



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## SCHOLAPSHIP FUND NEEDS...FUNDS

Submitted by June Pollack

The Danby Community council Scholarship Program for 2010 is out of funds! We did not have our budget cut this year, but the needs have increased, children's program costs are higher, and (as we encouraged them to do) parents have made requests earlier this year.

Our awards are only for a portion of program costs, but we are strongly committed to offering assistance where it is needed to support Danby youth. At the present there are requests we cannot honor, and summer and fall programs have not started yet!

A few dollars--from folks in our community who support the value of the scholarship program—could make the difference in the lives of many of our youth. Among the programs we have supported are art, ballet, primitive pursuits, 4H camp, Earth Arts, Karate, music, and horseback camp—all important experiences for the young people of our community.

For the first time, we are appealing to the Danby community for help. If you feel you can contribute towards raising our fund balance, allowing us to continue offering modest awards, please send a contribution, however small (or large) to Treasurer, Danby Community Council, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca 14850. Contributions are tax deductible. The parents and youth of Danby thank you! ❁

## GARDEN TOURS

Submitted by Dan Klein

The *Open Days Garden Tour* will be happening on June 12 and July 31. Wayne Myers' garden, in Danby, is on the June 12 tour. Its six acres of rolling lawn and perennial beds contain more than 550 different va-

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## PARK ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

It's been a while since the DCPA has presented an update in the Danby News, so we thought we'd post an update as we get underway with spring projects. The park faces some challenges, namely a large debt incurred from the construction of the road, but there's also good news that we want to share.

First off, we are very pleased to announce two new grant awards! First is a United Way FOCUS grant, which will pay for a picnic table and recycling bin to go underneath the park's pavilion. Many thanks go to the FOCUS team of Danby youth, and to the United Way of Tompkins County for giving us this opportunity to make some visible progress! The second grant is a \$1000 Community Beautification award from Cornell Cooperative Extension for a planting at the park's entrance. Work is expected to be complete by the end of June.

Speaking of the pavilion, it should be nearing completion as you read this. Completion of the trail that was started last fall is also on the spring projects list. Work dates have been scheduled, so if you're interested in lending a hand with trail work or planting, we'd be very glad to have your help!

We have scheduled our annual meeting for Thursday, June 24, 7-9pm in the Danby Town Hall. We will be voting on several board openings, as well as changes to the by-laws regarding terms of office for the Board of Directors. A report of the past year's activities and finances will be presented.

We are seeking nominations for candidates for board member-at-large positions and will accept names through June 20. Every Danby resident 18 and older is automatically a member of the park association and is eligible for

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**DANBY NEWS NOTES**

Submitted by Ted Crane

Once again, Spencer residents are re-  
porting problems with delivery of the  
Danby News.

As you may know, about two-thirds  
of the Danby News copies are deliv-  
ered to "Postal Patron". Postage is less  
expensive that way. About one-third  
of the copies need to get to addresses  
served by postal routes that extend  
outside of Danby; we directly address  
them with a personalized sticker.

Apparently, in Spencer, even some di-  
rectly addressed copies aren't delivered.  
Anecdotal evidence suggests that the  
same addresses are frequently missed.  
Sadly we can't do more than use the  
correct addresses...if you don't get a  
copy, here's what you should do:

- Check with me (phone and Email  
at top left) to ensure that we're not  
making a mailing mistake.
- Contact the Spencer postmaster  
with a polite inquiry. If that doesn't  
work, work your way up to the re-

gional postal inspector. And then,  
maybe, your congressperson?

Willseyville residents report a differ-  
ent problem: they get their copies,  
but it takes about two weeks to get  
them. Very funny. Maybe it's because  
Willseyville is in the Binghamton  
postal region? The W-ville postmas-  
ter says that copies are delivered when  
received...so contact the Binghamton  
postmaster.

**FUN DAY VENDORS**

Another victim of the space crunch,  
the application forms for Fun Day  
vendors, parade entries, and more  
can be found on the Town web site,  
[town.danby.ny.us/FunDay].

**TOWN OF DANBY WEB SITE**

The Town of Danby has a web site,  
[town.danby.ny.us]. If you have a  
question about the Town, it's a great  
place to start looking for answers. If  
your answer isn't on the site, you will  
find lots of contact information to  
continue your search. ❁

## TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

The job of Town Clerk has enough variety to keep three or four people busy, even in a smaller town like Danby. New York State Law allows a Town Clerk may appoint up to three Deputies to help her with the multiple tasks she faces.

