



DANBY AREA NEWS

FUN DAY AND PARADE: VOLUNTEER & CELEBRATE!

Submitted by Sue Beeners

A “Fun” event at the Danby Volunteer Fire Department has taken place annually for well over 25 years. In the 1960s, there was a carnival. In the early 1980s, members of the Danby Volunteer Fire Company got together to have a *happening* for the community with games, sing-alongs, and other fun.

In all of its various names over time—Danby Fair, Danby Field Day, Danby Fun Day—it is still the biggest community event, and helps to benefit our hard-working firefighters.

The July 11, 2009 *Fun Day and Parade* is yet another opportunity for a community *happening*, a time to get together and enjoy the Famous Chicken BBQ, live music, games, and fire safety demonstrations.

We need your help to continue this great tradition! It is easy and fun, and a couple of hours of your help will make a big difference! Kids, Seniors, anyone is welcome to volunteer. How about helping with:

Games	set-up, run it for an hour or two.
Food	help at the Famous Chicken BBQ or make popcorn and cotton candy.
Button Sales	before and at the event.
Set-up	on the night before and the morning of the event.
Clean-up	after the event.
Wheel of Treats:	Cakes and other goodies welcome.
Chinese Auction	Gently-used items & donations of goods and services.
Book Sale	pickup available.

Let's keep this tradition happening! All proceeds benefit the Danby Volunteer Fire Company. Contact info is on page 6. ❀

Danby Fun Day - July 11, 2009

TOIVO IN CONCERT

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

Catch a little Hope and drive the winter away with a Concert by *Toivo*, 3–5pm on Sunday, March 15 in the Danby Town Hall. The concert is free, but donations are welcome.

Toivo means “hope” in Finnish. This six piece band from the Trumansburg vicinity plays what they call “Finger Lakes Traditional Music”—a unique blend of Finnish, Tex-Mex, and original music suited to such old-time dances as waltzes, schottisches, two-steps, hambos, and reels. When the cool North of Finland meets the heat from South of the Border, the result goes beyond hope to pure joy.

Toivo is a musical blend that could only happen in our little corner of the Finger Lakes. The band includes of Richard Koski on button accordion, his son Jason Koski on mandolin, both well known in both Finnish and Finnish-American musical circles. They are joined by two former *Chicken Chokers*: Stefan Senders on banjo and Jim Reidy on guitar, and their Trumansburg neighbors Harley Campbell on upright bass and Annie Campbell on snare drum.

In 2008, Toivo stepped out with a CD of this multicultural blend of Old-Time music. *Laughing Shoes* features several of Rich Koski's original dance tunes and light-hearted artwork by Annie Campbell. You'll find the same mix of Finnish, Tejano, Cajun, and Old-Time music spilling out of the Danby Town Hall in March. Come out for a foot-tapping time. The concert is open to everyone and family friendly.

The Danby Community Council has been awarded a \$1200 grant to support its 2009 concert series, by the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered by the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. The grant helps support music at Fun Day and the West Danby Picnic, as well as free concerts at the Danby Town Hall. Watch future issues of DAN for announcements of other concerts. ❀

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DANBY TOWN HISTORY

Submitted by Joan Grant

Danby Church History

In 1860 there were eight churches in Danby, "one un-heated church for every 300 people". Below are the churches in the order that they were established, their locations and a brief history.

1807: The Presbyterian Church of Danby proper was founded; it and later became known as the Congregational Church. This stately, graceful structure, at 1859 Danby Road, in the middle of town, is the oldest original church building in the county.

1810: The West Danby Baptist Church was established by Moses Barker. The church was built across from his farm on Valley View Road. It later became the First Baptist Church of West Danby. After the church burned down, it was replaced by a new building, two-tenths of a mile north of Valley View Road on the east side of NYS Rt.34/96.

1811: The first Methodist Church was established. Its building was erected on the south east corner of East Miller Road and Rt. 96B. In 1954 the First Methodist and Congregational Churches merged to become the Danby Federated Church. The two churches alternated service sites until 1974, when the members decided to preserve and refurbish the then 161-year old Congregational building and use it exclusively. The First Methodist Church no longer stands but a monument dedicated to it sits on the former site.

1816: The Swedenborgian Church (Church of the New Jerusalem) was organized at the Beers Settlement on the corner of Curtis Road and NYS Rt.96B. Dr. Lewis Beers preached at the church. The building no longer stands. A state marker denotes the site.

