



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Danby Supervisor

Several concerns were expressed during a meeting with Danby residents about high speed Internet.

- Quality of life issues related to information access.
- Home values fall because they cannot connect.
- Small businesses are discouraged from locating when Internet access isn't sufficient to stay competitive.

In next month's *Danby News*, I will give you some idea where the town stands in relation to a number of potential service providers.

The Aquifer Study group will be meeting with the USGS and the County on project status for well drilling: site placement and drilling information. We will update the public when we learn more.

We are in the last stages of the highway remediation project; the Board will review the EPA closure report when it comes in from engineers.

The Danby Emergency Management (Town Board, highway and fire departments) committee meets monthly, and Frank Proto and I are available to meet the public, on the Tuesday following Board meetings, 10:30am at the Town Hall.

I am looking forward to seeing the first flowering of the bulbs and shrubs that were planted all over the Town of Danby last fall! ❁

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## CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

The Tompkins County Board of Elections has information available for residents who are interested in becoming candidates for public offices. The Board likes to talk to individual candidates because the requirements vary, depending on the office and the municipality.

Interested citizens may receive information at its office, 128 East Buffalo Street, Mon–Fri, 8:30am–4:30pm. ❁

## FORTEPIANO CONCERT

Submitted by Bob Strichartz, Danby Community Council

The first concert of the Danby Community Council's 2007 concert series will be a fortepiano recital by Frederic Lacroix on Sunday, April 15, 3pm, at the Danby Town Hall.

The fortepiano, the 18th century precursor of the modern piano, is ideally suited to the music of the classical period. The concert will feature works by Mozart and CPE Bach. For only the second time in history, just in time for the performance, a fortepiano will arrive at the Danby Town Hall!

Frederic Lacroix has performed throughout the US, Canada, and Taiwan. Recently, he has appeared with the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Cornell Chamber Orchestra, Ottawa Symphony Orchestra, and Ensemble Fusion. He is currently working on a doctorate at Cornell University, where he is studying keyboard performance practice with Malcolm Bilson.

All concerts in the Danby Community Council's concert series are free. The series receives support from Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County.

The next scheduled concert is a program of Breton folk music with *Anonyme* (Laurie Hart, Gordon Bonnet, and Julian Lapp) on Sunday, May 20, 3pm, at the Danby Town Hall. More details to come in the May issue of the *Danby Area News*. ❁

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## TOWN HALL CLEANUP

Submitted by Ted Jones

The Town of Danby is looking for a part time cleaner for the Town Hall. The position included general cleaning an maintenance. Prior cleaning experience is required. Additional information and applications are available from the Town Clerk. ❁

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## DANBY TOWN HISTORY

Submitted by Joan Grant, Town Historian

In 1872, Danby had approximately 16 one-room school houses. This is a list of rules that applied to that time.

### 1872 RULES FOR TEACHERS

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teacher may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.

7. Every teacher should lay aside from each day pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

These responsibilities were on top of their teaching and discipline duties. Teachers had to be dedicated to their profession to endure.

Resource: The Tompkins County NYGen web site [[www.rootsweb.com/~nytompki/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nytompki/)]. ❁

## DANBY FUN DAY UPDATE

Submitted by Sue Beeners

Remember the fun of past Julys at the Danby Fun Day, Barbecue, and Parade? It's happening again on July 14!

We need your help in planning and in conducting this event. It is a great way to meet your neighbors, and, most importantly, to support our all-volunteer Danby Fire Company.

**Call for Volunteers!** It's easy and fun to spend a few hours planning during the spring, or helping out on July 14. Here are some areas where we need you:

- Advertising, plus poster design and distribution.
- Button making and sales.
- Music, vendors and exhibits.
- Balloons—inflate and distribute (helium provided).
- Children's Games and Crafts—help plan and run.
- The Famous Danby Fire Department Chicken BBQ, and other food items.
- Making cakes for the Cake Wheel.
- Chinese Auction—collect donations, running auction.
- Set-up and Cleanup at the event.

