



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## LOOKING DOWN FROM ABOVE

Darby Kiley, Planner, Tompkins County Planning Department

On August 23, representatives of the Tompkins County Council of Governments Gas Drilling Task Force (TC-COG-GDTF) presented the result of efforts by its *Mapping Work Group* (MWG) to predict how gas drilling might look in Tompkins County and, specifically, in the Town of Danby.

Because the MWG is neither a leaseholder or a permitting agency, its calculations and the resulting predictions and maps are based on several assumptions:

- that shale gas extraction will be accomplished using multiple, horizontally drilled wells originating from a single one well pad. Estimates range from 8-16 wells per pad.
- the NYS DEC estimates that spacing units (that is, the area associated with a single well pad) will be one square mile (640 acres). The use of smaller spacing units could yield more well pads.

Danby, with its 53 square miles, would have a maximum of 53 well pads *if* its entire area was leased, *if* the well pads could be uniformly distributed, and *if* there were no allowances for setbacks (due to roads, water resources, etc.). That “uniform distribution” is pictured in Figure 1.

Figure 2 is an aerial photo of the central Danby hamlet, with images of actual well pads superimposed. It provides a sense of how the well pads might look on the landscape,

and more clearly illustrates the separation between pads and existing natural features and house. Both of these figures are hypothetical images and are used solely as an illustration; they do not indicate any guess at actual well pad placement.

A better sense of the actual number of well pads and their location can be gained by incorporating some in-

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## DCC CONCERT: KLEZMER!

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

The next free concert in the Danby Community Council’s concert series will be a performance by the klezmer trio *Cayuga Klezmer Kapelye* on Sunday, September 18, 3pm in the Gazebo by the Danby Town Hall (or indoors if the weather is uncooperative).

The *Kapelye* (“band”) features Ryan Zawel on trombone and tuba, Bob Alexander on accordian, and Rima Grunes on violin. They’ve all performed locally with various klezmer ensembles, but this will be Cayuga Klezmer Kapelye’s inaugural concert.

Klezmer music evolved from the ritual and celebratory music of the Ashkenazic Jews of Eastern Europe. The 1881–1924 wave of immigration brought it to America. A dynamic revival in klezmer music has been underway since the 1970s, and it has entered the cultural main-

stream. It is lots of fun, and you are invited to dance to it if you feel moved to do so.

The next concert in the series, on Sunday October 16, will feature folk music from fiddler Laura Orshaw and guitarist Tony Watt. More information on this concert will be in the October Danby News.

The concert series receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. ♣

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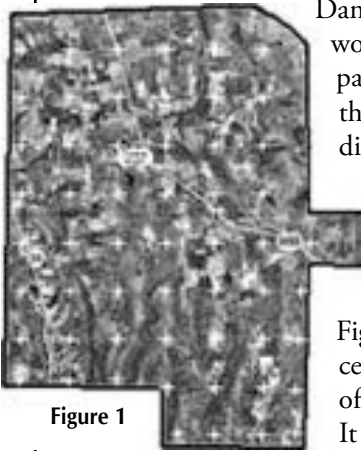


Figure 1

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Submitted by Ted Crane

**Submission Guidelines:** Visit the  
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a look at the "Danby News" section,  
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thinking of sending something for  
publication in the Danby News, there's  
two documents to read: the *Guidelines*  
and the *Submission Guidelines*.

The first document describes what is,  
and isn't acceptable material for publi-  
cation. If it's acceptable, we'll make an  
effort to include it; *generally, we print  
everything we receive!*

The second document gives some hints  
about how to prepare a submission.  
Following these guidelines makes the  
editing and layout easier.

A very terse version of these guidelines  
is presented in the column on the left  
side of this page.

**PUBLIC ACCESS INTERNET**

The Town Board has approved a Pub-  
lic Access Internet Facility in Town  
Hall. A wireless hotspot is already  
operating—indoors and in the park-  
ing lot. If you'd like to use it, register  
at the Town Clerk's office to get the  
password.

Within a few weeks, desktop comput-  
ers will be available for visitors who  
don't bring a wireless-enabled device.

**TOWN OF DANBY  
WEB SITE**

Have you visited [town.danby.ny.us]?

There's a lot of information about the  
Town of Danby on that site. You'll  
find meeting agendas, minutes, and  
relevant documents. You can see the  
list of happenings in Danby. And,  
links to Danby-related web sites! ❁

## TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

### Hunters Helping the Hungry

August 15 was the first day for license sales for "Super Sportsman" hunters and to apply for "Doe Management Permits." Many local hunters choose to purchase their hunting and fishing licenses from the Town Clerk's office. This year, I'm encouraging Danby hunters to make a donation to the New York State Venison Donation Coalition. It's easy to support this effort which helps provide high protein meat to the hungry. Simply ask

the clerk to check the donation box and a small fee of \$1 will be added to the license fee.