1826: The Christ Protestant Episcopal Church was established in South Danby near the Peter Road (also known as Episcopal Hill). The church, noted for its hexagonal windows, burned down; the exact date is uncertain.

1826: The Baptist Church of Danby was organized. Its building was used as a church until 1866 but, by 1896, the building had become the Town Hall and is still used as such today.

1830: The South Danby Methodist Episcopal Church was established. The congregation disbanded in the early 1940s and its building was briefly used as a community center before George Peter converted it to a private home. It is currently owned by Doug and Kathy Reasor.

1869: The West Danby United Methodist Church was organized. The congregation remained active until 1998. Its building was sold to Jim and Toni Iocavelli in 2002 and he, along with a team of dedicated workers, has restored its state of grandeur.

Many service organizations centered around church life then as they do now. At the turn of the 20th century in Danby, these organizations included the *Danby Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor* and the *King's Daughters* (which still meet).

In West Danby, young people's social activities centered around the Danby Pioneer Grange #230, at the corner of Valley View Road and Maple Avenue. The grange was organized in 1874 and was in use until it burned to the ground in the 1980s.

By 2000, religious influence had waned in Danby; only two active churches remain: the First Baptist Church in West Danby and the Federated Church in Danby.

Reference: *The Towns of Tompkins County* by Jane Marsh Dieckmann. ❀

FIRE STATION BIDDING

Submitted by L. Patrick Caveney, Commissioner

The Danby Fire District will be soliciting bids for additions and renovations to its fire station, located at 1780 Danby Road. Formal notice to bidders will be published in the *Ithaca Journal* and building trade publications on approximately March 9, 2009.

Bids on the original design, in October, 2008, were well in excess of the amount approved by voters at our February 2008 referendum. The building committee has been working with the architect since October to develop a design that will suit our requirements and still meet our approved cost objective. The current plan is for a bid opening in early April and a start of construction in Spring 2009. ❀

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

As I write, some of us are in New York City at the annual meeting of the Association of Towns. We're trying to get a heads up on our direction for this coming year. If any of you are wondering where your money might be going, here is an overview of how Danby hopes to spend some of it.

- **Construction/rehabilitation of low/moderate income housing.** A high priority for Central and West Danby Hamlets, and throughout the Town. This needs interagency, municipal, and county coordination and will be submitted as part of a combined County package.
- **Energy efficiency.** Public buildings need window upgrades, insulation, and lighting. Town Hall: \$35,000; Town Highway Facility: \$56,000.
- **Renewable Energy.** Supplementary solar heating system for Town Hall and Town Highway Facility: \$72,000.
- **Transportation Infrastructure.** Repairs to Bald Hill Road (to Station Road) and the whole of Yaple Road. Combined total \$1,065,000.
- **Broadband (high speed) Internet.** Deploy a rural broadband system for the Town of Danby. \$620,000.
- **Green-Fleet.** We're working with the County on a proposal promoting alternative fuels and transportation.
- **Public Water/Sewer infrastructure.** A staged project to replace water lines, hydrants, and meters, refurbish the existing tank, and install a new well and tank. \$1,355,000.
- **Fire Station.** Enlarge facility to add two new truck bays and replace the existing generator. General upgrades to allow the existing facility to function as an emergency facility for the Town. \$600,000.
- **Town Highway Dep't Salt Shed.** A covered shed for the storage and mixing of deicing materials. \$450,000.

Some of these projects could be phased in over several years. Public hearings will be held in the near future.

Broadband Internet is an important item. We've been working on this project for a couple of years; last year,

the State funded a similar proposal from the Town of Dryden. Given the foundation that has already been laid for this project, and seeing that there is support at the County, State, and Federal levels, it could come back to us soon.

Many of you have asked me to pursue a high speed Internet infrastructure, and I know that there many residents are concerned about the impact this might have on the Town; it is possible that the equipment could be "colocated" on existing towers.

As reported in the *Ithaca Journal*, Danby is cooperating with other municipalities to form the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium. Representatives of an independent consulting firm will be at the March agenda meeting to answer questions from the Town.

The Town Board has been given information on exemptions for veterans; after review, this item will be placed on the Board agenda.

The Hamlet Revitalization documents will be returning to the Town, and will be available for your review.

Watch the Town sign board, web site, and area news for information on upcoming meetings.

