



DEWITT ROAD/BRIDGE STREET OPENS

DATELINE: DeWitt

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UNUSUAL SIGHT



This segment of a telephone pole with red flag attached hung in midair over the new intersection at Webb Road/DeWitt Road/Bridge Street for a week or so. Phone linemen, who did not have time to rewire the intersection completely before the road opening ceremony, had



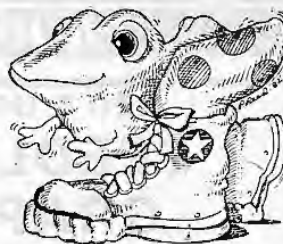
Citizens visited in the sunlight on Bridge Street and then sampled refreshments in the cool interior of DeWitt Fire Department at the DeWitt Road-Bridge Street dedication ceremony Saturday, July 27.

SPEAKERS HERALD NEW DOWNTOWN

Referring to the completion of DeWitt Road/Bridge Street project as "DeWitt's new window for the world", State Rep. Gary Randall, R-Elwell, congratulated the city on its new link to I-69 (US-27) west of the city at the July 27 dedication ceremony.

Randall pointed out that City Councilman Carmen Seats had amended that, saying "It's a new window for the world to look at DeWitt."

U.S. Rep. Bill Schuette, R-Sanford, State Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, and Mayor Lynn Thayer were other speakers. City administrative aide Bob Peterson served as master of ceremonies and Fr. David Stotenbur, St. Jude pastor, gave the invocation. The three legislators - Schuette,



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section at Webb Road/DeWitt Road/Bridge Street for a week or so. Phone linemen, who did not have time to rewire the intersection completely before the road opening ceremony, had jerry-rigged this peculiar-looking connection. Repairmen were working this past week to remedy the situation.

Kitty Horner

She has a boxful of award ribbons won at the Ionia Free Fair in the last nine years, but every July, Doris Powell gets the bug to enter baking competition "just one more time". And every year, she piles up another batch of awards - 23 ribbons this year, 21 in 1984.

She won Grand Champion and Best Pie Award last week for her two-crust pineapple pie ("The secret is not getting it too sweet."); Grand Champion for her molasses cookies (oh, man! we sampled one of those mouth-watering babies) as well as the Monster Cookie Award; and Reserved Champion Award for pinwheel cookies. The total came to 10 first places, six seconds and three third places.

Doris took nine different pies to the fair - apple, blueberry, cherry, custard, chocolate, lemon, raspberry, strawberry, in addition to the pineapple pie. "The first year I just took one pie," she reminisces, "and then I just began adding to it."

When and if Doris does decide to retire from competition, she is grooming a successor - her granddaughter Carrie, 11, who has just completed fifth grade at West Olive School. Carrie is the daughter of Terry and Evelyn Powell, who live just a stone's throw away from Lloyd and Doris Powell on DeWitt Road, and she's getting an early start in her baking career. Carrie won a first place for her cherry pie in the fair's junior division and a second for her decorated cake. With the two of them whipping up tasty concoctions, the Powell name should be familiar to judges in the fair's baking division for years to come.

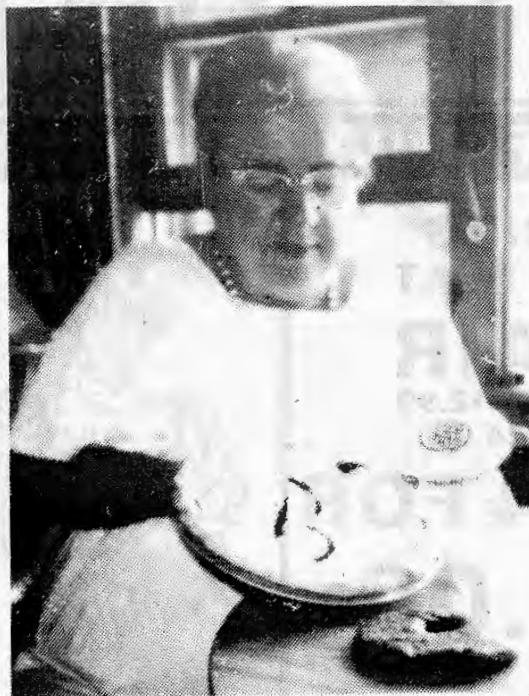
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DeWitt Memorial Association board members are humming "Thank You, Hank Lotoszinski" these days to the tune of "Thank You, Herbert Hoover", from the Broadway show, "Annie". Despite a heavy schedule, Hank has cleared his August 17 calendar enough to emcee the fifth annual Frog Leapin' Contest at Riverside Park.

