



DANBY AREA NEWS

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC DANBY FUN DAY, 2014

Submitted by George Jakubsen, Fun Day Committee

When: Saturday, July 12, 2014

Where: Danby Fire Station, 1780 Danby Road

Celebrate 31 years of fun at our annual Danby Fun Day. The fun begins at 10am with the lineup for the parade. This year we are encouraging groups to make floats around our theme of "Music, Music, Music!" A float need be no larger than a small trailer towed by a tractor or four-wheeler. Every kid, young and old, wants to be in a parade--here's your chance! The parade will kick off at 10:30am.

There will be games, games, games galore, face painting, a cake wheel, a Chinese auction, more than you could ever hope to do. We will have craft vendors from all over the area. There will be history displays from the Danby

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GRILL NIGHTS AT JENNINGS POND

Submitted by Ted Crane, Danby Community Council

Search informal histories, or listen to old timer's stories of small-town joys, and you will find nostalgic descriptions of picnics by the lake on a summer evening.

The smell of a wood fire turning ordinary foods into appetizing culinary marvels. A blanket on the grass and maybe a few chairs. The slow, but comfortable talk within a family and between family groups. The kids playing nearby. It doesn't get too much better than this.

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WEST DANBY YARD SALE DAY

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet

Saturday 14 June, save the date! Once again, a community-wide yard sale day is planned to coordinate with sales in Spencer and Van Etten.

We believe the combined effort helps all sale-holders by drawing more out-of-towners to the area.

The sales will be advertised in the *Ithaca Journal* and elsewhere. Hand-out maps will be available on the morning of the event at the 4-Corners (Station Road and NYS Rt.34), at Young's Convenience in Newfield, and at the Spencer ShurSave. There is no charge to you for this service. Road signage will be up to you.

West Danby Folks: it's not too early to plan! If you would like to get your sale on the list and the map, give me a call at 607.255.0443, weekdays (you may leave a message), or at 607.564.0030, evenings, or try [pf13@cornell.edu]. I'll need to know the address of the sale and a few of your top items for sale.

Everyone else: Get out there and bargain-hunt! ❁

YOUTH GRANTS FROM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

Financial assistance for Danby youth, up to age 21, attending activity programs is available. It takes the form of a grant of up to \$100 per youth per year. The Danby Community Council administers these grants, based on funding provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby.

Grants are awarded quarterly for camps, lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is June 15 for programs beginning July-September. Families who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch are especially encouraged to apply. For more information and applications, please contact [youthgrants@danbycc.org]. ❁

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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

This month's Town Clerk's Desk article is brought to you, in large part, by the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response.

As I mentioned last month, Town Clerks often have the additional title and designation of Public Information Officer. I am honored to serve in this role for the Town of Danby. Fortunately, we have had very few town-wide, or even neighborhood-impacting emergency situations.

In recent years, Danby has been lucky to avoid major natural or man-made problems such as devastating ice storms, forest fires, toxic waste spills, or criminal cases. Our elevated location keeps us safe from most extensive flooding. And yet, we know that these things can strike without warning...such as the tornado that roared across Danby in April, 2011.

At the end of April, I was able to take part in a day-long training, organized by the Tompkins County Department of

Emergency Response, on the skills needed to set up and assist with operating a Joint Information System and Joint Information Center in the case of an emergency situation. During an emergency, getting the right information to the right people at the right time helps us all make the right decisions. Making the informed and rational decisions can be a matter of life and death...or it may "simply" protect property and calm fears.

One hopes that we never need to set up such a system other than for training purposes, and that we will all be able to live quiet and safe lives. It is my hope that should such a system need to go into place for an actual emergency I will be able to put this training to good use so that accurate, easy to understand information is delivered in a rapid fashion.

