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DANBY AREA NEWS

TRASH IS MORE EXPENSIVE

Submitted by Linnette Short, Tompkins County

The cost of trash disposal is going up in Tompkins County. Here's the new rates:

For Smaller Quantities:

Coupons will be \$6 per coupon; a packet of 6 coupons costs \$36. Punch cards (good for 5 bags) will be \$12 per card (\$2.40 per bag).

Older, not fully used punch cards can be turned in for credit towards the new punch cards.

Disposal Rates for Scale Users (Not for haulers; scale house traffic only, coupon and/or punch card users are not affected):

Weight Flat Fee 0-333 \$12 333-666 \$23 667-999 \$34

1000+ Tipping fee of \$80 per ton

Be sure to check out Tompkins County Solid Waste's two web sites at [recycletompkins.org] and [fingerlak esbuygreen.org] for tips on recycling and re-use to cut down your disposal expenses!

FIRE STATION BREAKFAST

Submitted by Sharon Gaden

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company continues its offering of breakfasts to the community with events on Sundays, February 24 and March 30, 8–11:30am.

Breakfasts are eggs (cooked the way you want them), home fries, pancakes, ham, sausage, French toast, coffee, hot chocolate, and orange juice. Seating is at tables, with plates, silverware, and service by wait staff.

All proceeds benefit the Danby Volunteer Fire Company by helping us purchase fire or medical equipment or station supplies. Hope to see you there!

JANE AUSTEN AND COLETTE IN MUSIC AND WORDS

Submitted by Bob Strichartz for Danby Comm.Council

The first event in the Danby Community Council's 2008 concert series will be held at 3pm on Sunday, Feb 17 in the Danby Town Hall. This will be an unusual event blending readings from authors Jane Austen and Colette with performances of songs related to their writings. Maggie Cole, piano, and Jane Streeton, soprano, join actress Maggie Henderson for this performance.

The program begins with music from Austen's personal collection of works, including a song which sets words—copied in her own hand—to a piano piece by Haydn. These selections are interspersed with entertaining exerpts from her novels. The program continues with Colette's written portraits of her friends Ravel, Debussy, and Poulenc, together with songs by these composers, and closes with songs from *Gigi*, Colette's original play (which she adapted for the Lerner and Loewe musical).

The artists are visiting from England. Maggie Cole has performed on BBC Radio and recorded on Virgin Classics, Chandos, and Avie. Jane Streeton was graduated with honors by the Royal College of Music. She has sung with the English National Opera and the English Bach Festival and has recorded on Hyperion for Opera Restor'd. Maggie Henderson was a member of the Cambridge Footlights and has long been associated with BBC Television's *Children's Programs*. She has appeared in the American television film *Indiscreet*, the BBC drama series *Kinsey*, and the Disney comedy *Stick with me*, *kid*.

This program is supported in part by the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County, which recently announced a \$1,000 award supporting the 2008 DCC Concert series. This program has also received support from individual contributors. All programs in the concert series are free and open to the public. Weather is unpredictable in February, but this will be an event well worth sloshing your way to the Town Hall to hear.