Personally I am looking forward to warmer weather, enough of winter already. Please address comments or questions to me at [supervisor@town.danby.ny.us] or 607.227.2434. ❁

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TOWN OBSERVER

Submitted by Joel Gagnon

February Town Board Meetings

The Federal economic stimulus bill was the subject of a lengthy discussion during the Town Board's Agenda meeting on February 2. At the time, there was a nationwide scramble to submit items for possible funding from the US Congress.

Supervisor Ric Dietrich reported on a briefing in Ithaca—attended by government officials from most municipalities in Tompkins County—by Congressman Maurice Hinchey. He described considerable uncertainty and confusion as to what kind of projects might be eligible for funding, while at the same time indicating urgency about submitting proposed projects. There was some emphasis on “shovel-ready” items.

The Board considered items including reconstruction and paving of the Bald Hill/Station Road connector between Danby and West Danby, a salt barn for the Highway Department, a housing rehabilitation proposal, broadband Internet expansion, water tank replacement in the West Danby Water District, shared fuel distribution station for Highway and Fire Departments, and energy upgrades at the Town Hall.

Also at the Agenda meeting, a resolution was passed which designated “West Jersey Hill Road” as the official name of the road that has been known by several names including “Dug Road.” Further, Ted Crane was approved to be the Town's new webmaster, subject to successful negotiation of an agreement.

At the Regular Town Board meeting, it was announced that the Town has successfully petitioned the NYS DOT to reduce the speed limit on NYS Rt.96B through Danby, and to extend the zone of reduction. The new speed will be 40mph and will begin north of Miller Road.

The Board passed a resolution, proposed by Gene Beavers, directing the Water District to collaborate with the Fire District on the use of fire hydrants. There will be at least two hydrant training sessions a year, preferably in conjunction with the biennial system flushing, and the water district will provide training on the proper use and limitations of the water system. Beavers will also meet with engineers from TG Miller to evaluate hydrants which were recently found to be frozen and unusable.

Frank Proto, the Danby-Caroline representative to the Country Legislature reported that the deadline for applications for land to be considered for agricultural assessment is upcoming. He and urged those eligible to beat the April 1 deadline.

The Board approved a \$2000 request to the County for Danby Fun Day funding. The money would come from a fund, derived from room tax revenue, to promote and support tourism.

The Board also approved the agreement to spend highway funds. This agreement, between the Town Board and the Highway Superintendent, spells out how capital expenditures will be allocated in the coming year. Since the amount of State funding is uncertain this year, the agreement lists only one project: applying oil and stone to 2600 feet of Brown Road, north of the bridge. If more funding becomes available later in the year, the agreement can be modified by mutual consent.

Danby Community Council

At its meeting on February 9, the DCC recommended to the Town Board that Asher Hockett, the DCC treasurer, should be nominated by the Town for an open position on the Tompkins County Youth Services Board.

There was discussion of possible concert dates, places, and times. There was support for booking the Sim Redmond Band, perhaps for Danby Fun Day.

June Pollack, who handles the DCC scholarship program, reported little interest in scholarships this year. This program assists young people to participate in programs and training that they otherwise might not be able to afford. Since it adds to, rather than replaces, private funding, it is possible that parents are cutting out such optional but life-enriching activities altogether.

Scholarship funds have been used for camp attendance, dance lessons, voice training, and trip subsidies. The DCC will check with the programs that have included Danby youth on scholarship in the past, and with Laura Smith, the DCC youth program coordinator, for additional insight on the small number of scholarship requests. A press release will also be distributed to the media. For information about eligibility and availability of funds, contact June at [dpollack6@twcny.rr.com] or 607.273.4744. ❁

BE FIRE SAFE

Submitted by Adam Crown

My Dad used to say, "Some risks are unavoidable. Some risks are acceptable. Some risks are just plain stupid. The trick is to know which is which."

There are some things you just can't do much about. But the fact is, most fires are the result of human error. Here are nine good ways to avoid becoming a fire statistic:

1. Don't put something flammable near something hot unless you want it to burn.

Heat + Fuel + Oxygen = Fire

It's that simple.

Some dangerous examples include lamp shades that rest too close to the bulb, clothes or curtains too close to a radiator, or any flammable material close to a space heater. Store gasoline well away from your house.

2. Stay in the kitchen when you're cooking. More fires start in the kitchen than anyplace else, and they result in more injuries (though fewer fatalities). Never leave cooking unattended, including toasters and hotplates. Be sure to use microwave-proof dishes in the microwave. Keep towels, curtains and cookbooks away from open flames and never, *never* reach over an open flame to get to a back burner.