In these tough economic times, more and more families are feeling the crunch and being left hungry. The non-profit Venison Donation Coalition coordinates efforts of hunters, deer processors, food banks, and other individuals to add locally sourced food to New York State food banks. Ground venison is distributed through

food pantries, soup kitchens, and senior living centers. One deer can provide approximately 160 servings of highly nutritious ground venison to those in need. In 2010, 6,181 pounds of venison was donated to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and distributed to local food banks.

For every dollar donated to the Venison Donation Coalition, 95¢ is used towards processing the venison. All donations through D.E.C.A.L.S. (the DEC's hunting and fishing license sales system) are deposited directly into the Venison Donation Fund. Donations can also be accepted through its secure website, [[venisondonation.org](http://venisondonation.org)], or by check payable to Venison Donation Coalition, Inc., 415 West Morris Street, Bath, NY 14810. For more information, call 1.866.862.DEER.

### Summer Intern...

In mid-August, we were sad to say "goodbye" to our summer intern, Raven. We celebrated Raven's birthday in late July and watched the growing confidence of this quiet young woman. A dedicated worker, Raven helped prepare mailings, weed our flower beds, and organize our files of local laws. Her assistance with weeding out duplicate material from files in the vault was much appreciated. Perhaps most importantly, she gained useful

office skills and learned about local government as seen through the prism of activities in the Town Clerk's office. We wish Raven the best as she returns to her home schooling.

### Hours...

Autumn office hours for the Danby Town Clerk are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am-5pm, and Saturday mornings from 10am to Noon. As always we are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. And yes, the chocolate kiss bowl remains well supplied.

Questions? Call 607.277.4788 or send Email to [[townclerk@town.danby.ny.us](mailto:townclerk@town.danby.ny.us)]. ❁

## SEEKING APPLICANTS PLANNING BOARD VACANCY

Applications are sought for a vacancy on the Town of Danby Planning Board. This position is to fill the remainder of a term which is set to expire December 31, 2011. It is anticipated that the person who is appointed to this seat will be reappointed for a seven year term, beginning January 1, 2012.

Members of the Planning Board are appointed by the Town Board and generally serve for seven years. The Planning Board meets once a month, at 7pm on the fourth Thursday. Minutes of Planning Board meetings are posted on the Town of Danby web site, and are a good place to learn about activities of this Board.

Persons interested in serving on this Board should fill out an application (available at the Town Clerk's office) or write a letter of intent listing professional, educational, or other experience that would assist the applicant in serving and answering the following questions: Why you are interested in this position, and What you hope to accomplish in this position? Include contact information including your mailing address, Email address, and telephone number. Applications are due by October 1, 2011 and interviews will be held by the Town Board during its October meetings.

The Town Board will also be seeking applications for the Board of Zoning Appeals, the West Danby Board of Water Commissioners, and for residents to sit on a Board of Assessment Review. More information about each of these appointments is available at the office of the Town Clerk at the Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca NY 14850 or by Email, [[townclerk@town.danby.ny.us](mailto:townclerk@town.danby.ny.us)]. ❁

**Looking Down From Above,  
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formation about setbacks and actual gas leases. Also, the current NYS proposal regarding gas drilling seems to exclude well pads from State Forests.

A partial, but reasonably accurate, map of leasing information is available online from the Marcellus Accountability Project, [tcgasmapi.org]. Using this information, the MWG performed a simple visual exercise. It shows that the area occupied by leased land, plus land that could be incorporated via compulsory integration, is sufficient for approximately 12 well pads within the Town of Danby (again, assuming 640-acre spacing units). An average of 10 wells per pad would yield 120 gas wells.

The guess at the approximate locations of the 12 well pads is shown in Figure 3. Please remember that this is an hypothetical illustration, based solely on the estimated concentration of leased land.

Using information gathered by Greenplan, Inc., [greenplan.org], the MWG produced an “Impacts Table,” that predicts the 10-year, Tompkins-County-wide impact of 2,100 wells drilled on 210 well pads (counting the 12 pads in Danby).

