



DANBY AREA NEWS

DANBY FUN DAY!

Submitted by Sue Beeners

Coming soon: July 14, 10am-4pm! Let's have fun, and also support our all-volunteer Danby Fire Department! The Parade starts at 10am (lineup for participants at 9:30am), and watch for the the famous Chicken BBQ at Noon.

During the Fun Day, enjoy

- Music
- Chinese Auction
- Cake Wheel
- Fencing and Archery
- Games for Kids of all ages
- Book Sale, White Elephants
- Crafts and Exhibits of all kinds

Emergency Preparedness Begins With You! During Danby Fun Day, visit the Danby Emergency Preparedness tent to learn how to protect your family during emergencies. Fill out a survey related to your basic household needs—both to help our Fire Department and for your chance to win a Prize!

For more information, contact

Sue Beeners sbeeners@aol.com 607.277.0799
 Amy Cusimano amymc@twcny.rr.com 607.272.4634
 or one of the other coordinators listed below.

Parade: The theme is **Holidays!** There are plenty of them! Celebrate your favorite holiday twice this year! Entry Forms are available at the Danby Town Hall and at the Danby Area News web site [danbynews.tedcrane.com]. If you have questions or would like to help, contact Amy Cusimano or Sue Beeners.

Chinese Auction: to donate products or services, contact John or Sharon Gaden [danby071302@yahoo.com] or 607.659.3116.

Book Booth, White Elephant Sale: to donate books or to sell white elephants, contact Leslie Connors, 607.277.1717, or Naomi Strichartz, 607.277.3058.

Volunteers: are always welcome! Please contact us! ❁

DANBY FARMER'S MARKET

Tom Archibald, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Danby Farmers Market Opens Thursday, July 5, 2007, 3:30-6:30pm on Rt.96B in the Fire Hall Pavilion. The goals of the market are to increase opportunities for local consumers to buy from local producers, to make it more convenient for Senior and WIC FMNP program recipients to redeem their coupons, to teach nutrition education, and to teach youth entrepreneurial skills. Passersby on Rt.96B can meet the local farmers and artisans from their area as well as Danby youth selling produce from farmers around Tompkins County.

Vendors

If you grow or produce any local produce (peaches, berries, garlic, greens, baked goods, granola, candles, beads, or anything else you can think of) we would love to have you join us as a vendor. The more the merrier, as we hope to make the Market an inviting, exciting, and vibrant community spot. Contact Monika Roth, 607.272.2292.x126 or [mr55@cornell.edu] for more information on becoming a vendor.

Youth Volunteers

If you are between the ages of 11 and 17 and you're looking for a job or a great volunteer opportunity on Thursdays this summer, contact Tom Archibald at 607.272.2292.x222 or [tga4@cornell.edu]. We will help run the consignment produce stand, and will learn about sustainable and local agriculture, good nutrition and healthy cooking, and basic money handling and customer service skills--all this while helping out local farmers who don't have time to be at the market themselves, and bringing fresh produce into the heart of Danby. Every other week we'll be cooking and offering free food samples to customers made from fresh, in-season ingredients.

We hope you'll join us this summer for another season at the Danby Market! ❁

East Miller Road Closure, May 29-June 29
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DANBY TOWN HISTORY

Submitted by Joan Grant, Town Historian

In the spring and the fall I go to the *Friends of the Library* book sale on Esty Street in search of books or pamphlets that contain local history, with occasional success. Most recently I found two *Crossroads Comments*, by Lois O'Connor.

Lois wrote a weekly column, during the summer months, for the *Ithaca Journal*. Her "journey" stories were about Tompkins County and the Finger Lakes Region. One that I found to be most fascinating was written about West Danby.

Spices in the September Air—September 15, 1950

The pungent fragrance of pickling spices drifts through the September air these days as background for chats about crops, canning and visits to the various fairs.

A light mist was falling as I wound out the Inlet Valley Road toward West Danby. Gay splashes of orange caught by eye at the Inlet Valley Market where bunches of bittersweet were being hung, and further on by SunnYGables a stretch of winter wheat was emerald green a-shimmer in the silver mist.

The sign post pointing to Newfield Depot Road made me digress for a bit to see the tiny settlement formerly known as Nina.

