



DANBY AREA NEWS

DANBY IS GROWING... AND SO ARE OUR POSSIBILITIES

Submitted by Cathleen Banford, Community Council

We are a well balanced town with a wealth of human abilities all around us, including elders and long time residents full of intrigue, experience and wisdom; new arrivals who are vibrant, creative and eager; and everyone in between. We are a diverse and capable community, with a common love of a gorgeous area. We deserve to meet our needs, celebrate our potential, and appreciate each other more fully.

The survey printed in the centerfold of this *Danby News* is titled, *How would you like to see Danby grow?* It is for you to share your ideas, needs, and wishes for our lives here. Fill in as much as you feel like, add things we have missed, be creative and have fun. When you're done, mail it us c/o Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, drop it off in the box at the Town Hall library, bring it to us at the Danby Community Council table during Danby Fun Day, or see the DCC web site [danbycc.org] for more options.

Feel free to attend our next DCC meeting. All Danby residents are members. We usually meet on the first Thursday of the month, at 7pm in the Danby Town Hall...but in July we observe the 4th of July and will meet on July 11. ❀



Meet all the Fire Trucks during Danby Fun Day!

SPECIAL DANBY FUN DAY ISSUE!

Submitted by Sharon Gaden, Danby Volunteer Fire Company

Danby is the place to be on July 13, 2013 for fun! Thirty years and going strong: Danby Fun Day, parade, bbq, craft vendors, games, auction, food, music and much more. It's fun for all ages.

Read through all of this month's Danby News to find information about everything that's happening during Fun Day XXXI on July 13! ❀

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FUN DAY

Submitted by Gay Huddle

Danby Fun Day is 30 years old this year. Thirty years ago the community (led by the Danby Volunteer Fire Company) felt the need to plan a fun day where neighbors could get together and celebrate a "sense of place." No longer having a neighborhood elementary school had taken its toll on events that included Danby families, and we were missing those kinds of events.

The first year, 1983, and for years after that, the event was called the *Danby Fair*. I accepted the position of Fair Organizer, and held that job over the next 15 years. The Bear's Den happily came on board to fix burgers and hot dogs and was always a fun addition to the Fair, as was the Danby Pirates Club and the Flashing Feathers Bow Club. The raffles were a big crowd-pleaser, and included prizes such as dinners, spa visits, a canoe, gift baskets, and even a trip to Aruba, donated by the Wiggins family. Volunteers were sent into the crowd to sell tickets all day long. Leon Oltz always went shopping and bought a nice item to be raffled off. Danby businesses were on board and generous.

The chicken barbecue is hard work for those cooking over those hot fires, but the same volunteers come back every year to do it!

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Have a look at the "Danby News" section of the Town of Danby web site, [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*. You'll learn what is, and isn't acceptable material for publication. If it's acceptable, we'll make an effort to in-

clude it; *generally, we print everything we receive!* You'll find hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier. A terse version of these guidelines is in the left-hand column of this page.

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

Beautifying Town Hall

Every summertime, I think of my Grandmother. I spent nearly every summer with my grandparents in Hanover, NH. Leland Barbee Hill, my maternal grandmother, taught me many things, one of which was the importance of first impressions.

My grandmother was a Southern Lady (born and raised in Tennessee) who was also the wife of a Dartmouth professor. Even before she greeted people at her door,

an impression was made by the colorful, tidy, and even playful gardens at the entrance of her house. When I arrived for my summer visit, I was made to feel at home with the first sight of the sturdy spruce tree, low creeping shrubs, and colorful pansies and petunias along the walk.

Here at Town Hall, we are doing what we can to create a welcoming and inviting first impression. In many ways, the Town Hall is the community "home" of current and historical of-

ficial activity. It's important that all citizens feel comfortable spending time here, whether it is to attend a town meeting, get the building permits they need, renew their dog licenses, or attend community programs such as concerts and educational presentations. The gardens around the town hall are an important part of a good first impression.

If you visit Town Hall over the summer, you will see several new plantings surrounded by a tidy layer of mulch. Many people have contributed to making things attractive, and I must thank them in this month's "Clerk's Desk" article. First, thanks go to the Danby Highway Department for delivering mulch. This spring, the highway department delivered a truckload from the large pile that has built up near the highway barns on Hornbrook Road. This resource is a by-product of branches collected and chipped through roadside cleanup. FYI, Danby residents may load and carry away mulch for private use during "open hours" at the Highway Department.

