



DANBY AREA NEWS

GAS DRILLING TASK FORCE

Submitted by Katherine Halton

Our mid-October meeting was a large and lively one. The the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) came out with its new regulations for gas drilling in New York State (the SGEIS) and we're all trying to read and understand all 809 pages of the document. The SGEIS is available online, and there's a link leading to it on the Town web site, [town.danby.ny.us/GasDrill/].

We discussed our letter writing campaign, aimed at Federal legislators, to pass the "FRAC Act" which will put the oil and gas industry under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. All the other industries in the country are already covered! Letters are available in paper copy and online (see URL, above) for use as sample or form letters, and many have already been sent out.

Several members of the Task Force have put together a brochure outlining the gas drilling process and the concerns that Danby residents have about its impact on our community. Copies are available at the Town Hall, online (see URL, above), and a text extract is on page 8.

Currently, our principal work is our community's response to the SGEIS. Some areas of particular note and concern are:

- how little voice local municipalities are given in this process
- the implications for our fire and rescue service of dealing with unknown chemicals
- the lack of consideration of the cumulative impact of many, many wells on our community
- the lack of data or analysis of other states' experience
- the fact that the DEC requires our local public health departments—who are now facing drastic funding cuts—to be responsible for well testing before, during, and after the drilling process, as well as complaints of water contamination.

Several task force members divided up the topics and agreed to read the document and come back with their notes and comments. We will try to communicate those with the larger Danby community.

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YOU AND THE FLU

Submitted by the Pandemic Flu Steering Committee

Danby's Pandemic Flu Steering Committee was organized to reduce the negative impact of the H1N1 ("Swine") flu on the Danby community. We are composed of concerned Danby citizens with emergency planning experience, in partnership with the Town Board. The following information comes from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and is meant to help you prepare for a uniquely hazardous flu season.

The H1N1 flu is different from the normal seasonal flu because it is a new strain of the influenza virus that our bodies aren't prepared to defend against. This makes it more contagious than the normal seasonal flu. For most people, the symptoms are mild and their immune system quickly overcomes the H1N1 flu.

People in certain age groups, however, or with certain medical conditions are at risk of developing pneumonia-type complications from the H1N1 flu, and these complications can be life threatening. The CDC lists the following as examples of at-risk conditions:

- Elderly adults
- Young (under 5) children
- Pregnant women
- Weakened immune system
- Anemia
- Metabolic diseases (like diabetes)
- Muscle or Nerve disorders
- Liver disease
- Children and adolescents on long-term aspirin therapy

The NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) recommends that everyone—especially those populations at risk—get vaccinated against seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu. The H1N1 flu vaccine is free for most people. There is also a pneumonia vaccine available that may be recommended to you by your clinician if you are in any of the risk groups listed above.

If you or a loved one becomes ill with flu-like symptoms (cough, aches, fever), you should contact your health

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HISTORY HAPPENING IN DANBY

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

During the October 12 Town Board meeting, Joan Grant, the Danby Town Historian, presented a copy of *Tompkins County, New York: Images of Work and Play* to the Town Supervisor. The book, containing hundreds of historic photographs, was written and compiled by the municipal historians of Tompkins County. Danby is well represented, with photographs from, among others, the Barber, Hogben, Shepardson, Makarainen, Chaffee, Myers, and Pakkala families. The caption text was written by Joan and Roger Grant and Wayne Myers, and the closing essay of the volume was written by Pamela Goddard.

Images of Work and Play depicts human activity in the county through photographs, arranged by different aspects of work and play. This charming book is a celebration of everyday life in Tompkins County, rich in images of local people: farmers hard at work, children walking to school, nurses tending patients, and more. Decades of memories, culled from attics, albums, and organizations, are preserved in hundreds of photographs that bring our common history to life. "Photographs remind us of our connection to time and place, of continuity and change," writes the Tompkins County Historian, Carol Kammen. "These photographs connect us to one another."

Everyone is invited to meet the Municipal Historians of Tompkins County during a book signing at The History Center on Saturday October 31, 2009. Meet our local historians listen to them talk about our towns' rich histories and the making of this interesting new book. The event takes place 1:30-3:30pm at the History Center, 401 East State Street in Ithaca. Refreshments will be served. The event is free, but donations will gratefully be accepted. Call 607.273.8284 for more information.