3. Never leave a candle unattended, not even, "Just for a minute." Candles cause hundreds of fires every year. Even with a safe holder, it doesn't take much for a pet or child to knock a candle over, or just nudge it too close to flammable materials. Use flashlights in emergencies, not candles.

4. Cigarettes are hazardous to your health in more ways than one. Cigarettes are another huge fire hazard. Smoking in bed is asking for trouble. Do your smoking sitting up. Leaving a pipe or cigarette unattended, or emptying ashtray contents before they are cold also causes hundreds of fires each year.

5. Use your fireplace or wood stove correctly: Fireplaces and wood stoves can be fire hazards when improperly installed or improperly used. Make sure your chimney is clear and clean before burning anything. Have it inspected regularly by a qualified professional. Never throw away ashes that aren't totally cool—even the tiniest smoldering coal could easily ignite flammable materials.

6. Don't use worn-out electric cords. Frayed or chewed cords start many house fires. Exposed electric wires can spark and ignite rugs or other flammable materials.

7. Don't overload your power strips. Overloaded power strips can also cause fire. When overloaded, they can spark. If they're anywhere near anything flammable... and in most homes they are....

8. Don't use a malfunctioning electrical appliance: Most of us own more than a few electrical gadgets, all of which can malfunction at any time. Sparks from faulty toasters, coffee makers, televisions, computer monitors, or any electrical appliance you could name can cause serious fires. Be sure to keep your appliance in good repair and if you're in doubt, don't use it.

9. Install smoke alarms on every floor and in every sleeping area. You've heard me say that before. You're going to hear it again. Smoke detectors won't prevent a fire, but they're life-savers if one gets started. Test them once a month. Change the batteries twice a year.

Help make Danby a fire-safe community by keeping yourself and your family fire-safe. ❀

DANBY SENIORS

Submitted by Marjory M VanDeMark

The Danby Senior Citizens will meet for a dish-to-pass luncheon at Noon on March 5 in the Danby Federated Church. All seniors are invited to attend.

We have two upcoming bus trips. On March 25, we'll tour Corning Glass and the Rockwell Museum and have lunch at Corning Glass. On June 9 we'll be going to the Merry Go Round Playhouse to see the 2pm matinée of *The Full Monty*, followed by dinner out.

For more info, contact Susan Hautala 607.272.3287 or Margie VanDeMark 607.273.8046. ❀

FUN DAY CONTACTS

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KINGSBURY PRESERVE OPENS IN 2009

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

Sheela Kingsbury may be a new resident in Danby, but she's already given back to her neighbors in a big way. In January, 50 acres of woodland, including 6,000 feet of frontage along Lick Brook, were added to the Finger Lakes Land Trust's *Emerald Necklace*. The *Kingsbury Preserve* will open to the public in 2009 for hiking,



snowshoeing, and wildlife watching.

"I'm so excited about this, and grateful to the Land Trust for making it possible for us to protect the land for generations to come," Kingsbury says. "We look on this opportunity to give back to nature and our community with great appreciation and respect, and also with a sense of awe."

The Kingsbury tract is located on both sides of Jersey Hill Road in the Town of Danby; almost 12 acres on the

North side of the road and about 38 acres on the South side. Lick Brook runs through the middle of the property, which is characterized by forests of oak, maple, and beech, and some scattered white pines. The Southern portion of the Preserve also contains and protects the headwaters and feeder streams of Lick Brook. The Kingsbury gift represents the Land Trust's fifth project in the vicinity of Lick Brook. To date, the organization has permanently protected more than 300 acres in the area with 15,000 feet of frontage on the brook.

Work to develop a parking area and information kiosk at the Preserve entrance will begin this spring. The Land Trust will be looking for work volunteers. In particular, steps up a steep incline need to be built to access trails on the South side of Jersey Hill Road. Work days and field trips on the Kingsbury Preserve will be announced on the FLLT web site [www.fllt.org]. ❀

BLOCK PARTY & TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle

Hello, Danby neighbors. If you can help me pull together a neighborhood block party, please contact me at 607.273.6530 or [gayhuddle@hotmail.com]. I have ideas, but have not acted on anything yet until I see if I can round up a committee! I would like to plan the event for late June.

