

WELCOME
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DATELINE: DeWitt

December 2, 1985
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Kitty Korner

TRAVEL PLANS: Tom and Audrey Fabus, Tucker Dr., took advantage of the holiday week to fly to Florida, where they showed daughter Angela and son Tommy around Disney World and other local attractions...

After spending two weeks with his parents, Paul and Mary Ann Reuter, Cutler Rd. Sgt. Dan Reuter left on Thanksgiving Day. An interior electrician in the U.S. Air Force, Dan has been stationed at Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, TX. He will be assigned to a base in Sicily for the next year. Midway through his visit home, Dan went to Indianapolis, IN, and spent a weekend with his brother, David and his family...

Tom and Anne Kurkowski will fly in from Tucson, AZ, Tuesday, with their children, Amberle 2½, and Thomas Edward, 2½ months. They'll have an early Christmas celebration with his parents, Tom and Joan Kurkowski of Airport Rd., before returning home December 17. It will be the senior Kurkowskis' first glimpse of their grandson.

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RECOGNIZE HIM? If you spotted a familiar face in Thursday's Thanksgiving Day Parade from Detroit, it was probably Jeff Koets, son of Robert and Janet Koets, Longspur Dr. Jeff, a 1983 DeWitt High School graduate, is drum major of the Alma College Kiltie Band.

The kiltie marching band was selected as the 1984 Thanksgiving Parade Award Winning Band last year. Jeff also plays trumpet when the musicians appear as a concert band. A junior,

TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Mt. Hope Church of Christ received a special permit from DeWitt Township at Monday's meeting, allowing them to utilize the Italian-American Club building on DeWitt Road which they are purchasing for a church.

Trustees accepted the bid of Payette & Associates, Grosse Ile, for two Grumman pumper fire trucks. Approximate cost will be \$246,000. Township residents Sharon Davis and Roy Osterhost were also accepted as probationary members of the township fire department.

Council accepted a \$265 bid from Gable Tree Service, Lansing, for removal of a tree in Gunnisonville Cemetery. The dead tree must be cut and removed in sections, Clerk Greg Whitlock said, to avoid damaging the new cemetery.

HOPE BAZAAR SATURDAY



Barbara Crapp, left, and Kathy Popoff admire the quilt which Women's Society members made and hand-tied for their upcoming Holiday Bazaar at Hope Lutheran Church.

The quilt will be given away in a drawing at the bazaar next Saturday, December 7. Proceeds will help earthquake victims in Mexico. The bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DeWitt School Board News

The DeWitt School Board of Education approved DeWitt School Boosters' request for a marquee project to be located on Herbison Road just west of the entrance to the high school. The City Zoning Commission is to give final approval on size of the marquee. Estimated cost is \$3400.

Board members also approved replacement of a recycling

BOOSTERS SPONSOR CHRISTMAS SHOP

Pupils at Scott and Fuerstenau schools will be able to shop at "Santa's Secret Shop" Wednesday and Thursday, December 4-5. This is the third year that DeWitt Schools Boosters Club is sponsoring the shopping experience for youngsters.

A large selection of inexpensive items will be available so that the pupils can do their Christmas shopping. On Tuesday evening, December 3, an optional "walk through" will be offered at Scott School from 7 to 8 p.m. This will allow parents or children from both schools to view the merchandise and estimate the amount of money needed for shopping.

Co-chairing the program for Scott School

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LIGHT UP YOUR STREET: Soft candlelight can set off your neighborhood this Christmas Eve, if you choose to order the luminaria candles and supplies from your friendly local Lioness.

Luminaria candles and supplies will be delivered the week of December 16, Gartside said. The cost is \$2 for each 100 feet of frontage. Ten candles and bags to cover 100 feet of frontage cost \$2; 200 feet of driveway or frontage, \$4, and so on.

Call Dona Gartside, 669-3272, for the name of the contact person in your area.

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ART SHOW/BAZAAR: A Country Christmas Folk Art Show and Girl Scout Bazaar will be held the December 13 - 14 weekend in DeWitt Memorial Building.

DeWitt Memorial Association is sponsor and board member Mary Huntley, chairperson, of the folk art show. Huntley handled the August ox roast country folk art show. 'Twill be held upstairs in the Memorial Building Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors can sip coffee and browse among the country crafters' offerings... Christmas decorations, quilted items, Cabbage Patch clothes and more. Marlene Schrauben of Ye Old Grapevine, Lynn Wey of Country Corners, Martha Courtland and her wreaths, Catherine Popovich and her painted porcelain will be among the exhibitors.

Anyone who would still like to be a part of the craft show may call Huntley, 669-5558, or write to Christmas Art Show, Box 83, DeWitt 48820.

Meanwhile, local Girl Scouts will be selling home baked goods and various craft items downstairs in the Memorial Building. All 17 Girl Scout troops in the DeWitt area have been invited to participate, according to Maxine Lance, who is overseeing the operation. Each troop will receive the profits from their own booth. Scouts will set up their booths Friday

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In other action, trustees passed a resolution, creating an industrial development district on the Wood Road site of the former Spartan Asphalt plant.



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Board members also approved replacement of a recirculating pump at Fuerstenau School at a cost not to exceed \$13,000. Joann Degner has been accepted as a tuition student, enabling her to complete her senior year in DeWitt.

DeWitt City P & R Volleyball Standings

Week of November 22

Place	Team	Record
1st	The "A" Team	21-3
2nd	Ball Movements	21-6
3rd	Plumbers & Pipefitters	16-5
4th	The Baby Makers	13-11
5th	Michigan Apple Comm.	10-11
6th	Ball Busters	11-13
6th	Gold Standard	11-13
7th	Riverwood Rage	10-14
8th	Tower Power	8-16
9th	The Bombers	8-19
10th	Floor Waxers	3-21

evening. The girls will also have a concession stand selling coffee and punch.

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ANNIVERSARY: Former N. Scott Street residents Jack and Helen Saller recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at Mijo's North.

The couple, who now live in Laingsburg, were married November 22, 1935. They have two children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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CITY TREE LIGHTING: Friday, December 13, promises to be a busy evening in downtown DeWitt with craft show and bazaar in the Memorial Building and the annual Christmas tree lighting and singalong scheduled for 7 p.m. on Bridge Street.

The pine tree in front of the fire hall will be lighted, followed by community singing of Christmas songs. Punch and cookies will be served afterward.

offered at Scott School from 7 to 8 p.m. This will allow parents or children from both schools to view the merchandise and estimate the amount of money needed for shopping.

Co-chairing the program for Scott School are Sharon Baulch and Ruth Pearson; for Fuerstenau School, Bonnie Brya and Ruth Ueberroth.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, December 3 - DeWitt High School musical excerpts from "Annie" in High School Showcase at Wharton Center, Michigan State University.

Wednesday - Thursday, December 4 - 5 - Santa's Secret Shop at Scott and Fuerstenau Schools.

Saturday, December 7 - Deadline for ordering luminaria supplies from Lioness Club.

Saturday, December 7 - Annual Luncheon with Santa in DeWitt Memorial Building.

Sunday, December 8 - Deadline for depositing Letters to Santa in DeWitt Business Association letterbox in downtown DeWitt.

Friday, December 13 - Last day to turn in names for DeWitt Community Christmas Project.

Friday, December 13 - Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Singalong in front of DeWitt fire hall, 7 p.m.

Friday - Saturday, December 13 - 14 - Country Christmas Folk Art and Girl Scout Bazaar in DeWitt Memorial Building.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

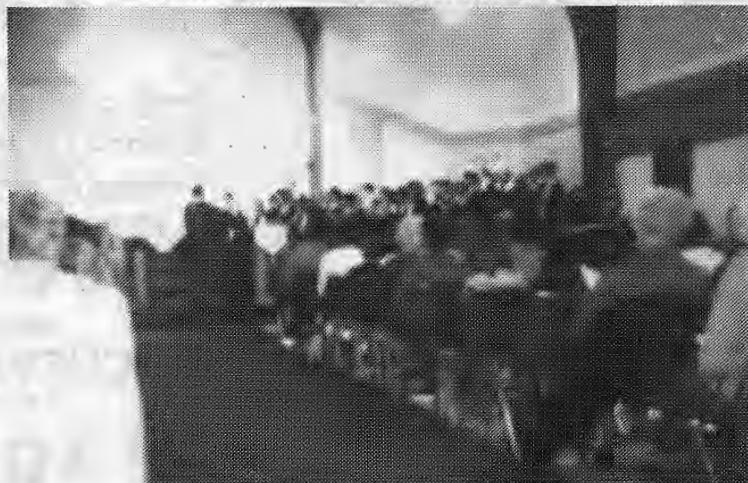


Pastor Harry Johnson, left, of Redeemer United Methodist Church and Father David Stotenbur, right, of St. Jude Catholic Church, greet congregation members in the Redeemer Narthex immediately following the November 24 Community Thanksgiving Service. A thank you offering taken up at the service was divided between the DeWitt Community Christmas Project and Clinton County Good Samaritan organization. Redeemer's Ruth Circle provided refreshments after the service.

