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WESTERN THANKSGIVING: Russel and Connie Bauerle and Harvey and Roberta Kelley, all of rural DeWitt, spent Thanksgiving Day and weekend at Las Vegas, NV. Joining them were Bauerle's two sisters and their husbands - Dr. Robert and Ruth Fink of Boulder, CO., and Ted and Rosalyn Culver of Decatur, MI.

The family reunion celebrated the doctoral degrees recently received by Ruth and Ted, as well as Russel's birthday. Some members of the group toured Hoover Dam and the Lake Mead area.

OHIO COMPETITION: DeWitt High School teacher Barry Kloenhamer, coach of the DHS girls' cross country team which won the state championship this fall, helped to coach Michigan's team in the Mideast Cross Country tournament on a recent weekend. The top 10 senior boys and 10 senior girls (who were selected in qualifying meets the previous week) from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky competed at Kettering Recreation Area in Dayton, OH.

Michigan finished second overall with Ohio in first place. Kloenhamer and Kim Spalsbury of Fowler High School were among the four Michigan coaches asked to participate by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association, which sponsored the meet. The other two coaches were from Jackson and Sterling Heights.

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WINS POSTER CONTEST



Toby Tripp, right, DeWitt Middle School eighth grader, holds his winning poster in the Christmas contest sponsored by DeWitt Business Association to publicize their December 4 tree-lighting ceremony and singalong. Dawn Dunham, left, manager of Capitol Federal Savings, accepts the poster from Toby, who received a \$10 prize.

Art instructor Alice Nasrey asked middle school students to do the posters. The 40 entries are now on display in windows or on bulletin boards of DeWitt stores and offices. Toby's poster is displayed at Capitol Federal.



LUNCHEON WITH SANTA



Adam and Alison Zeeb had a friendly chat with Santa Claus at the 1986 Luncheon with Santa.

DeWitt Cooperative Preschool members will again host their Santa Luncheon next Saturday, December 12, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the DeWitt Memorial Building. Luncheon price is \$1.25.

Children will be able to have their pictures taken with Santa and make an ornament by Flowerland. Lansing Ice & Gymnastics and McDowell's School of Dance will provide entertainment. There will also be balloons and a craft and bake sale. For information, contact Colleen Zeeb, 641-6860.



Along The Looking Glass

Ruth Circle of Redeemer United Methodist Church will meet Thursday, December 10, at noon at Grace Hanes' home. Faith Circle meets Wednesday, December 16, with Gail Richmond at 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer sixth graders provided "Babysitting for Christmas Shoppers" at the church last Saturday. Money raised will help fund the youth group.

United Methodist Men will hold their

other two coaches were from Jackson and Sterling Heights.



Bertha Lennemann, left, is shown accepting last year's contributions from Peg Guilford.

MITTENS NEEDED: Seventeen pairs of knitted hats and seven pairs of mittens have been turned in so far for the DeWitt Community Christmas Project, which provides holiday baskets for needy area families and senior citizens. Again this year, the colorful donated hats and mittens are displayed strung on a line across the DeWitt Hardware store.

More mittens are still needed for school-age children, Peg says. Guilfords have a box of free yarn at the hardware (and it takes less than a skein for a pair of mitts) if any knitters who would like to stop by and pick up a skein for the DCCP.

HOME DECORATING CONTEST: If you are decorating your home exterior for Christmas, you could win the \$200 grand prize or one of some 20 other cash and gift prizes being offered by DeWitt Downtown Development Authority for the best decorated house.

It's easy to compete and there are no entry blanks. Just use your usual versatility in putting up holiday decorations. Then have your house decorated and lighted on Friday evening, December 18. The judges will do up and down city streets that evening and select the winners. All decorated houses within DeWitt City limits will be judged.



SANTA'S SECRET SHOP: For the fifth year DeWitt Schools Booster Club is sponsoring Santa's Secret Shop for elementary school pupils. The shop allows Scott and Fuerstenau children an opportunity to do their own Christmas shopping early and secretly, helps them with money management and making positive choices. Merchandise is displayed in a non-commercial manner and adult assistance is available.

Quality gifts at reasonable, affordable prices - .25¢ to \$5, but most in the \$1 range - will be displayed for pupils' selection on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, December 8 and 9. There'll be an opportunity for parents to "walk through" and view the choice of gifts tonight, Monday, December 7, at the administration building next to Scott School.

Each article will be bagged for the child with a Christmas bow and sticker tag attached. The child can either tape the bag and fill in the tag at home or can rewrap the gift. Linda Overmeyer and Kathy Bauerle are co-chairing the event for Scott School; Onalee Ruddy and Bonnie Brya are Fuerstenau School co-chairs. Proceeds from Santa's Secret Shop will be used to purchase extras for the two elementary buildings.

Shopping will be done during school hours. The co-chairpersons are still in need of more adult volunteers to help with the shop.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, December 9 - UMW present second annual "Christmas Evening at Redeemer," at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 12 - DeWitt Co-operative Preschool Santa Luncheon, 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m., DeWitt Memorial Building.

"Babysitting for Christmas Shoppers" at the church last Saturday. Money raised will help fund the youth group.

United Methodist Men will hold their breakfast meeting Sunday, December 13, at 7:45 a.m.



Mike Kovacic, East Geneva Drive, has been installed as president of the 12-year-old Farm Bureau Center Toastmasters Club. Kovacic is director of information and public relations for Michigan Farm Bureau.



Harold and Evelyn Seaman have returned to their Main Street Court home after spending two weeks in Charlton, MA, with the family of their son and daughter-in-law, William and Claire Seaman.



St. Jude ushers are now selling Christmas trees at two locations, the church on Bridge Street and next to DeWitt Shop-Rite. Tree sales hours at the church are 4 to 8 p.m. weekdays, 9-8 Saturday and 9-5 Sunday. Shop-Rite hours are noon to 8 weekdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



Robert Vandermark of DeWitt has been reappointed by Gov. James Blanchard to the State Tax Commission. He will continue to serve as commission chairman. Vandermark is an instructor with the International Association of Assessing officers.



DeWitt Knights of Columbus Council 7237 will sponsor a New Year's Eve dance at St. Jude Church, on Thursday evening, December 31. Price of \$32.50 per couple includes a 1 a.m. breakfast. The Bent Scepters will provide music from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. For reservations or information, contact Ardie Grove, 669-9717.

DeWitt Swim Club Bests Jackson In Dual Meet

On Saturday, November 21, members of the DeWitt Swim Club travelled to Jackson for their second dual meet of the season. It was a great day for the DeWitt club, besting Jackson by a score of 430-196. Of the 51 individual events, DeWitt swimmers gathered 35 first-place finishes.

"This meet was a great experience for all of our swimmers," said coach Juan Tavares. "They had an opportunity to compete in a very low-pressure environment; they could relax and do their best. Many swimmers took this meet as the time to try new events which they've never done before in competition, and the results were fantastic! These kids are achieving times faster than they thought possible. But, they are working hard at practice, and it WORKS! I'm really proud of them all."