At the beginning of May, I received a letter from the Emergency Response team Contact Information. They write, *A frequent request received from agency personnel by the 9-1-1/Communications Center is the ability to make contact with someone in response to a premise, business, multiple dwelling, or other occupancy where an emergency service provider has been dispatched.* To be able to do this, the Department of Emergency Response is asking anyone with address and/or contact information changes to call 607.266.2634 or Email [contactinfo@tompkins-co.org]. This information will greatly assist in assuring that the right information

gets to those who need it. If you have questions about emergency response, you can contact the Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response (located at 92 Brown Road) at 607.257.3888.

During June, the Town Clerk's office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays. We are closed on Sundays and Thursdays. Summer hours, dropping Saturday mornings, commenced on Memorial Day weekend. You can always reach us by phone, 607.277.4788.

Spring is has finally arrived! In celebration, not only is the candy bowl filled with chocolate kisses, but there are fresh flowers blooming at the entrance to Town Hall and in the vases on the Town Clerk's counter.

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

TOMPKINS TIME TRADERS RETURN TO DANBY

Submitted by Eric Banford

Tompkins Time Traders (T3) is a local group bringing skill sharing to a community level, where members exchange an hour of their time for an hour of another member's time, regardless of what skill they have shared.

Imagine helping someone in their garden in exchange for some dental work. Imagine banking hours doing other people's taxes and then cashing in your hours to learn Spanish. With more than 50 members exchanging nearly 1000 hours to date, anything is possible!

On Sunday June 8, 4:30-5:30pm, we will host a T3 orientation in Danby's Town Hall, followed by a potluck, 5:30-6:30pm. Leslie Strebel from T3's "kitchen cabinet" (Board) will outline how to join T3's network, what sorts of skills are currently available, and share ideas on how to participate. This event is open to anyone in Tompkins County, not just Danby, so please invite your friends and neighbors. Quite a number of Danby residents are already members of T3, the more the merrier!

Visit [tompkinstimetraders.net/] for more information about T3.



COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, County Legislator

The Tompkins County government pays all its employees a living wage: \$12.62/hour with health insurance, \$13.94 without. However, there are a large number of agencies and companies we contract with who do not pay their employees a living wage.

The County Legislature set aside \$100,000 in this year's budget to begin bringing some of our contracted employees up to the living wage. On May 6, the legislature voted to allocate the first of that money, approximately \$16,000, to Foodnet/Meals on Wheels. The measure passed, but I voted against it. I want to explain some of my thinking on this.

The estimated cost to bring all our contracted employees up to the living wage is 1.8 million dollars. By allocating \$100,000 a year, it will take 18 years to bring everyone up to the living wage. Obviously, this is not a viable plan of how to address the issue of low-wage workers. I consider this a piecemeal approach, and that is the primary reason I voted against it.

I am reasonably sure that other agencies will now be coming to us asking for a subsidy to bring their employees up to the living wage. We are going to have to say, "No," to most of them. I don't know how I would be able to justify saying, "Yes," to Foodnet and, "No," to Suicide Prevention, the Southside Community Center, the Downtown Ithaca Children's Center, and all the other great organizations that provide needed services in the County. The living wage is fundamentally an issue of fairness, and I am not able to see the fairness in bringing some employees up to the living wage and not others.

There are some other issues of concern as well. In a given agency or company, an employee may work one day for Tompkins County and the next day for another client. We cannot mandate that the other client pays the living wage, so some employees would be making the living wage for the hours billed to Tompkins County, and less for the hours billed to someone else. Again, this just does not seem fair to me. Similarly, different employees in the same company, doing the exact same job but for different clients would be paid different wages.

There are other ways to begin to pay all employees a living wage, and I hope we explore them in the future. For now though, this is the system we are using. I am glad that more people will be making the living wage and I hope we can find workable ways to bring everyone else along.

You can contact me at 607.272.7582 or [danbydan@hotmail.com]. ☘

GO SOLAR NOW!

