



DANBY AREA NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE - DANBY EAST

Submitted by George Blanchard

It's a big Garage Sale! No, no, not garages, but items that are living in someone's garage. And in corners. And underfoot. Friday May 18, 9am-3pm and Saturday, May 19, 8am-1pm.

If you live "East of 96B", then this is an opportunity to make room in your house—and to make a few dollars, too—by offering a few gently-but-infrequently used items for sale. Dishes, tools, clothing, games, electronics, and more!

No matter where you live, it's an opportunity to find useful "things" that you need. No doubt, you need 'em more than the current owner!

What's "East of 96B"? For sure, it includes Hornbrook, East Miller, Nelson, Ridgecrest, Troy, and Marsh Roads. Maybe it includes your road, too. For info, contact me, [geb0657@gmail.com]. ☘

20TH ANNUAL DANBY PLANT EXCHANGE

Submitted by Dan Klein

The 20th annual Plant Exchange will take place on Sunday May 20, 1-3pm, outside the Danby Fire Station on NYS Rt.96B.

This free event is an opportunity to swap, donate, and try new perennials, houseplants, seeds, annual seedlings, and anything else garden-related. It is not necessary to bring a

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PARIS TEXAS...IN DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONCERT



Paris Texas is the place to be at 3pm on Sunday, May 13. Actually, Danby Town Hall will be the place to be when the Danby Community Council presents a concert by *Paris Texas*, a few hours of high energy bluegrass and string swing music on fiddle, mandolin, and guitar.

Bobby Henrie grew up in a musical family up in Yates County, NY. He learned to play guitar on his mother's beat-up Martin—beat up because he was the last of five brothers to get to the guitar.

By the time Bobby was a teen, he was part of the *Henrie Brothers*, a well-loved, eclectic old-time and folk group. In recent decades, Bobby is better known for rockabilly, with his group, *Bobby Henrie and the Goners*, and he also plays bluegrass with *Cornerstone*.

Rick Manning, a stalwart on the Ithaca music scene for many years, is at home with both fiddle and mandolin. When not in Paris Texas, he plays with *Cornerstone* and the *The Contradictions*. He has also organized the *Winter Village Bluegrass Festival*, at La Tourelle.

Mandolin player Jesse Cobb, is the rest of the population of Paris Texas. Jesse is nationally known from the *Infamous Stringdusters*. He's in town that weekend to lead a mandolin master class that Rick has organized, and Danby gets the pleasure of his presence!

With these lively musicians, the Danby Town Hall should be rocking. ☘

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Visit the Town of Danby web page, and have a look at the "Danby News" section, [town.danby.ny.us/DAN]. If you're 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 publication. 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.

**TWO PUBLIC ACCESS
COMPUTERS IN TOWN HALL**

A second computer *for use by the public* has been installed in Town Hall. You can cruise the web with it and check your web-based Email. It has a DVD drive, so you can use it to view presentations and other DVD media.

If you're new to computers, one-on-one introduction/how-to is available. Contact me at 607.273.8678.

Thanks go to Scott Stratton for the eMac and to Dan Hevett for the iMac. Also to Larry Chace for the wireless network, available both inside and outside Town Hall.

DANBY WEB SITE

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

Meeting agendas, minutes, and relevant documents. Happenings in Danby. Everything in a nutshell. ☘

TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

The past year has seen more purging, categorizing, and organizing of documents in the Town Hall vault. Most of the outgoing documents had been kept for decades—some going back to the 1960s—far longer than their active life, and even longer than New York's records retention schedule of six years!

The vast majority of destroyed documents are cancelled checks and bank statements from the 1980s and 1990s. Before anything is destroyed, each document is



checked for general condition, and duplication. Some documents are saved due to historical interest; for example, a 6th grade class photo, circa 1965, from the old Danby school. There are even letters to Danby elected and appointed officials that provide a window to the personalities in our past.

In the past year, we have freed up more than twelve linear feet of space that can now be used for fu-

ture document storage. Records Management Assistant Mary Ann Barr is now beginning to odd collection of boxes, full of records, in the Supervisor's office, including old code enforcement documents. Making space for the future is important, as is the improved ease of finding information that we need to answer questions, move projects ahead, or understand the background of actions and decisions by the Town and Planning Boards. Much credit goes to Mary Ann's steady, thorough work in sorting through box after box of Town records.

