



DATELINE: DeWitt

April 1, 1985

Photos and Stories by Kitty Marriott

Kitty Korner

A surprise party on March 24 at DeWitt Memorial Building honored DeWitt resident Alice Vermeersch in celebration of her 75th birthday.

Hosting the surprise party were her children Rose and Bob Alcenius, Mary and Bill Eiseler, Mrs. Sharon Vermeersch, all of Lansing; Leon and Jan Vermeersch of St. Johns; Marge and Jim McGovney of DeWitt.

Besides Mrs. Vermeersch's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren attending, many friends from the past were on hand to surprise her. Also present were seniors from the St. Therese Tuesday Morning Senior Meeting, in which Alice is actively involved.

She would like to relay her thanks to everyone for attending her party, "for the wonderful cards and good wishes and everything else!"

Faye Hanson Public Library will sponsor a Story Hour for children between the ages of three and five again this spring. The popular Story Hour will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. to 10:30 from April 24 to May 29.

Please call the library, 669-3156, to register your children.

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TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DeWitt Township firemen received a plaque at the March 25 council meeting commending them for work over and above the call of duty during the December 31, 1984 and January 1, 1985 ice storm. Township firefighters answered 99 calls in that trying period, mostly for downed wires. Fire Chief Ralph North accepted the award for the department.

Council approved cooperating with Clinton County on an aerial map survey to be done this year and set a public hearing for the industrial facilities exemption for Granger Waste Management Co. The hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. Monday, April 8, in the township hall.

Harold Taylor, Harry Hunnicut and Tom Clayton II were appointed to the board of appeals and three parcels of land on State Road and Elmira were rezoned from agricultural to residential.

Trustee okayed a special permit allowing a water slide and go-

JUNIORS TO ATTEND BOYS, GIRLS STATE

Four DeWitt High School juniors were named to Boys and Girls State last week. Honored were Doug Wilcox, Dana DeWitt, Stacy Egres and Heather Johnson.



Doug Wilcox



Dana DeWitt

The DeWitt Booster Club and DeWitt Area Chapel are sponsors for the two boys; Booster Club and DeWitt Lioness Club, for the girls.

Doug and Dana will take part in the Boys State week-long program this summer given under American Legion auspices at Michigan State University.



Heather Johnson



Stacy Egres

Stacy and Heather will attend the Girls State program presented under American Legion Auxilliary sponsorship at Central Michigan University.

Along the Looking Glass

DeWitt Booster Club will meet, Monday, April 8, instead of the first Monday of the month, its regular meeting night. The April 8 meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

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Members of the Community of St. Jude held their annual Paschal Dinner on Palm Sunday, March 31, in commemoration of the Passover Supper.

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Achieving placement on the winter quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher were Tim Carey, senior in electrical engineering; Carol Huguélet, senior in metallurgical engineering, and Terry Szczepaniak, senior in mechanical engineering.

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Eleanor Schmitt, Gladys Stauffer and Theresa Hefty are serving on the nominating committee for St. Jude Women's Association. The new slate of officers will be introduced at the May meeting.

The Women's Association has set Saturday, November 9, for its annual bazaar.

CUBS BAKE CAKES ON SCOUT THEME

Cub Scout Pack 277 held a March 21 cake bake with the 75th anniversary of Scouting as the theme. Joe and Kathy Ciaramello judged 46 cake entries in the competition at DeWitt Middle School.

Winning cakes were auctioned off by Lon Canum of St. Johns. The remaining cakes were given to cake walk winners. Dens 3 and 4 presented skits and awards were handed out.

Results of the cake judging were as follows:

Best Decorated: 1st - Derek Thurston; 2nd - Damon Robertson; 3rd - Brian Tipton.

Most Original: 1st - Tim Shaughnessy; 2nd - Tim Nester; 3rd - Gorman Fritch.

Best Use of Other Foods: 1st - Chris Tinney; 2nd - Kenny Nash; 3rd - Jason Leslie.

Best Illustration of Theme: 1st - David Dennis; 2nd - Ryan Wheeler; 3rd - Jamie Huston.

Most Tempting: 1st - Roni Reed; 2nd - Justin Russell; 3rd - Eric Reed.

The Cub Scouts would like to thank DeWitt Parks & Recreation for donating one class and Geller's Restaurant for donating a dinner for two to assist their sample auction.

"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity. - Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

parcels of land on State Road and Elmira were rezoned from agricultural to residential.

Trustee okayed a special permit allowing a water slide and go-cart track at Ponderosa Sports Center on U.S. 27. Annual registration fees for mechanical, plumbing and electrical contractors in the township were set at \$15.

Township businessmen made vocal complaints at the meeting about township building and zoning ordinances, which prevent them from using flashing signs at their business locations.

SCHOOL BOARD

DeWitt School District has two school board vacancies to fill for the school elections to be held June 10.

The terms of Tom Kamppinen, board president, and secretary Kenneth Price will be concluding. Nominating petitions may be picked up at the superintendent's office. Monday, April 8, at 4 p.m. is the last day to file nominating petitions for the June 10 election.

There's nothing like a little exercise to change a man's life — especially if it's a walk down the aisle.

Heather Johnson

Stacy Egres

Stacy and Heather will attend the Girls State program presented under American Legion Auxilliary sponsorship at Central Michigan University.