Submitted by Guillermo Metz, CCE Renewable Energy Coordinator

**Put the Power of the Sun to Work for You
Make the Switch to Solar
Power Up With the Sun**

Now is the time to power your home with the sun! Solar Tompkins, the county-wide program to bring solar to your rooftop or yard, officially kicked off on Wednesday, May 28. The community-led program aims to double the total amount of solar PV installed by Tompkins County residences and small businesses to date, and to leave the market with a permanently increased annual rate of solar power adoption.

There's never been a better time to invest in solar panels. Costs for the systems have dropped to an all-time low, and state incentives are being reduced accordingly (meaning that in the future you'll likely receive less from the state). Through Solar Tompkins, you will have the opportunity to attend informational workshops to learn all the basics of solar and meet with partner installers who have reduced their prices considerably for enrollees in this program.

The first Danby workshop will be June 5 in the Danby Town Hall, at 7pm. Come with all your questions: Do we have enough sun here in upstate NY? How much will my system cost after incentives and rebates? What size system will I need for my home? What are solar leases? A repeat workshop will be held June 24, 7pm, in the West Danby Fire Hall. All the workshops will be the same, so feel free to come to any of them.

Solar tours have already started around the county; the next one in Danby will be on Sunday, June 8, 1pm, at 2521 West Danby Road. For more information and the complete schedule of workshops and tours, visit [solartompkins.org] or call me at 607.272.2292.

Solar Tompkins is your opportunity to take control of your energy bills by affordably purchasing or leasing a solar system. Join together with your neighbors to make solar simple and affordable! ☘

Solar Tompkins lawn signs are available from Town Hall (they're outside, by the book drop; let me know if they are all gone and I can bring more). Please consider putting one out on your property, particularly if you are on a busy road.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

It's May 16 and, April showers notwithstanding, it is raining, lots of rain and calls coming in from all over Town of Danby. The Highway Department has been scrambling to cover all our bases.

If you accept the idea that our weather is intensifying, with more frequent and prolonged weather events, flooding remains our most likely and most damaging threat.

Old timers tell me that, to make sure firewood is ready for fall, it should be stacked by Easter. I missed that deadline but I am optimistic that a new deadline is in the works.

And there are other deadlines and ongoing projects. We continue work on the wood boiler at the Highway Department, networking with other boiler projects around the state to increase our knowledge and share our experience with other Highway Departments, School Districts and Municipalities. It is believed to be a way for all of us to share what we are learning.

As midyear approaches, I am learning that we will be looking at several items that will have impact on our budget this year: Youth Services, a possible bus service, the school district budget, and the New York State Tax Cap.

➤ Grill Nights, continued from front page

The Community Council will be holding a series of Grill Nights at Jennings Pond/ on Sundays this summer, starting on June 22 and 29. You all know where the pond is, on Bald Hill Road, just outside the center of "Uphill Danby", about half a mile from Town Hall. The grills light up shortly after 4pm.

The DCC will supply all-natural hardwood for the grills, along with a few simple snack foods. You're welcome to bring your dinner, whether it's pre-cooked at home, takeout from your favorite purveyor, or ready to be grilled (ah! the aroma) on-site. There's a few tables and benches at the pond, and you can add your own blankets and chairs.

Mother nature will supply the weather and the magnificent sunset around 8:30pm. If the weather includes rain, don't worry, just show up the next week.

The events are free, as are all Community Council events. Just bring yourself, your family, and friends for a great community evening. ☘

The tax cap is a bit like a cliff edge. What we have done, and what some other municipalities and the county are doing, is to have discussions about this topic at the legislative level. Please become informed on this issue and, if you have comments, please let us know.

What's good? Well, someone dropped off some cherry cider for me; I have never had cherry cider before and it's really good. What else? Cardinals in my magnolia tree, hummingbirds at the feeders, robins going nuts over who owns the space, and tree swallows skimming over the pond.

I love the smells, the warm evenings, the peepers giving way to the toads, and then the toadss to the tree frogs. What a wonderful time to be in Danby.

