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Photos and Stories by Kitty Marriott

Along the Looking Glass

Dorcas Circle of Redeemer UM Church will meet Tuesday, February 12, at 1:30 p.m. at Celia Warren's home. Priscilla Circle meets Wednesday, February 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Edna Gemmill. Louise Cook will be Circle 4 hostess in her home February 13 at 7:30 p.m. Circle 3 met last Wednesday in JoAnn McComb's home.

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The Renew Large Group Committee is hosting a Pancake and Sausage Dinner to kick off the second semester of Renew at the Community of St. Jude. The dinner will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, February 17, with games and activities for all ages to follow.

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BOOSTERS THANK WILLING WORKERS

DeWitt Booster Club officers will finish their 1984-85 year of service to the DeWitt school system next month. The club's annual meeting will be held Monday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Char Busby, nominating committee chair, will oversee the election of officers with the assistance of Bonnie Brya, Nancy Simonsen and June Russell. Current Booster officers are: Cerena Foresman, president; Audrey Fabus, vice president; June Russell, secretary; Judy Renz, treasurer, and Char Busby, member at large.

Current officers extend a sincere "Thank You" to the many people who have assisted them this past year. DeWitt School District residents who have lent their leadership skills in various projects include: Sherry Tefft, who handled football concessions for varsity, JV and freshman home games; Bonnie Brya, assistant concession chair; Dona Gartside, chair for special bingo and the upcoming Las Vegas Night; Linda Reynolds, Bonnie Brya, Sharon Baulch and Lynne Horn, co-chairs for Santa's Secret Shelf; Ruth Uebberoth, Marge McGovney and Connie Toune, director and co-directors of the 1984 and 1985 DeWitt Follies; Ruth Pline, \$500 Shopping Spree. Roy Boudreau is current club representative to the school district's facilities committee.

Booster Club enrichment gifts for DeWitt School District K-12 from January 1984 to present include: two computers; weight room contribution; mixer, amplifier and equalizer to improve high school auditorium sound system; Girls State and Boys State representatives; senior awards banquet, plaques for musicians

FAREWELL RECEPTION



Church Elects 1985 Officers

DeWitt Community Church officers for 1985 are: Archie Magsig, moderator; Ardis Sibley, clerk; Dorothy Keck, treasurer and Marilyn Coin, financial secretary. Richard Pierson is Sunday School superintendent with Robert Klan as assistant superintendent; Marge Pierson, secretary, and Vicki Kemp, nursery supervisor.

Stewards are

DeWitt's two Lion Clubs hosted a community reception for Paul and Myrna Tate, center, Tuesday evening at Prairie Creek Golf Course clubhouse. Jim Boyd, left, president of the Evening Lions Club and Clay Parker, right, secretary of the Breakfast Lions Club, presented an appreciation plaque, in the shape of the Historic DeWitt city emblem, to the couple who are moving to Texas this month.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

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Lake Geneva Property Owners Association will meet Thursday, February 14, at 7 p.m. in the high school. Plans will be made for the spring annual meeting.

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Clinton County Commissioner Roger Overway addressed the DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club's Thursday morning meeting on DeWitt Memorial Building. His topic was "The State of the County."

SCHOOL DISTRICT K-12 from January 1984 to present include: two computers; weight room contribution; mixer, amplifier and equalizer to improve high school auditorium sound system; Girls State and Boys State representatives; senior awards banquet, plaques for musicians and athletes; track blanket for high jump and pole vault pits; tennis racket stringer, National honor Society pins and medals; state championship sign adjacent to high school; sponsorship of Lisa Ives in annual all-state senior softball game for Class C and D schools; VCR camera for Fuerstenau and Scott schools; senior citizens monthly bingo; DeWitt Yearbook ad; league medals for girls' basketball 1984-85.

Happy Valentine's Day



* Senior citizens in DeWitt Township may receive assistance with their Homestead Exemption forms. Call 482-1291 for an appointment with Catherine Reed or Anna Anderson.

An elderly woman was slightly injured by a truck as she was crossing the street. While they waited for the ambulance, the policeman asked her for her name, address and phone number. She answered all of these questions without hesitation. Then he asked, "Age?" At this, the lady brushed her hand across her forehead and replied, "Who can remember such things at a time like this?"

superintendent; Marge Pierson, secretary, and Vicki Kemp, nursery supervisor.

Stewards are Elizabeth Devereaux, Marge Pierson, Don Heikkinen, Doris Vahovick, Ray Decker, Harold Croley and Paul Mulford. Trustees include LeRoy Vahovick, Ray Ueberroth, Ron Phillips, Ron Mull, Gertie Soltow, James McGovney and Orla McGuire.

Rob Klan, Margaret Kimball, Sharon Webster, Bob Showers, Sally Hennigan, Phil Thurston and Marge Mull are on the missions board. Lynne Edin, Dale Webster, Jim Couling, Bobbie Mull, Del Meister, Tim Lowe and Marge McGovney make up the Christian education board. Amy Mulford, Sue Powers and Joe Hennigan serve on the music board. Ushers include Ray Ueberroth, Carl Ginold, Phil Thurston, Richard Keck and Don Heikkinen.

Jim Couling was nominating committee chairman. Ray Decker, Skip Croley, Doris Steinhardt, Jeanne Jenkins, Marge Mull and Lloyd Rosekrans served on the committee.

To me old age is always fifteen years older than I am. - Bernard Baruch

*** LOCAL NEWS ***

Mayor Lynn Thayer presented an appreciation plaque on behalf of the City of DeWitt to H. Paul Tate at the February 4 city council meeting "in grateful acknowledgement" of his many years of service on various commissions and committees. Tate is moving to Texas February 18, after 10 years as director of DeWitt Area Chapel Funeral Home.

