

# DANBY AREA NEWS

## DANBY DISCUSSES DRILLING

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale underneath the Town of Danby and surrounding regions has become an increasingly hot topic during the past year. It has been mentioned frequently in the Danby Area News and there have been several public meetings in Tompkins County, attended by both the public and its elected representatives.

On Monday, June 15, at 6:30pm in the Danby Town Hall, local residents will have a chance to learn more about gas drilling, its potential advantages and disadvantages, the opportunity for local economic benefits, and the likelihood of environmental and infrastructure damage to both Town and private property. There will be an informational presentation followed by an open floor for discussion. ❖

## TOWN OF DANBY ON THE WEB

Submitted by Ted Crane

If you're an inquisitive web surfer, you know that the Town of Danby has had a web presence for several years. This spring the web site, [[town.danby.ny.us](http://town.danby.ny.us)], has been redesigned to include lots more information about the Town, its government and services, local organizations, contact information, and a comprehensive events list.

While the web site is still a work in progress, it's already a great resource for Danby residents. The "front page" highlights upcoming events 'round town and presents brief, but important notices and news items. Have a look...and feel free to submit helpful suggestions.

All of the Town meetings are listed in the calendar, along with Community Council events, Breakfasts and BBQs, and more. If you can pry yourself away from the web, check the calendar and head out to what's happening!

If you have a Danby-based group or event that's open to the public and want it included on the web site, contact me at [[webmaster@town.danby.ny.us](mailto:webmaster@town.danby.ny.us)]. ❖

## SELIN & STEARNS IN CONCERT

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

On Summer Solstice, two mainstays of the Finger Lakes' Old-time music scene bring the sounds of Appalachian fiddle, banjo, and guitar to the Danby Town Hall. Steve Selin (fiddle and guitar) and Richie Stearns (banjo) present a concert, 3-5pm on Sunday, June 21. This unpretentious music is appropriate for the entire family. It's a celebration of the basic things in life.

Steve and Richie play Old-time Appalachian music along with Richie's original songs. It's people's music. The atmosphere of Old-time music reflects both hard times and good times. The highly repetitive and rhythmic music builds a trance for the players—and for the audience. The often-haunting lyrics are loosely thrown over the tune, like a battered jacket on a cold day.

Selin and Stearns play together in many local groups including the *Evil City String Band*, the house musicians for the Simply Red Bistro. Their music was included in Chef Samantha Izzo's cookbook project. The band recorded 32 cuts in three days and then slept for two weeks straight. Waking up for the publisher's deadline, they proudly handed over their music...the CD is included in the cookbook, *Mama Red's Comfort Kitchen*.

Richie also plays in the *Horseflies* and with Natalie Merchant. Steve is a luthier specializing in the sale, repair, and restoration of violin family instruments and bows.

The Community Council's 2009 concert series is supported by NYSCA Decentralization Grant, administered by the Community Arts Partnership. The grant helps to support music at Fun Day and the West Danby Picnic as well as the free concerts at the Town Hall. ❖



In his naturally-lit workshop on West King Road, Selin adjusts a new bridge for a well-loved fiddle. Photo: (tc)

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## GARDEN TOURS

Submitted by Dan Klein

Open Days Garden Tours will be happening on June 13 and July 11. Wayne Myers' garden in Danby is on the June 13 tour!

Wayne's garden has six acres of rolling lawn and perennial beds containing more than 550 different varieties of perennials nestled behind and between fieldstone walls and structures. Features include a covered bridge (listed with the New York State Covered Bridge Society), a working water wheel on a hand-built-post-and-beam constructed feed mill, and a huge glass sponge fossil rock. All this is set against the backdrop of the Danby State Forest and blends in with the native wild plants of the area.



Two other gardens in the County will be open on June 13; two different gardens will be open on July 11. These outstanding private gardens are not normally open to the public. For more information about each garden, check [[www.ccetompkins.org](http://www.ccetompkins.org)] (click on "community beautification"), or call 607.272.2292.x123, Email [[dek22@cornell.edu](mailto:dek22@cornell.edu)], or pick up a map at 615 Willow Avenue on the day of the tour. Admission to each garden is \$5 per person. The rain-or-shine tours are drop-in, from 10am-4pm, with no reservations required.

