



DANBY AREA NEWS

WEST DANBY PICNIC

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, West Danby Community Association

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).

It's a potluck picnic featuring lots of end-of-summer fresh edibles. Lemonade and iced spring water will be provided, but folks should bring their own tableware and utensils.

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.

Live acoustic music will be provided by *Red Barn* with its mix of country, folk, and rhythm and blues. Red Barn features Bev and Bernie Fitzpatrick, Charlie Ciccone, and Penny Boynton. ❀

BALD HILL PICNIC & PIE CONTEST

Submitted by Jean Rowley

It is again time to gather for our annual pie baking contest and social event. We thought we would try a weekend earlier than usual. We have scheduled it for Saturday, August 17, 4-8pm-ish, at Jennings Pond. This is a dish to pass. Please bring your own place settings, drink, and grillables.

Don't forget to bring a homemade pie! We have two awards: Best Adult Pie and Best Under-16 Pie.

The lifeguards will be there until 8pm. ❀

A CAPPELLA SONGS AT TOWN HALL

On Sunday, August 11, 3-5pm, there will be an concert of a cappella songs featuring the *Diamonds in the Rough* trio at Danby Town Hall. This informal event of unaccompanied voices is an "extra" event added to the concert series presented by the Danby Community Council.

A *Diamonds in the Rough* performance is a special thing: three voices, unsupported by instruments, exploring a wide variety of music. They'll travel from traditional to folk to old time jazz and music hall ditties. The group calls it, "Free-range folk." You'll hear rich vocals and compelling harmonies, and you'll go home humming the tunes.

Diamonds in the Rough recently performed at the Brooktondale Farmers' Market and on the *Bound for Glory* radio concert/broadcast. Long time BFG host, Phil Shapiro, described *Diamonds in the Rough* as, "Three voices which shimmer when they sing together."

Jim Blake, Glenda Blake, and Pamela Goddard have been singing together for more than twenty years. They got together in the fireside song circle tradition of the Morris Dance community and found a natural harmony between their voices.

Jim and Glenda, brother and sister, grew up singing in the Methodist Church, while Pamela Goddard, currently the Danby Town Clerk, has been singing since she was a young child at the Clearwater picnic events in the Hudson Valley. Each member brings their own taste and perspective to the group's sound.

The concert is free and open to everyone. Like all the others in the DCC series, a *Diamonds in the Rough* concert is appropriate for all ages! If the weather is fine, the singing will happen in the Gazebo; not so fine, it'll be indoors.

The DCC's Concert Series receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. ❀

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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

An important part of a Town Clerk's job is to assure that Town documents are accurate, secure, and accessible. Fortunately, we have a useful guide for doing this: the New York State Records Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1, used by cities, towns, villages, and fire districts.

The purpose of the MU-1 is four-fold: to ensure that records are retained as long as needed for administrative, legal, and fiscal purposes, that state and federal records retention requirements are met, that records with enduring historical and research value are identified and preserved permanently, and to encourage and facilitate the systematic disposal of unneeded records. Here in Tompkins County, this part of all Town Clerks' jobs will be made easier through a shared service agreement with the County Electronic Records Repository system.



Unlike larger government branches, small local governments often do not have the resources to implement and support high-level technology within their records management programs. The best alternative to access to technological efficiency is often to pool resources and collaborate with other like governments.

While some Town records (most notably, official minutes and hearing proceedings, local laws, and legal determinations) must be retained permanently, most others have a retention schedule of one to six years. Municipalities are encouraged to regularly dispose of old records for legal and practical purposes. Small towns, such as Danby, have limited resources for storing and preserving documents.

The New York State Archives and Records Administration (SARA) has encouraged municipalities to consider electronic records for primary records, particularly those that only need to be kept from one to six years.

Tompkins County has implemented a digital records archiving program and is now able to host a solution for use by other local government agencies. External users may utilize a secure Internet connection or a locally-managed

direct connectivity. The cost savings and advantages of shared services include: the sharing of our records management and Information Technology knowledge, backup and a disaster recovery solution, improved process efficiencies, and a user consortium for design and support issues.

Danby, along with all other Towns in Tompkins County, recently passed a resolution to join in a five-year contract with the Tompkins Shared Services Electronic Records Repository (TSSERR).

TSSERR is a system that will automatically capture electronic records, eliminating the need for massive buildings full of bureaucratic paper. The County has already seen a benefit to this system, vastly reducing the amount of stored paper. Not to mention the reduced cost of building maintenance and staff time required to care for documents.

