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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 3 - United Methodist Women, General Meeting, 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 4 - Northside Christian Church, 115 N. Bridge St., "Success Reprogramming" study series begins, 7 pm Thursdays for 4 weeks. Free & open to the public.

Monday, February 8 - DeWitt Board of Education meeting, 7 pm, in Griswold Admin. Building

Saturday, February 13 - 50's & 60's Valentine's Dance, DeWitt Memorial Building

Tuesday, February 23 - United Methodist Women Executive Committee meeting, 7 pm

McGuire Park Ice Rink

McGuire Park Ice Rink and Warming House is Open, Sundays 12-4 pm. The Girl Scouts will sell Hot Cocoa (25¢) and other goodies!

Girl Scouts Selling Cookies

It's time for the Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale. Support your local Girl Scouts with your order!

50's & 60's VALENTINE'S DANCE

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Notice To Parents & Students Of DeWitt Public Schools

Effective February 1, 1988, DeWitt Public Schools will be using the following new discipline procedures.

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUS

Good conduct is a necessity on the school bus. Routine student discipline problems on school buses are to be handled by the driver. Every driver has been supplied with a School Bus Incident Report which reflects the rules of student conduct.

Students will be cited for, but not limited to, the following activities: Failure to remain seated; Refusing to obey driver; Fighting; Profanity; Lighting matches; Smoking on bus; Throwing object out of bus; Throwing object on bus; Hanging out of window; Spitting; Bothering others; Vandalism (see special offenses); Other (see special offenses).

If a pupil is reported for any of the listed activities, the Bus Driver will take the following disciplinary action: First Offense - A warning to the student with a report given to take home to the parents. With parents help, we hope to prevent a recurrence. Report must be signed by parents and returned to the bus driver as a pass to ride the next morning.

Second Offense - Student is moved to front seat and/or meets with the Transportation Supervisor - depending on seriousness of infraction. A report to the parents must be signed by parents and returned to driver as a pass to ride the next morning.

Third Offense - Automatic suspension of riding privileges, the length of time to depend on

CLINTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL Membership Meeting

Approximately thirty Clinton County Arts Council members and their guests shared a very special evening of humor through art at their January membership meeting held at the DeWitt Conservatory of Music & Dance on Thursday, January 21. Included in the activities was a "gentle roast" of Volunteer Award honorees, Rev. Michael Herman and Dick Jacoby, both of St. Johns. "Outstanding Volunteer for 1987" was awarded to Dick Jacoby for the especially needed and greatly appreciated time, labor, and general assistance given to the Arts Council during our recent move to the new location at 1002½ E. State St. (M-21) in St. Johns. Dick built shelves, partitions, ramps, and hand rails where needed. Rev. Michael Herman was designated "Outstanding Volunteer for 1988" in recognition of his tremendous assistance as Traveling Exhibit Coordinator, volunteer time spent on a regular basis at the Gallery, serving on the Board of Directors, and vast hours spent on getting the lights, etc., working at the new Arts Council Center location.

Special guest artist for the evening was caricature, cartoon & design artist Dennis Preston of Lansing, who demonstrated his wonderful skills both as a caricaturest and humorist through quick drawings with exaggerated expressions of personality strongly expressed in each and every portrait. Of special interest were those of the honored volunteers, Rev. Mike Herman and Dick Jacoby.

The Clinton County Arts Council is planning to use this wonderfully enjoyable art form to raise funds in the near future. Plans are to commission Dennis Preston to make caricatures of local and county dignitaries and auction them off at a community fund-raising evening get-together. Watch for details in local papers.



VALENTINE'S DANCE

There will be a 50's & 60's Valentine's Dance, Saturday, February 13th at the DeWitt Memorial Building. Dave Henigan, disc jockey, is back by popular demand.

Tickets prices: \$10 a couple, in advance; \$12 a couple at the door. Call Marjean at 669-3346 or Marla at 669-5723 for tickets. Proceeds to benefit the DeWitt Memorial Association.

You must be 21 to enter. B.Y.O.B. Mix & munchies provided. 50/50 Cash drawings - Polaroid Instamatic door prize.