Individual results (by age group) are:

8 & Under: Josh Jones: 1st, 100 I.M.; 1st, 25 fly; 1st, 25 breast. Andy Motz: 1st, 25 free; 2nd, 50 free; 3rd, 25 back. Jason Marinelli: 2nd, 25 back; 3rd, 25 free. Jenni Maatman: 1st in 100 IM, 25 fly, and 50 free. Rhonda Black: 2nd in 100 IM and 25 fly. Julie Stahmer: 2nd in 25 back; 3rd, 25 free; 4th, 50 free. Heather Maatman: 2nd, 25 breast; 3rd, 25 fly. Andrea Carlson: 3rd in 100 IM, 50 free, 25 breast. Nadia Sharif: 4th, 25 free; 6th, 25 back. Jackie Firos: 4th, 25 breast; 5th, 25 back; 6th, 25 free.

9 & 10: Jill Nieman: 1st, 200 free. Katie Peacock: 1st, 100 free; 1st, 50 breast; 2nd, 50 fly. Kelly Cowan: 2nd, 200 free. Mandy Jones: 1st, 50 fly; 2nd, 50 breast; 3rd, 200 free. Rena Black: 1st, 50 free; 3rd, 50 breast. Tracy Slater: 5th, 50 free; 4th, 50 back. Stacy Osterhouse: 1st, 50 back; 2nd, 100 free; 3rd, 100 IM. Michelle Osterhouse: 2nd, 100 IM; 3rd, 100 free. Angie Foster: 1st, 100 IM; 3rd, 50 fly. Woody Larner: 1st in 200 free, 50 fly, and 50 breast. Jay Larner: 1st in 100 IM and 100 free. Kevin Cluley: 1st, 50 back; 3rd in 50 free and 100 free. Hank Thompson: 2nd, 50 fly; 3rd, 50 breast and 100 IM. Rick Cook: 2nd in 100 IM, 50 free and 50 breast.



DeWitt Swimmers Outstanding In International Competition

WOW! Does the DeWitt area have some GREAT swimmers! And one of the finest examples is 12-year-old Brandon Nieman, a member of the DeWitt Swim Club. On Thanksgiving weekend, Brandon, accompanied by seven other swimmers from DeWitt, swam at the 14th Annual Windsor International Invitational Meet. By Sunday noon, Brandon had placed 2nd over-all in his age group. Indeed, it was a SUPERIOR performance in spite of a pulled muscle on Friday that caused him to withdraw from one of his races. His statistics for the 2½ days are impressive: 1st place, 50 freestyle (time 25.83); 2nd place, 200 IM (2:21.38); 2nd place, 100 breaststroke (1:11.96); 2nd place, 100 freestyle (58.10); 3rd place, 50 butterfly (28.95); 4th place, 200 freestyle (2:09.13); and 4th place in the 100 backstroke (1:08.43).

This meet was a rare opportunity for very talented local swimmers to taste serious competition from the metro Detroit area and the province of Ontario. In total, there were over 360 swimmers, ages 8-17, from 31 clubs.

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CLOVER CLIPPINGS

4-H COUNCIL

Clinton County 4-H Council provides the guidance, support and leadership for the county 4-H program which annually involves nearly 1800 youth and over 350 adult and teen volunteer leaders. The Council works on fund-raisers, plans educational activities for youth and members and supports the mission of the Michigan 4-H Youth Program in this county.

The Council operates the food stand at the Fair each summer and sponsors bi-annual publication of the Clinton County Plat Book as fund raisers. With the funds raised in this fashion, the Council supports the 4-H Award Trips Program, Spring Revue, leader training and various educational opportunities for members.

The Award Trips Program is unique to Clinton County. Started many years ago, it is designed to give members who have earned the privilege a special outing during the year. The trips involve members from all over the county and give them the chance to meet new people and try new things.

The Council sponsors a Clinton County 4-H Scholarship each year. The \$300 award is given annually to an outstanding senior, who will be going on to further his/her education and is paid at the end of the student's first term at college.

The Council holds the Annual Leader Recognition Banquet as a special way to thank all of the volunteers who make the 4-H program possible in this county. The annual event is also co-sponsored by Clinton Bank in St. Johns.

To help volunteers feel comfortable with their role as leaders, the Council sponsors volunteers to leader training programs at Kettunen Center, Kellogg Biological Station, and various other regional and state events.

Programs are also held for members. The Spring Revue in late March will include the County 4-H Style Revue, a 4-H Open House, contests for clubs and even a cookie making contest.

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breast and 100 IM. Rick Cook: 2nd in 100 IM, 50 free and 50 breast.

11 & 12: Ann McCrackin: 1st in 200 free and 50 back; 2nd, 100 IM. Danica Shier: 3rd in 50 free and 50 back. Stephanie Carlson: 2nd, 100 free; 3rd, 50 breast; 4th, 50 free. Julie Smith: 2nd in 200 free, 50 free, and 50 back. Kelly Peacock: 1st in 50 fly, 500 free, and 50 breast. Kelly Souden: 2nd, 50 breast; 3rd in 100 free and 100 IM. Jenny Christensen: 1st in 100 free; 2nd, 200 free. Chad Foster: 1st, 100 IM; 2nd, 50 fly. Chris Seekamp: 2nd in 100 IM and 50 free. Brandon Nieman: 1st in 50 fly, 100 free, and 500 free. Kenny Lewis: 3rd, 50 free; 4th, 100 IM and 100 free. Steve Horne: 1st, 50 back; 4th, 50 free; 5th, 100 free.

13-14: Mari Fullmer: 1st in 200 free, 200 IM, and 100 fly.

After the meet, the club celebrated at a Jackson Ice Cream Parlor with HUGE sundaes and banana splits. Now, that is serious nutrition for young athletes! No reports were issued as to if those big smiles turned into big stomach-aches on the way home!

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THE SPIRIT OF *Christmas*



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Other DSC participants included Brandon's sister Jill Nieman, Kelly and Katie Peacock, Josh and Mandy Jones, Kelly Cowan, and Ann McCrackin.

Jill Nieman, 10, had many strong performances. She is charging toward and achieving "AA" times in nearly all events. She brings lots of enthusiasm to the group, and can always be heard above the crowd, cheering for her teammates. Jill is an excellent freestyle and butterfly, and plans to make a name for herself at the girls State meet in March. It is interesting to note that both Niemans have found such early success, because neither has participated in competitive swimming for two years.

Kelly Peacock, 12, recorded four personal best times in Windsor, while notching a 2nd place finish in the 100 yard freestyle, and a 6th in the 200 IM. She is in her 4th season with DeWitt, and thrives on the camaraderie and competition.

Katie Peacock, 10, posted personal best times in all of her events. The highlight of the meet for Katie was the 50 butterfly, where she was seeded 18th and "flew" past the rest of the field to place 2nd. She was followed closely by teammate Kelly Cowan, who was seeded 12th and came in just .6 seconds behind Peacock to finish 3rd.

Ann McCrackin, 11, focused her energy on the freestyle and backstroke events, and showed significant time drops. She has the potential to score very well at this meet next year, as she still has another season to compete in the same age group.

