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THE REASON FOR THIS SEASON: Immersed in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, many of us forget why "we are baking cookies by the dozens and frantically rushing around looking for that perfect gift." So, the United Methodist Women have decided to sponsor a quiet "Christmas Evening at Redeemer" Church on Wednesday, December 10, from 7 to 9 p.m.

"We hope to make this an annual tradition, with this year's theme to be 'Sharing the Spirit of Christmas', says UMW vice president Gail Stevens. "This evening is to be a special time for the women of Redeemer and friends, a time we can reflect on the season and remember why we are celebrating, a time we can stop for a few moments and thank God for our many blessings, and a time to share the true spirit of Christmas - which is love - with our friends."

Twenty-five hostesses will preside at tables for eight. Each candlelit table will be carefully and uniquely decorated. The Clarion Bell Choir from People's Church, East Lansing, will present the program and a dessert will be served. Gail, who is stenciling a "Christmas Evening at Redeemer" on the large tablecloth for the main table, plans to ask hostesses and guests to sign their names on the tablecloth and make it part of a Christmas tradition at Redeemer.

Hostesses, who will plan their own seasonal settings for the tables covered with green, red or white tableclothes, include: Pat Gilchrist, Norma Ferguson, Elaine Shopbell, Joann McComb, Alice

DeWitt, Debbie Kirchen, Judy Johnson, Sherry

SANTA LUNCHEON: DeWitt Cooperative Preschool sponsors its popular annual Santa Luncheon for children Saturday, December 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building. Entertainment will be provided; youngsters must be accompanied by an adult.

Luncheon price of \$1.25 includes hot dogs, chips, and beverage. Each child will be able to make his/her own Christmas ornament for .50c. In addition to helium balloons, pictures taken with Santa, homemade Christmas ornaments and baked goods, preschool sponsors will raffle off a twin mattress and box springs donated by Capitol Bedding of Lansing.

LAST CHANCE: Luminaria supplies can be ordered from members of DeWitt Lioness Club through Tuesday, December 9. Ten candles and bags, which cover 100 feet of roadside, cost \$2.50. Contact persons for Willow Creek, whose names were omitted previously, are June Swan, 669-3660, and Karen Swagart, 669-3601. Call Vi Pennington, 669-3587, if you do not have the name of the contact Lioness for your neighborhood.

NASSAU ANNIVERSARY: Brian and Kristine Soderberg of W. Herbison Road and Ed and Rory Meister of Dimondale jointly celebrated their tenth wedding anniversaries aboard the SS. Mardi Gras on a cruise to Nassau, Bahamas. The couples were married on November 20, 1976. The quartet also observed Ed's 40th birthday during the cruise trip.

THANK YOU: In addition to thanking the many donors and workers, the Women's Association of St.



St. Johns Holds December 11 Pre-Christmas Program

The third annual "ARTS OF CHRISTMAS" will be held on Thursday, December 11, in St. Johns. This evening-with-the-ARTS will combine beautiful sights and beautiful sounds, good food and good friends, with the scents and warmth of this special holiday season to make for an especially relaxing and enjoyable evening during what is often a harried and hassled time of the year.

The evening starts with hors d'oeuvres being served at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop, US-27 at N. Clinton Ave. [at the blinker light] in St. Johns, from 4:30 until 7 p.m. Several Girl Scouts from Cadette Troup 613 under the leadership of Sally Boron and co-leader Steena Gaut, will be preparing and serving these special treats to earn Scouts badges. The wonderful aroma of mulled cider will invite you to linger, relax to the music of Ernie Block on the Appalachian Dulcimer and Christmas shop. A wide variety of fine arts and quality crafts will be available, handcrafted and created by artists from Clinton County and surrounding area.

In other action, trustees [1] approved \$93,000 to move the Stoll Road sewer from underneath the road to parallel to it, hoping to alleviate flooding problems on the segment between DeWitt and Turner Roads; [2] hired Frank Dolinar of

TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DeWitt Township clerk Greg Whitlock must now check names on two petitions presented at Monday night's board meeting to certify that they are registered voters' signatures. One petition with 1,046 signatures asks that voters decide whether township officials get pay raises they had approved for themselves last month; another with 1,015 signatures, asks for a compensation board to set salaries for township officials. Former township treasurer Eileen Corr turned in the petitions.

Next, travel only about ten blocks North to the Court House Square. To the West of the court house is DeWitt

Hostesses, who will plan their own seasonal settings for the tables covered with green, red or white tableclothes, include: Pat Gilchrist, Norma Ferguson, Elaine Shopbell, Joann McComb, Alice Blankenship, Debbie Kirchen, Judy Johnson, Sherry Harfst, Kayla Tipton, Lynn Richey, Carolyn Crego, Bev Heavener, Jan Mulford, Sue Kemler, Bev Osborn, Bonnie Rennecker, Charlene Schaar, Sue Lusty, Joan Rathbun, Debbie Dowling, Eileen Barnes, Bev Olsen, Gail Stevens, Cerena Foresman, and Lynda Schoonover.

Reservations may be made with Gail Stevens, 669-3313.

STORY HOUR: Faye Hanson Memorial Library will have an extra-long special Christmas story hour on Thursday, December 11 - one in the morning and another in the afternoon. There will be sign-up sheets at the library for preschool three to five-year-olds, who want to attend the 45-minute story hours.

And don't forget - you can return overdue library books without paying fines through this Saturday, December 6. Just bring in a can of food or a non-perishable food item to donate to the DeWitt Community Christmas Project for needy families instead of a fine.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE: The four robed choirs from DeWitt Community Church, Redeemer United Methodist Church, Catholic Community of St. Jude and South DeWitt Church of Christ sang during the annual Community Thanksgiving Service held November 23 at St. Jude. Phyllis Winters and Ruth Ueberroth were choir directors; Cheryl Kuzma was organist.

Thomas Gorsuch and Robert Showers read the epistle and gospel passages. Rev. Henry Hawver of South DeWitt Church of Christ and Rev. Frederick Nose of DeWitt Community Church delivered Thanksgiving homilies. Julie Brown and Pam Mason sang solos. Pastor Harry Johnson of Redeemer United Methodist Church and Fr. David Stotenbur of St. Jude gave the greeting, prayers of dedication and thanksgiving. A Thank Offering was taken up to be divided equally between DeWitt Community Christmas Fund and Clinton County Good Samaritan Organization.

THANK YOU: In addition to thanking the many donors and workers, the Women's Association of St. Jude parish wishes to extend thanks to all of those who attended their annual Christmas Bazaar and played an important part in making it such a successful venture.

Swimmers Bag CMSA Title

DeWitt girl's swimming team captured the Central Michigan Swimming Association title on November 22, totaling 290 points. Other team scoring was Alma 204, Okemos 198, St. Johns 152, Ovid-Elsie 112, Haslett 101, Mason 66, and Eaton Rapids 46.

The DeWitt team placed first in the 200 medley relay and 400 free-style relay. In individual competition, Stacy Shipp won the 200- and 500-yard freestyles in CMSA-record times; Beth Michael claimed the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke; Sherry Garver captured the 100 backstroke. The victorious swimmers celebrated by tossing coach Mike Keeven into the pool afterward.



Holiday Project Benefits Needy

The DeWitt Community Christmas Project is underway. If you know of a needy family, shut-in or senior citizen in the DeWitt School District, please contact Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127, or Audrey Fabus, 669-3017, by December 15.

Next, travel only about ten blocks North to the Court House Square. To the West of the courthouse is Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum where you may tour "A Victorian Christmas" from 6-9 p.m. Their many antique exhibits have a special fascination during this season. An art exhibit, seasonal music, plus coffee and dessert while visiting with friends and neighbors, will be held at the Congregational Church, which is only a short walk from the Museum, from 7-9 p.m. The community band under the direction of Pat Jackson, as well as Tim Maier and other local

Sign in a men's store:
"Make this a Christmas
he won't forget - charge
everything."

SING-A-LONG POSTER WINNERS



The DeWitt Business Association announces the winners of their poster contest. The posters advertise the 11th annual Christmas Sing-A-Long, which will be held Friday, December 5, at DeWitt city fire hall at 7 p.m.

Pictured left to right are: Julie Lehman, DBA president; Michelle White, second place winner; Erika Pulling, first place winner, and Dawn Dunham, DBA treasurer. Lehman is manager of First of America DeWitt branch bank; Dunham is manager of Capitol Federal Savings DeWitt branch.

Community Thanksgiving Service



Presiding at the November 23 Community Thanksgiving Service were left to right: Fr. David Stotenburg, Pastor Catholic Community of St. Jude; Rev. Henry Hawver, Pastor South DeWitt Church of Christ; Pastor Harry Johnson, Redeemer United Methodist Church, and Rev. Frederick Nose, Pastor DeWitt Community Church.

The combined robed choirs of the four churches sang during the service under the leadership of choir directors Ruth Ueberroth and Phyllis Winter.