Many thanks go to Dave Mastroberti for the major work he has had done on the Town Hall grounds over several years. Dave has been an almost one-man beautification committee, working on plantings around the entrances to the "Danby Hamlet," the Danby Community Park, as well as the Town Hall. Last year, he pruned and tended trees and shrubs near the driveway, improving the appearance of the Town Hall entrance. On behalf of the Bicentennial Committee, he planted a lovely white flowering dogwood not far from the gazebo.

This year Dave has taken on the challenge of the front entrance gardens, which have mostly been filled with a variety of day-lilies and daffodils. He added several native shrubs, providing an elegant variety of height and color to the gardens. Dave also weeded and pruned plantings around the gazebo, gave the flower beds a healthy layer of mulch, and planted some flowering annuals to add yet more color to the gardens.

Final thanks go to Dan Klein and the County Beautification Program. Funds from that program have covered all of Dave Mastroberti's time and materials in replanting the entrance gardens. Over the past few years, Dan has shared "extra" plants from the "Beautification Brigade" increasing the variety of flowering perennials.

I'm a "plant person" from a long line of outdoors-lovers. So, I take an interest in the care and feeding of the Town Hall gardens. On a nice day, you may well find me outside weeding, watering, or dead-heading the flowers. I also do my best to have a vase of fresh cut flowers at the Town Clerk's counter, from mid-summer through early fall. These touches of beauty help maintain the first impression I want to create, and they help keep a smile on my face while I take care of Town Clerk business...even preparing the Town Board minutes.

This summer the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. With summer hours in effect through August, we are closed on Saturdays. As always, the Clerk's office is closed on Sundays and Thursdays. And yes, there's still chocolate in the bowl by the Clerk's office window.

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



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FUN DAY PARADE (10:30AM)

Danby Road (NYS Rt.96B) is officially closed during the morning of Fun Day. It'll be lined with crowds of Danby-ites and visitors, all gathered to watch the famous Fun Day Parade.

In past years, we've seen fire trucks, pirate ships, animals, marchings bands, fire trucks, local celebrities, horses (and the amazing super-duper pooper scooper), fire trucks, antique cars, tractors, the police, bicycles, tricycles, and motorcycles, and more fire trucks. All supervised by the Grand Marshals, Ted Merritt, Garry Huddle, and John VanDeMark. ❀

BIG PRICE DIFFERENCES AMONG FUNERAL HOMES

Submitted by Cathy Darrow

Buying a funeral in the southern Finger Lakes region can cost more than twice as much at one funeral home as at another.

A 2013 survey just released by the Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Finger Lakes (FCAFL) shows prices of 14 types of services and two categories of merchandise in 23 municipalities across the region. The price of simple cremation, for example, varies from \$665 to \$3140, plus the crematory fee.

The survey, available at [imsfca.org], has a useful "full-service funeral price index" that can be used to compare the overall price structure at different funeral homes.

The Funeral Consumers Alliance is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that provides free information about funeral choices, practices, and costs, as well as the rights of funeral consumers. The FCAFL promotes preplanning, but not prepayment, of simple, affordable funeral and memorial arrangements; contact FCAFL at PO Box 134, Ithaca, NY 14850, 607.273.8316, or [info@imsfca.org]. ❀

FUN DAY CHINESE AUCTION (10AM-2:55PM)

We have some awesome items for the Chinese Auction this year, here's a few: linen lap quilt donated by Flax, Family membership to the Sciencecenter, Membership to the Museum of the Earth, Hanger Kids Tickets, Gift Certificate to Maxie's Supper Club, two bags of 20 pounds of bird seed, and many many more! Winners announced at 3pm. ❀

FIRE DISTRICT ADDS NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by Deanna Bowles, Secretary Treasurer

The Danby Fire District is pleased to announce 4 new members in the West Danby Fire Company. Philip Westmiller, Austin Kuczek, and Janet Fairchild joined on May 14, and Amy Westmiller was welcomed back on June 11. ❀

FUN DAY POLICE DOG DEMO

Last year the dog took down the judge...twice! What do you think will happen this year? Tompkins County Deputy Shane Spencer and his canine companion will be wandering the grounds all day. ❀

LIFE IN DANBY

Collected and reported by Julie Nichols Kulik

It's been a while! I would like to once again begin collecting sitings for this column. Wow, so many new additions to the neighborhood this month....