Best times were also tallied by Mandy and Josh Jones. Mandy, 10, had an excellent showing in the 50 free and 100 breaststroke. Josh, 8, performed well in the 50 back and 50 free, and had the distinction of being the youngest swimmer in the meet. At this level of competition, Josh has to swim with the 10-year-olds, facing boys with a huge height advantage and lots more experience. But, NO ONE can beat Josh Jones' desire to compete and to better himself every time he steps up on the starting block.

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The Council consists of three adult and one teen leader elected from each of four districts in the county. The members are elected during a short business meeting held at the Leader Banquet. New members elected in October to serve during 1988 were: Vicki Harris, Lois Burghoff, Ruth Voisinet, Marilyn Kuchar, Cindy Vitek, Sherry Harris, Patti Straub, Keisha Schaub, and Kim Nash. They join Jim Roof, Mary Jo Straub, Janet Newhall, Margaret Schaefer, Lou Ann Myszak, Storm Spellman, and Gwen Nash.

At their November meeting, the Council elected these officers for 1988: Jim Roof, president; Ruth Voisinet, vice president; Vicki Harris, secretary, and Gwen Nash, treasurer.

Individuals with questions about the Clinton County 4-H Youth Program can contact the Cooperative Extension Service (at 224-5240) or any of the Council members.



"You're a cheat!" shouted the defense lawyer at his opponent.

"You're a liar!" charged the other lawyer.

The judge banged his gavel. "Let's proceed with the case," he said dryly, "now that the attorneys have been properly identified."

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BOOSTER PENCILS: DeWitt Schools Booster Club received their new "Panther Country" pencils last week just in time to sell them as gift items at their Santa's Secret Shop in the elementary schools.

The mechanical pencils with retractable lead - would make neat stocking stuffers - cost only \$1.00 each and will be sold at sports events in the schools. Booster Club members will also have the pencils, which come in a rainbow of attractive colors and bear the logo - "Panther Country DeWitt, Michigan."

Contact persons for the Booster pencils are Bonnie Brya, 669-5817; and Audrey Fabus, 669-3017.

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MORE STOCKING STUFFERS: While we're on the stocking stuffer subject, DeWitt Schools have just received word that the McDonald's Cares \$1.00 coupons, which are being sold to fund the high tech programs in DeWitt Schools, are redeemable at all Lansing area McDonald's restaurants, effective immediately.

The McDonalds Cares coupons, donated this fall by DeWitt resident Charles McCann, owner of four mid-Michigan McDonalds, were originally designated for use at those four stores only. Now, the certificates can be redeemed at any Lansing area McDonalds. The \$1.00 McDonalds coupons are available at DeWitt school office the school ad-



TIME AND TALENT: DeWitt Girl Scouts are in need of entertainers to volunteer some time (½ hour to 1 hour) and talent for a major scout function to be held in January. They are looking for a magician, clowns, musicians, any individual or group who might have something to contribute. Please contact Barb Bond, Girl Scout Service Unit Director, 669-5179.



CLASS OF '77 VISITOR: Vickie Forsyth, who came from Australia a decade ago and attended classes much of the year at DeWitt High School, is spending this month including the Christmas holidays in DeWitt again.

"I wanted to see a White Christmas again and I hope they're going to deliver one," remarked the dark-haired lass, who is a house guest of 1977 classmate Laurie Svendsen and Laurie's mother, Marilyn, in their Clark Road residence.

Vickie arrived in DeWitt the first time, not via the foreign exchange student route, but at the invitation of pen pal Lisa Moody, another '77 graduate who lived in Lake Geneva at the time. Vickie was an honorary member of the DHS graduating class of 1977, after sharing in

CAMCORDER MONEY



Appropriately enough, Kay Hannah, principal at Fuerstenau Elementary School, stands before the school Christmas tree, proudly holding the grant check from Continental Cablevision, which will provide a camcorder for use in DeWitt's elementary schools.

City, Schools Receive Grants For Local Cable Programming

Representatives from DeWitt Public School District and the City of DeWitt attended a presentation program in downtown Lansing last Monday afternoon, at which Continental Cablevision gave 11 money grants to be used for playback and production of local programming.

More than \$40,000 was distributed to 11 local cable programmers. The City of DeWitt received \$2,500 and DeWitt schools, \$1,600. Other recipients included Lansing Community College, Lansing School District (toward annual production of the Capitol Area Quiz Bowl), Capitol Area Religious Cable Television Association, Boys and Girls Club of Lansing,

EXCUSE ONLY. NOTE: The certificates can be redeemed at any Lansing area McDonalds. The \$1.00 McDonalds coupons are available at every DeWitt school office, the school administration office and at the concession stands during all athletic events.



Congratulations: To DeWitt High School student council, which sponsored the annual Food Drive and DHS students who contributed 1,400 cans of food. The canned goods were turned over to DeWitt Community Christmas Project, which is providing for 20 needy families this year.

And To: Gail Stevens and the United Methodist women for putting the Christmas season into the right perspective with their beautiful, inspirational "Christmas Evening at Redeemer" last Wednesday. The 200 women, who were fortunate enough to attend, will long remember the evening's serenity and the "Christmas Is Love" theme.



BLOOD DRIVE FRIDAY: Donors who can give a pint of blood may do so this coming Friday afternoon, December 18, on the second floor of DeWitt Memorial Building between 1 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Chief Okemos Council, Boy Scouts of America, are sponsoring the December blood drive. For information, call Jon Allan, 321-7278.

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GIRL SCOUT CAROLING: DeWitt Girl Scouts will be Christmas caroling in downtown DeWitt Monday, December 21. Scouts will sing their carols from hay wagons, which they'll be riding around town. They will conclude their annual carol program with hot cocoa and cookies and a visit with Santa in the Memorial Building.

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graduate who lived in Lake Geneva at the time. Vickie was an honorary member of the DHS graduating class of 1977, after sharing in classes, sports, and activities during the school year.



VICKIE FORSYTH

After returning to Australia, Vickie joined the Royal Australian Navy. Currently stationed in Darwin, Northern Territory, after nine years naval service, she ranks as Petty Officer WRAN. She's a communicator, she explains in that inimitable Aussie accent, or "Radio Supervisor Special" officially.

Vickie will be in the area until January 4 and can be reached through Svendsens at 669-3253. Her address after that time will be: 2/13 Duke St., Stuart Park, Darwin, N.T. 5790, Australia.

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HERE 'N' THERE: Couples who attend weekly nutrition luncheons at St. Jude Church and DeWitt Township Hall were guests Saturday, December 5, at a holiday Bingo party hosted by Zella Custard of Bridge street. Party-goers brought brightly wrapped white elephant gifts from home and these were the prizes for Bingo-ing. Refreshments were served after the lively games. And Harry and Roberta Kelley of DeWitt vacationed in Las Vegas, NV, with Bauerles recently. Harry was incorrectly identified as "Harvey" in last week's issue.

College, Lansing School District (toward annual production of the Capitol Area Quiz Bowl), Capitol Area Religious Cable Television Association, Boys and Girls Club of Lansing, Waverly Schools, and several churches which produce community programming. The funds are available because Continental Cable's television franchise with the City of Lansing calls for a portion of the franchise fees to be awarded through the Community Access Corporation Board in the form of grant money to be used for local programming.