Both programs offer students an excellent opportunity to become involved in the governmental process. They will learn first hand how government functions at the various levels, going through the electoral process themselves, setting up state and county offices, and participating in the various governmental duties.

TRACTOR SAFETY SEMINAR PLANNED

Tractor Safety and Maintenance will be the topic of a four week seminar sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Youth Program in April.

The workshops on April 4, 11, 18 and 25 will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run approximately 2½ hours. J and N Farm Service located at 313 N. Lansing Street, St. Johns will host the sessions.

At the conclusion of the month long program, youth will have the opportunity to take the tractor safety test and apply for a tractor operators permit. Only youth 14 years of age and older will be eligible for the special permit, but younger members are encouraged to attend the sessions.

This program is open to the public and is not limited to current 4-H members. For more information, contact the Cooperative Extension Service, 224-3288.

Post Office employee to boss: "Sir, may I present Joe Johnson. He's retiring after 30 years in the post office."

Boss: "Well, Johnson, what have you learned after 30 years with us?"

Johnson: "Don't mail my check."

noon, April 3, at DeWitt Memorial Building. The school election date is April 22.

APRIL 1 APRIL FOOLS' DAY

John Lass has received his bachelor's degree in business administration as the fall semester concluded at Western Michigan University. He is the son of Gary and Lynn Lass, W. Herbison Road.

The young minister was remonstrating with his wife for breaking her promise not to buy a new dress. "It must have been the devil's fault," she explained. "He tempted me."

"You should have said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan,'" he replied.

"I did," she answered. "But then he whispered over my shoulder, 'It fits you beautifully in the back too.'"



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NEW HOME REPLACES EYESORE



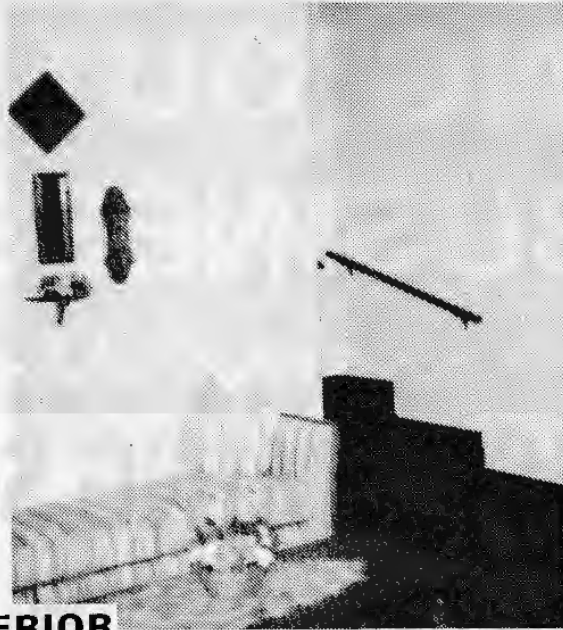
BEFORE



AFTER



MODERN INTERIOR



WORKING PHASE

Lions Sell Easter Lilies

Members of the DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club are now taking orders for Easter lilies. Price for each lily plant is \$7.00.

To reserve your Easter lilies, contact any Breakfast Club member. For orders or information, committee members include Lewis Charles, 669-5052; Bill Lonier, 669-9621; Wally Marriott, 669-3385; or Keith Bonney, 374-1695.

A transformation has taken place at the corner of Webb and Turner roads in recent months. Somewhat like a butterfly emerging from the cocoon, an old boarded-up house scheduled for demolition has gradually been turned into a handsome modern living place ...thanks to the energy and imagination of an enterprising young couple.

The Cinderella story goes back to the time last year, when Sam Terranova purchased the abandoned house and lot, intending to have the building torn down and then sell the lot overlooking Prairie Creek Golf Course. His son Tommy felt he could do more with the property and asked for the chance.

Next, Tom, 27, and his wife Lynley, 23, sold their Lansing house and started on the renovation venture in DeWitt. No one had lived in the derelict house for nine years, but Tom found the building itself solid, constructed of sturdy hand notched oak.

Junk of many years duration had accumulated inside the structure, so the young Terranovas first had to clear out and remove bottles and all kinds of trash. With the assistance and advice of carpenter John Allen (John Allen Construction), Tommy gutted the interior and began tearing the wood siding off the 105 year old building.

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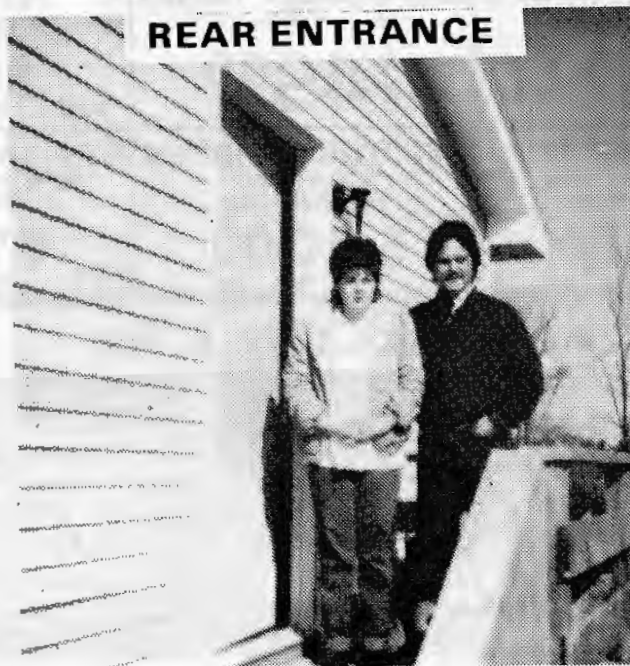
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WORKING PHASE



REAR ENTRANCE



EXTENSION CALENDAR

April 2 - "Easter Dinner in the Microwave Program," DeWitt High School, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.; \$3.00 registration fee.

