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## DATELINE: DeWitt

December 3, 1984  
Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott

### SOLDIER EARNS PURPLE HEART

U.S. Army Pvt. Mike Burgoyne, 20, a 1982 DeWitt High School graduate, received a Purple Heart last week from U.S. Army Gen. William Livsey, commander of U.S. forces in Korea.

Burgoyne was shot and wounded in the neck November 23, when a fire fight erupted between North Korean and United Nations troops along the Demilitarized Zone in the truce village of Panmunjom. A Soviet tourist defecting to South Korea set off the altercation, leaving three North Koreans and one South Korean soldier dead.

The only American soldier wounded in the dispute, Burgoyne is the son of Eleanor Burgoyne, Waxwing Drive, and George Burgoyne of Port-land. Mike joined the Army in March and was assigned overseas five months ago, after he had finished basic training and volunteered for duty in Korea.

By KITTY MARRIOTT

### Preschool To Sponsor Luncheon With Santa

Probably one of the most popular local events for small folks and their parents, the annual Luncheon with Santa, is coming up Saturday, December 8.

For the fifth year, DeWitt Cooperative Preschool members are holding the luncheon program from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the DeWitt Memorial Building. Some 400 children and parents attended last year, according to chairperson Joyce Spangler, and 450 are expected this year.

Luncheon is \$1.25. A parent must accompany the children and may eat with them, if he/she wishes. Of course, Santa Claus will be on hand again. Youngsters may have their pictures taken with Mr. Claus. There'll be helium balloons, a bake sale, craft displays and entertainment for the children. Preschool teacher Stephenie Knapp, Preschool cooperative president Tina Brander and other co op members will be assisting with the day's program.

### Police To Hold Vehicle Sale

DeWitt Township Police Department will conduct a sale of abandoned vehicles on Tuesday, December 4, at 3 p.m. in the board of trustees meeting room at DeWitt Charter Township Hall, 4700 Brook Road, Lansing

Vehicles to be sold

Organized by six families in 1971, the DeWitt Cooperative Preschool, Inc. began classes in January 1972 with the co-sponsorship of the Lansing YWCA. The 17 preschoolers from that first 1972 class will be high school graduates next spring, in the class of 1985!



### A CHAT WITH SANTA



Ryan Krafft, son of Bob and Sue Krafft, Clark Road, had Santa's full attention during the 1983 Luncheon with Santa sponsored by DeWitt Cooperative Preschool.

### LOCAL GROUP REALIZES DREAM

Parents built the cabinets, stove and sink and made puppets, members donated toys and raised money, and the first preschool met in rented quarters, the educational room of Hope Lutheran Church. This was the school's home for 10½ years, although cooperative families incorporated the preschool in 1976 and dreamed of getting their own building.

When the former DeWitt Township library building became available, co op members were able to rent then purchase it from the township with the agreement that the building would have to be moved from township land by 1985. The cooperative with 76 families and four classes moved into the building in 1982.

Fund raisers have become the order of the

assigned overseas five months ago, after he had finished basic training and volunteered for duty in Korea.

Burgoyne told UN officials that he was escorting a South Korean civilian work party at the DMZ when the fight began. After leading his work party to safety inside the command checkpoint, he and a South Korean soldier opened fire on some 15 North Korean security guards who were chasing the defector and a UN security guard. His South Korean companion was killed in the resultant gunfire.

In 1963, the late Adlai Stevenson spoke to students at Princeton University. "I understand I am here to speak and you are here to listen," he said. "Let's hope we both finish at the same time."

#### LIBRARY HOURS

This is the current weekly schedule for Faye Hanson Memorial Library, Washington Street, DeWitt.

Monday — Closed

Tuesday - 9 am - 12 noon

12:30 - 4:30 pm

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Wednesday - 9:00 am - 12 noon

12:30 - 4:30 pm

Thursday - 12:30 - 4:30 pm

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Friday - 9:00 am - 12 noon

12:30 - 4:30 pm

Saturday - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

As the recordings so aptly say, "Please make a note of it."

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The Shopping Guide DeWitt Edition December 3, 1984

at 5 p.m. in the board of trustees meeting room at DeWitt Charter Township Hall, 4700 Brook Road, Lansing

Vehicles to be sold are located at the following storage facilities: 1965 Olds VIN 336695M296844 and 1978 Mercury VIN 8H92H641261, at Northside Towing, 600 N. Cedar; 1977 Yamaha motorcycle VIN 1A1-013699, at McNally's Towing, 15890 N. East St.; 1976 Pontiac VIN 2L69N6P340066, at Cassel Radiator, 4641 N. East St.

A minimum bid will be set for each vehicle to defray towing and storage costs. Vehicles are sold where is, as is. DeWitt Charter Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids deemed not to be in the best interest of the township.



Kristy Feldpausch, daughter of Ray and Karen Feldpausch, Francis Road, was 4 when she posed for this photo in front of the newly acquired preschool building.

#### TOWNSHIP REPORT

DeWitt Charter Township trustees rescinded a weed ordinance which was difficult to enforce and approved trustees' attending a January educational conference of Michigan Townships Association in Dearborn at their November 26 board meeting.

Newly elected supervisor C. Frank Mann received board approval for the following appointments: Board of Appeals - Michael Murphy and Janice Pentin; Parks and Recreation - Ruth Colson, Joan Smith, Judy Martiny, and Trustee Hammond; Planning Commission - Fred Belbeck, Wayne Miller, Earl Whitlock, and

Trustee Rademacher; Safety Committee - Virginia Zeeb, Jerry Bower, Richard M. Smith, Charles R. Thomas Jr., and Trustee Angell; Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority - William Purves and Supervisor Mann; Sewer Board of Appeals - Bernie Miller, Fred Belbeck, and Supervisor Mann; Board of Review - Bernard Schafer, Fred Walsh, and Thomas Clayton.

The rooster may crow, but the hen delivers the goods.

In Michigan you are never more than six miles from a lake or a stream.

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township with the agreement that the building would have to be moved from township land by 1985. The cooperative with 76 families and four classes moved into the building in 1982.

Fund raisers have become the order of the day for members, as they sponsor sales, raffles and yes, Santa Claus luncheons, towards the purchase of land and moving their building to a new site. Belonging to the DeWitt Cooperative Preschool is a family experience, starting with a potluck in the fall and family picnic in the spring.

The group's motto is: "A child's work is play." The cooperative's address is 768 Wieland Road, Lansing; phone number 372-1427.

Preschoolers in 1972, who will be June graduates, were Kris Zelenski, Jayne Henning, Sandra Bullen, Todd Hahn, Monique Arends, Gary Lonier, Diane Wakulsky, Patti Bond, Gian Campbell, Kathy Boyd, Shannon Mackie, Alan Renz, Kelly Smith, Brenda Schneeberger, Brian Blizzard, Denise Simon and Sara Wenzel.

#### Ushers Sell Christmas Trees

St. Jude Ushers Club have their annual Christmas Tree sale underway. The tree lot at the church on N. Bridge St. will be open Fridays 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Ushers will be selling trees at the lot next to DeWitt Shop-Rite from noon to 8:30 p.m. weekdays; from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

## Kitty Korner

The magic month of December has arrived and much of the news these days is holiday-related.

Good news for music lovers hereabouts - The Reflections are going to sing Sunday, December 9 at 5 p.m. at DeWitt Community Church, and everyone's invited.

The Christmas musical program is open to the public with a special invitation to senior citizens in the area. Rides will be provided for seniors who could not attend otherwise. Anyone who would like a ride to the concert may call Beulah McGovney, 669-9705.