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



Eloise Phinney and Frances Mason (center) join performers Steve Gillette (left) and Cindy Mangsen (right) after a recent Danby Community Council concert in Town Hall.

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Town Clerk

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93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169
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

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OWLS HAVING A HOOT

Submitted by "the 600-ish block of West King Road"

All the neighbors in the houses in the West King Road woods are talking about the same thing. *How about those owls?*

Night after night, we're hearing colorful screeches along with choruses of, "Who?," and "Who...cooks for you?" Huh, what? That last call is characteristic of the barred owl. And, now, during the day, the rush of feathery wings crossing thru the trees signals sightings of as many as three owls at a time.

Perhaps it's just a coincidence but, for some reason, the squirrel population is down. We hardly see the gray rascals on the bird feeders anymore.

The coyote songs, formerly the best entertainment for an insomniac, aren't nearly as loud as the hoots but, sometimes, we're treated to a double-header of hoots and howls.

We're a welcoming neighborhood and we're enthusiastically looking forward to seeing more of our new friends in the vicinity.

Send in your wildlife sightings, stories, and photos! ❄



Photo by Katharine Hunter

Danby Parade 2014 Entry Form

Name of Entry _____

Type of Entry (circle one):

Business • Classic Car • Band • Group/Club • Animal • Other

Name of Business, Club, Group, etc.: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone and Email: _____

I agree not to hold the Danby Fun Day, the parade committee, the Town of Danby, or the parade responsible for any injury due to my (our) participation in the parade.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Required; for those under 18, parent or guardian must sign)

• Parade Date: Saturday, July 12 •

Necessary information in detail: Vehicle, animal breed, musical group, float, walkers, bikes, etc.:

All animals must be under control at ALL times. Leash, lead, or harness.

Line up at 9:30am at Dobson's Danby Motors
Parade begins at 10:30am

Drop off completed forms at the Danby Town Hall or mail to 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Questions? Contact Sue Beeners, [sbeeners@aol.com] or 607.277.0799.

TCAT BUS NEWS

Submitted by Kathy Halton

I have been attending the monthly Citizen's Advisory Committee meetings at the Tompkins County Area Transit (TCAT) headquarters on Willow Avenue.

Part of TCAT's efforts to respond to community needs includes a new summer route that will be of interest to people, young and old. Route 22 will be going to the state parks this summer, starting on June 23 and running through August 22. There will be Saturday service also, starting June 7. The buses will go to Buttermilk, Treman, Taughannock, and Cass state parks, and also to Stewart Park.

This means that you can take the Route 65 TCAT bus to the Seneca Street parking garage and get a transfer to the Route 22 to go to one of the state parks and spend the day. You get into the park free, since you're not driving a car. What a deal!

For school kids, there is a summer pass available for the whole summer. There are bike racks on the buses, so you can bring your bike ride with you.

Check out TCAT's summer *2014 Schedule and Service Guide* at [tcatbus.com] or call 607.277.7433 for info. ☘

EVENTS 'ROUND TOWN

This column appears 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!

West Danby to Spencer Yard Sale

June 14, NYS Rt.34/96. Maps available at the 4-Corners of West Danby. See how many yards you can buy before the day's over!

Grill Nights

Sundays, June 22, 29, and beyond, 4:30pm at Jennings Pond. All-natural hardwood supplied, you bring dinner. For more info, [programs@danbycc.org].

Coming Soon

Sundaes on Wednesdays at the DFC. Stay tuned for more info!

Danby Fun Day

July 12, all day, at the Danby Fire Station. See various articles for more info. ☘

BROADBAND IN DANBY UPDATE

Submitted by Ted Crane

Two more months have passed and, while I've heard several anecdotal stories about installations and good service from Clarity's wireless internet, we're still waiting for the bulk of the big rollout.

Chuck Bartosch at Clarity Connect let me know that they ran into another snag, a physical one, the kind that can easily be solved given time (much preferable to bureaucratic issues or design flaws!).