April 4, 11, 18, 25 - "4-H Tractor Safety Program", J&N Farms, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

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The Clinton County Dairy Tour will take place Wednesday, April 3. It will begin at 10 a.m. at the Neil Feldpausch family farm located two miles west of Fowler.

The second stop will be at Kowatch Brothers farm three miles west of Fowler. After lunch at Smith Hall, a tour of Nobis Farms four miles west of St. Johns will begin at 1:45 p.m.

Dancing is wonderful training for girls; it's the first way you learn to guess what a man's doing before he does it. - Christopher Morley, Kitty Foyle

Terranovas first had to clear out and remove bottles and all kinds of trash. With the assistance and advice of carpenter John Allen (John Allen Construction), Tommy gutted the interior and began tearing the wood siding off the 105 year old building.

The original house had a dirt-floored Michigan basement, no electricity or running water. They dug out the basement, replacing it with a usable modern basement and added a section above ground at the rear of the old house.

After the exterior wooden layer was removed, they covered the house with attractive Colony blue vinyl siding. The newly completed modern Terranova home has two bedrooms and bath upstairs - they retained and carpeted the circular stairway, modifying it a bit to do away with the steep steps - plus living room, dining room, family room, kitchen, one bedroom and large bath downstairs.

Terranovas can now enjoy dinner before sliding glass doors overlooking the golf course, while 34"x76" windows in the adjoining family room have the same view. On this spring's agenda, they say, is a deck to be built off the dining room on that same east side of the house. An attached garage will follow on the building's south side at a later date.

Tommy, who puts in about 60 hours a week as manager of Terranova's Thriftway in DeWitt, also doubles as Sunday morning chef at Sam's Kitchen, Terranova's popular restaurant. He's a graduate of Lansing Catholic Central, while Lynley Butler Terranova is a DeWitt High School product - Class of 1980. They have one son, Chad, nine-months-old, and are expecting a second baby later this year.

Despite a yard full of debris still to be removed after the renovation project and the landscaping work which accompanies any new home, Tommy and Lynley have accomplished an unbelievable amount of urban renewal in a remarkably short time.

I have known people to stop and buy an apple on the corner and then walk away as if they have solved the whole unemployment problem. - Heywood Broun

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ANNOUNCE SENIOR ACADEMIC HONORS

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ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Watertown Charter Township trustees honored former officials Sunday afternoon at a township hall open house. Among those honored were Helen Reck, Herman Openlander, Willard Huntoon, Carol Platte, Pat Ryan, Ted Carlson, Geneva Openlander, Elizabeth Houghtaling, Walt Mitchell, George Rohrer, Forrest Shipman, Michael Harvey, Pete Clark and Gerald Osborn.

Dale Butler, Jr., has been taking a six week basic military training course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Dale, who entered the United States Air Force early this year, is the son of Dale Butler, Sr., Herbison Road. He was a 1976 DeWitt High School graduate.

Junior High Youth of Redeemer United Methodist Church will meet Sunday evening at Ron Lambertson's at 6 p.m.

LAKE GENEVA BOARD SEEKS CANDIDATES

Three board

A Story Hour for children ages three to five will be held at Faye Hanson Memorial Library at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, beginning April 24 through May 29.

A call to the library, 669-3156, will register your child.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION THIS WEEK

Parents of future Dewitt Kindergarteners should plan to attend an orientation meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 17.

At this meeting, parents will receive general information about school readiness,

Seniors Tim Miller and Jon Holland have been named top academic students at DeWitt High School.

Tim, son of Noel and Rosemary Miller, Rambler Road, will be class valedictorian. Jon, whose parents are William and Pauline Holland, Hitching Post Road, will be salutatorian for the class of 1985.

Tim has maintained a perfect high school attendance record, earning a 3.98 grade point average. A National Merit semi-finalist, he is a member of the National Honor Society, College Club and is named in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

In addition, Tim was a fourth place award winner in the Davenport College Business Olympics and is a representative to the Adidas Advisory Council. He has been active in athletics, captaining this year's basketball team and competing in football and baseball as well. He plans to major in engineering or computer



TIM MILLER



JON HOLLAND

Jon, who has accumulated a 3.90 grade point average, is art director for the year book, as well as a member of both National Honor Society and College Club. Listed in

Students Score 100 In Math, Reading

DeWitt Public Schools have received certificates of recognition from the State Board of Education for 50 students who scored 100 on both math and reading tests in the state assessment tests which were administered last fall.

The board designated April 17 as Student Achievement Recognition Day in Michigan, urging schools to honor students who had achieved perfect scores on both tests. The 33,455 fourth, seven and tenth graders receiving the certificates represent nearly 10 percent of the 343,173 who took the state assessment test this year.

DeWitt Schools were recognized at all three grade levels, as School Superintendent Stephen Garrett pointed out at the April 8 school board meeting.