Please don't forget to send me those stories about special family events, awards, school news, recipes, Danby history stories, household hints, gardening ideas, new babies, marriages, vacations, etc. The *Danby Town Talk* column, which runs in the *Ithaca Journal* every Thursday, is written as a testament to the wonderful life stories that exist in a small community such as ours! ❀

NEW OASIS IN TOWN

If you enjoy great music, great food, and great fun, Danby's *Oasis Social Dance Club* (formerly Common Ground) at 1230 Danby Road is halfway between downtown Danby and the Ithaca Commons, about three miles either way. There's a brand-new, 800 square foot, oak dance floor for your dancing pleasure.

Oasis is open daily except Monday, and there's a different theme every night: Noche Latina, Team Trivia, Jazz Happy Hour, and Sunday Zydeco. The complete calendar can be found at [www.IthacaOasis.com].

The kitchen is open Tues-Sat, 5:30-9:45pm, for a *Lite Bites* tapas-style menu (see the web site) and on Sunday, 5-7pm, there's a family-style dinner available for \$5.95. Call 607.273.1505 for more info. ❀

Here's a partial schedule for March:

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| 3/1 | 2-5 | Redline Zydeco / \$10
(dance class at 1:15) |
| 3/6 | 6-8:30 | Jazz Happy Hour w/ Djug Django
(swing class at 7pm) |
| 3/7 | 7-11 | Karaoke w/ Wally Wiggins |
| 3/13 | 6-8:30 | Jazz Happy Hour w/ Jorge & All Stars
(salsa class at 7pm) |
| 3/15 | 2-5 | Zydeco Jam Session
led by Greg Grodem |
| 3/17 | 5:30-8 | St. Patrick's Day
w/ Bayou Road Krewe |
| 3/19 | 7:30-9:30 | 8 10-min plays by George Sapio / \$8 |
| 3/20 | 6-8:30 | Jazz Happy Hour w/ Diana Leigh Quartet |
| 3/22 | 2-5 | River City Slim & The Zydeco Hogs / \$10 |

DANBY LAND BANK COOP

Submitted by Elizabeth Keokosky

Danby Land Bank Cooperative will hold its second meeting at 11am on Saturday, March 14, in the Danby Town Hall.

There are two items on the agenda: The steering committee will report back on what it has been doing, and there will be some invited speakers.

The speakers will be Ken Lynch of Summerhill Biomass Systems, an engineering company experimenting with powdered biomass for internal combustion machines, Matt McArdley and Tom Lindberg of Mesa Reduction, a company that uses biomass to co-fire with coal for electricity generation, and Ken White, a Danby entrepreneur involved with the development of Summerhill Biomass.

Biofuels are a local product that is locally produced and need a local market. Mesa Reduction is interested in possibly contracting for hay from the cooperative. ❀



FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING?

Submitted by Cathy Darrow

The greatest gift you can give your survivors is a pre-planned funeral. Their greatest tribute to you is to carry out your end of life wishes.

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Cathy Darrow is a Danby resident and a member of FCAFL's Board of Directors.

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Sometimes you get up in the morning and you know it's going to be one of those days. No toothpaste left in the tube, no toilet paper on the cardboard roll, hot water cuts out halfway through your shower, and someone's left a monkey on your doorstep.—from Plum Spooky by Janet Evanovich.

News Flash: We are now open every Saturday 11:30am-1:30pm!

Save the date: April 25, for our Open House and Book Sale.

New arrivals: *The Graveyard*, *The Queens of Freeville*, *Dreams for My Father*, *How Full is Your Bucket*. We were just able to purchase, via the Family Reading Partnership, a set of

Read Along Songs (6 books and a CD) by Cal Walker and John Simon. It will circulate as a kit.

This month's Dinner and a Movie:

Burn After Reading (DVD) and

Burn 'Em Up Chili from [inmamaskitchen.com]

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp corn oil
- 1 Tbsp cayenne pepper flakes
- 2 onions, chopped coarsely
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup beer
- 2 cups bell peppers, chopped
- 1 Tbsp oregano
- 3 lbs beef, coarsely ground
- 4 Tbsp chili powder
- 2 lbs lamb, coarsely ground
- ¾ cup tomato paste
- 1½ Tbsp salt
- 3 jalapeño peppers, cored, seeded and diced

Method

Heat oil in large heavy pot. Put in onions, garlic, and bell peppers. Cook until onions are translucent. Add meat. Add the beer, tomatoes, tomato sauce, spices, peppers, and sesame oil. Bring to a boil, then lower heat immediately and simmer for two hours, stirring frequently. Add tomato paste and simmer for another 30 minutes. Serves 8-10. ❀

Community Council Youth Programs March 2009

Programs run from the week of February 23 through the week of April 6. Unless otherwise indicated, times for all programs are 3:30-5:30pm. Every program is free, requires pre-registration, and is open to youth living in Danby, ages 8 and up. Contact Laura Smith, Danby Youth Program Manager, with any questions or concerns: [ljs257@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x225.