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DeWitt Public Schools Foundation Officers Elected

The members of the DeWitt Public Schools Foundation elected the following officers at their meeting on December 8th, 1987: President - Mrs. Nancy Souden, term expires 12/90; Vice-President - Mrs. Diane Cranmer, term expires 12/89; Secretary - Dr. Bill Schoonover, term expires 12/89; Treasurer - Mrs. Sandy Childress, term expires 12/88; Trustee - Mr. Ron Wilcox, term expires 12/90; and Trustee - Mr. Tom Rippy, term expires 12/88

Mini-Grant Recipients

The DeWitt Public Schools Foundation is pleased to announce its mini-grant recipients for 1987-88. These projects were selected from eight applications for this grant period.

Project Title	Applicant & School
Picture People	Louise Peppel, Scott School
PRIDE	Debbie Boyd Hancock, William Rushcamp, High School
Culture Trip	Sonja Cornell, High School
American Gems	Dorothy Durst, Scott School

Congratulations Upon Receiving These Awards!!

signed by parents and returned to driver as a pass to ride the next morning.

Third Offense - Automatic suspension of riding privileges, the length of time to depend on the seriousness of the infraction - report to parents.

A three day suspension of riding privileges will be issued with the third offense, unless repeated warnings have failed to improve behavior, or because of serious misconduct on the bus, the student may be denied the privilege of riding the bus for a period up to ten days or more.

A suspension from transportation service: The Transportation Supervisor will issue the transportation suspension notice to the student and notify the parents by telephone and a confirming letter. The parents will be advised of the reason and terms of suspension and the procedure for appeal. The suspension shall not become effective until the parents are notified. In the case of a student over 18, it is required that only the student be notified of the suspension.

The parent shall be responsible for the transportation of the pupil during the period of suspension of riding privileges.

CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE FOR SPECIAL OFFENSES: Students shall be required to clean up any marking on a bus, or pay for the repair of any damage to a bus that they are responsible for.

If you have any questions call the Transportation Office at 669-3201.

DEWITT ELEMENTARY PTA CARNIVAL NEWS

The 3rd Annual DeWitt Elementary PTA Carnival is scheduled for March 12th, from 12-4 pm at Scott School. The theme this year is "Journey Through Space."

Many volunteers are needed and people can call Sue Rippy 669-8143, Linda Vernon 669-9227, or Ginny Ramirez 669-5739 to volunteer. Over 100 cakes and hundreds of cookies are needed for the Cake Walk & Cookie Walk. Please call the people listed above to donate any of these items.



SOCcer SIGN UP

February 13th, 9 am - 1 pm, DeWitt Memorial Building. Open to all boys and girls born between 1969 through 1981.

All teams are based on neighborhood concept. Everyone plays in every game. Playing season (16 games) - eight (8) spring and eight (8) fall games.

Division 1 & 2 spring only.

Cost: One player - \$30; Two players from same family - \$58; Three or more players from same family - \$80. Fee includes shirt, shorts, socks, and insurance.

If you have any questions, call Connie Witherspoon at 669-5646.

Bobbin Lace Classes Clinton County Arts Council

Clinton County Arts Council will sponsor Bobbin Lace II classes, instructed by Dee Morris on Wednesday evenings, 7-9 pm, throughout the month of February. Cost is \$20 for people who have the basic materials, or \$25 is a new set of materials is needed.

Dee Morris is an outstanding lace making artist from St. Johns who has taught bobbin lace at the East Lansing Workshop for a number of years and who has also developed a following of students with the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery. To register, please stop in at the Gallery on 1002½ E. State St. (M-21) in St. Johns any day 1-5 pm or phone 224-2429 for further information. All classes will be held at the Gallery location.

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Saturday, February 27th and Sunday, February 28th - Middle and High-School CYC Winter Weekend at Ebersole Center in Wayland, MI.

DEWITT SENIOR SELECTED

Geoff Brown of DeWitt High School, son of Rod and Jan Brown of DeWitt, has been selected as one of 1,500 high school seniors being considered for the 1988 United States Presidential Scholars Program. The program, established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President, recognizes and honors our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.