Wayne Myers garden is at 1071 Michigan Hollow Road (about four miles from the Danby hamlet; use Hillview Road from the West Danby hamlet). ❁

## SCENIC DANBY ON THE WEB

Do you have a favorite photo of Danby? Something scenic, historic, or just plain fun? Would you like to have it "dressing up" the Town web site? Send it to [[webmaster@town.danby.ny.us](mailto:webmaster@town.danby.ny.us)]!

Details: include your name (for photo credit), the date of and a brief description of the image. Images should be at least 640x480, preferably bigger. Straight from the camera is fine. Images will be edited and cropped before use. ❁

## DANBY TRAILS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

The May 14 meeting of the Danby Trails Advisory Committee created a draft set of goals for its 5-year Trails plan. In no particular order, they are:

- easy access to a trail from every house in Danby
- connect all unique natural areas
- reopen closed roads as hiking/jogging trails
- make Jennings Pond the focal point of the trail system, with parking, bathroom facilities, etc.
- add historical elements to the trails to create a feeling of historical connection

The committee used a laminated topographic map to mark the existing Finger Lakes Trail and possible new trails. Existing, but closed, roads were added, based on one of the really old maps of the Town, in the hope that some of them could be opened for walking and jogging. By the end of the meeting, the map included trails within a short distance of

most Danby residences, and has begun to accomplish the second goal as well.

At the next meeting, the committee will continue mapping or work on the 5-year plan. Please join us at 7pm on Tuesday, June 9, in Marika Briggs' house, 1901 Danby Road. For more info, contact me at [[rondaroaring@hotmail.com](mailto:rondaroaring@hotmail.com)] or 607.589.4031. ❁

## DANBY SENIORS

Submitted by Marjory M VanDeMark

Thank you to Ann Harris for hosting the May meeting and to Dan Clements for running the raffle in Ted's absence. A couple folks went home with nice hanging baskets!

Our next meeting and dish-to-pass dinner will be at 6pm on Thursday, June 4, in the Danby Church. We'll be listening to the harmonies of Danby's own Sallie Fuller and Heather Soyring. On July 2, we'll meet at the Merritt's pavilion for our summer dish-to-pass picnic. There is no August meeting.

We meet the 1st Thursday of the month. All senior citizens, age 55 and over, are invited to attend! ❁

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Gas drilling, participation in the Health Insurance Co-operative, CSEA contract negotiations, and Emergency Management of a pandemic have been the big issues this month.

Danby, along with the other municipalities in the county, continues to try to understand and prepare for the onslaught of gas drilling in our town. It is unfortunate that efforts by our town and others have been seen—by some—as detrimental to business, the economy, and individual landowners. I believe millions, perhaps billions, of dollars are on the table. In this depressed economy, people are trying to balance the question of money and environment.

This is a very important issue for your Town Board and we are diligently—collectively—working to stay on top of it. Local laws will probably need to be passed to ensure that property owners and the Town are protected. In June, the Board will look at these laws and will prepare a response to the release of a Draft Environmental Statement by New York State. There is also interest in conferencing with other towns and counties to explore a joint effort to create uniform laws for us all.

A recent study showed that about 30 percent of all the properties in Tompkins County have signed gas leases, but, so far, efforts to identify gas sites in our town have not worked. Either no one read our request for information, or there is some misgiving on the part of property owners to disclose this information. For reference, see last month's Danby Area News.

Health insurance negotiations are proceeding; a vote has been called for at the June Town Board meeting. The Board will decide whether to allow the Supervisor to proceed with the plan during the Fall, with the intent of adopting it during early winter. Health insurance is, of course, of major interest to our Highway department and its employees, and is part of the union negotiations which need to be concluded later in the year. We have met with our employees and the CSEA representative to ensure that they are up-to-date on all aspects of this process and to get their support.

We've all heard lots of talk about the Swine Flu (now called H1N1, out of deference to our porcine friends). Danby has taken a proactive position on any possible uptick of this situation. DEMPC, the Town's emergency management group, formed some time ago to structure emergency preparedness, is considering a rehearsal

using table-top exercises to prepare ourselves. I believe this is a wise move.

A situation like the Swine Flu changes the way we have been thinking. Unlike an ice storm, a wildfire, or a severe wind storm, an epidemic requires us to be prepared for several weeks of isolation, not just a few days. This could alter the parameters of how the emergency response is framed. Follow-up in June.