A light brunch will be served afterward.

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Get yourself and your family into a carol-singing mood and come to the fifth annual DeWitt Christmas Sing and Tree Lighting Ceremony at the DeWitt fire barn Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m. Song sheets will be provided; please bring a flashlight so you can read the words. DeWitt Business Association sponsors the colorful ceremony.

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Each holiday season I wait and watch, but it still hasn't happened. Audrey Fabus hasn't yet made good her annual threat to attach an orange bicycle flag to tiny Bertha Lennemann, so that she can easily spot her in stores on their shopping excursions for the DeWitt Community Christmas Project.

Armed with their lists of clothing required for needy families, Audrey and Bertha make several sorties to department stores in search of the correct sizes. They hurry around baby and children's departments trying to find the items, and each year, Audrey has difficulty finding Bertha, even if she is just across the counter from her.

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## SANTA'S SECRET SHOP CATERS TO CHILDREN

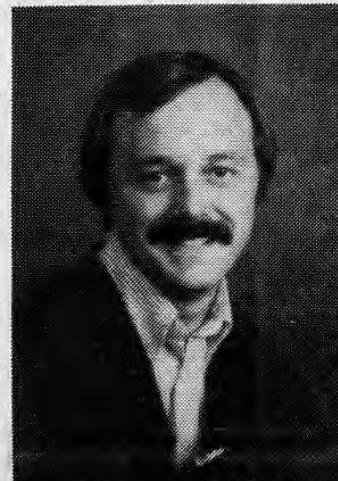
Thanks to enterprising members of the DeWitt Booster Club, children attending Scott and Fuerstenau schools will enjoy "Santa's Secret Workshop," a unique shopping experience, for the second year.

### MACLD Names Sawyer 'Teacher of the Year'

Thomas Sawyer, DeWitt High School Resource Room Teacher for the past 13 years, has been named "Teacher of the Year" by the Michigan Association of Children with Learning Disabilities.

MACLD presented Sawyer with a plaque recently during their annual fall conference and awards luncheon at Fairlane Manor in Dearborn. The state nomination automatically puts the DeWitt teacher in line for national recognition when the National Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities holds their annual meeting in San Francisco in February.

"I strive every day to implement into my teaching a realistic approach coupled with humor and compassion," is Sawyer's reaction to the honor.



Designed to allow young shoppers to purchase Christmas gifts for family and friends "on their own," the program will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11 and 12. A large selection of items ranging from 25¢ to \$5 will be available.

An optional "walk through" is being offered next Monday evening, December 10 - at Scott School only - for any parent or children of both schools, who wish to visualize "Santa's Secret Shop" and determine the amount of money needed for shopping. Items will not be on sale at that time.



### GIFTS FOR EVERYONE

When the children have their two shopping days, merchandise will be displayed in a non-commercial manner with adult assistance and guidance available. Parent volunteers are aiding the Booster Club by working in the shop in two-hour shifts.

Participating children, the sponsors say, benefit from this experience in the following ways: 1) Learn to shop, compare and make decisions; 2) enjoy selecting gifts for family members secretly, for fun that will last up to and including the moments gifts are opened; 3) provide a sense of money value and a budgeting of expenditures.

Scott and Fuerstenau pupils will receive an envelope this week in which shopping money is to be placed. Some weeks ago, parents received a letter suggesting home chores or ways in which they might earn money for their Christmas shopping.

In addition to being a valuable learning experience, Santa's Secret Shop is also a fund

...and Bertha, even if she is just across the counter from her.



Lions Club members first investigate needs of families whose names they receive from Clinton County Social Services. Then the DCCP takes over, distributing food, clothing and toys to the needy in the DeWitt School District. If you know of a needy family, senior citizen or shut-in who may be left out at Christmas call Audrey Fabus, 669-3017 or Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127.

Plan to eat out Friday night - this week, December 7 - it's a Chili Supper night. Piping hot chili will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria before the first home game of the boys' roundball season.

DeWitt High School marching band members and their mentors, John and Cerena Foresman, have been poring over recipes to serve 200, as they plan their first Chili Supper. The next pre-game Chili Supper will be held on Tuesday, December 11, with others to follow in January and February.

Band members and director Jeff Kressler chose the suppers as one of their fund-raisers to help finance a spring break trip to Florida.

If you neglected to place your Christmas luminaria orders before December 1 deadline, some candles and bags are still available.

Luminaria contact persons for specific DeWitt areas are: E. Geneva, Lorraine Lavey, 669-8060; S. Geneva, Ann Ryan, 669-9707; W.



Thomas Sawyer

Criteria for receiving the award include requirements that the teacher demonstrate excellence through creative methods and enthusiasm in teaching students with learning disabilities, that he/she has positively influenced the attitude and thinking of the general public and the learning disabled students he/she teaches, as well as having furthered the association goal of full educational opportunity for all children.

The fact that Sawyer's students make the transition from school to work with almost a 100% rating is another indication of his teaching success. He is recognized by his students, their parents and his colleagues as an outstanding high school resource teacher, according to Mrs. Nona Edsinga, chairperson of the Intermediate District Parent Advisory Committee.

"His program is excellent and truly reflective of the intent of the Education of All Handicapped Childrens' Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-142)," Edsinga points out.

A simple summation of Sawyer's success is this statement from one of his current students, "I consider Mr. Sawyer to be one of the finest teachers I have ever had. Due to all his efforts, I expect to graduate on time and I appreciate him so much."



Geneva & Riverview, Marilyn Boyd, 669-3225; Red Pole/Waxwing, Virginia Martlew, 669-9897; Lucerne, Donna Gartside, 669-3272; Tucker Dr./ Rose Subdivision, Audrey Fabus, 669-3017; Willow Creek, June Swan, 669-3660; Country Meadows, Carol Haag, 669-5434; Sandhill Dr., Lorna Gillespie, 669-9566; West Winds, Clay Parker, 669-3805; Luroma Subdivision, Sue Oliver, 669-8044 and Linda Schelb, 669-3406; Milbrook Meadows, Debbie Stoll, 669-3152; Webb Road and Ro Dic Don Subdivision, Doris Cox, 669-9340; City of DeWitt, Vi Pennington, 669-3587.

money is to be placed. Some weeks ago, parents received a letter suggesting home chores or ways in which they might earn money for their Christmas shopping.

In addition to being a valuable learning experience, Santa's Secret Shop is also a fund raising project for the Booster Club. Last year's proceeds purchased a video recorder to accompany the VCR at Scott School; the Booster Club has earmarked this year's proceeds for playground equipment at both Scott and Fuerstenau schools.

Overseeing the second annual "happy shopping" experience are Fuerstenau co-chairpersons Bonnie Brya and Linda Reynolds; Scott co-chairpersons Sharon Baulch and Lynne Horn.

## ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

St. Therese education program sponsored a Christmas tour through the Wood Road home of Bob and Elaine LaFave Sunday afternoon. Proceeds benefited the Education Foundation of St. Therese parish.

A Sunday School Christmas program will be presented at Redeemer United Methodist Church Sunday, December 9, at 7 p.m.

St. Jude Women's Association will have a wine and cheese tasting social Thursday evening, December 6, following 7:30 Mass and the regular business meeting. Seton Circle members held their November meeting last Wednesday at the home of Gladys Stauffer.

DeWitt Business Association will hold their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, December 5, at 11:45 a.m. in the Memorial Building.

DeWitt Booster Club will hold the regular monthly business meeting Monday, December 3, in the high school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.