The old rocker in the home of Mrs. Roy Albright and her daughter, Jean, was so comfortable and the stop was so pleasant that time slipped away very fast.

At one time there were three passenger trains a day each way and two freights that stopped at Newfield Depot. Now one freight and one express go through and it is expected that the station will be closed shortly. There is no station agent. Mrs. Frank Kippola acts as caretaker.

Jean Albright, who majored in dairy cattle at Cornell, now raises sheep exclusively. She has 75 Shropshires and they were picturesquely grouped over the rolling hillside beyond the house.

Back in the orchard on the Albright farm are the graves of a mother and child. The inscription on the stone reads, "Margaret, wife of Charles Nichols, died August 18, 1852, aged 76 years, 8 months, 26 days."

Mrs. Maude Perry lives in West Danby. Her grandmother, Lamira Truesdale Tupper, came into the area in

1866 from Rush, Pennsylvania by ox-team. Mrs. Perry is still using her grandmother's sewing basket of woven rush which is in perfect condition.

There were five children in that pioneer Tupper family and on the journey 16-year-old Minnie was given the responsibility of looking out for a satchel that contained all of the family money—enough to buy a farm and more. One night as they made ready to stay overnight at a farm house it was discovered that Minnie had left the satchel on the wagon. It was fortunately recovered but from then on father Tupper took over guardianship of the family treasure.

One delightful story that has come down in the Tupper family is about Mrs. Perry's great-grandfather who was a body-guard for George Washington. Once when Washington was stopping in the home of his attendant, he fell into conversation with one of the little girls and they came to the point of argument. Goaded beyond politeness she burst out with "George Washington, you're a liar." Her mother firmly took her by the arm but as they started from the room, Washington stopped them.

"No, don't punish her," he said. "If an adult leads a child on by teasing, the child is not at fault. The fault is mine."

Resource: *Crossroads Comments*, by Lois O'Connor. Published by *The Ithaca Journal*, Ithaca, New York. 1951. ❧

DANBY TOWN, CURRENTLY

Submitted by Joel Gagnon

Danby Fire Department Expansion Approved

Following a public hearing on May 17, the Planning Board granted conditional approval for the proposed expansion of the Danby Fire Department building on Danby Road. The project still requires approval from the NYS Dep't of Transportation (for an expanded apron and parking area) and a variance from the Danby Board of Zoning Appeals (for a 5-foot encroachment on the required rear yard setback).

The expansion will add space on three sides of the existing building (all but the street side) and reconfigure the internal spaces. Two new truck bays will be on the left as you face the building and a new meeting room on the right. Full architectural drawings are still being prepared for public review.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Submitted by Carol Sczepanski, Town Clerk

Planning Board Public Hearing— White Hawk Ecovillage

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, June 21, 2007, 7pm at the Town Hall to consider approval of the Final Site Plans for the Planned Development Zone for White Hawk Ecovillage. Persons wishing to view the plans may do so at the Town Clerk's Office during regular hours.

Request for Planning Board Members

The Town of Danby Town Board would like to hear from residents who are interested in serving on the Planning Board. The Town has revised its laws to add two additional alternate members to the Planning Board. The alternate members will serve on the Planning Board on an alternating basis when a regular member cannot participate in a meeting because of a conflict of interest, illness or an extended absence from the Town.

Persons who are interested in serving on the Planning Board should submit a letter of interest to the Town. A response is requested as soon as possible so that the Town Board can set up interviews. For further information please call the Town Clerk at 607.277.4788. ♣

WEST DANBY YARD SALE

by Peter Fraissinet

This year, West Danby is coordinating with Spencer to have a *Valley-Wide Yard Sale Day*, which may help to boost the number of visitors.

As usual, the West Danby Community Association will be advertising in local papers from Ithaca to Owego. We'll have a map of the sale sites available at the Four Corners in West Danby (NYS Rt.34 at Station Road). If you would like to have your sale listed (no charge), get word to Peter at 607.564.0030 or [pf13@cornell.edu]. You can list a few major items that you think may attract customers.

Sale hours and sale signage are up to the individual.