The snag involved the a key transmission tower that I described in January's Danby News. This tower is not



intended to service a huge number of households, but it's a key antenna because Clarity can install relays that / can/ see more of Danby.

Clarity had hoped to make use of an existing tower structure but, when engineering tests were done—luckily, before the transmission equipment was installed—the original tower was too old to take the load. A new antenna tower had to be installed.

Anyway, the ball should be rolling again, soon.

If you have any interest in connecting to this project, it wouldn't hurt to contact Clarity, [clarityconnect.com] or 607.257.8268. If they know you're out there...they'll let you know when the radio waves are ready to find your neighborhood. ☘

CHINESE AUCTION AT FUN DAY

Would you like to donate an item, basket, or gift certificate? Are you crafty and would like to make something?

There is a Children's Chinese auction too—the little ones love to win, there are numerous ideas for a "basket" for a child to win!

All donations greatly appreciated. We can pick up donations or, if you prefer, arrange for a place and time for you to drop them off. ☘

TIME TO PLAY IN DOTSON PARK!

Submitted by Michele Lenhart

Imagine climbing up a steep incline, scrambling over boulders and around logs, successfully reaching the summit where you briefly pause to take in the view before sliding playfully back down to where you started. And then, of course, doing it all over again—30 or 40 times.

That is the vision for how children might experience the new natural playground in Dotson Park! Construction will begin this summer, and the Danby Community Park Association wants your help to make it happen. There will be a planning meeting on Thursday, June 19 from 7-8pm in the park, under the pavilion. This is in lieu of our regular business meeting for June—the only thing we will be discussing on June 19 is the development of the natural playground.

If you have children who would use this feature, or have an interest in the design of the playground, please attend this meeting on June 19 to help create Dotson Parks' exciting new play space for the Danby Community. And tell your Danby friends, too!

Some great news for the park: we have the opportunity to receive a matching grant of \$2500 if we are able to raise that amount by the end of the year! Thanks to several generous community members, we have already raised \$1560, so we need less than \$1000 to meet our goal. Donations have ranged from \$5 to \$500—every bit helps!

There are three ways to give:

- Go to our website [dotsonpark.org] to make a secure donation via PayPal
- Mail a check to: Danby Community Park Association, c/o LAP Inc., 309 Third Street, Ithaca NY 14850
- Next time you visit the park, drop a few dollars in the new donation box

Thanks for supporting Dotson Park, Danby's community backyard! ❀

FANTASTIC FOOD AT FUN DAY

Noon is the start of the famous Danby Fire Department Chicken Barbecue. We have a new barbecue master; come see how he stacks up against the older masters! Chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, bread, and a drink--what's not to like? On the kitchen side, we'll have hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, veggie burgers, salt potatoes, popcorn, cotton candy, and more! ❀

DONATE EXTRA GARDEN PRODUCE TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Submitted by Jeanine Huber

If you're anything like me, you plant a bigger garden than you can eat. Though you manage to put some things up, you never find the time to do it all. You share with friends and family but still, perfectly good food ends up in your compost pile. All of this while some around us don't have enough to eat.

Friendship Donations Network's *Neighborhood Food Hub Program* to the rescue! A food hub makes donating garden produce easy. In 2013, FDN launched a pilot Neighborhood Food Hub program. In eleven weeks, over 700 pounds of surplus garden produce was collected at four sites and distributed in Ithaca and surrounding areas. This year, the program is expanding to Danby, with a new hub at Danby Farms, 222 Bald Hill Road.

Bring your extra vegetables, fruit and eggs to the donation bin on Wednesdays (July 2-October 1), 8am-8pm. Donations will be distributed by the Danby Food Pantry or, on the weeks when the Food Pantry isn't held, elsewhere in the Ithaca area.

Other Neighborhood Food Hubs will be located in Dryden, Groton and Ithaca. Visit [friendshipdonations.org/hubs/] for details.