Fuerstenau fourth graders who receive certificates include Nicole Arnesen, Paul Bunting, Chad Drayton, Andrea Fawcett, Spence Hine, Debra Lundgren, Janet Meyers, Angela Reed, Damon Robertson, Kim Scott, Travis Snow, and Kim Ziel.

Honored from Grade 7 in DeWitt Middle School are: Lisa Brinn, Jeffrey Church, Tim Ely, Barbara Insel, Chuck Johnson, Jerry Konopnicki, Kary Kruger, Felicity Messner, Anthony Miller, Carrie Moffett, John Pieters, Dean Schooltz, Michael Schooltz, John Telford, Steven Twohig and Susan Williams.

Achieving a perfect score on both tests from Grade 10 at DeWitt High School were Mark Alverson, Debbie Coon, Jamie Costigan, Elizabeth Davis, Aaron Draper, Chuck Embs, Jeanne Erskine, Jay Foresman, Michel Griffin, Dale Hawkins, Bob Heintz, James Hill, Chris Neubecker, Leslie Peters, Aaron Robinson, Mark Schrauben, Amy Sherwood, Marcy Shooks, James Sparbel, Scott Thomas, Kerry Wallis and Brad Wieferich.

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

BOARD SEEKS CANDIDATES

Three board vacancies are to be filled when Lake Geneva Property Owners Association members hold their annual meeting Wednesday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in DeWitt High School cafeteria.

Mark Wild and Eldon Roberts are candidates for the board of directors positions, but the board will still accept additional nominations.

Since three new members will be elected at the annual meeting to fill expiring terms of office, association members may nominate another member as candidate for the board.

Such nominations should be made in writing and signed by the member(s) making them. Address nominations to the Secretary, Lake Geneva Property Owners Association, P.O. Box 356, DeWitt 48820. Nominations should be received 15 days prior to the annual meeting or by April 24.

Two resolutions will be presented to voters at the annual meeting. The first concerns a special assessment of \$12 and the second will consider approval or disapproval of satellite dish-type antennas.

Wednesday, April 17.

At this meeting, parents will receive general information about school readiness, the DeWitt Kindergarten program and health department requirements. Vision and hearing tests as well as kindergarten screening dates and times will be set.

The parent meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Scott School cafeteria. Screening will be at the Scott School during the week of May 13.

Eligible kindergarteners must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 1985. For further information, contact the secretary at David Scott Elementary School, 669-3256.

Sign on the jammed front door of a University music department building: "Do not use this door. It's baroque."

AREA KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UPS COMING

Bath Schools - May 7 - 8

DeWitt Schools - May 13 - 14

Grand Ledge (Wacousta) - April 15

Laingsburg - May 1 - 2

Lansing School District - May 9 morning; May 10 afternoon

St. Johns Schools - April 16, 18, 23, 25; register at the Congregational Church.

The most valuable of all talents is that of never using two words when one will do. - Thomas Jefferson.

year's basketball team and competing in football and baseball as well. He plans to major in engineering or computer science after graduation.

DEWITT PTO MEETS APRIL 15

The April meeting of the DeWitt Parent-Teacher Organization will take place Monday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Scott School teachers' lounge.

Mrs. Marjorie Graham, regional vice president of the Michigan Parent-Teacher Association, will speak to the group about the advantages of joining the PTA.

Guest teacher will be Miss Kelly Mader, kindergarten teacher.

The PTO's final meeting for this school year will be May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the teachers' lounge.

art director for the year book, as well as a member of both National Honor Society and College Club. Listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," he took part in the school musical.

Jon earned all-league and all-state honors through his football and baseball participation. He hopes to continue his sports interests by attending Ivy League or eastern college.

Other top academic students include Brian Bosanic, son of John and Betty Bosanic; Theresa Coon, daughter of Donald and Donna Coon; Tamara Deak, daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Deak; Susan Duffy, daughter of Chris and Joan Carter; Matthew Elliott, son of Larry and Shirley Elliott; John Foresman, son of John and Cerena Foresman; Toni Hufnagel, daughter of Paul and Donna Hufnagel; Michael McKeon, son of Edward and Marion McKeon; Michael Price, son of Duane and Patricia Price.

German exchange student Rolf Schmalhorst, who resides with Thomas and Barbara Kovachik, also received special recognition for academic achievement.

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

School board members asked Chris Campbell of Professional Services Industries, an engineering consultant firm, to pursue the lowest of four bid proposals on the new gym floor for the middle school at the April 8 meeting.

Since roofing work has only been partially completed by Marshall Roofing, a Garden City firm which had been assigned to the job, Campbell was asked to check into the matter too.

Campbell had been told to propose an engineering study of a humidity problem in the high school pool and locker room area, but the uncertain status of the roof and gym flooring projects may place that on the back burner for a while.

Contracts on all three building principals were extended for the 1985-86 year and Alice Scott was welcomed to the Scott School cafeteria staff. The Teacher and Employee of the Year committee will meet April 19 to make recommendations for the current year.

The board authorized sale of Bus #17,

a 1978 19-passenger Chevrolet busette and approved repair of the athletic field sprinkler system.

Two four-year terms are expiring on the Board of Education. Thomas Kamppinen, Donald Johnson and Gerald Gabrion have filed for the posts. Board members will be chosen at the June 10 general school election.

A lawyer who finally settled a very involved estate case was telling some of his colleagues all the gory details. "It was a tough fight," he concluded. "The heirs got almost as much as I did."



