

December 5, 1988



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SANTA'S SECRET SHOP IS COMING

On December 6, 7, & 8 at the Scott School and December 6 & 7 at the Fuerstenau School, a Christmas shopping experience will be provided for all children.

The program is called "Santa's Secret Shop". Sponsored by the DeWitt Schools Boosters Club, Inc. It is designed to enable young shoppers to purchase holiday gifts for their families "on their own."

HOLIDAY HOMEMADE GOODNESS

DARK FRUIT CAKE

6 slices drained, canned pineapple	2 cups candied mixed peel, diced
3 cups flour, sifted	1 1/4 cups currants
1/2 tsp. salt	5 cups raisins
1 tsp. baking powder	1 cup slivered almonds, blanched
1/2 tsp. nutmeg	1 cup filberts, sliced
1/2 tsp. mace	1 cup butter
1/2 tsp. cloves	1 1/2 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tsp. cinnamon	6 eggs
1 cup candied cherries, diced	1/2 cup milk
1 cup candied pineapple, diced	6 decorating cherries

Preheat oven to 275° F. Grease a 10" tube pan and line completely with wax paper. Butter paper and arrange pineapple slices around bottom of pan. Set aside. Sift together next 7 ingredients and set aside. In another bowl combine next 7 ingredients. Add the two mixtures together and mix until all the fruit is coated. Cream butter until smooth and add sugar, slowly beating it in and continuing to cream until light. Add eggs one at a time, beating in until fluffy. Add the fruit-nut mixture alternately with milk, a little at a time, and stir just enough to blend each addition. Turn batter into tube pan and bake for 3 1/2 hours (tester inserted in center will come out clean when done). Invert on wire rack, removing pan and wax paper immediately. Cool thoroughly and decorate with a cherry in the center of each pineapple slice.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM PRESENTATION

The DeWitt City Police Department will be making a presentation for the Neighborhood Watch Program on December 8, 1988 (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the DeWitt High School, Cafeteria.

Join The Neighborhood Watch Program

LOCAL ARTIST EARNS AWARD

Local Artist Joyce Reed has earned a 2nd Place Award for her painting "Canning Time", which is currently on display at the Lansing Public Library, 401 S. Capitol. Show Hours are Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. and Saturdays, noon-3 p.m. The competition is part of the Lansing Art Guild Fall Membership Show.

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On Monday evening December 5 from 7:00 to 8:00 an optional "walk through" is being offered at Scott School for any parents or children of both schools wishing to visualize the Secret Workshop and determine the amount of money for shopping.

If you would like more information, please contact: Kathi Beuerle, 323-9590 or Bonnie Bryo, 669-5817

SANTA'S LETTERS

Kids - you can write Santa and let him know all your wishes once again this year. Letters will be taken starting November 25th through December 12, all letters received by then will be answered. Drop letters off at Santa's mail box in front of Willard Reed Insurance Office starting November 25th.



DEWITT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

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The custom of lighting condles along the roadside on Christmas Eve, which was brought to this country many years ago from Old Mexico, has been growing in popularity, please keep the chain of lights burning in your neighborhoods.

Luminara supplies are here. The cost is \$2.50 for each order, which covers 100 feet of frontage (10 candles and 10 bags). Please call one of these contact persons now.

West Geneva & Riverview-Marilyn Boyd 669-3225.
S. Geneva-Vi Pennington 669-3587 and Mary Vandermark 669-9664.

E. Geneva-Dona Gartside 669-3272

N. End Lake Geneva-Joan Embs 669-5856

Sandhill Dr. & Larkwood-Lorna Gillespie 669-9566

Alpine & Lucerne-Bernie Norlund 669-5652

Redpole & Waxwing-Sandy Lange 669-3963

Tucker & Rose-Audrey Fabus 669-3017

Country Meadows Villas-Hilda Volz 669-8774

Apple Tree & Country Meadows-Charlene Wellman 669-5809

Downtown-Jean Newman 669-9028 & Kathy Walter-669-7215

Millbrook-Karen Drake 669-3700 & Debbie Stoll 669-3152

Pine St. & Dill Dr.-Suzette McCusker 669-3631

Ro Ric Dan & Webb Rd.-Doris Cox 669-9340

Luroma Circle area-Sue Oliver 669-8044 & Linda Schelb 669-3406.

Round Lake Rd.-Kitty Shearer 651-5228 & Lois Blanchard 669-9945

Airport Rd.-Pat Boerman 669-5543

Clark Rd.-Leona Schlichter 669-3810

West Winds-Clay Parker 669-38005

Chandler Estates-Carolyn McCumber 641-4094

Willow Creek & any area-Karen Swagart 669-3601 & June Swan 669-3660.

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START WITH A FRESH TREE

If freshness in a Christmas tree is your principal concern, you can be most confident that your tree is fresh by visiting one of Michigan's choose-and-cut Christmas tree forms and cutting your own.

If you buy an already cut tree from a retail lot, you can also be assured of a top-quality fresh tree by following these tips from Michigan State University forestry specialist Mel Koelling:

--- Check for freshness by bending a few needles. If the needles spring back to their original shape, the tree is fresh. If needles snap or stay bent out of shape, the tree is probably too dry.

--- Bump the base of the tree on the ground. A shower of dry, green needles around your feet means the tree is dry.

--- Feel the bottom of the tree trunk. On a fresh tree, it will feel moist and sticky.

When you get your cut tree home, whether you bought it already cut or cut it yourself, remove a half-inch slice off the base of the trunk and place the tree in a stand with a container for water. Making a fresh cut across the bottom improves the tree's ability to take up water and so slows drying. It may absorb water very rapidly for the first few days, Koelling points out, so you'll want to check it two or three times a day and refill the container as needed.