Mary Ann became aware of several areas of concern while working in the Town Hall Vault. The Vault tends to be quite cold in the winter and hot in the summer. Temperature and humidity fluctuations are a concern in any archive. Moisture can come right through the concrete block walls. We are currently monitoring the interior climate and are considering measures to create a consistent climate for document storage. We've taken a preliminary step of installing a small, domestic scale dehumidifier and we are considering better insulation in the room and replacing some chipboard shelving with steel racks.

Records preservation grants will be explored to cover the cost of improving storage in the vault. These measures will help assure that all records, whether retained

permanently (such as the minutes of Town meetings) or only for six years (some financial records, for example), remain in prime condition.

On a completely different topic: the Tompkins County Health Department is once again offering free rabies clinics for cats and dogs. The Danby clinic will be held on Thursday, May 3 at the Danby Volunteer Fire Station on NYS Rt.96B. There will also be clinics in Dryden (SPCA, Wed. May 9), Enfield (highway garage, Thu. May 10), and Ithaca (highway garage, Wed. May 16). Keep your animals up to date and keep them safe!

Summer hours at the Town Clerk's office will go into effect on Memorial Day Weekend. We will be open 10am-Noon on Saturdays through May 19, but weekdays only (Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm) during the summer months. And yes, it's still possible to dip into the bowl of chocolate kisses.

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

CAC SEEKS MEMBERS

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Up to three seats on the Danby Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) are open for interested and involved Danby residents, for one- and two-year terms.

For more information about the CAC, contact its Chairperson, Joel Gagnon, [joelpgagnon@hotmail.com]. Interested? Contact the Town Clerk for an application. ❁

Town Hours

Town Clerk

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559
Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 10am-1pm.

Highway Department

93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169
Mon-Fri, 6am-2:30pm

Code Enforcement Office

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.

PIERCE LOSES HIS HEAD OVER MARIE ANTOINETTE A DANBY FUN DAY FANTASY

Submitted by Jim Reagan

Some believed that Pierce Ryan, a Danby resident his entire sixty five years, must have been entering the beginning stages of dementia when he came up with the notion of entering a float in Danby's Annual Fun Day Parade.

There was nothing odd about entering a float in the parade; that was a common enough occurrence and a real crowd pleaser. The problem was with Pierce's bright idea of constructing a historic float for the annual event. Danby, being a mere hamlet in a very conservative corner of the world, was not ready for anything as 'edgy' and socially challenging as what Pierce had in mind. That, at least, was the general perception held by most of the personalities at the town hall.

Kelly Chapman, the local zoning officer and a Fun Day organizer, was initially enthusiastic when Pierce—ordinarily a very predictable sort—rushed into her office one morning early in April outlining, in florid detail, his vision of a fabulous float, or rather an open gold coach pulled by a team of matching, high stepping, white carriage horses.

What a great idea! Pierce, having owned a construction and excavating business in Danby for many, many years, certainly had the resources to bring about a show-stopping spectacle. As she listened, Kelly, who had majored in theater arts at Ithaca College some decades past, took copious notes and expressed her support for something glittering, something exciting, new and different for the annual event. Kelly was, as of yet, not fully aware of the scope of Pierce's vivid imagination and the unusual direction of his gaudy fantasy life.

Pierce, emboldened by his interviewer's enthusiastic approbation, saved what he considered to be the piece de resistance: the theme for his project. The low-key and normally unflappable Kelly nearly dropped her clipboard when the word 'drag' was mentioned. In fact, she was not sure that she had even heard the word correctly but, much to her discomfort, drag had indeed been the word. Pierce, feeling unburdened and untethered, seemed very pleased with himself.

Even more upsetting was the revelation that Pierce intended to be the 'star' of his own production, the ultimate diva, as it were, and not just any run of the mill

personality. Pierce's secret obsession was to be one of the most extravagant; most hedonistic and most fascinating queens in all of history.