Tate responded that he was "privileged to be part of the DeWitt community," and promised to "tell J.R. 'Hi' for all of you."

In other business, council accepted low bid of \$648 from Alert Firefighting Equipment Co., Lansing, for 450 feet of fire hose, and turned over to Police Chief Wendell Myers a request from Jean Lupnitz, operator of L&H Family Cab, for approval of her application for a radio frequency transfer from Branch County.

Since the plans for renovation and expansion of city facilities will apparently be financed through bonding, Council gave Austin Knapp, Building Authority chairman, permission to look into definitive costs of the project. They also set Tuesday, February 26, as date for the next council meeting.

Because a number of terms expired January 1, the mayor announced the following board appointments: SSCMUA, Charles Bauer; Police Board, Wendell Myers and Earl Roseberry; Personnel, Jim Boyd, James Renz, Paul Perla and Larry Keck; Sewer & Water, Lee Hodges, Robert Drouin, Wayne Verspoor and Charles Bauer; Cemetery Board, Ralph Woodruff; DDA, Peg Guilford.

The list continues with: Parks and Recreation, Candice Laughlin, Norm Robison, Roy Ketcheson, Barb Kleeman, George Baisley and Bonnie Ward; Planning Committee, William Griffin and Eric Olson; Board of Review, Frank McBride.

I never forget a face, but in your case I'll make an exception - Groucho Marx

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A ship is always referred to as "she" because it costs so much to keep one in paint and powder. - Chester Nimitz

Kitty Korner

DeWitt Newcomers Club has a busy week in store. It will be "Favorite Funny Photo Night" at the regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, February 13, at 7 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building. Anything goes from old prom snap shots to wedding photos. There'll be a prize for the funniest picture entered.

Saturday evening, February 16, Newcomers will hold a Fifties-Sixties dance at the Memorial Building with a deejay playing music from the 1950s and 1960s. New residents in the area, who would like to attend, may contact dance chairperson Debbie Johnson, 669-3358, or Margaret Ruark, 669-3549.

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DeWitt Lioness Club changes their meeting night to Monday for this month only. Members will meet tonight, February 11, in the S. Geneva Dr. home of Ann Ryan at 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be Jan Holden and Debbie Beck from the RAVE organization. Relief After Violent Encounter has been newly organized in Clinton County.

Non-members who would like to attend may call Audrey Fabus 669-3017.

The Lioness Club would like to express its appreciation to the community for supporting their successful February 2 euchre party, according to President Fran Graves.

First place winners of \$100 with a score of 145 points were Harriet Savage and Jerry Liebrecht; second place and \$50 with 134 points, Ray and Ruth Ueberroth. Jim Boyd and Dick Swagart split the \$25 door prize. Winners of the 50/50 drawing were yours truly, Kitty Marriott of DeWitt, and Sylvia Perkins of Haslett.

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NEW SENIOR CENTER



Howard Beagle, is chairman of the Country Meadows/DeWitt Township Senior Citizens Center, which is currently being formed. Part of the interested group discussing organizational plans at last Wednesday's meeting in DeWitt Shopping Center were left to right: Beagle; Jeanne Cook, Senior Citizen Coordinator for DeWitt Charter Township; Olga Roberts and Katherine DeGroat.

LOW LIGHT, DRYNESS TOUGH ON PLANTS

Winter is the pits for house plants.

Low light, low temperatures and low humidity indoors often combine to slow or stop growth, make plants grow leggy or drop leaves, or go brown around the edges. Add overwatering too much fertilizer and you have a recipe for major house plant problems.

Lee Taylor, Extension horticulture specialist at Michigan State University, says low light is at the root of most house plant woes. Michigan's

SENIORS ORGANIZE NEW AREA CENTER

All area senior citizens are invited to next Wednesday's "get acquainted and get organized" meeting/activity in the former book store at DeWitt Shopping Center on Schavey Road near Herbison. Seniors are invited to the 10 o'clock meeting February 13, which will be followed by a sack lunch (please remember to bring one along), cards, checkers, bingo or such activity as they prefer. Coffee will be provided.

Taking over the reins of Country Meadows/DeWitt Township Senior Center are Howard Beagle, chairman; Ernie Jenks, vice chairman; Wilma Wilson, secretary; Mildred Cockrill, assistant secretary, and Katherine DeGroat, treasurer. Group consensus is that they would like some input from area seniors in order to set up activities in this central location.

Inquiries or suggestions may be directed to Howard Beagle, 669-9716.

CONGRATULATIONS and thanks to the DeWitt Fire Department members, who labored long hours in the severe cold weather flooding and spraying the ice rink on Bridge Street near the river, and to the Department of Public Works who regularly clear the snow from the skating rink!

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A return of Las Vegas Night sponsored by DeWitt Booster Club is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, at DeWitt Memorial Building from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Tickets (\$5.00) will be available at the door and from the following: Audrey Fabus, 669-3017; Cerenia Foresman, 669-3624; Doug Twiss, Lloyd Ballard, Ken Schelb, Gary Gillespie, Jim Tingay, Denise Baird, Nancy Simonsen, Nancy Souden and Gordie Milner.

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DeWitt Country Stitchers, a group of local ladies who meet monthly to whip up and to learn various kinds of stitchery, would like to have some new members.

Many of them are quilting, sez Lynne Horn, and they are starting a birthday square quilt — each one makes a square for every other person's birthday using her favorite colors. The dozen current members meet the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

February meeting is this evening, Feb. 11, in Sue Quinn's Driftwood Drive home. Anyone interested in attending or learning more about the Stitchers may call Ms. Quinn, 669-8172, or Ms. Horn, 669-3345.