A conference is just an admission that you want somebody to join you in your troubles.

- Will Rogers

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Getting an early peek at merchandise to be sold in Santa's Secret Shop at Fuerstenau School are, left to right: Chandra Doorn, Kim Hill, Andrea Deak, David Dennis, Justin Edin, Kyle Crocket, Sara Genow and Jenny Dumit.

### CHRISTMAS DECOR IDEAS

Would you like some new ideas for decorating your home during the holidays?

Faye Hanson  
Memorial Library can  
supply them. Librarian

When some people talk about their family tree, they trim off a branch here and there.

- Lark Bragg

### NOTICE FOR BIDS

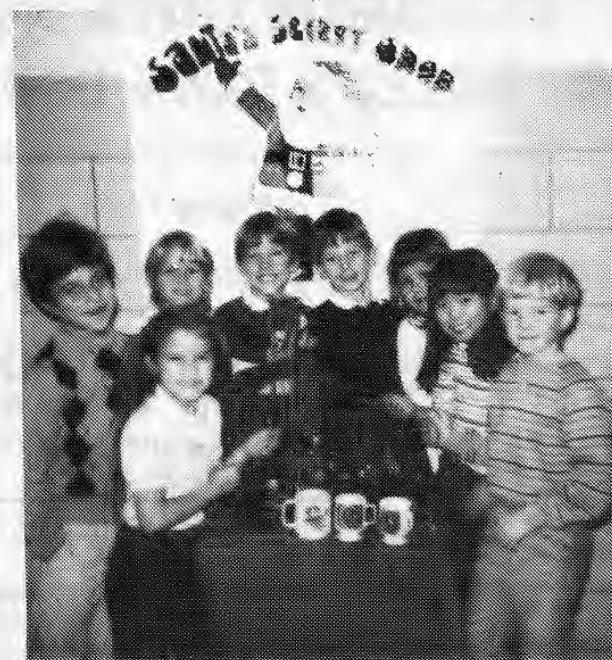
## BOOSTER CLUB PROVIDES SANTA'S SHOP

Pupils at Scott and Fuerstenau schools have an opportunity Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11 and 12, to shop for their families and friends. The DeWitt Booster Club opened Santa's Shop last year and is repeating the shopping and learning experience for elementary students again this week.

Parents and children will be able to preview gift items available from 7 - 8 p.m. this evening during an optional "walk through" at Scott School only.

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.

- Albert Schweitzer



Scott School preview shoppers, include, left to right: Chrissy Fraser, Jay Leitz, Jamie Watson, Jacob Edin, Michael Brya, Jenny Stewart, Amye Davis and Matt Klein.

*Kitty Korner*

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

This, of course, is the month for Christmas programs. Possibly a prize for the most novel Christmas program of the year should go to the Mary Couling, whose Sunday school program at DeWitt Community Church will offer a live Nativity scene.

Children and adults are to perform and recite the Christmas story from Chapter II of St. Luke's gospel. Three-month-old Matthew Everett, son of John and Jan Everett, will be making his first stage appearance as infant Jesus.

Lending authenticity to the manger scene

holidays?

Faye Hanson Memorial Library can supply them. Librarian Judy Gerred says that you can find all kinds of interesting suggestions in the following books:

The Gardeners' Christmas Book by Helen Goddard; Better Homes and Gardens' Holiday Decorations You Can Make; Herbert Wernecke's Christmas



Customs Around the World; The Farm Journal Christmas Book; Christmas Decorations from Williamsburg's Folk Art Collection; Christmas With Southern Living.

Junior books chockfull of ideas for Christmas decorating include: Christmas - Make It Yourself; Crafts for Christmas by Katherine Cutler; Christmas Crafts - Things to Make 24 Days before Christmas by Carolyn Meyer; Peggy Parish's December Decorations.

All in favor of conserving gasoline, raise your right foot. - Sign on a California freeway.

## NOTICE FOR BIDS

The City of DeWitt will receive sealed bids up to 5 p.m. on December 17, in the Clerk's office, 414 E. Main St., for snow plowing of 118 N. Bridge St., City of DeWitt Parking lot.

Requirements: bids shall show proof of up to date worker compensation insurance; bids shall show proof of General Liability - \$300,000/\$300,000 Bodily Injury, and \$100,000 Property Damage; bids shall show proof of auto insurance in the amounts of \$250,000/\$500,000 Bodily Injury with \$100.00 Property Damage auto; cars will be in the lot when plowed; plowing shall commence upon an accumulation of 2" of snow, day or night.

Sealed bids shall be marked "Snow Plowing, City of DeWitt" The City of DeWitt reserves the right to reject all bids.

"We had a permissive father," said Sam Levenson. "He permitted us to work." - In One Era and Out the Other.

## 19 IMPORTANT

Make certain that the Number 19 is on your auto registration when you buy your license plates, reminds Clinton County Board of Road Commissioners.

Both the name and number of your county of residence do appear on the registration form, but it is up to you to make certain they are correct or your auto and gas tax money will not be returned to improve Clinton County roads.

The response to last year's plea to check No. 19 on the form when buying plates was very good, but the board issues frequent reminders to: HELP CLINTON COUNTY ROADS - Make sure your registration has both Clinton and Number 19 in the proper places!

## DEADLINE NEARS



Deadline for notifying the DeWitt Community Christmas Project of a needy person or family in DeWitt School District is Wednesday, December 12. Audrey Fabus, left and Bertha Lennemann look over some of the hats, mittens and gift-wrapped clothing as they check them off the gift list. Contact them at 669-3017 or 669-3127 by Wednesday if you think someone may be left out at Christmas.

recite the Christmas story from Chapter II of St. Luke's gospel. Three-month-old Matthew Everett, son of John and Jan Everett, will be making his first stage appearance as infant Jesus.

Lending authenticity to the manger scene will be unrehearsed baby animals - a calf, lamb, donkey, chickens and a full-grown llama. It should be an interesting presentation. Time is 6:30 p.m. Sunday, December 16.

Instead of meeting in the Memorial Building, DeWitt Newcomers will gather Wednesday, December 12, in the Old Hickory Trail home of Margaret Ruark for a Christmas party, gift exchange and election of 1985 officers.

DeWitt Lioness Club members will hold their Christmas dinner meeting at Hoffman House on Thursday, December 13.

## WE'RE ALL INVITED

DeWitt Conservatory of Dance and Music will be the scene of a piano and voice recital Friday, December 14 at 7 p.m. There will be no admission fee and the public is invited.

Following the student performances, everyone will sing carols and share a social hour around the Christmas tree.

DeWitt Friends of the Library will be hostesses next week at a two-day Christmas open house at Faye Hanson Memorial Library.

They'll serve punch and cookies Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, December 18-19, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

## SANTA'S DELIVERY SERVICE

Would you like Santa Claus to hand deliver a gift from Mom and Dad to your child on Christmas Eve?

DeWitt City residents, who want to take advantage of Santa's Delivery Service, must have their gifts to City Hall, 414 E. Main St., on Thursday or Friday, December 20-21, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The gifts should have the child's name, address and age printed clearly on the package.

DeWitt City Parks and Recreation Committee is sponsoring the project in cooperation with Santa's elves. Questions may be directed to Santa's helpers at City Hall, 669-2441.

Santa will deliver the gifts to homes between 6 and 8 p.m. on December 24.

