



DANBY AREA NEWS

CON BRIO TRIO

Submitted by Bob Strichartz, Danby Comm. Council

The *Con Brio Trio*, consisting of Susan Waterbury, violin, Elizabeth Simkin, cello, and Jennifer Hayghe, piano, will appear at the Danby Town hall on Sunday, September 9 at 3pm. The program will include trios by Haydn and Dvorak (the “Dumky” trio) and a new work, *Fruity Pebbles* by Marc Mellitt.

All three musicians are faculty members at Ithaca College. Both Waterbury and Simkin have performed in Danby before, and are well known to local audiences for their work with several classical music groups, including Ensemble X and the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra.

This concert is part of the Danby Community Council’s concert series*. Admission is free and open to the public. ❁

MOVIE NIGHT!

Submitted by Bob Strichartz, Danby Comm. Council

101 Ways to Retire—or Not: Documentary about Active Retirement in the 21st Century

What do an orchid grower, a former Ithaca Mayor, a Dryden Town Board member, an actress, a school bus aide, a former Cornell employee, and the 2006 Harriet Tubman award recipient have in common? They are all retired, live in Tompkins County and are featured in the documentary *101 Ways to Retire—or Not*.

Their ages range from 56 to 85 and they join the millions of retirees now living in the United States who are living in “active retirement.”

Independent filmmakers Sue Perlgut and Christopher Julian have captured this phenomenon in their light-hearted, humorous, and wisdom-packed documentary. The hour-long film about active retirement in the 21st Century will shown on Saturday, September 29, at 7pm in the Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road.

The screening and discussion are open to the public.*

MUSIC FROM IRELAND... ...AND BEYOND

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Danby Comm. Council

The folk music of Ireland and beyond will be presented by Matt and Shannon Heaton, at 3pm on Sunday afternoon, September 30.

Danby residents (and others) can enjoy a musical afternoon with Matt and Shannon Heaton. The Heaton’s play tunes and songs—old and new—with a strong Celtic flavor. Matt and Shannon blend Irish traditional music with original songwriting. The blend of material is natural this Boston-based husband-and-wife duo, who have played in Irish sessions for years while becoming involved in Boston’s rich songwriting scene.

Whether you call it Irish Americana or Celtic Roots, Matt’s inventive guitar and bouzouki playing provide a rich framework for Shannon’s timeless, evocative lyrics and her stunning Irish flute. Their masterfully arranged songs move seamlessly from full harmony singing to driving wood flute riffs and lush guitar lines.

Their performance features a stunning musicianship that honors the Irish tradition, an easy rapport with audiences, and a selection of music that you won’t hear anywhere else.

This concert is free and open to everyone, and is appropriate for the entire family.

* - The programs presented by Danby Community Council concert series are supported by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts/Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County Decentralization Program. ❁

The documentary is a primer for the 78 million baby boomers who are retiring in the next ten years and for those who work with retirees. It features everyday women and men from the Ithaca NY area, who redefine what it means to be “retired” and to be “senior citizens” as they live active and vital lives. ❁

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DANBY TOWN HISTORY

Submitted by Joan Grant, Town Historian

Labor Day

“Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country”, said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor (the AFL). “All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man’s prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race or nation.”

The Origin of Labor Day

There seems to be a veil of doubt shrouding the true founder of Labor Day. Some records state that Peter J. McGuire, the cofounder of the AFL and general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, was the first to suggest a day to honor those, “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold.”

Recent research seems to point to Matthew Maguire, secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York, who, in 1882, proposed the holiday and formed a committee to plan the festivities for the day.

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, under the direction of the Central Labor Union, in New York City. The same date was also observed the following year. In 1884, the first Monday

in September was chosen and the CLU encouraged similar unions in other cities to join them in celebrating a “workingmen’s holiday” on that date.

The idea was a popular one with the increase of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country. In June 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September, “A legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.”

The Nationwide Holiday

The proposed observances for the holiday included union parades, speeches by prominent men and women, and festivals including entertainment and recreation of the workers and their families. At the AFL convention in 1909, a resolution passed, adopting the Sunday preceding Labor Day as *Labor Sunday* and dedicating it to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

Although the character of Labor Day celebrations has progressively changed over the decades, the premise is still the same. In this country, at least, the vital force of labor has contributed to a high standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known. It is appropriate that the nation should pay tribute to the American Worker on Labor Day.

Resources: [www.dol.gov], [wikipedia.com], Encyclopedia Britannica. ❁

SHORTER NOTICES!