Please address comments or questions to me at 607.227.2434 or [[supervisor@town.danby.ny.us](mailto:supervisor@town.danby.ny.us)]. ☘

## DANBY LAND BANK COOP

Submitted by Elizabeth Keokosky

The next Danby Land Bank Cooperative Meeting will be at 11am on Saturday, June 13, in the Danby Town Hall. Brett Chedzoy, Extension Forester, will speak about woody biomass and forest management.

Steering Committee member Tony Nekut will discuss plans for local biomass fuel pellet production and Elizabeth Keokosky will give a short report on coop progress. We're walking members' land now!

Brett will be covering issues like property tax abatement strategies and woodlot/farm management plans: what they are, how to prepare one, and how they can help meet your property objectives. He will tell us how to determine whether an area should be reclaimed as open farm land or be allowed to continue growing into wooded land and discuss strategies for reclaiming abandoned farm land, managing and enhancing young forest, and biomass harvesting. ☘

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## GAS DRILLING

Submitted by Roberta Dixon

Tompkins County sits on a vast gas-bearing geological formation called the Marcellus Shale deposit. The process of hydrofracturing involves injecting chemicals—along with millions of gallons of water—into the earth in order to release the gas that lies beneath.

There are concerns that gas developers will be injecting an unspecified *brew* of chemicals into the Marcellus Shale formation in order to fracture the rock and release the gas from the shale. It's a logical assumption that any solution formulated to dissolve or break up shale could be toxic (for example, methanol is one of the chemicals that has been used in solutions).

If gas companies are injecting chemicals into the earth, well below the existing water table, what is to keep the mixture from percolating up through natural fissures and contaminating the aquifer? Since most Danby residents draw their drinking and household water from drilled wells, this could have an enormous personal and environmental impact.

This hydrofracturing process could release natural contaminants into your water supply. These contaminants may include heavy metals (such as arsenic or mercury), radioactive elements (such as radon), and salt. In addition, the resulting freed natural gas has been known to migrate into water wells and create an explosion hazard.

If you are a landowner who has signed a lease with a gas development company, you might consider having your well tested for contaminants prior to drilling, so that you can establish a baseline and prove that pollutants—detected after a disturbance—were not there previously. Basic testing has been estimated to cost \$400-500.

The Town of Danby is interested in identifying the locations of possible drilling activity. If you have signed a lease allowing gas drilling on your property, please contact the Town Hall at 607.277.4788. ❀



Gas well drilling pads typically cover several acres. The artificial ponds hold water (and, later, polluted water) used for fracturing. A fully-developed gas field might have one pad every few thousand feet.

## HYPAR IN THE PARK

Submitted by Esther Dotson

*Hypar* is the name of the structure that the DCPA has chosen for the Park pavilion, next to the Danby Park access road and visible from NYS Rt.96B, and which the DCPA has adopted for its logo. It's short for "hyperbolic paraboloid," which describes the surface that result when overlapping strips of insect screen are wrapped over a particular wooden frame.

A hypar pavilion is very easy to build. The screens are coated with a brushed-on slurry of concrete and latex which, when cured, produces a tough, durable but light-weight shell roof. This roof can be supported on several posts—in the Danby Park pavilion, we've used tough and splinterless locust wood. No bearing walls

are required, though a non-bearing walls may be added to the structure if desired.

The National Park Service has built hypar pavilions in a number of national parks as well as in a Girl Scout camp in southeastern New York State. It makes an inexpensive, flexible, and effective emergency shelter, or a durable shelter that can be built with inexpensive materials with no previous construction experience. A further attraction is the visual appeal of the hypar: it is fascinating to look at!

The only problem encountered so far with the structure in the Danby Park

has been a lack of three days of warm dry weather for curing the slurry, at the same time when the team can work on it. They plan to return to the job from 10am-5pm on June 6 (or June 7 or 13, in case of rain).

The team invites any adult who would like to learn to make hypar pavilions to join them in completing this one. Please contact Julie Clougherty, [janderty@yahoo.com] or 607.277.0354, so there will be enough equipment on hand; leave your contact information in case of a date change.