A wise Clerk will have at least one Deputy to help with answering the phone, entering data for such things as dog licenses and building permits, and--especially--to help during busy times like the January tax collection. Deputies also help provide continuity of service. A wise Town Board provides adequate compensation for this experienced staff, and the Danby residents are fortunate to have a board that is aware of these needs.

No single person comes with all of the skills to handle the diverse needs of a Clerk's office. Thanks to supportive actions by the Town Board, we now have two part-time (typically 14 hours a week) Deputies. They help to ensure that our recordkeeping is legal and up-to-date, and that citizens are served in an efficient and effective manner. Let me introduce them to you.

Long-time Danby residents know Bob Roe thru hunter education and his service on the Planning Board. Bob had also been Carol Sczepanski's Deputy Clerk during the fall of 2009 and was a great help during my first months--right at tax time--as a new Town Clerk. He comes with a strong background in numbers as a one-time professor of statistics and is also serving as assistant to the Bookkeeper. Financial reporting and record keeping is being streamlined and the backlog of paperwork is getting cleared away from both offices. Bob is cheerfully ready to help with renewing dog licenses and other permits. The fact that he lives right next door to the Town Hall is extra convenient.

Please welcome Mary Ann Barr, the newest member of the Town Clerk team. Mary Ann has been hired to help with the important responsibilities of records management and getting our complex filing systems in shape. Although she's only in the office six hours a week, she's already made an improvement in the accessibility of records like Danby's ever-expanding file of Town Laws and Ordinances. Mary Ann is relatively new to Danby, but she is already active with the Danby History Group and other Town committees. She brings her wealth of



archival experience rooted in her impressive work setting up historical archives in the Weston, CT.

Over the next several months, Mary Ann and I will be working on weeding and organizing files according to the state-mandated retention and disposition schedule. What a joy it will be to bring order out of chaos!

Personally, I am grateful for the help I receive daily from the team we are building at Town Hall. I hope that our efforts benefit everyone who visits the Town offices. ✿

### **Garden Tour, continued from page 1—**

rieties of perennials, nestled behind and between fieldstone walls and structures. Other features include a covered bridge (listed with the New York State Covered Bridge Society), a working water wheel on a post-and-beam constructed feed mill, and a huge glass sponge fossil rock.

Two other gardens in the county are open on June 12 and then three different gardens on July 31. For more information, visit [[ccetompkins.org/gardentour](http://ccetompkins.org/gardentour)], contact [[dek22@cornell.edu](mailto:dek22@cornell.edu)], 607.272.2292.x123, or pick up a map on the day of the tour at 615 Willow Avenue in Ithaca.

Admission to each garden is \$5/person. The tours go from 10am-4pm, are drop-in with no reservations required, and are held rain or shine.

Wayne Meyers garden, 1071 Michigan Hollow Road:

*From West Danby:* Take NYS Rt.34/96 to Hillview Road. Stay on Hillview until the stop sign at the intersection with Michigan Hollow Road. Wayne's property is directly in front of you.

*From Central Danby:* Take Michigan Hollow Road about 4 miles until you come to Hillview Road, the first paved road on your right. Wayne's property is on the left. ✿

### **Community Park, continued from page 1—**

nomination to its board of directors (you can nominate yourself or another person). All members are also eligible to vote at the annual meeting. If you would like a copy of the proposed by-law changes, or if you have any questions or concerns and can't make it to the meeting, let us know by phone or Email.

Please contact me, 607.272.7189 or [[janderty@yahoo.com](mailto:janderty@yahoo.com)] for work party dates and times, to nominate candidates for the board of directors, or for more information about any park issues. ✿

## GAS DRILLING TASK FORCE

Submitted by Katherine Halton

This past month, we heard the final reports of the Cornell Law students about community and environmental impacts, pipelines and the law, home rule and local interests, local governance, and enhanced stormwater regulations. It was very informative and the students assured us that we would have an electronic copy of their final reports to look over soon.

We reviewed the Danby resident surveys, from both the Danby News and online, and have decided that we would like to have a community forum in August or September to discuss the results. In the meantime, we will try to get more surveys out to Danby residents.

Several other community and government groups are working hard on the gas drilling issue. The Gas Drilling Subcommittee of the Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) has met several times. It is dividing into groups to study various issues related to gas drilling, such as air quality, land values, lobbying, public safety, water quality and road protection. The purpose of these groups is to gather and share of information among local municipalities.

Right now, there are quite a few proposed bills working their way through the NYS Assembly and Senate. Task Force members have reviewed some of them and

tried to prioritize them as to their importance and their chance of getting passed. Several bills are sponsored by both Assembly and Senate members, these are getting the most attention.