**You are invited** to attend our Fun Day/BBQ/Parade Meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 7pm at the Danby Town Hall.

For more information, contact Sue Beeners [[sbeeners@aol.com](mailto:sbeeners@aol.com)] or 607.272.4634, Sharon Gaden

[[danby071302@yahoo.com](mailto:danby071302@yahoo.com)] or 607.659.3116, or Amy Cusimano [[amymc@twcny.rr.com](mailto:amymc@twcny.rr.com)] or 607.272.4634.

**A reminder to parade participants** from past years and an invitation to all new parade participants: Save the date! This year's theme is **Holidays!** and there are scores of holidays to choose from, for decorating your parade entry. Let your imagination run free.

Parade Entry Forms will be mailed soon to last year's participants, and will also be in the next Danby Area News issue. For more information, contact Amy Cusimano or Sue Beeners (contact info above). ❁

## JENNINGS POND UPDATE

Submitted by Amy Cusimano

Welcome back out of the winter cocoon! We have a load of work to do at Jennings Pond and volunteers are needed.

The pond will not open until the end of June, but help is needed now to make our town park the best it can be. There is a pile of mulch to be placed around the trees, branches and trash to be picked up.

If you visit or swim at Jennings Pond, and are interested in clean up please contact me, [[amymc@twcny.rr.com](mailto:amymc@twcny.rr.com)] or 607.272.4634. ❁

## WEST DANBY DOINGS!

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, WD Comm. Association

The West Danby Community Association will hold an **Easter Egg Hunt** at 11am sharp on Saturday, April 7. James and Diana Hatch have generously agreed to host the event at their pavilion and grounds, near the intersection of Brown and Short Roads in West Danby.

The hunt begins with a “go” signal from event coordinator Debi Brown and bears some resemblance to a race...which is why punctuality is rewarded. Late arrivals will find very few eggs left undiscovered!

The Easter Bunny is very busy this time of year, but s/he really likes the kids who come to this hunt and will make a real effort to be there for them.

Our **Firefighters Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Saturday, April 21, 5–7pm at the West Danby Fire Hall. Chef Stephen Brown, with his acclaimed sauce recipe, is the chief of operations again this year, with the rest of us helping to produce an uncommonly good meal.

Firefighters are invited to dine for free, and the proceeds will be divided between the two fire departments.

This year’s event highlights the extraordinary contributions to West Danby of the entire Brown family. Randy (Stephen’s brother and past Chair of the West Danby Community Association) and his wife Debi (past Treasurer and instrumental in the Easter Egg hunts, Halloween parties, and Christmas caroling events) are moving to Newfield, where Randy grew up.

It promises to be an “honorterrific” evening. For more information, call me at 607.564.7647. ❁

## AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Our “Chow” dates and times are listed in the *Danby News Calendar*. All dinners are open to the public! Veterans are welcome to stop in and greet our new Post 221 Club Manager, Ian Guest. Ian is a Marine Veteran (Post 120 in Palmyra) and presently lives in Dryden. ❁

## ADOPT/FOSTER INFO MEETING

Considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent? The T.C. Dep’t of Social Services has a monthly informational meeting at the Human Services Building, Rm.142, 320 W.State Street in Ithaca on Thursday, April 12, Noon–1pm. Info: 274.5266. ❁

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Submitted by Carol Szczepanski, Town Clerk

Danby Town Board, Monday, April 9, 6:30pm:

The public hearing will consider Approval of General Site Plans and Enactment of a Local Law, *Local Law Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Danby to Establish Planned Development Zone 19, for White Hawk Ecovillage*. The proposed Zone would be located on the west side of Danby Road on Tax Parcels 7.-1-68 and 7.-1-69.1, with the project proposed to consist of 30 dwelling units, a common house, and accessory structures. Henry Peterson, property owner/applicant.

Planning Board, Thursday, April 19

7:00pm—Request for permission to wholesale used vehicles out of a barn at 360 Comfort Road.