Lunch With Santa Saturday, Dec. 7

DeWitt Cooperative Preschool members are holding their annual Luncheon with Santa for the sixth year this coming Saturday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building.

Luncheon of hot dogs, chips and punch will be \$1.25. A parent must accompany the children and may eat with them. Youngsters may have their pictures



Choir director Phyllis Winter leads the combined choir of robed singers from DeWitt Community, St. Jude Catholic Church and Redeemer United

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

DeWitt School Boosters Club will meet Monday, December 2, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The contract has been signed with Central Advertising of Lansing to build and install a marquee on the high school grounds near the Herbison Road entrance. The marquee will be 5 feet high, 8 feet wide, will have five rows for messages and a "DeWitt Schools" sign at the top.

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Dr. Mike Kelsey, Michigan State University agricultural economist, will be at Smith Hall, St. Johns on Monday, December 2, from 1-3 p.m. to discuss changes in the tax laws. Sponsored by Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service, the program will provide up-to-date information on current tax laws. The speaker will answer questions from the audience.

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Southpoint Mall on U.S. 27 will be the scene Saturday and Sunday, December 7-8, of the annual Arts and Crafts Show sponsored by St. Johns Jaycees and offering 95 booths of Christmas gifts.

Clinton County Board of Commissioners has designated the Clinton County Historical Commission as the State of Michigan sesquicentennial agency for Clinton County. The state's 150th birthday will be observed in 1987.

Members of Redeemer United Methodist Church held their annual Hanging of the Greens Sunday, December 1, beginning with a family potluck, followed by decorating church and classrooms.

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Bruce Keilen, E. Stoll Rd., has been named to the Michigan Onion Committee. Keilen, a partner in Keilen Farms, Inc., succeeds Gary Baldwin of Stockbridge on the committee.

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"Christianity vs. Rock & Roll" will be the topic of Youth Sunday, December 8, at St. Jude Church. All high school youth are invited to the special program from 3 to 9 p.m.

Bob Egan, youth minister from Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Lansing, will lead the day's program with lots of

children and may eat with them. Youngsters may have their pictures taken with Santa Claus and continuous entertainment will be provided.

CITY PARKS OFFER DECEMBER PROGRAMS

SANTA'S DELIVERY SERVICE:

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Call Santa's Helpers at City Hall for more information - 669-2441. The gifts should have the child's name, address and age printed clearly on the package and will be delivered to the homes between 6 and 8 p.m. on December 24th.

VOLLEYBALL - ADULT CO-RECREATIONAL LEAGUES - WINTER 1986

Interested parties should pick up waivers and rosters at City Hall and return for:

SIGN-UP - December 13th, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Team Fee - \$55.00, all games played on Friday nights and will begin January 9, 1986

SWIMMING

Adult Lap Swimming on Monday-/Wednesday nights 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the DeWitt High School Pool. Will begin December 2nd and continue thru March. Fee will be \$1.00 per night.

KARATE

5 week class (December 5, 12, 19, Jan 9 & 16) at Scott School Gym on Thursdays.

\$8.00 - Jr. Program - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (K-8th grade)

\$8.00 - Mother/Daughter - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

\$10.00 - Open Class - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Register at City Hall (669-2441) or Scott

Choir director Phyllis Winter leads the combined choir of robed singers from DeWitt Community, St. Jude Catholic Church and Redeemer United Methodist Church in song during the Thanksgiving service. Pastors Harry Johnson and David Stotenbur gave brief homilies. Paul Mulford, Sr., Arden Pierson and Bev Osborn were lay readers. Reva Frees played the organ and Ruth Ueberroth sang "Praise the Lord, He Never Changes." The Lusty Family sang "Purest Praises", St. Jude Guitar Group played and sang the "Prayer of St. Francis."

LETTERS TO SANTA



Santa's Mail Box now stands on main Street in front of the Willard Reed Agency, awaiting letters from local small fry. The program, sponsored by the DeWitt Business Association, will operate through next Sunday, December 8. The youngsters, who have deposited letters in the mailbox, will receive replies on Santa's stationery before Christmas.

School on December 5.

AEROBICS

For Teens on Monday/Wednesday nights to begin in January 1986 and run for 8 weeks. Call City Hall for information and registration deadline. (669-2441)

Show sponsored by St. Johns Jaycees and offering 95 booths of Christmas gifts.

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Parents Without Partners will hold a New Year's Eve Dance Tuesday, December 31, in the DeWitt Memorial Building. DJ Jerry Lee will handle music chores from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. A buffet will be held at 12:30 a.m.

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Ray Decker, Rob Klan, Lloyd Rosekrans, Dan Hill, and Paul Mulford are members of the planning group for a men's breakfast to be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, December 7, at DeWitt Community Church.

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The Adult Fellowship Group from Hope Lutheran Church will have a Christmas get-together and dinner Monday, December 9. They will meet at the Herbison Road home of Gary and Lynne Lass and then proceed to the Frontier for dinner.

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Robert T. Ortwein, Dartmouth Dr., has been named Outstanding Young Man of America and will be cited in the 1985 edition of the awards program's book.

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Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Lansing, will lead the day's program with lots of music and opportunities to discuss rock and roll's meaning to today's youth and their parents. Young people are to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

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Insurance Agency owner Willard Reed has been elected to the board of Clinton Services Corporation. He is also a trustee of the Health Corporation of Clinton, which is the holding company for Clinton Services Corporation; Clinton Health Foundation and Clinton Memorial Hospital Association.



Knights of Columbus Council 7237 will hold a New Year's Eve dance at St. Jude Church Tuesday, December 31. Reserved tickets are available by contacting Ardaline Grove, 669-9717. Cost is \$32.50 per couple.

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'ANNIE': Wharton Center's Great Hall echoed with well-deserved applause from the well-filled auditorium Tuesday night, as 62 DeWitt High School drama students presented three selections from the musical "Annie".

Despite the fact that they will not present the play until February 14-15, the young actors showed remarkable stage presence singing and dancing their way around the big stage. Narrator Howard Lancour noted that, since actual costumes will not arrive until the week before the show, students had combined ingenuity (theirs, parents' and teachers') and visits to thrift shops to come up with their 1930s depression attire.

Soloists in the "N.Y.C." musical number included Jeff Croley as Oliver Warbucks; Sheri Ketcheson as Grace Farrell, Michelle Everson as Lynne and Leslie Philip as Annie. Shonda Fowler portrayed a smashing Miss Hannigan singing "Little Girls" and Leslie Philip was the lead in "It's a Hard Knock Life".

The names of two performers - Missy Villarreal and Swedish exchange student Anna Verneholt were inadvertently dropped from the Showcase '85 program. Other talented singers and dancers in the production numbers included Marvin Anderson, Rachelle Baerman, Steve Baibak, Carrie Blizzard, Darlene Bordui, Chris Boudreau, Shane Broyles, Denny Byra, Greg Byra, Lisa Butler, Mary Cassel, Amy Cooley, Toni Dennis, Dana DeWitt, Sarah Drake, Jeanie Erskine, Angie Fraser, Sherry Garver,

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: DeWitt Middle School band members will present their annual holiday concert Thursday evening, December 12, in the gym.



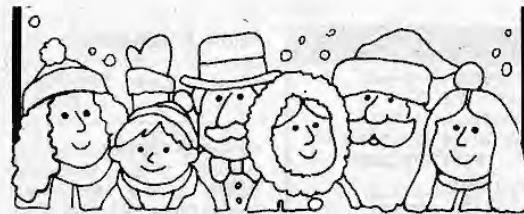
DeWitt High School's symphonic band, choir and stage band will perform their Christmas concert Wednesday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Both programs are open to the public.