Nominations may still be made for DeWitt Charter Township's "Citizen of the Year" or "Volunteer of the Year". Suggestions may be called in to Catherine Reed, 482-1291.

Those selected will be honored at a reception following the February 25 regular board meeting.



An authority is a person who can tell you more about something than you really care to know.

too much fertilizer and you have a recipe for major house plant problems.

Lee Taylor, Extension horticulture specialist at Michigan State University, says low light is at the root of most house plant woes. Michigan's short and often cloudy days simply don't provide enough light for most plants to do any more than maintain themselves.



Artificial light is the obvious answer, Taylor points out. He recommends 12 to 16 hours of supplemental light per day, from fluorescent tubes rather than incandescent bulbs. Fluorescent lights provide a great deal more light for the same input of electricity, and they are cooler, so plants are not likely to cook if placed too near them.

Though special plant growth lights are available, they are not necessary, Taylor notes. An ordinary fluorescent fixture with a combination of cool white and warm white tubes in it is sufficient, and less expensive.

Plants placed on the windowsills to get a much natural light as possible will be injured if the foliage touches the cold window glass or if the windowsill is so cold that roots are chilled or frozen. Closing curtains or blinds and cutting plants off from the room's heat at night may expose plants to killing temperatures. Most house plants do nicely in the winter at temperatures in the 60s or even lower, Taylor notes.

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ESCAPE FROM WINTER BY READING BOOKS

Reading can push winter doldrums into the background and transport you into other (and maybe, warmer) worlds. Judy Gerred, librarian at Faye Hanson Memorial Library in DeWitt, has assembled the following list of new books for winter reading:

John Jakes' Love and War; Andy Rooney's Pieces of My Mind; Arthur Hailey's Strong Medicine; Landower Legacy by Victoria Holt; Mignon Eberhart's Alpine Condo Crossfire; and the ever-popular autobiography of Iacocca.



Kovels' Bottle Price List; Who's Sorry Now, by Connie Francis; Fourth Protocol by Frederick Forsythe, York's Tough Love Solutions; The Sicilian by Mario Puzo of Godfather fame; Dr. Burns' Prescription for Happiness by George Burns, Jean Plaidy's Uneasy Lies the Head; Defy the Devil by Sara Woods and Max Brand's Trouble in Timberline are among new acquisitions at the library, which cover a wide range of reading interests.

In the children's department, newly arrived books for the young include James Herriot's Moses the Kitten; and two of M. Rey's Curious George stories - Curious George Goes to the Aquarium and Curious George Goes Sledding.

A diamond is a chunk of coal that made good under pressure. - Classic Crossword Puzzles.

Diplomacy is to do and say the nicest thing in the nicest way. - Isaac Goldberg

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KARSTENS RAISE AND SHEAR OWN SHEEP

Myron and Dianne Karsten of E. Round Lake Road are among 2600 members of the Michigan Shepherds Association who take their sheep seriously.

Myron, a grounds system handler with the Michigan National Guard in Grand Ledge, shears his own and other flocks. Dianne enjoys working with wool and spinning yarn for her own use. They have some 30 animals - sheep, goats, horses and a few calves - on their 14 acre Tamerlane Farm.

Born on a Norwood, MA farm, Dianne was "always horse crazy" and came to Michigan State University in 1971 to major in animal husbandry. Myron left his dairy farming family in Rogers City and was riding in the MSU rodeo when their paths crossed.

Karstens started their flock by purchasing one ewe and then added Suffolk and colored Corriedale sheep. Their present herd ranges from a 70 lb. Cheviot (one of the earliest breeds in this country and the kind of sheep George Washington raised) to their 275 lb. Corriedale black ram.

After Myron shears the sheep, Dianne skirts (sorts) the wool, removing that which is least valuable or non-useful. They sell from one-third to half of their raw fleeces to spinners.

They may get from five to 20 pounds of wool from a sheep depending on the breed and size. If Dianne plans to spin herself, she selects the wool she wants before selling the remainder. She particularly likes to do locker hooking.

Wools vary greatly, Dianne explains, from one breed of sheep to another. Since there are 267 recorded breeds and university research is constantly developing new breeds, the vari-

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Mid-Michigan District Health Department will sponsor a free nutritional clinic for Clinton County women, infants, and children, Thursday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. at South DeWitt. Call 546-1101.

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep!



Dianne Karsten and daughter Corrine hold Oscar, their registered Corriedale ram.

rugs. Myron also custom builds sheep handling equipment, such as head gates for creep feeders, which prevent the bigger sheep from eating the lamb's feed. Shearing time will arrive near the end of March, provided the weather is decent.

Karstens, who have three children - Amanda, 6; Corrine 4½; and Brian, 19 months - are members of the Michigan Black Sheep Breeders Association and the Wool Works Cooperative.



PTO MEETS TONIGHT

DeWitt Parent Teacher Organization meets tonight, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Scott School cafeteria.

Since last month's PTO meeting was cancelled due to bad weather, the January speakers have been rescheduled for tonight. Judy Kestenholz and Connie Wolfe from Waverly Schools' Gifted Program will speak on the development and growth of that program. Guest teacher will be Diane Jones, first grade

NUTRITIONAL CLINIC for Clinton County women, infants, and children, Thursday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. at South DeWitt Church of Christ, 2931 Herbison Road, near DeWitt High School.



Arts, Crafts Sale Planned

DeWitt Charter Township will hold its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Sale Friday and Saturday, March 29-30.

Vendor registration will be held on two consecutive days: for residents only on Monday, February 25 3 - 7 p.m.; open registration, February 26, 3 - 7 p.m. Registration both days will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

Have you heard about the carpenters who formed a tuba group? They called themselves "The Tuba Four." - Chapel Hill, NC Newspaper

She particularly likes to do locker hooking.