Eventually, the Town of Danby will see the same benefit. Some current electronic Danby documents, including minutes, census data, and assessment records have already been captured into the TSSERR system. The next phase will have all of our minutes and building permits scanned and filed in the system. This will give the Town a safe and secure backup, particularly for the older documents that do not currently exist in electronic form. Paper copies will still maintained at Town Hall in the fire-safe archives vault. When complete, documents that are open to the public will be accessible via a secure web site.

Many of Danby's public records from the past four years are already available via the Town of Danby web site. We are working indexes to make it easier to find laws, resolutions, and procedures. Right now, though, once you know where to look, much of what you need can be found. Meeting agendas and minutes, contact information for members of elected and appointed boards, building permit applications, the full text of recent local laws and ordinances, and much more. My next article will tell more about the best ways to find the information you need on our Town web site.

The Town Clerk's summer office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10am-5pm, and other hours by appointment. The office will be closed Sundays and Thursdays through Labor Day. And yes, the chocolate kiss bowl remains full. Questions? Call 607.277.4788 or send Email to [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us]. ❁



Crane Hill acoustic music during Fun Day

FUN DAY THANK YOUS

Submitted by Sharon Gaden
Committee Member

The Danby and West Danby Fire Companies would like to thank everyone who came out to support us at Danby Fun Day 2013 and hopefully everyone had fun!

We would like to extend a big *Thank You* to the following community members, friends, and family who volunteered their time to help us bring you Danby Fun Day 2013:

Sue Beeners	Parade from A to Z
Alan Boda	Parade Lineup Site Preparation
Ric Dietrich	Banners, flags, signs
Ted Jones	Parade Master, banners, flags, signs
Chris Jones	Assistant Parade Master, banners, flags, signs
Ivan Keresztes	Assistant Parade Master, banners, flags, signs
Rita McCarthy	Assistant Parade Master, banners, flags, signs
David, Kim, Lydia, Russ, and Susannah Nitchman	Tents, signs, pennants, cooking & serving chicken, clean up
John Rowley	Assistant Parade Master
John and Margie VanDeMark	Kids tent, John as a Grand Marshal
Ted Merritt	a Grand Marshal
Wayne Westmiller	cooking chicken
Gene & Mary Beavers	cooking chicken
Bill Halton	cooking chicken
Ellie Sczepanski	serving chicken
Judy & Pat Cavenev	serving chicken, cooking chicken and cleaning salt potatoes
Jessica Maleski	set up, wherever needed during Fun Day and running a game
Connie Sczepanski	running games, clean up
Dave McDermitt	running a game
Denise McDermitt	cake wheel/wheel of treats
Bev & Bernie Fitzpatrick	running games
Dan Klein	running a game
Amanda Walts	running a game
Heidi & Courtney McNeil	help with Chinese Auction, popcorn & cotton candy stand, clean up

Dan McNeil	cooking at the hotdog & hamburger stand, Chinese Auction
Tammy Knight	taking money at the hotdog & hamburger stand, Chinese Auction
Christina Vanetten	running games
Kayla VanEtten	running games
Joe Peabody	running games
Joan Grant	sitting at history exhibit
Gay & Garry Huddle	organizing and running cake wheel/wheel of treats, Garry as a Grand Marshal
Maddi Huddle	cake wheel/wheel of treats, Chinese Auction
Kasey Spada	cake wheel/wheel of treats
Zoe Larson	face painting
Evan Goldrick	set up, running games, clean up
Zach Carlisle	set up
Sierra Carlisle	set up
Autum Bump	set up
Rachael Bump	set up, making signs
Branden Carlisle	set up
Dustin Wegner	set up
Bill Farrell	helping in the hotdog & hamburger stand
Sheri Farrell	clean up
Tom Seaney	helping to make our paper products to be either recyclable or able to compost them, all day
	manning the trash/recycle/composting cans, removing compost.
All the wonderful bakers	cake wheel/wheel of treats
Michelle VanDeMark	cookies for the chicken bbq 🍪

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

For the first time in as long as I can remember, I missed Danby Fun Day. I had just been diagnosed with Lyme disease. Other people get Lyme disease; I do not get Lyme. I have been in the woods my whole life. That's a lot. I follow some basic precautions and have always felt confident that I would not get bit. I'm presently doing well, but if I am bitten again, I would have to start the process all over.