FOLK ART PHONE: The phone number for Mary Huntley, who is chairing the December 13-14 Country Christmas Folk Art Show in DeWitt Memorial Building, was listed incorrectly last week. The correct number is 669-5858. The show is being held in conjunction with a Girl Scout Bazaar Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WESTERN TRIP: It has been a busy fortnight for Sheral and Laura Tingay, Wilson St. They arrived home yesterday after a train trip out west...seems fitting that they should travel by train since Sheral is a model train buff.

The pair left November 22 from Jackson by Amtrak accompanied by their sister-in-law Mary Tingay, Hickory St. and traveled together



Select 3 AIS Sites

State and tri-county mental health representatives told DeWitt City Council members at Monday's council meeting of tentative plans to erect new homes for developmentally disabled adults on three DeWitt area sites.

Ray Ludlum, of Michigan State Department of Mental Health, and Ken Slater, Community Mental Health representative for Clinton, Ingham and Eaton counties discussed the program, through which developmentally disabled persons are returning to community settings, and answered council questions.

Of the lots under study for the AIS (Alternative Intermediate Services) adult homes, two are located in the city, one on the east side of Schavey Road north of Waxwing and another at the Webb Road intersection with old DeWitt Road. The third location is in Watertown Township on

Child File Kit Available Here

The Willard J. Reed Agency announces the limited availability of The "Child File," a kit designed to contain essential identification information on small children.

Included in every kit is a fingerprint pad with space to register prints of every finger on both hands. There is also space and an adhesive strip for a child's photo as well as an area for personal information such as features, doctors and dentists, school playmates, relatives, etc.

The kits are now available from the Willard J. Reed Agency, 108 W. Main St., DeWitt 48820, during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at no cost.

Child File



Chris Boudreau, Shane Broyles, Denny Byra, Greg Byra, Lisa Butler, Mary Cassel, Amy Cooley, Toni Dennis, Dana DeWitt, Sarah Drake, Jeanie Erskine, Angie Fraser, Sherry Garver, Dian Gasper, Carla Hammon, Lisa Hane, Chris Heightchew, Debby Hengesh, Peter Insel, Jenny Koets, Carol Kuzma, Debby Lass, Scott LaViolette and Raymee Leitz.

The cast list continues with Jenny Lotoszinski, Michelle Lotoszinski, Kari Lusty, Mark Matson, Jill Meister, Amy Noyce, Mark Peterson, Gina Philip, Russell Pline, Kathy Price, Erika Puffer, Missy Ramirez, Rene Rardeen, Lynn Rice, Kris Schieding, Mark Scott, Christy Serviss, Marcy Shooks, Shawn Skerritt, Penny Stampfli, Denice Twitchell, Michelle Ueberroth, Amy Vance, Jill Verspoor, Brad Wieferich and Doug Wilcox.

Music director Jeff Kressler provided the piano accompaniment. Lyn Kressler and Penny Rypstra were co-directors and Tina Herro, who has a Haslett dance studio, was choreographer.

Lansing Eastern Jazz Ensemble, Lansing Catholic Central "Cougar Band", Haslett High School Concert Choir and Eastern Lansing High School Symphonic Band, the other four schools appearing in the third annual Showcase '85 also delighted the audience with fine performances. Paraphrasing Lancour's words of introduction, the students and their directors spotlighted some arts achievements of area schools and provided an excellent evening's entertainment.

WHOIZZIT? When DeWitt Lioness Club members and guests meet for their Christmas dinner Thursday, December 14, at Prairie Creek Golf Club, they'll be challenged with a guessing game. Chairperson Lorraine Lavey has gathered pictures of the members, circa ages 4 to 7, and they'll be trying to match up kiddie photos with present day images.

There'll be a prize for the female Sherlock who makes the most correct identifications. Party-goers will meet for cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 and a gift exchange of Christmas tree ornaments.

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The pair left November 22 from Jackson by Amtrak accompanied by their sister-in-law Mary Tingay, Hickory St., and traveled together as far as Needles, CA, where their paths separated. Mary met her son Bill and spent Thanksgiving with him at his home in Lake Havasu City, AZ.

Laura's brother and sister-in-law, Harley and Dorothy Miller of Vestaburg, who winter in Apache Junction, AZ, picked the Tingays up a Needles. The DeWitt couple spent a week with the Millers before journeying to Yuzaita, CA, where they were guest of Don and Cecile Davis for a few days. The Davises call Eaton Rapids home in the summertime.

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CARE & SHARE: DeWitt Knights of Columbus and DeWitt Cub Scouts are cooperating together on a local "feed the hungry" project. Working with Operation Care and Share, K of Cs are gathering canned goods and nonperishable food items, which they will donate to the DeWitt Community Christmas Project. Members brought food donations to their family Christmas party held at the Franciscan Retreat House Sunday afternoon.



Cub Scouts under leader Mike Towns will have the opportunity to earn a diamond jubilee Good Turn patch (1984 is Scouting's 75th anniversary) for their part in the endeavor. Scouts will go Christmas caroling at the Scott Street apartment complex Thursday, December 19, and then bring their food contributions to their pack meeting.

St. Jude Church will be the drop-off point for those wishing to contribute groceries to the Care and Share project. Anyone who wishes to make a donation of perishable food may contact Joe Ciaramella, 669-5283, and he will arrange storage.

Road intersection with old DeWitt Road. The third location is in Watertown Township on the west side of Airport Road north of Clark Road.

Plans were shown for the four bedroom modern ranch style homes to be erected, whose interiors feature barrier-free design, wider doorways and other aids to handicapped persons. Eleven AIS homes are now operating in communities around Lansing, the delegates said, with a 12th to open in Holt next month.

Six adults reside in each of the AIS houses with 24-hour support staff. The residents are away weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. attending training programs or occupational/vocational services and pose no threat to the community. Ludlum and Slater will be visiting homes near the proposed sites soon to explain the plan and answer residents' questions.

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Willard Reed of the Reed Agency said the intent of the "Child File" is to enable parents of children in the DeWitt area to develop and maintain a permanent record of each of their children in the event some "unforeseen circumstance" requires the essential information data contained in the kit.

"I hope that concerned parents and grandparents will avail themselves of this opportunity because the "Child File" will certainly provide them with the most important prints they'll ever have," Willard Reed said.

Once the "Child File" is completed parents should store it in a safe place with their other important personal documents.



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COUNCIL TO SPONSOR 'ARTS OF CHRISTMAS'

On Monday, December 16, "The Arts of Christmas" will be presented, providing Clinton County residents with an evening with the Arts. The event starts with hors d'oeuvres being served at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery and Gift Shop on US-27 and N. Clinton Ave., in St. Johns, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Then, on to the Senior Citizens Drop-In Center at 315 N. Clinton Ave., for a Swiss steak dinner served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Following dinner, entertainment and an art show will be presented at the Congregational Church. Coffee and dessert will be served with the St. Johns Camera Club hosting.

Christmas music will be provided by Dave Wiseman and Tim Maier of St. Johns, Brass Choir from Ovid-Elsie High School Band under the direction of Roger Weyersberg, and an ensemble from the Pewamo-Westphalia schools directed by Mark Breza. A sing-along session will be included.

To round out the evening is a candlelight tour of "A Victorian Christmas" at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum. Both the Museum and the Congregational Church are located on Maple St., across from the Courthouse.

Dinner tickets are \$4.50, available at the Gallery, Senior Citizens Drop-In Center, or the Museum. Please purchase tickets early.

The CRV bus will be available for those needing transportation. Call 224-8285 for more information on bus rides. The CRV bus will also transport residents from Hazel Findlay Country Manor to the Church so they may enjoy the entertainment.

For an evening of relaxed socializing, dinner and entertainment during the often rushed holiday season, plan to attend "The Arts of Christmas." Public may drop-in at the Gallery, Church and Museum without purchasing dinner tickets.

PTA MEETS DECEMBER 16

The DeWitt Elementary PTA will

News Briefs

Debra J. Hammon, a personnel specialist with the 13th Corps

FRIDAY DEADLINE



Audrey Fabus, left, and Bertha Lennemann, look over some of the gift-wrapped clothing they have purchased for the people on the DeWitt Community Christmas Project list.

Friday, December 13, is the last day on which to turn in the names of needy persons or families in the DeWitt School District. If you know of someone who may be left out at Christmas, contact either one of them, Audrey, 669-3017 or Bertha 669-3127, by Friday

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Junior center Steve Sontich totaled 15 points and a career high 16 rebounds in helping lead Northwood Institute to an 81-69 victory over Spring Arbor College Monday night.