County Historical Society Publishes New Quarterly

"Clinton County Trails" is a new quarterly published by the Genealogy Division of the Clinton County Historical Society. It includes information about the county prior to 1867, when vital statistics were first kept.

The group seeks old

in the genealogical collection include "Francis W. Redfern Memoirs", a reminiscent account of Redfern family history written in story form. It includes a complete account of Mr. Redfern's service in the Civil War as written by him. "Memoirs" came from Eleanor

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS DISPLAY



Becky Ziel, left, and Paula Mackowiak, right, check over some of the holiday craft items which will be displayed on Saturday, December 6, when the Women's Society sponsors their annual Christmas bazaar and ethnic luncheon at Hope Lutheran Church.

TWO SPECIAL SHOPPING DAYS



Extension Helps All Consumers

There appears to be some question about whom the Cooperative Extension Service can help. The Extension Service is composed of four principle program areas, -- Ag, Home Economics, Youth [4-H], and Public

The group seeks old records [which will be returned] to copy. For information or a subscription to "Trails", write Genealogists of Clinton County, 4700 Brook Road, Lansing, Mich. 48906.

Newly acquired items

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, December 1 - DeWitt Schools Booster Club meeting, 7 p.m., DeWitt High School cafeteria

Friday, December 5 - DeWitt Chapter 30, Order of Eastern Star, 5th annual Christmas bazaar at Masonic Temple

Saturday, December 6 - Hope Lutheran Church annual bazaar 10 to 4 p.m. featuring ethnic luncheon and cookie walk.

Saturday, December 6 - DeWitt Cooperative Preschool annual Santa Luncheon, DeWitt Memorial Building, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 7 - Christmas tour of LaFave farmhouse, 15540 Wood Road, 1 to 5 p.m. sponsored by DeWitt Public Schools Boosters. Donation \$1.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 9-10 - Santa's Secret Shop, shopping opportunity for children at Scott and Fuerstenau schools.

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

DeWitt Order of Eastern Star, Chapter No. 30, will hold its fifth annual bazaar at the DeWitt Masonic Temple, downtown DeWitt, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, December 5.

The bazaar will feature crafts, baked goods, a hand painted nativity set [to be raffled], and much more.

The soup kitchen will be open, serving coffee and donuts in the morning and hot dogs, sloppy joes, homemade soups, and pies from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m.

Robert Mee, son of Robert and Patricia Mee of 6751 Loomis Rd., is among 126 new medical

written by him. "Memoirs" came from Eleanor V. Annis, of Lutsen, MN, and Maple Rapids, MI.

Records of the Clinton County Training Class of 1904 and 1930 have also been indexed for easier use.



DeWitt Schools Booster Club will sponsor "Santa's Secret Shop" for the fourth year, allowing Scott and Fuerstenau school children an opportunity to do their own early Christmas shopping. Fourth graders Matt Klein, left, and Mike Brya, right, check over some of the gift selections which will be available.

Santa's Secret Shop will be open for business Tuesday and Wednesday, December 9 and 10, at both elementary schools. The program, which allows young shoppers to purchase Christmas gifts for family and friends "on their own", will offer an array of items ranging from .25c to \$5 in price.

Chairing the Scott School shop are Sharon Baulch, 669-5127, and Ruth Pearson, 669-8152. Bonnie Brya, 669-5817, and Ruth Ueherroth, 669-9591, are chairpersons for Fuerstenau. Boosters purchased outdoor play equipment - a climber at Scott School and swings at Fuerstenau - with proceeds from last year's sales.

students who entered Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine this fall.

Mee received his B.S. degree in biochemistry from MSU in 1984, and was a 1980 graduate of St. Johns High School.

The osteopathic

medical students will take eight terms of basic science, behavioral science and clinical studies on campus. They will then begin 60 weeks of clinical clerkships, including ambulatory and in-patient care, in community hospitals, clinics,

and health care agencies.



vice is composed of four principle program areas, -- Ag, Home Economics, Youth [4-H], and Public Policy/Natural Resources.

Each of these program areas has information available to everyone: city/rural, young/old, male/female, rich/poor, worker/retired, etc. They are prepared to answer the questions that come to them. They do not know all the answers, but they do have outstanding specialists who will assist them.

You may have a question about Christmas tree growing [soft wood] - there is not a forester in the extension office, but one is as close as their phone -- a person who specializes in your area of concern. And the same is true of the different livestock classes, crops, home management, 4-H programs, quality diets, natural resource development, etc. Specialists are available to help.

Extension assists the homemaker, the farmer, the urban worker, etc. If you have a question, feel free to call!

Time, like a snowflake, disappears while we're trying to decide what to do with it.

A reducing salon advertises thus: "24 shaping days till Christmas."

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TOP SPEECHES: Three DeWitt High School students have won awards in the annual Voice of Democracy essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Sophomore Bonnie Copeland won the first place prize, a \$150 United States savings bond. Juniors Wendy Williams and Jason Brewer won second and third place prizes, a \$100 bond and \$50 bond respectively.

The essays are actually speeches, which the students give before their classes. The first place winner's speech at each school is taped and sent on for judging in the district finals. Copeland's speech will now be entered in district competition early next year.

LAST CALL: If you know of a needy family, shut-in or senior citizen in the DeWitt area, you have until Monday, December 15, to notify the DeWitt Community Christmas Project. This organization tries to see that no local person goes without a caring Christmas touch. The project coordinates Christmas giving efforts of area clubs, churches, schools, individuals and organizations.

Please contact Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127, or Audrey Fabus, 669-3017, if you have a name for the Christmas Project's program.

TURNER-DODGE OPEN HOUSE: The popular DeWitt Reflections will be singing Sunday afternoon, December 14, during the Turner-Dodge House open house in Lansing. The lovely old home



GIRL SCOUT BAZAAR: Here's a chance to do some quick and easy Christmas shopping close to home. Three DeWitt Girl Scout troops will offer handcrafted gifts, Christmas ornaments and decorations and other small items at their Scout Bazaar and Bake Sale next Friday evening, December 12. Scouts will hold their bazaar/bake sale in the Fuerstenau School gym from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Most items are priced well below \$10, so this could be a good opportunity for youngsters to do their Christmas shopping.

P&R Sponsors Santa's Delivery

DeWitt City Parks & Recreation will again sponsor their 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. Leave the gifts at City Hall, 414 E. Main Street, on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, December 17-18-19, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Call Santa's Helpers at City Hall for more information - 669-2441. Each gift should have the child's name, address and age printed clearly on the package and will be delivered to the homes between 6:00 p.m. and

Band To Give Two Concerts

The DeWitt Community Concert Band will be performing in two Christmas concerts in the upcoming holiday season. The group will play in the Lansing Mall on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. and the band will perform on December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Congregational Church in St. Johns as part of the 'Arts of Christmas' program.

The group will resume regular rehearsals after the holidays on January 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the DeWitt High School band room. New members are welcome at that time. Call Pat Jackson for information.

SANTA'S MAIL BOX



Once again this year, local youngsters can deposit their letters to Santa Claus in the colorful mailbox which stands outside Willard Reed Agency on Main Street. The DeWitt Business Association sponsors the annual program, which will be in operation through Wednesday, December 10. Children, who deposit their letters by that date, will receive replies from Santa before Christmas.

Christmas Tree Sale



St. Jude Ushers Club have begun their annual sale of Christmas trees. Their tree lot at St. Jude Church on N. Bridge Street will be open Monday

TURNER-DODGE OPEN HOUSE: The popular DeWitt Reflections will be singing Sunday afternoon, December 14, during the Turner-Dodge House open house in Lansing. The lovely old home furnished with antiques will be adorned with Christmas floral decorations for the open house Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 12-13-14. Open house hours are noon to 6 p.m. each of the three days. Visiting fee is \$1 for adults, .50 for children. Monies raised are used to continue restoration of the historic building.

KIWANIS CLUB: DeWitt Kiwanis Club would like to thank Terranova's Thriftway for their generous contribution of canned goods toward the club's recent drive. The DeWitt club members joined other area Kiwanis clubs in collecting canned goods to distribute to needy families.

New members are welcome to join the DeWitt Kiwanis. Members gather every Wednesday morning for a 7 a.m. breakfast meeting at Prairie Creek Golf Course clubhouse. Information about the organization, its aims and activities, can be obtained from club secretary Jim Spaulding, 669-9460.

LUMINARIA 1986: Luminaria [from the Spanish word for light] is the custom of lighting local streets with candles to symbolize the bonfires, which shepherds built to light their way to Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve. Modern luminaria consists of placing candles in white paper bags, which are weighted with sand [or kitty litter] and placed 10 feet apart at the roadside. Light up time is 6 p.m. Christmas Eve.

DeWitt Lioness Club members will take orders for luminaria supplies through Tuesday, December 9. Ten candles and bags, which will extend along 100 feet of roadside or driveway, cost \$2.50. The club has been sponsoring the Christmas Eve candlelight custom in this area in recent years.