Site Disturbance	1,848 acres
Lost Farmland	480 acres
Water Consumed	10.5 billion gallons
Chemicals Used	350,700 tons
Loaded Truck Trips	2.5 million

**Take-home Messages:**

- We can learn from Pennsylvania’s experience, and the current activity level is still small-scale compared to the drilling that is planned for the future in Pennsylvania.
- In addition to the actual drilling, other activities will change the landscape: gravel mining, pipelines, storage areas, access roads, and compressor stations.
- It’s a lot of trucks. The Towns and County need proper road protection measures.
- If there is a well pad near you, you can expect industrial activity for many years, because wells may be re-fractured when production drops.

- Although each well employs hundreds of individuals during drilling and hydrofracturing, many of them work for only a few hours or days at a given site, and then move on to another site. Each well creates the equivalent of about 12 full time jobs during its development. Given our estimate of wells drilled/year, that would equal approximately 4% of the County’s current employment of 65,700. It is unclear how many Tompkins County residents would fill these jobs.

- Approximately 6% of Tompkins County’s population has signed leases, but 40% of the land in the county is leased.

There are a variety of educational resources available online to learn about shale gas drilling and its impacts. A link to the entire MWG presentation is on Danby’s web site, [town.danby.ny.us/GasDrill1].



Figure 2: Danby Central Hamlet with hypothetical well pads at 640-acre (1 mile) spacing.



Figure 3: Potential gas well locations in Danby. Illustration based solely on the estimated concentration of leased land.

Base map courtesy Marcellus Accountability Project.

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

So what to do? This article needs writing, my basement wants cleaning, my woodpile isn't getting big enough fast enough, and all that. It's sort of a, "Go get 'em Ric," kind of day. On the other hand, I see the bees on my corn.

What a sound to listen to, standing in a field of corn when it is tasseling and about a billion bees are buzzing all around. As I watch to see which direction they are coming from, I find another good reason to become distracted: the Morning Glories have gotten off track. They have this thing for light and I have in mind a trellised project. I want them to grow my way, but they have something more basic in mind. They are not staying on track.

Like the Morning Glory wanting one thing when I want another, maybe it's all about the effort, and not about the effect. Maybe what you do is more important than what it achieves. Or, maybe, it's just how long we have until the the first frost.

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## PERIODIC REPORT

Submitted by Frank P. Proto, County Legislator

As the County 2012 budget comes together it is important for constituents in the district to understand that no decision will be easy as a result of the restructuring at the State level and the newly enacted Tax Cap that will add further restrictions to the County budget, and in addition the budgetary changes seen at the Federal level affecting a variety of programs. Although the County has been able to weather previous restrictions on budgets, this year will undoubtedly affect many of the programs and services currently offered to residents.

As residents of the County, I would appreciate any ideas, suggestions, or hearing concerns you may have regarding the budget preparation. I am working with the Public Information Officer to establish dates to hold one or more budget review meeting(s) in September in a location in Danby and/or Caroline to offer you an opportunity to ask questions and offer advice, which will be announced in the near future. If you'd like to discuss the budget or any specific programs further, contact me at Cannonbrook Farms, 607.277.4875 or [fproto@tompkins-co.org] to set up a time. Please enjoy the remaining days of summer, and thanks for all your help-we'll need every bit of it. ☘

I head back to the task where the basement wanted cleaning, and I find some neat stuff down there. Old stuff, stuff I had written about my goals for the Town of Danby for the next two years....

Some of this stuff, like the Health Care Co-operative, the salt shed, new trucks, broadband capability and new lighting inside the Town Hall, a paved parking lot outside of it, are now completed, worthwhile projects.

This Spring's tornado touchdown temporarily took center stage, with its emergency management concerns. Land use planning, certainly, has sprung to the foreground of topics of interest, along with our aquifer. Road laws are still hot topics.

The Danby Youth Programs and the SPCA contract are like Morning Glories, growing every which way, and the Danby Trails might blossom into a revitalized summer job program. The Farmer's Market was a little like the corn thing that sidetracked me.

We have an ambitious schedule for the September and October Town Board meetings, including public hearings and a vote on banning gas drilling. Our perennial white elephant, the budget, will be in the room during October. How do we keep paying for all these things we set up as goals? The cost of completing these projects remains a challenge.

Quality of life is a wonderful thing, but be careful for what you wish for, you may have to pay for it.

As always, if you know of an issue the Town should address, please contact me, [supervisor@town.danby.ny.us]. ☘

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## W.DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak

This summer, while we were reading meters, one of our customers informed us of an unusual and fairly recent surfacing of water.

The conversation started casually, with the customer describing a spring that had recently started surfacing water. He was going to have to trench and divert it. Well, that really caught Carl Seamon's interest, and he asked if we could sample the water. We did, and found chlorine in it—that meant that it was a municipal water leak and the customer would not have to trench or divert. Instead the water line needed to be repaired.