The hexagonal pavilion begun in the Danby Park is only one of the roof patterns that can be put together with hyperbolic paraboloid units. If you are interested, come and see photographs and diagrams of a number of other arrangements. One or more of them may be used in the park; and you may want to plan one of them for your property. ❀

# TOWN OBSERVER

A short extract from Joel Gagnon's Broader View articles

## Town Board

Gas drilling, and what it means for the town, was discussed during the May meetings of the Town Board. New York State is expected to release a draft of an environmental impact statement soon, and the Board voted to send a letter to the DEC Commissioner urging an extension of the 30-day comment period to 90 days. Thirty days is very little time for towns and other organizations to prepare a response.

Board discussion focused on what the Town should be doing, without duplicating the efforts of others, such as Tompkins County and the Council of Governments. One idea that surfaced, given the need for each municipality to pass its own laws, was to create model legislation that could be passed with little need for modification. Frank Proto, Danby-Caroline representative to the County Legislature, committed to approaching Ed Marx, the County Planning Commissioner, on that point.

A salt shed has been talked about for years in Danby but, despite repeated applications for help from NY State, the Town has never received any grant assistance. Meanwhile, salt is stored outside under tarpaulins. Besides being a hassle, it is far from perfect as a means of containment and there is damage to the surrounding vegetation. The Highway Department is now exploring the idea of using its own crew to construct a shed, while applying again for State help. The Department hopes to have several options--with cost estimates--ready for Board review shortly.

Laura Shawley also reported that the Highway Department is now serving the Fire District by hosting joint fuel storage and distribution. It is hoped the the combined operations will save money.

The Board passed a revision to the fee schedule for building and zoning applications. There was no comment at the public hearing. The board scheduled two public hearings for 6:30pm on June 1, regarding proposed legislation: a "Right to Engage in Agricultural Activity" law, and a proposed revision of the subdivision regulations that would alter the criteria (increased lot size, decreased frequency) for creating lots by permit (the planning board review process would remain unchanged).

There was a lot of discussion about the location of the soon-to-be-constructed judges bench. The judges have obtained a \$10,000 grant to build a bench to take the

place of a folding table. Since the bench would be a permanent fixture, its location was a point of contention. In the end, the small meeting room was chosen, but the judges were asked to have the unit constructed in a way that would allow it to be moved in the future. West Danby Woodworks will build the bench, of locally produced white oak.

In other action, the board awarded the cemetery mowing contract to Tony Catlin, appointed George Blanchard and Al Becker to the local assessment board of review, and authorized spending an additional \$450 for Danby Fun Day (to partially offset reduced support from the County's celebrations fund).

## Planning Board

During its April meeting, the Planning Board unanimously approved the subdivision of an 83.4-acre parcel with inadequate frontage on Makarainen Road into two parcels, 8.6 acres with 42' frontage and 74.8 acres with 129' frontage. The Board of Zoning Appeals had already granted a variance for the frontage inadequacy. The property once fronted a much longer stretch of Makarainen Road but, after years of disuse, that section of the road was abandoned. In approving the subdivision, the planning board noted that construction of a new road would be required for further subdivision.

The Planning Board also considered what action to take on the draft hamlet plan. This draft of the plan seems much improved over previous drafts, but the group wrestled with how (and whether) to address the remaining questions and how to integrate the plan into the overall planning effort. It was generally agreed that the basics are covered, albeit in a somewhat disorganized manner. Wholesale reorganization is beyond the budget for the consultant and beyond the time commitment of committee volunteers. Olivia Vent and Anne Klingensmith agreed to coordinate limited editorial changes, including identification of the key action items for each hamlet so that they could be emphasized in a recommendation to the Town Board. ❁

# TOWN HISTORY

Submitted by Joan Grant

Town of Danby Church Attendance		
Year	1890	1910
Danby & S.Danby Methodist Episcopal	338	155
West Danby Methodist Episcopal	50	65
West Danby Baptist	40	68
Danby Congregational	97	109

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: JOAN BARBER

Submitted by Lisa Holmes, Director, Office for the Aging

Joan Barber is a force to be reckoned with. She is a central part of the Salvation Army's Kitchen Cupboard food pantry. Joan has volunteered five or six days a week, every week, rain or shine, for 40 years!

