August 2007 FREE TO RESIDENTS

# DANBY AREA NEWS

### Fun Day Thank Yous, part 1

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Sec'y, Danby VFD

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank the many indivuduals and businesses that made donations to the 2007 Danby Fun Day Chinese Auction event that benefits the fire company. Your donations and support mean so much to the fire company and the communities that it serves.

Hearty thank yous to: Agway-Tru Value, Arthur J. Hollenbeck & Son, Autosalvage of Ithaca, Inc., Bangs Ambulance, Wilma Becker, Susan Beeners, Bloom's Sewing & Tailoring, Borders, Heather Campbell, Catatonk Golf Course, Cayuga Fields, Contented Country, Corning Museum of Glass, Cost Cutters, Country Cafe, Danby Community Quilters, Dandy Mart, Deerhill Studio, Double Aught, Jane & Kim Dunnick, Eddy Advertising Service, Helen Emroy, Fay's Fitness, Federal Safety, Finger Lakes Firewood, Inc., Finish Line Automotive, Flax Designs, Garth Towing, Gertrude Hawk, Grandma's Kitchen, Grant's Plants, Alicha Hatch, Highland Farms Boarding Kennel and Store, Hillendale Golf Course, Hillside Return Bottle & Can Redemption Center, H.L. Robinson Sand & Gravel, Inc., Hollybrook Golf Course, Home Central, ICS Press, Iron Kettle Farm, Italian Carry Out, JD Concrete Pumping Service, Inc., Jerome Fire, Kelly Starkweather / Pampered Chef, Kirklands, Kost Tire, LaGeorge Fine Foods, LaTourelle, M&M Excavating, Manos Diner, Mountain Top Greenhouse, MV Manhattan/Cayuga Lake Cruises, Owego Agway, Owego Contracting, Dawn and George Parks, Pat Collins Plumbing, Power and Paddle, Quick-Crete Masonry, Ramada Inn, Raymond Hadley Corp., Ringwood Raceway, Salon T., Sam's Auto, Sciencenter, Scott Smith & Son, Show-N-Felt Creations, Inc., Side Acres Farm, Stonehedge's Golf Club, Stork H&E Turbo Blading, Stroehmann Bakery, T-Shirt World, The Inn at City Light, Tops, Turkey Trot Acres, Johanna van Der Sterre, Ward & VanScoy, Ward's Concrete Lawn Ornaments, Wegmans, Ben Weitsman & Son, Inc., West Candor Maple, and Wilcox Tire.

[More Thank Yous inside! Keep reading...]

### **COMING EVENTS: MOVIES**

Submitted by Bob Strichartz for the Danby Comm. Council

Starting this fall, the Danby Community Council will show locally made movies at the Danby Town Hall. The series starts on Saturday, September 29 at 7pm with 101 Ways To Retire... Or Not! directed by Sue Perlgut and Christopher Julian.

A committe of Dan Klein, June Pollack, and Bob Strichartz is on the lookout for other movies to show. If you have any suggestions, please contact one of them at [danbydan@hotmail.com], [djpollac@lightlink.com], or [str@math.cornell.edu].

### BALD HILL SALE & PARTY

Submitted by Jean Rowley

Residents of Bald Hill Road are invited to join in our first annual block party weekend. On Saturday, August 25, 9am-1pm, we're having a Bald-Hill-wide garage sale. Advertisements for the garage sale will be placed in the Ithaca Journal. Please consider having a sale at your Bald Hill home.

On Sunday afternoon at 4pm, we'll have a BBQ/potluck dinner at 251 Bald Hill Road. A pie baking contest and pie tasting begins at 6pm. All Bald Hill residents are welcome to attend and enter a pie, and the best pie baker on Bald Hill Road will be crowned.

Please RSVP for the potluck dinner to Jean at 607.277.0547 or [jeanrowley@gmail.com].

### CAUCUS FOR CANDIDATES

The Danby Democrats will caucus at 7pm on Wednesday, August 8 at the Danby Fire Hall. All Danby Democrats may attend and vote.

The caucus will choose the party's candidates for upcoming fall elections. Positions up for election are Town Supervisor, two Town Board members, the Town Clerk, the Highway Superintendent, and both judge positions (one due to vacancy).