It is difficult to know exactly how much water leaked during this incident, but we do know that our daily consumption is down roughly 10,000 gallons per day since the line was repaired.

The reason I am writing this is to alert you, our customers, to watch for unusual water surfacing on your property. If you spot any, let Carl (607.564.7395), Gene (607.564.9554), or me (607.564.0469) know if you have some that you want tested.

Other WDWD news is that the Town Board approved the use of \$3,000 of our budget to pay for an update to our most recent T.G. Miller engineering study, in order to upgrade our water storage tank. Work on this will proceed once that study is updated.

Don't forget to look for unusual water surfacing on your property and it would also help to repair any other leaks around your house, like faucets and toilets. ❧

## SEPTEMBER / CHANGES IN THE AIR

Submitted by Jim Reagan

You may have noticed that the birds do a lot of "hanging out" at this time of year. Scores of barn swallows can be seen just sitting together on telephone wires and twittering on and on about who knows what, and flocks of starlings wheel and whirl about in total abandon.

The birds must be sighing a huge sigh of relief (if, in fact, birds sigh at all) to have all of the laborious nesting obligations out of the way and to have the time to congregate with their fellows to discuss this last season's failures and successes and go over plans for the upcoming migration south.

Parent birds, no doubt, take great pride in seeing this year's offspring getting on so well and assuming its place

## DANBY LAND BANK COOP UPDATE

Submitted by Elizabeth Keokosky

The description of a portable pelletizer, now being operated in Hudson County, generated a lot of interest during the July 20 meeting of the Danby Land Bank Cooperative. We tried to get them to come here, but they felt that they were committed to their own three-county area. However, another group, the Pocono Northeast RC&D Council from Pennsylvania, is also operating a mobile pelletizer and is possibly interested in coming to Danby. They will estimate expenses and let us know.

A visit from a portable pelletizer would be an ideal demo for biomass publicity in our area. It's also a very relevant application for the Land Bank, since members might be able to heat their homes from their own fields.

Locally, Community Biomass Energy has agreed to buy land between Newfield and Danby, on Route 34/96. Their initial interest is to distribute wood bricks but, at this point, they are thinking of the long term: selling minimally processed, locally sourced biomass (wood chips or chopped grass) to local mid-scale commercial/institutional end users.

The Danby Land Bank has joined with other New York State grass interest groups (now referred to as "Agricultural Biomass Interest Group) to lobby for agricultural biomass-related issues including fuel standards, emissions testing, and multi-fuel appliances that burn wood and grass. Visit [[grassenergy.wordpress.com/](http://grassenergy.wordpress.com/)].

Think cold! Chickens from the *Chicken Sustainable Tompkins* minigrant project are now in freezers! ❧

in the flock and with the species at large; still, they are much relieved that the obsessive, compulsive nature of nesting is behind them with all of its tedious activity and high stress.

I would not be surprised if the subject of cats and crows was not a common topic of conversation during these periods of confabulation, as there is a decided excitability in tone and increase in volume from time to time among the feathered set perched on those wires. You can hear it if you listen.

Our cat, Mickey, is an avid admirer of avian delicacies and no doubt has been "discussed" more than once. As for the crows, their huge appetites and bacchanalian in-

—continued ➔

## PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ADDRESS GAS DRILLING LEGISLATION

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

In the Hollywood version of legislative activity, the process of passing laws sometimes appears simple: a handsome politician stands up to propose action, the bad guys scowl, the *yeas* and *nays* are counted, and the newspapers publish the result. Nothing could be further from reality; when the Town of Danby enacts a law, it must follow strict rules of procedure mandated by the State of New York.

Once the legislation is formulated (in itself, a detailed and time-consuming process), neighboring Towns and bodies must be notified and given time to comment, official notices must be published, the public must be allowed an opportunity—a public hearing—to present written or verbal comments, the environmental significance of the legislation must be determined (this requires comments and a public hearing of its own) and voted upon, and then, finally, “the vote” can be counted.

The Town Board is currently considering two legislative items: an Amendment to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, and an Amendment to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance.

As of this writing, the Town has scheduled Public Hearings for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment at 6:30pm and 6:45pm on Monday, September 12, 2011 (first, the environmental review hearing and then, the hearing on the Amendment itself) in the Danby Town Hall. Public Hearings for the Zoning Ordinance Amendment will begin at 7:30pm and 7:45pm on the same date.

### **Changes in the Air-, continued from page 6**

clinations are anathema to the majority of nesting song birds.