Anyone interested in Danby history is encouraged to join the newly formed Danby History Group. The group is currently gathering information to be included on the "History" pages of the Town of Danby's web site, [town.danby.ny.us]. Topics will include house



Wayne Meyers, Joan & Roger Grant, Mary Ann Barr, Pamela Goddard, and Pat Davis at a recent Danby History Group meeting.

ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 3



Election Day falls on November 3 this year and, as usual, it's a Tuesday. Danby has two polling sites: the Town Hall (1830 Danby Road) and the West Danby Fire Hall (47 Sylvan Lane).

Candidates in the Town election are (names listed in the same order as the official ballot):

Name	Party Affiliation
Town Supervisor (2 year term)	
Ric Dietrich	Democratic and Danby Stewards
Allen S. Becker	Land Owner's
Town Clerk (2 year term)	
Pamela Goddard	Democratic and Danby Stewards
Carol Sczepanski	Experienced Professional
Highway Superintendent (2 year term)	
Carl Seamon	Democratic
Town Councilperson (4 year term)	
Kathy Halton	Democratic and Danby Stewards
Dylan Race	Democratic and Danby Stewards
Gene Beavers	Republican

The polls open at 6am and are staffed continuously until 9pm. Every election is important and your vote counts—nowhere more so than in Danby, where elections are often very close. Take the time to vote for the best candidates for Danby's future! ❁

histories, relevant names for family research, and neighborhood histories of West Danby, South Danby, Bald Hill, and the central Danby hamlet.

The next meeting of the Danby History Group will be in early December. To get involved, call Mary Ann Barr at 607.272.3634 or Pamela Goddard at

607.273.8678 or [danbyhistory@pamgoddard.com]. ❁

W.DANBY HARVEST BKFAST

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

On Sunday, November 15, the West Danby Fire Department will host a Harvest Breakfast from 8–11am at the West Danby Fire Station. Come join us! ❁

THE DANBY WHITE HAWK

Submitted by Dan Klein

The Danby White Hawk has died. For 25 to 30 years, this hawk, believed to be a red-tailed hawk, was seen frequently in Central Danby. It was often spotted around Comfort, Miller, and Nelson Roads, on Route 96B, and in other locations.

Although very white in appearance, the hawk was not an albino, as evidenced by its brown eyes. The White Hawk Ecovillage housing project in Danby is named after this bird.

The white hawk was found dead on October 15 on a wood pile on Comfort Road. For several days it had been seen on or near the ground and allowed itself to be approached more closely than normal.

Some people think there may be more than one white hawk in Danby. In the coming weeks we should know if this is, in fact, the case. Also, the white hawk was found to have an identification band on its leg. This will tell us something about the history of this bird.

According to raptor (bird of prey) rehabilitator Kara Hagedorn, if a hawk is down on the ground or near the ground for any reason besides sitting on prey or eating, then you know there is a problem. In that case you should call the Cornell Raptor Program. ❧

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care provider immediately, especially if the infected person is in any of the risk groups. An immediate examination by your regular doctor can assist in the prescription of a variety of useful medications useful in combating the bacterial complications associated with the H1N1 “Swine” flu. This visit to your doctor may avert a prolonged stay in the hospital for some people who may be at risk to this virus.

Call 2-1-1 *Tompkins* for help locating a flu clinic or finding a health care provider (2-1-1 or 877.211.8667). Other useful contacts include the Tompkins County Health Department, [www.tompkins-co.org/health] or 607.274.1666, and the Town of Danby’s web site, [town.danby.ny.us/Pandemic].

Wash your hands frequently. It goes a long way towards preventing the spread of any viral infection. Similarly, coughing/sneezing into a tissue (instead of into your hands) and then properly disposing of the tissue is a very good idea.

We hope that you find this information helpful. ❧

SALUTE TO ESTHER DODSON

Submitted by Pamela Goddard for the DCPA

As this issue goes to press, the DCPA wishes to salute a very special volunteer, Esther Dotson, on her upcoming 92nd birthday, October 21.