A “webinar” was presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension; in May, one of the speakers was Jeffrey Jacquet of Cornell’s Department of Natural Resources. He discussed the “Community and Economic Considerations” of gas drilling. Another webinar is coming up on June 23, regarding the impact of gas drilling on roads, and another on July 21 about the shale geology. These can be accessed by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The Task Force plans a presence at Danby Fun Day with more of our community surveys for people to fill out, so that we can gather a better idea of what people in Danby are thinking. Please stop by our booth and fill one out.

### OF INTEREST...

*Gasland*, an award-winning documentary by Josh Fox, will be shown at Cinemapolis on Saturday, June 12, brought to Ithaca by Shaleshock Action Alliance.

Filmmaker Josh Fox set off on a 24 state journey to uncover the deep consequences of the United States’ natural gas drilling boom. What he uncovered is truly shocking—water that can be lit on fire right out of the sink, chronically ill residents of drilling areas from disparate locations in the US all with the same mysterious symptoms, huge pools of toxic waste that kill cattle, and vegetation well blowouts and huge gas explosions consistently covered up by state and federal regulatory agencies. ❁

The next meetings of the Gas Drilling Task Force will be held on June 9 and 23, at 7pm in the Town Hall on June and June. If you have any questions, contact me at [[khalton@tcwny.rr.com](mailto:khalton@tcwny.rr.com)] or 607.273.0533. ❁

## HOME ACCESSIBILITY GRANTS

Submitted by Angela Korbel

Better Housing for Tompkins County, Inc. has been awarded an *Access to Home* Grant thru the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation. These funds allow us to provide accessibility modifications to the homes of residents with physical and developmental disabilities, and those who are frail elderly. The aim of this program is to help residents remain independent.

The program serves low and moderate income homeowners and renters within Tompkins County. The program makes home adaptations that enable residents to remain in, or return to, their own homes rather than enter or stay in more costly institutional settings.

### Examples of modifications

- Wheelchair ramps and lifts
- Accessible showers with grab bars and seats, comfort-height toilets
- Easy-to-reach work and storage areas and other kitchen modifications
- Remediating trip hazards, widening doorways for walkers and wheelchairs
- Modifications for the visually and hearing impaired
- Locating a bathroom or bedroom from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Contact me at 607.273.2187.x201 if you have any questions. ❁

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Over the last few months, I have shared with you some of the issues that the different Town Boards are working on. Here is an overview of the topics and a progress report.

**Town Highway Salt Barn.** We have looked at a variety of structures, seriously considered function and costs, and are presently in the final stages of implementing this project.

**Broadband.** In a final push to secure funding, surveys are available—online and in Town Hall—for residents to fill out. These surveys will give us an idea how many people in Danby would want high-speed Internet connections.

**Gas drilling and roads.** After exhaustive research and considerable time and energy, the Town Board is ready to enact a Road Construction Law and to enter into an agreement with Delta Engineering to craft a Road Preservation Law. Both of these proposals have been reviewed by the Gas Drilling Task Force, the Town Board and the Town Attorney.

**Health Insurance Consortium.** We are in the final stages, we hope, of moving on this issue. To comply with State Insurance laws, the State has requested the Consortium to have a “reserve account” established before they will grant approval. An in-depth discussion will be on the Board’s agenda for June, and I will report on the specifics of this requirement at that time.

**Long Term Cost Planning.** The Town has been working on a budget process that looks out over a number of years, trying to bring some clarity to Town finances. Insight into costs the Town will face beyond the immediate future is important to planning for the short term. Special attention is being given to costs that escalate year over year.

Insurance costs for the Town of Danby are a known to continually increase and have led the Town to target this item as something we need to control. This is the major reason for trying to form the Health Insurance Consortium.

Other items we are working on are record management for all departments, emergency management issues to ensure residents are protected and informed, the efforts of the West Danby Water district to plan and upgrade its vital resources, contract negotiations with the SPCA, and the CSEA contract (on hold while the State gets its act together).

There are a variety of zoning related issues coming before the Town this month, and they will affect our

residents in a variety of ways, with lasting implications. We are holding several public hearings. Please become aware and give us your feedback, either by attending or in writing.

All of these issues are major topics for your elected officials, but there may be concerns from you—as residents—that you wish to express or ask questions about. As we move into the summer months, I will make myself available to meet with residents in a series of listening sessions. I will meet with you and with community groups at a place and time of your choosing. Please let me know if you would like me to listen to you. ❖

## HAPPENING AT THE DFC

The Mobile Food Pantry truck sponsored by the Food Bank of the Southern Tier will be in the Danby Federated Church parking lot, 1-2pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month. This month’s delivery is on June 28.

