

Happy New Year from the  
*Danby Area News*

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 OF-  
 WINTER  
 DESSERT  
 PARTY &  
 WDCA ANNUAL MEETING  
 JANUARY, 21, 3:00 PM, WEST  
 DANBY FIRE HALL



Do you have a dessert you're famous for, or one you love to make? What better way to spend a January afternoon than to sample each other's kitchen creations and maybe pick up a great recipe or two! Come ruin your appetite on the 21st of January, 3:00 pm, at the West Danby Fire Hall. Bring your best cake or pie or what-have-you, and a few copies of the recipe (if it's not a closely-held family secret). Bring a serving utensil. Hot and cold drinks will be provided.

On display in the Fire Hall that afternoon will be a gallery of historic photos of Danby and West Danby organized by Sue Beeners.

Finally, after we've sampled ourselves into a stupor, there will be a short wrap-up of what the West Danby Community Association has accomplished in 2005, and any who want to stay for this very brief annual meeting are welcome and encouraged to do so. We'll have a call for ideas for 2006, and an election of officers for the new year. The WDCA Steering Committee welcomes anyone who wants to participate; we're just a bunch of neighbors trying to creatively make the area a better place to live.

*Submitted by Peter Fraissinet*

## DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The Danby Community Council is calling on the community to step forward and help us continue to provide programming to Danby. Due to several people moving away, we are anticipating 4 openings this year.

The Community Council is made up of 7 volunteers. We meet once a month, and usually take on a few extra responsibilities for extra projects. No special skill is required, just a willingness to help make programs and activities happen.

The Annual Meeting is Thursday January 12, 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall. If 4 residents declare their intention to serve on the Community Council by January 2, then those 4 will automatically become members. Otherwise there will be an election at the Annual Meeting.

If you have some interest in helping, or want more information, contact Dan Klein, 272-7582, <danbydan@hotmail.com>.

Below is the rough draft of the annual report, so you can get an idea of what we do.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES — 2005

- Wrote and received a grant from the Community Arts Partnership for \$1800 to put on 6 free concerts in Danby.
- Ran 4 free family programs on summer evenings at Jennings Pond.

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The members responded to the following calls:

August—3 fire calls and 10 rescue calls (We were very busy in August.)

September—3 fire calls and 7 rescue calls

October—3 fire calls and 6 rescue calls

November—5 fire calls and 3 rescue calls

We congratulate members Tyler Moore and Ryan Abruzzo for completing the Essentials of Firemanship course held at the CFR building on Warren Road. This represents many hours of instruction on their part.

Elections were held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the year 2006 with the following results:

Chief: John Gaden

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief: Neal Franklin

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief: JoAnne Oliver

3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief: Peter Goodman

4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Chief: Ross Borden

President: Ralph Bowles

Vice President: Wayne Holden

Secretary: Bernard N. (Ben) Hogben

Treasurer: Jessica Remais-Sager

Trustees: Roger Grant, Richard Oltz, Beatrice Hogben

Stop in at the Danby Fire Station (men and women) any Monday night and discuss with us becoming a member. You can pick your job, from fighting fires, to responding to rescue calls, to keeping the station clean and neat. None of us takes home a paycheck, but the wonderful feeling we get when we know we are there when you need us is reward enough.

*Submitted by Beatrice Hogben, Trustee*

## LIBRARY NOTES

Happy New Year, 2006! The volunteers at the Danby Community Library are there to help you find what you need. We are thinking of starting an online book discussion group during the winter months. Sign up at the library desk if you are interested (leave an email address). We are also in the process of discussing the length of borrowing time—we'd love to have your input.

Thank you to everyone who has used our "self-check" circulation system. In order to report our on-

going circulation to TCPL, we use these numbers. It also helps us find books, etc. if they are recalled by the library or overdue.

New collection arriving in January: Audiobooks, Videos, Juvenile Fiction, Adult Paperbacks, Young Adult Fiction and Biographies.