As a volunteer, she has been largely responsible for the initiation and ongoing success of the Kitchen Cupboard. According to Major Hollie Ruthberg of the Salvation Army, "Joan would be here every day of the week if she could! Her work ethic and time commitment over the years has been invaluable." She organizes and supervises all of the pantry volunteers, and she handles all of the food as it comes in. She is proactive in seeing that nothing goes to waste. She sorts and recycles all of the cardboard boxes and food containers.



Joan Barber at the Danby Food Pantry.

Photo: Ted Crane

Joan also takes the time to care for individuals who come into the pantry and are in difficult situations. She treats people with care and compassion, and as individuals, not as "clients." On many occasions, she has gone the extra mile to help people, finding diapers to help a new mother when no diapers can be found.

Joan has also been actively involved in the Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary, and in the Danby Federated Church for many years.

In addition to all this, Joan has been in charge of the Danby Food Pantry for 20 years, coordinating the volunteers in Danby and working hard all week long to make it happen. The Danby Food Pantry is involved with both food and clothing. Joan plays a critical role in helping these two food programs, the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard and the Danby Food Pantry, help each other.

Both food programs serve people of all ages, including the elderly, and especially elderly women. Food security for the people in our community is essential. Through her 40 years of volunteer service, Joan has made a tre-

## DCPA ANNUAL GATHERING

Submitted by Esther Dotson

Celebrate the New Trails we're Blazing! The Danby Community Park Association has its Annual Community Gathering and Meeting on Sunday, June 14, 4-5:30pm in the American Legion Post on Danby Road.

All Danby residents are members of the not-for-profit DCPA. Thanks to a grant from the Triad Foundation,

all registered voters have received a formal event invitation in the mail. Please mark your calendar and plan to meet more of your neighbors, enjoy refreshments (provided by the American Legion Auxiliary and the DCPA), learn about the revitalization of the organization, and elect new board members.

The Park and Community Center will be for everyone. Celebrate the new trails we will be blazing; plans

for buildings with renewable energy, meeting, library and hobby spaces, playing fields and playgrounds, picnic and barbecue facilities, and actual woodland trails. We hope to see you there.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 6 to Julie Clougherty, [janderty@yahoo.com] or 607.277.0354. Childcare arrangements for can be made with advance notice. ♣

mendous difference in the lives of countless numbers of people.

For all of her efforts, we honor Joan Barber as Tompkins County Office for the Aging's Senior Citizen of the Year for 2009.

*Kathy Halton of Danby submitted the original letter nominating Joan Barber as Senior Citizen of the Year. This article is drawn from the speech introducing Joan's award.*

*On May 7, Joan Barber was also honored as one of 20 Outstanding Women You Should Know by Women's Expo 2009 and the Cayuga Radio Group.* ♣

# DANBY FUN DAY & PARADE SATURDAY, JULY 11

Submitted by Sue Beeners

## *Red, White, and Blue...and Safety Too!*

Celebrating more than 25 years of this community get-together, and helping our hard-working fire and emergency medical volunteers.

### Wow! Two Dozen Kids at Photo Shoot

Two dozen kids showed up at the Fun Day Poster photo shoot on May 9...and met other kids. One parent said, "I didn't know there were that many kids in Danby!"

Let's keep this community momentum going! We really need our kids and families, and all residents to help in this event, the biggest event in Danby. Can you spare an hour or so? You will be there anyway!

### What's Cooking Up?

Famous Chicken BBQ, Wheel o'Treats, Book Sale, Live Music, Lots of Games, Vendors, and Fire Safety Demonstrations, Dunking Booth and a Bounce House.

Of special note: Flax, our local business, is generously sponsoring the Kitchen Fire Safety Trailer, which trains adults how to quickly respond to a kitchen fire and provides important fire safety lessons for kids.

### Parade

Get your neighborhood parade float or walking group together. The parade theme is *Red, White & Blue and Safety, Too*. Parade applications are on the Town web site and at the Town Hall.

## FUN DAY CONTACTS

Parade: Sue Beeners (see below)  
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### Calling For Help

Please help to help continue this great tradition? It is easy and fun, and a couple of hours of your help will make a difference! Kids, Seniors, anyone is welcome to volunteer. Help our Fire Company with:

- Games • run one 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
- Bake for the Wheel of Treats - Cakes and other goodies welcome
- Chinese Auction • See article below
- Book Sale • pickup available.
- Vendors • see contact info below (there's also a form on the Town web site)

Let's keep this community tradition happening! Proceeds benefit the Danby Volunteer Fire Company. ❁

## CHINESE AUCTION DONATIONS REQUESTED

Submitted by Sharon Gaden

There will be a Chinese Auction at the Danby Fire Station during Danby Fun Day.