Contact Lioness persons for the various neighborhoods were listed several weeks ago. If you do not know whom to contact, call Vi Pennington, 669-3587. Lioness members will also have luminaria supplies available for late purchasers at DeWitt Shop-Rite Friday, December 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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name, address and age printed clearly on the package and will be delivered to the homes between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on December 24th.

at 7:30 p.m. in the DeWitt High School band room. New members are welcome at that time. Call Pat Jackson for information, 875-2137 [H], 224-6831 [O].

TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS PROJECT



A number of local forces combined so that the DeWitt Community Christmas Project could have these rocking horses to give out in their holiday packages for needy families. Members of Ray Unger's Woods I class at DeWitt High School have worked on and completed the 15 rocking horses, which DeWitt Breakfast Lions are transporting and helping to distribute for the project. Lumber for the work was donated by Jim Stiffler of Devereaux Saw Mill, Pewamo; Peg and Bob Guilford of DeWitt Hardware contributed the rope, screws and hardware items used in making the wooden toys.

Clay Parker, secretary for DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club, left foreground above, accepts one of the rocking horses from Unger in the DHS shop. Some of the class members who worked on the horses are left to right in the background: Dan Busby and Scott Taylor, freshmen; John Kurkowski, junior; Steve Dunn and Ray Canales, freshmen.

Any philosophy that can be put "in a nutshell" belongs there

One of life's major mistakes is being the last member of the family to get the flu - after all they sympathy has run out.

St. Jude Ushers Club have begun their annual sale of Christmas trees. Their tree lot at St. Jude Church on N. Bridge Street will be open Monday through Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Women's Soccer Team Is First

The DeWitt women's soccer team finished the fall season as co-champs of the recreational division in the Lansing Area Women's Soccer League. Their record was 5-1, a complete turnaround from their spring season record of 1-5. Lillian Tucker was named Most Valuable Player. Most Valuable Defensive Player was Anne Rudnick [goal] and Most Valuable Offensive Player was Sue Juzwiak [forward]. Lynn Baisley [fullback] was named Most Improved Player.

The team, which is coached by George Baisley, Ben Kinsey, and Norm Robison, is practicing once a week during the winter. Any DeWitt area woman, age 18 or over, interested in playing soccer, can contact Sharon Rice, 669-5409.



Township Winter Classes

Openings remain in some of DeWitt Township winter classes. For information, call Bill Baumgardner, Parks & Recreation director, at 482-1291. Scheduled classes include: AEROBICS I \$12.00 Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 6 - Feb. 26 from 6:15-7:15; AEROBICS II \$12.00 Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 6 - Feb. 26 from 7:15-8:15. Both of these programs are for 8 weeks. Dance exercise program designed to strengthen the cardiovascular system. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. Waiver required. Max of 20 per class.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL CO-ED \$1.00 Wednesday Jan. 7-Feb. 25 from 7-9:30 PM for 8 weeks. Waiver required. Recreational time for fun and exercise. 18 years or older. Minimum of 12 registered or session will be cancelled. **ADULT BASKETBALL CO-ED \$1.00** Fridays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 27 from 7-9:30 PM for 8 weeks. Waiver required. Recreational time for fun and exercise. 18 years or older. Minimum of 12 registered and 50% participation of township residents or session will be cancelled.

CAKE DECORATING \$12.00 Wednesday, Jan. 21 - Feb. 11 from 7-9 PM for 4 weeks. Learn how to decorate your own cakes for fun or profit. Minimum of 8 with maximum of 12. Material list will be given the first night of classes. **BEGINNING GUITAR \$15.00** Wednesday, Jan. 21 - Feb. 25 from 7-9 PM for six weeks. This class is for 18 years old & older. There is a \$5 lab fee and a playable guitar is needed. This is guaranteed to be fun and informative. Minimum of 6 with a maximum of 10.

DeWitt PTA Supports Many Varied Activities

Since November was National PTA Child Safety and Protection month, DeWitt Elementary PTA monthly meeting hosted a presentation of the Officer Friendly program by city police officers Joe Codde and John Swenne. This program is presented through the school to encourage a positive relationship between the child and the uniformed

cross the sidewalks from three to one; 2) Parking space will be provided in the Griswold lot for bus drivers' vehicles to eliminate some of the congestion along Wilson; 3) No Parking signs will be placed in the circle drive in front of Scott for easier drop-off and pick-up of children.

Dr. Kay Hannah, Fuerstenau principal.

NEW PANTHER CLUB MEMBERS



Scott School first, second and third graders, who have successfully completed physical endurance and performance tests in gym class, have recently earned membership in the Panther Club. Bob Elliott, physical education teacher, established the physical fitness program.

Newly named to Panther Club in third grade are, left to right: Back Row - Becky Sonalia, Carey Wey, Angela Stafford, Carrie Jones, Wayne Bunting, Kyle Quinn, Joey Gantz, Eric Everson, Jeremiah Podleski; Middle Row - Brian Curtiss, Joe Braska, D.J. McClure, Erica Romblom, Nichole Belknap, Kelly Klein, Tanya Newberg, Kevin Camp, Katie Peacock, Brian Ziel; Front Row - Sandy Fraser, Jason Kreider, Ben Drayton, Tim Newberg, Crystal King, Tim Young, A.J. Keresztes, Jeff Kwick, Heather Fedewa; Absent - Arthur Hasbrook.



Second grade members, left to right, are: Back Row - Jacob Russell, Justin Brewer, Brad LaMacchia, Chad Pierce, Kevin Quick, Jeremy Botke, Margo Baisley, Julie Henning, Matt DeYong, Christy Freeman; Middle Row - Gretchen Holt, Stephanie Kyriakou, Andy Motz, Lanny Howe, Tom Siedleberg, Nate Bozen, Nick Vartanian, Robb Elliott, Nate Powell; Front Row - Jason Thrush, Carrie Johnston, Marcy Galaviz, Gretchen McCann, Andrea Stafford, Tim Goff.

Along The Looking Glass

Four local students finished in the top five percent among more than 23,000 Michigan high school students, who took Part I of the 30th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. DeWitt High School math students qualifying for the final part were junior Gavin Fredericks, son of Bill and Susan Fredericks, Lehigh Drive; senior Mark Schrauben, son of Larry and Marlene Schrauben, Old Hickory Trail, and senior James Sparbel, son of Deanna Sparbel, Old Hickory Trail. Junior Caleb Daily, son of Dale and Karen Daily of E. Howe Road, DeWitt, qualified from Bath High School.

St. Jude High School CYC is sponsoring a Christmas party for children of the parish aged 2 to 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 13.

Ruth Circle of Redeemer United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas potluck dinner and gift exchange December 11 in Dorothy Thomas' Myers Road home. Faith Circle will meet at Pat Wangen's Old Hickory Trail home at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 17.

through the school to encourage a positive relationship between the child and the uniformed officer. Guidelines for the curriculum appropriate at each grade level have been established to meet at least three sessions per year. The children know John Swebbe as their Officer Friendly. He donates his time and talent toward this fine service.

Another program brought to parents' attention was a puppet show dealing with child abuse and molestation. During the winter months it will be shown to the adult community for their approval for use with the children. Char and Kent Dell provided free identification kits for the children, compliments of Pepsi. If you would like a copy, stop by Scott school to pick up a kit.

Linda Vernon and Janet Shumway have invested hours of time and talent into designing creative wall paintings that will enhance classroom environments. Many parents contributed painting time to make this a fun experience. Take time to stop by and enjoy!

Bruce MacDonald, Scott school principal, addressed steps being taken to improve the traffic flow and the parking situation at Scott. They were: 1) Buses will now enter the north drive, thus reducing the times they

drop-off and pick-up of children.

Dr. Kay Hannah, Fuerstenau principal, reported that 16 fourth graders attained a score of 100% on the MEAP test. The PTA and Pizza Hut will be co-sponsoring a luncheon celebration for these students in January. Congratulations, fourth graders!

Scott School's fall book fair was a huge success. The profit will be used by a teacher committee to select paperback books for classroom use. Thanks for your support.

Kim Lawrence and Joyce Spangler attended a workshop sponsored by MCADY [Michigan Communities in Action for Drug-Free Youth] at the MSU Kellogg Center on Drug Awareness. They shared information on chemical dependency plus a display of written materials available. Many questions were generated. Kim is also our legislative representative who keeps the organization informed about pending issues and bills we can and should have a voice in determining. The most effective means of being heard are being informed and talking or writing our opinions to our senators and representatives. Let's get involved!

Santa's Secret Shop will be held December 9 and 10. Due to a lack of space, Scott school students will be walking to

Brewer, Brad LaMacchia, Chad Pierce, Kevin Quick, Jeremy Botke, Margo Baisley, Julie Henning, Matt DeYong, Christy Freeman; Middle Row - Gretchen Holt, Stephanie Kyriakou, Andy Motz, Lanny Howe, Tom Siedleberg, Nate Bozen, Nick Vartanian, Robb Elliott, Nate Powell; Front Row - Jason Thrush, Carrie Johnston, Merry Galovics, Gretchen McCann, Andrea Stafford, Tim Goff, Jon Stauffer.