Esther is a founding visionary of the Danby Park and Community Center project and began to plan for it 20 years ago. Esther and several other residents purchased the initial parcels of land that are now the Danby Park and she has been the grant writer for the Park’s development.

Her communication skills have been crucial to the DCPA and resulted, among other successes, in its being awarded two major grants from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. This summer, the NYSOPRHP awarded a matching grant of almost \$500,000 for land preparation and development of the Danby Park’s facilities.

A prior grant from NYSOPRHP helped pay for the Park access road. Anyone you speak with will tell you thte Esther is a remarkable woman of many talents. She is a retired professor of Art History at Cornell and, in addition to her many activities for the Danby community, she has just completed a book about a particularly playful Viennese architect from the 1700s.

Happy Birthday, Esther, and thank you for all you have done for our community. ❧

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In addition to these regulations, there are some ordinances that the Town will want to have in place before gas companies apply for permits to drill in Danby. These ordinances (stormwater, road use, driveway and culvert permits, noise, etc.) are being worked on by Town officials.

Tompkins County is planning a county-wide response to the new state regulations, and there will be an informational meeting on November 5 and a community response meeting on November 19 (times/places to be arranged). The *Ithaca Journal* is co-sponsoring these meetings and will have announcements about them soon.

Everyone who is interested in this issue, whether a leaseholder or not, is invited to attend and participate in the open meetings of the Danby Task Force—or even just to be kept informed of them. Contact me at [thaltontwcnny.rr.com] or 607.273.0533. We welcome all approaches and comments on Danby’s plans and concerns about this issue. ❧

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Snow is falling outside while the fire consumes another ash log in my kitchen stove and the deadline for the Danby Area News is dancing in my head. Amidst all the headlines of Gas Drilling, H1N1, and winter flu knocking on our doors, I thought I would share some of our concerns on the '09 budget season with you.

I have thought that the 2010 would be the challenge. Now, in the mist of crafting the '10 budget, I find myself wondering about '11. It seems to me that, as we put together next year's budget, we should be taking a view into the following year and looking back to what we should have been considering as the potential realities lurking in our future.

My current assessment of the situation is that New York will see diminishing revenues, forcing the state to either raise taxes or cut expenses, or both. Either way, I believe that next year's budget needs to reflect the long view. An example of this is in our Highway Department, where our contributions to the retirement fund will have to go up in '11, to compensate for the state's loss of retirement reserves.

It'll be a major hit to the Town. To anticipate this and to mitigate the upcoming major financial spike, we will need to increase our reserves in next years budget. Other entities, like school districts and the County, will experience this as well, perhaps even more severely than the Town.

The Town's budget is not crafted in isolation. With challenges of increased expenses and decreased revenues, the Board has a rough row to hoe this year, but we realize that you, as residents, bare the brunt of multiple budgets.

This budget season, we are mindful that it is the potential accumulation of these multiple revenue losses, forcing the tax rates of all participating services upward, that ultimately lies in wait for our town's residents. The prospective nationwide economic recovery may be slower than many hope, and the Board is carefully crafting a multi-year budget.

The fact that all of this is conjecture does not help but, by the time you read this, the Town Board will have prepared a prospective 2010 budget. ❁



BOARD & CMTE OPENINGS

Submitted by Ric Dietrich

At least five positions are open, or soon becoming available, in which Danby residents can serve their Town.

The Town Board is looking to fill several board and committee vacancies:

- the County Environmental Management Council
- the County Water Resources Council
- the Planning Board
- the Board of Zoning Appeals
- the Water District Commission

The application deadline is Thursday, November 5. Danby residents interested in serving on any of these boards or committees are invited to contact the Town Clerk's office, 607.277.4788, to obtain more information and the paperwork to apply for the position. ❁

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Ralph Bowles
Fire Commissioner

We are cleaning out the [Danby] firehouse in preparation for the asbestos removal contractor, so there will be some strange goings-on in the near future. This process will soak up some of the cost savings we thought we had, so money is being taken from reserves.

We hope to see some work starting on the part of the project not affected by asbestos in the near future. ❁

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TOWN OBSERVER

A short extract from Joel Gagnon's Broader View articles

Town Board, September and October

Gas Drilling

Concern about the impact of Marcellus Shale gas drilling found new expression during the September meeting of the Danby Town Board.