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Danby Town History

Submitted by Joan Grant, Town Historian

Highlights of 100 Years Ago: 1908, MCMVIII

Major Events

- 1/1 A ball signifying New Year's Day drops in NYC's Times Square for the first time.
- 1/8 Train collision in NYC's Park Avenue Tunnel kills 17; leads to increased demand for electric trains.
- 1/11 Grand Canyon National Monument is designated (becomes a National Park in February 1919).
- 1/21 NYC passes a law, the Sullivan Ordinance, making it illegal for women to smoke in public, only to be vetoed by the mayor.
- 1/24 Robert Baden-Powell begins the Boy Scouts.
- 2/7 Connie Mack sells hurler Rube Waddel to St. Louis Browns for \$5,000.
- 2/12 NYC to Paris auto race (via Alaska and Siberia) begins. George Schuster wins after 88 days behind the wheel.
- 2/18 First US postage stamps in rolls issued.
- 2/25 First tunnel under Hudson River (railway).
- 3/07 Cincinnati Mayor Mark Breith stands before City Council and announces that, "Women are not physically fit to operate automobiles."
- 4/12 Fire makes 17,000 homeless in Chelsea, MA.
- 4/24 Mr & Mrs Jacob Murdock become first to travel across US by auto. LA to NYC in a Packard; travel time: 32 days, 51 hours and 25 minutes.
- 5/1 World's most intense shower (2.47" in 3 minutes) at Portobelo, PA.
- 5/23 Dirigible explodes over San Francisco Bay, 16 passengers fall, none die.
- 7/6 Robert Perry sets sail to North Pole. Arrives 4/6/09.
- 7/22 Albert Fisher establishes the Fisher Body Co. to manufacture carriages and automobile bodies.
- 7/26 Office of the Chief Examiner, predecessor of the FBI, is created by the Department of Justice.
- 9/9 Orville Wright makes first 1-hour airplane flight, Fort Myer, VA.
- 9/16 Carriage-maker Wm. Durant founds GM.
- 9/17 Thomas Selfridge is first person to die in an airplane crash, in Ft. Myers, VA. Plane flown by Orville Wright (also severely injured).
- 10/1 Henry Ford introduces the Model-T.
- 10/14 The Chicago Cubs win the World Series, defeating the Detroit Tigers.
- 10/24 Billy Murray hits charts with *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*.
- 11/3 Wm. Howard Taft defeats Wm. Jennings Bryan in the US presidential election.

11/10 First Gideon Bible in a hotel room.

11/14 Albert Einstein presents quantum theory.

12/29 Patent granted for a 4-wheel automobile brake, Clintonville, WI.

Births

Amy Vanderbilt	Buddy Ebsen
Bette Davis	Mel Blanc
Edward R. Murrow	John Gould
Jimmy Stewart	Lawrence Welk
Greer Garson	Louis L' Amour
Milton Berle	Eddie Albert
Lyndon B. Johnson	Ethel Merman
Imogene Coca	Carole Lombard
Grover Cleveland	Thurgood Marshall

Wm. Randolph Hearst, Jr

Films

Adventures of Dollie 7/4, 12 min., silent Balked at the Altar 8/24, 12 min., silent Money Mad 12/4, 11 min., silent

Cost of Living

loaf bread	4¢	gallon milk	23¢
pound coffee	12¢	pound tea	25¢
dozen eggs	19¢	pound lard	9¢
pound butter	27¢	cake soap	3¢
newspaper	1¢	washboard	19¢
bath towel	39¢	canvas gloves	7¢
man's shoes	\$1.49	bicycle	\$16.50
Model-T car	\$850 (2 years wages)		

Resources: history.com; historycentral.com; trivialibrary.com; wikipedia.org; iptv.org/series.

SHORTER NOTICES!

Bereaved Parents Meeting Notice

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

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, February 14, Noon–1pm. Tompkins County has a special need for foster families in the Ithaca City School District.

Please call 607.274.5266 for more information.

Fire Station Vote Info

Submitted by Deanna Bowles

The Danby Fire Station is in need of additional space and renovation. The building has had few modifications--only those required for normal maintenance-since it was built in 1968.

The Danby Fire District serves the Town of Danby, an area of 54 Square miles. Danby's population is growing steadily; 161 housing units have been added since 2000. For the past five years, the Danby Fire District has averaged 177 calls per year, and the Danby Fire Company has been the first responder on 112. Approximately 34 percent of responses are for fire or related hazards; the remainder are for EMS/Rescue.

Currently, four vehicles are housed in a building designed for three. Due to state mandated records retention requirements, additional office space is required for the Chief's and the District Offices. The District Office occupies space originally intended for the West Danby Chief's office.

The meeting room and kitchen facilities are inadequate for public events such as pancake breakfasts and community meetings. Restrooms do not comply with current handicapped accessibility requirements. Insulation in the building is inadequate by today's standards; the vehicle bay doors, in particular, are in poor condition and provide little weather protection. The truck bay floor drainage system needs to be corrected due to deficiencies noted by the DEC.

A Building Committee made up of Fire Company and Board of Commissioners Members has been working with an architect to develop an expansion plan. The goal is to support future needs of the growing community in a cost effective manner while maintaining the aesthetics of the existing structure. We recognize that this is an expensive undertaking but one that should support future community needs.