First grade members include, left to right: Back Row - David Fielder, Kyle Baird, Eric Sanborn, Ronnie Reynolds, Billy Uschuck, Mary Mauro, Chris Moody, Kara Jobin; Middle Row - Jennifer Lawrence, Paula Kirchen, Rhonda Black, Mary Kay Pettit, Carrie Van Duinen, Brent Barker, Jerry Firos, Jeff Ramirez; Front Row - Jason Romel, Brooke Bovee, Gene Olsen, Lindsay Radke, John Braska, Leigh Boyer; Absent - Ricky Sevenski.

the Griswold Building to do their shopping. Fuerstenau students will shop at Fuerstenau. Coordinators for this event are Sharon Baulch, Ruth Pearson, Bonnie Brya, and Ruth Ueberroth. If you could volunteer some time give one of them a call. Thanks to all who have cooperated by adjusting meetings, schedules, etc. to continue this rewarding annual event.

Our next meeting will be January 19, 1987.

On a bumper sticker: "This vehicle will self-destruct after 36 payments."

City Parks/Recreation VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Week of November 21

| "A" LEAGUE | | | "B" LEAGUE | | |
|------------|----------------|--------|------------|------------------------|--------|
| Place | Team | Record | Place | Team | Record |
| 1st | Shop Rite | 22-5 | 1st | Tower Power | 26-1 |
| 2nd | Ball Movements | 20-7 | 2nd | Set-Ups | 23-4 |
| 2nd | "A" Team | 20-7 | 3rd | Brewski's | 19-6 |
| 3rd | Outrageousness | 18-9 | 4th | Flying Dutchmen | 17-10 |
| 4th | Swat Team | 15-12 | 5th | Nets | 14-13 |
| 5th | Babymakers | 12-15 | 5th | Volleyholics | 14-13 |
| 5th | Sleaze Balls | 12-15 | 6th | Slammers | 12-12 |
| 6th | To N' Fro | 11-16 | 7th | Plumbers & Pipefitters | 10-17 |
| 7th | T.G.I.F.'s | 10-17 | 8th | P.W.P. | 7-20 |
| 8th | Gold Standard | 8-19 | 9th | Steven's Spikers | 3-24 |
| 9th | V.B.D.'s | 7-20 | 10th | Dill Pickles | 2-25 |
| 9th | Ow-Da-Control | 7-20 | | | |

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Wangen's Old Hickory Trail home at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 17.

Redeemer United Methodist Men's Club will have their monthly breakfast meeting at 7:45 a.m. Sunday, December 14. Officers for 1987 will be elected at this time.

DeWitt Lioness Club members will hold their Christmas dinner Thursday, December 11, at Portiuncula in the Pines. The menu will be the chef's surprise. Gift exchange will follow the 6:30 p.m. dinner.

UMW members are sponsoring a quiet "Christmas Evening at Redeemer" Wednesday, December 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Clarion Bell Choir from Peoples Church, East Lansing, will perform. Hostesses will preside at 25 holiday-decorated tables for eight. Tickets at \$2 may be obtained from Gail Stevens, 669-3313.

The senior citizen monthly potluck luncheon will take place Thursday noon, December 18, at St. Jude Church.

In all great works of art the Genius draws up the ladder after him.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

WELCOME
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DATELINE: DeWitt

December 15, 1986
Stories/Photos by Kitty Marriott
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FOR PARENTS ONLY: DeWitt High School, in cooperation with the student council, will host an evening meeting for parents with renowned drug expert Jevon Thompson on Wednesday, December 17, at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Thompson's topic will be "PARENTS ARE THE ANSWER." This session will include basic facts about alcohol and marijuana, insights on the rock music scene and examples of what parents have done successfully around the country to fight drugs.

Five mid-Michigan school districts - Bath, Haslett, St. Johns, and Williamston, in addition to DeWitt - have formed a consortium sponsoring a local series of programs featuring Thompson, who is a nationally known authority on drug/alcohol abuse. In addition to addressing the parents, Thompson is meeting with students in the various schools for his "It's OK to Say NO!" series.

Thompson was a professional drummer for more than 13 years. Among his early credits are a performance at Carnegie Hall with American Youth Performs and an apprenticeship with the Duke Ellington Band. While drumming with the Luther Allison Blues Band, he performed with many artists such as Mick Jagger, Marvin Gaye, and Sha Na Na. He was also a drug user during those 13 years. As he tells in his lectures, he was one of the first kids in his high school to smoke a joint. By the time he graduated, he had also sampled and used every other available drug, including heroin.

While he was in Hawaii, cultivating fields of marijuana as well as playing drums and substitute teaching in junior high school, as he puts it, "My

TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Because a street light requested by Boichot Road residents was mistakenly placed on an existing pole in the wrong location, DeWitt Township officials will have to call another public hearing. Cost of erecting a new pole and moving the light would be in the \$600 range. In its current location, the light is not serving the residents who had asked for its installation.

Trustees approved a \$260 payment to Aldon Belen of Turner Road for repair work on his sewer and granted permission for Clerk Greg Whitlock, Treasurer Catherine Reed and Trustee Bruce Angell to attend the January 27-30 annual educational seminar and convention of the Michigan Townships Association, which will be held in Detroit.

Judy Martiny, Barbara Lantz, and Pat Morgan were reappointed to three year terms on the township Parks Commission. Other three-year appoint-

CHRISTMAS SCENES IN THE CITY

Luncheon with Santa



Kim Kelsey, left, stands patiently awaiting her turn to talk to Santa Claus at DeWitt Cooperative Preschool's annual Luncheon with Santa. Already sitting on Santa's ample lap and talking animatedly to the kindly old gent were Elizabeth Jury, left, and Billy Baxter, right.

City Christmas Tree



While he was in Hawaii, cultivating fields of marijuana as well as playing drums and substitute teaching in junior high school, as he puts it, "My entire perspective on drugs and the rock music scene made an abrupt turn". He continues, "My experience teaching sixth, seventh, and eighth graders caused me to see for the first time that the drug culture was prevalent in elementary schools as well as in colleges, and I saw the effects of drugs on students and teachers alike."

From his New Jersey high school, through college in Wisconsin, to the rock music scene on the road for five years, and in Chicago, Los Angeles, and Hawaii, Thompson has experienced and witnessed the effects of drug abuse. His mother died an alcoholic in the spring of 1980, his brother died from a heroin overdose. He is well qualified to speak on the topic.

HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT: DeWitt High School stage and symphonic bands and choir will present their annual Christmas concert at 7:30 this



evening, December 15, in the high school auditorium under the direction of Jeff Kressler. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Middle School band gave their annual holiday concert last Thursday evening with Bob Masecek directing.

LIBRARY HOURS: Faye Hanson Memorial Library will close during the Christmas holidays from Wednesday, December 24, through Monday, December 29, reopening Tuesday, December 30, at 10 a.m. The library will also close at 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, and be closed on Thursday, New Year's Day.

Lantz, and Pat Morgan were reappointed to three year terms on the township Parks Commission. Other three-year appointments, effective to December 1989 include: Tom Walker, Public Safety Commission; Max Calder and Joe Wrzesinski to Planning and Zoning Commission; Hampton Hobson, Donna Syverson and Joe Wrzesinski to Sewer Authority; Fred Walsh, Thomas Clayton and Bernard Schafer to the Board of Review.

Clinton To Get Highway Funds

Clinton County will receive \$15,800 in emergency assistance from the Federal Highway Administration to repair flood-damaged highways, according to U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Detroit.

Clinton is among 25 Michigan counties receiving \$4.7 million in aid to repair federally financed highways which were damaged in the September flooding that swamped the state.



SANTA'S DELIVERY SERVICE WILL HAND DELIVER GIFTS TO CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS EVE FOR DEWITT CITY RESIDENTS. CALL SANTA'S HELPERS AT CITY HALL, 669-2441, FOR INFORMATION.



The City of DeWitt's big Christmas tree now stands in colorful glory in front of the fire hall on Bridge Street. The official tree lighting ceremony and annual community Christmas Sing-Along took place Friday evening, December 5. Cub Scouts had decorated the large pine tree.

Skate/Ski Exchange



Marla Arney, left, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of DeWitt, enlisted the assistance of her husband, Mark Arney, hauling used sports equipment into Fuerstenau Gym for the Ice Skate and Ski Exchange service offered by the city.

Superintendent's Corner

Stephen C. Garrett
Superintendent
DeWitt Public Schools

As the Christmas season fast approaches we are again reminded of our blessings. We are indeed fortunate to live and work in this great land where we are free, and we are fortunate to live and work in DeWitt and the DeWitt School District where we are free to pursue the greatest of all vocations, the education of our youth.