Each year approximately 1,500 high school seniors are initially selected for consideration on the basis of their exceptional test scores on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Board or the ACT Assessment of the American College Testing Program. Selected candidates enter the competition by

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH HELP REFUGEES

During this past Christmas season, 72 middle school youth and their adult leaders at St. Judes adopted eight refugee families at Christmas time. Instead of a Christmas party for themselves, these youth from St. Judes made the Christmas season a little more happy and meaningful for over fifty refugees from Southeast Asia.

In early December, each small group of youth received the name of a family with a list of ages and family needs. The eight small groups and adult leaders then went to work collecting clothes, furniture, blankets and food for their family. They also collected toys and gifts for the children in their families. On December 20th, they collected and wrapped everything including a roasting chicken donated by Terranova's in DeWitt. The week before Christmas all of the groups personally delivered what they had gathered to their family.

"So many things were learned by all of us" said Jack Armstrong, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry at St. Judes. "We learned about Christian service and true charity. We also learned a lot about the special needs of refugees from Southeast Asia."

"The experience of meeting the family was different for each group. Some families gave small gifts in return, and some were embarrassed because they had nothing to give in return", said Armstrong. The language was a barrier in communicating with some families, but there was a sense of thanks and

CLINTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Week-End Portrait Painting Workshop

The Clinton County Arts Council will present a three-day portrait painting workshop in St. Johns on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, March 18, 19 & 20, 1988. This exceptional workshop will be instructed by Mr. Larry Blovits, professor at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Mr. Blovits has recently been selected as a MASTER ARTIST in the prestigious Salmagundi Club in New York City, and is a member of The Pastel Society of America and Detroit's Scarab Club. His work is presently on exhibit in New York and Lille, France. He has won Creative Artist Grants from The Michigan Council for the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts.

This three-day workshop will consist of a demonstration in pastels on Friday evening, from 7-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday sessions are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students may work in pastel, oil or watercolor, and are requested to bring sack lunches so that critiquing and discussions may be carried on during the lunch break.

Cost of this week-end workshop is \$115 or \$105 for Clinton County Arts Council members. Class size is limited, but space may be assured by making a \$5 non-refundable registration fee as soon as possible, with the balance paid in full by March 10th. Artists from throughout the area are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to work with this outstanding portrait artist here in our own area. The Clinton County Arts Council Gallery is open every day from 1-5 pm. Please call Gallery Director, Kaye Pilmore at 224-2429 for further information.

Artists' Exhibit

The Clinton County Arts Council Gallery exhibit "On The Brighter Side", opened at the Gallery at 1002½ E. State St. (M-21) in St. Johns on February 11, 1988.

scholastic aptitude test (SAT) of the College Board or the ACT Assessment of the American College Testing Program. Selected candidates enter the competition by completing and returning candidacy materials including essays, self-assessments, secondary school reports, and transcripts by early March. In late March, the most outstanding 500 students are selected as Semifinalists.

Annually, 141 students become Presidential Scholars on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas - academic and artistic success, demonstrated leadership, involvement in school and community. In April, the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects the Scholars: one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and from families of U.S. citizens living abroad, as well as 15 students chosen at large and 20 Presidential Scholars in the Arts. In June, the Presidential Scholars and their Distinguished Teachers, identified by the Scholars as most influential in their school careers, are honored during National Recognition Week in Washington, D.C.

EXTENSION CALENDAR

February	
17 & 24	Conflict Resolution Program; Theresa Merrill School; 1-3
18	Soybean Management, Smith Hall, 10-3 pm
18	Swine Management Workshop, 10-3; Fabiano's of Portland
22 & 27	Conflict Resolution Program; 7-9 pm; St. Johns High School
22	Basic Farm Records; 7-9 pm; Smith Hall
22 & 29	Assertiveness Training Workshop; 1-2:30; Farming Together - Partnership's; Smith Hall; 9:30 - 3:30
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because they had nothing to give in return", said Armstrong. The language was a barrier in communicating with some families, but there was a sense of thanks and gratefulness from all of the families.

