



DANBY AREA NEWS

DCC CONCERT: COLMAN'S WELL

Enjoy the lush voices of Colman's Well when this New England trio performs on Sunday, June 1, at 2 pm in the Danby Town Hall.

Named for a legendary site in Limerick, Ireland, the group includes Nils Fredland (bass), Rachel Gordon (alto), and Brendan Taaffe (tenor), all of whom share a deep love of singing, keeping traditions alive and exploring new musical territories. Colman's Well takes inspiration from around the world, dipping into everything from Appalachian, Irish, and British story songs, to the traditional music of West Africa, French Quebec, and the Balkans. They perform a wide-ranging mix of songs with tight, inventive harmonies.

Although there is strength, beauty, and diversity to spare in their voices alone, Colman's Well also delights in a bit of instrumentation, with Brendan on guitar, mbira, and ukulele, Nils on trombone, and all on feet!

While they have sung together as part of large choral groups for many years, Nils, Rachel, and Brendan first experimented as a trio last summer, performing for a sold-out crowd in County Mayo, Ireland. The fit of their voices was such a thrill that they decided to pursue the trio repertoire with seriousness and fun. When they choose and arrange their material, writes Brendan, they are, "looking for that place where the chords sparkle."

Courtesy of the Danby Community Council, this free concert (supported by the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County) is open to all, and appropriate for all ages. Contributions to support future concerts are always appreciated. ❖

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Youth Group at the Danby Federated Church is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, June 6, 5-7pm, in the Church at 1859 Danby Road. The mouth-watering menu includes: spaghetti with or without

DCC SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by June Pollack

Has your child dreamed of learning to dance, becoming skilled in martial arts, creating a painting, discovering the natural world, or trying something never tried before?

The Danby Community Council has helped families who need financial support by providing a portion of the cost of programs like these. The scholarships have helped all sorts of endeavors, including summer camps, gymnastic training, blacksmithing, boating skills, as well as dance, outdoor pursuits, and activities in the arts.

The Council encourages new experiences and opportunities for youth in Danby. Look for the application in the Danby Area News, at [danbynews.tedcrane.com], or call June Pollack at 607.273.4744. ❖

JENNINGS POND MEETING

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

A meeting has been arranged with John Guilford, the manager of Buttermilk State Park, at 9am on Saturday, June 14, at Jennings Pond. This is a preliminary meeting, which should last an hour or two, and will cover usage issues.

Anyone who uses Jennings Pond and the area around the pond, lives near the pond, or has some other interest concerning the pond is invited to attend. If you have a specific item you'd like put on the agenda, please feel free to Email or call me. This is a rain or shine date, please dress appropriately.

If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to be kept in the loop, please contact me at [rondaroaring@hotmail.com] or 607.589.4031. ❖

meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and a beverage. The dinner will raise funds for the Youth Group's *Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake* trip in August. Adults: \$6; Kids: 5-12, \$4, under 5, free. Contact 607.272.1687 or [info@danbyfederatedchurch.org] for more info. ❖

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DANBY PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Submitted by Elizabeth Owens

Come to the Common Ground on Sunday, June 1, from 3-6pm for a picnic to benefit the Danby Park and the Cal Ripkin Baseball league. Join your friends and neighbors, get an update on the Park, taste Doug's great food, and enjoy music with DJ Dave Vieser. Don't forget the Raffles, Silent Auction, Horseshoes, Volleyball, and Bocce. Adults, \$10; Seniors/Teens, \$8; Children under 12, free.

The Danby Community Park Association will also hold a Flea and Farm Market inside the Park, as part of Danby Fun Day on July 26. Space is available for a variety of Fleas (Antiques, Collectibles, Useful Items, Art, Homemade Crafts, Jewelry, etc.), Farm Stands (Produce, Plants, Soil Amendments, Tools, etc.), and related demonstrations.