Registration will begin at 12 noon with heats for the popular contest starting at 1 p.m. Rules provide that bona fide green frogs only may be entered - no toads, tree frogs or mechanical frogs. About 100 youngsters competed in last year's event.

DeWitt Shop-Rite is sponsoring the Frog Leap. The first 10 winners will receive official Frog Leapin' Contest T-shirts. Prize structure is as follows: 1st place, \$35; 2nd, \$25; 3rd through 6th place, \$10 each.

SHE'S DONE IT AGAIN!



Doris Powell holds a blueberry pie and award ribbon from the Ionia Free Fair. One of her giant molasses cookies is on the table.

Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, and Mayor Lynn Thayer were other speakers. City administrative aide Bob Peterson served as master of ceremonies and Fr. David Stotenbur, St. Jude pastor, gave the invocation. The three legislators - Schuette, Cropsey, and Randall - wore "Say Yes to Michigan" T-shirts, presented to them by DeWitt Business Association over their dress shirts.

Thayer recalled the early days of the road project in 1979. At that time, he said, estimated costs were \$150,000 and completion date was set for September 1983. The newly completed road cost \$689,000 including a freeway entrance and exit.

Delay ensued early in the project because a federal stipulation disallowed angle parking. Thayer credited Peg Guilford, DeWitt Hardware Store owner, with finding a loophole which permitted DeWitt to keep its angle parking.

Peterson told the audience that the new road is just the beginning of the DBA's plan for downtown revitalization, noting that "We definitely want to keep the small town concept."

DeWitt Downtown Business Association members bought 200 "Say Yes to DeWitt" T-shirts and very quickly sold out of same. They have ordered an additional 300 of the shirts (navy lettered in gold), which can be purchased for \$3.00 in the store or business office of any DBA member.

Monster Bash Next Thursday

Young readers who have read 10 or more books this summer are eligible to attend the DeWitt Monsters' Party at Faye Hanson Memorial Library Thursday, August 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The library-sponsored Monster Club has been a great success, reports Librarian Judy Gerred. Youngsters ages six thru 10 have had a busy summer reading books and filling their monster charts, which line the library walls, with a bat sticker for each book read.

Thursday is to be celebration day for the librarians and young readers, who may come dressed as their favorite storybook characters if they wish.

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PERFECT DAY FOR A PICNIC IN THE PARK

It was a great party! Youngsters attending the City of DeWitt Parks and Recreation summer program and senior citizens shared luncheon and games together on a beautiful sunny day at Riverside Park.

Before their guests arrived the boys and girls decorated the park pavilion with crepe paper and balloons, set the long picnic tables and prepared the various areas for crafts. Dee Robertson had stencilled placemats for each picnicker.

Shortly before noon, senior citizens, who customarily have a potluck luncheon at St. Jude's, arrived at the park instead. They brought salads and desserts while the park program had arranged sloppy joes and beverages.