Who would have believed that Pierce Ryan could have come up with an idea like a 'drag' float in a million years? Always considered to be a 'man's man', a regular guy and a favorite at the American Legion, a private club and not a bar, nobody would have guessed that the respected contractor's secret desire had always been to be 'gorgeous'.

The aging blue-collar gent certainly did not fit the stereotype of a man who liked to dress as a woman. Pierce was strong, barrel chested, and macho in every way; a guy who knew all about heavy equipment, power tools, hunting, cars, and guns. Few in town knew that he collected cut Wexford crystal and Lladro statuettes as enthusiastically as he did the more manly accoutrements.

The inspiration for Pierce's concept was the date of the annual event. Fun Day, this year, fell on July 14—Bastille Day—considered by most to mark the beginning of the French Revolution. No one would have guessed that the virile contractor was a Francophile of the first magnitude. Had such thing been known, it would have made Pierce extremely suspect and something of a pariah among the good old boy contingent.

Kelly wished that she would awaken from the grisly nightmare that began when she heard that Pierce envisioned himself as the ill-fated Marie Antoinette, riding in a golden coach and throwing little cakes to the crowds. Historical accuracy and picky details did not worry our hero, a man now more interested and attracted to the shocking and the theatrical. Who would have imagined such a thing of Pierce Ryan? The mind boggled.

The astonished Kelly was utterly speechless as a more complete picture of the old man's concept was finally revealed to her. Pierce intended the float to stop every half-mile, with a mock guillotine used at each stop to decapitate the hapless and disgraced Queen of France—much to the delight and ruthlessness of the cheering citizens of Danby. The zoning officer, in her discomfiture and horror, was no longer taking notes; Pierce noticed and reckoned that he had some 'selling' to do.

"Just think of the historical significance—what a teaching tool—a salute to the Republic of France—we could make the papers here and abroad!" It was clear to Kelly that Pierce was in some real trouble, but she did not

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SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

A water commissioner, a fire commissioner, a county legislator, and a town supervisor went on a road trip. No, this isn't the beginning of a shaggy dog story, this really happened. We travelled to the State Capitol in Albany, and we visited our State Senator, James Seward.

It was a good trip. Because we went together, in one vehicle, we had a chance to chitchat about a number of issues facing the Town these days. I am often struck by the realization that thinking about a subject is not the same as talking about it with others. How many times have I gone into a meeting feeling that a consensus was a most elusive target, only to leave with amazement at how much results from talking through a problem? Talking requires listening, reflecting, and making changes. More often than not, talking leads to conclusions.

Rambling about town and elsewhere, meeting people, I often hear some "Danby group" or another talking about each other. A frequent theme involves language describing how the "other group" has an apparent inability to see reality.

I am not implying these perceptions are wrong. There are enough of these perceptions around, that it's obvious that the "other group" is gumming up the works. On the other hand, I'd like to suggest that these perceptions need not end up defining the concerns that we need to talk about with each other.

I believe that we have some significant challenges facing our Town of Danby. I agree that we cannot solve all these concerns, this year, but we can find areas where we can help each other out and solve some of them!

At a recent Town Board meeting, I presented a map of a proposed trail that would connect from the South Hill Recreation Way all the way up to Banks Road in Danby. Parts of this plan have been talked about in the past, and it's being given new life. Letters, asking for input, are going to the other municipalities that contain portions of the trail extension.

I believe this plan will ultimately be successful, and will connect Danby to Dryden, Ulysses, and Caroline with both bike and hiking trails. Let's get to Banks Road first, then stay tuned as more information becomes available.

We're working on necessary maintenance and upgrades to Town Hall. Continuing the work begun on the front

of Town Hall last summer, we're moving around the building to its North and South sides this summer. On the agenda: checking the roof, caulking, foundation stabilization, repair of siding, windows, and painting. The Town Board has authorized these projects, to be paid out of our building reserve accounts.

A resident asked a good question during one of the April Town Board meetings: Should the Town be doing more to encourage providers to expand into neighborhoods that do not have cell service?

Although Broadband Internet remains our priority, we recognize that it's not the only game being played. Danby is represented at all communications-related talks going on in the County. This includes the Time-Warner (cable) franchise agreements, and all radio towers—both private and publically owned—that are in service or proposed. We want to make sure that all residents' concerns about communications are being addressed.