The Mobile Food Pantry is a converted beverage truck used to deliver fresh produce, dairy products, and other food and grocery products directly to distribution sites where people need.

**Arts Workshop**—Wednesday, June 2 and 16, 7pm  
Tole Painting, Ribbon Flowers, Crazy Quilt...every session is filled with wonderful art and craft ideas and instruction. Join teacher Virginia Freeman for a fun night! Everyone is welcome, no charge.

**Sundaes on Wednesday**—July 21 and 28, 7-8:30pm  
Join us for ice cream sundaes and entertainment. ❖

## TOWN HOURS

### TOWN CLERK

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Tues–Fri, 10am–4pm; Sat, by chance, closed Monday.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Mon–Fri, 6am–2:30pm

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Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559

Wed–Fri, 10am–5pm or by appointment

### TOWN COURT:

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031

Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

## TOWN OBSERVER

A short extract from Joel Gagnon's Broader View articles

### Planning Board Says No to Waldorf

A packed house greeted the Danby Planning Board's May 19 Public Hearing to discuss a possible move by the Ithaca Waldorf School to Angelheart Designs' former manufacturing and distribution facility on Gunderman Road. The attendance ensured that the issues involved were thoroughly aired.

The site is contained within a "Planned Development" (PD) zone, created specifically for Angelheart, years ago, by the Town Board. This PD permits only clothing manufacturing and distribution, including warehousing. The property could also be developed for uses allowed in the low density zone around it, such as residential development, but not any other industry—or a school—without reapproval and repurposing of the zone by the Town Board.

The immediate neighborhood on Gunderman and Comfort Roads was very well represented, with most speakers opposed to the idea and the rest ambivalent. Support came from elsewhere in the Town and from Waldorf parents, teachers, and members of its Board. Concerns about the impact on water and traffic were stated repeatedly.

Most residents of the neighborhood around the PD have very deep and very poor wells with yields around one gallon a minute. Some residents spoke of having had water problems when the factory was operating. The Waldorf spokespersons assured neighbors and the Planning Board that they would be collecting rainwater from the roofs of the buildings and using it in conjunction with water conservation practices to limit water use. They expressed a willingness to do drawdown tests to assess any possible impacts on neighboring wells. The skepticism was, nonetheless, palpable.

The school's current enrollment is about 80 students, but they hope to grow to over 200 students. The traffic impact of 80 students, let alone 200, plus teachers and other staff arriving and departing from a facility located a mile from a major route (NYS Rt.96B) was thoroughly examined. The crest of a hill just beyond the entrance was cited as a safety concern; visibility to traffic from either direction is impaired. The reduction

in walkability on what is now a fairly quiet country road was also mentioned by several local residents.

At its current location on Turkey Hill Road in Ellis Hollow, less than a quarter of the school's students are bussed. Assurances from David Hessler, the President of the school's Board of Trustees, that the school would work to develop carpooling and increased busing to address traffic concerns were also greeted with skepticism. During the Planning Board discussion following the public comment, one member observed his kids begged not to take an hour-long bus ride to school when it was a 10-minute car ride. Busing for Waldorf students is similarly lengthy, and the result is that many parents drive their kids to school.



Several comments were directed at the tax impact of taking the property off the tax roll. The Town has

already approved a subdivision for the school on Nelson Road, and the suggestion that the school might instead develop it into housing lots, and that the development might compensate for the loss of tax revenue were greeted with dismay both by the neighbors on Nelson Road and by others in the audience.

Comments in favor of the proposal often included mention that the alternatives might be worse. The Town's Zoning Officer noted that this PD is approved only for specific uses. Potential benefits to the Town might include support for other businesses and the enhancement of community connections, much of which was lost when the Danby Elementary School closed in 1978. Opponents pointed out that, since the Waldorf School is private, any such impact would be much smaller than with the public school.

Bob Roe, who chaired the meeting, indicated that the Planning Board could make a negative recommendation to the Town Board based on the public hearing, but that a favorable recommendation would need a completed environmental assessment. The Board accepted the chair's characterization of the situation and voted (4-2, with Naomi Strichartz abstaining because her property borders the PD) to pass a motion recommending against the rezoning.