Wools vary greatly, Dianne explains, from one breed of sheep to another. Since there are 267 recorded breeds and university research is constantly developing new breeds, the variations in wool seem endless. Her fashion literature refers to wool as "The new miracle fiber just 8,000 years old."

Grades and color of the wool are important, Diane says, showing samples of various wools ranging for use from making underwear to sweaters to coarser wool for wall hangings. Manufacturers pay a premium for white wool.

Diane washes some wool for her own use, combing or carding it, or taking it to be done at Frankenmuth Woolen Mill. She has experimented with old fashioned dyes, using color from walnuts, marigolds or Queen Anne lace, and with solar dyeing (like making sun tea), utilizing tea or coffee to achieve the color she wishes.

For fun pastels - which she likes to use in doing wool demonstrations for schools or Brownie troops - Dianne boils a pot of unsweetened Kool-Aid on the stove in order to dye lighter colored wools. School children, she finds, like to spin a few inches of yarn on the spinning wheel to see just how yarn is spun, and make something like Gods-eyes to take home.

From February through April, Karstens' ewes will be lambing, with average birth weight of 9 or 10 pounds. Since the ewes may lamb early in severe weather, Dianne checks a sheep every four hours if she knows that a birth is near. Now an MSU senior, Dianne finds her animal husbandry training a great help. She can worm the animals, suture wounds if required, and insert a stomach tube when necessary to feed a weak lamb until it gains strength.

Although adult sheep with their heavy wool coats don't notice the cold, Karstens often put "sock sweaters" on the baby lambs and have unusual looking little striped lambs walking around their barnyard in the early spring.

In addition to raising sheep for wool, Karstens sell the sheep for meat. The treated pelts are popular with people in various crafts or those from India who want them as prayer



RESCHEDULE FOLLIES TRYOUTS THIS WEEK

Foul weather cancelled last week's Monday through Wednesday tryouts for the 1985 DeWitt Follies, but it allowed folks an extra week to practice their routines, say director Ruth Ueberroth and assistant director Connie Toune.

Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Feb. 19 and 20, are the new tryout dates. Adults and students who wish to try out for the follies should go to the high school auditorium between 7 and 9 p.m. either of those evenings.

Since the follies theme will be "What Color Is Music?", music should have a color word in the title - i.e., Blue Danube, Yellow Rose of Texas, Deep Purple.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT SET FOR MARCH 2

A special training session, for dealers and leaders of games at the DeWitt Booster Club's Las Vegas Night, is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Thomas Westgate of Central Bingo and Gaming and Chairperson Dona Gartside will preside.

Anyone interested in helping with the Las Vegas Night games is invited to contact June Russell, 669-8063, or Judy Renz, 669-3562.

The Boosters' fund-raising Las Vegas Night will take place Saturday, March 2, in DeWitt Memorial Building, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00.

Party proceeds will help to provide student enrichment for grades K-12, to make the final payment on the Swim Timer and finance the senior awards banquet.

Program will speak on the development and growth of that program. Guest teacher will be Diane Jones, first grade teacher and elementary representative of DeWitt's Gifted Committee.

DHS HONORS 2 STUDENTS

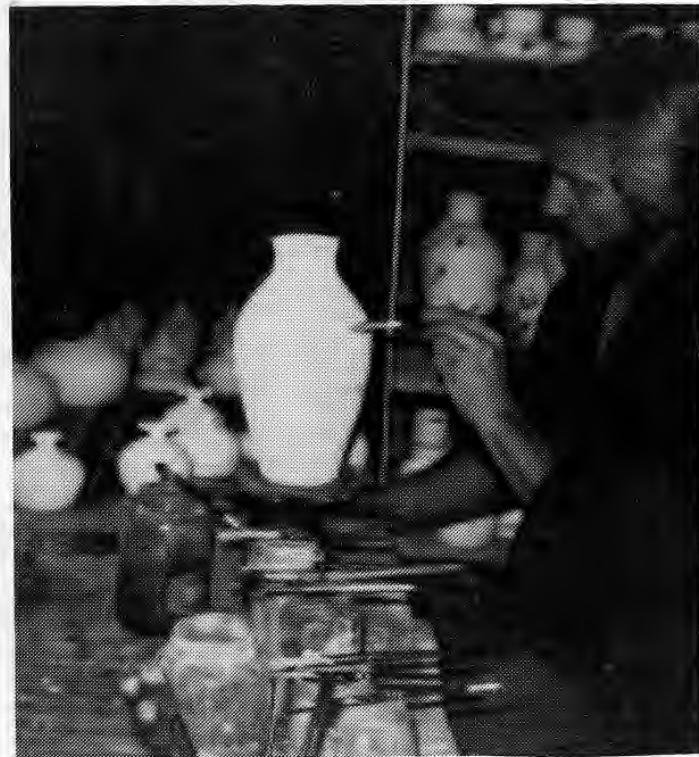
Senior Robert Greenhoe and freshman Geoff Brown shared January Student of the Month honors at DeWitt High School.

Each month the DHS faculty will nominate a student or students for the honor, selecting them for demonstrating outstanding achievement, attitude, responsibility, and character.

Business teacher Tom Boutwell nominated Bob Greenhoe, stating that Bob's class work has always been excellent and he is an exceptional student academically, socially, and in sports.

Geoff Brown was nominated by his science teacher, Tom Zielaskowski. Geoff has accomplished a significant feat in science by accumulating 99% of all total points possible, and has demonstrated a high degree of responsibility in his first year of high school.