The West Danby Fire Department will hold a bake sale that morning and will be firing up the grill for the lunchtime crowd. Its kiosk is conveniently located on Station Road. ♣

JENNINGS POND!

Submitted by Amy Cusimano, Recreational Director

Jennings Pond clean-up days are slated for Saturday, June 16 and Sunday June 17. The pond is expected to open for the season on Saturday, June 23 and continue to operate through Labor Day in September.

If you're new to Danby or are not familiar with Jennings Pond, the pond is a part of Buttermilk Falls State Park. The Town of Danby contracts with the NYS Parks Department to run Jennings Pond as a fully operational State Park. Before opening each year, Jennings Pond goes through strict procedures involving the Department of Environmental Health and New York State.

Tests are done on a weekly basis to ensure the health quality of the water. We have tested better than Treman and Buttermilk!

Because the town contracts with NY State, the pond clean up by volunteers is essential. This requires the physical dredging of the pond weed, the layout of the swim lines, and general clean up.

For your swimming pleasure and safety, certified life-guards are on duty, seven days a week. BBQ pits and picnic tables are on site.

Jennings Pond Swimming Hours for 2007:
Sunday-Thursday: 1-7pm
Friday and Saturday: 1-8pm ♣

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TOWN CLERK

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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.

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

We going to our community this year, looking for suggested books for our Summer Reading List! If you have a book to suggest, please email [jmchurch@twcny.rr.com] with the title and author. Thanks--we hope to publish the list in the next Danby Area News and, of course, we will have the list and books at the library.

The Youth Summer Reading Program starts as soon as school breaks for the summer. Sign up now to read books and win prizes.

The new Harry Potter will be available at the Danby Library on the release date. Register to win the chance to be the first to borrow it! We will be in the Danby Fun Days Parade and have a box to register for the Harry Potter drawing.

New this month, we have selections from the Friends of the Library Book Sale, new DVD's, Adult Fiction, Instructional Videos, Young Adult Fiction and Biographies.

Have you stopped in for a cup of our delicious coffee on Saturday mornings? Many thanks for the donations.

"My name is Mila, and this is my journey. There are so many places where I could begin the story... But I think I should begin the story here, in the Mexican desert, so far from my home in Belarus. This is where I lost my innocence. This is where my dreams died." from *Vanish* by Tess Gerritsen, bestselling author who just spoke at the Lansing Community Library. ❀

ROAD CLOSED: EAST MILLER

Submitted by Carl Seamon, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Major road reconstruction will be performed during the month of June.

East Miller Road will be closed—from Nelson Road to Gilbert Road—four days a week beginning on Tuesday, May 29 and ending approximately Friday, June 29.

During this period, *no through traffic* will be permitted on Mondays to Thursdays, 7am-4pm. No work will be performed on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this closure. If you have any questions, please call the Danby Highway Department at 607.272.9169. ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The June 7 meeting of the Danby Community Council will be held at Carol Bushberg's home, 908 Steam Mill Road, from 7-8pm. Dessert will be served, so please RSVP to 607.273.6698.

Community members, and especially those involved with community groups, events, and committees, are invited to join this special meeting. The Council is hoping to involve more people and to interface with everyone involved in Danby community life! ❀

SHORT NOTICES!

Danby Church Building Dedication

The Danby Federated Church Congregation invites you to join them, 4-6pm on Sunday, June 10, in an Afternoon of Thanks and Praise to celebrate the dedication of its new Church Building at 1859 Danby Road.

A light supper will follow the Building Dedication and Praise Time. Please RSVP to 607.272.1687.

Bereaved Parents Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the bereaved parents support group will be on Tuesday, June 12, 5:30-7pm at Hospicare on East King Road in Ithaca. This is a peer-run group serving parents or grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. For more information about the group, please contact Carlo Troise at 607.255.9470.

Pet Loss Grief Support Group

The monthly pet loss support group for humans who grieve the loss of a pet or other animal companion will meet 7-9pm, Tuesday, June 19 in the Centennial Room at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals.

The group is a joint project of the Colonial Veterinary Hospital and Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine. Participants are asked to bring a photograph or other memento of the companion animal they wish to honor. For more info, contact Colonial Veterinary Hospital at 607.257.3650 or [petloss@colonialvet.com].