The Board unanimously passed a resolution urging passage of the FRAC Act (Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals) by the US Congress. It would repeal the exemption from the Safe Drinking Water Act for hydraulic fracturing and also require disclosure of the chemicals used in the fracturing process.

In October, Kathy Halton reported on the activities of the Gas Drilling Task Force [see separate article]. The Town Board formally endorsed the findings of the task force so that the action could be cited when commenting on the SGEIS.

Highway Department

In September, Carl Seamon, Danby's Highway Superintendent, was given the go-ahead to fulfill his request for two new trucks to be bought under state contract. One is a 4-wheel-drive Ford F250 pickup with plow, the other a medium-duty 4WD International with dump box, plow, and wing, both with extended cabs. The total cost will be approximately \$160,000.

The Highway Department was given the go-ahead to apply for state grant funding to help with construction costs for a salt shed, provided that staff felt the probability of success warranted the effort. It was not clear that the town fit the criteria for getting onto the priority list, hence the conditional authorization.

Water District

Dave Herrick, a consulting engineer, presented a preliminary report of the status of the West Danby Water District's infrastructure in September and the final report in October.

During the preliminary report, two items were noted: the engineer's analysis showed that the system could easily accommodate another 150 houses, and its capacity in a fire situation is higher than expected. It was designed for 400 houses and household size and average use has decreased in the 40 years since it was installed. The hydrants, with a little tweaking, produced close to 1000 gpm, and the 50,000 gallon tank holds enough water for almost an hour at that rate.

Herrick's final report found the system to be in relatively good condition, with considerable reserve capacity. The tank is in need of refurbishment, projected to cost \$113,900, and a \$20,000 investment could improve the ability to flush the mains. A second tank and well (currently, there is only one tank and one well) would cost about \$245,000 and \$70,000, respectively. Altogether, improvements could total \$452,000. If funded with 20-year bonds at 5 percent, the tax rate would rise \$2.74/\$1000.

Subdivision Regulations and Right To Farm

The amendments to the Town's subdivision regulations, passed earlier but without adequate public notice preceding the hearing, were passed again in September, following a second public hearing, at which no one spoke. The amendments change the frequency with which one can create new lots from a parent parcel by permit from 2 years to 3, and increase the minimum lot size with no frequency limitation from 5 acres to 8. The permit options allow for occasional lot creation without Planning Board review, and anyone wanting to make additional lots can always go to the Planning Board for approval.

In a related matter, it was reported that the *Right To Engage In Agricultural Activity Law* has been filed with the state. The code enforcement office will now implement the notice to buyers provision, that will alert purchasers of land in Danby to the presence of agricultural land uses and its protected status within the town.

Cable Franchise

Supervisor Ric Dietrich proposed upping the cable franchise fee to generate funding that could be applied to extending broadband access in Danby. The franchise fee is a tax imposed on cable subscribers. The Town currently collects a minimal 1 percent tax; Dietrich proposed matching the fee collected by most towns, 3 or 4 percent. Board reaction was unsupportive.

New Road in West Danby

After extensive discussion, the new road built by the Camelot subdivision (at the corner of Hillview Road and 34/96) was accepted by the Board. There was discomfort at accepting the road with only one house yet erected; the potential for damage to the road with subsequent construction is still high. The board settled on a percentage-complete trigger for acceptance.

Publishing Candidate Statements

The board recommended against the idea of including candidate statements in the Danby Area News, and suggested a simple list of offices and candidates. Voters

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COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Pamela Goddard for the DCPA

Danby Community Park is making progress. With the assistance of Danby's volunteer trailblazers, the first section of the Park's recreational trails has been cleared.

Building the trails is part of the 2009 plan. In 2010, the mapping and clearing of hiking trails will continue; Park development will include grading playing fields to make them usable and constructing a picnic pavilion. The entrance road for the Park, a complex effort completed in 2008, makes the park's land accessible.

At its Annual Community Gathering and Meeting in July, Danby residents elected Board members. Subsequently, in August, the Board elected its officers: Donna Brock (President), Julie Clougherty (Vice President), Deborah Adams (Secretary), Stephen Barber (Treasurer). Ken Horst is the Immediate Past President.