Robert Ortwein, Cable Communications Commission chairman for the City of DeWitt, accepted the grant. According to Ortwein and city administrative assistant Kurt Klemens, DeWitt will use the money to purchase a new character generator, a playback system controller and assorted small items for the city's cable system, which will put the system back on the air. The playback system will enable DeWitt programs to remain on the air on a 24-hour basis.

Fuerstenau School principal Kay Hannah accepted a grant, with which she is purchasing a camcorder (self-contained video camera) for DeWitt elementary schools.



SANTA'S DELIVERY SERVICE

Again this year, DeWitt Parks & Recreation Department is offering a program for DeWitt City residents only, who want Santa Claus to hand deliver a gift to their child on Christmas Eve.

Gifts must be received at DeWitt City Hall, 414 E. Main, on December 16, 17, or 18 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The gifts should have the child's name, address, and age printed clearly on the package. The gifts will be delivered to the homes between 6 and 8 p.m. on December 24.

Call Santa's helpers at DeWitt City Hall, 669-2441, if you have any questions.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

Mayor Lynn Thayer and Clerk Margie Lotre signed the city's fire contract with DeWitt Township with council approval, after making minor changes in the draft at Monday evening's regular council meeting. The document has now gone back to the township, which will appraise it at tonight's December 14 board meeting.

Fred White (of Fred White Engineering) and city assessor Gail Watkins brought council up-to-date on work on the city replat. Areas south of Looking Glass River included in the replat have been temporarily marked as required by state statute, the assessors explained. The northern part of the city basically now has skeletal reference markers. Fred White Engineering expects the entire replat project to be completed within a year.

In other action, council approved signing a new purchase agreement so the city can buy equipment from the State of Michigan.

CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT

The public is invited to attend the annual Christmas Band Concert, which DeWitt High School band members will present Wednesday,



December 16, in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m.

There is no admission charge. Jeff Kressler is the band director.

CAREERS IN ANIMAL SCIENCE APPEAR GOOD FOR STUDENTS

Attention all teenagers! If you are growing

Chairman Accepts Check



Kurt Klemens, left, administrative assistant for the City of DeWitt, shakes hands with Ronald D. Hartman, right, district manager of Continental Cablevision, following the presentation of a \$2,500 grant to the city. Bob Ortwein, center, city councilman and chairman of DeWitt Cable Communications Commission, accepted the grant from Hartman at a December 7 program.

FAMILY FOCUS

SAFE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Families all over Clinton County are getting into the holiday spirit by decorating their homes. Here are a few decorating safety tips to keep your house a safe and beautiful place throughout the holiday season.

When you get out the Christmas lights to decorate the tree, take an extra few minutes to check light strings for deterioration. Those few minutes could mean the difference between a merry Christmas and one spent enumerating fire damaged possessions for the insurance company. Every year, many homes are damaged or lost due to fires started by poorly-maintained or old Christmas light strings.

Specifically check: - The plug: Is the molded plastic insulation cracked or brittle? Are the prongs loose when plugged into a receptacle? - The wire: can you see cracking or flaking insulation? - The light sockets: Are the bulbs in the socket cracked with age?

Along The Looking Glass

Julie Kienitz of Laingsburg has graduated from Michigan Technological University.

St. Jude high school CYC members are decorating the Loaves & Fishes house in Lansing this evening. They will also attend the MSU-San Jose State basketball game at Jenison fieldhouse on Tuesday, December 22. Both high school and middle school groups walked through downtown DeWitt last Saturday night on a Christmas caroling outing.

Preschool through 8th grade classes of DeWitt Community Church Sunday School presented "Christmas Around the World," a program with international flavor, Sunday evening. The children portrayed how Christians around the globe observe Christmas in their varied cultures. A Christmas Fair followed the youth program.

On Sunday, December 20, Community Church members will meet at the church at 6 p.m. to go caroling in the city of Dewitt area.

Fireman Craig Yanke, son of Lee and Jane Yanke, of West Clark Road, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean aboard the guided missile frigate USS Crommelin, homeported in Long Beach, CA.

The USS Crommelin is the first ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry Class to conduct an extended deployment with two Sikorsky Seahawk Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System Mark III helicopters embarked.

Port calls were also made in the Philippines; the Maldives Islands; Bombay, India; and Perth, Australia. Yanke joined the Navy in January 1986.



The Writers Club meets this evening, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the new location on East M-21 just east of the Roadhouse in St. Johns.

Attention all teenagers! If you are growing up on a farm, work on a farm, or just have a tremendous interest in animal agriculture, you may want to think seriously about a career in animal science.

Dr. Maynard Hogberg, Chairperson for the Department of Animal Science and Dr. David Hawkins, Coordinator of Undergraduate programs in Animal Science, both from MSU indicated in a recent report that there are tremendous opportunities when you pursue a career in animal science.

In a period of negative economic times such as production animal industries have recently experienced, it is easy to become negative about the future of agriculture. But, there is still profit in animal agriculture as well as a demand for individuals who possess a great interest in it and are willing to pursue that interest.

During the last 12 months, the Animal Science Department has had numerous inquiries from potential employers requesting interviews with Animal Science graduating seniors.

What types of jobs might you get with a Bachelor Degree in animal science? The areas of greatest career interest at this time include: meat grading, processing, and lay inspection; livestock buyers; dairy production and management; swine production and management, plus sales and technical service representatives.

They say the current pool of students in graduate school is not large enough to fill the projected vacancies for careers in teaching, research, and extension at the university level. So you could continue your education and pursue an advanced degree in animal science.

It appears that the future looks bright for students who pursue animal science as a career. To obtain additional information, contact Marilyn Loudenslager, Agricultural Agent, Cooperative Extension office, 224-5240.

In the game of life, as in other sports, you can pick out the winners - they're the one who aren't complaining about the officiating.

-The wire: can you see cracking or flaking insulation? - The light sockets: Are the bulbs loose or is the socket cracked with age?



If any of these conditions are apparent, then it is time for new lights. Be sure any lights you purchase have the Underwriter's Lab (UL) Label. If you use lights outside, make sure that it states on the tag affixed to the string that the lights are suitable for use outside. Never use light strings on an artificial metal tree; use only floodlights in floor fixtures made for the purpose.

When you put your light strings away for the season, store them on reels or wrapped on wooden forms to avoid the damaging tangles that occur in random storage.

Following these simple rules can help insure that your house won't become a fire loss statistic this Christmas.



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December 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the new location on East M-21 just east of the Roadhouse in St. Johns.

Clinton County Historical Society will be entertained by Kitty Donohoe and Pasqua Warstler at their Christmas meeting on Thursday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Paine-Gillam-Scott museum. There will be a cookie exchange.

Redeemer United Methodist Church will hold a celebration & worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, December 20. Church school will be at 11 a.m. and the church school Christmas program at 7 p.m.

Carol and candlelight services will be held Christmas Eve at 7 and 11 p.m.