Please send me descriptions of plants, animals, insects, weather, birds, moths, etc. that you have seen in the past month. I will compile these sitings and pass them all on to you! If you would like to be on a "reminder" Email list, contact me at [julieinthewoods@gmail.com]. I send out a reminder in the beginning of the month.

As always, to protect the innocent, I won't publish the location. Please pass this Email on to others in Danby who may have something to share as well. I need these by the 12th of each month in order to make the Danby Area News deadline.

Thanks, and see you in the woods! ❀

FUN DAY: COME HUNGRY LEAVE FULL

Famous chicken BBQ cooked by the Fire Commissioners and a few helpers, and served by the wives of the Commissioners and helpers! The menu is: chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, a roll, and a drink. All of it in the fire truck garage bays. (11pm-3pm)

If chicken isn't what you are in the mood for then stop by our kitchen stand and order your choice of: hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage, veggie burgers, and salt potatoes! (10am-3pm)

You can also find popcorn and cotton candy to snack on while watching the parade or listening to music later on. ❀

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Grapes look good, blueberries are doing their thing, and this will be my first harvest of these fruits. There's also a few pears, a couple of sour cherries but no sweet ones, and apples on some trees but not others. So the freeze that was upon us earlier this Spring, conspired to dent my fruit crop.

The garden, though, is pleased to be feeding us. Great salads and stir fry dishes, the potatoes are looking good and the flowers are wonderful. It's still dry by my count, and watering has begun.

Everybody looking for something to eat this time of year. There were prints in the mud near my pond, and I believe that a bobcat got one of my koi.

It's busy in the town, with lots of things in motion; most have not yet arrived at their destination. Some are getting there, like our annual contract with the Danby Community Council, which should be acted on soon. Maintenance of Town Hall—including floor refinishing—is also on our agenda this month.

The Highway Department will be sharing its truck replacement program with the Town Board in July, the Water District will be starting to install its new water meters, the Town Hall solar collector will soon be connected, and a biomass boiler update is due next month.

Youth services, broadband, and the long-awaited Cable-TV contact with Time-Warner are all ongoing, but not much new to report.

Our aquifer study and follow-up conversations about water in general has also been on our agenda during June. A number of different proposals are being reviewed. The aquifer beneath our feet is shared by many residents of "uphill" Danby and is very important to our lives. We should have something of substance to share with you by this Fall.

I see the organizing Emails leading up on Danby Fun Day are starting to flow. Residents are signing up for different events and activities. Signs and banners announcing this town event are coming soon! I do hope to see many of you there.

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

WATER TESTING

Water is essential for all aspects of life, and it is natural that residents may have concerns about the quality of their water. Even well-tended water may have occasional problems.

A recent article in the *Ithaca Journal* noted that the Bolton Point water system had high levels of a carcinogenic mineral and samples from the Village of Dryden water system exceeded the federal standard for arsenic. It should be noted that the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic as only recently revised by the EPA in 2001 and adopted by New York in 2006. Prior to that, the MCL was five times higher than the level considered acceptable today. Both mineral and microbiological may be found naturally in private wells, and be of concern to residents.

Testing for contaminants need not be prohibitively expensive. The arsenic test costs in the range of \$25. A list of water testing labs has been compiled by the Tompkins County Health Department, Division of Environmental Health. The following labs, located in Ithaca, are certified to test for microbiological quality and inorganic minerals and metals in water supplies. Full contact information for an additional seven labs is also available, some of which are more limited in the materials they may test for.

- Community Science Institute, 284 Langmuir Building, Box 1044, 95 Brown Road, Ithaca NY 14850; 607.257.6606
- Yaws Environmental Lab, 951 East Shore Drive, PO Box 4796, Ithaca NY 14850; 607.277.7128.

The testing labs can provide you with information, sampling instructions and containers as well as the desired analyses.