I'm inserting this personal reminder into my *Danby Area News* update as a reminder to everyone. Be extra mindful, this summer for sure, of these little critters. If you suspect you have been bitten seek medical advice as soon as possible.

On other topics, the Town Highway boiler project is seeking a renewal of its maintenance contract. Last winter, the performance was not up to our expectations. We tweaked the fuel (moved from all oak to a combination of ash and hickory), adjusted the feed rate, and played with pumps, heaters, and thermostats, but we ran out of cold weather before many of these changes could be evaluated.

We would like to keep our service contract through this next winter to see if these changes have improved performance.

Our new solar panels at Town Hall are producing very well. The building is running off the system and there's enough juice left over to make our meters spin backward. The Highway Department is considering a similar installation. And all at no cost to taxpayers!

On the Broadband Internet front, we have heard some very informal guesses that infrastructure installation in Danby may begin sometime in August.

We entered into this grant opportunity, not only to provide high-speed Internet connections for Danby residents, but to be a part of a larger project that would benefit other Towns in Tompkins County. When the grant was awarded, however, the State removed the Towns of Caroline and Enfield from the project. Caroline, Danby's neighbor, was cut partly because it is one of the most expensive of the buildouts--its geography is somewhat worse even than ours.

Radio waves don't know about political boundaries. Two or more of the poles that serve Danby residents--primarily the Coddington Road area--are located in Caroline. While it appears that those poles are within the grant funding, the grant would leave the rest of Caroline "dark".

Caroline asked all the other participating municipalities to help them out by covering a portion of cost of

its poles. In a split decision, the Danby Town Board pledged six thousand dollars to help Caroline. Caroline will still have to provide electricity to the poles, and funding must be found for the--much larger--equipment cost. It is hoped that other participating municipalities will also step up to the plate and support the "broadband for all" concept.

Working together, we can make sure that good things happen for all of us, not just for some of us.

The Highway Department is finalizing aspects of a truck replacement program. Danby has been relying on aging equipment to take care of its 70-odd miles of roads. The Department's ongoing effort is a long-term look at a fiscally sound way to cut equipment maintenance costs while reinvigorating the vehicle fleet. The Town Board, in a 3-2 vote, supported this program.

The Community Council's contract was back for Board action but was tabled to the Board meeting in August.

The County's proposal to reinvent the structure for providing Youth Services was poorly received by participating municipalities.

In Danby, this program is provided by the Community Council. The DCC was uncomfortable both with the demand for additional funding from the Town and with the reduced opportunity for local programming. The County is preparing an alternative draft proposal for review by participating agencies.

Well, it certainly is hot. I can only wonder what August will bring.

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

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Highway Department

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Mon-Thu, 6am-4:30pm

Code Enforcement Office

Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559
Mon-Wed, 9am-4pm; Thu-Fri, by appointment

Town Court

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031
Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT NEWS

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

T.G. Miller, the engineering firm we've hired to coordinate our infrastructure project, has completed our request for bids to supply water meters to replace the existing ones.

The deadline for bid proposals will be July 31. The Commissioners, having read all the proposals, will convene a meeting within a week of that date to select a manufacturer and vendor.

After that, we will begin coordination with our customers to schedule coming into their homes to replace the old meters with the new. We don't have a date for when this will begin and it will most likely be after the September meter reading, but be aware that we will be contacting you if you live in the West Danby Water District.

If you have questions about coordinating your water meter replacement please call me at 607.564.0469 or Email [todsukontarak@gmail.com].

Preliminary work has also begun on the replacement of the storage tank. The engineers contracted with a drilling company to take soil samples from the tank site to be evaluated to determine details of pad construction.

Thank you to one of our customers for noticing unusual water surfacing in her lawn and calling Carl. Carl tested a sample of the water and found that it was a line leak. Please call one of the operators if you live in the District and notice unusual water surfacing in your yard: Carl, 607.564.7395; Gene, 607.564.9554; or Tod, 607.564.0469. ❁

DANBY PARK ASSOC ANNUAL MTG REPORT

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

On June 15, a small but upbeat group gathered beneath the welcome shade of the picnic pavilion in Dotson Park for the Danby Community Park Association's Annual Meeting.

Attendees heard highlights from the past year:

- a beautiful new sign kiosk was built with funds from a Sustainable Tompkins mini-grant
- we had a successful fundraising effort that has enabled us to pay our insurance bills and have money left to invest in the park
- we eliminated a major financial burden with a special kind of mortgage on the property
- we expanded the trail system in the park with the help of volunteers
- we installed a new sign out front
- we experimented with having a food vendor in the park last fall

- and the trails and disc golf course are getting lots and lots of use.