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### Danby Town History

Submitted by Joan Grant, Town Historian

South Danby, 100 Years Ago by Dewitt Traver

Dewitt Traver was born in Poughkeepsie, New York in Dutchess County on the Hudson, November 6, 1850. Along with his parents, Miles and Julia Traver, he moved to the Town of Danby in 1851, at the age of 5 months. He spent the rest of his life in Danby.

When he married at the age of 21, he purchased 10 acres of land in South Danby for \$100 and ended up owning an 800 acre valley. It is sufficient to say that he was a successful pioneer farmer. Dewitt was married three times and yet lived as a widower for his last 28 years and during that time he kept detailed diaries of life in South Danby.

The first year he documented was 1907 and the entries are both fascinating and informative.

Monday February 18—To Ithaca have a contract drawn up with T.S. Ward for his place on the hill, pay him \$3,000 first part of April and take passion then.

Saturday March 9–Buy a vaporator pan of E.B. Hill price \$4.00.

Monday March 11–Buy a vaporator of E.B. Hill and all the rig for sapping it, 275 buckets, storing tank and gathering tub. Price \$25.00. Go and get it. Nice day. March 14–Draw over some lumber to build a sap house in the woods.

March 18–Bought 100 spiles of Elbert Hill. Price \$3.00. Saturday April 13–Go to Ithaca, buy 50 syruip cans price 9 cents each.

Tuesday April 25-Chet Dorn died today. Sick 3 days a stout young man 20 years old.

Monday June 17–Sold my wool to Edwards 800 lbs. come to \$209.15. Mrs. Wiliam Howland buried today. Wednesday June 19–Fred goes off to get married.

Friday June 19–Elsie Mosher [Dewitt's third wife] born June 5, 1854. Mosher woman here after some pictures. Monday June 25–To Ithaca, get Fred a stove price \$18.00.

Thursday July 4–Fred commence keeping house that leaves Ed and I to keep house alone. Slight frost in the hollow this morning.

Sunday July 14–Ed and I we live alone now. Chestnut trees in bloom.

Saturday July 20-Wiliam Howland buried.

Thursday August 29-Go to Frank Dorn's funeral.

Saturday August 31–Finish sawing wood I sold to Norm Stevens.

Monday September 17–To Spencer after canvas I sent for 14x20 feet cost \$9.00. Freight \$1.00.

Wednesday October 2-Had a frost every month this year except September.

**Saturday October 12**–I go to Hollister's to look at a yoke of cattle. Bought them of Warren Hollister price \$150.00. Six years old.

**Friday October 25**–Bought 20 bushels of potatoes from Lew Cooper price 45 cents a bushel.

**Monday November** 14–Bought 4 pigs of Allen price \$1.25 a piece.

Tuesday December 12–Bought a new side hill plow of Gus Bingham price \$12.00.

Dewitt Traver is the grandfather of Ken Traver of South Danby Road who so generously shared his grandfathers diaries. In 1977 Ken's wife, Lois, chose the most interesting excerpts and presented them to her husband as a gift.

### A New Beginning

Submitted by Joanne Church

The Danby Community Park Association, Inc. will soon start construction of an access road on its property. The road will run between the North and South boundaries of the property, exiting to Rt.96B across from the Danby Town Hall. It will connect the proposed community center location to the ball fields.

The association has begun the planning phase of the community center, a much-needed alternative location for community groups and individuals to meet for activities and special occasions.

We are also poised to begin development of Cal Ripken baseball fields as soon as the road is completed. The community is invited to a fundraising BBQ and silent auction at the Common Ground on August 19th to support this project.

This is your park and community center: your help and support will be needed make it a reality!

For more details, or to donate goods or services for the silent auction, contact Joann Mitchell, 607.273.5306, or Pat Stage, 607.273.1321.

### PLANNING BOARD NOTES

Submitted by Carol Sczepanski, Town Clerk

At the Planning Board Meeting held on Thursday, July 19, 2007, Preliminary and Final subdivisions were approved for:

- 1: Parcel 26.-1-14, located on Spencer Road south of Hillview Road, into three lots of about 37, 37, and 57 acres.
- 2. Parcel 30.1-6.3, located on LaRue Road near South Danby Road, into two lots of about 2 and 14 acres.
- 3. Parcel 14.-1-27.22, located on Danby Road near VanDe-Bogart Road, into three lots of about 7, 5, and 11 acres.