February Potter of the Month



DeWitt potter Jon Tury decorates a lamp base in his garage workshop. At right, apprentice Mark Badgley puts a base glaze on some bisque ware in preparation for decorating, as Tury deftly applies his brush to another lamp.

Kitty Korner

St. Jude high school youth will hold a "Let It Growl" kickoff meeting next Sunday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., in preparation for their Planned Farmine in March. They'll view the film, "Let It Growl", and discuss famine in the world (65% of the people in the world go to bed hungry every night.)

The young people will have their Planned

Extension Offers Decorating Class

Do you wish you could give your home a face-lift, but you don't feel like you have the money? If that is the case then you won't want to miss the new low-cost interior decorating class being offered by the Co-

Artist Exhibits Functional Pottery

Lansing Art Gallery has designated Jon Tury of DeWitt as its "February Potter of the Month". Tury's functional pottery with soft pastel glazes is being exhibited in the main gallery this month. Lansing Art Gallery is located at 425 South Grand, Lansing.

Pottery is not a hobby, but a livelihood for Tury, who often puts in a seven-day week in the garage workshop beside his home on North U.S. 27, next to the Looking Glass River.

With the assistance of his apprentice, Mark Badgley, who lives just up the road a piece, Tury specializes in making some 20 popular pottery items in a variety of sizes. Electric lamps are currently in demand Tury says as he swiftly

TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DeWitt Charter Township board authorized the police chief to interview applicants for a police officer position vacancy and approved upgrading four firemen from probationary to permanent status at their Feb. 11 meeting.

Trustees tabled requests from two residential developers to waive construction of sidewalks, instructing Clerk Greg Whitlock to ask them to clarify their requests at the next meeting. Looking Glass Associates, who are to build at the corner of Airport and Herbison Roads, and Kindlund Construction, who have platted a development on the corner of State and Wood Roads, had asked for the sidewalk waivers.

A resolution extending the Homestead Exemption Tax deadline from Feb. 14 to Feb. 28 for senior citizens, permanently disabled and veterans was approved. An ordinance, which stipulates minimum setback requirements for accessory buildings or fences in front yards, had its first reading.



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The young people will have their Planned Famine at St. Jude's beginning with no dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, March 8. They will go hungry for the next 30 hours, sleeping overnight at the church. Saturday, they will spend the day with organized activities and end with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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The Riley Elementary School Carnival takes place this coming Saturday, Feb. 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Riley School is at the corner of Lowell and Pratt Roads, and everyone is welcome to attend the carnival.

Clowns and Strawberry Shortcake will be there to entertain the young'uns. That all-time favorite, the cake walk, will be a carnival feature, along with a Country Store, bakery, and games for all ages.

A button-maker will be on the premises to whomp up buttons with names/slogans to please any patron. A \$350 raffle and a Cabbage Patch doll raffle are on the evening's agenda. Hot food will be available - barbecue, chips, hot dogs, pizza, pop, coffee, and the pieces de resistance, homemade pies.

In addition to PTC president Dick Lehnert, the carnival committee includes Paul and Cathy Bieber, Gil Barish, Mary Cobb, Tricia Reust, and Carol Rought.

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Country Meadows/DeWitt Township Senior Citizens ran into the same weather difficulties as the rest of mid-Michigan last week, although some seniors were able to get to the meeting place.

They will continue their weekly Wednesday morning (10 a.m.) meeting schedule, to be followed by sack lunches, cards, games, bingo, or other activities. For information, contact Howard Beagle, chairman, 669-9716.

Be Yourself. Who else is better qualified?
-Frank J. Giblin II

case then you won't want to miss the new low-cost interior decorating class being offered by the Cooperative Extension Service.

On March 6 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm the Extension Service will be offering "Penny Wise and Designer Happy" at the Service Center Conference Room in St. Johns. In the class you will explore creative ways to redecorate your home. Specifically, you will see how slight changes in color, fabric, line and accessories can turn yesterday's treasures into today's show pieces.

This class will be the perfect cure for those last few months of winter boredom. The registration fee is only \$1.00. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register contact the Cooperative Extension Office at 224-3288.



Senescence begins.
And middle age ends
The day your descendants Outnumber your friends.

- Ogden Nash

27, next to the Looking Glass River.

With the assistance of his apprentice, Mark Badgley, who lives just up the road a piece, Tury specializes in making some 20 popular pottery items in a variety of sizes. Electric lamps are currently in demand, Tury says, as he swiftly paints a pastel floral design on a pottery lamp base.

Small oil lamps, coffee mugs, and potpourri jars are among the stoneware pieces he and his staff of one make and fire in the 70-cubic foot kiln. High production and low prices, ranging from \$10 to \$40, help him to earn a living from pottery, Tury explains.

The production potter, who has been a DeWitt resident for four years, estimates he has made over 30 thousand pieces of pottery. On the day of this interview, Tury was expecting his order for a ton of clay to be delivered.

Although he had taken a number of art courses in high school, Tury became a full-time potter by a somewhat circuitous route. He had tried various jobs, and was laid off as a meat cutter in Flint, when he took a 10-week pottery course at DeWaters Institute.

Badgley, who had both art and pottery experience while he attended DeWitt High School, has been an apprentice with Tury for more than three years. This past weekend, Badgley took their pottery exhibit to Toledo, OH, for a show at Franklin Park Mall.

The two men alternate going to the year around shows; one of them always stays behind in DeWitt and keeps on potting. This time of year they do mall shows, Tury explains. Once the weather improves (yes, Virginia, there is better weather ahead!), the art fair season will begin and they'll be exhibiting their wares outdoors.

They'll probably do 40 shows this year, Tury says, mostly in Michigan. About six of the exhibits on an average will be out-of-state, generally in Ohio or Indiana.