The birds must relish these last few days in the company of their cohorts, getting caught up and resting before the arduous journey to warmer climes. They must ponder the challenges of weather and predators ahead

### **The Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

Danby’s Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2003 and hasn’t been updated since then. The document guides the governance of the Town: it provides motivation and justification for the laws that the Town wants to adopt, but does not actually create any laws or rules.

The proposed Amendment supports efforts to preserve and protect the health and welfare of the Town and its citizens by providing for orderly and controlled growth. It introduces clear definitions of “industrial” activities, and explains why prohibiting and regulating high impact industrial and commercial uses and operations (including, but not limited to high volume hydraulic fracturing) will preserve and protect the rural, small town character of the Town and promote the public health and welfare.

### **Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance**

This Amendment updates the existing Zoning Ordinance by clarifying the allowed uses of land in the Town and by distinguishing between “light” uses and “heavy impact” commercial and industrial operations. It defines terms describing industrial uses, such as “High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing” and prohibits natural gas and oil exploration and production, along with related activities, within the Town.

For more information please contact me at 607.277.4788 or [[townclerk@town.danby.ny.us](mailto:townclerk@town.danby.ny.us)]. Written comments may be submitted by Email, mailed to 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, or faxed to 607.277.0559. ♣

but look forward to palm trees, jasmine, and bougainvillea; of sunshine and warm cloudless days without the pressures of reproduction.

I’ll try and not resent our winged amigos when I am scraping a frozen windshield on a cold, dark winter morning in Danby...while they are waking up in a palm tree on the beach in Costa Rica. I’ll try. ♣



Jennings Pond Sunset

(Photo: Ted Crane)

## DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 1, 6pm in the Danby Church. A dish-to-pass dinner will follow a short business meeting. We'll also be treated to some special musical entertainment!

There's still room on the bus for the September 28 trip to the Merry-Go-Round Theater to see the *Marvelous Wonderettes*, followed by dinner at the Springside Inn. Call Ted & Connie, 607.272.3009 to sign up.

In October—that's October 6—we'll go to our "winter hours", meeting at Noon. We always meet on the first Thursday of the month. All Danby seniors 55 and older are welcome to attend. ❁

## SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Mark your calendar! The Coalition for Safe Medication Disposal has set the date for its next Safe Medication Disposal Day. This collection event, which gives residents the chance to safely dispose of household medications that are no longer needed, will be held Saturday, October 1.

The collection will occur at three locations:

- the TCAT garage, just off Route 13 on Willow Avenue in Ithaca, 9am-3pm.
- the Dryden Fire Department (Neptune Hose Co. #1), 9-10:30am.
- the Lansing Town Hall, 11:30am-1pm.

More than 3,300 pounds of unwanted household pharmaceuticals have been collected during the Coalition's three previous collection events.

For more information, call 211 or contact Ed Gottlieb, [egottlieb@cityofithaca.org] or 607.273.8381. ❁

## AT THE DFC...

The Annual Steak Dinner is happening on Saturday, September 17! There will be two seatings, at 5:30pm and 6:30pm, and carry-out will be available if you can't stay.

The menu includes a charcoal grilled NY Strip Steak, Salad, Green Beans, Roasted Garlic Potatoes, Beverage, and a Brownie Sundae. Yum! \$12, advanced sales only. See a church Member or call the church at 607.272.1687. ❁

## WHO IS INTERESTED?

Submitted by Gay Huddle

My friend Shirley Herson from Danby Road contacted me with a great idea. She attends a chair yoga class at Lifelong in Ithaca, and her instructor Caryn Sheckler has offered to hold classes in Danby if there is interest.

Caryn received her yoga teacher training and certification in India in 2004. Chair yoga is geared for seniors; it incorporates yoga movement in a gentler and more age-appropriate style. The body of the class is comprised of exercises that are mostly done sitting in a chair, working muscles from the feet to the head.

For more information, please visit Caryn's web site, [ithacakundaliniyoga.com].