All of those who were involved took a small step towards bridging the barriers of language and culture. One of the adult leaders said, "We realized how important it is to realize that we're our brother's keeper". One of the youth said, "I never felt this good doing anything before".

Patricia Hepp, the director of Refugee Services said, "What a fantastic response from St. Jude's to the refugee families this Christmas. The caring shown and the sharing of material goods by the youth was beautiful."

For further information contact Jack Armstrong, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Community of St. Jude, Box 280, DeWitt, MI 48820, Tel. 669-8341.

McGuire Park Ice Rink

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Telephone Numbers For School District

DeWitt High School	660-2240
DeWitt Middle School	669-2280
Fuerstenau Elementary School	669-3606
Scott Elementary School	669-3651
Community Education Office	669-3040
Administration Building	669-2260
Food Service	669-2280
Transportation	669-3201

DeWitt Middle School And High School CYC

Both of the DeWitt Middle and High School CYC will be going on a Winter Weekend at Ebersole Center in Wayland Michigan February 27 and 28th. The focus of the weekend will be on fellowship and working together with plenty of activities like cross country skiing and snow shoeing. Call 669-8341 or 482-8210 for further information.

The Clinton County Arts Council Gallery exhibit "On The Brighter Side", opened at the Gallery at 1002½ E. State St. (M-21) in St. Johns on February 8th. The Artists' reception was held on Sunday, February 14th from 1-5 p.m., co-hosted by Contributing Sponsor, Dr. Robert Jansen, dentist with offices in St. Johns and resident of DeWitt, who has recently donated funds to the Arts Council to assist their many projects.

"On The Brighter Side" explores through mixed media, the use of light as a structural element in art. Artists' views will also invite the viewer into the brighter moments of life. Of special interest will be a collection of work by Zosia Zarzycka, a young woman artist from Warsaw, Poland, whose work is made available to us through Edith Scott of Laingsburg. Ms. Zarzycka's work reflects the "Old World" style of art in rich colors with wonderful lighting effects, in still life subjects detailed with delightful insects and dew drops. Two artists from the Laingsburg-Bath area will also be highlighted in this show. Ona Boorsma, who has concentrated largely on wildlife art in the past, has reached into the area of 'still' life with oil paintings in the "old world" style, showing strong contrasts of light and shadow. Watercolorist Doris Jarrell, who has won numerous art awards throughout the area including Bank Purchase Awards at the Downtown Art Show in Lansing, brings new strength and light to her rural renditions with a nostalgic undertone. Additional work by artists from throughout the area will also be included in this exhibit.

Phone 224-2429 for further information, 1-5 p.m. This exhibit continues throughout February, with the Gallery being open from 1-5 p.m. every day.

High School Baccalaureate And Graduation

The dates for the year end ceremonies have been established. Baccalaureate will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 pm in the high school gym. Commencement has been scheduled for Thursday, June 9 at 7:30 pm on the football field, weather permitting.

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architect at \$43.00 per square foot. That estimate is approximately \$15.00 per square foot off the average \$58 per square foot. We are estimating a \$250,000 shortfall on the new school. The Scott School addition is nearing completion at this time and we are estimating to be within a \$30,000 shortfall of the estimated budget. However, the interior renovations are much less extensive than originally planned.

The entire Phase IV which includes the renovation of a section of Fuerstenau for Central Office operations, the building of a transportation and maintenance facility, various aspects of repairs and maintenance at the Middle School and High School has been removed from the previous architect's contract. We are currently in the planning stages of the Phase IV project with our construction management company. Architects and engineers will be employed only as needed. We believe with our close scrutiny of the bond issue dollars, we will still be able to deliver to our public that program which they voted for in the bond issue, barring any unforeseen vast dollar expenditures which may be a reality we will need to deal with.