# BATCHING DAY AT DEWITT PANTRY CO OP

## Along the Looking Glass

Dewitt Chapter 30 Order of Eastern Star held a combined School of Instruction Friday evening with Wacousta Chapter 133 at Wacousta Masonic Temple. Grand Conductress Shirley McKinney, a state officer from Sparta officiated. The regular monthly OES meeting takes place Thursday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

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DeWitt Middle School students will hold their Christmas program Thursday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

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The Women's Society of Hope Lutheran Church will hold their Christmas potluck this evening in the Lansing home of Leslie Mull.

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Deborah Circle, Redeemer United Methodist Church, will have a potluck at 1 p.m. Tuesday December 11, in the Grove Road home of June Zischke. Martha Circle will meet Wednesday, December 12, in Julia Volz' home, W. Cutler Road, at 9:30 a.m.

## DeWitt City Council Notes

City Council formally approved Bob Peterson's appointment as assistant administrator and zoning inspector and gave final plat approval to Millbrook Meadows #4 at its December 3 meeting.

Peterson was asked to draw up bid specifications for snow plowing the city parking



Marilyn Unger, left and Carol Glarner weigh in cheese block and bags of grated cheese, in order to allot correct amounts and varieties to co op members.



Jan Mulford weighs bulk nuts and bags them according to individual orders.

## PANTRY CO OP MEMBERS PREFER NATURAL FOODS

From bagels to baking powder, from market fresh produce to popcorn in 50-pound bags, spices, condiments, dairy products, canned goods...you can see it all and experience a mouthwatering potpourri of smells on batching day at DeWitt Pantry Co op.

Once a month, members of the 40 co op families make their selections and turn in their orders. Approximately two weeks later comes batching day, when the goods arrive and must be parceled out into the desired amounts. December 6 is the co op's next ordering deadline; December 20 will be batching day.

On batching day, committees alternate handling the work - checking the foods in as trucks arrive and carting bags and boxes into

Wednesday, December 12, in Julia Volz' home, W. Cutler Road, at 9:30



a.m. A potluck salad luncheon will follow at noon. Sarah-Susanna Circle will have dinner Wednesday evening at Sweden House. Members of Ruth Circle will have their Carry-In dinner at noon. Thursday, December 13, in the N. Scott Street home of Grace Hanes.

Redeemer's Junior High Youth Fellowship will go caroling Sunday, December 16, at Hazel I. Findlay Manor in St. Johns. The Senior High youth will hold their Christmas party that same evening in Gail Stevens' home.

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St. Jude's youth group will host their annual Christmas party for children of the parish on Saturday, December 15, from noon to 3 p.m. Toddlers through 8 years of age are welcome to share in the movies, food, games and visit with Santa.

Peterson was asked to draw up bid specifications for snow plowing the city parking lot. After publication, bids will be opened at the December 17 meeting.

Council authorized final payment of \$7,870.80 to J.C. Harte & Sons for completion of the E. Webb Road sewer project and payment of \$2527 engineering costs to Capitol Consultants for reconstruction of the bridge railings and foundation required for the DeWitt Road project.

Mayor Lynn Thayer's following new committee appointments were approved: Street Commissioner, Lynn Thayer; Police Board, Virginia Martlew and Don Steavens; Personnel, Carmen Seats; Sewer & Water, Don Steavens; Finance & Budget, Lynn Thayer, Deborah Christensen, Mike Brown, Virginia Martlew, Carmen Seats, William Simonsen and Don Steavens.

The list continues with: Department of Public Works, Lynn Thayer; Grant Coordinator, Bob Peterson; Fire Board, Bill Simonsen; Tree Commission, Mike Brown; Planning Commission, Mike Brown and Gerald Gabrion; Parks and



Margaret Trommater coordinates the herculean task of stacking each supply of food under the correct family name, in preparation for pick-up.

## CHILI SUPPERS

Tuesday, December 11, DHS Marching Band members will be serving their second pre-game Chili Supper, with Booster Club



assistance. The menu includes: bowl of chili, \$1; hot dog, 75¢; Coney dog, \$1.50; salad, 50¢; beverage, 50¢; cookies, 25¢. A new dishwasher safe Panther cup, available only at the chili suppers, will be sold filled with coke for \$1.

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Recreation, Deborah Christensen; Planning, Gary Gillespie and James Decatur; Cable Communications, Bob Peterson; DeWitt Building Authority, Henry Theroux.

In a church kitchen a sign read: "Ladies making tea will kindly empty teapots and kettles, then stand upside down in the sink."

deadline; December 20 will be batching day.

On batching day, committees alternate handling the work - checking the foods in as trucks arrive and carting bags and boxes into DeWitt Community Church, where the co op meets. Then, the workers break down bulk goods, packaging them into smaller units to fill orders of individual members.



Joyce Spangler, left, and Joy Brewer unpack cases of canned goods for distribution to fill co op family orders.

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While dividing up a 30-pound carton of raisins into a dozen or so smaller packets can be a pretty sticky business, co op members believe that the wholesome natural products they buy are worth the effort.

As a DeWitt sesquicentennial contribution, co op homemakers shared their recipes preparing a 1983 cookbook, "Welcome to Historic DeWitt." Copies are still available for \$4.

DeWitt Pantry Co op, begun here in 1981, welcomes new members. Inquiries about the co op may be directed to chairperson Marilyn Unger, 669-5129, or vice chair Nancy Ryan, 669-9524.

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Reflections director Phyllis Winter will direct the combined choirs of Redeemer United Methodist and DeWitt Community churches in a Christmas Cantata next Sunday, December 23.

The choir will perform John W. Peterson's "A Night of Miracles" at Sunday worship services in both churches, 9:30 a.m. at Redeemer and 11 a.m. at Community.

### CHRISTMAS CHORAL PROGRAM



DeWitt High School band and chorus under Jeff Kressler's direction will present a Christmas concert, Wednesday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

HEAR OUR

Hope you noticed that DeWitt Conservatory was the locale for all the Nutcracker ballet rehearsal photos that graced the cover and inside pages of the State Journal's Scene magazine a few weeks ago. The conservatory wasn't mentioned in the article, but those stained glass windows in the background are definitely DeWitt.

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Newly elected officers of St. Jude youth group are: Chris Pearson, president; Mike Simon, vice president; Russell Pline, treasurer; Lisa Pung,



Charles Ferguson, right, treasurer for DeWitt Public Schools Foundation accepts the group's initial contribution from retired teacher Clara Price.

### MATH PUPILS SCORE HIGH

Five DHS juniors and seniors took Part II tests in the 28th annual Michigan mathematics prize competition early this month, after finishing in the top five percent in Part I of testing.

Qualifiers for the second test were Kevin Boyd, junior, son of Jim and Marilyn Boyd, Westview Ct.; Teresa Coon, senior, whose parents are Don and Donna Coon, W. Geneva Dr.; senior Mark Hein, son of Gary and Nancy Hein, Luroma Dr.; Mike McKeon, senior, son of

### Along the Looking Glass

David Kott of the Michigan State Health Department will discuss hearing problems in children this evening at 7:30 p.m. when DeWitt PTO meets in Scott School cafeteria. PTO meets the third Monday of each month and is open to all parents and teachers in grades K-5.

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New UMW officers at Redeemer United Methodist Church are: Pat Gilchrist, president; Mary Vandermark, vice president; Alice Blankenship, secretary; Linda Locher, treasurer.

## FOUNDATION GIVES SCHOOL SUPPORT

The DeWitt Public Schools Foundation, newly organized in October, is committed to the enhancement of the DeWitt public schools. A group of community leaders established the new foundation for the sole purpose of attracting private funds for the use in DeWitt schools.