County Archives Open Weekly

The archives maintained by the Clinton County Genealogists are open each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Room 2 of DeWitt Township Hall for persons who want to do historical research.

A partial list of records indexed and available includes: Maple Rapids deaths - 1885; various county death records 1950-1983; Duplain assessment roll - 1851; Riley assessment roll 1861-1874; Greenbush assessment roll - 1881; Gratiot County Civil War men; Clinton County World War I (compiled from county newspapers).

Others are: Teachers' Personnel Records, 1935-1953; Clinton County Plat Book (dated between 1936 and 1940); Gratiot County Plat Book (dated between 1916 and 1920).

EXTENSION CALENDAR

December	
14 & 15	Tel-Farm Check-In Day
16	Pasture Utilization Program, Clare
24 & 25	Office Closed

If you think that one individual can't make a difference in the world, consider what one cigar can do in a nine-room house.

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December 21, 1987
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Kitty Korner

LAST MINUTE REMINDER: Booster Club "Panther Country" mechanical pencils and DeWitt Schools' McDonald's Cares coupons are available for \$1 apiece as stocking stuffers. Pencils can be obtained from Audrey Fabus, 669-3017, or Bonnie Brya, 669-5817.

The McDonalds coupons, redeemable at all area McDonalds restaurants, are being sold at the school and administration offices. Both items will continue to be available at the concession stands during school athletic events.



TRADITIONAL SERVICE: St. Anne Episcopal Church members held their traditional holiday service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday. Children of the congregation, who performed seven Christmas story readings from the Bible, were Lori Wells, Kenny Lewis, Laura Lea Ford, Doug Black, Rick Cook, and Becky Maccardine.

Rev. Howard Simpson, who was the first vicar when St. Anne's parish began 25 years ago, will return to celebrate the 11 p.m. candlelight service on Christmas Eve.



TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DeWitt Charter Township board members ratified the fire contract with the City of DeWitt at their regular meeting Monday night. The new contract, which goes into effect January 1, 1988, will continue to provide city firefighting assistance to the northern section of DeWitt Township; it is effective for one year.

Two resignations from the Public Safety Committee were accepted, both effective December 31. Township police chief Robert Lesnau tendered his resignation and George Bartoszek resigned to take the police chief post in Ovid. No replacements were named.

The board scheduled a special meeting for Monday, December 28.



DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DeWitt Board of Education members learned at their Monday evening meeting that the Scott School building addition is progressing on schedule and should be fully enclosed by February 1. Weather conditions have slowed progress on the new elementary school however.

The board approved a \$2,000 monetary contribution to the City of DeWitt for that portion of sidewalk on Wilson Street, which the city installed in 1987 to ensure safety for walkers to

Superintendents Corner

Let's Promote Parent-Teacher Relations

By Terre Davis, Ph.D.
Superintendent
DeWitt Public Schools

Education does not necessarily happen only in the classroom. The communication lines between the home and the classroom are vital to the student's success, and constant encouragement should be given to have parents communicate with their child's teachers.

The whole process starts with a simple thing, such as making an appointment with each teacher. Parents should request the teachers to explain their teaching goals for the year, how the goals are expected to be met, and how the student's success will be evaluated. Other helpful hints would be to ask to see your child's textbooks, samples of daily work, and all test results. Teachers can point out each child's strong points as well as weak points. If a problem does exist, it should be brought out in the parent-teacher visit. You should know just how big a problem is, what the teacher plans to do about it, or what you as a parent can do about it at home.

A parent should tell their child's teacher of their willingness to be contacted at home should a problem develop, or if there is a home problem, that information should be passed along to the teacher at school as well.

I would also recommend a visit with the school principal, whether it be high school, elementary, or middle school. Each building principal can explain to parents the strengths and/or weaknesses of their school and can explain how the school applies school-board policies such as those that determine the curriculum.



Dr. Terre Davis



NEW POSTMASTER: Walter Brooks has been appointed Laingsburg postmaster; the oath of office was administered on December 11. The Haslett native had been delivery analyst for the Lansing Post Office and former East Lansing superintendent of postal operations.

In his Laingsburg position, Brooks will now be responsible for 11 employees serving a population of more than 6,800 and covering an area of 78 square miles. There are four rural routes.

The Holiday's Best to You!

FITNESS CLASS: A "Getting Fit - Staying Fit" aerobic class will be held in DeWitt Memorial Building Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. A new session will start Tuesday, January 12. Babysitting is available during the class.

Cindy Tarrant of DeWitt is instructor for the coed class, which is being sponsored by Central YMCA. For information, call 484-4000.

Memorial Board Will Not Tolerate Building Vandalism

DeWitt Memorial Association board wishes to issue a reminder to DeWitt Area residents that vandals causing damage to the interior or exterior of DeWitt Memorial Building will be prosecuted. The board approved the policy last year "with regret" after they had to replace the letter "I" in the building name, due to damage from thrown snowballs or stones.

Vandalism inside or outside of the building cannot be tolerated, board president Rodger Brown pointed out, since it causes needless expense and inconvenience.

The board approved a \$2,000 monetary contribution to the City of DeWitt for that portion of sidewalk on Wilson Street, which the city installed in 1987 to ensure safety for walkers to Scott School. The school district will also be responsible for snow and ice removal on that portion of sidewalk.

Employment of Leonard Golding as Director of Support Services was approved. K-12 certified, Golding has been elementary principal in Sparta for the last 12 years and served as maintenance/grounds/transportation supervisor. He has also had extensive training in the area of negotiations and personnel management. He will begin his duties in DeWitt on January 4.

The board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Margaret Shaw for her 21 years of service as an aide in DeWitt Public Schools. She will retire effective December 31. JoEllen Wing, Transportation Director, will implement a new discipline procedure in the area of transportation. Wing will assist with disciplinary problems to minimize the building principals' involvement in this area. Fuerstenau principal Kay Hannah has trained seven staff members of the Food Service Department in multi-media first aid.

DeWitt Public Schools received a cablevision grant of \$1,600, which will be used to purchase a camcorder, battery pack and tripod. Student gate prices to athletic events have been lowered to be in line with the athletic league. The high school time clock is to be replaced at a cost of \$1,252, and the National Honor Society trip to Chicago was approved, as was early graduation for Erik Root.

Wakely Associates will not be involved in Phase IV of the building project. The board approved update of all bid documents and work order changes for Scott School, as well as the amendment to the architect's agreement. A used piano, 35-passenger bus and two score boards are being advertised for sale to the highest bidder. Bids are due on or before noon December 28 in the superintendent's office.

The next regular meeting of DeWitt Board of Education will be held Monday, January 11, at 7 p.m. in the Griswold Administration Building.

explain how the school applies school-board policies such as those that determine the curriculum.

Parents are always welcome to visit the DeWitt Public Schools. The only stipulation would be that you call first so that time arrangements can be made. The building administrator would appreciate a brief conversation with you either prior, during, or after the visit.

We encourage citizens as well as parents to attend the Board of Education meetings to air their concerns or general comments. A special time for comments is always set aside at the board meetings at the beginning of discussion. The meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Griswold Administration Building, on the second Monday of each month.