Officers and volunteers meet in the Danby Town Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. Members of the DCPA Board are listed on the Town of Danby's web site, [town.danby.ny.us/DCPA], and the Board itself may be reached at 607.272.4792 or [info@danbypark.org]. ❀

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are thus left with political party mailings as the primary source of information about the election, and perhaps coverage in the local newspapers.

Missing Meeting Minutes

The Board noted the absence of almost six months of meeting minutes and requested the Town Clerk to bring all meeting minutes up to date by the October board meeting. The minutes were still unavailable at the October meeting, and the issue is still unresolved.

Storm Water Management

Sue Beeners, Code Enforcement Officer for the town, was authorized to collaborate with Guy Krogh, attorney for the town, in drafting storm water management regulations. Such regulations are aimed at minimizing erosion, but the intent is to have them in place to help protect against adverse drilling impacts as well.

Emergency Preparedness

In September, the board authorized the appointment of a volunteer emergency management coordinator, along with the hiring of an emergency management technical

DANBY SENIORS

Submitted by Marjory VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Senior Citizens will be on Thursday, Nov. 5 at Noon in the Danby Federated Church. It will be our "Thanksgiving" dinner, with turkey and trimmings.

At our last meeting folks signed up to bring potatoes, dressing, vegetables, or dessert as their dish to share. Call Linda Howe with any questions about menu. Thank you to Sid Doan and Priscilla Barber for hosting our October meeting.



Tuesday, October 6 was a beautiful (sunny!) fall day for our luncheon cruise aboard the MV Columbia, with 33 members in attendance.

Our December meeting, on Thursday, December 3, will be a holiday luncheon out at the Oasis in Danby. You can sign up at our November meeting or call Margie VanDeMark at 607.273.8046. ❀

consultant, with a \$500 cap on the money for the position. The first priority for the coordinator and consultant will be "Continuity of operations" guidelines that address issues such as multiple absences due to sickness from the Highway Crew. Purchase of personal protective equipment, such as hand sanitizers, for Town staff and visitors was also authorized, up to a maximum of \$1000.

In October, Marjorie Bitzer, the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator, urged the Board to take action to better prepare for the impact of the H1N1 flu pandemic. While swine flu lethality appears no worse than the regular seasonal flu (except for the very young), it has been appearing earlier in the season. Later, when the regular flu hits, the combination of the two may create serious worker shortages. The Highway Department is planning to address that concern. The Board authorized an article in the Danby News to help get information out, about who is at risk and actions that can be taken to reduce the chances of catching and spreading these contagious bugs. ❀

A GAS DRILLING PRIMER

Extracted from the Danby GDTF brochure

The Technology

Hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) has been developed to extract natural gas from deep formations such as the Marcellus Shale, which underlies the Finger Lakes region, as well as most of Central New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. *This is not the simple, relatively safe, shallow gas well familiar to most people.*

Fracking shafts are drilled vertically for as much as a mile or so, and then turn horizontally, traveling through the gas bearing shale. Multiple wells can be sunk from a single drilling pad.

Millions of gallons of water, under enormous pressure, are used for each shaft to split the rock. Every well shaft requires several semi-trailer sized diesel compressors running constantly, to develop the pressure. Huge trucks transport the water, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition to water, sand is in the fracking fluid to keep the shale open.

To increase the effectiveness of this liquid “hammer,” a vast array of surfactant and microbicidal chemicals is added to the water. The drilling companies call the chemicals “proprietary”, and have not let the public know exactly what is being pumped into the ground. After drilling, some portion of the fracking mix is removed, containing toxic and radioactive chemicals, both from the original proprietary fluid, and also newly unearthed from the deep underground.

These millions of gallons of toxic wastewater are often stored at the well site, and a safe treatment has not yet been agreed upon. If the gas itself contains unwanted or toxic impurities, these are removed by flaring into the atmosphere at the well site.

Infrastructure Impact

Drilling, fracking, and pipeline operations involve large machinery and heavy truck traffic. Wells are typically in rural areas where roads are not built for this kind of use. Under the added pressure of heavy truck use, our roads will disintegrate even more quickly than experienced in the Southern and Western gas drilling areas, because of the freeze/thaw cycle in New York State.