Estimated costs are as follows:

Total cost \$1,100,000 From Reserve Fund 230,000 From 25 Year Bond 870,000

Estimated tax increase 31¢ per \$1000 assessed value

At their meeting on January 3, the Commissioners scheduled a hearing for public input on January 24 as well as a public vote on a referendum to approve bonding of \$870,000 for 25 years on Tuesday, February 12, 6-9pm, at the Danby Fire Station (1780 Danby Road) and the West Danby Station (47 Sylvan Lane).

WOODLOT OWNERS' SEMINAR

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

Plans are firming up nicely for the free woodlot owners' seminar with DEC forester John Graham.

The seminar will be held on Saturday, April 5, 9am-Noon (rain or shine). We will begin with a visit to Tom Gavin's unlogged property on Nelson Road, then cross the road to visit Ted Melchen's logged property.

There are still a few spaces left! If you're interested in attending, please let me know at [rondaroaring@hotmail.com] or 607.589.4031.

Property Assessments

Submitted by Carol Sczepanski, Danby Town Clerk

Many properties in Tompkins County have been reassessed as part of a move by the County to 100 percent assessment. New assessment notices will be mailed to all Tompkins County property owners on February 8, 2008.

The Tompkins County Assessors will be at the Danby Town Hall on Thursday, February 7, 2008, 10am-3pm to explain the new assessments.

Danby Fun Day - July 12, 2008

Town Hours

TOWN CLERK

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

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93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169 Mon–Fri, 6am–2:30pm

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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.

Town Board Notes

Submitted by Carol Sczepanski, Town Clerk

At its organizational meeting, Jan. 7, the Town Board

- Set salaries of town officials and employees, as approved in the 2008 budget.
- Reappointed Tom Westmiller as a water commissioner to the the West Danby Water District (5 years).
- Acknowledged the Town Clerk's appointment of Linda Howe as Deputy Town Clerk.
- Acknowledged the appointment of James Herson as Court Clerk.
- Reaffirmed the Town Policies and Proceedures.

Additional appointments were made at the regular Town Board meeting:

- Anne Klingensmith to the Planning Board (7 years)
- Ted Jones (reappointed) to the Board of Zoning Appeals (5 years); also appointed as Chair of BZA.

Danby Community Library

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Unknown bones, untold secrets, and unsolved crimes from the distant past cast ominous shadows on the present in the dazzling new thriller from New York Times bestselling author Tess Gerritsen.—from the book jacket of The Bone Garden by Tess Gerritsen.

Our first "workbee" of the new year was successful and we invite all interested to join us the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm to work in the library and learn new skills.

We have been processing 5 boxes of new materials, so look for new titles in all collections. We will be ordering titles for a Winter Reading List as well.

Library *Volunteer of the Month*—a Mystery!

Who? Your name here.

What? Parent, grandparent, doctor, lawyer, homemaker, studet...fill in the blank.

When? As soon as possible—we train you!

Where? Danby, New York, USA, the World.

Why? It's a great place to volunteer, great people, and access to books, movies, and community.

Please come to visit the Danby Community Library, meet our wonderful volunteers, and consider joining us!

Supervisor's Update

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Happy New Year. I hope you enjoyed the balmy first few weeks of 2008.

There is interest in a plan to bring a cooperative grocery/restaurant to Danby. For those of you who haven't filled out a survey yet about this possible project, the surveys are available at the Danby Town Hall and will be available at the pancake breakfasts hosted by our fire department.

Our Small Cities Grant application is finished and we should soon know whether we have received the monies that will be the first step on a plan to develop our hamlets. The planning board is the lead agency for this endeavor and, if we receive this grant, they will be looking for residents to sit on the hamlet advisory board.

The task force—initially formed to advise the town on implementing parts of the Town's Comprehensive Plan—that was abandoned by the Town Board last year will be called together for a session sometime this winter, and will to discuss whether they wish to work on further projects.

I will be holding an informational workshop on some interesting new wind generating technology. Unlike traditional wind turbines with big revolving blades on high supporting structures, this new technology can be mounted on buildings or telephone poles and function on very low wind speeds. Please watch the Danby Area News for information about date and time for this workshop.