"Either this will ring bells for you, or it won't. A printed banner has appeared on the concourse of a petrol station near where I live. "Come inside," it says, "for CD'S, VIDEO'S, DVD'S, and BOOK'S." If this satanic sprinkling of redundant apostrophes causes no little gasp of horror or quickening of the pulse, you should probably put this book down at once."—From *Eats, Shoots & Leaves...The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation* by Lynne Truss (now at Danby Community Library).  
*Submitted by Patti Meyers*

## NEW DANBY AREA NEWS EDITOR

After some years of laying out the Danby Area News, I'm handing over the editorial reins to Ted Crane. I'd like to thank all the contributors who have made this publication worth reading, and also remind them to check out the new submission guidelines below. Starting next issue, you'll need to send your materials to Ted. Ted's guidelines are a little different than mine. Be sure to look.

I'd also like to thank the residents of Danby. This has been a good opportunity to get to know many of you, and I've enjoyed it.  
*—Jim Houghton*

### NEW GUIDELINES (ALSO ON PAGE 2)

All e-mail text submissions should be embedded in the body of your message; no text attachments, please. Graphics can be sent as attachments. JPEG preferred; TIFF, GIF and PNG accepted but discouraged. Photos direct from digital camera; or, if edited, 1000 pixels in the larger dimension and between 40-200KB file size.

Hard copy: typed, double spaced preferred. Hand written accepted if short and legible. Check with Ted before sending hard copy graphics. Deadline remains the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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- Gave \$800 in scholarships for 8 Danby youth to participate in summer camps.
- Funded placement of three Danby teens at counselor-in-training positions at Coddington Road Community Center summer camp.
- Funded 5 teens to work with the Danby Farmers' Market.
- Funded six positions for Danby teens with the Learning Web Youth Apprenticeship Program.
- Published 12 issues of the Danby Area News, mailed free to all Danby households.
- Coordinated entertainment for the Danby Fun Day (formerly Danby Fair) in conjunction with the Danby Fire Department.
- Held the annual community Halloween party at the Danby Fire Hall with free food and entertainment.
- Sponsored the annual Plant Exchange garden and houseplant swap.
- Undertook renovation of town sign in front of Fire Department.
- Sponsored 8 yoga classes at the West Danby Fire Department.
- Maintained contact with, and attempted to work jointly with the Danby Community Library, Danby Senior Citizens, and the West Danby Community Association.
- Provided guidance to the part-time Danby Youth Program Manager employed by Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County. This youth program ran approximately 120 hours of youth development activities in Danby for 30 different people.

All of the above activities were brought about by the seven-member volunteer Board of Directors of the Danby Community Council, several other community volunteers, and several paid positions under the guid-

ance of the Community Council. Funding for the Danby Community Council comes from the Tompkins County Youth Services Department, the Town of Danby, United Way, and several other granting agencies. Our total budget for 2005 was approximately \$24,500.

DCC Board of Directors, 2005:

- Carol Bushberg, Vice President
- Robert Chapman, Member-at-Large
- Bill Halton, Member-at-Large
- Andrea Hazard, Secretary
- Asher Hockett, Treasurer
- Dan Klein, President
- Kim Rice-Narusch, Member-at-Large

*Submitted by Dan Klein for DCC*

## WEST DANBY FIRE ELECTIONS

The West Danby Fire Department held their elections on December 1st, and the officers are as follows:

- Chief—Scott Wendt
- Assistant Chiefs—John Smith, 1<sup>st</sup>; Kenneth VanEtten, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mel Westmiller, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- President—Marrell Schutt
- Vice President—Don Wright
- Secretary—Kelly Wendt
- Treasurer—Mandy Westmiller
- Trustees—Steve Cortright; Kenneth VanEtten; Mel Westmiller

*Submitted by Scott Wendt, Chief, West Danby Fire Dept.*

## ADOPT/FOSTER INFO MEETING

To anyone who may be considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent and wants more information, Tompkins County Department of Social Services will hold an informational meeting at the Human Services Building, Room 142, 320 W. State St., Ithaca, NY on Thursday, January 12, 2006 from Noon to 1 pm. Tompkins County Youth Services is also looking for Host Homes for teenagers for short-term respite. Please call 274-5266 for more information.