Founded in 1988 by Sara Pines, MSW, Ph.D., Friendship Donations Network's mission is to rescue fresh nutritious food that would be thrown away, and redistribute it to neighbors in need. Its extensive network of volunteers pick up donations of mostly perishable excess and day-old food and deliver them to pantries and programs which serve in excess of 2,100 people weekly. FDN diverts over 500,000 pounds of good food from the landfill each year.

For more information, contact the Program Coordinator, Meaghan Sheehan Rosen, 607.216.9522 or [info@friendshipdonations.org].

Help us feed our neighbors and keep your delicious produce out of the compost bin. ❀

➤ *Fun Day, cont'd from front page*

and West Danby Fire Departments—come learn about some of this community's special past. There will also be other educational exhibits, fire safety information, firefighting exhibitions, and more! ❀

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday June 5, 6pm (not at Noon in the summer) for a dish to share dinner.

Thanks go to Jim and Marge Hovanec for hosting our May meeting. Over 30 of our group enjoyed a nice luncheon and show at Penn's Peak PA on May 7—thank you Ted & Connie for setting this up. It was a beautiful day for the ride.

In July we'll have our BBQ and, on Friday, August 8, a luncheon cruise on Cayuga's MV Columbia has been set up for our group. Contact Margie if you'd like more information.

We have no meeting in August and the next regular meeting will be in September. ❀

DANBY RURAL CEMETERY MEETING

Submitted by Sharon Boda

The annual meeting of the Danby Rural Cemetery Association will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014, 9am, in the Danby Federated Church at 1859 Danby Road.

The meeting is open to the public and may be of special interest to lot owners and their family members. For more information, call 607.273.8241. ❀

DANBY LOSES HUMANITARIAN

Submitted by Fritz Garrison

Danby lost a familiar face in the community with the passing of Gay Garrison, 60, of Steam Mill Road, on April 20. She was raised in Massachusetts before coming to Ithaca to study at Cornell. She earned her nursing degree from Elmira College. Gay was Head Nurse at Oak Hill Manor Nursing Home before working with the Tompkins County Health Department as a visiting nurse for home care. She visited homebound patients and those recovering from surgery, providing health care and a friendly face to cheer their days.

Gay was a passionate music lover and musician, beginning by learning Old Time fiddle. She played triangle and scrubboard in Ithaca Cajun band Cajun Chaos. She played Old Time guitar with the Thrill Dogs, the String Throttlers, and the StringBean StringBand. Her love of music drew her to the Finger Lakes GrassRoots Festival, where she managed the Dance Tent stage for several years.

DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle

The *Ithaca Journal* has recently been forced, due to budget issues, to discontinue some of the Town Talk columns. I am very sorry about this as I feel these columns are cheerful, fun to read, and provide local informative news. I, for one, will miss reading the columns written by Anne Stout from Candor and Pat Brhel from Brooktondale/Caroline which ended in May, 2014.

I feel very fortunate to still be writing the *Danby Town Talk* column. There is a possibility the name of the column may change a bit within the next few weeks (unless it has already been done by the time this newsletter has been mailed) to reflect the fact that I will be covering more areas. I currently cover stories from the Danby, West Danby, Newfield and upper South Hill neighborhoods, and that will continue.

I am thankful for all the support I have received for my column, and I am thankful for all the stories that are sent to me to share with readers. Please keep them coming and include pictures if you would like to. I can be reached at [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or 607.273.6530. ❀

MUSIC AT FUN DAY

Music! What would Danby Fun Day be without music? On the lawn on the north side of the station, where the crafters are, we will have Flunk School followed by the Hound Dogs. These perennial fan favorites always leave the crowd begging for more. On the apron near the chicken line we will start with Double Annie from Spencer, a new act for us. They perform family-friendly string band music. They will be followed by our old friends the New West Danby Henry Ford String Throttlers. ❀