It's a beautiful day today, and hopefully will be when you read this. We're looking for a little moisture, enjoy your spring.

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

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Book Sale	Leslie Connors	607.277.1717
Volunteers and Questions	Christel Trutmann	607.342.1062 ctrutmann@gmail.com

JUDGE'S BUNNY OBSESSION

Submitted by Jim Reagan

Judge, the little black puggle dog, will sit out on the deck and watch this year's crop of bunnies hopping about in the back lot. Ears up at full alert; nose pointed into the wind, he fairly vibrates in excitement as the lively critters cavort and scamper through the grass, and his plaintive whine can be so heart wrenching. Being part beagle—thus having a wonderful sense of smell—Judge must be enveloped in a veritable cloud of intoxicating aroma of bunny...bunny...bunny!

The puggle looks behind his shoulder as if to say to us... *let me loose and release me from this unbearable torture... let me run about wildly and catch one of my tormentors... let me shake the life out of it...let me eviscerate the little bugger...let me know the thrill of blood stained lips mingled with bunny fur...my nature demands it!* There is no doubt that the little dog is frustrated and anxious, a fact not lost on his long-eared prey...or pals.

The bunnies seem to be well aware of the dog's spatial limitations, given the gate on the deck and the leash when he is walking with the humans. As cute and cuddly as they may be, we've noticed a sadistic streak in most cottontails. This year's crop enjoys parading near the deck at dusk, with an occasional stop and sitting-up on hind legs in clear and direct view of the by now shivering and whining puggle. Experts at dissimulation, the bunnies studiously ignore the seething dog on the deck, as if to say...*what a lovely evening...so peaceful...nothing to be worried or bothered about here.*

Mesmerized by the hopping about and the heady scent of rabbit, Judge inhabits another world at times like these, a world of prey and predator. Even a coveted doggie treat cannot induce him to return to the here and now.

It's when Judge is being walked on his leash that the taunting bunny creatures' evil genius is at its most malicious. They exploit the puggles spatial limitations with frustrating and merciless accuracy. One bunny in particular, let's call him Alfonse, sits, watching our approach. At the very last instant a flash of his little white tail sends the hapless dog into paroxysms of barking and precipitous leash pulling such as to dislocate a human shoulder. Alfonse is away; sniggering in the wood pile at the foolish canine.

One day there will be an invisible fence and Judge may surprise the wily Alfonse with a comeuppance and reality check that puggles are not to be trifled with or mocked and that a dog's yard is his domain. ❧

DANBY ENERGY GROUP UPDATE

Submitted by Eric Banford

Since our group started in January, we've been really busy. We co-hosted talks on energy efficiency and switchgrass, showed the local documentary *Empowered*, organized the first Danby Green Homes Tour (including 15 homes), and are co-hosting Biomass Demo Day June 16 with the Danby Land Bank Cooperative. We are looking into co-hosting an event on *Renewable Fuel Oil* with the Energy

Independent Caroline group, and are open to other events if you have ideas.

We would like our activities to be broader than just "energy" related, think of this as a way to energize Danby. We will be hosting workshops on building cold frames and solar hot water heaters, a free swap event, a skill sharing event, and more movie nights to inspire us. Danby had a "Sustainable Hamlets Revitalization Plan" completed a number of years ago, which made some great suggestions but hasn't gotten enough attention. What does it mean to you to live in a sustainable hamlet?

Since the closing of the Danby Store, we have all felt the loss of a place to gather. Can we build a place to come together? The Danby Community Park provides a great space for us to work together, how do you see that being utilized? Could we build a community center there? An outdoor stage? With timber framing, straw bales, tile murals, free and salvaged materials, this could be done without too much expense and could be a "community build" in its truest sense. Are you willing to help with a project like that? Do you have other ideas?