Sign up using the Fun Day Vendor, but please specify *Flea and Farm*, or call 273.5898 for more information. ❁

POST OFFICE TO MAILBOX: THE DANBY NEWS JOURNEY

Have you ever wondered why your neighbor has the Danby Area News a few days before—or a week after—you? The newsletters travel a long road.

For example, the May issue. It was dropped off at the Post Office on Friday, April 25. Some copies were delivered on Saturday and most of the Ithaca postal routes had them on Monday or Tuesday, but the unlucky Danby residents who have Spencer addresses got them...well, they *hadn't* received them when May began. Occasionally, some residents *never* receive copies.

How does this happen? Sometimes the Post Office sends mail to Elmira for hand sorting (generally good), sometimes to Rochester or Buffalo (generally worse). This isn't exactly energy-efficient or fast, or even logical. Why sort it at all? Just toss a bundle into the delivery vehicle and put one in each box. There's a rumor that the supervisor's annual bonus is based on the number of pieces sent to Buffalo for machine sorting.

So, please have patience and remember, you can read it online at [danbynews.tedcerane.com]. ❁

COOP EXTENSION EVENTS

Cornell Cooperative Extension has an ongoing series of events, and many of them are of interest to Danby residents. Here's just a bit of what's happening in June!

Thu, Jun 5, 12:30pm—Save Energy, Save Dollars

Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to reduce energy usage and about programs to help pay for energy-efficiency improvements. Free kit of energy-saving items. Pre-registration required. Also on 6/24.

Sat, June 7, 10am–5pm and Sun, June 8, 8am–5pm

Straw Bale and Natural Plaster Building Workshop

First-hand experience building a straw bale "Troll House" under the guidance of experienced natural builders. Workshop fee of \$150 supports cost of project materials. Space is limited. Suitable for adults and youth 12 years of age or older.

Saturdays, June 14 and July 12, 10am–4pm

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Garden Tours

Four inspiring private gardens will be open on Saturday, June 14 and four different ones will be open Saturday, July 12.

Mid-June through late-August

Ithaca Children's Garden Summer Programs

Summer Sprouts (Wed), *Turtle Time* (Tue), *Kids' Gardening Club* and *Family Fun Workshops* (both on Sat) return for the summer!

Call Coop Extension, 607.272.2292 or visit [www.ccetompkins.org] for more information or to register in advance. ❁

SHORTER NOTICES!

Bereaved Parents Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the bereaved parents support group will be on Tuesday, June 10, 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, June 12, 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. ❁

Danby Fun Day - July 26, 2008
Celebrating Neighbors and Community
10am-4pm • Danby Fire Station

What's Happening?

The Parade: 10:30am; lineup 9:30am at Danby Motors

The Famous Danby Fire Company Chicken BBQ: starts at Noon

Throughout the day:

- Live Music
- Kids Games
- Archery Demo
- Fire Safety Demos
- Burgers, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream
- Wheel O'Treats
- Chinese Auction
- Book Sale
- Raffles
- Games, Crafts, Exhibits
- Dunking Booth
- ...and check out the Flea and Farm Market in the nearby Danby Community Park (see separate article).

Applications for the parade and for vendors are available at [danbynews.tedcrane.com].

Coming Soon: "I Built a Fire Station" T-shirts

Help fund the Danby Fire Station building project, great shirts for all ages! Contact Sharon, see below.

Danby Fun Day Contact Directory:

Parade:	Amy Cusimano	607.272.4634
		[amymc@twcny.rr.com]
Wheel O'Treats:	Gay Huddle	607.273.6530
		[gayhuddle@hotmail.com]
Kids Games:	Andrea Hazard	607.272.8791
		[ahazard@twcny.rr.com]
Book Sale:	Leslie Connors	607.277.1717
Vendors:	Sue Beeners	(see below)
	Sharon Gaden	(see below)
	Marrel Cortright	607.564.0020
Everything Else:	Sue Beeners	607.277.0799
		[sbeeners@aol.com]
	Sharon Gaden	607.659.3116
		[danby071302@yahoo.com]

Participate! Take Part! Volunteer!