# DANBY HISTORY NOTES

## BY JOAN GRANT, TOWN HISTORIAN

### DR. BEERS, PART 5

In July of 1792 young Dr. Beers experienced a steady growth in his business, and it was then that he decided that he could finally support a wife comfortably. In November he came to the conclusion that he'd go to a hospital in Watertown, CT where he'd be inoculated with smallpox and run the course of the disease there. He did this to build up his own immunity and to be able to treat his patients without becoming ill himself.

Dr. Beers continued to occasionally stop by the Curtis' home to tell Phebe's father a funny story. The old man seemed to enjoy the stories as he always laughed heartily. On these visits Dr. Beers intentionally did no more than catch a glimpse of Phebe as she passed through the room.

In January of 1793 Dr. Beers writes in his diary: "A kind Providence opened the way for professional prosperity. I was very industrious and lost no opportunity for practical improvements."

That summer Dr. Beers' visits to the Curtis' became less frequent. Still, it was obvious for all to see that Phebe and Dr. Beers were indeed really courting.

Dr. Beers had a very busy year. He was viewed by the community as a physician rather than a surgeon even though he had studied both branches of medicine. In April a woman was thrown from her horse and sustained serious injuries to her knees. Dr. Beers was called to attend to her. He notes in his diary: "I made a long series of dressings and care. I procured much celebrity as a surgeon."

October would become a month that Dr. Beers would long remember. One afternoon Phebe and her father were sitting alone talking and Mr. Curtis said to her daughter, "Phebe, I think you and the doctor had

better be married." Phebe wasted no time in informing her beloved. He immediately came to the Curtis' home and asked both parents permission to wed their daughter. He received their blessings. Their intentions were "published in the church" on the second Sunday after, and on November 11, 1793, they were married. Dr. Beers wrote in his diary, "We were now in a new relation before society and took the pleasing title of husband and wife, that state which we had through toil and affection so long looked to. And we were happy."

Over the winter of 1794 Dr. Beers and Phebe made plans for their home, and by spring he was ready to build. In November of 1794, Dr. Beers, with the help of Phebe's skilled carpenter father, completed their home. He writes in his diary: "Her parents seemed pleased, and made preparations to furnish it in genteel manner."

As Dr. Beers and Phebe were preparing to move into their new house Phebe's mother died. The move was postponed for three weeks. On a Friday, near the end of November, Dr. Beers and Phebe moved into their home. "An old man assured them they'd not stay long for moving on a Friday."

*To be continued.*

## TOWN HOURS

### TOWN CLERK

Tues–Fri 9am–4pm, Sat 9am–noon  
Ph: 607-277-4788 • Fax: 607-277-0559

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

93 Hornbrook Road • Ph: 272-9169  
Monday–Friday 6am–2:30pm

### 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 Danby Town Hall except where noted.

# TAX COLLECTION CHANGES

Beginning this year there is a change in the dates residents may pay their taxes to the Town of Danby Clerk/Tax Collector. **All unpaid taxes must be turned in to Tompkins County for collection after March 31.** I cannot accept payments in April and May.

## PAYABLE TO DANBY TAX COLLECTOR:

### Option A—Full Payment:

**Total taxes** may be paid **on or before January 31**, without additional charges. Interest equal to 1% of the unpaid balance will be added to your total on the first day of each month through March 31. Upon the return of unpaid taxes made by the Tax Collector to Tompkins County on April 1, a penalty of five percent (5%) will be added, plus interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month calculated from February 1.

### Option B—Installment:

**Your first installment** payment to the Town of Danby Tax Collector must be postmarked **on or before January 31**. Payment of **the service charge** for this option (line 2 under Option B on the front of your tax bill) **must be included at this time**. This option is not available after January 31.

## PAYABLE TO TOMPKINS COUNTY FINANCE:

To avoid penalty and interest, the **second installment** must be paid **on or before July 3 to Tompkins County**. If paying the second installment by mail, make the check payable to Tompkins County, and mail to: County of Tompkins, Division of Finance, 125 E. Court Street, Ithaca, NY 14850. Unpaid installments after July 3 will be charged a penalty of five percent (5%) plus interest from July 3 at 1% per month.