On special request, board president Glenn Tarrant may allow audience participation on a particular subject on the agenda. This request must be made prior to the start of the board meeting. If a citizen wants a certain matter to be placed on the agenda, a request must be given to the superintendent at least one week prior to the board meeting.

Parents and citizens who take the time to become informed and involved can make, and have made a difference.

DeWitt Schools Vacation

DeWitt Public Schools' Christmas recess extends from Friday, December 18, through Sunday, January 3. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 1988.

Martha's Cafe at Aplington, Iowa, has a no-nonsense approach to refusing service to barefoot and/or shirtless people. While most places have the standard sign, "No shoes, no shirt, no service," Martha's has a sign that says: "Cover your hide or stay outside."

"In my family," explains one father, "I am considered a patron of the arts. That means I keep up installments on a piano, flute, and trumpet, and run a chauffeur service to music lessons."

JOYOUS NOEL

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society held their Christmas party at the Elsie home of Wayne and Jerrine Mead. President Barbara Van Velsor opened Christmas gifts for the archives, which included cash, paper products, office supplies, books, and family histories.

Next meeting of the Genealogists will be held Monday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Capitol Federal Savings community room in St. Johns.



Jim Wagner, son of Donald and Carol Wagner of Laingsburg, played a role in the Adrian College Players' production of "No Exit" in Downs Hall earlier this month.

Wagner, a 1983 graduate of Laingsburg High School, is currently a senior at Adrian College majoring in German.



A New Year's Eve dance, to be held Thursday, December 31, in the main hall of American Legion Clare Burt Post 248, Laingsburg, is entitled "Cruise Trip on the U.S.S. American



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

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

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

Clover Clippings

Microwave Cooking Tips

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Gunnisonville United Methodist Church - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 p.m.

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

Redeemer United Methodist Church - Christmas Eve Carol/Candlelight Services 7 and 11 p.m., Sermon "When a Manger Was a Throne", Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Baptism; Harry R. Johnson & Daniel Biteman, Jr., Pastors

St. Anne Episcopal Church - Christmas Eve Service 11 p.m. with Rev. Howard Simpson, Parish's First Vicar, as Celebrant

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

South DeWitt Church of Christ - Live Nativity Scene near Herbison Road each Evening from 7 to 9 p.m. through Christmas Eve

Wacousta Community United Methodist Church - Communion and Candlelight Service 7 p.m. Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS
JOY

The best gift of Christ
mas time is the gift of
love! Merry Christmas!



December 31, in the main hall of American Legion Clare Burt Post 248, Laingsburg, is entitled "Cruise Trip on the U.S.S. American Legion". Doors will open at 8 p.m. with music from 9 p.m. on.

A large buffet, refreshments and snacks will be served. Tickets are \$15 per couple, \$5 seniors. Advance tickets are being sold at the Dug Out.



Michigan State University summer term graduates included Phyllis Davis-Henning, Norris Road, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education, and Ronald Stauffer, Schavey Road, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in resource development.



DeWitt Knights of Columbus Council 7237 will sponsor a New Year's Eve dance at St. Jude Church, on Thursday evening, December 31. Price of \$32.50 per couple includes a 1 a.m. breakfast. The Bent Scepters will provide music from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. For reservations or information, contact Ardie Grove, 669-9717.



Seaman Recruit Jodee Rich has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. The son of Annie Crittent, Chandler Road, Bath, he joined the Navy Reserves in July.



Clover Clippings

Microwave Cooking Tips

Cereals, such as oatmeal, cream of wheat or cornmeal are perfect for microwave ovens because they cook in a shorter time period and require only one utensil, that is easily cleaned after use. Rice and noodles requires a little different technique.

There is only a little difference in cooking time for preparing rice or noodles in the microwave and on the range top. The difference is that many times you can combine all the ingredients of a rice or noodle casserole into a single dish that is used for cooking and serving.

Here are a few helpful tips in preparing casseroles for the microwave. 1) Allow for a large enough container to prevent boilovers. Usually a 4 quart casserole dish is required. 2) Noodles and rice require rehydration. Always cover the dish tightly with a plastic wrap, leaving a hole for steam to escape.

3) Casseroles with a tomato, broth or soup base are sturdy. You can microwave at full power, stirring occasionally. 4) Casseroles with a cream, sour cream, or cheese base are delicate. Microwave at 50% power to prevent curdling. 5) If hamburger is used, combine with a sturdy sauce to prevent overcooking of meat.

Making a casserole in a microwave can be very simple. The following delicious recipe is a good example.

BEEF GOULASH

1 lb. lean ground beef
1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce
1 C. water
3 C. narrow egg noodles, uncooked
1 envelope dry onion soup mix (or mushroom & onion soup mix)

Microwave ground beef in a 2 1/2 quart glass casserole, covered for about 5 minutes or until cooked. Stir twice to break up the meat. Drain off excess fat. Sprinkle uncooked noodles over meat. Combine water, tomato sauce, and soup mix. Pour over the noodles. Do not stir.

Cover and microwave for 10 minutes. Stir. Microwave 5 more minutes or until noodles are tender. Optional: Add 1 small can mushrooms after the initial 10 minutes of cooking.

CHRISTMAS JOY

The best gift of Christmas time is the gift of love! Merry Christmas.



Advance Planning Can Assurance Diet Awareness During Holidays

Holiday parties and celebrations offer lots of opportunities to eat and drink -- that's why it's so easy to view them as a time when sensible eating habits don't apply. But all too often large holiday dinners, office parties, and gourmet gift baskets can result in extra pounds. The good news is they don't have to.

Here are a few diet tips to help you and your guests stay slim during the holidays.

If you're a guest:

-- Attend cocktail parties and dinners dressed in flattering knits or other slenderizing attire. If the garment just fits or is figure-revealing, chances are you'll be more conscious of how much you eat, since overeating will "show" immediately. A snug waist or tight belt helps, too.

-- Don't go to parties with an empty stomach. Eat light throughout the day and have a low-calorie snack to help curb your appetite.

-- Arrive "fashionably late" to dinner parties. This way you'll be less tempted to sample too many hors d'oeuvres during the cocktail hour.

-- Limit consumption of alcohol to no more than one drink. Remember that alcohol is not only high in calories, but it may also weaken your resolve to eat discriminately. If you know you want wine with dinner, save on calories by sticking to low-calorie, non-alcoholic drinks such as tomato juice, club soda, or mineral water beforehand.

-- No need to totally deprive yourself of holiday desserts. If the homemade pumpkin pie or the warm apple strudel are your absolute favorites, allow yourself one or two bites. Remember the third or fourth bites don't taste any better than the first two.