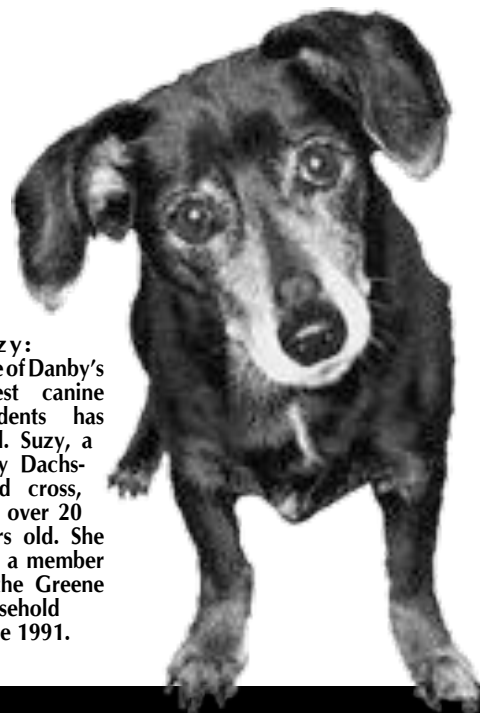
Please contact me, [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or 607.273.6530, if you would be interested in attending chair yoga classes in Danby, starting in September. Thank you. ❁

## AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marvin Eastman

I would like to thank all of you who either stopped by or called in regards to the benefit for Charlie Hart. Unfortunately, the event was canceled after Charlie passed away.

On September 10, we will be having a Roast Chicken Dinner to kick off our Fall Dinner Season. Dinner runs 5:30-7pm and will consist of roast chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, a veggie, a salad, bread, and coffee, all for \$10. ❁



**Suzy:** One of Danby's oldest canine residents has died. Suzy, a stray dachshund cross, was over 20 years old. She was a member of the Greene household since 1991.



## MOONLIGHT ON JENNINGS POND

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

Come join other Danby residents on Saturday, September 10 for a moonlight kayaking adventure on Jennings Pond, sponsored by Danby's Conservation Advisory Council.

*Puddledockers* will be supplying the kayaks and all equipment and a lesson. We will meet at the pond at 5pm, have a lesson and then kayak the pond under a nearly full moon until 8pm or 8:30pm.

Reservations for kayaks should be made directly with *Puddledockers* at 607.273.0096. Prices are as follows: standard kayak: \$20, tandem kayak: \$25 (plus tax). The number of kayaks is limited (by the trailer's capacity) to a total of ten kayaks and/or tandems. Rentals will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. However, the event is open and free to all Danby residents (and friends) with a kayak or a canoe.

There will be a small bonfire. Wood is being donated by J&K Firewood of South Danby Road, and Gould Colman will build and tend the fire. Hot dogs and marshmallows will be available. Feel free to bring your own food and drinks but, please, no alcoholic beverages.

The event sponsored by the Conservation Advisory Council, and members of the Council will be available to discuss land preservation in Danby. Whether you want to boat on the pond, sit and enjoy the view, eat your dinner, or learn about land preservation and how it can help you, come enjoy the event. The bathrooms will be open.

Contact me for more information, 607.589.4031 or [\[rondaroaring@hotmail.com\]](mailto:rondaroaring@hotmail.com). ❀

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

Believe it or not, elections are not far away. The entire town is invited to a *Meet the Candidates* event at the Danby Fire Hall on Saturday, September 10, Noon-2pm.

We have reserved the entire facility—inside and out—and would love to have all Danby residents spend one of the last days of summer at this community dish-to-pass event.

All candidates, irrespective of affiliation, are invited to attend. Bring your favorite summer dish and talk

## END-OF-SUMMER SOCIAL CALENDAR

Good Times, Good Food, Good Neighbors

### West Danby Picnic

Make it a weekend! Be sure to visit the West Danby Picnic on Saturday, August 27, Noon, at the Hatch Pavilion (corner of Short and Brown). Your dish-to-pass will complement the provided beverages. Music by *Rosie's Small Engine Repair*.

### Bald Hill Block Party and Pie Contest

In the annual round of end-of-summer parties, the Bald Hill event features its unique Pie Contest, with winners chosen for the best adult pie and best kids pie.

So, Bald-Hill-and-environs folks, be there on Sunday, August 28, 4pm at Jennings Pond. Bring a dish-to-pass, something to grill, your own place settings, a neighbor (hint: spread the word), and if you like, bring a home-made pie!

Lemonade, a grill, chairs and tables will be provided. A lifeguard will be on duty.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Slow Lane Between-the-Birthdays Party

Smack-dab between Ted's and Pamela's Birthday is the national celebration for Labor Day. Join your neighbors for the Second Annual Slow Lane Between-the-Birthdays Party on Saturday, September 3. It's an all-day affair; we'll be there from Noon to dusk. If you like, you can come early to help set up, or stay to help clean up at the end.

We provide the place (Slow Lane is at the corner of Comfort and Lieb Roads; head down the dirt part of Comfort 'til you see the sign, park, and walk up the driveway), a few tables, maybe a few chairs, and maybe an Igloo full of something cold to drink. The place includes miles of walking trails, if you're so inclined.