Willing to do Yard Work?

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging maintains a list of individuals who would be willing to do yard work for senior citizens in the spring and summer months. If you might be interested in assisting seniors with yard work on either a volunteer or paid basis, please call 607.274.5482. ❀

QUALIFY FOR FOOD STAMPS?

Submitted by Moses Ong, NOEP

The Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP) provides free, confidential prescreenings to determine potential Food Stamp eligibility. NOEP takes pride in making the process as easy as possible by explaining food stamp terms and the application process, providing a DSS application and help to complete it, answering food stamp questions, providing referrals to other resources such as food pantries, and by contacting DSS if any problems arise on your behalf.

Tentative Eligibility can be initially determined by the monthly gross income limit and the resource limit. A free, confidential, 15-minute prescreening over the phone or in person with a NOEP representative is all it takes to determine if you may be eligible for food stamps.

Monthly Gross Income Limit

There is no maximum gross income limit for households with an elderly person (60+) or disabled member. Child support being paid is not included in your gross income. Income includes pay from work, pension, child support

received, social security, disability, workman's compensation, etc. The gross income limits may change every October, and this chart is accurate until September 30, 2007.

Size	Max Inc.	Size	Max Inc.	Size	Max Inc.
1	\$1,062	4	\$2,167	7	\$3,272
2	\$1,430	5	\$2,535	8	\$3,640
3	\$1,799	6	\$2,904	Extra	+ \$369

Resource Limit

A Household is allowed up to \$2,000 in savings (\$3,000 if a member is 60+ or disabled.) This includes IRAs, bank accounts, cash, stocks, bonds, or real estate. Non-refundable burial funds are not counted in this. Refundable burial funds are counted as resources. The home you live in is not considered a resource. A lien will *not* be placed on your house or car if you enroll for food stamps.

To find out more about food stamps and participate in the 15-minute prescreening, call: Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga, 866.436.2650 or visit in person at 324 West Buffalo Street, in Ithaca between Plain and Albany Streets. We can also set up a time to meet somewhere near you. ❀

Danby Town, Currently—continued from page 3

According to Pat Caveney, the next stage in the process will be to seek public comment on the specific plans for the building before a referendum to approve the funding. The projected cost is in the neighborhood of \$800,000.

White Hawk Ecovillage Inches Forward

Work on the main access road for White Hawk Ecovillage is beginning. The Town Board and Planning Board concurred that, despite site plan approval not yet being finalized, there is no legal impediment to doing so.

At least a primitive access road is needed to reach the site, nearly 1500 feet back from Danby Road, across from Dobson Enterprises. Access is needed for test well drilling and preliminary site work.

The Planning Board expects to hold a final public hearing about White Hawk in June.

Planning Board Seeks Lead Agency Status

At its May meeting, the Planning Board voted to request the Town Board to make that it the lead agency in Hamlet Planning. Lead agency status would place the Planning Board in charge of the process, to conduct it as it sees fit.

The Planning Board proposes to conduct the Hamlet Planning in a manner similar its work on the Compre-

hensive Plan. In that process, members of the Planning Board were each assigned primary responsibility for topics, to gather data and write the corresponding sections of the plan. For the Hamlet Planning, this will likely mean the creation of subcommittees to maximize public involvement. This proposal will now go to the Town Board for consideration in June.

The Town Board had asked the Planning Board to review the status of implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board is reviewing key documents including including the Comprehensive Plan itself, a report on historical and natural resources, and the Pendall Report (about growth patterns in Danby, prepared by a Cornell class). A discussion of those documents and how they might be used in hamlet planning is scheduled for next month's Planning Board meeting.

Town Board Defers Subdivision Regulations

The Danby Town Board held a public hearing on proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulations. A handful of the public was present, but two of the commenters had extensive suggestions.

The Board opted to study them for consideration at its next meeting. If the Board opts to incorporate substantive changes, a new public hearing will need to be conducted before the amended regulations can be enacted into law. Otherwise, the Board could act to enact the proposed regulations at its next meeting. ❀

Community Council Youth Programs Summer 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].