We have much to optimistic about this Christmas time as we look at education in DeWitt and the year ahead. We must continue to strive to build in DeWitt an educational system that is dedicated to the student and his welfare, to provide the best possible educational program that will enable our students to cope with that world in which they must prepare to assume leadership roles.

During this past fall a citizens committee has been studying the facility needs of our District and at the December regular meeting presented its recommendation to the Board of Education. The projected cost of the recommended project is estimated at approximately \$3.9 million and would result in the construction of a new elementary school for grades K-2, an addition of a recreation room and renovation of

offices, renovation and replacement of problem areas at both the Middle and High School, and provide for an improved transportation facility.

The bond proposal for the project would extend the debt of the district, but not increase the millage level. The Board of Education will be meeting Tuesday, December 16, to review the recom-



Stephen C. Garrett

dation. The committee will be working with the Board of Education, administration and staff in further development of the proposal and preparing information to be submitted to citizens with a projected vote to be held in late March or early April.

I would like to extend our appreciation to the 23 members of the community who devoted many

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

Kathy Johnson, developmental kindergarten teacher, and Christine Klein, kindergarten teacher, were granted tenure at the Monday school board meeting. Kimberly Ewen's one semester contract was extended for a second semester because a fourth grade section has been added. Non-staff coaching assignments to Paul Curtis for assistant swimming and Chris Daggi, assistant wrestling, were approved.

Boys basketball ticket prices at the door were amended to \$3 adult and \$2 student. The board approved early graduation for high school students Benny Berryhill and Allen Pyle. Equipment purchases approved include a 71-passenger bus for \$34,516 [chassis from Bee's Chevy Olds, \$19,496; body from McFadden Corp. (Wayne) \$15,020]; word processing equipment for the high school business program not to exceed \$7,000; a 10" unisaw for the DHS shop for \$2,887 from Monitor Machinery Co., Grand Rapids.

Venison Tips

For best eating quality, use frozen ground venison within 2 - 3 months. Frozen venison steaks or roasts should be

NEW DAY CARE CENTER



Matthew Zischke, right, shows his Garfield stuffed toy to Marion Koeppen, left, teacher at Hope Lutheran Preschool on Herbison Road. Hope Lutheran Church, which now operates a nursery three days a week, will expand the program January 5 to include a Christian Day Care Center.

Pastor John Mackowiak and the Hope congregation will operate the program through an advisory board with Dian Silvey as administrator. Koeppen, who has had years of teaching experience in Lutheran Schools will be instructor and program director.

The Missouri Synod, with which Hope is affiliated, has made great strides in early childhood education. Silvey said Hope will be the first Lutheran day care center in the Lansing area, and plans to offer a "quality day care center in a

Christian environment."

A limited enrollment for 2½ to 5 year olds will open the week of December 15. The nursery, which will continue, will no longer be a cooperative. The new program will provide North Lansing and the DeWitt area with full-time, part-time and drop-in care for ages 2½ to 5, and before and after school care for up to age 12. The Christian day care center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. five days a week. For information, call 669-3930; 669-9606, or 484-1928.

Hints Help Gift Buying

Christmas gift shopping is in full swing. All of the stores are full of people searching for that perfect gift. This year, be guided in your gift-giving by noticing the following survey research results:

--Many people do not like useful presents such as hosiery, aprons and totebags.

--Men consider a necktie an afterthought. It is one of the least appreciated gifts. Six out of ten ties bought by women for men are never worn.

--Lingerie or slips, nightgowns and robes are well-received items.

--Sweaters are another favorite gift. The correct size is usually a larger size than the person would wear in other clothes.

--Personalized or monogrammed items are a hit with any age.

--Handbags are an appropriate gift unless the receiver has to buy a new outfit to go with the bag.

--Cosmetics and jewelry are popular gifts if the person's preference for scent, metal and design are known.

--Cuff links are great if the person wears shirts with French cuffs or if the giver knows the right size, color and design preference.

--Closet accessories are a welcome gift by both men and women.

--Mittens and gloves are excellent choices for children's gifts. Remem-

of a new elementary school for grades K-2, an addition of a recreation room and renovation of Scott Elementary School for grades 3-5, the renovation and conversion of Fuerstenau School for use as community education classes and administrative

GIRL SWIMMERS TAKE SEVENTH

DeWitt High School's girl's swim team finished seventh in Class B high school swimming and diving championships held in Grand Rapids December 6.

Sophomores Beth Michael and Stacey Shipps paced the team. Michael took third place in the 100 yard breaststroke with 1:10.23 and sixth in the 200 medley with 2:21.19. Shipps was fourth in both the 200 freestyle [2:00.78] and the 500 yard freestyle [5:00.98].

City Parks/Recreation

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

FINAL STANDING FOR FALL LEAGUES
Week of December 5

| "A" LEAGUE | | "B" LEAGUE | | | |
|------------|----------------|------------|-------|------------------------|--------|
| Place | Team | Record | Place | Team | Record |
| 1st | Shop Rite | 25-5 | 1st | Tower Power | 29-1 |
| 2nd | "A" Team | 22-8 | 2nd | Set-Ups | 26-4 |
| 3rd | Ball Movements | 20-10 | 3rd | Brewski's | 20-10 |
| 4th | Outrageousness | 19-11 | 4th | Flying Dutchmen | 19-11 |
| 5th | Swat Team | 17-13 | 5th | Nets | 17-13 |
| 6th | Sleaze Balls | 15-15 | 6th | Slammers | 15-15 |
| 7th | Baby Makers | 15-15 | 7th | Volleyholics | 14-16 |
| 7th | Gold Standard | 11-19 | 8th | Plumbers & Pipefitters | 13-17 |
| 8th | To N' Fro | 11-19 | 9th | P.W.P. | 7-23 |
| 8th | T.G.I.F.'s | 10-20 | 10th | Steven's Spikers | 3-27 |
| 9th | V.B.D.'s | 8-22 | 11th | Dill Pickles | 2-28 |
| 10th | Ow-Da-Control | 7-23 | | | |

I would like to extend our appreciation to the 23 members of the community who devoted many evenings and much time and effort to serve on the Building Project Steering Committee and a special thanks to Mr. Thomas Rippy for serving as chairman for the committee. Once again let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



DeWitt Charter Township has placed two containers at the township hall for toy donations to assist the United States Marine Corps in their annual Toys for Tots drive. Toys may be deposited in the boxes. For pickup of toys, please call Bill Baumgardner, Parks and Recreation director, 482-1291.

For best eating quality, use frozen ground venison within 2 - 3 months. Frozen venison steaks or roasts should be used within 8-12 months.

When cooking venison, the tenderness of the cut will be the guide for choosing either moist or dry heat. Venison roasts, steaks and ribs, and ground meat will all require a different cooking style to achieve a flavorful, tender product.

Use moist heat for less tender cuts or tenderize in one of these ways: 1. Cut the long muscle fibers by pounding or scoring. 2. Soften the tissue by using acids [lemon juice, tomato juice]. 3. Use commercially prepared marinades or tenderizers.

Use dry heat cooker for tenderized or already tender cuts. Cook quickly over

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--Closet accessories are a welcome gift by both men and women.

--Mittens and gloves are excellent choices for children's gifts. Remember that parents often prefer to be consulted.

--General items, such as snaps, bath powders, scarves, books, stationery and handkerchiefs may be your best way out of a quandary and may be a better choice if you do not have the necessary information.

--If you have no idea at all, money or a gift certificate is always welcome.

Council, P.O. Box 254, St. Johns, and receipts for tax purposes will be sent out as quickly as possible.

Individual donations are also appreciated and needed, either through direct gifts or membership, which are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for family, \$25 Group/Club, \$25-50 Patron, \$50-100 Supporter, and \$100 and Over Benefactor. Membership brings individuals council newsletters, notices of special projects, and special discounts and opportunities, limited to members only on certain occasions. Contact the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop at 224-2429 for further information. It is open 1-5 p.m. every day, Friday until 9 p.m., throughout the holiday season.

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Clinton County Extension Calendar

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| December | 11-18 | Crop Production Strategies for 80's-Ionia |
| | 15 | 4-H Teen Leaders Mtg., 7:30, Smith Hall |
| | 16-17 | Seed, Weed & Fertilizer School, MSU |
| | 16 | Camp Counselors Mtg., Smith Hall, 6:30 |
| | 18 | Teen Relief Program, 7 pm, Smith Hall |
| | 22 | 4-H Ambassadors Mtg., Smith Hall, 7:30 |

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LIVE NATIVITY SCENE: South DeWitt Church of Christ members have embarked on a challenging venture this Christmas - presenting a live outdoor Nativity scene from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday on the church grounds near Herbison Road. Volunteers signed up for the four-day stint [they have already completed their performances on Saturday and Sunday evenings], donning the traditional garments for the Bethlehem scene.