A 1983 DeWitt High graduate, Sontich is the son of Steve and Mary Sontich, Alpine Drive.

Lake Geneva Property Owners Association will hold their regular monthly meeting at DeWitt High School at 7 p.m.

to Abrams Planetarium Sunday, December 15, for the Christmas program, "Gift of Light".

Bath United Methodist Church will sponsor a Christmas dinner Saturday, December 14. Craft items and baked goods will be sold from 3:30 p.m. on, followed by ham and turkey dinner from 5-7 p.m.

The church is on Main Street next to James Couzens Memorial Park. Family dinner price is \$15; adult \$4.50; children 5.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

Bid specifications for the city hall expansion are now at the printer's, DeWitt Building Authority chairman Austin Knapp told council at Monday's meeting. Bids are due at city hall by January 8 and bid instructions specify that construction is to begin on or before April 1. Bonds will have to be sold, Knapp said, after the bids have been opened and awarded.

Mark Thayer read a letter, dedicating his Eagle Scout tree planting project to the City of DeWitt and thanking the many people and organizations who had helped him with the project's completion.

Councilman Roy Ketcheson, who is council representative on the Planning Commission and former chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, told the assembly that Thayer's work had been a "super Eagle Scout project", noting that 65 trees had been planted in about six hours. Although the DPW had dug the holes ahead of time, Ketcheson pointed out that cleaning the holes, placing and staking the trees and filling the soil back in involved a great deal of work.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Church, who live on Main Street, registered their objection to city consideration of erecting a water tower within a few hundred feet of their residence. Church told council that it would lower his property value. DeWitt has a six month option on the lot across Main Street from city hall. Mayor Lynn Thayer told Church that no decision had yet been made, but the city would take note of his objection.

In other action, new street lights were approved for Millbrook Meadows #4 and Kressman Excavating's bid for snow plowing the city parking lots was accepted.

Council authorized City Engineer Orla McGuire to prepare specifications for a new fire station roof and ask for separate materials and construction bids. The \$2,093 bid from Thalner Electronic Laboratories of Ann Arbor for cable equipment was accepted.

A public meeting was set for Monday, December 16, at 8 p.m. to consider adoption of the proposed development plan prepared by

**PTA MEETS
DECEMBER 16**

The DeWitt Elementary PTA will meet Monday, December 16 at 7 p.m. in the Scott School cafeteria.

Guest speaker will be Superintendent Steve Garrett discussing school improvements recently recommended by the citizens facility committee. The recommendations included the addition of a gymnasium (multi-purpose room) at Scott School.

Garrett is conducting a survey regarding community support of school facility improvements and their funding.

News Briefs

Debra J. Hammon, a personnel specialist with the 13th Corps Support Command at Fort Hood, Tx, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Army.

A 1983 DeWitt High School graduate, she is the daughter of Glenda J. Webster, E. River Dr. and Manuel Hammon, of Paragould, AR.

Frank Michael Beachnau, E. Webb Rd., received a Master of Business Administration degree from Western Michigan University at the end of the 1984-85 summer session.

Property Owners Association will hold their regular monthly meeting at DeWitt High School at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

DeWitt Blue Star Mothers will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 14, in DeWitt Memorial Building.

St. Jude Women's Association members and their guests shared a wine and cheese tasting party Thursday, December 5, after a brief business meeting.

Members of Mother Seton Circle will hold their December Christmas dinner meeting Tuesday evening, December 10, in Ardaline Grove's Howe Rd. home.

Agape Circle, DeWitt Community Church, met Wednesday morning in the Rambler Road home of Maxine Klan with Joyce Leach as hostess. Marion Kubler was hostess for the afternoon meeting of Naomi Circle at church. Eleanor McKinney and Amber Holbrook were committee members.

The church is on Main Street next to James Couzens Memorial Park. Family dinner price is \$15; adult, \$4.50; children 5-10 years \$2.50, and under age 4, free.

Dorcas Circle of Redeemer United Methodist Church will meet Tuesday, December 10, at 12:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner at Reva Frees' home. Priscilla Circle meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, with Helen Young. A potluck salad luncheon will be held at noon.

Members of Harmony Circle will have dinner at the Peach Tree Restaurant December 11, returning to Madeline Brockway's home for dessert and gift exchange. Faith Circle meets that evening in Pat Wangen's Old Hickory Trail home. Potluck hors d'oeuvres and dessert will follow the meeting. Grace Hanes will be hostess for Ruth Circle's noon potluck dinner and gift exchange Thursday, December 12.

The camel has a single hump;
The dromedary, two;
Or else the other way around.
I'm never sure. Are you?
-Ogden Nash

Electronic Laboratories of Ann Arbor for cable equipment was accepted.

A public meeting was set for Monday, December 16, at 8 p.m. to consider adoption of the proposed development plan prepared by the Downtown Development Authority.

**DAIRY PROGRAMS
ASSIST FARMERS**

The Cooperative Extension Service is offering two dairy programs in January to help dairy farmers perfect their managerial skills.

The "Dairy Farm Analysis Workshop" is scheduled for January 8, 15, 22, and 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 E. State Street, St. Johns. The four sessions take a very practical look at the whole farm.

This workshop promises to be a lot of work, a lot of fun, and should do farmers a lot of good! The cost of the program is \$50/couple which covers all meals and materials. Deadline for registration is Friday, December 13, so call the Cooperative Extension Service at 224-3288 or 669-3663 ext. 229 now!

Extension is also offering a short course "Basic Dairy Cattle Nutrition". This will be held January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Portland.

A more detailed account of the program and a registration form can be obtained from the Clinton County Extension Service. The cost of the program is \$35/person, which covers all meals and materials. The deadline for registration is December 30.

VOLLEYBALL - ADULT CO-RECREATIONAL LEAGUES - WINTER 1986

Interested parties should pick up waivers and rosters at City Hall and return for:

**SIGN-UP - December 13th, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
at City Hall**

Team Fee - \$55.00, all games played on Friday nights and will begin January 9, 1986

SWIMMING

Adult Lap Swimming on Monday-Wednesday nights 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the DeWitt High School Pool. Will begin December 2nd and continue thru March. Fee will be \$1.00 per night.



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December 16, 1985
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ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Spec. 4 Robert K. King, a metal worker with the 37th Field Artillery, has been decorated with Army Achievement Medal in West Germany.

King, a 1983 graduate of DeWitt High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. King, W. Webb Rd. Soldiers receive the Achievement Medal for meritorious service, acts of courage or other accomplishments.

Sunday School pupils at Redeemer United Methodist Church took a trip around the world Sunday evening, December 15, sharing customs and songs from different countries in their annual Christmas program. Junior High youth went caroling the previous Sunday; Senior High youth will go caroling Monday evening, December 23, and then

Community; Eileen Barnes, Global Concerns; Sue Lusty, Nominations; Gloria McLaughlin and Peggy Brewster, Hospitality.

Knights of Columbus Council 7237 will hold a New Year's Eve dance at St. Jude Church Tuesday, December 31. Reserved tickets are available by contacting Ardaline Grove, 669-9717. Cost is \$32.50 per couple.



Police Chief Is Appointed

Robert J. Lessnau, 53, of Detroit, will take up DeWitt Township police chief duties, ef-

TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DeWitt Charter Township trustees approved appointment of two new probationary firefighters, Richard Danby and Cindy Reed, at Monday's council meeting.

Fire department officers for 1986 will be Ralph North, Chief; Lee Yanke, Assistant Chief; Doug Bowers, Captain; John Gardenhouse and Dennis Howland, Lieutenants, and Tina Pavia, Fire Marshall.

Committee appointments made, which are effective through Dec. 31, 1988, include: Parks and Recreation, Mary Winegar (re-appointed); Robert Richardson and Greg Myer.

Reappointments include: Board of Appeals, Robert Gesler, Charles Rademacher; Public Safety, Richard Smith, Charles Thomas, Fred Walsh; Planning Committee, Brad Ewart, Charles Stedron, E.J. Whitlock; Sewer Board of Appeals, Wayne Miller, Fred Rothrock.

DBA PRIZE WINNER



Mike Secord, right, eighth grade student at DeWitt Middle School, has been named winner of the poster contest sponsored by the DeWitt Business Association. He received a \$10 gift certificate.