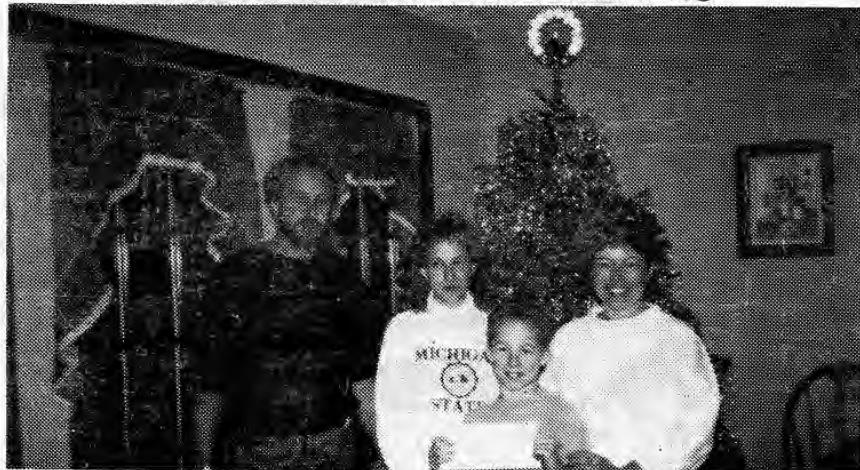
While the abundance of parties and dinners may make it difficult to lose weight during the holidays, a little planning with moderation in mind will help maintain weight.

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HOME DECORATION WINNERS



Winning family in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by DeWitt Downtown Development Authority was the Nutts - Jim and Linda, Joy and Jimmy - who live at 1007 Turner.

DDA Announces Christmas Decoration Contest Winners

DeWitt Downtown Development Authority judges had difficult decisions to make this holiday season, as they selected the best decorated homes in the city.

Jim and Linda Nutt, 1007 Turner, won the \$200 cash first prize. Other winning entrants, who received gifts from local businesses, were as follows: Newman home, 203 S. Bridge; Courtland home, 223 S. Bridge; Tingay home, 322 N. Wilson; Gillespie home, 1309 Sandhill Drive; Bruchmann home, 1305 Sandhill Drive; Ankney home, 311 Madison; Graham home, 1006 W. Main; Osbo home, 810 Cherry Street;

Germain home, 2 Laura Lane; Beckwith home, 1314 Waxwing; Niemi home, 1310 Shavey; Allen home, 316 Hickory; Ballard home, 816 S. DeWitt Drive; Nachazel home, 1200 Turner.

Local businesses who donated prizes for the contest were: Keck's Appliance, DeWitt Hardware, Sam's Kitchen, Roger Overway State Farm Insurance, DeWitt Auto Body, DeWitt Bar, Culligan Water Conditioning, Willard Reed Insurance Agency, Terranova's Thriftway, Capitol Federal Savings, McComb's Flowers and Gifts, J.J. Video, DeWitt Auto Supply, First of America, Ballard Home Center, Pat McCrackin



Olivia Bukovinsky Chosen December Teacher at DHS

DeWitt High School Student Government is pleased to announce that they have selected Mrs. Olivia Bukovinsky as December's Teacher-of-the-Month.

Bukovinsky was born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. She grew up in Belgrade and was living there during the Nazi occupation. She attended the University of Belgrade for three years where she studied English literature, then married at the age of 23 and came to the United States.



Olivia Bukovinsky

Bukovinsky and her husband lived in Denver, CO, for five years. In 1959 they moved to Turkey where they lived for almost three years. In 1962 she again moved back to the United States and made her home in East Lansing. She attended Michigan State University, which accepted some of her credits from the University of Belgrade.

Bukovinsky majored in French and had a minor in history. Later she took an advanced course at the University of Geneva and received an advanced degree in French literature from MSU.

Bukovinsky has three children, one born in Germany and the other two born in Denver. She taught in Spring Valley, NY, for one year and then moved to East Lansing. She started teaching in DeWitt in 1969. She has travelled all over Europe and knows many languages in addition to English including Serbo-Croatian, French,

Drive; Bruchmann home, 1305 Sandhill Drive; Ankney home, 311 Madison; Graham home, 1006 W. Main; Osbo home, 810 Cherry Street; Ramirez home, 310 W. Main; Gartside home, 1126 S. Geneva Drive; McConnel home, 1121 E. Geneva Drive; Wethy home, 1014 Montreux; St.

Along The Looking Glass

The Clinton County Republican convention will be held at the courthouse in St. Johns Thursday, January 14, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention being held January 29-30 in Grand Rapids.

All Republican precinct delegates should plan to attend.

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Clinton County residents interested in improving family communication and preventing substance abuse can sign up for free two-hour workshops.

Two will be held in St. Johns, the others in Ovid-Elsie and DeWitt. For information, call 224-6729.

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Middle School Religious Education pupils at St. Jude Church prepared gifts of food and clothing for eight Southeast Asian refugee families for Christmas and delivered them the week before Christmas. Terranova's donated turkeys and chickens for the food packages.

BATH TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE PAY INCREASES

Bath Township trustees approved pay increases for township employees averaging three percent at their Monday night meeting.

The new pay scales in the police department include: chief, \$27,726; sergeant, \$24,252; full-time officers, from \$9.49 to \$11 an hour; and part-time officer, \$7.29 an hour.

Fire department increases are as follows: chief, \$3,610 a year; assistant chief, \$2,045; fire marshall, \$1,684; captain, \$1,023; two lieutenants, \$721 each; and firefighters, \$8 an hour.

Insurance Agency, Terranova's Thriftway, Capitol Federal Savings, McComb's Flowers and Gifts, J.J. Video, DeWitt Auto Supply, First of America, Ballard Home Center, Pat McCrackin Ford, The Learning Tree, Doug Swiss Insurance Agency, and Red Devil Pizza.

Along The Looking Glass

The annual women's retreat for the Catholic Community of St. Jude will be held the January 8-10 weekend at Portiuncula in the Pines retreat house in DeWitt. Reservations may be made with Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127, or Elaine Pung, 669-3543.

The men's annual retreat is set for the January 29-31 weekend. John Fritsch, 669-5792, is handling reservations.

COUNTY AG UPDATE

We have lots to be thankful for during the holiday season. Clinton County is a great place to live. Here are some of the latest ag facts about the county.

Do you realize Clinton County is one of the top ten agriculture counties in Michigan? Recent statistics released by the Dept. of Agriculture list Clinton County as ranking 9th in the number of total farms in a county. These farms rank at the top in production of mint oil, fourth in acres of soybeans and in the number of milk cows, seventh in number of sheep, eighth in acres of wheat, tenth in dry beans and oats, sixteenth in hogs, and twentieth in corn and barley production.

In addition, Clinton County farmers produce apples, potatoes, sugar beets, carrots, and pumpkins for the state market place.

In an English churchyard, a sign on the bulletin board read: "As maintenance of the churchyard is becoming increasingly difficult, it will be appreciated if parishioners will cut the grass around their own graves."

When man learned that he could not live by bread alone, he invented the sandwich.

Moved to East Lansing. She started teaching in DeWitt in 1969. She has travelled all over Europe and knows many languages in addition to English including Serbo-Croatian, French, Russian, German, and Latin.

For the Christmas holiday Bukovinsky is going to Seattle, WA, and Los Angeles, CA. She says she is not going to attend the Rose Bowl, however.

DeWitt is very fortunate indeed to have such a highly qualified person teaching in the school system.