The Planning Board also asked that a report be made to the Town Board indicating that it strongly upholds their June 21<sup>st</sup> recommendation on thresholds for land divisions by permit, where lots of 10 acres or larger would be eligible for permit, and where smaller lots would be eligible for permit at a rate of one (1) in five (5) years. The opportunity for subdividers to come to the Planning Board is always an option.

[The original Task Force recommendation was 15 acres and 5 years. The Town Board has agreed to propose 5 acres and 2 years—editor, based on info from Joel Gagnon]

### Attention Hunters

Submitted by Carol Sczepanski, Town Clerk

Sporting License Sales for the 2007-2008 season will go on sale on Monday, August 13, 2007. The DMP (Deer Management Permits) will be available through the DEC Instant Lottery until the close of business on October 1.

The clerk's office will be open on August 13, 9am-4pm. If you are not in the NYS DECALS System, please remember to bring an old license or your proof of hunter safety and identification so that I can issue your license.

### RENT A TENT, HELP FUN DAY!

Need a tent for your party or yard sale? Try us first, to benefit the Danby Fun Day. We install and remove the tent. Available: 12'x12' canopy, 10'x20' tent. Contact Sue Beeners, 607.277.0697 or [sbeeners@aol.com].

Buttons, Too! How about buttons for your event? With photos of your family or special slogans? Contact Andrea Hazard, 607.272.8791 or [ahazard@twcny.rr.com].

### Town Board Highlights

Submitted by Carol Sczepanski, Town Clerk

#### Public Hearing Rescheduled

The Public Hearing for the Proposed Local Law Amending the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Danby, that was to be held on Monday, July 16, was officially cancelled and the public hearing date set for 6:30pm, Monday, August 13, 2007.

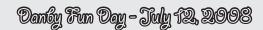
A Special Meeting of the Town Board will be held on Monday, August 6, 2007 following the regular Agenda meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to consider bid awards for the purchase of a town highway truck.

#### Other Items Approved by the Town Board

Adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as its system of preparing for and responding to disaster incidents. The Town Disaster Emergency Management Preparedness Committee DEMPC is working very hard to keep the Town in compliance with NIMS regulations.

Endorsed the Housing Strategy for Tompkins County.

Adopted the Town of Danby Employee Handbook. \$



### **Town Hours**

#### TOWN CLERK

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559 Tue–Fri, 9am–4pm; Sat, 9am–Noon

Summer Hours to Aug.11: Tue-Fri, 9am-3pm

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Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm or by appointment

#### **TOWN COURT:**

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559

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

There. You've seen. I've seen. The gesture. A woman in a traffic jam among those that are everyday in the city, any city. You won't remember it, you won't know who she is.

But I know because from the sight of her I'll find out- as a story-what was going to happen as the consequence of that commonplace embarrassment on the streets; where it was heading her for, and what. Her hands were thrown up, open. —from The Pickup by Nadine Gordimer, the 2007 Community Read for Tompkins County. Pick up your copy at Danby Community Library today.

Our volunteers have been busy coming up with a transition plan for 2008. There may be changes in hours, how you check out materials, etc. to accommodate community and volunteer needs and availability.

Don't forget to fill out a library survey and make your voice heard. A big thank you to our dedicated and tireless volunteers, the support of the Danby Town Board and community and to Ted Crane, who always gives us gentle and pleasant reminders to get the word out to the community through the Danby Area News. Keep on the sunny side.

### West Danby Picnic

The date has been set for the West Danby Picnic! The whole world is invited on Sunday, September 9 at 3pm, to the Hatch's pavilion and field at the corner of Brown and Short roads. Dish-to-pass, beverage and grill provided.

### **SHORTER NOTICES!**

Bereaved Parents Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the bereaved parents support group will be on Tuesday, August 14, 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.

#### Foster Care/Adoption Informational Meeting

Considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent? The Tompkins County Department of Social Services will hold an informational meeting at the Human Services Building, Room 142, 320 West State Street, on Thursday, August 9, Noon–1pm.

Tompkins County has a special need for foster families in the Ithaca City School District. Please call 274-5266 for more information.

### Daffodil Thank You

Submitted by Beatrice Hogben

I'd like to thank the Beautification Committee for planting all those daffodil bulbs last fall because the hundreds of blossoms were such a wonder this spring. I think we could be called the "Daffodil Town" just as Ithaca is called the "Forsythia City."