Local fire and medical services are not trained to deal with large-scale drill-site disasters. Fracking chemicals are not publicly disclosed, so exposure for rescue personnel and local inhabitants is especially dangerous.

A large number of water supply contaminations have already occurred with fracking (Pennsylvania, Wyoming). Contamination of our ground water and deep aquifer by the chemicals used in gas drilling is a permanent effect that will never go away. *Without water, we cannot live.*

Environmental Impact

The enormous amounts of water for fracking are taken from local supplies. The effects of excessive water use in the Northeast are not fully researched, but depletion of water supplies and toxic concentration of salts and minerals have both been observed in other parts of the country.

There is no safe method for permanent disposal of fracking wastewater and contaminant chemicals. Local treatment facilities cannot handle this type of wastewater. Evaporation in artificial ponds risks toxic runoff into local groundwater, and produces a toxic sludge. Transporting the vast amounts of toxic wastewater to other processing sites increases the risk of accidental spills.

Gas produced from fracked wells must be delivered immediately. This requires construction of a pipeline network with resulting destruction of many miles of forest landscape and habitat.

Adequate monitoring of drilling and production operations will require a large and expensive New York State inspection staff, which currently does not exist.

Economic Impact

Upstate New York is a scenic region with a diverse economy of tourism, specialty agriculture, higher education, small business, and recreation. Extensive gas drilling will significantly alter our rural landscape, diminishing the comfort and desirability of locating here. It could also lead to severe degradation of soil and water, with adverse effects on all aspects of economic life.

The promise of new jobs and revitalized economies from drilling has not been realized. Outside companies oversee all of the drilling operation and do minimal local hiring.

Communities in Texas, where there is ongoing drilling, report population losses and abandoned properties, resulting in a devalued tax base. Higher-income residents leave, and those who stay pay higher taxes to repair infrastructure damaged by drilling and well production. Mortgages become hard to get, and it is difficult or impossible to sell properties.

The economic benefits of gas drilling are speculative at best. Looking back after a period of 20 years, we may see that the economic benefits were greatly outweighed by the costs to the local community. ❁

AT THE DANBY FED CHURCH

All events at the church, 1859 Danby Road.

Election Day Dinner

Tuesday, November 3, 2009, 5pm 'til gone. Adults, \$9.50; Children under 12, \$6.50. The menu includes Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Veggies, Squash, Roll, Desert, and a Beverage.

Day After Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday, November 27, 2009, 1pm. Free to all! Featuring Deep Fried Turkey and all the fixings. If you missed out on Thanksgiving, come home to our family!

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Friday, December 11, 2009, 5—7:00pm

Come Back Home For Christmas

Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2009 7pm.

Operation Christmas Child

The DFC is participating in *Operation Christmas Child*, a project of Samaritan's Purse. The project involves filling shoe boxes with small gifts to be sent to needy children around the world.

Brochures describing how to pack a box—and a supply of empty shoe boxes—will be available at the Danby Federated Church beginning in mid-October. The boxes will be collected during the week of November 16-23. If you would like to have the Danby Church deliver your box to the regional collection point, bring your filled and labeled shoe boxes to the church by Noon on Sunday, November 22.

See the web site, [samaritanspurse.org] for more info or contact the Danby Church, 607.272.1687. ❁

FALL FAIR MEMORIES

Submitted by Gay Huddle

A good time was had by all at the 2009 Danby Fall Festival, from the youngest attendees to the more seasoned festival goers! Everyone works so hard to pull the Fall Festival together and the crafts, food, plants and more show just how much talent there is in Danby. I have been stopping by every since moving to Danby many years ago and I always enjoying browsing, buying and chatting with neighbors. ❁

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Submitted by Linda Wyatt

A stroke is a condition where a blood clot or ruptured blood vessel interrupts blood flow to an area of the brain. While it is more common for a stroke to happen to an older person, it is possible for a young person to have a stroke.

Early recognition and treatment of a stroke can mean the difference between life and death, or the difference between full recovery and permanent damage. If you or someone else has the following stroke symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not try to drive to the hospital; the symptoms could get worse while you're driving.