It seemed fitting, therefore, that the very first contribution toward creative educational programs was from a former teacher, Clara Price, who taught in DeWitt schools from 1947 until her 1960 retirement. Mrs. Price, who lives on W. Madison, was an auditorium and kindergarten teacher in the old Griswold Building, which now houses the superintendent's office.

Foundation officers are Dianne Cranmer, president; Vi Pennington, secretary, and Charles Ferguson, treasurer. Keith Davis, Gary Gillespie, Nancy Souden and Paul Tate are trustees.

"The Foundation is an autonomous group, not part of the Board of Education, and the money we collect does not become part of the DeWitt Schools General Budget," Cranmer said. "We intend to use the funds to provide educational enhancement to the students of DeWitt that the General Budget cannot fund."

Since it is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, gifts to the foundation are tax exempt. The DeWitt Public Schools Foundation expects to receive gifts in the form of Will Bequest, Memorials, Insurance Policies, Gifts in Kind (property) and Cash Contributions.

"We feel honored that community members have organized to help attract outside dollars for the students of DeWitt Public Schools," added Superintendent of Schools Stephen Garrett.

Tax Deductible Contributions to the Foundation may be sent to: The DeWitt Public Schools Foundation, 608 Wilson Street, DeWitt, Michigan 48820.

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concert, Wednesday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

## HEAR OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR



Marching band members and their parents are still hard at work on a whole series of projects to help finance the 93-member band's spring break trip to Florida, where they'll perform at both Disneyland and Sea World. Proposed itinerary calls for the band to board Trailways bus Sunday noon, March 31, and return the following Saturday.

They're sponsoring some post-game dances and other fund-raisers. Chili suppers will continue after the first of the year preceding all home boys' basketball games.

DeWitt Booster Club will help the band's effort by sponsoring tickets for a DeWitt Shop-Rite Shopping Spree late in January. Tickets will be available soon and you'll be hearing much more about this.

Success isn't how far you got, but the distance you traveled from where you started.

Newly elected officers of St. Jude youth group are: Chris Pearson, president; Mike Simon, vice president; Russell Pline, treasurer; Lisa Pung, secretary.

A genealogist, researching a wealthy client's family tree, discovered that the client's grandfather had been given the chair for murder. Dutifully he reported his findings. "Your grandfather," he said, "occupied the chair of applied electricity at a large public institute."

## POSTER PRIZE



DeWitt Middle School student Colleen McLaughlen, left, won first prize of \$10 in the Christmas poster contest sponsored by the DeWitt Business Association. Colleen holds her winning poster as she receives the check from Willard Reed. Student posters entered in the DBA contest are on display in DeWitt store windows and business places.

Westview Ct.; Teresa Coon, senior, whose parents are Don and Donna Coon, W. Geneva Dr.; senior Mark Hein, son of Gary and Nancy Hein, Luroma Dr.; Mike McKeon, senior, son of Ed and Marion McKeon, Southwind Lane; and Kevin O'Shaughnessey, son of Marty and Bernice O'Shaughnessey, Sage Lane.

Sponsor of the competition is the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America. DHS Instructor Mark Servis supervised student competition in the examinations.

New UMW officers at Redeemer United Methodist Church are: Pat Gilchrist, president; Mary Vandemark, vice president; Alice Blankenship, secretary; Linda Locher, treasurer.

Committee chair-people are: Dana Green, membership; Shirley Carroll, Christian personhood; Ava Merrill, supportive community; Gloria McLaughlin, social involvement and hospitality; Eileen Barnes, global concerns; Alice Blankenship, program resources; Celia Warren, nominations.

UMW members voted to give ten percent of their Christmas bazaar profits to the Clinton County hospice program.

Children in Hope Lutheran Church Sunday School will present their program, "A Christmas Message," Wednesday, December 19 at 7 p.m.

Pastor John E. Mackowiak and the board of elders scheduled a rededication program observing the church's 16th anniversary Sunday, December 16 at the morning worship service.

Friends of the Library will hold an open house Tuesday and Wednesday, December

## JOYOUS NOEL



18-19, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Faye Hanson Memorial Library. Punch and cookies will be served.

per couple price. Reservations may be made by calling 669-9543 or 669-9251. The public is welcome to attend.

Advance reservations for the New Year's Eve dance to be sponsored by DeWitt Knights of Columbus may be made by calling Ardie Grove, 669-9717. The December 31 dance will offer music by the Bent Scepters from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The \$32.50 per couple price will include snacks, beverages and a 12:30 a.m. buffet.

Mellotones will provide music for the VFW Post 671 New Year's Eve dance, Monday, December 31 beginning at 9:00 p.m. Popcorn, pretzels, nuts and a midnight luncheon are included in the \$22.50



## LAFAVES SHARE OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

### House Becomes A Home

Bob and Elaine LaFave's Wood Road farm home is surely a Merry Christmas house. From the greens and wreaths trimmed with red bows and holly on the outside of the big old white farmhouse through every one of the 11 rooms inside, holiday cheer pervades.

When LaFaves moved from their modern DeWitt Subdivision four years ago (five Christmases ago), into the DeWitt Township farm home built in 1904, the house needed a mammoth dose of TLC - tender loving care. Elaine LaFave, who had always done a good bit of decorating at Christmas, envisioned what a showplace the farmhouse could become.

Husband Bob admits that he was dubious about the outcome, but now loves every inch of the old place. Elaine used 100 rolls of wallpaper as she redecorated the house, had floors sanded and varnished, ceilings replastered.



Maria LaFave was hostess in her mother's newly opened Christmas Cellar shop.

"That first Christmas I just decorated a bit, but I could see what might be done," she recalls. She set about the task early the next



The exterior of the LaFave house exudes Christmas spirit too. Holiday touches on the porch greeted the steady stream of visitors who took part in the recent benefit tour.

Education Foundation. "Ohs" and "ahs" of pleasure come from the admiring visitors who tour the lovely old home. Elaine now begins her holiday decorating right after Halloween.

Table setting, wall hangings, handmade craft pieces, tree ornaments, candles, pine odors, furnishings in all the rooms seem to blend into a giant Christmas theme. Dark wood

chimes the hours. Four poster beds, patchwork quilts and antiques Elaine has accumulated through the years share decorating honors and lend an old-fashioned mood in the five bedrooms. Christmas trees of every size and material grace every room. "The kids (Maria, Lisa, Nick) once counted the Christmas trees," Elaine laughs. "and found around 100."

"That first Christmas I just decorated a bit, but I could see what might be done," she recalls. She set about the task early the next year and was so pleased with the result "that I just had to share it with others." So, she opened the house for a Christmas tour to Clinton County Historical Society.

Succeeding years have seen similar benefit tours by DeWitt Lioness Club, Lansing Catholic Central and this year's hosts, St. Therese

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A huge natural pine tree dominates the parlor, where a grandfather clock somberly



Elaine LaFave, right, offers daughter Maria a tempting treat from the holiday-set dining room table.

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This fall, Elaine embarked on a new venture. She had either made or found so many sources for lovely handmade craft items that she opened the Christmas Cellar, a small shop where novel decorations and handmade gifts may be purchased. Appropriately enough, it is located in the LaFave cellar. Hundreds of tiny items hang from the heavy wooden beams; music boxes and assorted decorations line shelves on the cellar's fieldstone walls.

Elaine downplays her own talent, originality and decorating flare. "It's easy," she remarks. "It can be as simple as adding a red bow to what you already have in your home."