More information about water testing labs may be obtained from the Tompkins County Health Department, Division of Environmental Health. A copy of the water testing labs list is also available from the Danby Town Clerk's office, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca NY 14850 or [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us]. ☘

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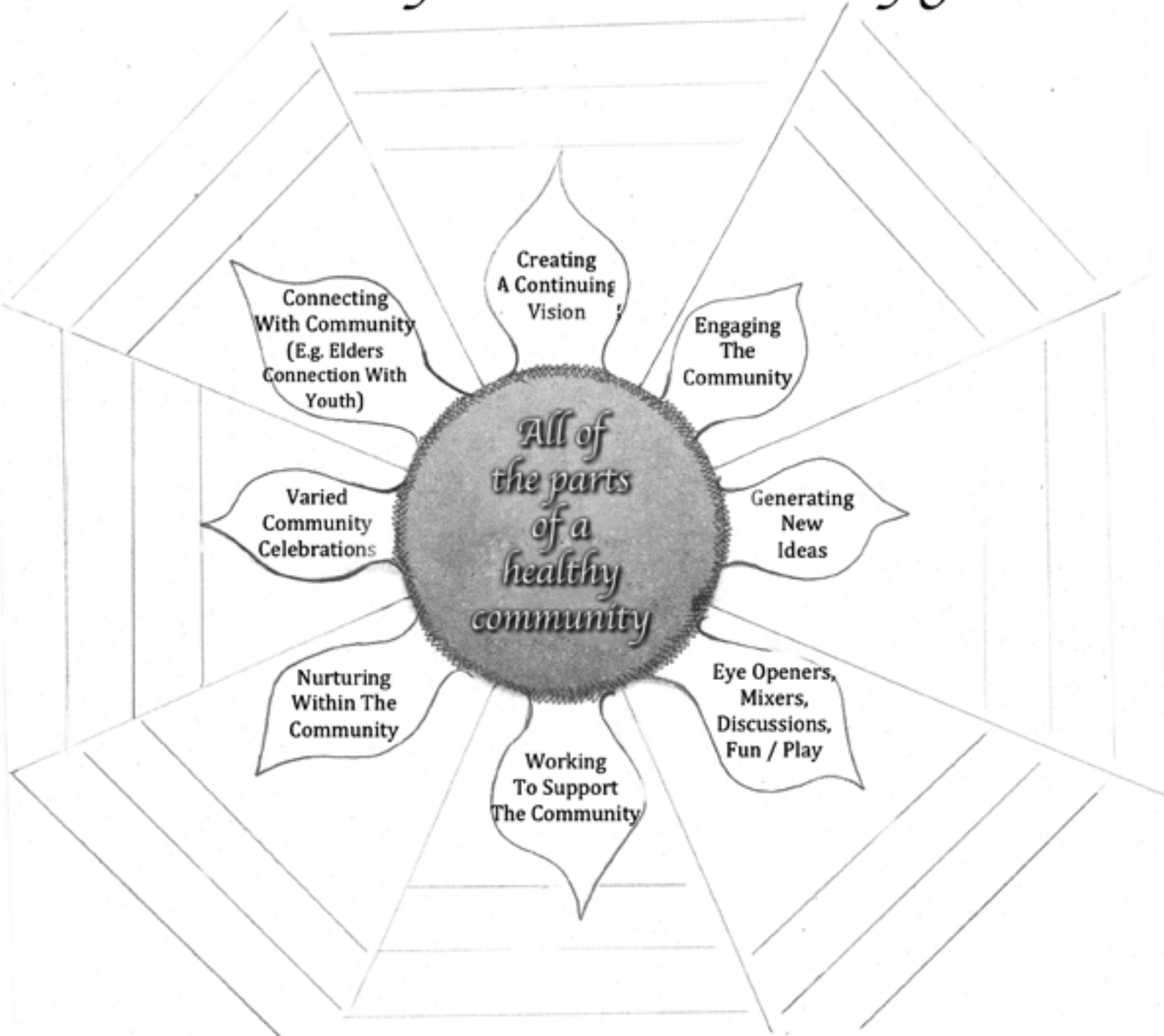
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Tue, 7pm

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How would you like to see Danby grow?



Here's an opportunity for you to add your own ideas to help our community thrive.

Add your ideas on the lines above. Drop this off in a box at the Danby Town Hall library, at the Danby Community Council (DCC) table at Danby Fun Day, or see the DCC web site for more options: <http://town.danby.ny.us/DCC>

Return completed surveys to the box in Town Hall, or to the DCC table at Fun Day

Connection

- ◇ history talks, articles, exhibits
- ◇ learning about community building
- ◇ compassionate communication
- ◇ *Danby Area News*
- ◇ neighborhood block parties, potlucks
- ◇ internet access
- ◇ deeper wellness support

Coordination

- ◇ love of our community, good neighbors
- ◇ earth care, biodynamic, regenerating
- ◇ people friendly, cooperative
- ◇ Elder Council promoting justice, inclusiveness, tolerance, balance
- ◇ elder stories
- ◇ understanding, healing
- ◇ generous, appreciation, happiness

