floats or banners, use your imagination. This is a great opportunity to support your business or club and your community.

Since March has decided to be January, what a better time to plan for a great summer event. Save the date: Saturday, July 16th. Pre-registration is required, and applications are due by June 15th. If you have not received a letter or application they are available at the Danby Market, or contact Amy Cusimano, <amymc@twcny.rr.com>, or Sue Beeners at Town Hall, 277-0799.

The days of parade fanfare are back! Get excited!

Submitted by the Danby Parade Committee

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TAX COLLECTION 2005 REMINDER

Town and County Taxes for 2005 may be paid through May 31, 2005 at the Town Clerk's Office and must be paid in full with penalties. Reminder notices will soon be in the mail. All second installment payments are to be paid to Tompkins County Budget & Finance at 125 East Court Street, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Payments received in April or postmarked by April 30, 2005 must include a 3% penalty.

Payments received from May 1–May 31, 2005 (or postmarked by May 31) must include a 4% penalty.

If you have questions please call the Town Clerk at (607) 277-4788.

DANBY FEDERATED CHURCH BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Danby Federated Church is excited to announce to the community the beginning of its "Project Faith" building campaign. The campaign is already in process and will culminate in special programs April 22 through 26, including Sunday worship services led by the Reverend Robert Firby called "Building for the Future."

The building addition will include classrooms for Sunday school and Christian education as well as programs for families, children, youth, and seniors; a chapel for weddings and smaller worship services; space for storage; handicap access restrooms; improved office and hospitality space; and increased storage. The church aims to raise \$350,000.00 for the project.

The church sees its mission as providing meaningful worship for people of all ages, opportunities for learning, living, and sharing God's Word, and serving God and neighbor in mission and ministry. It seeks to be a church for all members of the Danby community not affiliated with other churches, and a neighbor to

the rest. It seeks to work with the community to address community needs, particularly the needs of families with children and youth, seniors, and persons struggling to make ends meet. It seeks to be an inclusive and welcoming place where all God's children can be served and serve.

The entire community is invited to be part of this "Project Faith" initiative and to participate in the overall mission and ministry of the Church.

Submitted by Will Baez

WOOD CHIPS & BRUSH

Wood chips are available to Danby residents for their personal use at the Town of Danby Highway Department at 93 Hornbrook Road. They are available by pick-up only and free of charge during Highway Department working hours. The hours are Monday–Friday 6:00am–2:30pm. Hours *may* change the last week of April, so you may want to check before coming that week. This was undecided as of press time.

You can load your own wood chips any time during working hours. However, if you have an open-bed pickup truck or tow-behind trailer, we can load them for you with our loader if it and the manpower is available. The most convenient time for this is 30–45 minutes before closing. Supply of wood chips is limited at times, so you may want to call ahead for availability.

Unwanted brush? Any Danby resident may drop brush off at the Highway Department during our working hours. Brush should be free of foreign materials such as wire, paper, etc. Leaves are not considered brush. Any questions, please call 272-9169.

STILL NO PARKING!

Local Law No. 1 of 1990 allows for the emergency towing of any vehicle parked or abandoned on any highway within the Town of Danby that hinders the ability of Danby, or any other governmental agency, to respond to a snowstorm, flood, fire, or other occurrence requiring rapid response. Towing is at the owner's expense.

Submitted by William Hall, Superintendent

Danby Youth Flyer

Danby Community Council Youth Programs

Spring 2005

Here are the fun and educational youth programs for April and May 2005. Programs are for youth from the town of Danby; the age range is listed for each program. Look for brochures and registration forms in the Danby Store and at the Town Hall—these will have more details and registration forms to be returned. To have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Ruth Baldwin by phone at 272-2292 ext. 224, or email at <reb53@cornell.edu>, or just download the form off of our website at <<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm>>. Remember, these programs fill up fast, so register early.

Cultural Cooking—Tuesdays, March 12–June 21, 4–6pm, Danby Federated Church. Grades 5–8.

We will continue to meet once a week to learn recipes from around the world. Be prepared to learn plenty of new cooking techniques and develop a taste for new things! We will discuss in our first meeting what countries you most want to explore, so be sure to join us so that your voice will be heard! We will put together a “Cultural Cooking” cookbook to sell at the Farmer’s Market.

Green Thumbs Garden Club—Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 27, May 4–25, 3:30–5:30pm, Danby Town Hall. Grades 3–8.

Join us on Wednesday afternoons to work on creating a fun and beautiful community garden outside of the

Town Hall. Youth will design the layout of the garden during the first few meetings, and will put their plan into action as we go. How do you want the garden to represent you?

Primitive Pursuits—Mondays, April 11, 26, May 2–June 6, 3:30–5:30pm. Meet at the Danby Federated Church. Grades 4–8.

We’ll meet at the Danby Federated Church every week, and use the woods and open space behind it to learn ancestral survival skills such as fire building, cord making, native crafts, shelter building, and more. This is an awesome opportunity to get in touch with nature and to learn skills that you can use your whole life!

Spring Break Girls Camping Trip—Wednesday, April 20, 3:00pm–Friday, April 22, 7:00pm, Colton Point State Park, Pennsylvania. Grades 5–8.

Pre-registration for this trip is **required**. We will meet at Cooperative Extension on Willow Avenue on Wednesday afternoon. We will team up with youth and program managers from Enfield, Lansing, and Ithaca to camp out at a state park, go on hikes, learn some new crafts, and go on a guided white water rafting trip!

Indonesian Dance Performance and Workshop—Tuesday, April 19, 9:15am–12:30pm, meet at Town Hall. Grades 4–8.

We will leave the Town Hall promptly at 9:15am to drive to the Lansing Middle School, where a world-renowned Indonesian Dance Troupe will perform and conduct a dance workshop for middle school youth. Don’t miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Family Programs...

Family Game Night—Saturday, April 2 from 3–5pm, Danby Town Hall. Team up with family members or friends in the community to play board games (appropriate for a range of ages), word games, and Pictionary. Refreshments will be served. Please call ahead to let me know how many family members to expect!

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APRIL CALENDAR

TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING— Monday, April 4, 7pm, Town Hall.

DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS—Thursday, April 7, 12 noon, Danby Federated Church. All Danby seniors invited to attend. Meat provided.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL—Thursday April 7, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

TOWN TALK FORUM—Sunday, April 10, 2–3pm, Danby Market. See pg. 3.

TOWN BOARD MEETING—Monday, April 11, 7pm, Town Hall.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE—Wednesday, April 13, 7:00pm, Town Hall.

PLANNING BOARD—Thursday, April 21, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE—Wednesday, April 27, 7:00pm, 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.

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