Last—and not least—a reminder to please comply with the state mandate that went into effect recently re: house numbering. The fire department can explain how you should number your house in a bold and consistent manner. They are currently selling signage to residents to be mounted in front of our houses so you can be located quickly in an emergency. The house you save may be your own!

On the Silver Screen

Submitted by Eloise Greene

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 15! Ithaca College professor and documentary producer Gossa Tsegaye will screen his most recent documentary *The Jungle*, about the homeless encampment in Ithaca, at 7pm in the Danby Town Hall.

TOWN TALK EXPLAINED

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Danby Town Talk Columnist

I'm listed as an "Ithaca Journal Correspondent" in the Danby Area News.

Actually, that is not my role. A few years ago the Ithaca Journal decided to re-instate "town talk columns." When I read they wanted a columnist from Danby I immediately responded and Gannett "hired" me as a free-lance writer to do the Danby Town Talk column which runs in the Ithaca Journal every other Thursday. I can tell you that I have received lots of positive feedback from Journal readers from all the towns around Tompkins County, as well as e-mails, messages left on my phone, and written notes from far and wide (many people read the Journal on-line). While I get a check from Gannett for writing this column, I write if FOR THE TOWN OF DANBY/WEST DANBY AND ITS RESIDENTS. I am actually more of a correspondent for folks in those towns, which is as it should be! That's why I am always asking for story ideas, news, contributions.

This is column is for Danby and West Danby, and I am always happy to receive news, as well as pictures. Without feedback, I would struggle to fill a whole column, and I sure don't want that! Please put me on your mailing lists and let me know about community events, as well as "short" news about new babies, marriages, promotions, special vacations, recipe ideas, gardening tips, and so on.

Some of the words I write in this column come from my heart and my own experiences, but mostly the stories come from YOU, making your homes and raising your families in Danby/West Danby. If a story comes to me and I feel the column is not the appropriate venue for it (for whatever reason), I will respond accordingly. Otherwise, I make every effort to get all info into the column! The more, the merrier! Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you. Gay Huddle, Danby Town Talk columnist.

Not a Fire, Just Thanks

The Danby Federated Church thanks all the women and men of the Danby Fire and Rescue and the West Danby Fire and rescue for their fast response to our recent fire call.

While rehearsing for our Sunday services on Wednesday evening, January 16th, we detected a burning odor coming from the air vents and what appeared to be smoke. We called 911 and, within minutes, the Danby Fire and Rescue arrived—and West Danby soon after. After a thorough search of the church, nothing—fortu-

SAFETY UPDATE

Submitted by Sue Beeners, Code Enforcement Officer

Address Signs: Can We Find You?

Many thanks to the Danby residents who have installed adequate address signs. But have you driven around town and seen how many properties are still so poorly marked that finding them-even in daylight-is a chore? Imagine trying to find these properties at night or in a storm!

State Code requires that all occupied properties have address numbers clearly visible from the street. The numbers must be 4 inches high, and on a contrasting background. Reflective numbers are the best. Address numbers should be placed by your driveway entrance, visible from both directions on any road. Emergency Responders need to find you!

The Code Enforcement Office will issue notices to properties without compliant address numbers in the near future.

If you choose, you can purchase address signs through the Danby Fire Company by calling Neal Franklin 607.273.3831, or through the West Danby Fire Company by calling Steve or Marrell Cortright at 607.564.0020. The Danby Fire Company will also be taking orders for signs at the upcoming pancake breakfasts. Both Fire Companies can help with sign installation. See the January edition of Danby Area News for more information on these signs.

Before installing any new posts for signs, please call 800.Dig.Safely, to have underground lines marked.

Stove Safety / Ashes, Ashes

This warm winter can mean Creosote Buildup. Make sure your woodstove, fireplace, or coal or pellet stove chimney is clean.

When cleaning out your stove, a good rule of thumb is that ashes can be hot ashes for longer than you know. Put the ashes in a metal container outside, made for that purpose, and on a noncombustible surface, until they can be safely disposed of.