Weatherization Help?

The Weatherization Referral and Assistance Program (WRAP) helps senior citizens with energy related problems and home repairs. The WRAP program can assist income eligible seniors make energy efficient modifications to their homes, and address health and safety repairs, such as unsafe stairs and loose floor boards.

Please contact Gladys Brangman at the Tompkins County Office for the Aging, 607.274.5487 for further details.

Bereaved Parents Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the bereaved parents support group will be on Tuesday, September 11, 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, September 13, Noon–1pm. Tompkins County has a special need for foster families in the Ithaca City School District.

Also, the *Group Preparation & Selection II-Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting* (GPS II-MAPP) classes will begin September 13. This is the beginning of a 33-hour, 11-week program to prepare you to foster or adopt and enable you and this agency to determine what kinds of placements are best suited to your family’s strengths and needs.

Please call 607.274.5266 for more information. ❁

TOWN BOARD LEGAL NOTICE

Submitted by Carol Szczepanski, Town Clerk

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2007 ENTITLED: "A Local Law Amending the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Danby, New York by Reclassifying Certain Land Divisions and Subdivisions, Modifying Procedures Related to Such Land Divisions and Subdivisions and Incorporating Standards and Guidelines Set Forth in the State Environmental Conservation Review Act."

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Danby held a public hearing at 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, New York, on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 6:30pm to hear all comments of interested persons related to a proposed amendment to the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Danby, New York and adopted Local Law No.4 which reclassifies certain land divisions and subdivisions and modifies procedures related to such land divisions and subdivisions and also incorporates standards and guidelines set forth in the State Environmental Conservation Review Act. Under the terms of the amendment, the text of the current Subdivision Regulations of the town of Danby, New York have been deleted in its entirety and replaced with amended text. The amended subdivision regulations provide for extensive changes to the current subdivision regulations and are applicable on a Town-wide basis. The full text of Local Law No. 4 of 2007 is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Danby located at 1830 Danby Road.

[For a plain-language summary, see Joel Gagnon's Town Observer item on page 6.]

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. If two people can bat a birdie, we'll have badminton!

This year's gathering is in high garden season, so it will afford gardeners an excellent opportunity to show off the best our gardens have to offer. Local musicians will play some old-time music for all to enjoy.

We'll welcome home John Smith, who is completing his recuperation after weeks in hospital, with a special cake! Come, and bring a friend!

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Submitted by Gene Beavers, DEMPC

Thanks to all who visited our Emergency Preparedness Tent at Fun Day! Our activities and exhibits were a cooperative effort of Town Government, Highway Department, Fire District, American Red Cross, and Boy Scouts. It takes the whole community to prepare for potential emergencies as "Neighbors helping Neighbors". DEMPC (the Danby Emergency Preparedness Planning Committee) will continue work on organizing this community-based project, but we need your help.

Thanks to those who completed the Disaster Response Survey at Fun Day. For those of you that took the Survey home to fill out later, please fill it out, and drop it off or mail it to Carol Szczepanski, Town Clerk, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850.

For those Danby residents who did not get the Survey, you can pick it up at Town Hall, or download it from the Town's website, [town.danby.ny.us] You can also pick up an Emergency Preparedness Information Kit at the Town Hall, the Town of Danby located at 1830 Danby Road.

Danby Fun Day - July 12, 2008

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DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

“TRANSITION”-n. Passage from one place or state to another; change. We make many transitions in our lives...

Many of you will be transitioning to the school year. September features a transition toward Autumn. Ithaca and Danby undergo many changes through the year. At the end of this year, in January 2008, the Danby Community Library will be transitioning to a time of resource consolidation in preparation for a future move to the new community center.

What does this mean for you, our borrowers? A bit of a change in how we run the Library and use our volunteers. We'll maintain our current hours until December 31, but starting in January, we will be open on 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 11:30am–1:30pm, and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm.

Our open sign will *also* be out at other times when volunteers are available. More information to follow!

Another change will be that we will only be circulating Danby-owned books, videos, and other materials, which we will update through donations, the Friends of the Library, and a purchasing program for new materials. If you look at our materials now, all of the Danby-owned materials have an orange sticker.

Come in and borrow the new Harry Potter (or request a hold on it), look for new collections of Adult Fiction, Young Adult Fiction, Biographies and Large Type.

Remember, “change is good”. We welcome feedback and additional volunteers as we enter this transition period.