The proposal now moves back to the Town Board, which has the option of acting in concert with the Planning Board recommendation...or not. ❁

## FUN DAY, FUN DAY, FUN DAY!

Submitted by Christel Trutmann

We're coming down to the wire on firehouse construction and Fun Day planning! July 10 is just a month away, so look forward to delicious BBQ (vegetarian options too!), fantastic games and prizes, crafts and vendors, and a phenomenal lineup of Danby-based musicians:

- The New West Danby Henry Ford String Throttlers
- The Hogben Family Crane Hill Trio
- Sim Redmond and Jen Middaugh
- Mary Brett Lorson and the Soubrettes

Every year the proceeds from Fun Day go to support the Danby Volunteer Fire Company, which--as the name suggests--is run entirely by volunteers. You'll get the chance to tour our brand new station, learn more about what we do, and see some of our fire guys and gals in full turnout gear. You may even feel inspired to fill out an application--mustache not required. This year we also honor Joe Salino, a considerate supporter of the Danby Fire Company who passed away unexpectedly in March.

Fun Day is made possible by the Tompkins County Tourism Fund, the Danby Community Council, and Cornell Cooperative Extension. And by volunteers like you! If you're going to be there anyway, please consider giving even a half-hour of your time to keep Fun Day running smoothly. Get in touch with us if you can help out! ❄️

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## RT. 34 YARD SALE DAY

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet

For the second consecutive year, West Danby is teaming up with the folks in Spencer and Van Etten for a "Rt.34 Yard Sale Day" on Saturday, June 12.

If you are planning to have a sale and want it on the map (no charge!), please email me at [pf13@cornell.edu]. Or give a call (you can leave a message) to 607.255.0443.

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 the address, so we can place a star on the street map. Sooner is better, but the deadline is Wednesday June 9, so the maps can be printed and distributed. They will be available at the corner of Station Road and Rt.34, and in a few other select locations including downtown Spencer. Separate maps for Spencer & Van Etten will be available in those villages.

There will also be advertising in local papers but those, of course, cannot mention individual sales. Some of you may want to do more of your own advertising.

Time? It's up to you. Signage along Rt.34 is up to you as well, to direct people to the side roads.

Folks elsewhere in Danby, this might be a good opportunity for some of you to piggyback with friends in West Danby and share a sale, if the timing is right for you. Here's hoping for fine weather! ❄️

## DANBY NEIGHBORS SERIES

Submitted by Eric Banford

Hey Neighbors! And no, I won't launch into my Mr. Rogers imitation now. Thank you to the few hearty souls who came out for a frigid Earth Day celebration in April. Who'd have thought it'd be snowing in April, let alone in May? We only lasted about an hour before we were all too cold and headed home. Nature did, however, thrill us with a visit from a Northern Harrier dive bombing the unhappy geese on Jennings Pond before we left.

May hasn't been much kinder, weather wise, though events have been going well. Thanks to the presenters and those in attendance. A busy schedule has kept me from confirming any June events, but I have word from the Danby Community Council that lots of great things are coming, including Danby Fun Day and the Danby Farmer's Market, so look for announcements in this newsletter!

If you would like to plan an event, please let me know: 607.277.0183 or [brew\_bird@yahoo.com]. ❄️

## PROJECT CARE

Submitted by Trina Schickel

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging needs volunteers to assist homebound senior citizens through the Project Care Program. Volunteers typically visit an individual once a week for about 1-2 hours, depending upon need.

Seniors may have one or more of the following types of needs: companionship, assistance with laundry or light housekeeping, errands, grocery shopping, light yard work, or respite for a caregiver. Respite might involve staying with the senior in order that the caregiver might go out or have some time off from the responsibilities of caregiving.

Volunteers should be good listeners and enjoy the company of seniors. For more information about Project Care, please contact Trina Schickel at the Office for the Aging, 607.274.5491. ❀

## RURAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Sharon Boda

The annual meeting of the Danby Rural Cemetery Association will be held at 9am on Saturday June 12, in the Danby Federated Church. All lot owners and family members of the interred are welcome to attend. For more information, call 607.273.8241. ❀

## THE LITTER NEWS

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

Two thumbs up and many thanks to all the people and groups who worked on picking up trash on 96B and 34/96.

Peter Fraissinet reported that the West Danby Association picked up about 20 bags in their two-mile stretch. Thanks also go to the various groups, like the Danby Pirates Club, who pick up trash on county and local roads.

If everyone picked up the trash dumped on their property, we could easily keep this problem under control.

Again, please remember to recycle as much of your household waste as possible. You will decrease your garbage pick-up costs in the process.

Contact me at [rondaroaring@hotmail.com] or 607.589.4031. ❀

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The Danby Seniors will meet at 6pm on June 3 in the Danby Church. All seniors 55 and older are welcomed to attend this dish to pass. There will be musical entertainment (Mr. Bush on harmonica) after the meal.

Our July gathering for a BBQ will be on July 1, 1pm at Merritt's. Signups are requested, call Ted or Connie at 607.272.3009.