Mike, 13, is pictured here with Dawn Dunham, left, DBA treasurer and manager, DeWitt branch, Capitol Federal Savings & Loan Association. He is the son of Richard and Linda Secord, W. Clark Rd.

Mike's poster and others, which were entered in the DBA contest, publicized the fourth annual Light-the-Tree and Christmas Singalong held Friday evening in front of the fire hall on Bridge Street. The students' poster can be seen in DBA members' windows downtown.

DeWitt School Board News

DeWitt Board of Education congratulated DHS senior Doug Wilcox, Clinton County finalist in the United States Senate Youth Scholarship Program, and approved early graduation for Tammy Berryhill, Julie Joseph and Jennifer Ritchie at their Monday meeting.

They welcomed to the staff Greg Wieman, new Assistant High

4-H Foundation Sells 'Savor It' Cookbook

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is sponsoring a cookbook sale -- SAVOR IT! It is the first Michigan 4-H state cookbook. Recipes were solicited last spring and over 1200 collected; 500 have been selected by the state 4-H staff and the home economists at Favorite Recipes Press in Nashville, TN.

The cookbook contains 14 categories and a nutritional analysis is at the end of most recipes. The book also contains many charts and tips and a history of Michigan 4-H. It is 160 pages long, 6 1/2 x 9 1/4", with a durable spiral binding and a washable, color cover.

The cookbook sells for \$6.50 per copy and

JUNIOR HIGH youth went caroling the previous Sunday; Senior High youth will go caroling Monday evening, December 23, and then meet at Gail Stevens' home.

Redeemer's chancel choir directed by Phyllis Winters will present their Christmas cantata Sunday, December 22, at 11:15 a.m. "Angel's Song" by John Innes and Don Kruegler will be featured.

DeWitt Business Association members will meet for their noon luncheon Wednesday, December 18, at Foo Ying's Restaurant.

DeWitt Newcomers Club will have their Christmas party Wednesday evening in the Farm Lane home of Mary Sue Branstetter. Gift exchange and singing Christmas carols are on the party agenda.

Pat Gilchrist was elected president of UMW at Redeemer Church. Other officers of the women's group include vice president, Gail Stevens; secretary, Alice Blankenship; treasurer, Dana Green.

Committee chairpersons are Shirley Carroll, Christian Personhood; Ava Merrill, Supportive

POLICE CHIEF IS APPOINTED

Robert J. Lessnau, 53, of Detroit, will take up DeWitt Township police chief duties, effective Jan. 1. Trustees unanimously approved his appointment at Monday's council meeting.

Lessnau graduated from St. Cecilia High School in Detroit in 1950, served with the armed forces in Korea from 1952 to 1954 and graduated from the Detroit Police Academy in 1955. He worked for the Detroit Police Department from 1955 to 1974 as a patrolman, detective and sergeant.

The new chief, who plans to reside in the township, retired in 1974 and was chief of police in Lexington. After earning an associate degree in Law Enforcement from St. Clair Community College, he served as security director for two Detroit hospitals. He has recently been working with the Lake Angelus Police Department.

CITY P & R



SANTA'S DELIVERY SERVICE:

For DeWitt City residents who want Santa Claus to hand deliver a gift from Mom and Dad to their child on Christmas Eve. Have the gifts to City Hall, 414 E. Main St., on December 18, 19, 20 (Wed., Thurs., Fri.) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Call Santa's Helpers at City Hall for more information - 669-2441. The gifts should have the child's name, address and age printed clearly on the package and will be delivered to the homes between 6 and 8 p.m. on December 24th.

Smith, Charles Thomas, Fred Walsh; Planning Committee, Brad Ewart, Charles Stedron, E.J. Whitlock; Sewer Board of Appeals, Wayne Miller, Fred Belbeck.

Trustees approved a special use permit, allowing DeWitt Cooperative Preschool, which had purchased the former township library building, to locate the structure on a parcel of land on U.S. 27 near Webb Road, north of St. Anne's Episcopal Church. Approval was also given for Parks and Recreation Director Jean Cook to attend the February convention of Michigan Parks and Recreation Association in Grand Rapids.

In other action, they agreed to transfer of the Turner Road gravel operation south of Valley Road from Schlegel Co. to Turner Road Development Co., approved spending up to \$1,000 for new DeWitt Township police vehicles decals and purchase of two new light bars for police cars at \$450 each.

Berryhill, Julie Joseph and Jennifer Ritchie at their Monday meeting.

They welcomed to the staff Greg Wieman, new Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director, and Christine Klein, half-time special education teacher at Scott School. Leaves of absences were approved for Christine Gauthier, second grade teacher, effective Jan. 20 for one year, and third grade instructor Phil Harner for six weeks effective Jan. 27.

Computer equipment totalling \$8,392 received board approval, as did purchase of two 71-passenger buses at a total cost of \$72,316.

Board members agreed that the soccer program should continue for one more year and authorized interviewing for the position of soccer coach. In other assignments, Dwayne Smith was approved as assistant wrestling coach and an aide for the developmental kindergarten program was approved.

nutritional analysis is at the end of most recipes. The book also contains many charts and tips and a history of Michigan 4-H. It is 160 pages long, 6 1/2 x 9 1/4", with a double spiral binding and a washable, color cover.

The cookbook sells for \$6.50 per copy and the county 4-H program will keep approximately \$2.00 per book to go towards county 4-H programs this year. The 4-H Foundation will be using its share of the profits to defray the expenses for Exploration Days this year enabling more youth to participate.

SAVOR IT! is available in the Extension Office now just in time for holiday gift giving. Stop in and get your copy now.

SEASONS GREETINGS



One Christmas Eve, a Washington, D.C. radio station called the British ambassador and asked: "What would you like for Christmas?" The ambassador thought for a while and gave his answer.

The next day, he heard the announcer tell what foreign ambassadors wanted for Christmas: "The French ambassador said, 'I earnestly desire that next year should be a year of peace.' The Russian ambassador hopes for a year of justice for all men. The German ambassador wants to see a greater sharing of wealth in the world. And the British ambassador said, 'I would like a box of candied fruit.'"

Sign posted near a church: Church parking only. We will not forgive those who trespass against us.

Kitty Korner

HOLIDAY DINNER: DeWitt Evening Lions will hold their annual Christmas and Ladies Night program Tuesday, December 17, at Prairie Creek Golf Club. Chairman Dean Harper has invited members of the Breakfast Lions Club and DeWitt Lioness Club to attend the dinner party with their spouses.

Evening Lions have just concluded a sausage and cheese sale (under Dick Swigert and Neil Pennington's leadership), and Jim Boyd has planned a March drawing as a fund-raiser. Prizes will be (1) a plane trip and seven-day hotel stay in the Bahamas, (2) flight to and three nights in Las Vegas, and (3) train trip and two nights in Toronto.

Accordingly, Tuesday's guest speaker will be Dennis Hamilton from Spartan Travel Agency. Ticket sales will be limited to 400, Jim says, and he's hoping many people will buy the \$10 tickets now for stocking stuffers.

Switching hats quickly to another Lions project, Jim mentions that he is looking for host families for foreign exchange students....particularly, homes are needed for two Peruvian high school students, a girl and a boy between 15-17 years of age who will arrive January 11 for an eight-week stay. He is also ready to take applications for the summer six-week exchange program - both names of host families here and students who wish to go abroad in June under Lions' sponsorship.

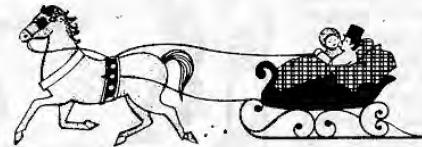
Exchange students have their own spending money, Jim explains. All the host family pays is the expense of feeding and taking the visitor places. The Lions can also assist any local organization which wants a program on the Youth Exchange.

Contact Jim Boyd, 669-3225, for more information on any of the above programs.

CANDY CANES: Retired policeman Bernie Nordlund will don his Santa Claus suit once more and distribute candy canes to Scott School pupils during lunch hours Friday, December 20.

Jean Cook at 482-1291 by December 18, if you plan to attend.

DeWitt Knights of Columbus are gathering non-perishable food items for the needy through Operation Care and Share. Food or groceries may be left in the vestibule of St. Jude Church or contact Joe Ciaramella, 669-5283. Cub Scouts, who are cooperating in the collection of food for the needy, are earning Good Turn patches.



ABCs/DBAs DILEMMA: DeWitt Alphabet-it is has us by the jugular!