Racing fans have never seen anything like it--and they've seen plenty--from daredevil drivers to fiery crashes to victory laps that bring tears to grown men's eyes. But this is something altogether different: this is the first all-women's team in stock-car racing history.—from the book jacket of *Once Around the Track* by Sharyn McCrumb. ❀

FUN DAY THANK YOU UPDATE

Submitted by Beatrice Hogben and Sharon Gaden, Danby Volunteer Fire Company

We apologize for mis-spelling Mrs. Helen Emery's last name last month; especially since she had donated a

SUPERVISOR'S TOWN NEWS

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

We are having a busy and productive summer here at the Danby Town Hall. Here are a few of the current issues we are working on.

We are moving towards an agreement for an cooperative Recreation Partnership with other towns. As you may know, financial difficulties have jeopardized the Partnership. This agreement will allow Danby residents to continue to participate in sports, recreation and camp projects so many families have enjoyed for many years.

Danby is also having discussions with Cornell, the County School District, TCAD, and with other local municipalities about a possible common fuel depot and we are moving toward biofuels in order to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Many residents have computer concerns and want high speed access available in Danby. We have developed maps showing where there is the highest density and are investigating which provider will be able to provide the the greatest access to the majority of residents. These talks are moving along quickly and I will have more information soon.

In order to learn more about funding these initiatives I attended a meeting sponsored by the county and learned more about how Telecom/Broadband is transforming the way we communicate by phone, internet and video.

On August 13, over the objections of the Town Planning Board, the Danby Task Force, and its Code Enforcement Officer, the Town Board voted to relax its existing subdivision permit requirements. I opposed this change and the process by which it was handled, but I was proud of my fellow Danbyites who, in spite of the fact that land use is such a hot issue, spoke at the Public Hearing in a civil and thoughtful way.

More news soon! ❀

handmade afghan, beautiful Angel doll and pine cone Christmas wreath to the Chinese auction.

Thank you to Gold Screen Printing who also gave a cash donation to the auction. And last, but not least, we appreciated the help of Zoe and Raven Larsen, too. ❀

DANBY TOWN OBSERVER

An unofficial report, submitted by Joel Gagnon

Subdivision Regulations Passed

A public hearing on proposed changes to the Subdivision Regulations filled the Town Hall on August 13. Two hours of public comment were followed by a vote. The Town Board adopted the changes it had proposed, over an objection by the Town Planning Board.

In addition to removing provisions that specified where houses can be built (area not to exceed 40 percent of the total land area of parcels in the Low Density Zone), provisions were added to allow frontage lots to be created by permit without Planning Board review or approval.

Lots five acres or larger can now be created at will, subject to NY State requirements for realty subdivision and relatively new storm water runoff regulations. Smaller frontage lots can also be created by permit, but are limited to one in any two year period.

These changes essentially reinstate the large lot exception that was in place prior to the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 2003 and the Subdivision Regulation revision of 2005. The small lot provision is less restrictive than the pre-2005 regulations.

Truck Purchase Moves Ahead

Bids were awarded for a new highway truck at the August 6 meeting of the Town Board. The Board discussed

deferring delivery until after the end of the year, when the retirement of an existing bond will offset the new truck payments, reducing the amount of new borrowing. Capital reserves are not adequate to cover the truck cost, and borrowing was preferred over raising the balance with a tax levy.

Other Town Board Actions

The Board adopted a policy on extensions to water lines for the West Danby Water District. The policy was prompted by a request for connection to a property that is primarily outside the water district; with the policy in place, the Board authorized the extension of water lines to a property owned by Shane Spencer, subject to a legal agreement specifying the limitations of use.

In another water district-related matter, Gene Beavers has been working to explore options for emergency power generation. The water district currently has no backup power to cover a protracted power outage.

Options include an independent generator and connecting to the emergency generator for the adjacent fire department building. This work is part of a major effort to better position the Town to handle emergencies.

In an unrelated matter, the Board voted to amend its agreement with the Highway Superintendent; road work to realign Curtis Road was among the funded projects. ❁

DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Correspondent

Do you have a back to school story to tell? A summer vacation story? These ideas and lots more that I know are out there are what will keep the Danby Town Talk column lively! The column is about Danby and for Danby, so please feel free to send me any news you would like to share with *Ithaca Journal* readers, who, by the way, stop me all the time to say they enjoy reading about life in Danby!