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Tuesdays, Feb.24-Apr.7, 3:30-5:30pm
Boynton Middle School, Room D141

Get outside! Move around! Experience parts of Ithaca you didn't know existed in a way you never have before! If you are tired of sitting around and being inside this program is for you.

Artistic Creations

Wednesdays, Feb.25-Apr.8, 3:30-5:30pm
Danby Town Hall

Come and make buttons, take pictures, paint boxes and frames and create beautiful jewelry. Options are endless! Exercise your creative side in the colorful world of art. Boynton students will receive bus passes to ride bus 57 to the Town Hall.

Be a Photographer

Thursdays, Feb.26-Apr.9, 3:30-5:30pm
Boynton Middle School, Room D141

Learn how to take great pictures, go on fun field trips for a variety of shots and beautiful scenic spots. Program will end in a take home picture project! ❁

YOUTH: ANIMAL MEDICINE

Animals and Medicine: A New 4-H Youth Program

A six-session mini-course for youth who are interested in veterinary medicine will be offered 6:30-8:30pm on Friday evenings, April 3-May 8 at the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine. *Animals and Medicine*, sponsored by the Tompkins County 4-H Program, is designed for 8-12th graders with an interest in biology, medicine and animals. The course will be taught by Cornell veterinary students and will include guest presentations by Cornell veterinary professors.

Each session will focus on a different animal species or group of animals, including cats, dogs, horses, ruminants, swine, and some exotics. Hands-on activities will include: practicing a physical exam, discovering the inner workings of the rumen, learning about animal anatomy, and getting messy with dissection.

Enrollment is limited to fifteen students. A \$35 registration fee covers all program materials and the pizza party at the last meeting; partial scholarships are available.

Parents are welcomed to stay for the program. For info or to register, call Sherron Brown, [scb42@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292. ❁

Note: DCC scholarships are also available.

QUACK! DUCKS ARE BACK!

The 9th Annual Cascadilla Duck Race and 5K Run is planned for 10am-4pm on Sunday, April 26. While athletic humans run five kilometers, more than 3,000 little rubber ducks will race down Cascadilla Creek to raise money for 4-H Youth Development Programs in Tompkins County. Last year, over 1,000 people lined the creek to cheer their ducks on to the finish line.

The event at the Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue in Ithaca includes food, game booths, music, face painting, and family activities.

Top-finishing ducks win great prizes donated by local businesses: a \$500 cash *Nest Egg* Grand Prize, several Apple iPod products, a Canon Powershot Digital Camera, a Flip Video Camcorder, car washes, a hot tub rental, a 60-minute facial, gift certificates, and more!

Duck race "chances" will be on sale—\$5 each or 5/\$20—in early March. Contact Breanna Fulper, 607.272.2292 or [blf26@cornell.edu] for more info. ❁

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Mar 1 • Sun

8–11am 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Pancake Breakfast

Mar 2 • Mon

6pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board: Interviews for Board and Cmte Appt's
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting

Mar 5 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Danby Senior Citizens Luncheon

Mar 5 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting

Mar 9 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Meeting

Mar 11 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Comprehensive Planning Task Force (also Apr 8)

Mar 13 • Fri

5–7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Chicken & Biscuit Dinner (also Apr.10)

Mar 14 • Sat

8–11am 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
St.Patrick's Day *Green* Pancake Breakfast
11am 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Land Bank Cooperative Meeting

Mar 15 • Sun

3m 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Concert: Toivo

Mar 17 • Tue

7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting

Mar 19 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting

Apr 4 • Sat

9am–2pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
West Danby Spring Craft Show and Chicken BBQ

Apr 11 • Sat

11am 🏠 Hatch Pavilion, corner of Brown and Short
WDCA Easter Egg Hunt

Jul 11, 2009 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

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.

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

🏠 **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