Gay jumped into the fight against fracking with all she had. As a nurse, she was alarmed by the serious health effects caused by the drilling process. She worked tirelessly to spread awareness of its dangers among Ithaca area residents and state public health professionals by hosting events and showing a fracking film expose. She was instrumental in Danby banning fracking; talking to residents and collecting signatures to petition the Town Board. Even in her final year, Gay made time to protest fracking and lobby lawmakers in Albany about the environmental and health dangers associated with the drilling process. ❀

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

When you're tired from planting the garden and just want to "veg" in front of a movie, come in and borrow one of our newer DVD releases:

12 Years a Slave	Gravity
The Book Thief	The Butler
Dallas Buyers Club	Blue Jasmine
Saving Mr. Banks	Rush
Captain Phillips	Last Vegas
Bonnie and Clyde	The Wolverine
Fast and Furious 6	Iron Man 3
The Wolf of Wall Street	Man of Steel

And, for the "kid" in all of us:

Despicable Me 2	Frozen
Monsters University	Epic
Turbo	



VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT FUN DAY

"What can I do to help?" you ask! We need volunteers to help keep our wonderful Fun Day going. Anything you can do, we have a spot for you. Would you like to help with setup or cleanup? Would you like to spend some time running a kids game? Won't you please help out for this community celebration? Contact Barb Robinson [danbyclown@aol.com] or call the station at 607.272.8114 and leave a message. ❁

Danby Fun Day Contacts

Volunteers	Barb Robinson	danbyclown@aol.com
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Kids Games	Julie Kulik	julieofthewoods@mac.com
Chinese Auction	Sharon Gaden	sgaden@danbyfiredistrict.org
Book Sale	Leslie Connors	lconnors@tompkins-co.org 607.277.1717
Everything Else	George Jakobson	george.jakubson@cornell.edu 607.255.4546...or call the Fire Station and leave a message, 607.272.8114.

SUMMER IS COMING JENNINGS POND IN JUNE!

Submitted by Mary Ann Kozak

Jennings Pond is a 40-acre, beautiful pond off Bald Hill Road. It is also the headwaters of Ithaca's Buttermilk Falls.

Danbyites are now enjoying fishing, canoeing, and kayaking there. Towards the end of June, it will, in addition, be open for swimming. Once it opens, the hours will be Noon-7pm, Sunday thru Thursday, and Noon-8pm on Friday and Saturday.

Four new Danby youth are stepping up to become life-guards! Watch the Town Sign for our opening date! ❁



Volunteers preparing for the Danby Community Library's annual Book Sale. The event is fundraiser for the library. This year, the Book Sale also offered several pieces of office furniture and equipment for sale to benefit the library...and some of it is still available in the Town Hall foyer!

DCC YOUTH GRANTS

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

Financial assistance for Danby youth, up to age 21, attending activity programs is available. It takes the form of a grant of up to \$100 per youth per year. The Danby Community Council administers these grants, based on funding provided by the United Way and the Town of Danby.

Grants are awarded quarterly for camps, lessons, after-school programs, and more. The deadline is June 15 for programs beginning July-September. Families who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch are especially encouraged to apply. For more information and applications, please contact [youthgrants@danbycc.org]. ❁

Community Council Summer Youth Programs

Submitted by Karlita Bleam, Danby Youth Program Manager

This summer in Danby, we have a wide range of activities to choose from. All programs (except Danby Fun Day) will begin and end at Danby Town Hall, and are available to all Danby youth aged 8-14 years...at no cost to you!

On days we will be traveling, we will travel by CCE van. So get ready for a summer you'll never forget by visiting our web site,

[cctompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby] or feel free to contact me via Email, [kb578@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x222

Welcome Wacky Summer

Tuesday and Thursday, July 1 & 3, 9am-5pm

Start your summer off right with games, crafts, jewelry making, gardening, and maybe even some wandering in the wilderness, aka Danby Park.

