

DATELINE: DeWitt

January 6, 1986

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LOCALITES PERFORM:

The Jones family of Lake Geneva were on center stage Sunday at the Lansing Civic Center, starring in "Bridal World 1986".

The fashion show, presented as a musical production, followed the life of a beautiful young girl from the crib to the altar. It included songs, dances and scenes from each phase of a young lady's life as she moved through grade school, high school, prom experiences, engagement and then marriage.

The story was told through the eyes of the father (Harry K. Jones) as he watched his daughter (Jamie, 13) grow up. Another daughter, Tammy, 15, and son Chad, 9, danced, modeled and acted in the show.

Harry Jones, a staff member of the Management Development Center at Lansing Community College, operates two mid-Michigan businesses, Starr Productions and P.E.A.K. Performance, which have provided musical shows and seminars for the past 19 years.

Tammy Jones, a DeWitt High School sophomore, is on the track team and is an accomplished musician. Jamie, a DeWitt Middle School eighth grader, plays basketball and edits the school newspaper.

Chad, who is in the fourth grade at Fuerstenau School, enjoys break dancing and karate lessons. Both Jamie and Chad play AYSO soccer. The Jones family makes their home on W. Geneva Drive.

'COOKIES FOR CARING':

Another of the Christmas stories that leaves

BOOSTERS' MEETING CANCELLED

DeWitt School Boosters Club will have no January meeting.

Officers of the Booster Club extend a thank you to the people who helped on the Santa's Secret Shop project, especially to the four co-chairpersons - Sharon Baulch and Ruth Pearson at Scott School, Ruth Ueberroth and Bonnie Brya at Fuerstenau - and the many parents who lent their assistance.

DEBBIE EBERT GRADE 12

Debbie was nominated by her Advanced Placement English Teacher, Penny Rypstra. Mrs. Rypstra felt that Debbie was deserving of this recognition because of her countless number of hours on a King Lear project. Debbie works diligently, is conscientious and puts pressure and discipline on herself. She consistently strives for perfection and isn't satisfied unless she does superior work; she is friendly, cooperative and adds to class discussion.

MISSY RAMIREZ GRADE 12

Computer Science teacher Richard Hawkins nominated Missy. Missy has been an excellent independent study student; she has completed more programs than

any other student with minimum amount of help from the instructor. She spends much of her own time assisting other students. Mr. Hawkins states that she is "one of the nicest students I have ever had - always pleasant and polite".

BETH WOODRUFF GRADE 11

Beth was nominated by her science teacher, Wayne Shooks. Beth has maintained an "A" average in Anatomy and works very hard to be the best that she can be at whatever she pursues. She is polite, courteous and pleasant to her peers and her teachers. She is a very positive force in school, and she was an excellent athlete on the tennis team.

DHIA Holds Annual Meet

The Clinton County Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) will hold its Annual Meeting and Banquet Thursday, January 9 at 7:15 p.m. in Smith Hall, at the St. Johns Fairgrounds.

The banquet is to honor all DHIA members and to recognize the farmers who have established outstanding herd or individual cow production records.

The board would also like to invite any dairy

JILL VERSPOOR GRADE 10

Jill was nominated by her seventh period English teacher, Lyn Kressler. According to Mrs. Kressler, Jill is one of the few sophomores in this class with an "A" average. She consistently produces excellent work with enthusiasm. In addition, Jill volunteers to do extra writing on the student page for the DeWitt-Bath Review. She is conscientious, fun to work with and always respectful of both her peers and faculty. Jill is participating in her second musical, bringing to her role in the chorus exactly the energy and vitality needed.

CHERIE MCCLURE GRADE 10

Biology instructor Wayne Shooks nominated Cherie for this honor. Cherie is hard working and completes tasks on time with vigor and enthusiasm. She is very reliable, polite and dedicated to accomplishing the tasks that have been assigned.

Her pleasant smile and excellent attitude have set the tone for her lab group as they embark upon the exploration of the unknown.

KAREN EARLE GRADE 9



Also soccer. The Jones family makes their home on W. Geneva Drive.

'COOKIES FOR CARING':

Another of the Christmas stories that leaves you with a warm feeling is the one featuring Marcia Rea's second grade class at Scott School.