You bring yourself, your neighbors, a dish-to-pass, games to play, instruments to jam with, and sturdy shoes to protect your feet.

Rain date on Sunday, September 4. For info, contact Ted or Pamela, 607.273.8678 or [\[slowlane\\_invite@tedcrane.com\]](mailto:slowlane_invite@tedcrane.com). ❀

to candidates about your interests and concerns for Danby. A bathroom is available.

Sponsored by the Danby Democrats. Contact me for info, [\[rondaroaring@hotmail.com\]](mailto:rondaroaring@hotmail.com) or 607.589.4031. ❀

## LIFE IN DANBY

*This month's observations from Danbyites*

Submitted by Julie Kulik

This is a very busy time in the woods and fields! Some wonderful quotes came my way through Emails, and here they are!

“Hearings’ more than sightings...walking in the field after the gracious rainfall we have had, everything out there seems full of joy at the newly-found softness and moisture. There is much singing among the insects!”

“How about a non-sighting? Did you notice how few Japanese Beetles there are this year? It’s not that there were no grubs, because I was seeing them in the spring digging. They apparently succumbed to the wet spring/early summer. I’m guessing it gave predators (fungi, perhaps) the upper hand.”

Reported findings this month. See you in the woods!

**Mammals:** coyote, woodchucks, feral cats, numerous mouse nests I’ve cleaned out of the tractor’s engine compartment, lots of coyote sings, some real and some probable bear scat, a man walking a llama down a road, red fox.

**Birds:** broad winged hawks and red shouldered hawks gyring and calling, barn swallows nurturing some late broods (earlier broods fledged), indigo buntings, ruby throated humming birds, cedar wax wings, the great horned owl was around several mornings, raven.

**Amphibians/Reptiles:** water snakes, many snapping turtles, milk snake.

**Insects:** gigantic flies (2 to 3 inch length of body with folded wings, four wings, transparent (so I assume they’re not moths, even though they come to the light at night); noisy suckers, when they beat the mesh of the window screen).

**Plants:** helleborine orchids in bloom in the woods.

Please contact me with your observations at [jnk54@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292 x222. ☘



The Cayuga Chimes and Ice Cream made for a big crowd at the DFC event, “Sundae on Wednesday”.  
Photo: Ted Crane

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Remember, Summer doesn’t end until the Autumnal Equinox in September, so you still have a month to read all those summer books you’ve been planning to finish.

You can return books any time the Town Hall is open. Just put them in the “little schoolhouse” book return. DVDs can come back a lot sooner than the one month due date—please—they are in big demand!

Congratulations to our patrons: we have a lot fewer overdues these days. You might receive a gentle reminder from our volunteer and, if you do, please respond promptly! When you come in, make sure we have your Email address so communication is easier.

New in the Danby Community Library:

- New lighting in the Town Hall!
- Adult Fiction and Picture Books from Tompkins County Public Library.
- The Help and Unbroken.
- Danby Bicentennial Afghans at a reduced price, \$15.

Enjoy the rest of your summer...and see you at the Library. ☘

## DOTSON PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

The Danby Community Park Association is excited to announce an upcoming fundraising concert and BBQ, to be held on Saturday, October 15, 4-8:30pm at The Oasis on Danby Road. Look for details in next month’s Danby Area News or on our Facebook page.

For those of you who would like to walk the newly-completed one-mile loop trail, but prefer not to do it alone, a regular walking club is being started. We’ll meet at the pavilion on Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 9am unless there is a thunderstorm or heavy rain. For more information, please contact me at 607.272.7189. Days and times may change according to peoples’ needs.

The next trail work day is Saturday, September 3 at 10am (rain date is Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>, same time). We plan to widen a narrow part of the trail, and possibly build walkways over two boggy areas. We are in need of some locust planks or logs for this project. To volunteer or to donate logs, please give me a call.

Questions? [dotsonpark@gmail.com]. ☘

## Community Council Youth Programs Fall 2011

# Danby Youth Flyer

A Note from Julie: The Danby children and I have had a wonderful summer together, rambling around Jennings Pond, helping out at the Danby Fun Day, going on the Floating Classroom on Cayuga Lake, going to the Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, creating and performing a play for family members, and helping out at the Youth Farm! Whew!

The Fall schedule was not completed in time for the the Danby News deadline, but will be ready in early September. If you are on my Email list you will be notified as soon as it is complete! If you want to be on my Email list, please see my contact information below.

These programs are funded by the Danby Community Council, and are free to Danby residents. Registration is required.