The K-12 student enrollment estimates provided by a private consulting firm, are showing an underestimate of our current growth. The five year projections through the years 1987-1992 have indicated a stable enrollment, projecting little or no growth. However, the new subdivisions and the recent opening of a major highway in our area present a very different set of enrollment projections.

from the State of Michigan and because we depend upon state aid, we need to be very concerned about the continued fiscal stability of our school district. The threshold budget process which has recently been instituted will provide a basis for decision-making in the budget area as well as provide written documentation in the justification of our expenditures. I need to re-emphasize that bonding dollars can be used for only those areas addressed in the bond issue and may not be used for operational needs. For example, the \$17,500 allowance for classroom carpet at Scott School has been put on hold until we know the final expenditures of the bond issue. Operational funds may not be used to cover that expenditure at this time. I would also re-emphasize the fact that the bond issue approved by the voters was an extension of the current bonding debt, therefore, no increase in taxes per se for the current building program was assessed - the amount of time for indebtedness was extended.

Our Board of Education has adopted specific Board goals. These goals are providing the basis for charting a course and building a long range plan for DeWitt Public Schools. The first goal setting session, which we plan to be an annual activity, involved only members of the Board of Education and administrative staff. We are now in the process of developing a plan to involve representatives of the staff, student body and community in future goal setting sessions.

In reviewing the activities of the past six months, there are specific areas which I feel we need to address in order to make our excellent school system even better. Some of those areas are:

...Counseling. We need to address the major concern of the 1985 North Central Accreditation Report which recommended a female counselor at the high school level. That issue is in the process of being addressed as is the entire need of an effective K-12 counseling program. A recommendation regarding this concern will be at the Board level before the end of the current school year.

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State Of The Schools Report

February 8, 1988

In this first, of what I plan as an annual report, I intend to review the status of DeWitt Public Schools -- including the activities of the past six months, our current status, and attempt to project the future of our schools which is primarily dependent upon the local, state, and national economic predictions.

The initial area I will address is the positive support of this community with its recent approval of a \$3.9 million bond issue and the status of completing the project as promised to the voters. As you well know, the funding estimates needed per square foot of the new elementary school were established by the

environment, projecting little or no growth. However, the new subdivisions and the recent opening of a major highway in our area present a very different set of enrollment projections. We could very well be requesting additional dollars for additional rooms on our new elementary school within the next two to three years.

Updating the area of curriculum is one of our top priorities. We have made great strides in the area of math with a new K-12 program recommendation for implementation in the Fall of 1988. This is the first of what is planned as a total K-12 developmental approach in all subject areas. We will be reviewing our 5 year long range plan for curriculum with an update to the Board of Education in April or May.

I have been very pleased with what I have seen going on, not only in our classrooms, but in all areas of the district. We have a staff which strives for excellence and has high expectations of our students. Our MEAP test scores indicate we are doing well and parent expectations are high. In general, I view our staff, teaching and support, as committed to perform their duties in order to provide a learning environment which promotes quality and excellence.

We have added two positions in order to provide much needed service to our school district. One of those positions was in the area of transportation. The Transportation Director has provided guidance in the entire area of transportation, including the new discipline policy and guidelines for providing safe and economical transportation services.

The addition of the Director of Support Services' position has provided much needed direction in the area of our building and grounds, a guidance to the entire maintenance program, a local chief negotiator for all staff contracts, and a resource for our current building program.

The area of budget is perhaps one of the most crucial and most misunderstood areas of our total school operation. Currently, our school district is very sound, financially. We do not plan to request additional dollars for operational purposes during this fiscal year. However, with the negative financial forecasts

the entire need of an effective K-12 counseling program. A recommendation regarding this concern will be at the Board level before the end of the current school year.

...Attendance, discipline, promotion and retention policies need to be addressed with a K-12 overall policy in place before the beginning of the 1988-89 school year.

...Staff job descriptions and evaluation procedures and criteria need to be updated and revised. This will be done with staff input and within contractual guidelines.

...A short and long range plan is needed in the area of building and grounds maintenance. We have excellent facilities in most areas and the public should be proud of what it sees when driving by or entering any of our facilities.