The youngsters had a "Cookies for Caring" sale in mid-December, which raised \$185.75 to assist a poor family in having a merrier Christmas.

First, notes went home to all the moms asking them to bake cookies for the "caring" project and to volunteer time to help with the sale. Individual cookies were then wrapped in cellophane and sold for 25¢ during the school lunch hour for two days.



With the money earned, pupils pored through catalogues and suggested toys, hats and mittens for the six children, whose ages they had been given. After Ms. Rea and other teachers had done the actual shopping they brought their selections back to the classroom so that the children could see just what gifts and clothing they were responsible for giving.

What a great way to teach a tangible charity lesson to elementary school boys and girls!

LION OF THE YEAR:

Dave Graves received the 1984-85 President's Award for Lion of the Year, when DeWitt Evening Lions held their December Ladies Night program at Prairie Creek Golf Club.

Club members with Jim Boyd as chairman have now embarked on their March drawing fund-raiser. A \$10 ticket offers a chance for three prizes: a plane trip and seven-day hotel stay in the Bahamas, flight to and three nights in Las Vegas, and a train trip with two nights in Toronto.



Chad Jones, left, chats with Alicia Raye, Miss Michigan, who was a guest speaker at Sunday's show.

the farmers who have established outstanding herd or individual cow production records.

The board would also like to invite any dairy farmer not presently on the DHIA program or any agribusiness person who works with the dairy industry to attend. The cost to non-members is \$5.00/person payable at the door.

Please call in reservations (224-3288 or 669-3663 Ext. 229).

Department store notice: God may help those who help themselves - we prosecute!

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KAREN EARLE GRADE 9

Debbie Boyd, Physical Education instructor, suggested Karen for this award. Karen is a new student in DeWitt and a fine addition to the student body. While her academic status scores an "A", it is Karen's all-out effort that makes her an outstanding student.

Ms. Boyd states "It is my pleasure to have Karen in class to witness her academic and physical fitness excellence."

DeWitt by Candlelight



Soft candlelight illuminated many a DeWitt neighborhood on Christmas Eve as residents took advantage of the yearly program sponsored by members of DeWitt Lioness Club. The luminaria candles were set at 10-foot intervals along local streets and driveways, providing attractive scenarios in the night darkness throughout city and township areas.

RACHEL YABS GRADE 9

Rachel was nominated by her English teacher, Mary Breymann. Rachel has demonstrated superior academic performance in both Honors English and Spanish, and has made many worthwhile contributions to class discussion and activities. She is willing to offer that extra bit of effort that make and excellent student an outstanding one. Rachel always has a smile on her face; because of her genial disposition and positive attitude, she is a pleasure to have in class.

DISPLAY COMBATS DRUG ABUSE



POST-HOLIDAY CLASS SET

Within the next day or two the kids will all be back in school, the relatives gone home and the parties over. The time right after the holidays can be a let-down compared to the exciting holiday season. Avoid those post holiday blues by coming out to a winter class carnival.

Winter Class Carnival will be a fun time of bringing you up-to-day on the latest issues. The classes will include

Insurance Agents Jim Keenan, left, and Judie Lucci, right, examine the educational drug display which is currently being exhibited in the Willard Reed Agency, 108 W. Main St. The visual aid board, (right) being shown through the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, has samples of the various depressants, hallucinogens, stimulants, narcotics and marijuana, as well as drug paraphernalia.