Future plans and ideas were discussed, many volunteer opportunities of all sizes were named, and elections were held. Board President Julie Clougherty is stepping down from that office a year early, to be replaced by VP Kenny Makosch, who was elected to a term of two more years, and Tom Janda, the final board member, is entering the final year of his term. One new board member, Michele Lenhart, was elected to a three-year term.

To see the full four-page report, including financials, log onto our website at [dotsonpark.org], or Email us at [dotsonpark@gmail.com]. All are welcome at our monthly meetings, held the third Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Danby Town Hall.

Remember, this is your park. Come play in it and be a part of it! ❁

FUN DAY CHINESE AUCTION THANKS

Submitted by Sharon Gaden & Paula Carlisle, Auction Committee

The Danby and West Danby Fire Companies would like to thank the following individuals and businesses who donated services, items, and gift cards to make the Chinese Auction a success.

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| Bangs Ambulance | Hangar Theatre | Raymond Hadley |
| Candor Market | Highland Farms Kennel | Route 96B Power & Paddle |
| Cayuga Lake Cruises | Hilary Schilling | Sage Wellness |
| Danby Quilters | Hollybrook Golf Course | Sciencenter |
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| Davinci's | Ithaca Recreational Sports | Statue Cruises |
| Eastern Mountain Sports | Jerome Fire | Tops |
| Finishline Auto | Kost | Willcox Tire |
| Flax | La Tourelle Resort & Spa | |

3RD ANNUAL DANBY BARN DANCE

Submitted by Ted Crane and Pamela Goddard

On Friday, August 2, come be part of the party at the Third Annual Danby Community Barn Dance in the old cow shed at “Slow Lane”, 888 Comfort Road, the intersection of Comfort and Lieb Road. This is a fun, relaxed community-building event presented in conjunction with the Danby Community Council.

The evening is open to everyone: musicians, dancers, listeners, foodies, kids, teens, adults, and seniors.

It starts with a rustic Pot Luck supper at 6pm. Enjoy the best of the summer’s bounty, supplied by you and your friends. By 7pm, the musicians will be warming up for an hour of “Waltz Jam”. They play sweet tunes while dancers turn around the room.

Waltzing is easy, fun, and even useful. If it’s your first time, ask for a 1-minute intro (gentle steering help is available).

Speaking of musicians, if you play an instrument, this is a great evening to bring it. If you don’t already know the uncomplicated, traditional tunes, music books will be available. Like the dancers, the band wants more players and will welcome you with a big smile.

The waltzes will be followed by an old time Barn Dance—circles, contras, squares, and what have you—starting at 8pm and going until well after dark. Come early and stay late.

If you’ve ever done the Virginia Reel—or seen it in a movie or on TV—you’ve done an kind of barn dance. All the dances use a short list of similar figures: circles, stars, turns, and swings. You’ll quickly recognize the ladies chain, roll-away, and chassez.

Don’t worry if you’ve never done this before. All dances will be taught and helpful, experienced dancers will be on hand to ease newcomers into the figures. Dances early on in the evening will be simple. Stay for as much as you like.

Please note! We really will be dancing in a barn. Wear sneakers or other comfortable, yet sturdy shoes. The



floor is uneven concrete, so bare feet are not allowed. There are few amenities; there’s a portajohn but no running water. Bring your own serving utensils, dinnerware, chair, and battery operated lanterns to help light the barn after dark. Tables will be set up for the meal and dance break snacks. A water bottle is a very good idea. Dress for the weather, whatever that might be. The barn is dry, has a great view, and is often full of a pleasant breeze.

The Community Barn Dance is a great family event. Danby-ites of all ages can enjoy open air dancing or take a stroll in the nearby garden and country roads.

It’s free (though donations to help with expenses are welcome)! It’s a chance to meet

your Danby neighbors and for the community to come together for a relaxing evening out. Play, dance, hang out under the stars. For more details call us at 607.273.8678. ❀

RE-REGISTER FOR NYS STAR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Excerpt of a letter from Jay Franklin, County Tax Assessor

The state of NY is making all 2.7 million Basic STAR recipients re-register by November 30 of of this year. In Tompkins County, about 19,500 recipients are affected.

Letters will be mailed to all “Basic STAR” recipients around August 19. The letter provides a unique code that can be used to file an online application or, for those without Internet access, to identify the applicant to one the telephone operators.