...Staff input in the decision-making process which affects their area of employment needs to be promoted at the building level and at the K-12 central office level when changes affect the entire district. The monthly meetings which are held with the DEA and the MESPA and the Superintendent have begun to open the all important internal lines of communication.

...Public relations is always a top priority and we need to open our schools to our public. We need to emphasize the good things going on in the DeWitt Public Schools and make certain that people have positive personal experiences with our schools. We need to get today's non-parents and business community involved with our schools to promote two-way communication with all school audiences, and continue to promote and encourage parent involvement in our schools.

Upon my employment with the DeWitt Public Schools, I was very impressed with the commitment of the Board, staff and community to "excellence in education." That impression is a lasting one and continues to be the theme in our system. I am very pleased to be the Superintendent of a school district which will be "second to none."

Terre Davis, Ph.D.
Superintendent
DeWitt Public Schools

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Wednesday, March 2 - United Methodist Women General Meeting, 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 3 - "Relationship Strategies" series begins, 7 pm, Northside Christian Church, 115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. 321-6911 for information.

Saturday, March 5 - Fund raiser Dance to support Fair Programs for Youth, at Smith Hall in St. Johns, 8:30 pm - 12:30 am. Tickets \$5 per person in advance, \$6 at the door - available from Extension Service or from any of the Fair Board members. Music by the Back Road Riders.

Saturday, March 12 - 3rd Annual DeWitt Elementary PTA Carnival, 12 to 4 pm, Scott School. Theme - Journey Through Space.

Monday, March 14 - Regular meeting of DeWitt Board of Education, 7 pm, Griswold Administration Building.

Saturday, March 26 - United Methodist Women, 9:30 am, White Breakfast.

Tuesday, March 29 - Clinton County Board of Commissioner's regular meeting, 9 am, St. John's Court house

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SENIOR CITIZENS OFFICE & COMMUNITY SERVICES GIVE FREE CHEESE

Capital Area Community Services, Inc. and it's Clinton County Community Services Office and Senior Citizens Office announces that between 9 am and 4 pm on Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 16, they will be having another Commodity Food Distribution.

Unless other arrangements have been made, everyone including Senior Citizens, must pick up their commodities at the UAW Hall located at 111 W. Walker Street in St. Johns.

Many of our clients have their PINK Commodity Cards. If you have not applied for a PINK Commodity Card, you will not be able to receive commodities during the March distribution. You presently have until Monday, March 14, 1988 to get the Pink Commodity Card.

For more information call Community Services at 224-6702 or the Senior Citizens Office at 224-7998.

COME ONE! COME ALL! TO READING IN THE MALL!

March is Reading Month in Michigan and St. Johns plans to celebrate in a BIG way. The Clinton Reading Council is sponsoring an activity

4-H Happenings

Planning for the Annual Clinton County 4-H Youth Fair is a never ending project for the members of the Fair Board of Directors. Working this year under the leadership of President Karl Schaefer, the Board is busy making plans for the 1988 Fair which will be held August 1-4.

In addition to their other responsibilities, they are currently trying to raise over \$5,000 to support Fair programs for youth. One of these fund raisers will be a dance Saturday, March 5th at Smith Hall in St. Johns, from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am. Music will be provided by the Back Road Riders.

Tickets are \$5 per person in advance and \$6 at the door. Tickets are available from the Extension Service and from any of the Fair Board members.

Special "fun" features of this dance will be a 50's costume contest, a twist contest, a hula hoop contest and a limbo contest. Each will have prizes for the winners.

He who's always blowing a fuse is usually in the dark. - Franklin P. Jones.

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. - Joseph Addison.

Preschool Story Hour

Preschoolers aged 3 to 5 years, who are not in Kindergarten, may enroll for Story Hour sessions at the Faye Hanson Memorial Library, 206 W. Washington, DeWitt.

Wednesday morning sessions at 10:45 am begin March 2nd. The Story Hours are free of charge.

To make a reservation, please stop in at the library, or call 669-3156.

women, 9:30 am, White Breakfast.

Tuesday, March 29 - Clinton County Board of Commissioner's regular meeting, 9 am, St. John's Court house.