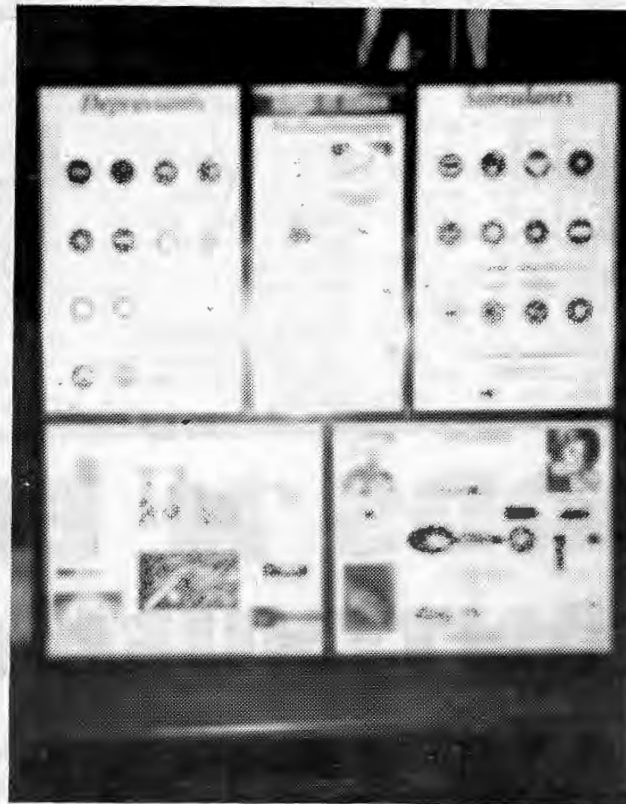
Clark Carr of the Sheriff's Office spoke about drug abuse at the DeWitt Breakfast Lions last meeting, emphasizing that education is the key to reducing a community's drug problem.

The Sheriff's Department is in the process of establishing a comprehensive drug education program. Carr told his audience, in the hopes that every household will become aware of the symptoms of drug abuse and be able to recognize the various types of drugs. Inquiries about the program may be made to the office of Clinton County Sheriff Terry R. Haneckow, 224-6791.

The current exhibit will remain on display for the next few weeks in the Reed Agency Office. Stop in and look it over.

DEWITT TOWNSHIP

KITTEN BASKET (Beginner)



CLASSES TO START

A CPR course will be one of the classes offered by the Watertown Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department this winter, according to director Tony Sporer.

Starting in January and running through February, teens can play basketball on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 and adults from 7 to 9; co-ed volleyball meets on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:00.

Along The Looking Glass

Wendell Shopbell was elected president of the UMM Club at Redeemer United Methodist Church. Other officers are Dale Young, vice president; Bill Schoonover, secretary, and Gordon Willyoung, treasurer.

Dan Tucker and Ron Lambert will co-chair the Program Committee; Herb Ritter is Project/Set Up Committee Chairman, and Billy Crego, Refreshments Chairman.

The Men's Club will hold a 7:45 a.m. business meeting followed by breakfast at the church Sunday, Jan. 12.

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DeWitt Chamber of Commerce will meet at Foo Ying Restaurant at noon, Tuesday, Jan. 7. For information, call 669-9064.

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DeWitt Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, in the Griswold Administration Building.

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Registration for Lansing Community College classes at DeWitt High School will take place Monday, Jan. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. For information, contact Principal Fred

those post-holiday blues by coming out to a winter class carnival.

Winter Class Carnival will be a fun time of bringing you up-to-date on the latest issues. The classes will include Preventing Cancer with Diet, Lace Net Darning, Saying What You Mean and Do Computers Give You The Creeps? The classes will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 on January 6 in Smith Hall in St. Johns.

Following the classes will be a short time of refreshments from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. There is a \$1.00 registration fee for the public. This class has been coordinated by the Michigan Association of Extension Homemakers and the Cooperative Extension Service. If you have further questions, contact the Cooperative Extension Service at 224-3288.

In San Francisco, there is a jewelry shop called "The Karat Patch".

I think that I shall never see
A billboard lovely as a tree
Indeed, unless the
billboards fall
I'll never see a tree at all
-Ogden Nash

JANUARY 6th
Epiphany
THE 12TH DAY

abuse and be able to recognize the various types of drugs. Inquiries about the program may be made to the office of Clinton County Sheriff Terry R. Haneckow, 224-6791.