Bruce Brown, Mark Brown, Flossie Justice, Pastor Henry Hawver, Heather Gorsuch, Jermain Hawver, Terry Heckaman, Michelle Spencer, Steve Erwin, Darryl Scott, Tiana Hawver, Ron Turk, and Dave Erwin are taking turns in the Nativity roles. Lois Hawver and Linda Scott are kitchen back-ups, serving coffee and hot chocolate to the shivering participants as they come off their various performance shifts. Drive by on Herbison one of these evenings to witness this labor of love.

HOLIDAY TRAVELERS: Sharon Greene arrived from West Palm Beach, FL, Friday with her fiance, Patrick Richards, to spend Christmas week with her parents, Clare and Pat Greene, E. Round Lake Road. The young couple will be finalizing some of the plans for their May 30 wedding, which will take place at St. Johns Student Center, East Lansing.

Sheral and Laura Tingay, Wilson Street, are back home after another of their cross-country train excursions. They boarded an Amtrak coach in East Lansing November 18, changing trains at Hammond, IN and Washington, DC, en route to their destination in Delray Beach, FL. They visited their son, Grant, in Lake Worth. friends Carol and Bob



Council Meets In DeWitt

DeWitt got a new police car in a hurry this week, when city council members waived bidding procedure to purchase a Dodge Diplomat. The state, from whom DeWitt Police Department usually purchases police cars, has a 3-month backlog of orders. When council heard that Snethkamp Lansing Chrysler Plymouth dealer could provide the vehicle immediately at the same cost, they authorized purchase of the vehicle. The new car replaces one which has already logged more than a 100,000 miles.

Council also gave Fire Chief Doug Twiss the go-ahead sign to obtain a 1968 5 quarter Army truck from the Department of Natural Resources. Although the state retains ownership of the truck, the fire department can

PUPILS PURCHASE TOYS FOR NEEDY



Marcia Rea's second grade class asked their mothers to bake cookies a few weeks ago. The pupils then had a cookie sale at Scott School, raising \$173 with which Rea purchased toys requested by children in families for whom the DeWitt Community Christmas Project is providing Christmas baskets and gifts. The second graders made their selections from a catalog and Teacher Rea took the shopping list with her to purchase the toys. Here, Rea, center background, oversees gift wrapping of toys in the classroom. After the gifts were wrapped, Rea and her class presented them to Audrey Fabus, coordinator for the DeWitt Community Christmas Fund. DeWitt Lions Club members deliver the packages to needy families on Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Bath United Methodist Church - Christmas Eve Communion Service 5 p.m.

Catholic Community of St. Jude - December 24 - 5 p.m. Mass with Children's Participation; Blessing of Christmas Crib at 11:40 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass; December 25 Christmas Morning Mass 10 a.m.

WATERTOWN P&R NEWS

Every Tuesday from October through May you will find between 35 and 55 people in the South Room of Watertown Township Hall, playing bingo for fun and profit. Sponsored by Watertown

home after another of their cross-country train excursions. They boarded an Amtrak coach in East Lansing November 18, changing trains at Hammond, IN and Washington, DC, en route to their destination in Delray Beach, FL. They visited their son, Grant, in Lake Worth, friends Carol and Belva Davis in Plant City, and Don and Virginia Fineis in Lakeland, before returning here December 10. Fineis' are the parents of Tingays' daughter-in-law, Pat Tingay.

OLD NEWSBOYS: DeWitt Breakfast Lions braved sub-zero winds and temperatures to sell special editions of the Lansing State Journal on Friday, December 12, thereby raising funds for the Greater Lansing Old Newsboys Fund. The annual drive buys boots and shoes for needy school children at Christmastime.

Operating from the warmth of Bill O'Shaughnessy's Chevrolet in DeWitt, Tom Doyle, Clay Parker, Herb Ritter and Harley Webster peddled their papers in downtown DeWitt and at McNally's. Contributions from generous citizens totalled \$285, which the Lions were able to donate to the Old Newsboys Fund.

The Holiday's Best to You!



The rule on staying alive as a weather forecaster is to give 'em a number or give 'em a date, but never give 'em both at once.

I have found that the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want, and then advise them to do it.

Harry Truman

1986 5 QUARTER ARMY TRUCK from the Department of Natural Resources. Although the state retains ownership of the truck, the fire department can use it for such auxiliary measures as a personnel carrier for grass fires. Volunteer firemen will do a small amount of work to ready the vehicle for use.

The next city council meeting will take place Monday, January 5.

DeWitt School Board News

The DeWitt Board of Education unanimously accepted recommendations of the Building Project Steering Committee at a special meeting held Tuesday evening, December 16. The committee had recommended a \$3.9 million construction and renovation package at the December 8 regular board meeting. The bond proposal, which will be necessary to fund the project, will now be submitted to the Michigan State Department of Education for approval.

Board members hope to have the finalized total estimate on the bond issue ready for formal adoption at their regular January meeting.

DEWITT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT IS PROVIDING CHRISTMAS BASKETS, CLOTHING, AND GIFTS FOR 26 FAMILIES, 8 SENIOR CITIZENS, AND 54 CHILDREN THIS YEAR.

7 p.m. Mass with Children's Participation; Blessing of Christmas Crib at 11:40 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass; December 25 Christmas Morning Mass 10 a.m.



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

Gunnisonville United Methodist Church - 7 p.m. Christmas Eve - Traditional Service of Carols and Message.

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

Redeemer United Methodist Church - Christmas Eve Carol/Candlelight Services - Junior Choir Sings 7 p.m., Baptisms 7 p.m.; Chancel Choir Sings 10 p.m., Holy Eucharist 10 p.m.

St. Anne Episcopal Church - Christmas Eve Communion Service 7:30 p.m.

St. Isidore Catholic Church, Laingsburg - Christmas Eve Masses at 7 p.m. and Midnight; Christmas Day, 9 a.m. Mass.

South DeWitt Church of Christ - Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.

30 people in the South Room of Watertown Township Hall, playing bingo for fun and profit. Sponsored by Watertown Township Parks & Recreation, this program offers area bingo fans the opportunity to play in a comfortable, clean, and friendly atmosphere.

The Parks & Recreation board member responsible for running bingo, Holly McNally, has worked hard to present a quality program. "Our format is a good one", says Holly, "with a \$250 jackpot and a variety of regular, speed, and special games offered". The doors open at 5:30, with early bird games starting at 6:30 and regular bingo starting at 7:00. "We usually finish between 10:00 and 10:30", according to Holly, "which allows people to get home at a reasonable time".

Parks & Recreation Director Tony Sporer claims that bingo serves two important functions: "It not only provides a weekly recreational experience for a good number of people, but the profits made from bingo help pay for improvements to our parks." Whether you are an experienced veteran, an occasional player, or even someone interested in learning bingo, keep Tuesday evenings free and join us at Watertown Township Hall for some good fun. [Note: Bingo will not be held on December 23 or December 30. See you January 6th!]

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CANDLELIGHT FOR CHRISTMAS



SANTA'S HELPERS DELIVER GIFTS



DeWitt city residents were able to take advantage Christmas Eve of Santa's Delivery Service, which the DeWitt City Department sponsors each year. Parents, who wanted Santa to hand deliver a gift



DeWitt Lioness Club members Louise Cook, Vi Pennington, and Audrey Fabus, left to right, set up a table at DeWitt Shop-Rite December 12 and 13 to sell luminaria supplies to local shoppers, who had missed the organization's deadline for ordering. Many DeWitt city and township neighborhoods, which participate in the annual project, will glow with the soft candlelight on Christmas Eve.

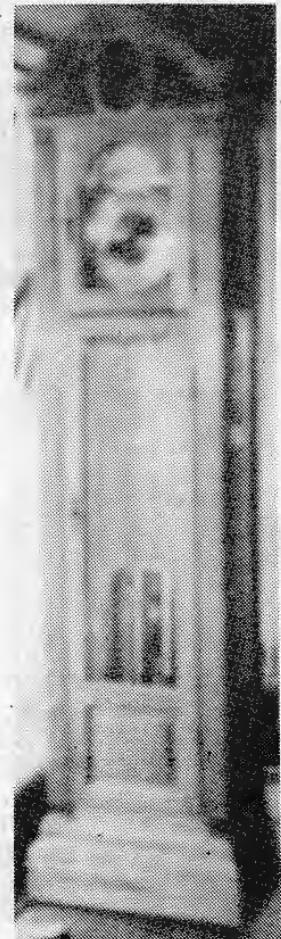
K. of C. Clock Is Displayed

DeWitt Knights of Columbus Council 7237 will hold a drawing at month's end for a grandfather clock built by Roger Pline. Tickets for the cherrywood timepiece may be obtained from any local K. of C. member.

The clock is being displayed in the window of Willard Reed Agency on Main Street. Drawing will be held at the New Year's Eve dance, which Knights will sponsor at St. Jude Church.

Found on the blackboard in a church where the Boy Scouts meet: "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, reverent and hungry."