Seniors receiving “Enhanced STAR” exemptions aren’t affected by this change, but must continue to apply annually.

The Tompkins County Assessment office will have very limited ability to answer questions or register people outside of the online application. The phone number at the State to call is 518.457.2036.

The deadline for applications is November 30, 2013. ❀

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* continues in August. 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!

New this summer: Hamburgs and hot dogs for sale at 5:30pm. Ice Cream at 6:30pm, music at 7pm.

The schedule includes:

- July 31 *Ithaca Concert Band*
- August 7 *Diamond Sunday*
- August 14 *Finger Lakes Pipe Band*
- August 21 *Under Construction*

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

Coming on September 14, 5pm and 6pm, the Steak Dinner!

3rd Annual Danby Barn Dance, August 2

See page 9 story.

Bald Hill Picnic and Pie Baking Contest, August 17

See front page story.

West Danby Picnic, August 24

See front page story.

Finnish Kantele Concert, September 3 or 4

The Finns are still thinking about it, but we're hoping for a special concert of Finnish music in early September. If it happens, the Finger Lakes Finns and the Danby Community Council will break out the *pula* bread to welcome musicians visiting the USA. Keep your eyes and ears open! ❁

FUN DAY THANKS

Submitted by Gay Huddle

"A small community needs a big event where neighbors can have fun together!" That's how I feel about Danby Fun Day, this year and every year.

Thank you to everyone who works so hard on this event: Danby and West Danby Volunteer Fire Departments, Sue Beeners, Sharon Gaden, all the musicians, volunteers who help out in so many ways (including the best cake wheel helpers on the face of the Earth, Maddi and Kasey Huddle, and substitute Brian McDermitt), the bakers of the treats for the cake wheel, guest vendors, quilters, all those who marched in the parade, the chicken barbecue cooks and servers, the clean up crew, the guest participants who painted faces, set up games, displayed Danby history, served food and ice cream, showed us how to recycle, generous folks who donated to the auction...just everyone!

Bloom where you are planted, and participating in Danby Fun Day helps us to do that. A good time was had by all! ❁

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The musical luncheon cruise on Captain Bill's on Seneca lake was enjoyed by 39 of us on June 26. The weather held for a lovely day (that was back in rainy season).

Our next gathering is the BBQ at Merritt's on August 1.

Signups are required so call them if you're not on the list. Then, September 5 (first Thursday of each month) we'll meet at 6pm in the Danby Church.

Ted has a full bus going to the *Hank Williams Story* at the Merry-Go-Round theater on October 1.

If you're a senior, 55 or over, come and join us for dish to share meals and fellowship! ❁



Barb Robinson taking care of the Famous Fire Dep't BBQ cash register during Fun Day

photo by Ted Crane

TRANSPORT STYLES ON PARADE DURING DANBY FUN DAY 2013



LIFE IN DANBY

Collected and reported by Julie Nichols Kulik

A few of you have responded and sent in their recent reports—all Bird related, thanks so much, and please keep them coming!

Birds: “We’ve had a gorgeous Northern Harrier consistently cruising our fields. The Robins and Tree Swallows are raising second broods. And the young Ravens are making a racket as the adults follow them around fretting!”

“We’ve seen more Ravens in the area lately.”

“We had a peacock show up in our yard occasionally for the past week, very friendly and the kids loved it, but its bellowing calls in the early AM were problematic so I walked it over toward the neighbor’s house at 6am two days ago and we haven’t heard or seen it since.”

“First push of Yellow Warblers should be overhead heading southbound tonight! <July 11>.”

“A school of baby turkeys led by an adult and with an adult at the end of the line.”

Plants/Trees: “amazing wild berries this year!”

Our feature story fits in none of these categories: Just when you thought life on earth couldn’t get any wilder...look what was found on a tree, about 3 ft off the ground! It was about 3 inches wide. May I introduce you to Slime Mold, an “almost animal”.