RIVER EMBRACES RIVERSIDE PARK



Kitty Korner

Millage Vote Next Monday

A resounding "YES" vote is needed next Monday, April 22, in support of two millage proposals for the DeWitt School District.

There are two proposals on the ballot. The first is merely a renewal of the 24 mills total that have just expired in December or will expire next December.

Proposal II asks for three additional mills for three years, which will increase the voted millage for operation from 24 to 27 mills.

A number of dedicated folks have been holding coffees and informal gatherings to explain just how necessary a YES vote is to maintain DeWitt schools. These include parents,

annual fund-raiser enable the Lions to support their numerous charitable programs, including assistance to various projects for the blind.

Breakfast Lions will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in the Memorial Building. Area residents who are interested in joining the Lions are welcome to attend the breakfast.

Child Abuse Program, April 18

The Christian Service Commission of the Community of St. Jude extends an invitation to the general public to attend a presentation on Child Abuse and Neglect, Thursday evening, April 18.

Sam Russell, chairman of the Christian

Within a few weeks children will be playing in Riverside Park again, but on Easter Sunday the park and Looking Glass River were one. These photos, taken between Easter snow showers, found the playground totally under water.

Swollen by recent rains, the river surrounded the shelter and playground equipment, even obliterating much of the parking area. The boat, usually land-locked, looked very much as if it were ready to ride the waves.

DeWitt Will Select 1985 Citizen of Year

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Persons who wish to submit nominations may send a letter of 100 words or less to City Clerk Margie Lotre. Letters must be postmarked

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A number of dedicated folks have been holding coffees and informal gatherings to explain just how necessary a YES vote is to maintain DeWitt schools. These include parents, teachers, school board members and other interested citizens.

Their conclusion, after carefully studying the situation, is that passage of both proposals are necessary in order to continue providing a quality educational program in DeWitt. Failure of the millage to pass could mean reductions in staff, transportation, athletic programs, equipment or school supplies.

Even though our intentions are the best, it's so easy to forget to vote when the day itself arrives. So, pen a reminder on thy calendar or clamp a note on thy refrigerator door with a magnetic clip. And hie thee to the election site -Fuerstenau Elementary School!

Road Construction To Begin

DeWitt Road and Bridge Street will enter the first phase of a six-month facelifting program today, assuming weather cooperates.

Workmen for Eastlund Concrete Construction, Inc., Holt, general contractor for the DeWitt Road/Bridge Street project, were scheduled to start April 15 on initial sewer and preliminary tasks.

According to company owner Victor Eastlund, men will be working on the entire section of road (approximately a mile in length), throughout the reconstruction project, rather than doing one portion at a time. Eastlund does not anticipate interrupting the traffic flow or having to close portions of the road during the reconstruction work. Estimated completion date for the project is October 15, Eastlund says.

In recent weeks, utilities have been working along Bridge Street, moving poles and preparing their equipment for the coming renovation.

DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club would like to extend their thanks to the community for a successful Easter Lily sale. Proceeds from the

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Sam Russell, chairman of the Christian Service Commission, will introduce knowledgeable guest speakers Richard Gleeson of the Clinton County Department of Social Services, Protective Services Unit, and Hon. Marvin E. Robertson, Clinton County probate judge.

A question and answer session will follow the speakers' presentations. Local churches have been notified about the program which is of great general interest. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at St. Jude Church.

DeWitt High School marching band did not have the only local representatives in Florida during the spring break from classes.

Don and Dianne Grant, Larkwood Drive, took advantage of the holiday to drive to Fort Lauderdale with son Steve and daughter Katie. They visited Dianne's parents, Bill and Shirley Quinn, who have been making their home in the south.



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Persons who wish to submit nominations may send a letter of 100 words or less to City Clerk Margie Lotre. Letters must be postmarked by April 29.

Mayor Lynn Thayer will appoint a committee of three to review the nominations and make the final decision. Winners in the previous years have been Bertha Lennemann, Arthur Newman and Clarence Fuerstenau.

Candidates must have contributed significantly to the city's betterment, but do not have to be city residents. The winner will receive a plaque at a May program during the Michigan Week exchange of mayors between DeWitt and Mason.

WATERTOWN NAMES PARKS CLEANUP DAY

May 18, 1985 has been set aside for a "Parks Cleanup Day". This all important event depends on people and organizations who care about the community and its appearance.

Targeted sites will include Heritage Park, Looking Glass Valley Park, Wacousta Cemetery, and the Township Hall Complex.

Work will start at 9:00 Saturday morning, with a cookout scheduled for 1:00 to reward our efforts (compliments of the Parks and Recreation Board).

If your organization would like to participate or if you have a specific area of concern, please call Tony Sporer at 626-6593 or contact a member of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Since we have only a limited supply of equipment, any rakes, shovels, bags, etc. that you can bring will be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing your group,
Watertown Charter Township,
Parks and Recreation Board.

It took me fifteen years to discover that I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous. - Robert Benchley



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DeWitt Business Association will hold their semi-monthly luncheon meeting at DeWitt Memorial Building Wednesday, May 1.

United Methodist Women and UM Men sponsored an "All You Can Eat" salad supper Saturday evening at Redeemer United Methodist Church.