Spirit / Support

- ◇ Danby Community Council
- ◇ Mentoring program
- ◇ Danby parade, FUN Days
- ◇ youth participation in Danby government
- ◇ Danby recognition days - people, places, achievements
- ◇ Nature-based, interfaith or intellectual events

Presenting

- ◇ sports events
- ◇ dances, concerts, storytellers
- ◇ art exhibits, fairs, festivals
- ◇ picnics, parties, dining
- ◇ learning opportunities
- ◇ green homes tour, garden tour

Beginnings

- ◇ Danby Energy meetings
- ◇ Annual town meeting with "open space" meeting format
- ◇ Multi-generational, gender, racial, and ethnic inclusiveness at council meetings

Grounded Support

- ◇ beautification team
- ◇ mentor program for youth, including elders
- ◇ tutor equipped study hall times for youth
- ◇ nature walks
- ◇ primitive pursuits
- ◇ wellness workshops and support groups
- ◇ social, environmental, food justice meetings and workshops
- ◇ really free market, seed swap, harvest swap

Hard Work

- ◇ Arts education
- ◇ community builds, cleanup
- ◇ community gardens
- ◇ fund raisers
- ◇ repair, maintenance, renewal, revitalization
- ◇ volunteering with ideas and planning
- ◇ educational workshops, lecture series
- ◇ physical fitness activities

What's Next

- ◇ craft/sewing/woodworking workshops
- ◇ youth and elders find connection and community
- ◇ community kitchen
- ◇ food/garden skills workshop
- ◇ skill share network, tool share cooperative
- ◇ money matters workshop (finance education)
- ◇ developing community space
- ◇ cooperative or private general store/coffee shop
- ◇ family and individual support programs
- ◇ revitalize farmers market

What would you like to see in Danby?
Mark the items that you would like to see prioritized in our community

Return completed surveys to the box in Town Hall, or to the DCC table at Fun Day

➔ **Fun Day Anniversary , cont'd from front page**

Volunteers also put together the fixins' and worked the serving line. Judy and Dick Oltz were instrumental in keeping things running smoothly for the barbecue.

The cake wheel is a very busy booth. Desserts of all kinds are donated, and for one quarter/chance, a lucky winner can take his/her choice home for the family. There have been lots of volunteers manning this booth, including Woody Travis from Clifton Springs, Maddi and Jeff Huddle, Kasey Spada, and many more. A big thank you goes out to those who bake (often during very hot weather) and donate, and we hope you will do it for us again this year!

The event grew and the need for a pavilion was soon recognized. The Danby Fire Company provided the funds and volunteers, such as Dennis Pollack, Garry Huddle, Ted Merritt, John VanDeMark and many others provided labor, free of charge.

Now who doesn't love a parade? And so, a parade was added to the festivities, with numerous volunteers working to organize it. Participants have included the Pirates Club, American Legion, Danby Church, fire trucks from local departments, politicians, motorcycle riders, dancers, and many more folks who designed and built awesome floats!

There were times that the event was dedicated to those friends we lost who had been such community supporters, such as Dennis Pollack, Toni McBride, and Joey Salino. We continue to cherish memories of them.

At the end of the day, when everyone was hot and tired, it was time to relax to the sounds of Ted and Connie Merritt's sing-along. Everyone knows Ted, of course, and all the kids enjoyed hanging out with teacher Connie!

So now, in 2013, Fun Day benefits from the addition of volunteers from the West Danby Fire Company. With everyone working all together, this year's event will be the biggest and best, and will include demonstrations, food, music, a Chinese Auction organized by Sharon Gaden, games, book sale, music, chicken barbecue, parade, crafters, quilters, and more. Please come out and celebrate community, feel the "sense of place" and find out how easy it is to "bloom where you are planted." We are Danby and West Danby neighbors and we know how to have fun!

The 30th Anniversary Danby Fun Day is Saturday, July 13, starting with the parade at 10:30am (featuring Grand Marshals Ted Merritt, John VanDeMark and Garry Huddle) and continuing through the day on the grounds of the Danby Fire Station. Chicken barbecue begins at 11am. Hope to see you there! ❁



FUN DAY ICE CREAM FUN (10AM-3PM)

The West Danby Fire Company will be at fun day again this year, selling ice cream. Look for our ice cream tent out on the field in the line up of craft tents.