“Slime molds were once considered to be a type of fungi, but are now known to belong in the kingdom Protista,

the same that contains protozoans. Alternatively they are placed in their own kingdom, subkingdom, or phylum: Amoebozoa. They begin their life cycles as haploid amoeboid cells, which can mate among themselves sexually if they possess genetic material that is different enough from each other. The new, diploid cell grows but then something remarkable happens. As it undergoes mitosis, its chromosomes divide, its nucleus splits normally, but the cell itself doesn’t. It only grows larger, first containing two nuclei, then four, and so on. These “plasmodia” (singular: “plasmodium”) can be, in some species, tens of square meters in area, making them the largest cells known in terms of area, and containing thousands of nuclei. The plasmodium can move from place to place, creeping slowly on its substrate of dead and rotting plant matter, feeding on microorganisms. If it runs out of prey to feed on, or conditions become otherwise unfavorable for survival, it will migrate to an exposed area (the top of a rotten log or leaves of plants) and there it will produce sporangia. Its spores will then fly airborne to more suitable areas to begin its life cycle anew.



Please contact me at [julieinthewoods@gmail.com], and see you in the woods! ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

The 2013 *Community Read* will be *The Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka. Look for it at the Danby Community Library.

The library continues to be open on Saturdays, 10am-Noon, all summer!

We have new donations for summer reading and look for the new *Read the Book/See the Movie* display.

Are you taking advantage of the free summer events around town? We attended a lecture at Cornell featuring Kim Brown Bixler, a woman who grew up in Rochester’s Frank Lloyd Wright House. She wrote an interesting book with lots of photos and the Danby Community Library has a signed copy for you to borrow! ❀

COOP EXTENSION PROGRAMS

Cornell Cooperative Extension offers programming year-round. Here’s two youth programs of interest:

Make Stuff: Play & Create in the Garden

Tuesdays, August 6-27, 10-11am, Ithaca Children’s Garden in Cass Park. All ages are welcome for a variety of creative activities from mud paint to creative carpentry and pizza on the grill. Fee: \$5 per child/\$10 per family suggested donation.

Summer Sprouts

Wednesdays, August 7-28, 10-11am, Ithaca Children’s Garden in Cass Park. Experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on projects; for pre-schoolers ages 2–5 and their caregivers. Free and open to the public; donations welcome.

For more info, call 607.272.2292.x186 ❀

Community Council Youth Programs Summer 2013

Danby Youth Flyer

Hi Danby Families,

I hope your summer is going well so far. I give thanks for all the rain and the fun we've been having in summer programs so far! I especially enjoyed my time at the Danby Fun Day.

Nothing has changed on our schedule from the last newsletter but there is still space in the two programs coming up: Water Color at Jennings Pond and Homestead Explorations.

After talking to a few parents about wanting programs for younger children, I want to make a special offer to families with children under the age of 8.

If you have a younger child interested in water color, you and your child are welcome to join us for Water Color at Jennings Pond. If you are interested, or have any other questions, please contact me at [sc1223@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x222.

—Happy August, Simone

Water Color at Jennings Pond, Ages 8-13

Thursday-Friday, 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

Monday-Wednesday, 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. ✨

COOL SWIMMING IN JENNINGS POND

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak

Jennings Pond swimming is open!

Jennings Pond, located off Bald Hill Road, at the headwaters of Buttermilk Falls and part of the State Park, is surrounded by picturesque woods and is habitat for Canada Geese and Great Blue Heron.

It offers fishing, picnicking with grills, boating (bring your own) and free swimming with lifeguards until Labor Day. It is open seven days a week. Swimming hours are Noon-7pm on weekdays and Noon-8pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

Great for the whole family! Come and enjoy a swim! ✨



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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

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, corner of Comfort and Lieb
3rd Annual Danby Barn Dance

Aug 3 • Sat

8am-Noon 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Yard Sale**

Aug 7 • Wed

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
6:30pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Sundaes on Wednesday - Diamond Someday

Aug 11 • Sun

3pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Community Council Concert - Diamonds in the Rough

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**

Aug 13 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Aug 14 • Wed

6:30pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Sundaes on Wednesday - Finger Lakes Pipe and Drum

Aug 15 • Thu

3-6pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**
7pm 🏛️ Dotson Park • **Park Association Meeting**

Aug 17 • Sat

4pm 🏛️ Jennings Pond
Bald Hill Picnic and Pie Contest Yard Sale

Aug 19 • Mon

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**

Aug 20 • Tue

7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

Aug 21 • Wed

6:30pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Sundaes on Wednesday - Under Construction

Aug 22 • Thu

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**

Aug 24 • Sat

Noon 🏛️ Hatch Pavilion, corner of Short and Brown
West Danby Community Picnic

Aug 26 • Mon

1-2pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Mobile Food Truck**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Conservation Adv Council Mtg**

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

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Check it out: [<http://town.danby.ny.us>] 🌐

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