Landscape evergreens that need pruning can contribute greens for holiday decorating. Except for pines, which should be pruned in June, most evergreens can be



CROSS COUNTRY SKI MAPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT DEWITT CITY HALL



DeWitt city residents were able to take advantage Christmas Eve of Santa's Delivery Service, which the City Parks & Recreation Department sponsors each year. Parents, who wanted Santa to hand deliver a gift to their children on Christmas Eve, left gifts at City Hall marked with the youngsters' names and addresses. Santa and his helpers, above, stopped at the city offices to pick up the gifts for Santa's Delivery Van.

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

DeWitt students Jennifer Carey and Kathryn Krol received diplomas on November 22, when Michigan Technological University awarded more than 390 degrees at fall commencement ceremonies in Houghton. Carey received her B.S. degree cum laude in mechanical engineering, Krol her B.S. in mechanical engineering.

Army National Guard Pvt. Timothy J. Arnst, son of Sandra K. Arnst of Laingsburg, and Walter J. Arnst of DeWitt, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1986 graduate of DeWitt High School.

Marine Pfc. Brett E. Johns, son of Richard G. and Martha A. Johns, E. Geneva Drive, has completed recruit training at

Depot San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, Johns was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment, and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship, and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

He is a 1986 graduate of DeWitt High School.



Clinton County Extension Calendar

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| December | 22 | 4-H Ambassador Mtg., Smith Hall, 7:30 pm |
| | 24-25 | Christmas! Office Closed |
| | 31 | New Year's Eve! Office Closed |
| January | 1 | Office Closed |
| | 5 | MAEH Class Carnival, Smith Hall, 10 am |
| | 5 | Deadline for 4-H Market Steer Registration |
| | 6 | "Lose It and Love It" weight loss series begins, Ovid Hall |
| | 8 | Market Livestock Production Strategies Wks., Ionia Dairy Production Strategies for 80's, Ionia |
| | 8 | DHIA Banquet and Annual Meeting |

The Rt. Rev. H. Coleman McGehee, Jr., Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan, celebrated Baptism and Confirmation at St. Anne Episcopal Church's morning service Sunday, December 21.

A philosophy professor posed this question: "Who would be happier, a man with five million dollars or a man with five youngsters?"

There was a moment of silence and then a student spoke up: "The man with the kids."

"Why?" the professor asked.

"The man with the five million dollars," said the student, "always

SEASONS GREETINGS



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LOGO CONTEST: The Clinton County Arts Council is conducting a logo contest for the DeWitt Downtown Development Authority. This contest is open to the public, with the winner to receive a prize of \$50. Submit entries on 8½ x 11 clear paper, including your full name, address, and phone number printed clearly. Deliver entries either personally or by mail to the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop, 1100 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns, by January 10, 1987.

"Historic DeWitt" may be used as a theme if the entrant wishes; however, that is not required. Since the logo selected will be used in various sizes, it should be suitable for enlarging or reducing. The Clinton County Arts Council is happy to conduct this logo contest for the DeWitt Downtown Development Authority [D.D.D.A.]. The council encourages all artists throughout the area to put their creative hats on and send their entries in before January 10, 1987. The DeWitt Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject all entries.

CIRCLE CELEBRATES: Members of Mother Seton Circle, St. Jude Women's Association, traveled to historic Chesaning on a December afternoon. One group left at 1 p.m. and another at 3 p.m. so they could browse through the Olde Home Shoppes located in Chesaning torn-of-the-century mansions. One of the shops - Fancy That, which features antiques - is owned by Ruth and Jack McCollough, former Schavay Road residents. The group adjourned at 6 p.m. to colorful Heritage House for dinner. Secret pals of the past year were

STATE WILL CITE 100-YEAR FARMS

In 1984 Rolling Homestead Farms in Minnesota received a small plaque recognizing the fact it had been in the Roehl Family for 100 years. There is a farm here in Michigan where they have the original grant deed signed by a President of 150 years ago.

The Michigan Department of State would like to honor these families, who have land which has been owned by the family for 100 years or more.

To qualify as a Centennial Farm, the owner must submit an application indicating the farm meets the following qualifications: It must be a working farm, must have a minimum of 10 acres; ownership must have remained in the same family [not necessarily the same family name - it may have passed to daughters sometime who have changed the name through marriage, may be a cousin, grand cousin, etc.]; the relationship of



Volunteer Is Wanted

The Clinton Cooperative Extension Service home economics program area is looking for an adult volunteer to act as program assistant to the Extension Home Economist. The assistant would be asked to donate 24 hours per month from January, 1987 through September, 1987.

The program assistant's major duties would be working directly with Extension Homemaker organizations, assisting in educational programs taught by the Home Economist and record-keeping for Home Economics contacts.

The program assistant position is open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex or handicap. Those interested in applying must be personable and able to work well with all age groups. An individual with formal home economics background or a displaced homemaker wanting to enter the work

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Some interesting information uncovered:

--about four out of five young Americans were unable to use a bus schedule properly

--approximately 60 percent could not follow directions to travel from one location to another using a map.

--less than 30 percent were able to interpret a lengthy feature story in a newspaper.

--about 16 percent had problems completing an address on an order form.

--twenty-eight percent were unable to write a letter to state an error had been made in a billing.

--and almost four percent could not write a few lines about a job that interests them.

In oral tasks given in the study, 13 percent did not respond with adequate information to report a fire in their home to the fire department and only 47 percent were judged adequate in giving directions.



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of the U.S. Department of Education attempted to

Thomas G. Sticht, a noted educational researcher in San Diego, wrote in a forward to the report, "On the one hand, we should, as a nation, celebrate ... for the last century has witnessed the remarkable feat of bringing more than 95 percent of adults to levels of

features antiques - is owned by Ruth and Jack McCollough, former Schavey Road residents. The group adjourned at 6 p.m. to colorful Heritage House for dinner. Secret pals of the past year were revealed during the gift exchange following dinner.

DEWITT PRO-LIFE GROUP: Terri Mauro and Theresa Hefty are working together to comprise a list of people in the DeWitt area, who are committed to peaceful pro-life ideals. They have not as yet decided on when, how or where to hold meetings.

"We believe strongly that our goals and actions should only be peaceful," the pair state, "thus fulfilling St. Paul's exhortation, 'Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.'"

Anyone who would like to have more information, to be put on the group list, to join the group or to offer comments or suggestions, may call or drop a note containing name, address, and phone to: Terri Mauro, 12666 Airport Rd., DeWitt, 669-3580, or Theresa Hefty, 1117 S. Geneva, 669-3934. They would also like to start a Teen Pro-Life Group. Interested teens may contact them.

Offer Classes Next Monday

On Monday, January 5 the Michigan Association of Extension Homemakers will be hosting a carnival of classes! The workshop will include such classes as "A Positive Look at Conflict", "Smoking and Your Health" and "Spice Up Your Life With Mexican Cooking".

The carnival will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Smith Hall in St. Johns. There will be a potluck lunch and Council meeting at 12:00. A charge of only \$2.00/person will be taken to pay for the demonstration recipes and everyone is welcome to attend.



For most Russians, Siberia is a steppe in the wrong direction.

changed the name through marriage, may be a cousin, grand cousin, etc.); the relationship of the present owner to the original purchaser of 100 years ago must be stated.

After the State Bureau of History certifies qualifying farms, either Consumer Power or the Detroit Edison Company will provide the owner with a large, beautiful Centennial Farm Marker. This marker will stand as a proud symbol of Michigan and the farm's agriculture heritage.

with formal home economics background or a displaced homemaker wanting to enter the work world will be given first consideration.

The volunteer will have an opportunity to learn how to use the IBM personal computer and update skills in the home economics area. If interested in applying or would like more information, contact Dawn Harris at 224-3288. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Deadline for applying is January 9, 1987.

County Arts Council Plans Ahead for 1987

The Clinton County Arts Council is planning two major projects for 1987, the first being a concert by Kitty Donohoe of St. Johns and Pat and Bill Trommater of Muir, performing the folk and country music which represents local rural heritage. The second event will be co-sponsoring, with the St. Johns Rotary Club, the appearance of

the ARTTrain in St. Johns on August 6-9 with the Mint Festival being on August 8-9. This is the first time the national art museum on a train has even been in Clinton County. It will be a rare opportunity for area people to visit such an exceptional art exhibit, which will feature Michigan's most outstanding artists who have painted

the entire exterior of the train for Michigan's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

This four-day visit by the ARTTrain will attract a lot of traffic to county businesses as well as here in St. Johns. The cost of the ARTTrain alone is over \$4,000, and although the St. Johns Rotary Club has pledged a portion of the cost, the council must raise a considerable amount just to fund this project. Additionally, the arts council will continue its strong arts-in-education programs and special exhibits at the Gallery. Businesses and individuals are urged to show their support for all of these projects by donation at this time, so that they may get full tax credit for such gifts.

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of the U.S. Department of Education attempted to answer this question with a nationally representative sample of young adults 21-25 years of age.