# NEW DOG LICENSING REGS

Beginning on January 15, 2006 there are new regulations for licensing your dogs. All dog licenses issued before January 15, 2006 will expire in accordance with the old law, that is, on the last day of the anniversary month. Under the new regulations, a dog license may not be issued for longer than the duration of the rabies vaccination. License will expire with the rabies vaccina-

tion date. Under these regulations, with Town Board approval it may be possible to purchase a dog license for up to three years. *Submitted by Carol Szczepanski*

# JANUARY CALENDAR

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**— Monday, January 2, 7pm, Town Hall. Agenda Meeting to follow.

**DANBY SENIORS**—Thursday, January 5, 12 noon, Danby Federated Church. All Danby seniors welcome.

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**— Monday, January 9, 7pm, Town Hall.

**MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE**— Tuesday, January 10, 9:30–11:30am, Danby Market. Ric Dietrich and Frank Proto.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE MEETING**—Wednesday, January 11, 7pm, Town Hall.

**DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**—Thursday, January 12, 7pm, Town Hall. See page 1.

**PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**—Thursday, January 19, 7pm, Danby Town Hall. To consider Michialides/Bosch application for subdivision. Regular meeting of the Planning Board to follow.

**DEAD-OF-WINTER DESSERT PARTY & WDCA ANNUAL MEETING**— Saturday, January 21, 3pm, West Danby Fire Hall. See page 1.

# 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 Thursday, 6–8pm, third Friday, 4–6pm, 1859 Danby Road.

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

**DANBY QUILTERS GROUP**—Mondays, 6:30pm, Fridays, 9–11am. Call 273-2950 for info.

# Danby Youth Flyer

## Community Council Youth Programs January – March 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 Tom Archibald by phone at (607)272-2292 ext. 222, or email me at <tga4@cornell.edu>, or 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.

### **Sign up now—space is limited!!**

**Funky Furniture**—Thursdays, January 19–March 2 (except February 23), 3:30–5:30pm, Danby Federated Church. Grades 4–8.

People say that one person's trash is another person's treasure. We'll put that to the test as we paint and decorate old furniture and the like in cool and creative ways. Whether it's an old chair, a little table, or a lampshade, I'm sure you can make it funky. We'll use different painting techniques, glitter, and much more to make something that you'll be proud to take home.

**Super Sitters**—Fridays, January 20–March 3 (except February 24), 3:30–5:30pm, Danby Town Hall. Grades 5–9.

Need extra cash? How about babysitting?! Join us to perfect your sitting skills and to earn a certificate you can use to impress parents and show them you really know what you're doing while they're out. You will also get a Tool Kit Bag, filled with things like children's books you can read to kids, that will help you even more to become the world's greatest babysitter!!

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

**Winter Wanderers**—every other Saturday: January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4, March 18, 10:00am–2:00pm. Meet at Danby Federated Church. Grades 4–8.

"Not all who wander are lost." How true that is. If you participated in Primitive Pursuits, or if you like being outdoors in winter and want to practice your outdoor skills, then come wander with us. We'll practice orienteering, tracking, hiking, fire building, and even try our hand at snowshoeing. And if you don't like winter, maybe if you get out into it instead of trying to get away from it, you'll see how great winter can be.

**Stilts**—Wednesdays, March 8–April 5, 3:30-5:30pm, Danby Federated Church. Grades 4–8.

Join us for this great program as we make our own stilts (complete with extra long pants) and then learn how to walk with them. Just think of how cool it would be to be walking around, a few feet taller than you are now, on stilts that you made with your own hands! And we'll finish in time to let you practice in case you want to show them off while walking in the Ithaca and Danby parades.

**Garage Band**—Thursdays, March 9–March 30, 3:30–5:30pm, Danby Federated Church. Grades 4–8.

Many of today's great musicians got their start with beat-up old instruments in their parents' garage. Garage Band is also a computer program used to record and add effects (like echo and reverb) to music. Join us to make instruments, make music, record it, and change it into cool songs we'll burn to a CD. Whether it's rock, rap, jazz or something else you like, bring your creativity, an instrument (if you have one already) and come make music!!!

**Family Games & Movie Night In West Danby**—

Date & Location to be announced. All ages.

Please join us for a fun-filled evening of games, snacks, and a movie suitable for children of all ages. This will be a good opportunity for West Danby youth and their families to meet Tom and to start getting involved our programs! More info forthcoming in the next issue of the Danby Area News!!

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