Danby Fun Days

Wednesday July 9, 9am-5pm and Saturday, July 12, 9:30am-3pm

Day one is all about the planning, designing games and crafts for younger kids to enjoy on Saturday, and of course we will have to play them to make sure their not poisonous. Also we will be preparing our float and costumes for the parade. Then, on Saturday, let the games begin.

Mooo-ving around Ithaca

Tuesday and Thursday, July 15 & 17, 9am-5pm

Did someone hear a cow? We'll hear lots more while we're touring the Mennonite farms in Interlaken and milking the goats at Lively Goat Dairy Farm. Also prepare for some games and swimming at Taughannock Falls State Park.

Chasing our Tales...Fairy Tales and More

Tuesday and Thursday, July 22 & 24, 9am-5pm

Let your creativity flow with stories, crafts, and magical StoryDance. With a variety of bright costumes for all and fun lively music, Zajal the Sugarplum Fairy (a.k.a. Dr. Katharyn Howd Machan, poet and Ithaca College professor) will lead us in dance movements and story-making. Both days we will celebrate the power of fairy tales, with imaginative quests to bring happiness to birds and animals in need.

Growing Girls Group

Tuesday and Thursday, August 5 & 7, 9am-5pm

What does it mean to be a girl? This safe space will be filled with creative activities that celebrate exactly this and will end with the classic girl move, a sleepover!

Shutterbugs

Tuesday and Thursday, August 12 & 14, 9am-5pm

CLICK SNAP "Hold that pose!" Who is ready to learn how to capture and display photos? Day One we will learn the basics of photography and work around Danby but Day Two we will be traveling to some fun locations around Ithaca to capture even more of the beauty around us.

Splish, Splash, But Not In A Bath Wild Water Games

Monday and Wednesday, August 18 & 20, 9am-5pm

Wet your whistle with rainbow paint tag, water guns, sprinklers, and oh so much more. You will be soaked to the bone before it's time to go home.

Summing up the Summer

Tuesday and Thursday, August 26 & 28, 9am-5pm

Recounting the last seven weeks with a little bit of everything you enjoyed and can't get enough of: games, crafts, photography and probably even some swimming.

If you would like to be added to a contact list that will receive updates on Danby Youth Programming please email me at [kb578@cornell.edu] anytime. Also, if there is a program you are interested in but you are concerned about the length of the program please contact me and we can discuss options. I will do my best to accommodate any situation or concern. ❀



LET IT SPRING AT THE YOUTH FARM

Submitted by Karlita Bleam

On Thursday, June 12, 2:30-5:30pm, we will be working at the Youth Farm, assisting them any way we can and growing some fun as well.

This program is available to all Danby Youth aged 8-14. Bus transportation will be available from Boynton and South Hill.

Please feel free to contact me or check out the brochure for more info (see contact info/addresses above). ❀

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

June 5 • Thu

6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Seniors**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Solar Tompkins Workshop**

June 7 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**

June 8 • Sun

1pm 🏠 Locations TBA • **Solar Tompkins Tour**
4:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Tompkins Time Traders**

June 9 • 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**

June 10 • Tue

7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

June 12 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council**

June 14 • Sat

9am 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Rural Cemetery Mtg**
all day 🏠 West Danby and NYS Rt.34/96
West Danby Yard Sale

June 16 • Mon

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

June 17 • Tue

7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**

June 19 • Thu

3-6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
7pm 🏠 Dotson Park • **Park Association Meeting**

June 22 • Sun

4:30pm 🏠 Jennings Pond • **Grill Night!**

June 23 • Mon

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

June 24 • Tue

7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
Solar Tompkins Workshop

June 29 • Sun

4:30pm 🏠 Jennings Pond • **Grill Night!**

July 3 • Thu

6pm? 🏠 Merritt Pavilion • **Seniors BBQ**
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • **Danby Community Council**

July 5 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • **Library Volunteers 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

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

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