They were evaluated on how well they could accomplish life skills such as reading a map, interpreting a newspaper article, determining interest on a loan and filling out a job application. The study concluded that young adults adequately perform tasks of lower level proficiency, but sizeable numbers were unable to perform well tasks of even moderate complexity.

"We are told almost daily by visitors to the Gallery how much our efforts both at the Gallery and the special programs we sponsor, are enjoyed and have enriched the lives of people throughout the county and beyond," says Gallery Director Kaye Pilmore. In order to maintain these projects, business and individual donations from throughout the area are needed.

Psychologists say it is bad to be an orphan, terrible to be an only child, damaging to be the youngest, crushing to be in the middle, and taxing to be the eldest.

Obviously, the only way out of all this misery is to be born an adult.

... for the last century has witnessed the remarkable feat of bringing more than 95 percent of adults to levels of literacy... Yet, by the standards of the present information age we must press harder for more rigorous education and training in the knowledge and information processing skills."

Reference: "Our Literacy Report Card" Office of Educational Research & Improvement, U.S. Department of Education, Nov. 1986.

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR



Peace, health and happiness throughout the New Year!

Happy New Year '87

MOOSE LODGE PLAYS SANTA AT LUNCHEON



Members of DeWitt Moose Lodge 2291 located on US-27 have adopted the senior citizens' group, which meets weekly for tri-county nutrition luncheons at St. Jude Church. In the words of coordinator Pat DeYoung, "These generous men have adopted us, given money to buy coffee [for the luncheons] and made up the difference of \$48 we were short when we made a trip to Frankenmuth in November. For Christmas, they gave a fruit basket to every senior citizen here and to the two men who deliver our weekly meals. They also left additional fruit baskets for us to deliver to our shut-in friends, who haven't been able to attend lately."

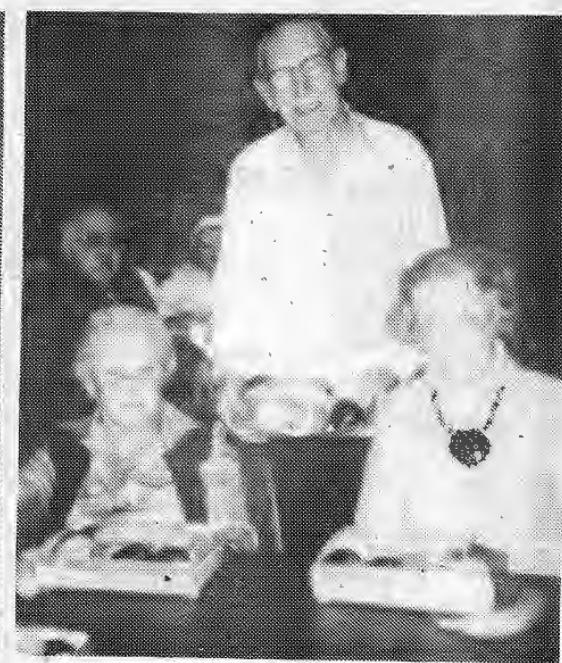
Holding the fruit baskets which lunchers received are: standing, left to right, Moose Governor Keith Penton, Trustee Dennis Farnham, and Russ Portt. Seated is Trustee Hubert Evert.

NO SMOKING IN PUBLIC LAW EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1



Scott School second grade pupils entertained with Christmas songs and Santa Claus paid a visit to the December 16 tri-county nutrition luncheon held at St. Jude Church. On St. Nick's lap are Paula Kirchen, left, who observes her seventh birthday December 24, and Matt Hoppe, who is seven on December 26. With them are left to right, Clara Price, age 90; Stella Kenziorski, who will be 94 on December 26, and Bertha Henning, 90.

Along The Looking Glass



Admiring the fruit baskets donated by DeWitt Moose Lodge 2291 are Bertha Lennemann, left, and Vi Hill, right. Russ Portt, center, is a member of both the Moose Lodge and senior citizens' group.

PROPER CARE CAN LENGTHEN POINSETTIA LIFE AND BEAUTY

Proper care will keep young poinsettia plants healthy throughout the Christmas season and beyond. Start by selecting a plant that has dark green foliage. Be sure the plant is well wrapped

exceed 50 degrees, plant your poinsettia, in its pot, outdoors. If the plant is too large for the old pot, repot into a larger container before planting outside. Between July 15 and August 1, cut off the

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Smokers in Michigan will be prohibited from smoking in public places after January 1, 1987. A newly passed state law amends the Public Health Code, providing that an "individual shall not smoke in a public place or at a meeting of a public body, except in a designated smoking area."

The law defines a public place as an enclosed, indoor area used by the general public. It can either be owned or operated by a state or local governmental agency, or it can be privately owned but used by the general public. This latter category includes: educational facilities, auditoriums, arenas, theaters, concert halls, museums, health facilities, and any other facility when it is being used for a performance or exhibit of the arts.

Governmental facilities include the places of work for public employees and meeting places for public bodies (meeting rooms, public conveyances, auditoriums, educational facilities, etc.)

This new law would not apply to a private, enclosed room or office occupied exclusively by a smoker, or to a room or building used for a private function, if the space is under the control of the

sponsor of the function (e.g., a building rented for a wedding reception, etc.) This law also does not apply to federal buildings or employment.

Earlier laws that regulate smoking in hospitals, nursing homes, and restaurants are still in effect and are not changed by this newer legislation.

Under earlier laws, employers and proprietors of public places could ban smoking entirely. That is still possible under the new law. If smoking is allowed, then it must be restricted to designated smoking areas, and existing physical barriers and ventilation systems should be used to minimize the effect of the smoke.

This act will be enforced by state and local health departments. The civil fines for violation are: not more than \$100 for the first offense and not more than \$500 for subsequent violations.

DeWitt Council 7237 Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance at St. Jude Church. Fred. Grove is chairman.

The Bent Scepters will provide music for dancing Wednesday, December 31, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Price of \$32.50 per couple includes set-ups, snacks and a 12:30 a.m. buffet. Reservations may be made with Ardie Grove, 669-9717.

St. Jude women's annual retreat will be held the weekend of January 9-11 at Portiuncula in the Pines retreat hours. Make reservations with Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127, Elaine Pung, 669-3543.

DeWitt Community Church's annual meeting is set for Tuesday, January 20. A 6:30 p.m. pot-luck will be followed by the 7:15 meeting.

Navy Airman Apprentice Neil E. Spalding, son of James E. Spalding of Turner Road, has completed the Basis Avionics ("Aviation Electronics") Technician Course.

During the self-paced course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tenn., Spalding received instruction on the fundamentals of electronic equipment items currently installed aboard Navy and Marine Corps Aircraft. He studied airborne radar, communication and computer equipment, along with the technical manuals, safety precautions and trouble shooting procedures used for maintaining each.

A 1982 graduate of DeWitt High School, he joined the Navy in October 1985.

Redeemer United Methodist Church will hold a Watch Night Eucharist service Wednesday, December 31, at 11:30 p.m.

Western Michigan University president Diether H. Haenicke has named Patrick Laughlin of DeWitt as one of three presidential appointees on the board of the WMU Alumni Association. Laughlin was a 1968 WMU graduate.

a plant that has dark green foliage. Be sure the plant is well wrapped when you take it outdoors. Exposure to low temperatures, even for a short time, can cause leaves and bracts (the red, pink or white leaves) to turn brown and fall. Place your poinsettia near a sunny window or other well-lit area, don't let any part of the plant touch cold window panes, and keep it out of warm and cold drafts from heaters and registers and doors and windows. For maximum blooming time, place the plant where daytime temperatures are between 60 and 70 degrees and move it to a cooler room at night (55 to 60 degrees is ideal).

Check the soil daily and water only when it is dry to the touch. Always water until water runs out the bottom of the pot. Apply a house plant fertilizer once a month according to the manufacturer's recommendations. For a well shaped plant next year, cut back the original stem to 4 to 6 inches in height, removing the old flower and one or two side branches. Do this in February or early March. Keep the plant in a sunny window at temperatures between 60 and 70 degrees and water and fertilize as needed.

When the danger of spring frost is past and night temperatures

tainer before planting outside. Between July 15 and August 1, cut off the top portion of all shoots. These can be rooted in a mixture of half peat moss and half sand and flowered for next Christmas.

Take your poinsettia plant inside before the first frost (usually around Sept. 15 in lower Michigan). Place it in a sunny window, as before. To induce it to flower, keep the plant in complete darkness between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. daily from the end of September until color shows in the bracts (almost mid-December). The temperatures should again remain between 60 and 70 degrees. This procedure should bring your poinsettia into flower by Christmas.

Campus News

Ronda Thornton, a 1984 graduate of DeWitt High School, was among 11 Adrian College students inducted in the Alpha Kappa Psi National Honor Society in Business. Adrian's Eta Pi chapter of the honor society has earned the highest score possible from outside evaluators each of the past three years.

Thornton, a junior majoring in business administration, is the daughter of George and Sharon Reuther of St. Johns.