Tuesday, March 29 - United Methodist Women Executive Committee meeting, 7 pm

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EXTENSION CALENDAR

March	
1 & 8	Soil Fertility Management, Smith Hall, 10 am
3 & 10	Labor Management Workshop, Smith Hall, 10-3
7	Crop Production Strategies, 9:30-3:15, Ionia
11	Making DHI Records Work For You, Session II, 10-3
15	Pesticide License Review & Test, Smith Hall, 6:45
21-24	Agricultural Natural Resources Week, MSU
28-30	IPM School, Kellogg Biological Station
29 & 30	Agricultural Computer Exposition, Cadillac

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DeWitt Elementary

PTA Carnival

"Journey Through Space"

DeWitt Elementary PTA will hold their Carnival entitled "Journey Through Space" Saturday, March 12th, at Scott School, from 12 noon to 4 pm.

Volunteers are still needed. Call Sue Rippy at 669-8143.

There will be an all-day raffle with drawings every 15 minutes. 1st prize - \$200, 2nd prize -portable color TV. Tickets are available in advance from Carolyn Stahmer, 669-5042.

Some of the planned activities are the Cake Walk, Face Painting, and Pop Bottle Stand Up Game. Lunch will be served all day.

March is Reading Month in Michigan and St. Johns plans to celebrate in a BIG way. The Clinton Reading Council is sponsoring an activity day at the Southpoint Mall on Saturday, March 5, 1988. Between 12 noon and 2 pm children of all ages may enjoy listening to a variety of stories told by several storytellers (see following list). In addition to hearing stories, a puppet-making station with a puppet theater and a bookmark or poster-making station will also be available.

Participants are invited to wear a Storybook Character Costume if they so desire. At 2 pm there will be a Parade of Costumes through the mall and prizes will be awarded for best costumes. A free bookmark will be given to all children who attend.

According to Karen Pioszak, chairperson for the project, "We want to provide opportunities for children to participate in a variety of activities that are reading-related. Our primary goal is to communicate to the public the importance of reading as an enjoyable, lifetime activity."

OH, and best of all, it's all FREE!

Learning makes a man fit company for himself. - Thomas Fuller

Pastor Johnson To Leave Redeemer Church

Dr. Quincy Cooper, Superintendent of the Lansing District, West Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church, announces the appointment by Bishop Judith Craig of the Rev. Harry R. Johnson as Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Greenville, effective July 1, 1988. Rev. Johnson has been Senior Pastor at Redeemer Church since July 1985.

No replacement has been announced for Redeemer as of this date.

Redeemer United Methodist Church is located at 13980 Shavey Road, DeWitt.

charge.

To make a reservation, please stop in at the library, or call 669-3156.

Clinton County Arts Council

Weekend Portrait Painting Workshop

The Clinton County Arts Council will present a three-day portrait painting workshop in St. Johns on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, March 18, 19, & 20, 1988. This exceptional workshop will be instructed by Mr. Larry Blovits, professor at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Mr. Blovits has recently been selected as a Master Artist in the prestigious Salmagundi Club in New York City, and is a member of The Pastel Society of America and Detroit's Scarab Club. His work is presently on exhibit in New York and Lille, France. He has won Creative Artist Grants from The Michigan Council for the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts.

This three-day workshop will consist of a demonstration in pastels on Friday evening, from 7-10 pm. Saturday and Sunday sessions are from 10 am to 4 pm. Students may work in pastel, oil, or watercolor, and are requested to bring sack lunches so that critiquing and discussions may be carried on during the lunch break.

Cost of this weekend workshop is \$115 or \$105 for Clinton County Arts Council members. Class size is limited, but space may be assured by making a \$5 non-refundable registration fee as soon as possible, with the balance paid in full by March 10th. Artists from throughout the area are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to work with this outstanding portrait artist here in our own area. Mr. Blovits' work, including portraits in both pastel and oil, is on exhibit at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery located at 1002½ E. State St. (M-21) in St. Johns, throughout January. Gallery is open every day from 1-5 pm. Please call Gallery Director, Kaye Pilmore at 224-2429 for further information.