## Happy Holidays



When I was a small boy in East Texas, I dislocated my tonsils and almost ruined my voice, trying to recreate the sound of Tarzan swinging on a vine in an unerring arc to rescue his distressed mate Jane.

So what were we told recently? That Buster Crabbe and Johnny Weismuller never made that noise. It was made by three men, one a tenor, one a baritone and one a hog caller.

The world is hard on believers.

-The Montreal Star



## DATELINE: DeWitt

December 24, 1984

Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott

### Kitty Korner

A plea for help comes from DeWitt Memorial Building during this busy season. American Legion members have generously offered to paint the building's lower level, says Linda Hodges, but volunteers from the groups who regularly use the building are needed to prepare the surface for painting.

Problem is that the building is in use so much of the time that few hours were left to schedule in work crews. Three workday periods when help is needed are: Thursday, December 27, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, December 29, 2 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, January 5, 4 to 6 p.m.

Linda asks anyone who can donate a few hours to help clean or scrape the walls, to show up in work clothes any of those times.

If busy fingers are happy fingers, Laura Tingay must be on the

New Year's Day is always reunion time for descendants of the George Thelen family; each year offspring of the two daughters and four sons congregate in St. Mary's parish hall, Westphalia.

The families take turns hosting the potluck event, so Al and Eva Thelen Simon, N. Scott St. are responsible for the 1985 reunion. Eva and daughter Rosalie Ankney, Madison St., have been busy the last few months making preparations to serve the 125 to 150 relatives whom they expect to greet that day.

What began as a trio getting together for dinner at Hoffman House was really a surprise birthday party for Bonnie Brya, W. Clark Rd. Conspirators Joan Ebert and Audrey Fabus turned the tables on their chum by inviting another dozen friends to share the surprise.

A giant wall poster

DeWitt Community Church - Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church - Christmas Eve candlelight services at 6 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Christmas Day festival service 9:30 a.m.

Redeemer United Methodist Church - Christmas Eve candlelight services at 7 p.m. (Chancel choir and special service for the family) and 11 p.m. (special music and holy communion)

Community of St. Jude Catholic Church - Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Mass with children's participation; 12:00 Midnight Mass; Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Gunnison United Methodist Church - Christmas Eve service 6:30 p.m. Everyone is urged to bring a candle for the concluding candlelight service.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church - Christmas Eve. Holy Communion and music. 11 p.m.

### Milner Named To All State

Sheila Milner, daughter of Gordie and Rose Milner, E. River Drive, has been selected



Sheila, a DHS senior, scored an average of 18.3 points and 14 rebounds per game this season with the DeWitt Panthers. During the last month of the season, she averaged more than 24 points per game.

Carol Bogard-Rademacher of Pewamo-Westphalia High School was named Class C coach of the year. PW girls eliminated a strong DeWitt team this year in district competition and finished as state runner-up in Class C.

## SERVICES of Your Choice



### RETURN TO AFRICA

Because Dr. Ed Manring and his family are so well known in DeWitt and because his letter fits so well into the Christmas season, it is reprinted here with permission from Good News, newsletter of DeWitt Community Church. Manrings left this past fall for a two year term of service in Africa.

His letter to the church congregation reads:

We four Manrings, Nancy, Ed, Becky and Peter are back on African soil again and mighty happy to be here, too. I arrived with an arthritic condition of my right shoulder that kept me grounded for several days; but now I'm back to work at the ELWA Hospital near Monrovia, Liberia. Nancy is well into her academic schedule teaching 7th and 8th grade math, history and English at the ELWA Academy; and Peter and Becky are established in their school work. We have a good house 20 yards from the breakers of the Atlantic Ocean on the Liberian coast. All is well with our physical set up here.

This morning the church in the Gio tribe at Woodsonville where we had worked during our last term out here invited us to visit their Sunday morning service. The warmth of their

up in work clothes only of those times.

If busy fingers are happy fingers, Laura Tingay must be on the top rung of the happiness ladder. During the past nine months she completed 97 Tiny Tot dolls (they're the infant-size Cabbage Patch type), in time for Christmas orders to make many little and big girls happy.

## DEWITT, CLARK ROADS HAVE 4-WAY STOPS

Orange flags top advance warning signs in all four directions alerting drivers to the newly installed four-way stop signs at the DeWitt township intersection of Clark Road and DeWitt Road. Two fatal accidents in recent weeks and



Southbound DeWitt Road traffic coming over the I-127 viaduct receive early warning about the stop at the Clark Road intersection. A second sign further on warns drivers that they must stop 250 feet ahead.

Ebert and Audrey Fabus turned the tables on their chum by inviting another dozen friends to share the surprise.

A giant wall poster and birthday cake inscribed with "Lordy, lordy ... Bonnie's 40" proclaimed the whole tale. In addition to all the fun and fellowship, the birthday lady received her secret wish: a Cabbage Patch Doll of her very own.

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Sheila Milner for the 1984 Associated Press Class C all-state girls' basketball team. Sports writers and sports broadcasters choose the all-state team.

seven reported accidents at the corner, since DeWitt Road was blacktopped last summer between Clark and Stoll roads, brought about the new precautions.

Clinton County Road Commission installed the new signs December 12. Previously stop signs had been on DeWitt Road only and drivers unfamiliar with the area had driven through Clark Road causing the collisions.

Now, drivers coming from all directions receive advance notice of the stop sign ahead from the additional signs installed several hundred feet ahead of the intersections.



Flagged advance signs on eastbound Clark Road have arrows warning of the new stop at DeWitt Road.

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This morning the church in the Gio tribe at Woodsonville where we had worked during our last term out here invited us to visit their Sunday morning service. The warmth of their Christian spirit was almost overwhelming. They met us with many smiles, handshakes and embraces, welcoming us "home." It was a very emotional experience for us. They had decorated the low roofed mud and wicker building with bright red hibiscus flowers and green palm branches. The tribal African antiphonal singing complete with drum accompaniment and lots of hand clapping brought extremely fond memories to our hearts. The church has grown in size since we left; and the group of about 50 people included a youth group of ten who learned several songs in English to sing for us, and we could all join in on those because we knew the words; it was very beautiful. Following came a forceful sermon on marriage and divorce right out of the scriptures. Oh, how I wish our churches back home could face the subject as clearly and objectively as these African Christians! Africans have all the problems we Americans have with marriage and divorce; but their difficulties are compounded by a cultural norm of polygamy. And yet, even with all that, they study the scriptures on the subject, preach it from the pulpit, and discuss it in small groups. The Spirit of the bible really lives in the Woodsonville church!!

Following the service was a great feast of rice, cassava greens, palm oil, and hot peppers—it was delicious, as usual.

My big regret was...you couldn't be there to see how Christian love really unites hearts and minds around the world. "Then Peter began to speak, 'I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.'" (Acts 10:34.35)

Love in Christ,  
Ed & Nancy Manring

P.S. Please pray that God will supply us with a general surgeon and an OB-GYN doctor by next June. We will be in desperate need of these two persons by then.

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# Merry Christmas

## ACTORS RECREATE BETHLEHEM SCENE



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## ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Greg Whitlock, DeWitt Township clerk was

## DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD

DeWitt school board at their December meeting approved Deborah Christensen's request to conduct a research project in the area of computer instructions. Christensen is a city council member and MSU graduate student. Her research project will involve interviews with 80 students in all four schools, grades 3, 6, 9 and 12.

Since Lakewood's addition to the Capital Circuit League created an open date in the football schedule, the board approved scheduling games with Detroit Country Day School in Birmingham. Varsity game will be home, JV game will be at Birmingham on a Saturday.