Now, I am enjoying the many different varieties of summer flowers at the Town Hall which the Beautification Committee has purchased and planted. One of the members of the Committee, I know, is Betsy Wilkenson, and I do thank her. Anyone who knows me, knows that I have a great love for all species of flowers.

### COMPACT & FLUORESCENT!

Submitted by Linnett Short, TC Solid Waste Mgmt

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs) are alternatives to traditional incandescent light bulbs that use 66 percent less energy, reducing the emissions that result fossilfuel-burning power plants!

CFLs can also save you money since they use so much less energy; a 70 watt equivalent CFL can save \$20.02 a year! However, CFLs contain low levels of mercury, a toxic metal, and it can cause damage to the brain, spinal cord, kidneys, and liver so proper disposal and recycling is important.

Households are exempt from Hazardous Waste Regulations but they are still strongly urged to dispose of these hazardous materials in a safe way, including fluorescent bulbs. If a CFL breaks in your home, immediately open windows to allow for vapor to dissipate and sweep the fragments (do not vacuum!) into a plastic bag for disposal. Make sure to wipe the area with a disposable paper towel to remove all glass fragments. These broken bulbs can be recycled as well.

#### How can CFLs be recycled?

Tompkins County Solid Waste (TCSW) has accepted CFLs from Households and Small Businesses for several years as part of its Household Hazardous Waste Program (HHW). Recently TCSW has created a year-round drop-off container for CFLs; they are shipped to Chicago where the mercury is safely removed and recycled, as are the glass and metal parts.

Call Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division for further assistance at 273-6632 and check out its website at [www.recycletompkins.org].

### Fun Day Parade Thank You

Submitted by Amy Cusimano, Parade Committee

On behalf of the Danby Parade committee, I would like to thank all participants for making a great, fun parade.

Our line up volunteers did an exceptional job. Thank



Danby Fun Day Parade • Ted Crane

you Brian, Scott, Mason and Ethan. A special "kudos" to Sue Beeners for doing double volunteer duty; Vendors and Parade!

Next year is the parade's 5th anniversary! We, our town, can make it better than ever. Remember "Music Man"? See you next year and Thank you!

### CAKE WHEEL THANK YOU

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Correspondent

Take a big bow, those of you who organized the 2007 Danby Fun Day and Parade. It was wonderful, and your hard work is very greatly appreciated. This little community needs this kind of event to come together. Thank you, Fun Day organizers, for all that you do to make this event so successful.

I'd also like to extend my personal thanks to all the folks who send in those wonderful desserts for the cake wheel. The looks on the faces of those kids when their numbers came up was absolutely the best, and the winning adults looked pretty happy, too! Thank you, all.

Keep those stories and pictures coming for the Danby Town Talk column which runs every other Thursday in the Ithaca Journal. I recently submitted my 75th column and I have to tell you that writing this column has been more fun for me than I ever imagined.

Share your stories with others through my columns. Pictures are always welcome, also. Please send your stories to [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or mail to 65 Gunderman Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850.

### Fun Day Thank Yous, part 2

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Sec'y, Danby VFD

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company expresses sincere thanks to those who worked hard during the past months and recent days to ensure that 2007 Danby Fun Day was a success. Numerous individuals planned events, brain-stormed, participated in meeting after meeting after meeting, gathered donations, cooked, cleaned, polished, built, bartered, baked, set up booths and displays, donated glassware to the dime toss, played tunes, and made sure the day was fun for all!

The weather was great and we were so pleased to see so many community members attend the events and parade.