At the December 2 city council meeting, DBA Chairman Austin Knapp politely pointed out to us that he was the chairman of the DeWitt Building Authority...not of the DBA (DeWitt Business Association) or DDA (DeWitt Development Authority).

Apparently I have appointed hirr. chairman of all three groups in past Shopping Guide columns.

In an attempt to clear up the confusion (mine), I checked with local authorities to identify various organizations and their aims.

DBA - The DeWitt Building Authority, according to City Clerk Margie Lotre, is an incorporation, a separate entity of the city, which can acquire, furnish, equip, own, enlarge, operate or maintain buildings, parking lots or recreational facilities for the city's use or benefit. Governing the authority is a 5-member board of commissioners appointed by the mayor with council's approval. Knapp is chairman of this DBA, which meets the second Wednesday of each month at city hall.

DBA - DeWitt Business Association, says Vice President Larry Keck, is an organization which promotes the DeWitt business area generally, encourages the growth of businesses in DeWitt and welcomes new business to the community. Willard Reed is president of the DBA, which will hold a noon luncheon meeting

DEWITT TOWNSHIP WINTER CLASSES

APPLIQUED SWEATSHIRT

Monday, January 20 6 - 9 p.m. \$5.00
Embellish your sweatshirt with a beautiful design. Learn the basics of machine applique and complete your design in one evening. Bring sweatshirt and zigzag sewing machine to class. Designs and fabric will be provided.

Instructor: Vernita Blasius

BEYOND CROSS-STITCH

Wednesday, February 19 6 - 9 p.m. \$7.00
For experienced, addicted x-stitchers. Learn 8 new stitches and incorporate them into an 18th century sampler. Materials will be provided. Project will be completed at home.

Instructor Vernita Blasius

STAINED GLASS

Wed., January 29 & February 5 7 - 9 p.m.
\$9 + materials Fee \$10.00

Learn or extend your knowledge of the 5 basic techniques. Make your project: choice of cross, heart, butterfly or bird to make into a suncatcher, mobile or plant watcher. Beveled glass will be used for the cross and heart.

Instructor: Dee Robertson

KITTEN BASKET (Beginner)

Monday, February 3 6 - 9:30 p.m. \$11.00
Replica of a shaker basket, about 7" tall; bottom resembles a kitten's head.

HEART BASKET (Beginner)

Monday, February 10 6 - 9:30 p.m. \$9.00
A large heart shaped basket...great for table or wall. 9" x 9" base.

TOOL BASKET (Requires some experience)

Monday, February 17 6 - 9:30 p.m. \$11.00
Learn to weave a handle and a fancy reed border. 5" x 9" base with sides that peak.

PHANNY BASKET (Requires some experience)

Monday, March 3 & 10 6 - 9:30 p.m. \$18
The very popular Appalachian Phanny Basket. (Also known as Egg Basket).

Instructor: Sharon McElroy

AEROBICS - SESSION 1

Tuesday/Thursday Begins Jan. 7 - Feb. 27
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. 8 weeks \$12.00

AEROBICS - SESSION 2

CANDY CANES: Retired policeman Bernie Nordlund will don his Santa Claus suit once more and distribute candy canes to Scott School pupils during lunch hours Friday, December 20. Santa will visit morning and afternoon kindergarten classes to hand out goodies too.



Grandparents Week was very successful last month, reports Susan Friend, Food Service Supervisor for DeWitt Public Schools, with 60 or more grandparents joining small fry for luncheon in Scott School cafeteria.

HERE 'N THERE: Fr. Maximus Mandl, retreat master at Portiuncula in the Pines Retreat House, was the winner of the grandfather clock in the drawing sponsored by DeWitt Knights of Columbus.

Pranksters apparently took five figures from an outdoor Nativity set in Lake Geneva. Four of the plastic pieces have been recovered, but the gray donkey (about 15" high and 25" long) is still missing. If anyone has found it, the Terry Gartside family would be most grateful to hear from you. Call 669-3272.

The senior citizens' Christmas party at DeWitt Charter Township Hall will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, December 20 and include Christmas music, singing, \$1.50 gift exchange and luncheon. Carl Kosloski will provide musical accompaniment with his accordian. Please call

which promotes the DeWitt business area generally, encourages the growth of businesses in DeWitt and welcomes new business to the community. Willard Reed is president of the DBA, which will hold a noon luncheon meeting at Foo Ying's Wednesday, December 18.

DDA - DeWitt Downtown Authority is a city board interested in the development of the downtown area, explains Chairperson Peg Guilford of DeWitt Hardware. The DDA, which is under state statute and must therefore meet state criteria, works on overall aspects of downtown improvement from landscaping to bringing in new business.

The 10-member board meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at city hall. DDA is currently in the process of preparing a development plan for downtown and has a public hearing on this plan at 8 p.m. tonight, December 16.

I will try to keep the three groups and their chairpeople straight but it's not going to be easy!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, December 16 - DeWitt Elementary PTA meets at 7 p.m. in Scott School cafeteria.

Monday, December 16 - Clinton County Art Council sponsors the "Arts of Christmas", an evening with the arts, St. Johns.

Wednesday, December 18 - DeWitt High School Christmas Concert.

December 18, 19, 20 - Have children's gifts at city hall to utilize Santa's Delivery Service for DeWitt City Residents.



CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT

Luminaria candles and supplies are still available from DeWitt Lioness Club. If you have a last minute order, contact Dona Gartside, 669-3272.

Instructor: Sharon McElroy

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Tuesday/Thursday Begins Jan. 7 - Feb. 27
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. 8 weeks \$12.00

AEROBICS - SESSION 2
Tuesday/Thursday Begins Jan. 7 - Feb. 27
7:15 - 8:15 p.m. 8 weeks \$12.00

Dance exercise program designed to strengthen the cardiovascular system. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. Waiver required.

Instructor: Candy Laughlin

ADULT VOLLEYBALL (co-ed)
Wed. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Activity Card \$1.00
Begins January 8 - March 12, 1986 10 weeks

An opportunity for fun and exercise in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere. Waiver required.

ADULT BASKETBALL

Friday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Activity Card \$1.00
Begins January 10 - March 14 (10 weeks)

Co-ed basketball for persons 18 years and older. Bring your own basketball.

WALKING

Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 - 10 a.m. Ongoing Free
Walking is great exercise - it refreshes the mind as it tones the body. Walkers who log 100 miles can earn a T-shirt, compliments of the Michigan Heart Association. Waiver required.

Registration will be accepted by mail and in person beginning December 16. Monday night registration will be from 6 - 9 p.m. Checks should be made to DeWitt Charter Twp., 4700 Brook, Lansing, 48906, Attn: Jean Cook or phone 482-1291.



DeWitt City P & R Volleyball Standings

Week of November 6

Place	Team	Record
1st	The "A" Team	24-3
2nd	Ball Movements	24-6
3rd	Plumber & Pipefitters	18-9
4th	The Baby Makers	15-12
5th	Ball Busters	13-14
6th	Mich. Apple Comm	12-15
7th	Gold Standard	11-16
7th	Riverwood Rage	11-16
8th	Tower Power	9-18
9th	The Bombers	8-19
10th	Floor Waxers	5-22



DATELINE: DeWitt

December 23, 1985
Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott
Phone 669-3385



Kitty Korner

HINDU CATS? This is the story of an experiment that failed.

We have three black cats in residence (barn). One has acquired the habit of sitting on

she wanted for Christmas in the shiny 1985 toy catalog. Then, she laboriously began to print her letter to Santa.

Mom, presiding over a sinkful of dishes, helped with the spelling, slowly giving the individual letters as Megan said each word.

"Dear Santa," Megan wrote, "I want..." But Mom interrupted with "Don't you think you

DOWNTOWN FESTIVITY



The Singalong portion of the downtown DeWitt's Tree Lighting ceremony moved indoors at the fire station because of cold and windy temperatures Friday evening, December 13. Peg Guilford, right, stood on a chair to lead the fire hall full of people in Yuletide songs. In this particular scene, she has just invited the children to turn around and sing to the adults.

The group moved outdoors just long enough to count to five and see the colored tree lights go on, then adjourned back inside the fire hall for hot cocoa, punch and cookies.

Swim Club Hosts First Home Meet

By Debbie Goodkin, Head Coach, and Kirt Harrington, Ass't Coach

DeWitt Swim Club hosted its first MTSL (Michigan Team Swim League) home meet Dec. 14 against the Okemos Seahawks.