Fortunately for this interviewer, both Tury and Badgley are muscle men, as well as artists. They dug and pushed my Ford station wagon out of the deep snow and slush, into which it had nestled securely in the driveway, back onto North U.S. 27. Then they headed back to the shop and continued potting.

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Township assessor Tom Woodruff assures citizens that property assessments in DeWitt Township will not go up this year. There will be no general increase in all classes of property, the County Equalization Department has notified Woodruff. The township is now assessed at more than 49 percent of its true cash value, since assessments went up 2.6 percent last year, Woodruff said, putting township assessments right where they should be.

Property owners who have added new construction will get individual increases. Property owners whose assessments change this year will receive a notice by March 1.

With money in your pocket, you are wise and you are handsome and you sing well, too. - Yiddish Proverb

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Kitty Korner

DHS marching band members are canvassing the neighborhoods this week, taking orders for submarine sandwiches. This is their latest fund-raising venture to assist the band's spring break trip to Disney World, Sea World and Orlando, Fl.



SUBMARINE SANDWICH

The freezable subs will contain ham, salami and bologna - all turkey based meats - as well as Swiss and American cheese. They'll sell for \$2.50. Students will take the orders now for delivery the first week of March.

If no one contacts you, you may place an order for the subs by calling band director Jeff Kressler at the high school, 669-2240.

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The Fifties-Sixties theme for DeWitt Newcomers, February 16 Dance brought out the best (or worst, depending on how you look at it) in costumes and makeup.

Ed "Waldo" Belknap won the "Nerd of the Night" title hands down, but he had stiff competition from fellow uglies. Rick "Squiggy" Toohey came in second, followed by Al "Herb" Skerritt and Tom "Pudly" Ruddy.

Sharon "Tippy" Baulch took first place for



Every man is dangerous who only cares for one thing. - G. K. Chesterton

past Matrons Club served Afterglow punch and cookies.

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Dick and Dorothy Keck are receiving fairly regular phone calls from their son Rick, Jr., reporting on his world tour. Rick flew out of Lansing in mid-October for Tahiti and Pacific Islands, after which he visited New Zealand and Australia. He changed his itinerary after meeting people in Singapore, who invited him to visit Burma and Thailand. He'll be there until March 23 when he heads for Greece. Colored thumb tacks on the Keck's wall world map have charted his progress as far as Bangkok.

Rick's travel schedule has kept him in summer weather all the time and his two months in Europe will continue that happy circumstance this spring.

STOLEN TRUCK IS RETURNED

Kelly Terrell, Hitching Post Road, is right up near the top in the good luck department.

Terrell, whose 1975 Chevrolet pickup truck disappeared from a DeWitt store parking lot in December, has the truck back in better condition than when it was stolen.

Sunday evening, February 17, Terrell had a phone call from a man who scolded him for

found inside it a three page list of repairs the man had made on it, including sanding, painting, body work and mechanical items.

"It is all very strange but the man can steal my vehicle any time he wants to," Terrell reported to police.

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DISTRICT BANDS TO PLAY HERE

Sixteen different performing groups will be on stage Saturday, March 9, when DeWitt High School hosts a band festival for the mid-Michigan district. Saginaw and Chesaning will also be district band sites that day.

In addition to DeWitt musicians, high school bands and orchestras from St. Johns, Morrice, Ashley, Fulton, Beal City, Laingsburg, Bath, Fowler, Pewamo-Westphalia, Durand, Carson City-Crystal and Ithaca will be performing in the auditorium at different times throughout the day.

Performances, which will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be free and open to the public.

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Country Meadows-DeWitt Township Senior Citizens have changed their Wednesday morning meeting location. They will meet this Wednesday, February 27, at 10 a.m. at Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Schavey Road, corner of Clark Road.

Seniors are invited to bring their own sack lunches at present; coffee will be furnished. Cards, dominoes, bingo or other activities will be on the agenda. For information, call Howard Beagle, 669-9716.

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DeWitt Chapter 30 OES will hold their annual Friends Night

chapters in surrounding areas and special officers have been invited to the 7:30 p.m. program, which will be followed by refreshments.

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DeWitt Memorial Board Association will meet Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the library conference room at the DeWitt Memorial Building. Come and see how an Ox Roast gets started!

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DeWitt Friends of the Library will hold their monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 26, in the library conference room at 7 p.m. Members will make plans for a

competition from fellow uglies. Rick "Squiggy" Toohey came in second, followed by Al "Herb" Skerritt and Tom "Pudly" Ruddy.

Sharon "Tippy" Baulch took first place for the best Wallflower costume. Runners-up included Brenda Toohey, Stevie Bovee, Cathy Brya and Becky Ziel. Named Sweetheart King and Queen were Tom Barker and Mary Newman. Ken Brya won the limbo contest, while Cathy Brya and Pat Skerritt were first in the twist competition.

The Newcomers dance committee extends special thanks to Deejay Larry Vance and to Larry Newman for his donation from Kroger's.

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High school youth will hold their Planned Famine, to help them understand the plight of the world's hungry, March 8 weekend at the community of St. Jude. They will fast for 30 hours from Friday evening through Saturday evening.

The teen-agers will be asking for famine donations at both Saturday and Sunday masses March 2 and 3. Adults will be asked to contribute 20¢ for each hour of the famine (\$6.00) with the young people also contributing \$6.00 of their own. Sixty percent of the money will be given to local agencies which the youth will choose. The remaining forty percent will go to World Vision to help the relief effort in Ethiopia.