7:30pm—Proposed Subdivision of Tax Parcel 15.-1-12.13, six acres total, into two parcels of three acres each at 1043 Comfort Road. Joseph Eller owner/applicant.

7:45pm—Proposal by Fire Department for additions and renovations to the fire station on NYS Rt.96B for additional truck bays, insulated overhead doors, rooms at the rear of the building (south west side), new meeting room, new space for kitchen, and handicap accessible bathrooms. ❁

## TOWN HOURS

### TOWN CLERK

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### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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### TOWN COURT:

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Tue, 7pm

### DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Tue & Thu 3:30–5:30pm, Sat 9:30am–2:30pm  
All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

## AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

Submitted by Julie Nichols Kulik

Global Warming?

Whether you have seen Al Gore's film, *Inconvenient Truth* or not, you are undoubtedly aware that we need to take steps to become more informed and shift our use of energy with intention and sustainable measures.

The Danby Community Council is sponsoring two events at the Town Hall to help us address this! The film *Inconvenient Truth* will be shown on Wednesday, April 18, 7pm and then, the next week, on Wednesday, April 25, 7pm, Robert Ross will present a one hour slide show and talk, *Beyond Inconvenient Truth*.

Ross is committed to helping Tompkins County become more sustainable and was trained and certified in Tennessee with Al Gore and his team. He also works with The Climate Project [[theclimateproject.org](http://theclimateproject.org)]. He has put some very interesting slides and data together with local solutions.

The talk will be of interest to people who have seen the movie or have yet to see it. There will be new information and local information. Come join your Danby neighbors, and look at some creative sustainable solutions!

"There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing!"—*A wise elder* ❧

## DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Correspondent

I had a wonderful visit with Eleanor and Dick Carr, Danby neighbors for a long time. Eleanor is an artist and Dick is a woodcarver. They are currently dealing with some health issues but they love having company and if you would like to stop in for a visit, please let them know. Their number is in the directory. Call us a sunshine brigade, if you will, but I can promise you everyone feels better for making the effort to be neighborly!

Congrats to Pat Swartout and her committee for the fine work they did on putting together the Danby Church Directory. The pictures taken by Olan Mills are wonderful. Garry and I really enjoyed being a part of the directory!

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Where can you get a cup of coffee in Danby? Try the Danby Community Library on Saturday mornings! We are planning to serve coffee and treats as you browse the stacks in the near future.

*This is a story about a family and, as there is a ghost involved, you might call it a ghost story. But every family is a ghost story. The dead sit at our tables long after they have gone.*—from Mitch Albom's book *For One More Day* (he also wrote *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*).

We are looking to increase our DVD collection through donations and buying some new titles. Please drop off any donations to the library desk any time the Town Hall is open. If you need a receipt for tax purposes, leave us a note with your name and address.

We hope you have had an opportunity to fill out one of our surveys. If not, stop in and get one at the library. New collections arriving this month: Audio books, Videos, Adult Fiction, Juvenile Nonfiction. We welcome our new volunteers who are attending trainings and hope to be behind the desk soon.

Spring is here! Come out of hibernation and check out the Danby Community Library: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30–5:30pm and Saturdays 9:30–2:30. ❧

Just a bit of bragging here about my husband, Garry. During a recent visit to Myrtle Beach, SC, Garry had his first-ever hole-in-one at the Eagle's Nest Golf Course. Needless to say, Garry was very excited! He is still signing out autographs, if you'd like one.

As spring approaches, please send me stories on gardening tips, birds you are spotting, vacations you are taking, graduations/marriages you are planning, household tips for spring cleaning, and any other stories you would like to share with readers of my Ithaca Journal Danby Town Talk column. The column is space given to me to write Danby's stories, so send them along via e-mail to [[gayhuddle@hotmail.com](mailto:gayhuddle@hotmail.com)] or to 65 Gunderman Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850. Pictures are welcome, also. Thank you. ❧

# Library Survey

The Danby Community Library volunteers want your input! Please complete this survey and leave it in the Danby Community Library at the Town Hall.