The board agreed to a National Honor Society request for a February trip to Montreal, Quebec. NHS advisor Mark Servis will oversee the students' excursion, which will leave East Lansing via Amtrak for the railroad visit to Canada.

Transportation committee report stated that safety discussions covering both walkers and bus riders have included: possibility of a mothers' watch program through PTO; holding cooperative meetings with city, township and county on safety; setting up discussions with the Clinton County Road Commission regarding road conditions and safety; reviewing bus routes and bus stops for safety; review of discipline policies on buses, and contacting other schools to review their policies and procedures.

An enthusiastic audience applauded the live Nativity program in DeWitt Community Church Sunday night, December 16. Jan and John Everett portrayed Mary and Joseph. Each of the Sunday School classes and adult choirs, in turn sang traditional Christmas hymns which lulled 3 month old Matthew Everett to sleep in his mother's arms. Small, white-robed angels, costumed shepherds and animals casually munching hay gave the whole scene a most authentic appearance -- even to the baby calf, which grew restless late in the show and threatened to drag its shepherd caretaker off the straw-strewn stage.

## DeWitt Township

DeWitt Township trustees appointed assessor Tom Woodruff as delegate to the Capital Area Regional Transportation System with Supervisor Frank Mann as alternate and voted not to rehire part-time parks and recreation director Diane Szewczyk for 1985.

Instead of retaining Szewczyk, the township will combine her position with that of senior citizens activities coordinator and advertise the position for 1,040 hours at \$6.25 per hour. Szewczyk has been working 20 hours weekly for DeWitt Township and dividing 20 hours a week between the City of DeWitt and Bath Township.

*Joyous Holidays*

Board members approved \$1200 in body repair for the fire department's rescue vehicle, awarded a snowplowing bid for the township hall and fire hall to Patrick Thelen, and outlined plans to comply with federal handicapped regulations. They also decided that the first day to sign up for biannual Arts and Crafts sales will be reserved for DeWitt Township residents only.

In other action, trustees approved rezoning E. Coleman Road property from agricultural to light industrial for a landfill, gave a special use permit to Janet Lindgren, E. Clark Road, for a West Highland light terrier breeding kennel, and approved the preliminary plat of 34 plots for Looking Glass Pines on Herbison Road west to the sewage treatment plant.

## ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Greg Whitlock, DeWitt Township clerk was recently elected 1985 president of the Clinton County Officers' Association

Some 100 Clinton County high school students are participating in a Northwestern University program geared to identify highly academically talented junior high students. The program called Midwest Talent Search which is being coordinated through out the Clinton County Intermediate School District, includes 29 DeWitt students

Clayton Parker of Shadybrook Lane was installed as worshipful master of Capitol Lodge of S.O. No. 66, F & A.M. at a Saturday evening ceremony in the Lansing Masonic Temple.

In England a bus full of American tourists pulled to a stop at Runnymede. "This is where they signed the Magna Carta," the guide announced.

"When did they do that?", one tourist inquired,

"1215" the guide answered.

The tourist looked at his watch and said, "My gosh we just missed it by 40 minutes."



Hope your Holiday Season is something to sing about.

county on safety; setting up discussions with the Clinton County Road Commission regarding road conditions and safety; reviewing bus routes and bus stops for safety; review of discipline policies on buses, and contacting other schools to review their policies and procedures.

Purchase of an IBM-PC with printer and eight all purpose folding tables was also approved.

Facilities committee members named to date are Don Dew, Hank Furman, Lorna Gillespie, Lynn Horne, Virginia Martlew, Tom Mauro and Doug Twiss.

## NEWSBOYS BRAVE WEATHER



Neither rain nor snow nor sleet kept the Old Newsboys from their appointed rounds in the Lansing area Friday, December 14. Old Newsboys took to the streets in the early morning hours in DeWitt too, to solicit donations for the needy - although they occasionally stepped into Sam's or the post office lobby to take refuge from the nasty, inclement weather. Here, DeWitt Lions, Wally Marriott, Bill Reed, Dr. Tom Doyle, Herb Ritter and Hank Furman pick up their newsbags, papers and cardboard canisters at O'Shaughnessy's on Main Street.

Sign outside a cleaners shop: Our Business Is In Creasing.



## DATELINE: DeWitt

December 31, 1984  
Photos and Stories by Katty Marriott

### MILLAGE NEEDS UNDER STUDY

School board members will hold a special meeting to address millage needs, after agreeing that additional future revenue must be generated to maintain the present program or major cuts must be made.

Discussion noted that the 1984/85 budget is a deficit budget since declining enrollment caused a reduction in projected income with no corresponding program reduction.

DeWitt School District is studying four major areas: facility needs, community education services, reading needs and early childhood education.

Two major rehabilitation projects are underway, roof repair and replacement of the gym floor in the Middle School. The district has a major goal of class size reduction in early elementary and English classes; computer education and soccer programs have been expanded and other programs added.

Currently operating millage is as follows:

County allocated (fixed)	8.0 mills
Extra voted in 1979 for 5 years	12.5 mills
Extra voted in 1980 for 5 years	11.5 mills
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL</b>	<b>32.0 mills</b>

The 12.5 extra voted mills have expired.

A well-adjusted person is one who makes the same mistake twice without getting nervous.

- Jane Heard

Praise is like champagne; it should be served while it is still bubbling. - Robins Reader

### PICNIC IN DECEMBER

## BUSY HOLIDAY AT THE LIBRARY



Representing DeWitt Pantry Coop, Nancy Ryan, left, presents two nutritional books, More with Less and Uprisings, to Librarian Judy Gerred for Faye Hanson Memorial Library. Copies are also being given to the DeWitt Township Library. Both libraries carry the coop cookbook, Welcome to Historic DeWitt.

### Twp. Parks and Recreation Classes

Registration begins next week for DeWitt Charter Township parks and recreation classes. Registration should be made in person or by mail January 7-10.

Classes will be offered in shadow applique quilting, Cutting-it-up-vest, log cabin quilt, dimensional

star, folded star, Let's Cook, and oil painting. Recreation programs will include aerobics, exercise-walking, adult volleyball, both



Kim Brock, right, accepts a cup of punch from Kay Faust during the DeWitt Friends of the Library pre-Christmas open house.

## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

DeWitt will have taxi service, if Jean Lupnitz, who operates L&H Family Cab on U.S. 27, has her way. Lupnitz appeared before city council December 17, to announce plans for a radio-dispatched taxi service with which she hopes to cover St. Johns, DeWitt and DeWitt Township.

Carmen Seats suggested that the city attorney review St. Johns taxi ordinance and then recommend if DeWitt needs to enact a similar ordinance.

Roy Ketcheson, chairman of the city parks and recreation committee, asked council to consider increasing part-time recreation director Diane Szewczyk's position from 10 to 20 hours per week. Ketcheson listed many programs and activities Szewczyk had initiated since entering city employment, as well as programs in tennis and swimming that the additional hours would allow her to begin.