To support this popular event, we are requesting donations of new or gently-used items. Ideas for donations include things you've been given but have no use for and pre-purchased gift cards from any business in the area.

Individuals, families, and groups of neighbors can put together a "theme basket" for donation. Theme baskets contain related items: a cat basket might contain cat food, litter, toys, or other cat-related items. A chocolate basket would contain all sorts of chocolate-lover's treats. A basket can be created for just about any interest, so use your imagination!

We can also attempt to assemble gift baskets using individual items that are donated. Please consider donating; all proceeds benefit the Fire Company and that, in turn, benefits the community. Donations are tax deductible.

We also have a need for volunteers to help with the auction. Contact Sharon Gaden, [danby071302@yahoo.com] or 607.659.3116, or Barb Robinson, [danby-clown@aol.com]. ❁



## WEST DANBY YARD SALE DAY

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet

The West Danby Community Association has teamed up with the folks from Spencer and Van Etten to create this year's *Rt.34 Yard Sale Day* on June 13. The hope is that the event will grow—with more communities taking part—and become an attraction for bargain hunters from farther afield. Who knows, someday soon, it will reach from Ithaca to Waverly!

In the meantime, if you are planning to have a sale and want it on the map (no charge!), please contact me at [pf13@cornell.edu] or 607.255.0455. As in past years, you can list a few items that you think will help draw people to your sale. Please don't forget to mention your address, so we can place a star on the street map. Sooner is better, but the deadline is Wednesday, June 10 so the maps can be printed and distributed.

The maps will be available at the corner of Station Road and NYS Rt.34, in downtown Spencer, and in a few other select locations. The events will also be advertised in local papers, but the ads cannot mention individual sales so some of you may want to do more of your own advertising. Signage along Rt.34 is up to you as well.

Time? It's up to you as to when you open shop, but do realize that earlybirds will be scouting the terrain right at sunup.

Folks elsewhere in Danby, this might be a good opportunity for you to piggyback with friends in West Danby and share a sale. In this case, bigger is indeed better.

Let's hope for fine weather, but prepare for wet. Here's to successful sales and great bargain-hunting! ❧

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Got extra tires? If they're on wheels up to 16" diameter, and you'd like to get rid of 'em, contact Rick Dobson at 607.280.9464. ❧



Two dozen Danby kids showed up for a photo shoot with the colorful Danby Volunteer Fire Company members and their trucks. Coming soon: Danby Fun Day!  
Photo: Charles Robinson

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Submitted by Roberta Dixon

Did you know there is a group that meets monthly to address local environmental concerns? The Tompkins County Environmental Management Council (EMC) is an official citizen advisory board whose primary purpose is to advise the County Legislature on matters affecting the preservation, development, and use of the natural features and conditions of the County. The EMC also serves as a link between County government and the public, educating citizens on environmental issues by developing and conducting public information programs.

Members serve on committees that address specific areas including Consumer Products, Energy, Environmental Review, Gas Drilling, Invasive Species, Transportation, and Unique Natural Areas (UNA). As an example of a committee's focus, the mission of the Environmental Review Committee is to study and respond to development proposals that might affect the environment in Tompkins County.

Recent meeting agenda items have included: *Transportation Initiatives in Tompkins County* and *Adapting to Climate Change*. The next two meetings are June 10 and July 8, and all meetings are open to the public. (Meetings are held 7-9pm at the Ithaca-Tompkins Transit Center, 737 Willow Avenue, Ithaca.)

As the Danby representative to the EMC, I am charged with reporting to the Council on what matters most to the residents of Danby. If there are areas that you feel the EMC should focus on, please contact me at [art@rdixonart.com]. I also encourage you to visit the EMC web site, [www.tompkins-co.org/emc], to check out meeting minutes, agendas, and newsletters, and to learn more about many of the successful initiatives the EMC has been involved in. Remember: the EMC represents you and your environmental concerns--all feedback is welcome! ❧

## DANBY YOUTH SUMMER WORK CREW

Submitted by Linda Schoffel

The work begun last summer at Jennings Pond will be continued this summer! Youth will be hired to work about 20 hours per week, for about 6 weeks.