1. How important do you think it is to have a library in the Danby Community? (circle one)

Very    Somewhat    Not    Don't have an opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you are interested in using the Danby Library, what hours are you most likely to come? Any specific hours?

Weekday morning \_\_\_\_\_

Weekday afternoons \_\_\_\_\_

Weekday evenings \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend mornings \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend afternoons \_\_\_\_\_

3. How likely are you to participate in or use each of the following library services or programs at Danby Library? Please circle the number that best applies:

0 1 2 3 4 5 Borrowing of items from other libraries,

like the Tompkins County Public Library

0 1 2 3 4 5 High-speed Internet on library computer

0 1 2 3 4 5 Children's story hour

0 1 2 3 4 5 Adult reading group

0 1 2 3 4 5 Other (suggestions?)

4. How would you rate your interest in borrowing the following materials from Danby Library?

0 1 2 3 4 5 Young adult and Juvenile fiction

0 1 2 3 4 5 Young adult / Juvenile nonfiction

0 1 2 3 4 5 Picture books

0 1 2 3 4 5 Large print adult fiction and nonfiction

0 1 2 3 4 5 Adult nonfiction and biographies

0 1 2 3 4 5 Adult fiction (new, popular selections)

0 1 2 3 4 5 Adult fiction (general selection)

0 1 2 3 4 5 Videos (VHS)

0 1 2 3 4 5 Videos (DVD)

0 1 2 3 4 5 Audio books (Cassette)

0 1 2 3 4 5 Audio books (CD)

0 1 2 3 4 5 Reference books (encyclopedias, etc.)

5. If the Danby Library's schedule, collection and programs meet your needs and interests, how frequently are you likely to use it?

\_\_\_ 10 or more times/month

\_\_\_ 5-10 times / month

\_\_\_ 1-5 times / month

\_\_\_ 1-11 times / year

\_\_\_ Less than once / year

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your participation in this survey. If you have questions or comments, contact Joanne Church, 277.3574 (H), 257.3882 (W), [jmchurch@twcny.rr.com].

## Danby Community Council Scholarship Application

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

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

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Is the youth currently eligible for a free or reduced cost 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 in program and (if applicable) payment of deposit, to:

Danby Community Council  
c/o Carol Bushberg  
908 Steam Mill Road  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Questions? Call 273.3400!

## Community Council Youth Programs April 2007

Programs are for youth who live in or near Danby; the age range is listed for each program. All programs are free. Look for brochures and registration forms in the Danby Store, at the Town Hall, and on the web.

For Tom's programs, to have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Tom Archibald, 607.272.2292 x222, [tga4@cornell.edu], or visit [http://www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm].

For Julie's programs, contact Julie Kulik, 607.277.0062 box #2, or [flickerdharma@yahoo.com].

### Primitive Pursuits—Grades 4-8-w/ Tom

Danby Federated Church

Mondays, ongoing (3:30–6:30pm)

(Special bus drop-off is available from Boynton)

New participants are very welcome, to this ongoing program!

Youth learn ancestral outdoor survival skills including shelter building, knife safety, fire building, cord making, orienteering, outdoor cooking and much more. This popular program is an extremely valuable occasion for youth to get away from the fast-paced lives they often lead and relearn how to look at the world (natural and man-made) through a different lens. The future benefits are multiple and diverse, for both the environment and the youth. This time around, we will focus on working towards an overnight in the woods!

### Garage Band—Grades 4-8-w/ Tom

Danby Federated Church

Wednesdays, March 14-April 25 (3:30-5:30pm)

This is another chance to participate in this unique and special program. We'll learn about and practice creating and recording our own music. Garage Band is also a computer program we'll use to record and add effects (like echo and reverb) to music. Whether its rock, rap, jazz or something else you like, bring your creativity, an instrument (if you have one already) and come make music! Everyone will go home with their very own CD that they created.