Our next meeting is Thursday May 17 at Danby Town Hall, we'd love to have you join us. For more information, [brew_bird@yahoo.com] or 607.277.0183. ❧



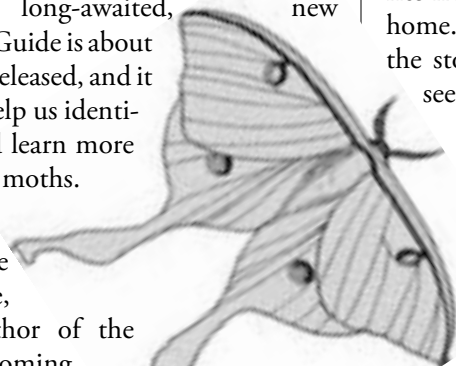
MOTH-ING ON MOTHER'S DAY

Submitted by Bill Evans

Ever see a cool looking moth? A long-awaited, new Field Guide is about to be released, and it will help us identify and learn more about moths.

Seabrooke Leckie, co-author of the forthcoming Peterson's *Field Guide to the Moths of Northeastern North America* will give a half-hour presentation about her new book and the extraordinary beauty and wonder of moths.

The new field guide has over 2000 color plates covering about 1500 species, over 1000 of which can be found in Danby. After her presentation, Seabrooke will have signed copies of her new field guide for sale. At about 9pm on Sunday, May 13, weather permitting, she will lead a moth walk to a number of black light stations set up around Town Hall and the Danby Community Park. This event is enthusiastically sponsored by the Danby Conservation Advisory Council. ❁



LIFE IN DANBY

This month's observations from Danbyites
Submitted by Julie Nichols Kulik

Here are some sightings and stories from the beautiful place we call home. Thanks everyone, and keep the stories coming! What have *you* seen and heard out there? I do not publish locations in the article, to protect the innocent, but am recording locations in a Danby sightings database. Contact me at [jnk54@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x222.

Birds: Screech Owl, Raven, Woodcock doing its dance.

"We spotted a bald eagle right here in Danby on Easter Sunday right around 2:30pm. It was picking up

feathers and then carried the carcass to a safer feeding spot, ejecting the urine as it got ready to fly off, as they often do."

Mammals: Bobcat (2 sightings!), "He (the bobcat) was a muted brownish color with darker bands around his lower legs and feet. I did not see much of his face as it was turned away from me but I had a full-on view of his powerfully compact body. He jogged across the road in front of my car, and disappeared into a thatch of brambles and overgrown bushes on the right hand side. He was not in a huge hurry."

Otter signs: "Collections of fish scales and possible rolls. "

"Two fox 'doing it' in the road". "A dog at the top of my hill stole my walking stick and wouldn't give it



some roadkill on the side of the road and flew back into the woods. It was my first time seeing one and surprised that we spotted it less than a mile from our house!"

"A hawk kill beneath a hemlock tree—a pile of woodpecker feathers and two big squirts of white urine. The hawk must have pulled out the

back until his owner offered him a tree trunk."

"I saw a coyote running across the meadow. Got a really good look at her/him. We hear them frequently, but that was the first time I've seen one."

Amphibians: Wood frogs, Peepers.

Insects: Deer ticks—lots. ❁

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be Thursday, May 3, at 6pm, for a dish to share supper. Note the change from winter hours!

Rich Wilson will be performing, so don't miss it!

Big thanks to Linda Howe, Priscilla Barber, and Suzanne Walker for hosting our April meeting.

There are still some openings for our June trip to Penn's Peak, PA to see *The Diamonds* on Wednesday, June 6. You can sign up at the May meeting, and payment is due May 15. We also have an August 2 trip set, to Skaneateles Lake, for the mail boat tour with lunch to follow at the Sherwood Inn.

All seniors, 55 and over, are welcome and encouraged to join us! ❁

AT THE DFC...

All of these events are happening at the Danby Federated Church, 1859 Danby Road. For more info, 607.272.1687 or [office@danbyfederatedchurch.org].

Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 19th, Noon 'til gone. Meals to eat in or to take out include: BBQ Chicken, baked beans, salt potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, ice cream and beverage.

Enjoy a break from the *East of 96B Yard Sale* with some fine chicken!

Upcoming Events

June 9: *Community Yard Sale*

July 25 to August 29: *Sundaes on Wednesdays*, ice cream and music.

September 7: *Steak Dinner*. ❁

➤ *Plant Exchange, cont'd from front page—*

plant in order to get a plant, nor is it necessary to stay the whole time.