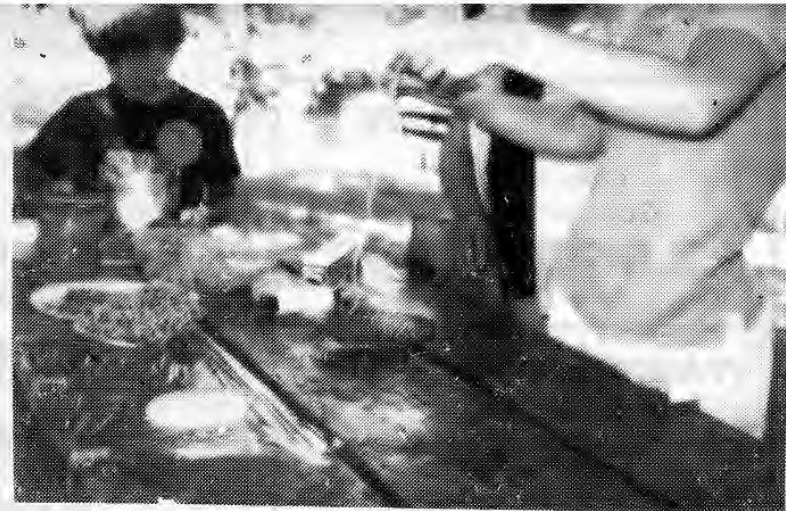
A hungry crowd made their way along the buffet line, then visited over lunch. Terranova's Thriftway provided the sloppy joe ingredients and rolls; North Larch McDonalds donated the pop, and DeWitt City Hall brought the large urn of coffee.



Craft time followed the picnic luncheon. Here, Dee Robertson demonstrated acid glass etching and then assisted both the children and adults in making their own decorations. DeWitt Hardware had donated the glass which Dee cut into small squares for the project.



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Left to right during the crafts time were Mike Morgan, Theresa Fedewa and Amy Donders. The prepared birdfeeders to hang from trees by stringing pine cones, coating the cones with peanut butter and rolling them in bird seed. Youngsters had gotten the pine cones the previous week when they visited the DeWitt retreat house.

Along The Looking Glass

Airman Mark Lotre leaves today for his new station at Pease Air Force Base, Portsmouth, NH, after spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Richard and Marge Lotre, N. Bridge Street.

A 1983 graduate of DeWitt High School, Mark had recently completed law enforcement and canine training courses at Lackland AFB, in San Antonio, TX.

The annual Carl Hasselbach Father/Son Golf Outing sponsored by Knights of Columbus,

DeWitt Council 7237 will take place Saturday, August 10, at Prairie Creek Golf Course.

Clinton County Arts Council will hold the Mint Festival Art Fair at the Central School area in St. Johns Saturday, August 10. The schedule will include a juried art fair with artists from around the state, performing arts entertainment throughout the afternoon and a kids' area of hands-on art participation.

Sons of the American Legion will hold a river

area clean-up at Riverside Park Saturday, August 24, beginning at 9 a.m.

The toughest thing about raising kids is convincing them you have seniority.

VOTE TODAY!

DeWitt school district voters are being asked to approve three additional mills in today's special millage election. The request for additional millage was voted down in April.

The Fuerstenau School election site, W. Washington St., will be open today until 8 p.m.

Dates To Remember

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 16-18 Ox Roast Tennis Tournament
Sat., August 17 Annual DeWitt Ox Roast
Tues., Sept. 3 DeWitt Public School opens

We may be willing to tell a story twice but we are never willing to hear it more than once.

Plan Program For Women

The Women's Looking Glass is coming again. The popular program, which started in California and was picked up by a Lansing church, is about to begin its third year at DeWitt Community Church. Some 50-60 attended last year's program.

DeWitt area women and their friends are invited to join. According to publicity chairperson Sally Hennigan, women attending the weekly sessions "will cultivate friendships, encourage one another, investigate the word of God, develop God-given

talents in homemaking and creative arts".

The non-denominational gatherings for women of all ages will be held Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., from September 10 through October 29. Contact persons are Ms. Hennigan, 669-9755; Ruth Ueberroth, 669-9591, and Marge McGovney, 669-9067.



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