Thank you to: Susan Beeners, Tom Archibald, Brian Beeners, Gene Beavers, Gene Thomas Beavers, Beverly Berggren, Ethan Bibbie, Dawn Blanchard, Jane Brewer, Judy Caveney, Bob "The Letterman" Chase, Leslie Connors, Amy Cusimano, Cos Cusimano, Mason Cusimano, Jen Drake, Lori Pittsley, Andrea Hazard, Danby Community Council, Danby Fire Commissioners, Bill Farrell, Flashing Feathers, Susan Hogben, Linda Howe, Gay and Garry Huddle, Jeff and Sheri Huddle, Marci and Maddi Huddle, Ithaca Police Explorers, Cami Johnson, Scott Kozak, Nick McAfee, Howard McCullogh & Boy Scout Troop 55, Aaron McNeil, Becky McNeil, Courtney McNeil, Heidi McNeil, Red McNeil, Ted and Connie Merritt, Julie Miettunen, Jean and Tim Miller, Barbara Mosher, David Nitchman, Kim Nitchman, Sarah Nitchman, Susanna Nitchman, Mary Oltz, Chase Parks, Kira Parks, Dawn and George Parks, Maranda Pittsley, Nick Pittsley, Jan Marie Pfleiderer, Sheridan Sager, Carol Sczepanski, Connie Sczepanski, Gene Sczepanski, Jim and Linda Sczepanski, Nev Singhota, Eric Stromswold, Sam Stromswold, Sandra Stromswold, Sally Beeners Tanis, Town of Danby, Town of Danby Highway Department, Christel Trutmann, John Van De Mark, Brenda Veasey, West Danby Fire Department, Pat and Vika Wasyliw, Sarah Wyatt, and Jonathan Zisk.

## FUN DAY GAMES THANK YOU Submitted by Andrea Hazard

I wish to thank Tom Archibald and the Danby Youth for doing a great job running games and making a cool looking new Fun Day banner.

Also, thank you to Gene Thomas Beavers, Maranda Pittsley, Sarah Wyatt, and Sarah, David, and Susanna Nitchman for your help. We couldn't have done it without you!

### Community Danby outh Fly Council Youth **Programs** Summer 2007

Programs are for vouth who live in

Danby; the age range is listed for each program. All programs are free. Look for brochures and registration forms 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.

#### 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. Homeschoolers are more than welcome. Wherever you are, in or near Danby, just come! See you soon!"

### ERNIE PAYTON'S THANK YOU

(originally written to Amy Cusimano and Sue Beeners)

Thank you for the fabulous efforts that you put forth each year to make our Danby Fun Day the experience it is for all us Danbyites.

Your efforts to plan such an event as this, year after year is noble for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that this is the *only* time we Danbyites get together with our friends and neighbors and have time to chat, get reacquainted, catch up on each other, eat some wonderfully cooked World Famous barb-a-que chicken, and just be proud of our community. The thought that continues to reflect in my mind is the fact that you do what you do knowing that you'll be receiving no medals, no community thanks, no public recognition, and no financial rewards for this annual labor of love.

I can tell you that while you may not hear or be aware of the gratitude of your neighbors, be assured of the thanks of a total community for an event that, as human beings could tend to take for granted, we all look forward to with great anticipation.

Don't stop now, as yesterday was just that experience that we all needed to again remind ourselves of our wonderful Danby family.

Again, know of my sincere thanks and the thanks of our community as we look forward to Danby Fun Day Parde 2008.

PS: Hopefully we'll have our little band in the line of march next year, playing and singing our Danby National Anthem, We Come From Danby.

PPS: We need to get an official spelling for the title, Danbyites.



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Jun 23—Sep 3

Jennings Pond

Jennings Pond Open for the Summer!

Aug 2 • Thu

No Meeting: Danby Senior Citizens

Aug 6 • Mon

6:30pm @ Town Hall

Town Board Agenda Meeting,

followed by a special meeting of the Board

Aug 8 • Wed

7pm 🕰 Fire Hall

Danby Democrats Caucus for Candidates

Aug 13 • Mon

6:30pm @ Town Hall

Town Board Public Hearing on Proposed

Local Law Amending Subdivision Regulations,

followed by the Town Board Meeting

Aug 14 • Tue

10:30-11:30am Town Hall

Meet Your Representatives—County Rep Frank Proto

and Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich

Aug 16 • Thu

7pm 🕰 Town Hall

Planning Board Meeting

Aug 19 • Sun

2pm @ Common Ground, Rt.96B

BBQ and Silent Auction to support Cal Ripken ballfields

at Danby Community Park.

Aug 25 • Sat

9am−1pm 🙀 all over Bald Hill

Garage Sale and Block Party

Aug 26 • Sun

4pm 251 Bald Hill Road

BBQ/potluck supper; pie baking contest at 6pm

Aug 30 • Thu

7pm 🕰 Town Hall

**Danby Community Council Meeting** 

Sep 9 • Sun

3pm 🕰 Hatch's Pavilion, corner of Brown and Short West Danby Picnic

Jul 12, 2008 • 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 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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Did you know you can find the Danby News on the web? [http://danbynews.tedcrane.com/]

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