It's better to divide plants in advance so they don't suffer in the heat on the day of the Plant Exchange. So start dividing perennials, planting a few extra annuals, and taking houseplant cuttings. Also, if you can, label what you bring.

For more information contact Dan Klein at 607.272.7582 or [danbydan@hotmail.com]. ❁

Marie Antoinette, continued from page 4 ➤

want to hurt his feelings. The nonplussed bureaucrat really did not know what to do. Pierce sensed her disapproval but was undeterred and absolutely resolute in his commitment to the Marie Antoinette project.

A closed-door Town Board meeting, a few days later, expressed a high level of concern and discomfort regarding Pierce's unusual float, which it considered to be inappropriate and out of line with Danby's traditional community values.

With phone calls to Town Hall unreturned and correspondence to officials ignored, Pierce became disillusioned, hurt and angry that he had decided to take such a personal risk and express his innermost desires to the people whom he had considered to be his friends these many years.

The single-minded contractor, was simply not going to take no for an answer. He hired a lawyer to serve the Town notice that, come what may, he would be participating in the Danby Fun Day as Marie Antoinette.

Pierce, grievously agitated and anxious that his dream might not become a reality, had to be transported that night by the Danby ambulance to the emergency room for heart palpitations and shortness of breath. The EMTs, all of whom he had known for years, were greatly moved by the old man's rantings and ravings: his last chance, his earnest desire to be regal and magnificent. Poor old Pierce, in and out of delirium, alluded to doom, gloom and oblivion should he fail in his ardent quest. According to his attending physician, twice during the night he had to be sedated and restrained by the horrified nurses on the floor, as he wildly shouted in French, "Après nous, le deluge!" along with other inflammatory remarks.

Kelly Chapman did not know what to do when the doctor called her and told her that Pierce was very low and in a bad way, that he might not make it. Always rather timid and self-conscious, she could not see herself promoting such a ridiculous affair...but Pierce had come to her rescue once on a Sunday when her septic system blew up...he had barely charged her anything... and he took that family in when their house burned up that one year. Kelly had to make an uncomfortable choice and it was killing her. What was she going to do? It would mean taking a risk! Would she let good old Pierce down? What would you do?

Follow Pierce and Kelly's adventure in next month's Danby News! ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY!

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Thank you to all the behind-the-scenes people who make Danby Community Library great!

- All of our volunteers work so hard all year and especially hard to ake our Open House and Book Sale successful.
- Larry Parlett who cleans up our computer.
- George Parks who fixes it or makes it for us.
- ABC Carpet Cleaning Company who gave us a discount when they cleaned our carpets and chairs.
- American Legion who generously supported our request for funds to purchase an outdoor book return.

Email us at [danbycommunitylibrary@twcny.rr.com] or [library@town.danby.ny.us]. ❀



A HEALING HERB GARDEN THAT ANYONE CAN GROW

Submitted by Pat Curran

Learn how to design and prepare a site and which easy-to-grow herbs to choose: culinary, tea, and medicinals. Melanie Steverson Jarvis will help you work with the space you have and pick the right herbs for you, considering your time and maintenance constraints.

A Healing Herb Garden That Anyone Can Grow will take place on Thursday, May 10, 6:30-8:30pm in the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca. There is a \$5, and pre-registration is recommended. Please call 272-2292 for more information or registration. ❀

GIRL SCOUT TEA PARTY

Submitted by Lori Robbins

The Newfield Girl Scouts will be hosting a Mother-Daughter Tea Party for girls who will be entering Kindergarten or First grade in the Fall of 2012. It'll take place on Saturday, May 12, 2012, 10am-Noon, in the Fellowship Hall of the Newfield United Methodist Church.

This will be a fantastic, fun opportunity for the girls and moms to see what Daisy Girl Scouts is all about. The Daisy leader for the Kindergarten girls will be present as well as other current Daisy leaders.