"The danger in allowing a tree to dry out is that dry evergreens are extremely quick to catch fire," Koelling explains. "It is nearly impossible for a fresh tree to ignite and burn, but a dry one will flash into flame in an instant."

To help keep your tree fresh, set it in a cool spot away from hot lights, heat registers or radiators, fireplaces, TV's or other sources of heat.

Check strings of Christmas tree lights before putting them on the tree. Discard any that have loose connections, empty sockets or bare wires showing.

Safety pays, especially during the holiday season. Buy a safe tree and then water to keep it safe!

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THANK YOU CITIZENS OF DEWITT

For your generous giving of monies Friday and Saturday, December 9 & 10 for the:

DEWITT CHRISTMAS
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Food, Clothing & toys were delivered to 42 families in the DeWitt area on Saturday December 17.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL
FROM DEWITT LIONS BREAKFAST CLUB

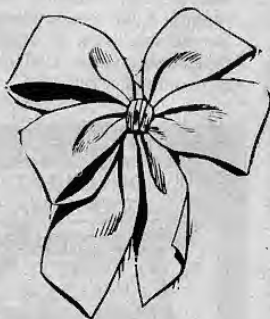


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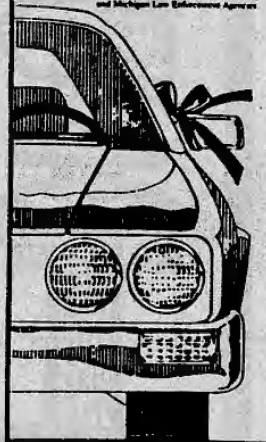
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"LUMINARA"

DON'T FORGET to put your luminara out Christmas Eve, along roadsides, streets, driveways or your special place.

The candle lights will be glowing all over our areas, as this has been our biggest year.

Thank you for your support.

The DeWitt Lionesses



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On Friday, December 2, 1988, a special activity for the DeWitt Public Schools and community as a whole was very successful due to many people working together. The National Christmas tree from the Huron/Manistee National Forest made a stop at our High School/Middle School complex and allowed our entire student body to become involved in a national activity.

It all resulted through my membership in the Lansing Sunrise Rotary Club which meets on a weekly basis at 7:30 a.m. at the Lansing Airport. Rotary Clubs along the route that the tree was transported from Cadillac to Washington D.C. were asked to become involved in providing a reception at areas along the way. Lansing Sunrise Rotary members asked me to make contact with the National Public Affairs Specialists from the United States Department of Agriculture. The results of that phone call started the plan for the exciting experience.

Many thanks to the Lansing Sunrise Rotary members for their support and to Mr. Ray Unger for creating the special Christmas card signed by K-12 students and staff. The card was sent to Washington D.C. in a special "envelope" with the special tree and will appear on national television during the lighting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 1988. Also thanks to Mr. Unger for the printing of the special

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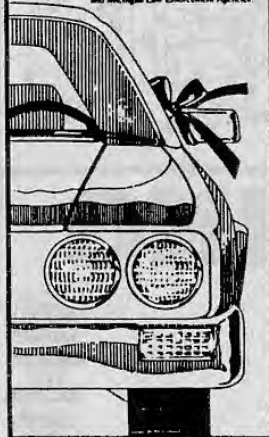
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As honors were being awarded at the recent DeWitt football banquet which I attended, I couldn't help but think how fortunate our entire community is to have such positive support of our athletic programs and how important athletic programs are to the overall school spirit. For example, the football players and cheerleaders were guests at assembly programs at Scott Elementary School and DeWitt Middle School. The younger students were most impressed with our team members and it certainly pointed out the fact that our high school students do set examples and have a great deal of influence on our young people.

We indeed have every right to be proud of our athletes. The football team, for example, was made up of not only excellent athletes, but athletes with outstanding academic records. They were also a team which worked well together and not one player displayed the "I'm the star" attitude. Of course, much of this positive attitude among the players is due to the excellent coaching demonstrated by our coaches. Head coach Gail Thorntan (who was also named all-area Football Coach of the Year) has shown outstanding leadership in team-building among the coaching staff.

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULE January 3 - January 7

Thursday, January 5
6:30 p.m. Fr. Bsktbl w/Portland at Home
6:30 p.m. Volleyball at Stockbridge
7:00 p.m. Swimming at Mason

Friday, January 6
6:00 p.m. JV & V. Bsktbl. w/Portland at Home

Saturday, January 7
9:00 a.m. V. Volleyball at Bath
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GOOD SPORTS

Test your basketball knowledge with the following questions—

1. Who invented basketball? When and why?
2. What year was it first played in the Olympic games?
3. In the first basketball game, what kind of baskets were used? What type of ball?
4. Who was named basketball's "greatest player of the half century" in 1950?

ANSWERS:

(1) James A. Naismith in 1891 because the head of the physical education staff where he taught needed a game that could be played indoors on winter evenings. (2) 1936 (3) Two peach baskets. A soccer ball. (4) George Mikan



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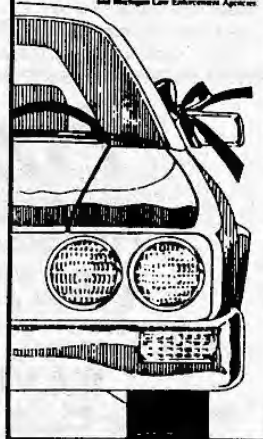
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\$30.00

per couple Including

Set-ups, Snacks, Beer & 1:00 A.M.

Breakfast

B.Y.O.B.

MUSIC BY

BACK ROAD RYDERS

8:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Breakfast at 1:00 A.M.

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Saturday, December 31, 1988

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