Signs of a stroke usually come on suddenly, and may include:

1. Facial drooping
2. Sudden difficulty speaking or understanding, confusion
3. Numbness or weakness on one side of the body
4. Vision difficulties
5. Sudden severe headache
6. Trouble walking or loss of balance or coordination

Remember these simple steps: **STRoke**

S—Smile. Ask the person to smile. Facial drooping is when the smile is uneven, only on one side of the face.

T—Talk. Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Listen for slurring of words or difficulty in remembering the whole sentence.

R—Raise. Ask them to raise both arms in front of them and hold them palms up. Is one arm too weak to hold up?

It is possible for someone to have a “mini stroke,” called a *Transient Ischemic Attack* or TIA. They might have stroke symptoms temporarily, and then seem to recover. It is still important for them to go to the hospital right away.

The EMTs will need to know when the symptoms started and when you last saw the person acting normally. They will also need to know what medications the person is taking, so try to have that list ready. Time is of the essence!

Cayuga Medical Center is a designated Stroke Center. You can find more information on its web site at [cayugamed.org/]. ❁

THE LITTER NEWS

Submitted by Ronda Roaring, Adopt-A-Road Coord.

We had a nice turnout—18 people—for the roadside trash/litter clean-up on NYS Rt.96B and 34/96. They represented Neil Weinberg Oriental Medicine, In Memory of Gretchen Oltz, Danby Democrats, Danby Trails Committee, West Danby Community Association and ILoveTheFingerLakes.com. Many thanks to every one of them.



In addition to the trash that was collected, we had roughly 20 bags of recyclables. The most frequently dumped litter is probably beer cans. We also found several empty pint bottles of vodka on 34/96. The beer drinkers are likely driving under the influence and the vodka drinkers are probably driving drunk. These drivers are a threat to themselves and to the rest of us. If you know of anyone who drives while drinking alcohol, please ask them to stop.

Remember, the law requires recycling of plastic and metal cans. All drink containers will be picked up by the recycling truck if you put them out at the end of your driveway. In addition to plastic and metal drink containers, the truck will take those plastic clam-shell containers the double chocolate brownies come in and even the Styrofoam marked with a recycling triangle. They also take paper like junk mail, newspapers, magazines and cardboard. There is no cost for this service. The recycling truck comes every two weeks; next pick up is November 2.

If you would like to volunteer for the next clean-up, please contact me at [rondaroaring@hotmail.com] or 607.589.403. ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Do you like local history? We have 14 local history books in the Adult Nonfiction section:

- The Ithaca College Story
- Images of Ithaca and Tompkins County (Volumes I & II)
- Slim Fingers Beckon
- Images of Rural Life
- Cornell and Ithaca in Postcards
- Echoes of Yesterday (Candor 1806-2006)
- A Short History of Tompkins County
- The Peopling of Tompkins County (by Carol Kammen)
- Underground Railroad Tales (with routes through the FingerLakes Region)
- Ithaca's Neighborhoods
- One Day in Ithaca (May 17, 1988)
- Place Names of Tompkins County
- Sol Goldberg's Ithaca.

New from TCPL in our Mystery collection:

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| A Midsummer Night's Scream | Churchill, Jill |
| Nightmare Town | Hammett, Dashell |
| Murder on the Orient Express | Christie, Agatha |
| Death By Chocolate | McKevett, G.A. |

Adult Fiction:

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| Aunt Dimity Goes West | Atherton, Nancy |
| The Memory of Running | McLarty, Ron |

Adult Nonfiction:

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| Five People You Meet in Heaven | Albom, Mitch |
| Chicken Soup for the Bride's Soul | |

Look for new selections in Juvenile Fiction and Nonfiction, coming soon! ❀

SNOW SHOVELERS!

It's not too early to think about snow! With winter weather coming upon us, the Tompkins County Office for the Aging is updating its listing of snow shovelers. Deep snow and icy sidewalks are dangerous for everyone—but especially for senior citizens. Many seniors are not able to remove the snow from their sidewalks without assistance.

If you are interested in assisting seniors by shoveling or plowing, on either a paid or volunteer basis, please call the Tompkins County Office for the Aging at 607.274.5482. If your name was listed last year, and you would like to be listed again, please notify us. ❀

Danby Youth Flyer

SUMMER WORK CREW

Submitted by Laura Smith

The work begun at Jennings Pond last summer was continued this summer by the Danby Summer Work Crew!