A dozen delegates from St. Jude parish attended the April 20 day-long workshops on Christian Service and social ministry held at Lansing Catholic Central. Taking in the program, sponsored by the Lansing diocesan RENEW office, were Jack Armstrong, George and Jan Mallison, Bob and Judy Moody, Barbara Pierson, Julie Sanchez, Janice Thelen, Leon and Vi Trierweiler, Tom and Lois Withers.

Senior Tim Miller and counselor Frank Deak represented DeWitt High School Tuesday night when the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce honored 22 outstanding high school seniors from the tri-county area at its first "Excellence in Education" reception. Students honored at the Lansing Public Library reception had been selected by their schools for academic achievements, leadership, participation in school and community activities. Seniors from the 22 schools shared honors with the teachers whom they chose for having the most positive influence on their educations.

Sue Kael, insurance representative from Auto-Owners Insurance Co., will speak to DeWitt Breakfast Lions Thursday morning, May 2, at DeWitt Memorial Building. Her topic will be "Amen"

Amendment Signatures Are Needed

An amendment to the building and use restrictions section of the constitution will be available for members' signature approval at the annual meeting of Lake Geneva Property Owners Association. The meeting date is Wednesday, May 8, in DeWitt High School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

The amendment, which would change building and use restrictions for Lake Geneva and Riverview subdivisions, requires signatures of 51% of the lot owners.

Three new board members are to be elected at the annual meeting to fill expiring terms of office.

A spring clean-up on the east and west beaches of Lake Geneva is also scheduled for Saturday, May 11 and Saturday, May 18. Association members are cordially invited to participate.

Two Softball Players Awarded Scholarships



Sheila Milner, left, and Rikki Bouts, right, recently signed letters of intent accepting college scholarships. Both DeWitt High School seniors play softball for the DeWitt Panthers.

Sheila, whose parents are Gordon and Rose Milner, E. River Drive will attend the University of Toledo. Rikki, daughter of Cindy Stratton, Birchwood Drive, will attend the University of South Carolina.

VOTERS NIX THREE MILLS

DeWitt board of education will discuss the school district's finances at a special meeting Monday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m., following defeat of a three mill increase in last Monday's election.

Voters approved renewal of the school district's 24 operating mills by 720 votes to 221. They rejected the additional millage by 577 votes to 359.

Dates To Remember

Wednesday, May 8 - Lake Geneva Property Owners Annual Meeting.

Monday, June 10 - Annual School Election

Serve Meals at 2 Sites

Sanchez, Janice Thelen, Leon and Vi Trierweiler, Tom and Lois Withers.

DeWitt High School was host Saturday, April 27, for a sports festival. Teams from Breckenridge, Lake Fenton and St. Pat's Portland competed from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in both softball and baseball tournaments. Competitors for track field and running events, beginning at 10 a.m. and 12 noon, came from Bath, Breckenridge, Dansville, Perry, Portland, Vandercook Lake and Williamston.

DeWitt Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and DeWitt Lioness Club will co-sponsor a blood drive at DeWitt Memorial Building on Friday, May 3, from 12:30 to 6:15 p.m.



Co., will speak to DeWitt Breakfast Lions Thursday morning, May 2, at DeWitt Memorial Building. Her topic will be "Arson".

Swim Club Readies Summer Schedule

DeWitt Swim Club summer competitive swimming begins on June 10. Swim Club head coach, Todd Briggs, and high school swim coach, Mike Keenan, are looking forward to a summer of good competition and swimmers who meet and achieve goals. Schedules and fees may vary depending on the practice group and the amount of pool-time.

Registration will be on Wednesday, May 1, at the DeWitt High School pool from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Any child who can swim one length of the pool is eligible for membership. The DeWitt pool is centrally located to serve swimmers from Bath, Laingsburg and St. Johns.

More information may be obtained by calling Chris Peacock at 669-8262 or Donna Diaz at 641-4366.

NITROGEN ADDITION AIDS LAWN CARE

Proper nitrogen fertilization is essential in maintaining a good lawn. Nitrogen is important because it influences color; topgrowth rate (mowing); root growth; competition with weeds; susceptibility to diseases; moisture stress; high temperature stress and traffic. Both time of applications and rate of applications of nitrogen fertilizer are significant in how a lawn responds.

Most homeowners in Clinton County appear to want the kind of lawn resulting from two applications of nitrogen during the growing season. These should be applied about June 1 and September 1 at a rate of 1 pound of nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. each time. If using urea fertilizer, 2½ lbs. are needed per 1000 sq. ft. each time.

is also scheduled for Saturday, May 11 and Saturday, May 18. Association members are cordially invited to participate.

Owners Annual meeting.

Monday, June 10 - Annual School Election

Serve Meals at 2 Sites

Tri-county nutrition luncheons are served every week for senior citizens in the DeWitt city and township areas.

Meals are served each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12 noon at the Valley Farms location in DeWitt Charter Township Hall, 4700 Brook Road near State Road. A blood pressure checkup is provided on the first Friday of each month.

Seniors may meet-to-eat nutritious lunches every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. and the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon at St. Jude Church, N. Bridge St., DeWitt. They can also bring a dish to pass, if they choose to attend the monthly potluck luncheon on the third Thursday of the month at 12 noon.

Those were the days: My father believed in stern discipline. If I did something wrong, he provided the discipline and I provided the stern."

DeWitt Officially Starts Chamber of Commerce

DeWitt Regional Chamber of Commerce, which has now received its official charter, will hold a general organizational meeting Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building.