I'm working on a bus trip to the Esperanza Mansion for lunch and boat cruise on the Rose on August 5. For more details, contact me at 607.273.8046 or [margievan@live.com].

Thank you to our hosts for April - Dawn & George Parks, Mary Maynard, and Mary Oltz. ❀

## SUMMER BULBS: MORE COLOR, MORE FUN!

Submitted by Pat Curran

Lilies, cannas, callas, tuberous begonias, dahlias, caladiums--the list of summer-blooming bulbs is long! Lilies are winter-hardy, but most other summer bulbs need frost-free weather and bloom for months. Some like it hot; others flourish in dappled shade.

Come explore the wide variety of summer and fall-blooming bulbs we can grow. *Summer Bulbs* will take place Wednesday, June 2, 6:30-8:30pm in the Tompkins County Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca. Fee: \$5; pre-registration requested. Please call 607.272.2292 for more info. ❀

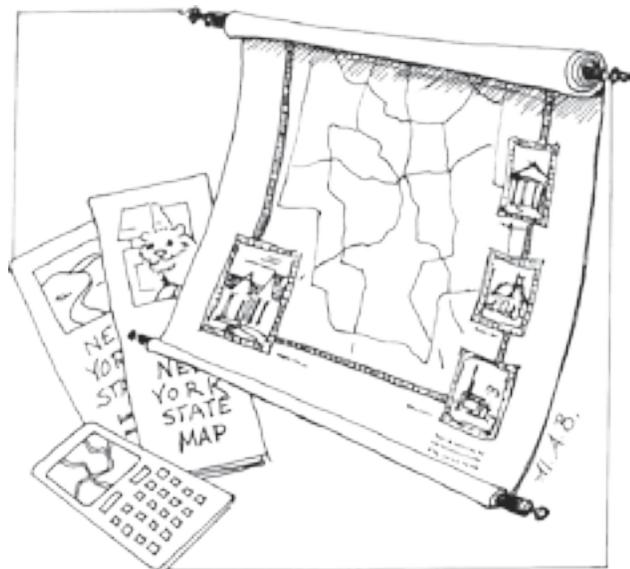


Danby Democrats, along with other groups, picked up roadside trash along miles of highway in both Danby hamlets. Photo by Ted Crane

## DANBY HISTORY GROUP UPDATE

Submitted by M.A. Barr

What, in Danby's history, contributed to shaping the town we know today? The Danby History Group is in pursuit of answers. Old maps hold some answers. So, along with historic buildings, cemeteries, photos and other artifacts and documents, the Danby History Group is looking for old maps.



Historic maps are very different from MapQuest or a GPS and perhaps more fascinating than their modern, paper counterparts; they sound and feel different when you unfold or unroll them, and some are lavishly illustrated. They hold secrets of the past and make it possible to “map-travel” through time. Some mid-18th century maps show individual houses and the names of the person who built them. Opening up an 1866 map of Danby, I can find where the Beers family had houses, where the Beardsley family lived, as well as the Jennings, Gundermans, and others. Another early map shows original Indian trails, another shows cemeteries.

Copies of three Danby maps are displayed in Town Hall; one dated 1853, one from 1866 and one of Danby today. But there are other old maps and these the History Group is working to track down so there will be actual historic maps as well as a list of sources for maps, all in one place. If you are interested in joining this map quest, or any other town history endeavor, connect with our Town Clerk, Pamela Goddard at [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us] or 607.277.4788.

The Danby History Group will have a booth at Danby Fun Day on July 10, so look for us there! ❀

## MIRACLE-GRO A FARMERS' MARKET

Submitted by Christel Trutmann

After months of digging through insurance issues and the pros and cons of every plausible location, the Farmers' Market planners have dirt under our fingernails and that sense of satisfaction you feel when the seeds are all tucked into the soil and you're hoping they'll take root and bear fruit. Enough with the gardening metaphors, here's our plan for the market this season....

This summer, the Danby Farmers' Market will launch at Fun Day and run every Thursday thereafter until the end of August. It will feature weekly fruits and veggies, music, and workshops on topics like backyard poultry-keeping, canning, and mushroom cultivation. Look for a finalized schedule of each week's events in the July Danby News and at Fun Day, where you'll be able to sign up for the upcoming workshops and/or a weekly Email reminder.

All growers who want to sell produce can do so on a consignment basis through the Cooperative Extension youth stand (you grow it, they sell it and give you the profit), but may only sell as an individual vendor if they can show proof of general liability insurance. Insurance has been a headache. Anyone wishing to contribute ideas? It's never too late!