Both teams swam well; the final score: DSC 396, OASC 288. The most impressive assistance

experiment that failed.

We have three black cats in residence (barn). One has acquired the habit of sitting on the front porch railing, gluing its nose to the window and watching us eat meals. We've learned to live with the constant stare, but its impossible to keep the window clean.



SILENT WATCHERS

Setting flower pots on the deck railing is no deterrent. The cat proceeds to knock them off the porch. Since this really isn't a flower pot time of year, Husband Wally pondered how to discourage the cat from its daily vigil, and came up with the idea of setting a spiked board on the railing near the window.

He pounded 1½-inch nails at random into an 8x12-inch board, placed the board on the deck rail with sharp points upward...and we assumed that had solved the problem.

Not so. Walking by the window later on, we found to our chagrin, not one, but three black cats comfortably settled on the nail filled board... and all looking in the window.

Suggestions, anybody?

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DEAR SANTA: Megan, 4, took her crayon and carefully circled the numbers of the toys

individual letters as Megan said each word.

"Dear Santa," Megan wrote, "I want..." But Mom interrupted with "Don't you think you should say something to Santa besides 'I want'?"

In the blink of an eyelash, the young writer revised her letter. And the edited version read: "Dear Santa: How's your wife? I want..."

LOCAL CHURCHES HOLD SERVICES

Bath United Methodist Church - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 5 p.m.; Christmas Day Service, 11 a.m.

Gunnisonville United Methodist Church - Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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



Hope Lutheran Church - Candlelight Services Christmas Eve, 6 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.; Christmas Day Service, 9:30 a.m.

St. Anne Episcopal Church - Christmas Eve Service, 11 p.m.

Redeemer United Methodist Church - Christmas Eve Candlelight/Carol Services, 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Catholic Community of St. Jude - December 24: 5 p.m. Mass with children's participation; 12 Midnight, blessing of the Christmas Crib and Midnight Mass; December 25: Christmas Morning Mass, 10 a.m.

(Michigan Team Swim League) home meet Dec. 14 against the Okemos Seahawks.

Both teams swam well; the final score: DSC 396, OASC 288. The most impressive assistance to the DSC scoring rampage came from its relay events. DSC swimmers scored 96 points in 14 relay events.

All swimmers gave fine performances, some having notable drops in time. Rena Black, new 10 & under DSC swimmer, took a first place in 25-yd. backstroke in 24.49, dropping 10 seconds off her previous time. Rena swam her first 50-yd. competitive event in freestyle and knocked 15 seconds off her time, finishing in 1:05.73.

Ann McCrackin dropped 16 seconds in her 200-yd. freestyle event, finishing with a 3:28.24. Chad Foster posted a 9-second drop in his 50-yd. breast stroke event with a 56.00 finish. Danica Shire swam her first competitive 100 IM in 2:05.6. Mat Shire swam his 200 free in 2:34.78, just four seconds short of championship cutoff time.

Lisa Defoe finished a 100 backstroke event in 1:21.01, just 4 seconds short of cutoffs. Stacey Kemler's 1:24.36 is less than 1 second short of 100 breast-stroke cutoff. Nicki Mongue swam her 100 IM and 100 free nearing cutoff times. Krista Nicklaus posted best time in 50 free and 50 backstroke. Dana Baisley's best time was in the 100 IM with 1:46.61. Mari Fullmer showed she's recovering quickly from that broken arm with a best time in the 50 free at 35.77.

Coaches from both teams were very pleased with how smoothly the meet was run. Meet Director Chris Peacock did an outstanding job of lining up parent volunteers to carry out the many meet duties. Lynn Baisley headed up concessions and lined up needed volunteers. Thank you for all your help, parents.

The next home meet is Saturday, Jan. 11, at 9:30 a.m. at DeWitt High School pool. We invite you to attend and share in the success of our swimmers.

Merry Christmas

The Shopping Guide DeWitt Edition December 23, 1985

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LIONS ARE OLD NEWSBOYS



DeWitt Breakfast lions braved gray December skies and frigid temperatures all day Friday.

DeWitt Breakfast lions braved gray December skies and frigid temperatures all day Friday, December 13, to sell spoof editions of the Lansing State Journal and assist the Old Newsboys in surpassing the 1985 goal of \$70,000. The organization provides footwear for needy children.

Club president Tom Doyle, left above, peddles a newspaper to John Clabuesch, while Terry Tahvonen, chairman of the Old Newsboy project in DeWitt accepts a contribution from Bill O'Shaughnessy, right.

Army Staff Sgt. John E. DeMars, Jr., has arrived in West Germany for duty with the 8th Infantry Division.

DeMars had previously been assigned in Bayonne, NJ, as a traffic management coordinator. He is the son of Alice J. Shooltz, U.S.-27, and John E. DeMars of Fort Myers, FL.

Marine Sgt. Robin K. Churchill has re-enlisted for six years while serving with the second Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejune, NC.

Churchill is the daughter of Betty Churchill, Ducharme Dr. A 1980 graduate of DeWitt High School, she joined the Marine Corp in October 1980.

Knights of Columbus Council 7237 will hold a New Year's Eve dance at St. Jude Church Tuesday, December 31. Reserved tickets are available by contacting Ardaline Grove, 669-9717. Cost is \$2.50 per couple.

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Parents Without Partners will hold a New Year's Eve Dance Tuesday, December 31, in the DeWitt Memorial Building. DJ Jerry Lee will handle music chores from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. A buffet will be held at 12:30 a.m.

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St. Jude women will have their annual retreat at Portiuncula in the Pines, on the January 3-5 weekend. For more information or reservations, call Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127, or Elaine Pung, 669-3543.

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Finals of Fall League

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7th	Riverwood Rage	12-18
8th	Gold Standard	11-19
9th	The Bombers	11-19
10th	Tower Power	9-21
11th	Floor Waxers	5-25
12th	18 Teams have signed up for Winter Leagues.	

Clinton County commissioners approved rezoning from agricultural to light industrial for a two-acre parcel owned by Acme Sliding Door on Francis Road north of I-69 in Watertown Township. County planner Tom Warstler said the firm began as a small garage business 33 years ago and has expanded considerably since then.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Claudia Lupien has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command in Orlando, FL.

DeWitt City Parks and Recreation Classes

SWIMMING

Adult Lap Swimming on Monday/Wednesday nights 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the DeWitt High School Pool. Will begin December 2nd and continue thru March. Fee will be \$1.00 per night.

AEROBICS

For Teens on Monday/Wednesday nights to begin in January 1986 and run for 8 weeks. Call City Hall for information and registration deadline. (669-2441) Middle School.

SEASON'S
GREETINGS



CITY COUNCIL NOTES

DeWitt's Downtown Development Authority received City Council's blessing Monday night with the first reading of the Tax Increment Finance & Development Plan Ordinance 101. Council was to meet Thursday for the second reading, after which the ordinance could be published. It becomes official upon publication.

Simply put, the new ordinance means that funds received through any increase in State Equalized Value for properties within the development district will now go to the Authority. Mayor Lynn Thayer assured the assembly that the ordinance does not increase taxes, but merely provides funding for the DDA when assessments go up.

Speaking for the DDA, Peg Guilford mentioned some of the possible downtown improvements in DeWitt's future - such things as improving the lighting, whether using gas lights or burying cables which are now overhead, opening a Farmer's Market, or attracting new businesses to the area. Sam Terranova, Chris Farmer, Lloyd Ballard and Dorothy Ely were other downtown business people who attended the public hearing on the ordinance preceding the regular council meeting. Bob Toland of Progressive Engineering, who helped to develop the comprehensive development plan, was also present.

Dale Abraham, representing the St. Johns firm of Biggs, Hausselman & Abraham, CPA, presented the city's 1984-85 fiscal year audit, explaining that city finances and accounting procedures were in good order, and then made a number of recommendations.

In other action, council accepted the \$1,418.04 low bid of West Shore Services, Allendale, for two Scott Air Pacs for the fire department. After hearing several telephone proposals and demonstrations, council decided to purchase a new Pro-Tel telephone system, when the city hall building expansion is completed.

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ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Kevin R. Belanger has been promoted to the rank of airman first class in the U.S. Air Force. He is a personnel specialist at Laughlin Air Force Base, TX, with the 47th Air Base Group.

A 1984 graduate of East Lansing High School, Belanger is the son of Judith Belanger of East Lansing and Roy W. Belanger of DeWitt.