Serving on the board of directors are Walter Eyke, Chris Farmer, Bill Jury and Duane Wisk, D.O.

The chamber, Jury says, hopes to provide a definite service and be a catalyst to unite business and governments in this area. At present, the board feels there is a gap between



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

the area serviced by Lansing Chamber of Commerce in Ingham County and St. Johns Chamber of Commerce in Clinton County which DeWitt regional chamber can fill.

Ensuing DeWitt chamber meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month.

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voters approved renewal of the school district's 24 operating mills by 720 votes to 221. They rejected the additional millage by 577 votes to 359. Current operating millage has now been renewed through 1990.

The financial status and proposed roofing repairs are to be on the Monday agenda. Declining enrollment which results in less state aid has caused the school district to operate at a deficit for two years, according to School Superintendent Steve Garret.

Kitty Korner

It's just in the planning stage, but you'll be hearing more about the DeWitt Public Schools Foundation first annual golf tournament. The golf outing will take place Saturday, June 15, at Prairie Creek Golf Course.

Organized last October for the purpose of attracting private funds for use in DeWitt schools, the foundation has spent most of its time to date in preliminary paper work, setting up its nonprofit tax exempt status and defining general guidelines, according to President Dianne Cranmer. The group's explanatory brochure is about to go to the printer.

When the Michigan Council of Cooperative Nurseries holds its two-day conference Friday and Saturday, May 3-4, at MSU's Kellogg Center, DeWitt Cooperative Preschool board members plan to take part in the action.

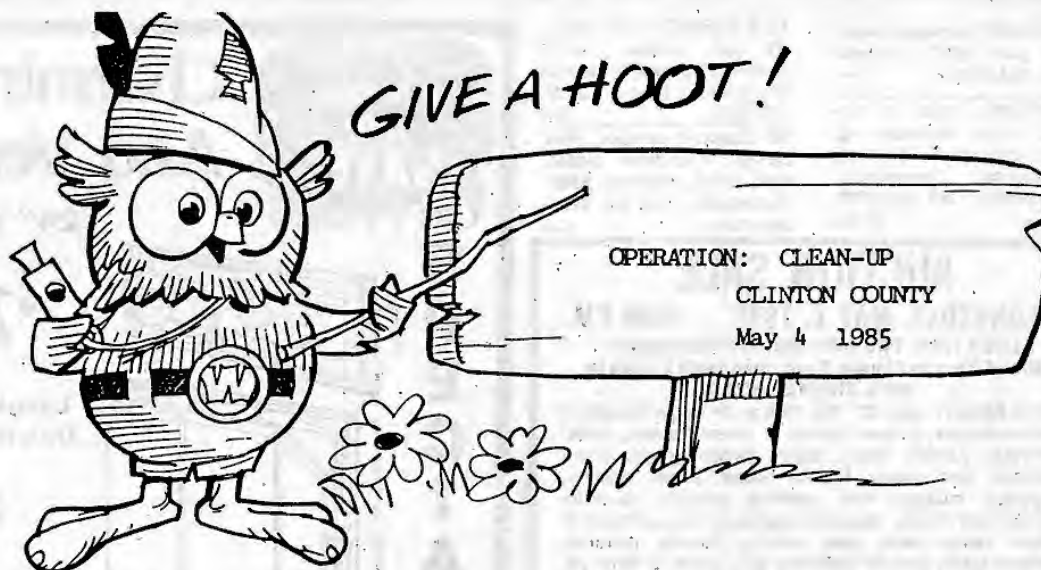
Bettina Brander, Cheryl Anderson, Linda Vernon, Joyce Spangler, Harriet Johnston and Stephanie Knapp will be among the 1200 or more delegates from preschools around the state in attendance.

Kathy Ciaramella is chairperson for the annual Mother-Daughter banquet which St. Jude Women's Association will sponsor Thursday evening, May 9, at the church.

Last year a record attendance of 425 were on hand for the dinner and program, which featured a bridal show with wedding gowns through the years from 1919 to 1984, modeled by parishioners, who wore either their own wedding gowns or one belonging to a mother or grandmother.

Again this year, the "Honeydews", Knights of Columbus volunteers, will lend an assist by serving the meal, helping mothers who must fill plates for toddlers, and otherwise performing as gracious hosts at the banquet.

The Reflections singing group will provide a musical interlude following the potluck dinner.



CITY TRASH PICKUP SET

It's spring cleanup time, and DeWitt city trash pickups have been scheduled the first part of May. No building debris or household garbage will be included in the pickup.

City residents who live north of Looking Glass River should have their trash at roadside by 7 a.m. Monday, May 6. Pickups in that area will be handled Monday and Tuesday, May 6-7.

City residents who live south of the river will have trash pickup Thursday and Friday, May 9-10. Trash must be at roadside by 7 a.m. as streets will be covered one time only.

Large items must be paid for at the city office before they can

Farm Accidents Are Costly

During periods of financial strain, farm managers need to make an extra effort to minimize hazards and risks that can lead to accidents and huge medical bills.

"An accident that prevents someone from working is costly, especially on a farm," says Howard Doss, Extension agricultural safety specialist at Michigan State University. "The costs of an accident to a family member in care and lost work could push a family over the financial breaking point, especially if the one injured is a primary operator," he says.