Questions, suggestions, and enthusiastic enlistments to [ctrutmann@gmail.com] or 607.342.1062. ❀

## WIND IN MY BACK YARD

Submitted by Eric Banford

In January, I was appointed to be Danby's representative to the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council (EMC).

The EMC advises the TC Legislature on environmental issues. Because of my interest in bringing renewable energy projects to Tompkins County, I joined the EMC's Energy Subcommittee.

You may have heard that the Town of Enfield accepted an application for a 50 Megawatt (MW) wind farm. This will involve 25 wind turbines, each generating 2.5MW of electricity. This is enough power for ALL of the homes in Tompkins County!

John Rancich is the developer for this project, and he has said that he would like to see this project owned by the community, in whatever form that might take. I talked to him about it, and he is at the point of seek-

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## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

The Danby Community Library Open House and Book Sale was a huge success! Thank you to all who helped and participated.

Did you know that our volunteers were thanked at the Tompkins County Public Library Volunteer Recognition Event? Two volunteers (Dawn Parks and Beatrice Hogben) logged in more than 100 hours!

Our featured author this month is Jodi Picoult and we have many of her books, including her newest one: House Rules. Her web site is [[jodipicoult.com](http://jodipicoult.com)].

I went to the Danby Plant Exchange today what a great community service! Thank you to Dan and everyone who helps. We have many gardening books available for check out.

Summer Books for relaxed reading:

- Allen Garden Spells
- Brett Body on the Beach
- Deaver Garden of Beasts
- Edwards How to Be Cool
- Hilderbrand Summer Affair
- Hower A Garden of Demons
- Karasyov Summer Intern
- Keiller Lake Wobegon Summer
- Kleypas Secrets of a Summer Night
- Macomber Susannah's Garden
- McEwan On a Chesil Beach
- O'Connell Shell Game
- Patterson The Beach Road
- Patterson Lifeguard
- Patterson Swimsuit
- Peters The Summer of the Danes
- Powell Riptide
- Rice The Deep Blue Sea for Beginners
- Rice Summer Child and Summer Roses
- Shreve Body Surfing
- Spencer That Camden Summer
- Woods Swimming to Catalina
- Weiner Best Friends Forever



## SUMMER GIRL SCOUTING

Submitted by Lori Robbins

Newfield's Summer 2010 Girl Scout Program is open to girls currently in Kindergarten through grade 12, whether they are currently registered as scouts or would like to try "scouts" out.

The summer program will commence on Tuesday, June 29 will meet, 6-7:30pm, for six consecutive Tuesdays (June 29, July 6, July 13 (location TBA), July 20, July 27 and Aug 3), mostly at the Newfield Methodist Church.

Activities to include outdoor cooking, hiking, rock and fossil identification, and first aid.

Sign up by June 22. For more info please contact Lori Robbins, Registrar, at 607.564.7031 or [[lorianne3666@aol.com](mailto:lorianne3666@aol.com)]. There is a \$12 registration fee for girls who are not currently registered. ❁

### *Wind in My Back Yard, continued from page 9—*

ing investors...if no local financing steps up. I attended the May 4 TC Legislature meeting and made a personal plea for the County to look into this. I am also pursuing the idea of towns issuing bonds to own the project.

There are examples of community-owned wind farms in the US and around the world, why not here in Tompkins County? Our energy needs to come from somewhere, why not our own back yard? A recent study demonstrated that locally owned projects like this generate five times more revenue than absentee-owned projects. For a project this size, that could work out to about \$4 million a year!

We need clean energy, we need local jobs, this seems like an opportunity we can't pass up. What do you think? Could the Town of Danby own its own wind turbine? Are there reasons we shouldn't? If you would like to help with this project or have personal feedback, let me know: 607.277.0183 or [[brew\\_bird@yahoo.com](mailto:brew_bird@yahoo.com)]. ❁

## JENNINGS POND LIFE GUARDS

Submitted by Amy Cusimano

Jennings Pond is looking for life guards for the 2010 season. Part time positions are available. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older and hold the following certifications:

- \* Lifeguarding/ First Aid
- \* CPR/AED for Lifeguards
- \* Waterfront Lifeguarding

Jennings Pond is part of the NYS Parks Department/ Buttermilk Falls but is operated under contract. It is sponsored by funding from the Town of Danby. All NYS Parks Department rules and regulations are followed.