Winnie Thurston of Dobson The Mover, DeWitt has been awarded the Aero Mayflower Transit Co. Achievement Certificate for completion of the company's sales training course.

Parents Without Partners will hold a

a.m. A buffet will be held at 12:30 a.m.

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Knights of Columbus Council 7237 will hold a New Year's Eve dance at St. Jude Church Tuesday, December 31. Reserved tickets are available by contacting Ardeline Grove, 669-9717. Cost is \$32.50 per couple.

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St. Jude women will have their annual retreat at Portiuncula in the Pines, on the January 3-5 weekend. For more information or reservations, call Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127, or Elaine Pung, 669-3543.

"Golf is the only sport I know of where a player pays for every mistake. A man can muff a serve in tennis, miss a strike in baseball, or throw an incomplete pass in football and still have

WATERTOWN CLASSES TO START

A CPR course will be one of the classes offered by the Watertown Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department this winter, according to director Tony Sporer. Two sessions of Basic Cardiac Life Support are scheduled, one on January 4 and one on January 11. Cost is \$10.00 for the six hours of instruction, and class size is limited to 10 people.

A free session awaits first time visitors to the aerobics class, which meets year round on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday



DHS DONATION



DeWitt High School students did their part in assisting the 1985 DeWitt Community Christmas Project with a \$500 donation. Audrey Fabus and Bertha Lennemann accepted the check from Student Government officers on behalf of the DCCP.

Shown here at the school presentation are left to right: Front Row, Bertha Lennemann; Stacy Egres, Student Government president; Michelle Osborn, SG secretary; Back Row, Audrey Fabus; Dana DeWitt, SG vice president; and Russell Pline, SG treasurer.

Canned goods, toys, homemade bread and money are some of the items donated to the DCCP organization by various churches, clubs, schools, individuals and organizations. This year food boxes were made up for 32 families and eight senior citizens. The boxes, which included clothing and toys for 62 children, were delivered morning of Dec. 24.

Although the DeWitt Community Christmas Project does its major work at Christmastime, the organization handles emergency requests year-round, whenever a need arises in the community.

Parents Without Partners will hold a New Year's Eve Dance Tuesday, December 31, in the DeWitt Memorial Building. DJ Jerry Lee will handle music chores from 9 p.m. to 3

"...miss a strike in baseball, or throw an incomplete pass in football, and still have another chance to square himself. But in golf, every swing counts against you." -Lloyd Mangrum.

CARE AND SHARE



Joe Ciaramella, right, of DeWitt Council 7237. Knights of Columbus accepts a \$100 merchandise certificate from Brian Torok, manager of DeWitt Shop-Rite. The local store made the donation to Operation Care and Share, in which DeWitt Knights of Columbus and Cub Scouts are participating. Members of the two organizations collected food and grocery items and presented them to Bertha Lennemann, to help her fill Christmas boxes for the DeWitt Community Christmas Project.

mornings from 9:00 to 10:00. Tuesday evening Bingo is a popular township activity, with doors opening at 5:30 and play starting at 6:30. The Shuffleboard Club also welcomes new members, with no charge and a 10:00 Tuesday morning starting time.

Starting in January and running through February, teens can play basketball on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 and adults from 7 to 9; co-ed volleyball meets on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30; and the Quilting Club gets together on Wednesdays from 7 to 9.

A Skate Swap will take place on Saturday, January 4, from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Watertown Charter Township Hall. A good variety of used skates will be available, with prices being very reasonable. To sell skates drop them off between 12:00 and 1:00, and to buy skates, stop by between 1:00 and 4:00.

For more information on any of the above programs, or to register, call Tony Sporer at Watertown Charter Township, 626-6593 or 669-9200.

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BOOSTERS WON'T MEET IN JANUARY

DeWitt School Boosters Club will have no January meeting.

Officers of the Booster Club extend a thank you to the people who helped on the Santa's Secret Shop project, especially to the four co-chairpersons - Sharon Baulch and Ruth Pearson at Scott School, Ruth Ueberroth and Bonnie Byra at Fuerstenau - and the many parents who lent their assistance.

Santa's Secret Shop made a profit of \$1,400.71, which went towards the purchase of the swing sets for Fuerstenau and climbing sets for Scott School.

"I thought the doctor told you to stop all drinks?"
"Well, you don't see any getting past me, do you?"



Hope it's the best ever!

SEEK NOMINATION FOR FARM MURALS

The American Ideals Foundation, of Brooksville, FL and the agricultural Hall of Fame and National Center of Kansas City, need help, in finding faces of farmers and rural people to cast in bronze for the National Farmers Memorial, to be dedicated at the hall of Fame, next June.

4-H boys and girls are invited to submit names of anyone connected with Agriculture, for a drawing to be held January 2, 1986 to identify the half dozen or so individuals who will have their faces preserved forever on one of the three American Farmer past, present and future 10 x 30 foot bronze murals, that will be housed in an open air pavilion on the grounds of the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Nomination is easy. Just list the name, address and approximate age of your candidate at the top of a piece of paper. Then in 100 words or less, tell why you think this person deserves to be honored by having their face on the Memorial. Sign it with complete and correct address and telephone number, so you can be notified where to send the two pictures (front and side profile) needed for the sculpturing process.

Remember anyone may make a nomination, but those nominated must be involved in Agriculture in some way. Nominate your parents, grandparents, other relatives, neighbors or even yourself, and send it to Farmers Memorial Fund, c/o Agricultural Hall of Fame, 630 N. 126th St., Bonner Springs, KS 66012.

A New York City budget spokesman was asked if he considered the assignment of 1142 school children to two schools that did not exist an administrative "goof."

"Yes," he answered, "it's a goof, but we prefer to call it an inadvertent oversight."

COUNTRY FOLK ART SHOW



Crafts of every kind were beautifully displayed - although Christmas articles did predominate - at the Country Christmas Folk Art Show held the December 13-14 weekend in DeWitt Memorial Building. Shoppers could sip coffee and then go on a leisurely tour around the booths in the upstairs hall. Mary Huntley, DeWitt Memorial Association board member, was chairman of the folk art show.

GIRL SCOUT CRAFT SHOW





ARTISTS WILL

The Clinton County Arts Council Gallery and Gift Shop will feature an exhibit of watercolor paintings opening January 4, and continuing through January 26. Featured artists include Margaret Jopke, Doris Jarrell, and Florence Horn.

A reception for the watercolorists will be held at the Gallery on Sunday, January 12, from 1-6 p.m. Demonstrations of watercolor technique will be presented throughout the afternoon. Come in and observe these artists at work.

During the month of January, watercolor and

BE FEATURED

pastel workshops will be presented. Every effort is being made to offer classes in watercolor. A demonstration on palette knife painting will be conducted during January by Kay Tiedt. For information, please contact the Gallery at 224-2429 during open hours (Saturday and Sunday from 1 - 6 p.m.) or contact Gallery Director, Kay Pilmore at 593-2265.

Children may be deductible, but they can also be taxing.

Wine expert: port authority.

While the country folk art show operated upstairs, DeWitt Girl Scouts sold craft products and home baked goods downstairs in the Memorial Building December 13 and 14.

Left to right, Christy Lance, Laura Ruble, and Leader Maxine Lance look over some of the items displayed on Troop 349's tables.

Across the hall Susan Niska, Marcy Fuhr and Chandra Doorn, left to right, prepare to wait on Troop 180's customers. The Scouts also sold coffee and punch at their concession stand.

EXTENSION CALENDAR

January 6, "Winter Class Carnival" 1-3:30; Smith Hall.

January 8, 15, 22 & 29 "Dairy Analysis Workshop"; 10-3; First United Methodist Church.

January 9, 16, 23, 30 "Dairy Nutrition Workshop", 10-2:30; Portland.

A Virginia school sends out a form letter to parents which reads, "Your child has not terminated library obligations here."

It means that there's a book overdue.



SCHOOL NEWS

Superintendent Steve Garrett announced following Monday's board of education meeting, that the administration will institute a nit-free policy in the schools. All students will be checked carefully for head lice after Christmas vacation.

Fourth and fifth grade basketball is to be reinstated as a

recreational program with emphasis on basic skills. The following non-staff coaching assignments were approved: varsity volleyball, Martha Strachan, student teacher at the high school; J.V. volleyball, Carla Alligood for the second year; 9th grade boys' basketball, Sam Dalman for the second year.

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