The WDFD tent will have free Tot Finder, Pet Finder and Elderly Finder stickers for your home, kids pencils, kids stickers, and, of course, our WDFD reusable shopping bags for \$1 each. Stop by and see us! ❁

FUN DAY MUSIC (NOON-3PM)

We have four groups playing this year, come find your favorite either by the Chicken BBQ or out in the main field next to the fire station and dance the day away. Performers will include: *Ben Hogben and the Crane Hill Trio*, the *New Henry Ford String Throtters*, *Flunk School*, and the *Hound Dogs Blues Band*. ❁

FUN DAY FIRE DEMOS (10AM-3PM)

History displays for both Fire Companies! Firefighters all over the place, driving trucks, marching in the parade, cooking chicken, cooking hotdogs, running games, find them and say, "Hi!" ❁



AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marv English

June has been quite hectic around the American Legion, we have had two benefits that were a great success. We would like to thank the community and all that attended these benefits for, without you, they wouldn't happen.

On July 20, we will be having another benefit, this one for Tammy Hornbrook, who is fighting with Breast Cancer. It all starts at 10am at Ithaca Harley Davidson, 6033 Route 13, Cayuta, NY. They will start with a motorcycle poker run; \$15/rider, \$10/passenger. First bike to leave at 11am and end up at the Ithaca American Legion, 1231 Danby Road.

There will be a Chicken BBQ starting at 1pm and the benefit proper is 2-7pm. There will be music, and a 50/50. The BBQ will feature mouth-watering BBQ chicken, macaroni salad, Kenny's world famous beans as well as Kenny's Super Salt Potatoes and a dinner roll, all for just \$10. Hope to see you there to make this benefit a huge success.

Remember if you are looking for a place to have that function and your garage isn't it, stop by or call and see what the American Legion can do for you. ❄

FUN DAY GAMES (10AM-3PM)

The ever-popular dime toss is the oldest game at Fun Day! Pictures from the first Danby Fair in 1983 will be on display. There's a dart game, a tin can gulf, ring a flamingo, going to call, and more! Everyone wins! No game is more than \$1. Look for the little, little kids games. Don't miss the face painting and watch for Bob the Letterman, too. ❄

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be our annual BBQ at the Merritt's on August 1. Signups are required, contact Ted & Connie for information.

There is no July meeting due to the holiday.

Thanks go out to Gay & Garry Huddle and Barbara Wer-nham for hosting our June meeting with a fun garden theme...complete with door prizes! ❄

FUN DAY CRAFTS & EXHIBITS (10AM-3PM)

Lot of craft vendors and exhibits, something for every-one. As of "press time" the list includes:

David Mastroberti	D landscape/plants
Ted Crane	D notecards, photos
Sally Quick	D handcrafted jewelry,photo cards
Ruth Snyder Lacey	D jewelry, silk flower arrange-ments, decoupage
Dottie Miller	jewelry
Pat Sawyer	handsewn items, American doll clothes,ladies vests
Lori Bellavigna Robbins	<i>Gigi Hill Handbags</i> and accessories
Kathy Gehring	quilts, quilted things, paintings, photography
Searsburg Church	Jams, Jellies, gifts in a jar,quilted bags
Charlene Creswell	<i>Avon and Thirty One</i> handbags
Christina Barkley	sewn items
C.J. Jenkins	sewn items, flip flops,aprons, boxers
Kelly Wendt	D <i>Five Dollar Fabulous</i> Jewelry
Melissa Dense	<i>It Works</i> body wraps and nutritional supplements
West Danby Fire Co.	D ice cream tent
Flashing Feathers Bow Club	shoot a bow
Car Pride	car show
Bob the Letterman	D fun with the alphabet
Cami	face painting
Kids tent	D games; make it/take it project by Waldorf School
Dime Toss	D traditional Fun Day fun
Kids games	D Prizes sponsored by the Fire Companies
Sheriffs Department	police dog demos
Danby Federated Church	pickles,jams,jellies
Book Sale	D books!
Huddle Family	D Cake Wheel
Tompkins Quilt Guild	show quilt
Danby Area Quilters	D show quilt
West Danby Fire Co.	D department history display
Danby Fire Co.	D department history display
Maryanne Barr	D local Danby area history display
Red Cross	blood pressure table
Chicken BBQ	D the finest BBQ in town!

EVENTS 'ROUND TOWN

This new column will appear monthly, featuring brief descriptions of events—current and upcoming months—around Danby. If you have a non-profit event that the general public is invited to...send a notice to the Danby News!