The primary work location will be Jennings pond, where the crew will extend the trail they worked on last summer. There may also be some building projects. The job will include paid staff trainings.

Priority goes to youth 14 years and older who live in the Town of Danby and are looking for a first-time work experience. Youth should be willing to be outside, doing hands-on work.

We are also seeking a Crew Leader to work with the crew, coordinate jobs, and serve as a job coach for the youth. Community members are encouraged to apply. The Crew Leader should be at least college age; some skills with grounds work or building are helpful. If you're interested, please contact Laura Smith, [1js257@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292. ❀

## HIDDEN VALLEY 4-H CAMP

Submitted by Megan Tiff

Youth ages 8-17 can find summer fun at Hidden Valley 4-H Camp! There are still openings available for the 2009 camp season--register today to get in the session of your choice.

Hidden Valley is located within beautiful Watkins Glen State Park and accredited by the American Camp Association. Hidden Valley 4-H Camp provides the experience of a lifetime and is dedicated to providing a rich, safe, and healthy summer camp experience.

Programs at Hidden Valley 4-H Camp are developed by Cornell Cooperative Extension Educators and experienced camp volunteers, drawing upon the research-based youth development knowledge of Cornell University.

Hidden Valley 4-H Camp is open to all boys and girls. It offers six one-week sessions from July 12 through August 21, and has day and residential camp opportunities. For more info, check out [hiddenvalley4hcamp.org]. ❀

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

*Ironic that in order to do my life's work, I had to quit my day job.*—Michael J. Fox from his book *Always Looking Up*.

Did you know that we have 148 DVDs and 36 Books on CD? These are supplemented by the 20 more DVDs and 15 Books on CD from Finger Lakes Library System that arrived in May and will leave on September 10.

Remember, we have a self-check and return system that you can use any time the Town Hall is open. A volunteer will happily walk you through this process during regular library hours. Please return all items promptly when finished so we don't have to search for them!

### Recipe and a DVD:

Watch *Best in Show* and make Dog Treats (from *My Dog* by Marilyn Baillie and Brenda Clark)

### Ingredients:

2 cups whole wheat flour  
½ cup cornmeal  
1 Tbsp dried basil  
½ cup chopped parsley  
⅓ cup vegetable oil  
¾ cup water

### Method:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix flour, cornmeal, basil, and parsley in bowl. Add oil and water and mix well. Roll dough on floured board about ¼" thick and cut with cookie cutters. Arrange on cookie sheet. Bake for 35 minutes until light brown. Turn off oven and leave the treats inside for a few hours to cool and become crisp. Save the treats in a sealed jar in the refrigerator. ❀

## DCC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by June Pollack

The Danby Community Council provides scholarships to Danby youth, covering a portion of the costs of programs that might not otherwise be affordable.

We are fortunate that funds have been continued for 2009, and we want to encourage experiences and opportunities for Danby youth.

The application is available on the Town web site, at the Town Hall, and by mail. For more info, call me at 607.273.4744. ❀

## Community Council Youth Programs Summer 2009

Summer Programs require pre-registration and are open for youth living in Danby.

See indicated grades for appropriate age ranges. Contact Laura Smith, Danby Youth Program Manager, with any questions, concerns or requests for a brochure: [ljs257@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x225.

# Danby Youth Flyer

### Farmer's Market

Thursdays 1:30-6:30 during July and August  
Danby Fire Hall  
Grades 5-12

If you're 14 or older and are looking for a job, or if you're younger and are looking for a great volunteer experience, the Farmers' Market is it! Be in the heart of Danby's own satellite farmer's market where you can meet people, practice cooking, and learn where our food comes from. Sell produce, learn the ins and outs of running a produce stand and other skills that will help you get jobs later on.

### Team Fun

July 1, 10am-2pm; Danby Town Hall (lunch provided)  
July 11, 11am-3pm; Danby Fire Hall  
Grades 4-8

Spend July 1 at a working pizza party. We will brainstorm new activity ideas and design games for Danby Fun Day. During Danby Fun Day itself, be in charge of games, help at the craft table and make sure all your neighbors have lots of fun. There is no better way than this to get involved in Fun Day!