Council concurred with Ketcheson's statement, voting to double her work-time with the city. Since DeWitt township trustees had not renewed Szewczyk's contract for 20 hours

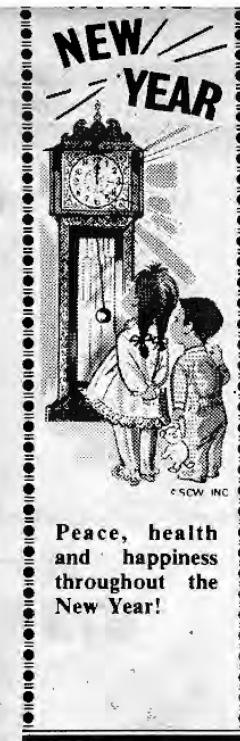
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Cutting-it-up-vest, log cabin quilt, dimensional

## PICNIC IN DECEMBER



Elementary pupils at Scott School had a picnic-style Christmas lunch in their cafeteria the week before Christmas. Tablecloths were spread on the floor for the lunches; the youngsters ate while Christmas music played and Santa walked around to visit each of the "picnic tables".



Peace, health  
and happiness  
throughout the  
New Year!

recreational and competitive adult basketball.

The township will accept park reservations for the 1985 season beginning January 2. Simply phone in to reserve the date on the calendar.

Use fees are not due until the day you pick up permit and keys. Fees remain the same. The \$25 park shelter fee includes restrooms, volleyball and horseshoe equipment. There is a \$5 charge to use electric hook up in open air pavillion.

additional hours would allow her to begin.

Council concurred with Ketche's son's statement, voting to double her work-time with the city. Since DeWitt township trustees had not renewed Szewczyk's contract for 20 hours weekly, Bath township is also considering expanding her 10 scheduled hours there each week. Szewczyk is preparing a parks and recreation master plan which will allow the city to apply for grants.

Upon recommendation from Carroll Ward, superintendent of public works, trustees accepted a \$1470 bid from Truck & Trailer Equipment, Inc. of Ithaca, for a new Select-O-Spread salt spreader. Ward said that the present tailgate sander purchased from that company had required no repairs in seven years, adding that it would be simpler for the DPW to have the same type for exchange on the trucks.

Council tentatively accepted Willis Cressman's snow removal bid of \$10 for each snow plowing of the city parking lot, directing Bob Peterson to check Cressman Excavating's auto liability coverage to ensure that it met the city bid specifications.

In other action a cabaret license was approved for Prairie Creek Golf Course which would allow bands to play for dancing at parties and weddings at the clubhouse.

### Winter Programs In Watertown

Watertown Charter Township residents may choose from a number of activities offered this winter by the parks and recreation department. Winter programs include aerobics, babysitting (for young people who care for children), basketball, bowling, bingo, ice skating, shuffleboard, volleyball and cross country skiing.

More programs will be starting in January.

For information contact Tony Sporer, director, 626-6593.

With the Christmas season over, two ministers in town began teasing the third because his nativity scene was still standing on his church lawn, although the figures had been removed. Toward the end of January, the minister decided to act. On the empty stall they placed a large sign, "Gone to Egypt."

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## FOUR DHS ESSAYISTS WIN SAVINGS BONDS

Four DeWitt High School students won U.S. savings bonds in the annual Voice of Democracy essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Junior Kevin Boyd took first prize for his essay and received a \$100 bond. Stacy Egres, a junior, won second place and \$75 bond; senior Matt Elliott earned third place award and a \$50 bond, and freshman Jason Brewer won a \$50 bond in the junior division which includes grades 7-8-9.

The essays are actually speeches and the students give them before their classmates. The first place winner's speech at each school is taped and the tape is sent for district judging.

Local VFW representative Mike Mullins will present certificates to the four winners at the spring honors assembly.

Stacy Egres received her award for the following essay/speech:

### MY PLEDGE TO AMERICA

By Stacy Egres

Can you remember when America was loved? Think back to when everyone could immediately stand at attention, and become silent with awe, and maybe tears, when the National Anthem would play, or when people would say the words of the Pledge of Allegiance with their hearts and not just their voices? Recall when the love for our president was so powerful that we would do as he asked, and jump at his command. And, remember when our land was free from pollution and the beauty around us symbolized the true America? What

## SANTA IN DEWITT TOWNSHIP



Santa paid a visit to the Friday luncheon nutrition for senior citizens in DeWitt Charter Township Hall. He led the group in Christmas carols to the music of Carl Kosloski on the accordian and Lewis McKenna's electric guitar. Posing with Mr. Claus are three volunteers who serve the tri-weekly luncheons; left to right are Zella Custard, Joyce Whitlock and Bernice Judge.

## CHILI SUPPER CREW



Recall when the love for our president was so powerful that we would do as he asked, and jump at his command. And, remember when our land was free from pollution and the beauty around us symbolized the true America? What has happened? What has caused this change? We have -- each and every American citizen. We have given up caring. We have lost our loyalty and love for this nation. Think of how many have died to get us through the revolution and took it upon themselves to create our constitution of the United States--and we take it all for granted.

This once was a land of vast open areas of wilderness, the air free from exhaust fumes and sludge in our river system. We Americans think we're so intelligent--ridding ourselves of waste by dumping it in the rivers, then we wonder why people are developing new diseases from our drinking water.

Each time the President speaks on public television, how many stop and take the time to really listen to what he is saying? Probably half-right? The other half turn the channel, and then have the nerve to criticize him or laugh. Many don't even give him the common courtesy to listen to his ideas and feelings. Hardly anyone can become even slightly patriotic with this great lack of concern. In this respect? How can we say we love our country when we run down the presidents? How can other countries respect us if we don't respect this great country, ourselves, and the men who worked to make it great. Where is our respect for our country, our cities, our homes and our parents--without this, how can we respect ourselves?

What has become of our buildings, our cities, and our homes? We Americans spend thousands of tax dollars to make America beautiful, our transportation devices faster and safer, and to protect our historical sites. Some, then, come along and put their mark in graffiti on everything they can get near enough to. This is what I'm saying. "This cannot be our America the land of mountains and prairies and oceans" Yes, it is, but altered. It now shows the lack of respect for everything our country is supposed to mean. Look at our land. We took it away from our American Indians and thought we had the



Debby Hengesh and Toni Dennis serve chili and salad to the supper customers, while Kari Lusty, Russell Pline and Mark Peterson work in the background.



Brandy Howse pauses with her supper tray at the beverage table. Students staffing the counter are Amy Vance, Michelle Osborn and Chris Stevens, left to right.



right to do with it as we pleased. It is our duty to bring it back to the way it was when we first settled here. Change ourselves to live with the country--not change the country to fit our needs. We need the cooperation of everyone. If not, with the lack of care and love, our natural resources will be no more! This country will become barren and ugly. Our generations to come will have to live and struggle in this destruction. They will never feel the love for their country, because it has lost its true identity. By that time it's much to late to do anything, but there is still time. We must get Americans thinking about the true meaning of America! We are the result of being free-thinking people. We are an unsurpassable nation were everyone is created equal, so let's show our thanks. We can't go back and change the past, but let's put it behind us now, and go forth. Let's put the beauty and symbolism back into this country,

Marching band members and their parents will continue to serve chili suppers before boys' basketball home games from 5 to 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Meals will be served this month on Friday, January 4; Tuesday, January 8 and well as January 18, 25, 29. Money raised will help the band finance their spring break trip to Florida.

and make it mean something again.

I pledge that I will do all in my power to make people aware of our environment so maybe our children, or our children's children will have the opportunity to breathe clean air and drink pure water as we once did. I pledge that I will help elect governing officials, who stand behind the principles which make this country great, and make it even greater. I pledge to love and respect my president, honor my country, and hope I can educate others that this is the only way we can be strong. Only as a united group can we bring back the beauty of the old America, and help bring forth the great America of our future. And, most of all, I pledge that when I see our flag, and sing our anthem, that I will do so with all my heart, and remember the lives and love it cost to make this the greatest country in the world.