At the DFC

The ever-popular *Sundaes on Wednesdays* returns for another season! Each week features a live performance by local artists and bands. Seating is provided, as is a generously portioned Ice Cream Sundae with all the fixins! Ice Cream at 6:30pm, music at 7pm.

The series begins on Wednesday, July 31, with the *Ithaca Concert Band*. More weeks: August 7, 14, and 21.

The DFC Women's Fellowship is having a yard sale on Friday and Saturday, August 2 (3-7pm) and 3 (8-Noon), to benefit their projects.

West Danby Picnic

The West Danby Community Association Steering Committee is pleased to announce the date and focus of the West Danby Picnic, 2013. It will take place at Noon on Saturday August 24 on the manicured grounds of James and Diana Hatch (corner of Brown and Short Roads).

Bring a dish to pass, and hang around to chat and play games. The badminton is always superb.

This year we will be honoring the efforts of Gay Huddle in writing the many columns she has composed for the *Ithaca Journal* keeping us all informed as to what is transpiring in the Town of Danby. Music still being arranged, but there will be music!

3rd Annual Danby Barn Dance

Come on out to Slow Lane (corner of Comfort and Lieb Roads) on Friday night, August 2 and join a good old-fashioned community event! Dish-to-Pass Potluck at 6pm, Waltzing at 7pm, Contras and Squares at 8pm.

Everything (except dinner) is taught and beginners are much more than welcome! No need to be shy about it, we expect everyone from pre-teens to seniors citizens! There'll be a live, acoustic band—fiddlers and friends—and new musicians are invited to join in. *It's Free!*

This event is co-sponsored by the Danby Community Council as part of its family programming. For more info, contact 607.273.8678 or [slowlane_barndance@tedcrane.com]. ❀

FUN DAY SCHEDULE

Games, Vendors and Exhibits	10am-3pm (some open after the parade)
Parade	10:30am
Kitchen Food Stand	10am-3pm
Chicken BBQ	11am 'til gone
Chinese auction and Afghan Raffle	Tickets sold 10am-2:55pm-ish; winners drawn at 3pm
Acoustic Music	11:30 Ben Hogben and the Crane Hill Trio
Garage, near Chicken BBQ	12:30 New Henry Ford String Throttlers
Outdoor Music	Noon Flunk School
Near the Pavilion	1:30 Hound Dogs Blues Band

FUN DAY BOOK SALE (10AM-3PM)

Come find a book to read on a lazy hazy summer day! Proceeds benefit the Fire Departments. ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Dan has done it again! I mean, Dan Klein has run another successful Danby Plant Exchange and works to help make Danby and Ithaca and beyond great places to live. Thanks, Dan!

Dan Brown has also done it again! Borrow *Inferno* from the Danby Community Library and you won't be able to put it down! According to the *New York Times*, "Brown is more serious than usual when he invokes Danbte's dire warning, "The darkest places in Hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis.""

The jacket cover says, "Inferno is a sumptuously entertaining read-a novel that will captivate readers with the beauty of classical Italian art, history and literature... while also posing provocative questions about the role of cutting edge science in our future."

Happy Solstice, Happy Summer, Happy Independence Day. Now is the time to borrow a book for that Summer read, borrow a book on CD for that vacation trip or borrow a film to enjoy with family and friends- try setting it up outside! ❀

Community Council Youth Programs Summer 2013

Hello Danby Families

It's hard to believe it's already July! I hope you all saw the listing of summer programs in the June Newsletter. If you have not already signed your youth up for summer programs, it's not too late! Just go to [ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby] or the Danby Town Hall to get a flyer/permission form and send that in as soon as possible.

There are two exciting programs I would like to highlight. One is *It's All About Danby and Having Fun*, which is focused on helping set up and run a games booth at the Danby Fun Day. If you can't make it to the program, hopefully we will see you on July 13 at the Fire Hall for some Fun. And if you haven't met me yet, please stop by the booth, introduce yourself and inquire about upcoming fall programs.

The other program is the *Outdoor Explorers Program* in which we will be having lots of fun at the community park. The program will culminate with a Family Cruise on the Cayuga Lake Floating Classroom, which you are welcome to register for even if your child is not participating in the 3-day program. Go to [floatingclassroom.net] for more information about the cruise. Please be sure to register early because space is limited.