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DeWitt Chapter 30 Order of Eastern Star feted Dorothy Keck, their grand committee woman and the Martin-Shirley grand family at a Valentine reception and dinner February 14 in the Memorial Building. As obituary chairperson for the state OES organization, Dorothy sends condolence cards to any member throughout the state who has sustained a death in her family. Since taking over the position in October, she sent about 500 cards.

Following dinner, the party moved across the street to Fuerstenau School for exemplification of degrees. Joining Chapter 30 that evening were two new members, Rae Smyth and Dorothy's daughter, Shelley Shooltz. Shelley's membership marked the fourth generation in that family to belong to OES. The

was stolen.

Sunday evening, February 17, Terrell had a phone call from a man who scolded him for leaving the keys in the ignition and told him that the truck had been in poor condition. He then told Terrell he could find the truck in the same parking lot from which it had been taken.

When Terrell went to pick up the truck, he



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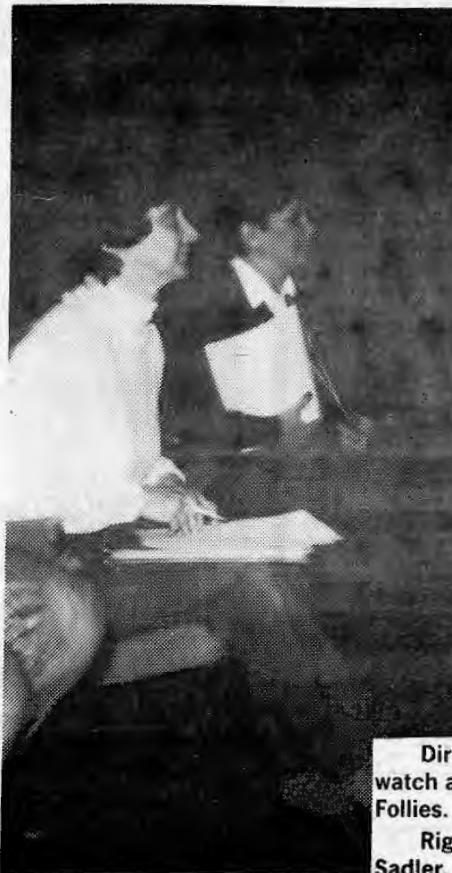
Tuesday, February 26, in the library conference room at 7 p.m. Members will make plans for a spring book sale.

Showing up is 80% of life - Woody Allen

EXTENSION CALENDAR

March 1-3 4-H Teen Leader Winter Camp, Mystic Lake.
March 2 Fair Board Dance, Smith Hall
March 6 "Penny Wise-Designer Happy" low-cost decorating program, 1-3, Ext. Office

FOLLIES TRYOUTS



Director Ruth Ueberroth and assistant director Connie Toune watch and time the variety of acts during tryouts for the 1985 DeWitt Follies.

Right, The Teddy Bears - Katie Horn, 4; Kristen Farnum, 5; Jennifer Sadler, 6; and Brie Fitzgerald, 3 - auditioned their song and dance act.

COMING EVENTS

Renew Large Group Committee is sponsoring a Lenten activity for all parents and teens at the community of St. Jude. "How to Raise Parents...In These Troubled Times," a new two part film presentation featuring Clayton Barbeau, author, lecturer and family therapist, will be shown on Tuesday, March 5, at 8 p.m. and Tuesday, March 12, at 8 p.m.

Part one includes some do's and don'ts of interpersonal communications; part two is based on questions submitted earlier by both parents and teens.

Renew small groups are now meeting weekly in various homes for a six-week Lenten session. Theme for the small group sharing in "Our Response to the Lord."

Registration for DeWitt Township's annual Spring Arts and Crafts Sale will be held today and tomorrow at the township hall, 4700 Brook Road. Vendor registration Monday, February 25, is for township residents only from 3-7 p.m. Open registration will be held

LAS VEGAS PREVIEW



Thomas Westgate illustrates the fine points of handling the dice board for, left to right, Donna Gartside, Las Vegas Night chairperson; Judy Renz and Cerena Foresman, Booster Club president.

Boosters held a training session Wednesday night for dealers and games leaders in preparation for next Saturday night's fund-raiser. Tickets for Las Vegas Night, to be held in DeWitt Memorial Building March 2 at 7:30 p.m., are \$5.00. There will be a personal cash limit of \$500 per player.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from Booster Club members. For information, contact Cerena Foresman, 669-3624 or Audrey Fabus, 669-3017

EDUCATION MILLAGE TO GO ON BALLOT

Two millage propositions will be presented to DeWitt School District voters in an election to be held Monday, April 22, DeWitt Board of Education decided at the Feb. 11 meeting.

A millage renewal request will ask for a total millage of 24 mills, effective through 1990. It will

Dawn Lange for her service to DeWitt schools as ARA foods director. Miss Connie Stempien will take over Lange's duties.

Non-staff coaching assignments were approved as follows: Bart Rypstra, who has been assistant football coach for three years, track coach; Bill Childress, 1984 girls' tennis coach.

BOOSTER BENEFIT SATURDAY, MARCH 2

DeWitt Memorial Building will be the scene of DeWitt Booster Club's lively Las Vegas Night Saturday, March 2, from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Posters around town advertising Las Vegas Night were made by Sonja Cornell's DHS graphics design class. The boys' varsity swim team will help Boosters set up the games and equipment for Las Vegas Night and their parents will assist with the take down Saturday evening.

In fall 1982, the club agreed to assist DeWitt School Board and DeWitt Swim Club in buying an electronic swim timer. Booster Club's third and final payment of \$500 is due in June.

"The Colorado timing system essentially runs the meet," says Mike Keevan, DHS varsity swim coach. "It cancels out the need for one official, times each swimmer, selects each place, first through sixth, and has a split option, which times every leg of a relay."