All possible measures should be

Ask Local Groups To Assist Cleanup

Groups and organizations may volunteer to take part in a county-wide cleanup of roadside debris to be sponsored by the extension 4-H program next Saturday, May 4.

Groups or individuals, who are interested in getting involved in this year's cleanup effort, should contact Pam Zell in the Extension Office as soon as possible. Let her know the name of the group participating and the area of the county that you will plan to cover.

Once the initial information has been received from groups who plan to pitch in and help, final arrangements will be made regarding the location of the trucks for the dumping of trash. This information will then be shared with the group coordinators.

Each group will also receive a postcard that they will use to report their accomplishments during the cleanup effort. This information is to include the number of people who participate and the miles cleaned. Following receipt of this information, the McDonald's coupons will be distributed via the group leaders.

Cleaning up the county roadsides is a big job, but with lots of help real progress can be made in just a few hours. If you have

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Mary Couling's Bullfrogs and Butterflies, four to six year olds, will perform at DeWitt Community Church's Mother-Daughter banquet Thursday evening, May 9, according to chairperson Elizabeth Devereaux. Carol Meister will give a tribute to the assembled mothers and daughters with the assistance of her two daughters, Jill and Jennifer.

Karen Domanski will play the dulcimer and present an entertainment feature with Jack Brown.

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April 20 was solemn First Communion day for day for 30 St. Jude youngsters. A reception followed the five o'clock mass for those first communicants and their families: Benjamin Armstrong, Ryan Blanchard, Michael Brya, Brian Curtis, Brad DeSmith, Chris Dumit, Tom Fabus, Jason Hamblet, James Harris, Mary Katherine Harris, Marie Hasselbach, Ann Marie Hicks, Antonio Jenkins, Amanda Jones, Jennifer Jones, Dale Kilgore, Christopher Kovachic, Jeff Kwiek, Woody Lerner, John Mauro, Scott Maysura, Timothy Morris, John Nichols, Jeff Platte, Rhonda Pline, Amanda Jo Ramirez, Evan Robertson, Angela Sanborn, Stephanie Theisen, Tina Tinney, and Jeremy Zeller.

IT'S Spring Planting TIME

A woman signing up for a memory course was having trouble with the application blank, which asked routine questions about home and business addresses, phone numbers, and so forth.

Finally, in exasperation she wrote across the blank, "If I knew all this, I wouldn't be here!"

as streets will be covered one time only.

Large items must be paid for at the city offices before they can be picked up. These include all appliances, mattresses, springs, swing sets, sofas and other large items, \$5 each; upholstered chairs, \$2.50 each; tires, 75 cents each. All trash must be in boxes, barrels, garbage cans or similar containers.

Leaves and brush pickup will be handled during the week of May 13. All leaves and brush must be at the roadside by 7 a.m., Monday, May 13. Leaves are to be placed in tied plastic bags.

Swim Class Registration Is Tuesday

The "Learn-to-Swim Better" program sponsored by the DeWitt Swim Club for 8 & under boys and girls has reached the half-way point to completion. Under the direction of Todd Briggs, head Swim Club coach, the nearly 100 children have worked with Todd and the assistant coaches (Lynn Decker, Missy Waier, Kelly Smith, Tom Smith, and Randy Robison) on basic skills and comfort in the water.

especially if the one injured is a primary operator," he says.

All possible measures should be taken to reduce the farm hazards and risks. Make sure every family member and hired laborer knows and follows all of the proper farm safety procedures, and never allow a child to try a job he/she is not ready or able to do.

Doss says having family health insurance is mandatory, no matter how financially strapped the operator is. Health coverage can provide the necessary cushion to keep the farm afloat if an accident should occur.

The coaching staff is "gearing up" for the next group of swimmers....9 to 14 year olds....who have some swimming ability, but need coaching on strokes or endurance. Any 3rd through 8th grader in DeWitt, Bath, Laingsburg, and St. Johns may sign up for Session II of the "Learn-to-Swim Better" program.

REGISTRATION - Tuesday, April 30; DeWitt High School Pool; 6 to 7:30 p.m.

SESSION II - May 6 to June 7; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. or 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

COST - \$20.00

and the miles cleaned. Following receipt of this information, the McDonald's coupons will be distributed via the group leaders.

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PLANT THERAPY CAN HELP PEOPLE TOO

If you have compassion and patience and an interest in helping people and growing plants, horticulture therapy may be for you.

"Horticulture therapy is a process using plants and horticulture-related activities as tools to help heal and rehabilitate people with special needs," says Lee Taylor, Michigan State University Extension Horticulturist. "This therapy can be very beneficial to the mentally and emotionally impaired, the elderly, physically impaired, juvenile delinquents and prisoners."

The benefits of horticulture therapy are numerous. Intellectual development is stimulated by studying plant physiology, plant morphology and plant breeding. Group interaction develops social skills, cooperation, responsibility and leadership skills. Motivation and determination to care for plants result in emotional growth.

Horticulture therapy is as easy and inexpensive as teaching someone to germinate seeds in egg cartons or plastic cups. Some career opportunities are available in horticulture therapy and related fields. Contact Lee Taylor, 110 Horticulture Building, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824 for more information.

The professor and student in a political science class got into a heated discussion which became more and more involved. Suddenly, realizing that the professor had shifted his position, the student said confidently, "But, sir, now you're arguing my side of the question."

"True," said the professor. "Your side wasn't doing too well."