If you have any questions about anything please feel free to contact me at [sc1223@cornell.edu]. Have a Happy Summer. —Simone Lackey

A Day at Sapsucker Woods, Ages 8-13

July 1, 9am-4pm

Drop off and pick up at Danby Town Hall.

Enjoy a day at Sapsucker woods watching and listening to birds. We'll have binoculars to see more than our human eyes allow us and find our selves surrounded by a chorus of song birds. Be sure to bring a water bottle and lunch.

FUN FLASHING FEATHERS (10AM-3PM)

A mainstay icon at Danby Fair/Fun Day, where you can watch the bowhunters teach youth how to use a bow and arrow, all while having fun! ❧

It's All About Danby and Having Fun, Ages 8-13

July 2-3, 9am-3pm, Jennings Pond

July 12, 5-7pm, and July 13, 10am-4pm, Danby Fire Hall

We will be preparing for the Danby Fun Day, including planning and preparing an entry for the parade, making T-Shirts, playing games and preparing games for Fun Day. On Friday evening we'll help set up and on Saturday we will march in the parade and help facilitate the games for the day. Be sure to bring a water bottle and lunch on July 2, 3 and 13, and fun snacks will be provided for helpers!

Outdoor Explorers at Danby Community Park, Ages 8-13

July 15-17, 9am-3pm

Family Cruise on Cayuga Lake, July 17, 6-8pm

We will create a primitive village, explore the animals, amphibians, birds and plants of Danby, and play a bit of disc golf in the park. Wednesday Evening there will be a family cruise on the Floating Classroom leaving from the Ithaca Farmers Market. Please indicate if your family will be joining and how many of our there are. Be sure to bring a water bottle and lunch.

Girls Week at Jennings Pond, Ages 10-14

July 31-August 3, 9am-3pm

Overnight camp-out on Friday to Saturday Morning

We will play games, take a Yoga class, and have a "spa" day outdoors. We will take the Cooperative Extension Van to Seneca Falls and visit the Women's Rights National Historical Park and National Women's Hall of Fame. And we will go on an adventure to Shindagin Hollow for an all-girls campout! Be sure to bring a water bottle and lunch. Dinner and breakfast will be provided on campout.

Water Color at Jennings Pond, Ages 8-13

August 15-16, 9am-12pm

Come relax by Jennings Pond, learn some water color techniques and enjoy painting landscapes, friends and much more! Swim when the life guard is on duty and play games in the woods. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a snack.

Homestead Explorations, Ages 8-13

August 19-21, 9am-3:30pm

Danby Town Hall

Three days of awesome field trips and to check out three different amazing homesteads in our area. Learn about growing and harvesting food, flowers and herbs, taking care of animals, neat technologies for self-sufficiency and all the cool projects that happen around each homestead. And of course, get to try your hand at homestead skills. Be sure to bring a water bottle and lunch. ❧

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Jun 29 • Sat
4pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Annual BBQ Pork Dinner
- Jul 4 • Thu
6pm 🏠 No Seniors Meeting
7pm 🏠 Community Council Meeting moved to 7/11
- Jul 8 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**
- Jul 9 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
- Jul 11 • Thu
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Council Meeting**
- Jul 13, 2013 • Sat • **Danby Fun Day and Parade**
- Jul 15 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
- Jul 16 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
- Jul 18 • Thu
3-6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**
7pm 🏠 Dotson Park • **Park Association Meeting**
- Jul 20 • Sat
1pm 🏠 American Legion Post
Chicken BBQ & Benefit
- Jul 22 • Mon
1-2pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Mobile Food Truck**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Conservation Adv Council Mtg**
- Jul 25 • Thu
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
- Jul 31 • Wed
6:30pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Sundaes on Wednesday - Ithaca Concert Band
- Aug 1 • Thu
4pm 🏠 Merritt Pavilion • **Seniors Meeting: annual BBQ**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Community Council Meeting**
- Aug 2 • Fri
3-7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Yard Sale**
6pm 🏠 Slow Lane (Comfort & Lieb) • **Danby Barn Dance**
- Aug 3 • Sat
8am-Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Yard Sale**
- August 7 • Wed
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
6:30pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Sundaes on Wednesday
- Aug 12 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Dep't Meeting**
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **WD Fire Dep't Meeting**
- Jul 12, 2014 • 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!
- Seniors Strength Training Group** 🏠 Federated Church
Mondays and Thursdays, 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

The Town of Danby has a web site with lots more info.
Check it out: [<http://town.danby.ny.us>] 🏠

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