DEWITT TOWNSHIP TO NAME TEMPORARY CHIEF OF POLICE

DeWitt Charter Township will have an acting officer-in-charge following police chief Robert Lessnau's resignation, which becomes effective December 31. Board members will make the interim appointment after January 1, while a replacement is being sought for the police chief post.

Lessnau, who has served as DeWitt chief for two years, had been security director for two Detroit hospitals before coming to DeWitt in 1986. He had previously retired in 1975 after 20 years with Detroit police and had been police chief in Lexington for two years.



An anonymous letter clipped to four \$100 bills arrived at the I.R.S. office. It read: "Enclosed find \$400 for my income tax. My conscience bothers me and I can't sleep. If I still can't sleep, I will send you the balance."

In the window of a Dublin dress shop: "Wedding gowns for all occasions."

The amount of sleep required by the average person is usually ten minutes more.

Happy New Year

Vintage Clothing Recalls Fashions of Yesteryear

A visit to a Boarshead Theatre garage sale, where she bought her first item of old-fashioned clothing seven years ago, launched Diana Nelson on a new hobby - collecting vintage women's wear. Today, she has some 300 period outfits and a wide range of accessories to match.

"I love these old clothes," remarks Diana, who now gives about four vintage fashion shows a year for various groups or

Seafood Meals Benefit Health

Is consumption of fish oil in capsule form the secret to improving your health? There is no straight-forward "yes" or "no" answer to this question.

Both seafood and fish oil capsules have been used in research studies with positive results. But the scientists recommend eating seafood rather than substituting fish

organizations.

She utilizes 45 outfits for a one-hour fashion show, starting with women's wear from the 1960's and then going back in time. Some of her friends, or members of the local organization sponsoring the show, model the clothing.

It takes about two days just to prepare for a fashion show, Diana estimates. In addition to selecting the gowns, she chooses matching accessories - jewelry, hat, gloves, purse, and even shoes, where possible - to go with each outfit.

Petticoats too accompany some of the gowns. "It's fun to show what a job women had, just getting into some of the undergarments and clothing years ago," Diana points out.

Since she has acquired clothing for girls and boys too, her eight-year-old daughter Taya often models in the shows. Diana likes her child models to carry an old fashioned doll or

NOSTALGIC COLLECTION



Kathy Ruiz modeled this 1890's black cotton outfit in a fashion show given at Hope Lutheran Church. Note the gown's leg o'mutton sleeves, the wool hat with stylish ostrich feather, the matching parasol and gloves.

of her gowns with old furs, which are in her collection.

During one fashion show, when her fragile silk 19th century wedding dress would not close in back, Diana

Ceramic Ware Use May Be Health Hazard

Be careful about using some of your ceramic pieces for food use. Decorative ceramic containers may not be safe for food storage or other food uses. Ceramic products contain lead and other toxic metals that can pose a health hazard.

Lead has been a common component in glazing materials for ceramic dishes since the beginning of civilization. Ceramic products sold in the United States today are often coated with glazes that contain lead or cadmium.

Glazes that are improperly formulated and heated can be dangerous. This is especially true if glazed containers are used to store foods with a high acid content for long periods. Acid can speed up the release of lead from the glaze finish.

Continued exposure to too much lead can have toxic effects. Even at low levels, can

scientists recommend eating seafood rather than substituting fish oil capsules.

Possible harmful effects of fish oil capsules include: Decreased clotting ability of the blood, which may be dangerous during surgery or in the event of an accident; Prolonged consumption of fish oil may result in vitamin E deficiency.

Fish oil, like all other fats and oils, contains calories. At 9 calories per gram of oil, regular consumption of fish oil capsules could add as many as 300 calories per day to your diet.

The best way to get the healthful effect of Omega-3 fatty acids is to eat two or three seafood meals a week. The seafood could be broiled, poached, or pan fried, or it could be served in soup, sandwiches, or salads.

If a physician prescribes fish oil capsules for you, be sure to follow instructions for taking them carefully. And don't decide on your own that you or another family member needs to begin taking fish oil capsules regularly. It's difficult to overconsume fish oils by eating fish, but it would be easy to overdose on fish oil by taking capsules.

Often models in the shows. Diana likes her child models to carry an old fashioned doll or teddy bear on stage for a nostalgic touch.

Clothing from the 1800's or 1920's are this collector's special favorites, although they are becoming harder to find. She has gotten some vintage items from giving the shows; members of the audience often come forward afterward to mention they have antique clothing stored away at home.

Diana also visits antique stores and finds an occasional item to enhance her collection. She has to caution her models about how fragile many of the old gowns are and that the "sizes aren't what we wear today... the older the outfit the smaller it seems to be." The corsets of yesteryear helped to cinch in women's waists and mold those smaller figures.

Black was a popular color for women's wear of the 1800's, so Diana tries to brighten up some of the outfits with jewelry, accessories, shawls or parasols. She does have pink and olive gowns and outfits in a few other colors. This time of year, she can accessorize some

snow, when her fragile silk 19th century wedding dress would not close in back. Diana placed a shawl around the model's shoulders and described the bride as "on her way to the church" in the commentary.

"It's a lot of work, but it has really been fun," Diana remarks. She gives the fashion shows for a set fee plus mileage.

Diana traveled to Homer, MI, to present a fashion show during the town's annual festival this past fall. Fittingly, her vintage fashion show was given on the porch of the historic home which is now Homer's historical museum.

Diana and her husband, Jack, a plan review analyst for the City of Lansing, have been DeWitt residents for 11 years. They built a new home on East Main Street and moved in last May, furnishing the spacious two-story in a country mode.

Nelsons used a cedar closet in their former house to accommodate the antique gown collection and hope to have one in the new home eventually. They have three children - sons Chad, 14, and Tarin, 6, and daughter Taya, who's in first grade.



Diana Nelson holds a beaded girl's bonnet and a pair of women's high-laced shoes from her collection.

TOWNSHIP DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses for the coming year are now available at DeWitt Township Hall through February 29, 1988.

Fees are \$4 for unsexed dogs, \$7 for male and female dogs. The charge will be \$15 after February 29 and licenses then will only be available at the Clinton County treasurer's office in St. Johns.

Delinquent summer 1987 taxes will be collected at the township hall until February 29, after which they will be turned over to the county.

Autos have built-in directional signals. But what we need is another one showing "undecided".

finish.

Continued exposure to too much lead can have toxic effects. Even at low levels, consumption of lead may cause learning and behavioral disorders in children and affect their growth.

FDA sampling of ceramic products has shown that a large percentage of domestic earthenware manufacturers do comply with lead limits. The major problem remains with imported products that escape the FDA's surveillance efforts. These are brought into the country primarily by overseas travelers and through mail order.

There is no way a consumer can tell if a piece of ceramicware has lead in it or if lead-containing products were produced according to standards.

If you have a ceramic piece that you really want to use, you can have it tested to see if lead levels in it are harmful, but the testing, done by commercial laboratories, may be very expensive.

A good supervisor is a guy who can step on your toes without messing up your shine.

Diner Sign: "Our coffee urns its praise"