Parade: Hey, neighbors! Get together in your neighborhood and design a float, bike or walking group that expresses the unique character of your neighborhood. Contact Amy, see below.

Wheel O'Treats: Twenty-five cents can win you a cake or pie or cupcakes or cookies, if your lucky number comes up on the Wheel O'Treats! It's a fun game, and the price is still just a quarter. The Wheel starts spinning at 11:30am. If you can donate some treats, contact Gay, see below.

Book Sale: Help raise funds for our fire company...those books you've enjoyed and no longer want can be donated to the Fun Day Book Sale. For info or to make pickup arrangements, contact Leslie, see below.

Crafters and Vendors: You are invited to participate in Danby Fun Day!

- Setup begins at 8am
- Vehicles must move to off-site parking by 10am.
- The fee is \$10.00 for a 10'x10' space. We apply this fee towards our event expenses.
- There will be plenty of food if you get hungry. Bathrooms are provided as well.
- Deadlines: Application Forms and Checks are due by no later than July 12, 2008.

Spaces are limited, and will be assigned on a first-application basis. Contact Sue, Marrell, or Sharon, see below. ♣

TOWN HOURS

TOWN CLERK

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559
Mon, 9am-12:30pm, Tue-Fri, 9am-4pm

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

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

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.

TOWN OBSERVER

Submitted by Joel Gagnon;
some details from Dan Klein and Sue Beeners

Comprehensive Planning Task Force Meeting, April 9

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force met at the request of the Town Board. The Task Force was asked whether it wanted to re-engage, and if so, what it would propose focusing on. The sense of the group was a reluctance to tackle any new work until there was some sort of action, by the Town Board, on existing recommendations. There was interest in exploring non-regulatory means of protecting undeveloped land if the Town Board would act to clear up the unresolved matters. The Task Force meets again on Wed. June 7, at 7pm.

Town Board, April 14

The Highway Department has acquired a generator. Procured under state bid, it cost the Town about \$9000. [A report at the May meeting added that its pad had been poured and the installation was imminent.] It should be up and running by the time you read this.

The Board passed a resolution of support for a bicycle and pedestrian trail bordering the Town of Danby that will parallel Coddington road on the old railroad bed.

The Board agreed to address the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force at its May Agenda meeting.

Town Board, May 12

In an effort to include all town board members, discussion of the Task Force recommendations was postponed from the agenda meeting, when Gene Beavers and Joe Salino were absent, to the regular meeting.

Discussion at the regular meeting was brief but the board committed itself to dealing with previous task force recommendations, using a back-and-forth process with the Task Force to address questions and concerns.

Two resolutions were passed. The first formally re-established the task force and clarified its charge, leadership, and membership. As before, the membership will consist of all who choose to attend, with voting rights extended to those who have attended at least one of the previous two meetings. Leadership is to be by election of the members, subject to Town Board confirmation.

The second resolution asked the Task Force to clarify and address specific questions and concerns about two

legislative proposals originating with the Task Force that are currently awaiting Town Board action:

- the potential impact of 'flag lots' (building lots that do not meet the usual road frontage requirement)
- reconciling the County Planning Department's objections with our proposed 'Right to Farm Law'

The Town Board failed to get to the web page issue, a business item twice postponed. Leslie Connors has proposed a framework for both content and posting protocol for the town's web page that would establish an oversight committee to interface with the webmaster. The board agreed to schedule a special meeting to fully discuss this item and then resolve it.

The Board also passed, with the support of all present, a resolution of support for an application by the Danby Park Association for an infrastructure grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The DPA seeks funding to install utilities and parking lots.

Planning Board, April and May

The big news is that the town was awarded the \$25,000 Community Development Planning Grant it had requested through the NYS Office for Small Cities.