Danby Farmers' Market—Grades 6-11

Pavilion at the Danby Fire Hall
Thursdays Jun 7, 14, 28 (4-6pm), Sat Jun 9 (time TBA)
Thursdays Jul 5–Aug 23 (1:30-6:30pm)

If you're 14 or older and are looking for a job, or if you're younger and are looking for a great volunteer experience, the Farmers' Market is it! You'll get to help run the Danby Farmers' Market, meet lots of people, learn skills to help you get more jobs later on, discover where our food comes from, practice cooking, and more. In June we'll meet to get ready for the season (including some fun field trips to the Ithaca Farmers' Market and to a local farm) and then open for business on July 5.

"Team Fun": Fun Day Planning—Grades 3-8

Danby Town Hall
Fri, Jun 29–Jul 13 (10am-Noon); Sat Jul 14, (9am-3pm)
We need your help to make this year's Fun Day an extra fun success! Help us brainstorm new activity ideas, touch up the old games and make up new ones. During Fun Day (July 14) we'll be responsible for running games and crafts and just making sure all your neighbors have lots of fun. This the most fun way there is to help out your community.

Primitive Pursuits—Grades 4-8

Danby Federated Church
Mon–Thur, Jun 16–19 (9am–Noon)
It's time for summer adventures in the woods! Come join us to learn ancestral living skills such as friction fires, shelter building, native crafts, nature awareness,

tracking and more! This is great environmental education program that connects participants to their local environment through the study of earth-living skills and nature awareness.

Garage Band—Grades 4-8

Danby Federated Church
Tues–Thur, July 24–26 (9am–Noon)

Here 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 it's 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.

Cultural Cooking—Grades 4-8

Danby Federated Church
Tues–Thur, July 31–August 2 (9am–Noon)

Come to learn recipes from around the world. Be prepared to learn plenty of new cooking techniques and develop a taste for new things! You'll help decide what countries you want to explore, and then get to eat and enjoy what we make! We will also take time to listen to music, look at pictures, and even meet people from other cultures.

Water Wizards—Grades 4-8

meet at Danby Town Hall
Mon–Thur, August 6–9 (8:30am-1:30pm)

Explore Cayuga watershed streams and the lake on a floating classroom! Don't miss this exciting and unique opportunity to learn about our watershed and to perform scientific water tests in a local stream and aboard a floating classroom boat. It will be an experience you'll remember for a long time.

Tom adds, *"The more the merrier, so please don't hesitate to try these wonderful free programs. Home-schoolers are more than welcome. Wherever you are, in or near Danby, just come! See you soon!"* 🍀

Still thinking about spring cleaning? The *Finger Lakes Buy Green* web site has information about how to find and use cleaning products that are healthier for you and the environment. This online resource provides visitors with information about buying products that have recycled content or a lighter environmental impact [http://www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org].

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Jun 4 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Agenda meeting

June 7 • Thu

6pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Danby Senior Citizens Dish-to-Pass supper;
entertainment by the Crane Hill Trio
7pm 🏛️ 908 Steam Mill Road
Danby Community Council Meeting
Dessert served, please RSVP 607.273.6698

June 9 • Sat

All day 🏛️ NYS Rt.96, West Danby thru Spencer
Valley-Wide Yard Sale!

Jun 11 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Meeting

Jun 12 • Tue

10:30–11:30am 🏛️ Town Hall

Jun 16–17 • Sat–Sun

🏛️ Jennings Pond
Jennings Pond Cleanup Days

Jun 19 • Tue

Noon–9pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Ithaca School District Budget Revote

Jun 21 • Thu

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Planning Board
Public Hearing about White Hawk Ecovillage Site Plan

Jun 23 • Sat

🏛️ Jennings Pond
Jennings Pond Open for the Summer!

Jul 5 • Thu

First Danby Farmer's Market of the Summer

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
2nd Monday, 7pm.

Danby Fire Commissioners 🏛️ Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall
3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm.

Danby Fire Company 🏛️ Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.

Danby Food Pantry 🏛️ Federated Church
3rd Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm

Danby Community Library Reading Group 🏛️ Town Hall
4th 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

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company now has a web-
site! [<http://www.danbyfiredept.com>] 🏛️

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web? [<http://danbynews.tedcrane.com/>] 🏛️