Proceeds from Las Vegas Night will assist with the swim timer payment, student enrichment programs for K - 12 and senior awards and banquet during graduation week.

New to Las Vegas will be a money spinning wheel, in addition to 28 tables of blackjack, three dice games, razzle dazzle and other games. Anyone interested in helping with the games may contact June Russell, 669-8063 or Judy Renz, 669-3562.

Celebrity: A person who is known for his well-knownness. - Daniel J. Boorstin, *The Image*

QUIZ BOWL TEAMS VIE

DeWitt High School Quiz Bowl participants squared off Saturday morning February 23, against the team from Saginaw Valley Lutheran School in the second round of Alma College's 1985 High School Quiz bowl. Shopping Guide's Thursday deadline meant that the paper

township residents only from 3-7 p.m. Open registration will be held tomorrow, February 26, 3-7 p.m.

Fee will be \$10 per table, with \$2 refundable if area is left clean at the time of checkout, 4 p.m. March 30. The annual sale will take place Friday, March 29, from 6-9 p.m. and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 30.

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Wallace Watt, 89, of W. Stoll Rd., received a 75-year pin in a February 14 surprise program at Wacousta Methodist Church which honored him and others active in Scouting.

Watt belonged to the first Boy Scout Troop formed in the United States, joining Troop 1 when it was formed at Barre, VT in October 1909. He was a member of Troop 4 in Ann Arbor in 1914, later holding leadership and executive positions in Adrian, Battle Creek, Lansing, Monroe and Pontiac.

Susan Thayer, Elmwood St., also received a District Merit Award for her work in Scouting. Richard Brook, Clinton County Boy Scout advancement/recognition chairman, arranged the program.

Education decided at the Feb. 11 meeting.

A millage renewal request will ask for a total millage of 24 mills, effective through 1990. It will include renewal of the 12.5 mills that expires in December 1984, as well as renewing the 11.5 mills that will expire in December 1985.

The second proposition will ask for three additional mills to be in effect for three years, thus increasing the voted millage for operation from 24 to 27 total mills.

Without passage of the three added mills, the board agreed, reductions must be considered in instructional staff, support staff, athletic program, transportation, equipment, textbooks, and supplies.

Dr. William Schaar and Glenn Tarrant reported on the formation of the millage steering committee which will bring the millage question for the public's attention.

A group of parents presented a petition to the board, asking for reinstatement of interscholastic wrestling at the Middle School. Board members took action to permit James and Linda Moots' two children to remain in school this year, even though they moved to South DeWitt Road, which is the Lansing School District, in November.

Members approved purchase of six replacement microscopes at a cost of \$1290 and 50 science lab stools costing \$1112.50 for the high school. A reading committee report stated that 18 students have volunteered for the Chapter I Carry-over high school program.

Elementary principal Don Powell told the board that eight teachers in kindergarten and first grade spent two days in early elementary in-service with Dr. Carolyn Cummings, Saginaw Intermediate curriculum specialist.

Trust Thermal Systems made an asbestos inspection of school facilities on Jan. 14. Samples from areas thought to contain asbestos have been sent to the state health department laboratory for analysis. An infra-red inspection was made in 1979, but since the Environmental Protection Agency no longer accepts this method, a re-inspection was necessary.

The board extended its appreciation to Mrs.

Non-staff coaching assignments were approved as follows: Bart Rypstra, who has been assistant football coach for three years, track coach; Bill Childress, 1984 girls' JV tennis coach, JV tennis coach.

The Middle School held a Feb. 8 academic honors program for 47 students and their parents. Machelle Ballard, 1974 DeWitt graduate and Fuerstenau staff member, was guest speaker.

Spelling bee champions at the Middle School are Beth Michael, eighth grade, and Lisa Brinn, seventh grade.

School closing procedures were discussed. Supt. Steve Garrett reported that an extensive road check is made by Mr. Lynn and the superintendent. Notification must be made by 6 a.m. if school is to be closed or delayed. Notice of school closing will be made to the public through the following radio stations: WVIC, WJIM, WILS, and WITL.

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A Tutoring Center is a new feature this year at the high school library. National Honor Society members staff the center, with at least one NHS student available each period of the school day to assist students with their studies.

NHS advisor Mark Servis reports that students, who require such services, may go to the library and receive assistance with homework assignments, class projects, research, preparation for exams or any other area where help may be needed.

Easter Seal
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Irvin S. Cobb gave this definition of "corn licker" to the Distillers Code Authority, NRA: "It smells like gangrene starting in a mildewed silo, it tastes like the wrath to come, and when you absorb a deep swig of it, you have all the sensations of having swallowed a lighted kerosene lamp. A sudden, violent jolt of it has been known to stop a victim's watch, snap his suspenders and crack his glass eye right across."

1985 High School year bowl. Shopping Guide's Thursday deadline meant that the paper went to press too early to print the results here.

Seniors Kurt Mulder and Matt Elliott, juniors Kevin Boyd and Kevin O'Shaughnessy are on DeWitt's team. Seniors Jeff Goers and Bill Witt are alternates.

DeWitt drew a bye in the first round of competition. Survivors of this second round will be in Wednesday, March 6 semi-finals, and final matches are scheduled for Wednesday, March 13. Bath High School also competed against Haslett in Saturday's competition.

A brochure printed by a county library system explained the use of the card catalogue, mentioning that it can be difficult at times. It told of one patron, who read "See Main Entry" on a catalogue card, and then went out to the front steps of the library.

A public official in the state of Washington received an unusual knock from an irate taxpayer. It came in the form of a beautiful potted cactus with the terse message, "Sit on it." - Pasco WA Tri-City Herald