The money will be used to hire a consultant to work with the Town to develop a redevelopment plan for the hamlets of Central and West Danby. Only two of the consultants who had expressed interest submitted proposals by the April 14 deadline. Of those, Bergman Associates of Rochester drew the most positive comments from the Planning Board; the company is already working with the Town of Ulysses to update its comprehensive plan, and with Tompkins County on the Route 96 corridor study.

The Board will meet with Bergman's representatives in late May or early June to discuss the scope of the work. Workshops in both hamlets are envisioned, where all residents could have a hand in designing a plan to enhance housing and business opportunities.

In other action, the Planning Board approved a 2-lot subdivision proposed by Anthony Augustine, located at 326 East Miller Road, and a 3-lot subdivision proposed by Joel and Cindy Lamson, located at the corner of East Miller and Danby Roads. Both subdivisions created lots for new housing (in addition to existing dwellings), but there are no immediate plans for construction. The Board also approved construction of a 20'x20' pavilion at the Danby Community Park. ♣

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Do you know anyone who isn't worried about rising energy and fuel prices? I don't. Do we have the energy and expertise to make Danby a greener place?

I hope so.

Cornell Cooperative Extension is sponsoring workshops to help us save energy and fuel. The workshops are free and open to the public. Call 272.2292 for information.

The Town of Danby recently endorsed the Trail Connection project initiated by the Town of Caroline, to create a trail Burns Road to Caroline and perhaps to Candor and beyond. Some Danby residents are asking about building and connecting trails in the Town of Danby; meetings with the State and the Land Trust are moving forward.

Some of you have asked whether it is time for Danby to set up a task force addressing energy independence and encouraging wind and solar projects. We are working on a workshop, to be presented at Danby Fun Days, which will describe a hybrid system of vertical axis wind turbines and solar tracking photo voltaic panels.

We are also in conversation with a group looking to start a renewable energy cooperative, an initiative similar to the cooperative in Groton. The goal would be to provide electricity, priced 5 percent below the rates offered by NYSEG, by purchasing wholesale from wind, hydro, and solar generating companies. I will report more about this as it unfolds.

On another note, the Town of Danby recently met with transportation service providers. These providers are working with Tompkins County to dramatically expand their capabilities through the use of dispatch and routing software. Gadabout, for example, is very interested in better utilization of their fleet, which is underserved after dark. Good use might be made of it, to get kids home after after-school programs.

In the short term, rideshare software might be used to link drivers with persons needing transportation. An online computer will be required, such as the connection offered by the Danby Library.

Please Email any questions or comments you may have on any of these topics to [danbysup@hotmail.com]. ❄

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Here is our Spring/Summer Reading List!

March—Geraldine Brooks

The Gathering—Anne Enright

Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister

and *Son of a Witch*—Gregory Maguire

Love in the Time of Cholera—Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Still Summer—Jacquelyn Mitchard

Divisadero—Michael Ondaatje

Run—Ann Patchett

Gilead—Marilyn Robinson

Body Surfing—Anita Shreve ❄

YES IS THERE

Are you a Danby teen looking for a part time job? Or are you a resident needing occasional yard help or a baby sitter? Tompkins County's Youth Employment Service (YES) is a free, friendly job referral network to match teens aged 14-19 with part-time or short-term work. Part of the Ithaca Youth Bureau, YES is staffed by professionals who refer pre-screened applicants to both private and commercial employers.

To find out more, call YES at 607.273.8364 or visit [www.cityofithaca.org] and click on *City Departments*, then *Youth Bureau*. ❄

HELP SENIORS W/ 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. The office is currently updating its list and is in need of more workers. If you might be interested in assisting seniors with yard work on either a volunteer or paid basis, please contact the Office for the Aging at 607.274.5482. ❄

SUMMER WORK CREW

Another opportunity for teenagers to make some money this summer:

The Danby Summer Work Crew needs you to join the team and do service projects in the community! If you are 14 years old or older and want a summer job right here in Danby, contact Tom right away for more information: 607.272.2292 or [tga4@cornell.edu].