### Water Wizards

July 6-9, 8:30am-1:30pm  
meet at Danby Town Hall  
Grades 3-8

This popular, four day program is a hit for any youth interested in water, science, and being outside. Spend hours on a 'floating classroom' boat, discovering what lies beneath the surface of our very own water, and explore a local stream. Learn about Ithaca's watersheds, and perform scientific tests all while having fun in the sun!

### Primitive Pursuits

July 20-23, 9am-Noon  
at June Pollack's  
Grades 3-8

Learn ancestral living skills such as shelter building, native crafts and nature awareness. Explore the outdoors, go hiking and get moving! Please dress for the weather and wear clothes that can get dirty!

### Computer Crazy

August 10-12, 1-4pm  
Ithaca Youth Bureau  
Grades 5-8

Discover the mysteries of how computers work by taking computers apart and putting them back together. Spend two days with computer expert Marty Schreiber at the Ithaca Youth Bureau diving into the world inside computers. One day will be dedicated to outdoor computer fun with solar panels and other electronics.

### Discover Danby

August 18-20, 1-4pm  
meet at Danby Town Hall  
Grades 3-8

Explore the nooks and crannies you didn't know existed in Danby, while going back to old favorites like Jennings Pond. Meet local experts in nature, animals and art. Get outside, learn and play in your own community's best spots!

### The Cooking Challenge

August 24-26, 9am-Noon  
Cooperative Extension, 615 Willow Avenue  
Grades 5-8

Don't miss this chance to increase your cooking abilities in a variety of ways. Can you cook an entire meal from start to finish using only local foods? Do you know where your food comes from? See if you can, and learn how food gets from the farm to your mouth! Go shopping at a local farmer's market, plan a meal, learn and practice food safety, and more! Experiment, discover and eat! ❁

## YARD WORK TO HELP SENIORS

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. ❁

Postal Patron

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

June 1 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Public Hearings: Right To Farm, Subdivision regulations**  
**Town Board Agenda Meeting**

June 4 • Thu

6pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church  
**Danby Senior Citizens Dinner: songs by Fuller & Soyring**  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Danby Community Council Meeting**

June 6 • Sat

10am-5pm 🏡 Danby Town Park: **Build A Hypar**

June 8 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Town Board Meeting**

June 9 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ 1901 Danby Road  
**Danby Trails Committee Meeting**

June 13 • Sat

All Day 🏡 NYS Rt.34, West Danby—Spencer  
**The Big Rt.34 Yard Sale Day**  
11am 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Danby Land Bank Cooperative Meeting**

June 14 • Sun (and June 21)

10am 🏡 Jennings Pond: **Cleanup Day**  
4-5:30pm 🏡 American Legion Hall  
**Danby Community Park Association Annual Meeting**

June 15 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Danby Discusses Drilling—info and discussion**

June 16 • Tue

7:30pm 🏡 West Danby Fire Hall  
**Danby Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting**

June 17 • Wed

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Comprehensive Planning Task Force**

June 18 • Thu

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Planning Board Meeting**

June 21 • Sun

9:30am 🏛️ Danby Federated Church  
**Father's Day Breakfast**  
10am 🏡 Jennings Pond: **Cleanup Day**  
3m 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Danby Community Council Concert: Selin & Stearns**

June 27 • Sat

**Jennings Pond Opens for the Summer**

Jul 11, 2009 • Sat

**Danby Fun Day and Parade**

### ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Council 🏛️ Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7pm

Danby Community Library Open 🏛️ Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 11:30am-1:30pm,  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm,  
and when the **Open** sign is out!

Danby Community Library Volunteer Mtg 🏛️ Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.

Danby Fire Company 🏡 Fire Hall  
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30pm.

West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏡 WD Fire Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7pm.

Danby Fire Commissioners 🏡 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm.

Danby Food Pantry 🏡 Federated Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm

Seniors Strength Training Group 🏡 Federated Church  
Mondays, 9am.

Danby Quilters Group 🏡 273.2950  
Fridays, 9–11am.

### WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

🏛️ Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road  
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🏡 Danby Fire Hall • 1780 Danby Road  
🏡 West Danby Fire Hall • Sylvan Lane, off Rt.34/96