**Movie-Makers, friends, and family: Stay tuned for info on the movie premier celebration!**

### Food, Glorious Food—Grades 4-8-w/ Tom

Danby Federated Church

Fridays, April 6-April 27 (3:30-5:30)

Although previously announced for March, this program will get underway in April.

Do you like to eat?!?! Do you ever wonder where your food comes from?!

Join us for this great program to cook and enjoy delicious and nutritious food, and to learn about how it gets from the field to your table.

We'll even go on field trips to see first hand where some of our favorite foods come from. Danby is a great place to enjoy local, sustainable food. Even though it's still cold out, we'll start thinking about the Danby Farmers' Market, so if you want a job this summer, you won't want to miss Food, Glorious Food.

Tom adds, *"The more the merrier, so please don't hesitate to try these wonderful free programs. Home-schoolers are more than welcome. Youth who don't go to Boynton are also more than welcome to come to the program that meets there. Wherever you are, in or near Danby, just come! See you soon!"* ❀

## MORE SHORT NOTICES!

### Finger Lakes Buy Green features Cleaning Supplies

FLBG is an online resource that gives businesses and consumers information about buying products that have recycled content or a lighter environmental impact. FLBG now features cleaning products in addition to office supplies

Its web site [www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org] provides information about how and why to buy green, as well as where these products are available locally. ❀

### Dance into Spring!

Saturday, March 31, 7–10pm, join us for dancing, food and fun at the Ithaca Youth Bureau with DJ Kurt Lichtman. Free dance lessons! Entry: \$10 (couples, \$15; seniors and students, \$6; less in advance). Proceeds benefit Ithaca Kiwanis programs, including local food pantries, baseball, Lakeside Nursing Home, Salvation Army, Special Olympics Dances, and sponsored youth programs and scholarships. Info: 607.283.9592. ❀

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## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Apr 2 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall  
**Town Board Agenda meeting**

Apr 5 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church  
**Danby Senior Citizens Luncheon**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall  
**Danby Community Council Meeting**

Apr 6 • Fri

5:30–7pm 🏠 American Legion Hall  
**Fish Dinner**

Apr 7 • Sat

11am 🏠 Brown & Short Roads, West Danby  
**Easter Egg Hunt!**

Apr 9 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall  
**Public Hearing and Town Board Meeting**

Apr 10 • Tue

10:30–11:30am 🏠 Town Hall  
**Meet Your Representatives**—County Rep Frank Proto  
and Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich  
Apr 15 • Sun  
Noon—It's all Gone 🏠 American Legion Hall  
**Chicken BBQ**

Apr 15 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall  
**Fortepiano Concert w/ Frederic Lacroix**

Apr 18 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Town Hall  
**Film: Inconvenient Truth**

Apr 19 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall  
**Planning Board—Public Hearings and Meeting**

Apr 21 • Sat

5–7pm 🏠 WE Fire Hall  
**Firefighters Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner**  
5:30–7pm 🏠 American Legion Hall  
**Steak Dinner**

Apr 25 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Town Hall  
**Talk: Beyond Inconvenient Truth**

Jul 14 • Sat

**Danby Fun Day and Parade**

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Seniors Strength Training Group** 🏠 Federated Church  
Mondays, 9am.

**West Danby Volunteer Fire Company** 🏠 WD Fire Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7pm.

**Danby Fire Commissioners** 🏠 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm.

**Danby Fire Company** 🏠 Fire Hall  
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30pm.

**Danby Food Pantry** 🏠 Federated Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm

**Danby Community Library Reading Group** 🏠 Town Hall  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7pm.

**Danby Quilters Group** ☎ 273.2950  
Fridays, 9–11am.

### WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

🏠 **Danby Town Hall** • 1830 Danby Road

🏠 **Danby Community Library** • 1830 Danby Road

🏠 **Danby Market** • 1774 Danby Road

🏠 **Danby Fire Hall** • 1780 Danby Road

🏠 **West Danby Fire Hall** • Sylvan Lane, off Rt.34/96

🏠 **Danby Federated Church** • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 **American Legion Hall** • 1231 Danby Road

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