I get correspondence from former Danby folks, now living far away, who read the column online or have it sent to them in the mail, just to check up on friends they still think about here. Tell me about yourself, your life in Danby, events you were there for from Danby's history, for instance. Send pictures, too. They always add to the story! Thank you!

How nice it was to see Florence and Darwin Geuther here in July to help celebrate the 200th year of the Danby Federated Church. They look terrific. I correspond with them via e-mail and while they are busy and very happy in their new home in New Hampshire, I know they always miss Danby and long-time friends they have here.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our long-time neighbor, Klara Wiese. Klara and Mike Wiese were very nice people. Mike was well-known to kids in Danby as their gym teacher and his untimely passing many years ago was a shock to all. When Klara left Danby it was to make her home in a smaller place, one easier to maintain. She met a lovely man, Joe Boronkay, and they had wonderful times together. Our thoughts go out to Joe and to Klara's sister. ❁

Community Council Youth Programs September 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 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].

Primitive Pursuits—Grades 4-8

Location TBA

Mondays (3:30-6:30pm) (dates TBA)

Have you heard the buzz? Young people and their parents all over Danby and the rest of Tompkins County are talking about this great program! Tim, Jed, Barbara Ann, and the other instructors are eager to be reunited



with everyone who participated last year, and are also hoping to meet even more young people from Danby who want to sign up for the first time to discover what everyone is talking about.

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!

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!"* ❁

DANBY WATER WIZARDS

Submitted by Tom Archibald, Youth Services

During the week of August 6, kids participating in the Danby Youth Services summer programs explored Cayuga Lake and Six Mile Creek with the Cayuga Lake Floating Classroom Project. In all, 19 youngsters from several towns cruised aboard the M/V Haendel for three mornings, studying the ecology, health and history of Cayuga Lake.

Each participant started the week by figuring out where they live in the Cayuga Lake Watershed and identifying who lives "downstream" from their watershed address. They also shared their own questions and knowledge about the lake and the creatures that depend upon it.

Questions ranging from ecological—"How does the water change around the lake?"—to historical—"What kinds of sports have people used the lake for?"—provided many challenges for instructors Bill Foster and Nikki McGuire, as they planned the week.

Focusing the program around what the kids want to learn is of primary importance, according to Foster. Attention to the interests of the participants is a natural consequence of the program's ultimate goal

of encouraging all participants to gain a better understanding of the nature of our lakes and streams, and to actually build a personal relationship with them.

"That was so fun and I learned so much!" exclaimed 10-year-old Danby resident Sam Stromswold after the first day of the program.

The group covered a lot of ground, collecting samples of water from the shallow south end of the lake as well as the deepest areas in the middle of the lake, over 400 feet down. The junior scientists discovered that the water gets cold quick, down that deep, and without sunlight there is not much that grows at that depth!

The group also spent one day in Slaterville Springs investigating a portion of Six Mile Creek and the Ithaca Reservoir, from which many Ithacans get their drinking water. The results of their biological surveys on aquatic insects showed that Six Mile Creek is pretty healthy.

This is the second summer that Danby youth have participated in the "Water Wizards" program. Last year, they focused on our very own Buttermilk Creek. For more information on the program, or the water monitoring results, you can check [www.cayugalakefloatingclassroom.org] or contact Danby resident Bill Foster, at [parsifal@twcny.rr.com]. ❁

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Jun 23—Sep 3

 Jennings Pond
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Aug 30 • Thu

7pm  Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting


Sep 5 • Wed

6:30pm  Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting,
followed by a special meeting of the Board

Sep 6 • Thu

Danby Senior Citizens Dish-to-Pass Supper
Music by Pemela Goddard, traditional songs of the North
and South.

Sep 9 • Sun

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

3pm  Town Hall
Danby Community Council Concert: Con Brio Trio

Sep 10 • Mon

6:30pm  Town Hall
Town Board Meeting

Sep 11 • Tue

10:30–11:30am  Town Hall
Meet Your Representatives—County Rep Frank Proto
and Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich

Sep 19 • Wed

Danby Senior Citizens Field Trip
Visit the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse to see
Always...Patsy Cline.

Sep 27 • Thu

7pm  Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting

Sep 29 • Sat

7pm  Town Hall
Danby Community Council Movie:
101 Ways to Retire...or Not!

Sep 30 • Sun

3pm  Town Hall
Danby Community Council Concert:
Matt and Shannon Heaton

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
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


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 **Danby Fire Hall** • 1780 Danby Road

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

 **Danby Federated Church** • 1859 Danby Road

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