Life Guarding at Jennings Pond is a great experience for someone who appreciates the natural beauty and likes to work with children. It's a great first time lifeguarding experience...to get your toes wet! Please contact me at [[amymc@twcny.rr.com](mailto:amymc@twcny.rr.com)]. ❁

## Community Council Youth Programs Summer 2010

# Danby Youth Flyer

### Farmers Market

Thursdays, July and  
August, 3:30-7pm

Kick-off at Fun Day

This program is an opportunity  
for youth not yet fourteen years of  
age to volunteer, and for two employed

youth to spend time at a Farmer's Market. They will sell produce, learn the ins and outs of running a produce stand and other skills that will help them get jobs later on. Each market day, the group will also participate in nutrition lessons and prepare the produce they are selling into samples to entice purchasers.

### Identified Flying Objects (IFOs) and Rocketry

July 19-22, 9am-Noon

Danby Park

IFOs are back, by popular demand. Combined with the opportunity to create your own rocket and launch it, this is a program not to be missed! An exploration in science and flying, the group will learn how Mentos react with soda pop and how to design their own boomerang. The finale of the program will be the family-friendly rocket launch.

### Team Fun/Service Group

July 6-8, 9am-noon; July 10, all of Fun Day  
meet at Town Hall,

The annual Team Fun group will be expanded into a several day service program. With volunteering possibilities ranging from Jennings Pond trail work, to working in the Town Hall or maintaining areas used often during Primitive Pursuits, this group will discover what it takes to maintain a trail or keep a Town Hall tidy. The program will culminate at Danby Fun Day, when the group will run a stand of games and kid friendly activities. ❀

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: 607.272.2292.x225 or [ljs257@cornell.edu].

### Summer Employment

Thanks to budget changes, this summer's opportunities look different from those in years past. There will not be a Danby Work Crew but there will be a couple of paid positions available elsewhere.

The Farmer's Market will hire two youth over the age of fourteen to run the produce stand. Youth with prior market experience will be given preference. Contact Laura Smith with employment interest. Also consider participating in the Team Fun service program being offered the first week of June or volunteer at the Farmer's Market in July and August (details below) as a way to contribute to your community.

### Summer Programs

#### Campfire Cooking

August 9-12, 10am-1pm

West Danby, location TBA

This program is a great opportunity for kids to learn different ways to cook a meal, give them a chance to be creative with fresh ingredients, all while being active and in the outdoors. Cooking in a group also requires a lot of teamwork, cooperation, and problem solving. We will make a variety of meals on campfires and the youth will do all of the prep work and tend the fire. The group will learn about dutch ovens, roasting techniques, and experiment with pudgie pie recipes.

## NATURE AND JENNINGS POND

Submitted by Julie Kulik

*In June as many as a dozen species may burst their buds on a single day. No man can heed all of these anniversaries; no man can ignore all of them.*—Aldo Leopold

Returning this summer, Julie Nichols Kulik, a local naturalist and a teacher at Earth Arts in Ithaca, will be conducting four Family Programs at Jennings Pond.

Come on down! Programs are free and open to people of all ages. Let's be outside together and discover the

beauty and bounty at the Pond. Four Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm: June 30, July 7, 14, and 21. The rain date for all four events is August 4.

June 30: Using Local Clay—processing clay and making small pieces, to be fired at Earth Arts and returned to participants on later weeks.

July 7: Animals of Jennings Pond

July 14: Birds of Jennings Pond

July 21: Plants of Jennings Pond

All programs will include stories, games, and activities that connect us with our local plants and animals. ❀

Postal Patron

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Jun 2 • Wed  
7pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church  
**Art Workshop**
- Jun 3 • Thu  
6pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church  
**Danby Seniors' Meeting**
- Jun 7 • Mon  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Town Board Agenda Meeting**
- Jun 8 • Tue  
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall  
**Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting**
- Jun 9 • Wed  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall—Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting
- Jun 10 • Thu  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Danby Community Council Meeting**
- Jun 12 • Sat  
🏛️ All along NYS Rt.34  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rt.34 Yard Sale**
- Jun 14 • Mon  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Town Board Regular Meeting**  
7:30pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall  
**Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting**
- Jun 15 • Tue  
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall  
**Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting**
- Jun 16 • Wed  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Planning Board Meeting**  
7pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church  
**Art Workshop**
- Jun 19 • Sat  
11am 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Danby History Group Meeting**
- Jun 23 • Wed  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall—Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting

- July 1 • Thu  
1pm 🏛️ The Merrit's Pavilion  
**Danby Seniors' Meeting**  
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
**Danby Community Council Meeting**
- Jul 10, 2010 • 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  
Saturdays, 10am–Noon, 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 Community Park Association 🏛️ Town Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7pm.
- Danby Food Pantry 🏛️ Federated Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm
- Military Family Support Group 🏛️ Federated Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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