Please:

- Don't put the metal container on a wood surface
- Don't store ashes inside
- Don't put ashes in combustible containers
- Don't dump ashes on dry, inflammable ground
- Don't dump ashes during winds!

nately —was found. We appreciate the dedication and professionalism of the Danby and West Danby Fire and Rescue. God Bless you all!

Community Council Youth Programs February 2008

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

43 Hornbrook Rd. in Danby Mondays, January 7-March

31 (3:30-6:30pm)

Youth learn ancestral outdoor survival skills including shelter building, knife safety, fire building, cord making, teering, 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 manmade) through a different lens. The future benefits are multiple and diverse, for both the environment and the youth.

Earth Arts Stories and Crafts-Grades 3-5

Danby Town Hall

Wednesdays, January 9 - February 13 (2:30-5:pm)

Julie Kulik and quest artists will lead us through activities like basket making from gathered materials, cordage crafts, knitting and weaving from salvaged wool, working with clay, and other nature arts and crafts. We will also enjoy and share stories from right here in Danby and from around the world. If you like Primitive Pursuits, you'll also want to come to this great program!

Super Sitters-Grades 4-8

Danby Town Hall

Thursdays January 17-February 14 (3:30-5:30pm)

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

greatest babysitter!

Coming in March: Letterboxing and other new and exciting programs!

Tom adds, "For more information, or to share your ideas about potential youth programs, feel free to call. The more the merrier, so please don't hesitate to come and try these wonderful free programs. Homeschoolers are more than welcome. Wherever you are, in or near Danby, just come! See you soon."

COMPOSTING CLASSES

Submitted by Adam Michaelideas, Cornell CoopExt

Become a Master Composter! Get involved and have fun volunteering in the community.

Learn all about composting from the Compost Education Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension and then teach others. Training involves ten Thursday evening classes, February 14-May 1 (no class March 20) and related volunteer work.

Application deadline is Friday, February 1. For more information or to request an application, contact the "Rotline", 607.272.2292 or [acm1@cornell.edu], or stop by Cooperative Extension at 615 Willow Avenue in Ithaca. More info and applications are online at [www.ccetompkins.org/compost].

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Submitted by Bonnie Rathbun

Looking for something to do during the February school break? Danby Federated Church has a Vacation Bible School (VBS) on Thursday, February 21, for children in grades K-6, called A Visit to Liberty Village.

Bring your friends and experience the early years of America and the faith of the people that started our country. We will have games, crafts, music, stories, and of course, snacks. Please bring your own lunch, but we will provide drinks.

The program starts with registration, 8-8:45am and continues until 5pm. Donations accepted to help defray costs. For more information or to preregistrater, please call Bonnie, 607.272.1606.

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Danby Area News: Event Calendar

Jan 27 • Sun

8-11:30am @ Danby Fire Station

Pancake Breakfast

Jan 31 • Thu

4pm 🕰 Town Hall

Last moment to decide how to pay Tax!

Feb 4 • Mon

6pm @ Town Hall

Interviews for Prospective Planning Boad Members

6:30pm 🙀 Town Hall

Town Board Agenda Meeting

Feb 5 • Tue

Noon–9pm Danby Town Hall, West Danby Fire Hall Presidential Primary Voting

Feb 7 • Thu

10am-3pm @ Town Hall

Tompkins County Tax Assessors explain new assessments

Noon @ Danby Federated Church

Danby Senior Citizens Luncheon Mtg

7pm 🕰 Town Hall

Board of Zoning Appeals review of rehearing guidelines

Feb 11 • Mon

6:30pm @ Town Hall

Town Board Meeting

Feb 12 • Tue

6–9pm 🕰 Danby Fire Hall, West Danby Fire Hall Voting on Proposed Fire Station Addition

Feb 14 • Thu

7pm 🕰 Town Hall

Danby Community Council Meeting

Feb 21 • Thu

7pm 🕰 Town Hall

Planning Board Meeting

Feb 24 • Sun

8-11:30am 🔁 Danby Fire Station

Pancake Breakfast

Mar 30 • Sun

8-11:30am 🛍 Danby Fire Station

Pancake Breakfast

Jul 12, 2008 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Library Open Town Hall 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 11:30am-1:30pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm,

and when the Open sign is out!

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 Volunteer Mtg Town Hall 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.

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

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