Community Council Youth Programs June 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, ongoing (3:30-6:30pm)

Youth learn ancestral outdoor survival skills including shelter building, knife safety, fire building, cord making, orienteering, outdoor cooking and much more.

Identified Flying Objects—Grades 5-8

Boynton Middle School
Thursdays, May 22–June 12 (3:30-5:30pm)

Join us and students from Enfield as we explore many

things that fly: Frisbees, kites, paper airplanes, unusual flyers such as Aerobies, boomerangs and x-zylos, and our final project: rockets! See how far, how high, how long, and how many we can fly these objects.

Let's Do Lunch—Grades 6-7

Boynton Middle School
Thursdays, May 22–June 19 (during lunch)

Join us Danby and Enfield Youth for a fun new lunch program. Play games, learn leadership skills, and eat yummy and healthy food!

**Danby
Youth Flyer**

Danby Farmer's Market— Grades 5-11

Pavilion at Danby Fire Hall

Saturday, June 7 (1-3:30pm at Coop Extension)

Thursdays, June 26–August 28 (1:30–6:30pm)

Are you 14 or older? Do you want a fun summer job?

GET PAID to help run the Danby Farmers Market!

Team Fun: Fun Day Planning—Grades 3-8

Danby Town Hall

Fridays, June 20–July 11 (4–5:30pm) and Fun Day ❁

OUR WORLD: LEARNING AND SERVICE.

The OWLS (Our World Learning and Service) are an after-school program that is trying to make our community better. We meet after school each Thursday and work on projects to help the community. We are currently working on two different projects. One is working towards bringing universal community healthcare to Danby through a screening of the documentary *Sicko*, and the other is making the new park and community center across from the Town Hall more environmentally friendly.

The screening of *Sicko* hopefully will occur at the Town Hall. We will also have a PowerPoint presentation made by the members of OWLS about the movie. Stay tuned for more information on this project and other Danby youth programs run by Tom Archibald.

Our second project deals with the community park. As you probably know, the Danby Community Park Association (DCPA) is beginning work on a commu-

nity center and park for the Danby community. We would be very excited, except that they may be building four baseball fields right next to federally-protected wetlands. Our goal is to put up signs and a boardwalk in the wetlands. Having a boardwalk will encourage people to stay on it and not destroy the wetlands, and the signs will teach everyone about the wetlands ecosystem.

For information or to donate money to help the projects, contact us at [plinkplonk_s@hotmail.com] or [emanor14@gmail.com] (Wetlands Project), or [babykitten@twcny.rr.com] (*Sicko* screening).

PS: (from Tom) After writing this article, the young people of OWLS met with the DCPA on May 8. It was a wonderful meeting. The young people had lots of well-thought-out ideas which they presented very clearly. The members of the DCPA were receptive and appreciative of the OWLS input. All in all, the young people left the meeting very happy about the direction of the park, and they look forward to helping out with the park as much as they can. ❁

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

June 1 • Sun

2pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Concert: Colman's Well
3-6pm 🏠 Common Ground
Danby Community Park Association Fundraiser Picnic

June 2 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting

June 5 • Thu

6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Danby Senior Citizens; entertainment by "Cayuga Chimes"
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting

June 6 • Fri

5-7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Spaghetti Dinner; Youth Group benefit

June 9 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Meeting

June 11 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Comprehensive Planning Task Force

June 19 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting

Jul 26, 2008 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

The Town of Danby has a web site:
[<http://town.danby.ny.us>]



Find the Danby News on the web!
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The Danby Volunteer Fire Company has a web site:
[<http://www.danbyfiredept.com>]



ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Council 🏠 Town Hall
1st Thursday, 7pm

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!

Danby Community Library Volunteer Mtg 🏠 Town Hall
1st Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.

Danby Community Store 🏠 Town Hall
Last Thursday

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 Quilters Group ☎ 273.2950
Fridays, 9-11am.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

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🏠 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