Girls will be able to participate in "Daisy" activities with current Daisy Scouts all while enjoying a tea party at the same time with mom. Moms will learn how they can be an important part of their daughter's experience with Girl Scouts as well. Early registrations (\$12) for girls entering kindergarten in the fall will be accepted at this time.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by May 10, to Lori at 607.564.7031 or [lorianne3666@aol.com]. If you know of a parent whose daughter may be interested in joining Girl Scouts and they do not get the Danby News, please pass this information on! ❀

Community Council Youth Programs Spring 2012

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

For more info, contact: Julie Kulik, 607.272.2292.x222 or [jnk54@cornell.edu]. Download registration forms from [ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby]

Boynton Lunch Bunch (grades 6-8) Wednesdays, March 7 - June 20

An in-school program, during lunch time. Take a break from the cafeteria! Eat exciting snacks, play games and get to know people you usually don't sit near in the noisy lunch room.

Primitive Pursuits (grades 3-8) (PROGRAM FULL) Wednesdays, 2:30-5:30pm

March 7-June 13 (Not on April 11, May 16)

June Pollack's (43 Hornbrook Rd)

Bus is available from South Hill Elementary School

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

South Hill Lunch Bunch (grades 4-5) Fridays, March 9-June 15

In-school program at South Hill during lunch. Come have lunch with other youth from Danby in your grade, play games, do crafts, and go outside on nice days.



Fridays at the Farm! (Ages 8 and up) Fridays, 2:30-5:30pm

April 20 - June 15 (no program May 25)

Three Swallows Farm, Nelson Road.

Buses available from South Hill Elementary, Boynton and High School.

Come join us at the farm, where we will have the fields, and the barn at our disposal for games, stories, and farm work, including preparing fields and green houses for summer crops. These foods will be used by area schools for lunches! We will also take time to explore the woods and fields around the farm where we can use natural materials to create crafts and collaborative "earth art" sculptures, make a cozy campfire, and cook over it! For more information about the Youth Farm program that we will be helping see [youthfarmproject.weebly.com/about.html]. ❁

DANBY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Submitted by Julie Kulik

We may have some first time employment opportunities in Danby, for Danby youth ages 14-17. If the funding is available, interviews will happen mid-May. Please contact me if interested in interviewing. ❁

LIFEGUARD OPPORTUNITY FOR DANBY YOUTH

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak

Summer isn't far away! The Jennings Pond Swim Program needs more part-time lifeguards. Our lifeguards must have certification in Lifeguarding and Waterfront as well as CPR, and need to be 15 years and older. Now is the time to get certified.

We give Danby Youth preferential treatment! For more info, contact Amy Cusimano, [amync@twcny.rr.com] or Mary Ann Kozak, [mkozak1@twcny.rr.com]. ❁

May 2012

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Apr 28 • Sat
10am-2pm 🏠 Danby Town Hall
Danby Community Library Book Sale
10am-2pm 🏠 Danby Community Park • Work Day

May 2 • Wed
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

May 3 • Thu
6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Seniors Dinner
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Community Council Meeting

May 8 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

May 13 • Sun
3pm 🏠 Town Hall • Concert: Paris Texas
8-10:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Moth-ing on Mother's Day

May 14 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Department Meeting

May 15 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting

May 16 • Wed
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting

May 17 • Thu
3-7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Food Pantry
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Energy Group Meeting
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Community Park Meeting

May 18-19 • Fri (9am-3pm) and Sat (8am-1pm)
🏠 East of Rt.96B • East of 96B Yard Sale

May 19 • Sat
11am 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Chicken BBQ

May 20 • Tue
1-3pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Plant Exchange

May 21 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting

May 24 • Thu
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting

May 26 • Sat
10am-2pm 🏠 Danby Community Park • Work Day

May 28 • Mon
1-2pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Mobile Food Truck
7:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Adv Council Mtg

Jun 6 • Wed
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Jun 7 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Seniors Dinner
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Community Council Meeting

Jun 9 • Sat
9-3am 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Community Yard Sale

Jul 14, 2012 • Sat • Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall
Saturdays, 10am–Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm,
and when the Open sign is out!

West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏠 WD Fire Hall
2nd Monday, 7pm.

Danby Fire Commissioners 🏠 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall
3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm.

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
🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road
Danby Community Council 🏠 Town Hall
1st Thursday, 7pm
Danby Community Park Association 🏠 Town Hall
3rd Thursday, 7pm.
Danby Fire Company 🏠 Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.
Danby Food Pantry 🏠 Federated Church
3rd Thursday, 3–7pm.