All summer programs are for ages 8 and up. Permission slips are in the Danby Town Hall, or can be found at [[ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby](http://ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby)] Questions? Please contact: Julie Kulik, 607.272.2292. x222 or [[jnk54@cornell.edu](mailto:jnk54@cornell.edu)]. ❁

## WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Submitted by Carol Mallison

Join the Cayuga Trails Club for a walk on the wild side of the FLT (Finger Lakes Trail) in the Danby State Forest, from Bald Hill down to Michigan Hollow and back.

Visit the plush Chestnut Lean-to, built by the CTC in 1967, complete with its outhouse and picnic table. We'll explore old foundations along the formal trail, then loop back on the wild side using an abandoned logging road that still sees lots of action.

Total hike, 3 miles. If you know where the FLT starts on Bald Hill Road, you can meet us there at 5:45pm. Otherwise, meet at 5:30pm in the Ithaca Shopping Plaza, behind Taco Bell. For more information, 607.564.3396 or [[cayugatrailsclub.org](http://cayugatrailsclub.org)]. ❁

## MOVIE NIGHT AT TOWN HALL

Submitted by Julie Kulik

On Tuesday, September 13, 7pm, join us for a showing of the movie *Mother Nature's Child*. This film explores nature's powerful role in children's health and development through the experience of toddlers, children in middle childhood, and adolescents.

The film marks a moment in time when a living generation can still recall childhoods of free play outdoors; this will not be true for most children growing up today. The effects of "nature deficit disorder" are now being noted across the country: epidemics of child obesity, attention disorders, and depression.

*Mother Nature's Child* asks the questions: Why do children need unstructured time outside? What is the place of risk-taking in healthy child development? How is play a form of learning? Why are teachers resistant to taking students outside? What can I do to get my child outside?

The film will be followed by a panel of Outdoor Educators from Cooperative Extension, Earth Arts, and Primitive Pursuits. They will discuss local programs that address "Nature Deficit Disorder" and answer questions.

For information about this event, contact Eric Banford [[brew\\_bird@yahoo.com](mailto:brew_bird@yahoo.com)]. ❁

## WEST DANBY CRAFT SHOW & BBQ

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

The Annual Fall Craft Show and BBQ, hosted by the West Danby Fire Department, is in the works. It'll take place on Saturday, October 29, 10am-2pm, with the chicken ready around Noon.

This year's Fall Craft Show and Chicken BBQ is shaping up to be a great one, with live music, cider and donuts, crafts, and good chicken. If you would like a craft table, please contact me at [[marrell1@aol.com](mailto:marrell1@aol.com)] or 607.564.0020. Cost of a space is \$10, and a table and chair are provided. ❁

Postal Patron

## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Aug 27 • Sat  
Noon 🏠 Hatch Pavilion / Short & Brown  
**West Danby Community Association Picnic**
- Aug 28 • Sun  
4pm 🏠 Jennings Pond  
**Bald Hill Picnic and Pie Contest**
- Aug 31 • Wed  
6:30pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Sundaes on Wednesday**
- Sep 1 • Thu  
6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Seniors Meeting**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Council Meeting**
- Sep 3 • Sat  
10am 🏠 Dotson (Danby) Park • **Trail Work Day**  
Noon-Dusk 🏠 Slow Lane • **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual End-of-Summer Party**
- Sep 5 • Mon  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
- Sep 10 • Sat  
5:30pm 🏠 American Legion Post 221 • **Roast Chicken Dinner**
- Sep 12 • Mon  
6:30 & 6:45pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Public Hearings**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**  
7:30 & 7:45pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Public Hearings**  
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall  
**Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting**
- Sep 13 • Tue  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Movie Night: Mother Nature's Child**  
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall  
**Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting**
- Sep 14 • Wed  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**
- Sep 15 • Thu  
3-7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Park Association Meeting**
- Sep 17 • Fri  
🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Steak Dinner, 5:30 & 7:30pm**
- Sep 18 • Sun  
3pm 🏠 Town Hall  
**Community Council Concert: Cayuga Klezmer Kapelye**
- Sep 19 • Mon  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Adv. Council Mtg**

- Sep 20 • Tue  
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall  
**Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting**
- Sep 22 • Thu  
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
- Jul 14, 2012 • 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 Community Park Association** 🏠 Town Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7pm.
- 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.
- Military Family Support Group** 🏠 Federated Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30pm.
- 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> Thursday, 3–7pm.
- Seniors Strength Training Group** 🏠 Federated Church  
Mondays, 9am.
- AA Meeting** 🏠 Federated Church  
Wednesdays, 7pm.
- 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