Six youth and a crew leader, all from Danby, worked 20 hours a week for six weeks in July and August. The youth were paid with Danby municipal jobs funds through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County or through JumpStart Jobs stimulus and TANF funding, WorkForce NY.

The Crew extended the trail they began last summer and also did clearing and maintenance near the dam. They built bird houses on a couple of rainy days.

In a discussion with the crew members on the last day of the job, they reflected that the job involved a lot of physical labor (clearing trails, weeding, moving rock) as well as planning, problem solving and teamwork. They saw their work as a service to their community as well as a paid work experience.

Many of the Crew members did not know each other before this summer but, by the end of the summer, they were clearly working together and seeming to have fun, too. The youth are all from the Danby area, although from many different parts. Some of them attend Ithaca City schools and some attend Newfield. Crew Leader Tera Coates from Wilseyville is currently a student at TC3.

The Danby Summer Work Crew members were: Assistant Crew Leader Dolan Morton, Natalia Rathbun, Matthew Avery, Joseph Peabody, Jonathan Van Etten, Jeffrey England. Ric Dietrich worked hand in hand with the crew overseeing their work plan and working to secure permission for trail work. Thanks to all who helped make the Danby Summer Work Crew a success! ❀

Community Council Youth Programs November 2009

After School Programs require pre-registration and are open for youth living in Danby. Contact Laura Smith, Danby Youth Program Manager, with any questions, concerns or requests for a form: 1js257@cornell.edu, or 607.272.2292.x225.

Lunch Bunch

an in school program at Boynton
September 23-November 18, Wednesdays, during your lunch period
meet in teacher's lounge.

Take a break from the cafeteria! Eat exciting snacks, play games and go outside on nice days. Get to know people you usually don't sit near in the noisy lunch room.

Dungeons and Dragons

November 4-December 16, Thursdays, 4-6pm
at Danby Town Hall
Grades 5-8

Work with a professional Dungeon Master in creating a challenging exciting world. Go on voyages without having to leave town!

Family Gingerbread House Making

families with youth aged 6 and up
Tentative Date December 19. Stay tuned for more details or contact Laura. ❀

HALLOWEEN PARTY!

The annual Danby Community Council Halloween Party—a favorite with youngsters and a treat for adults as well—is coming 'round again on Saturday, October 31, 3-5pm in the Danby Town Hall (note:Town Hall!)

There'll be games, hot soup, apple cider, pizza, snacks, tall folks on stilts, smaller folks in a costume parade, popcorn, and pumpkins! Look forward to a Bounce House, paint and crayons, and a button-making machine.

There'll be a spooky CD in a boom box and Halloween and seasonal songs and singalong with Pamela Goddard. photos will be taken!

Volunteers are needed to help make all this happen. If you can help out—especially with setup before 3pm and cleanup—or add some more fun to the party, contact June Pollack at 607. 273.4744 ❀

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 31 • Sat

3-5pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Halloween Party
6-8pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Trunk or Treat!

Nov 2 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Public Hearing for 2010 Town Budget
Town Board Agenda Meeting

Nov 3 • Tue

6am–9pm 🏠 Town Hall
Election Day • Come out and vote!
5pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Election Day Dinner

Nov 4 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Town Hall—**Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**

Nov 5 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Danby Seniors' Thanksgiving Luncheon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting

Nov 9 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Regular Meeting
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting

Nov 15 • Sun

8-11am 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
Harvest Breakfast

Nov 17 • Tue

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

Nov 18 • Wed • (note: special meeting date!)

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting
Public Hearing for Hovanec storage building

Nov 27 • Fri

1pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Day-After-Thanksgiving Dinner • Fried Turkey!

Jul 10, 2010 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

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

Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall
Saturdays, 10am–Noon, 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 Fire Company 🏠 Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.

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 Community Park Association 🏠 Town Hall
2nd and 4th Thursday, 7pm.

Danby Food Pantry 🏠 Federated Church
3rd Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm

Military Family Support Group 🏠 Federated Church
2nd Thursday, 6:30pm.

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

🏠 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