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DEWITT TOWNSHIP WINTER CLASSES

APPLIQUED SWEATSHIRT

Monday, January 20 6 - 9 p.m. \$5.00
Embellish your sweatshirt with a beautiful design. Learn the basics of machine applique and complete your design in one evening. Bring sweatshirt and zigzag sewing machine to class. Designs and fabric will be provided.
Instructor: Vernita Blasius

BEYOND CROSS-STITCH

Wednesday, February 19 6 - 9 p.m. \$7.00
For experienced, addicted x-stitchers. Learn 8 new stitches and incorporate them into an 18th century sampler. Materials will be provided. Project will be completed at home.
Instructor Vernita Blasius

STAINED GLASS

Wed., January 29 & February 5 7 - 9 p.m.
\$9 + materials Fee \$10.00

Learn or extend your knowledge of the 5 basic techniques. Make your project: choice of cross, heart, butterfly or bird to make into a suncatcher, mobile or plant watcher. Beveled glass will be used for the cross and heart.
Instructor: Dee Robertson

ADULT VOLLEYBALL (co-ed)

Wed. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Activity Card \$1.00
Begins January 8 - March 12, 1986 10 weeks
An opportunity for fun and exercise in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere. Waiver required.

ADULT BASKETBALL

Friday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Activity Card \$1.00
Begins January 10 - March 14 (10 weeks)
Co-ed basketball for persons 18 years and older. Bring your own basketball.

KITTEN BASKET (Beginner)

Monday, February 3 6 - 9:30 p.m. \$11.00
Replica of a shaker basket, about 7" tall; bottom resembles a kitten's head.

HEART BASKET (Beginner)

Monday, February 10 6 - 9:30 p.m. \$9.00
A large heart shaped basket... great for table or wall. 9" x 9" base.

TOOL BASKET (Requires some experience)

Monday, February 17 6 - 9:30 p.m. \$11.00
Learn to weave a handle and a fancy reed border. 5" x 9" base with sides that peak.

PHANNY BASKET (Requires some experience)

Monday, March 3 & 10 6 - 9:30 p.m. \$18
The very popular Appalachian Phanny Basket. (Also known as Egg Basket).

Instructor: Sharon McElroy

AEROBICS - SESSION 1

Tuesday/Thursday Begins Jan. 7 - Feb. 27
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. 8 weeks \$12.00

AEROBICS - SESSION 2

Tuesday/Thursday Begins Jan. 7 - Feb. 27
7:15 - 8:15 p.m. 8 weeks \$12.00

Dance exercise program designed to strengthen the cardiovascular system. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. Waiver required.

Instructor: Candy Laughlin

WALKING

Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 - 10 a.m. Ongoing Free
Walking is great exercise - it refreshes the mind as it tones the body. Walkers who log 100 miles can earn a T-shirt, compliments of the Michigan Heart Association. Waiver required.

Registration will be accepted by mail and in person. Checks should be made to DeWitt Charter Township, 4700 Brook, Lansing 48906. Attn: Jean Cook or phone 482-1291.

and running through February, teens can play basketball on Tuesdays from 3 to 5 and adults from 7 to 9; co-ed volleyball meets on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30; and the Quilting Club gets together on Wednesdays from 7 to 9.

A free session awaits first time visitors to the aerobics class, which meets year round on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00. Tuesday evening Bingo is a popular township activity, with doors opening at 5:30 and play starting at 6:30. The Shuffleboard Club also welcomes new members, with no charge and a 10:00 Tuesday morning start-time.

For more information on any of the above programs, or to register, call Tony Sporer at Watertown Charter Township, 626-6593 or 669-9200.

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Tonya Temple, DeWitt High School freshman, received a \$100 U.S. savings bond as district junior division winner in the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by DeWitt VFW Post 671.

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Thomas Nongueskwa of Turner Rd. recently received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for heroic and meritorious World War II service. Major General Vernon Andrews of the Michigan National Guard made the awards presentation in a special ceremony before Betty Kienitz, Assistant Director of the Commission on Indian Affairs.

An Ottawa/Chippewa Indian born in the Burt Lake area, Nongueskwa was captured in Germany while serving with a division of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

A boy met a girl at a dance. After one dance, the boy, who was not too light on his feet, said, "May I have the last dance with you?"
"You're having it now," she replied.

EXTENSION CALENDAR

FAMILY LIVING

January 6 "Winter Class Carnival"
1:30-3, Smith Hall
January 21 "Eat, Drink and Feel Terrific"
1:30-3, First Congregational Church

4-H

January 13 Fair Board Meeting, SCCR
January 14 4-H Teen Leaders Meeting
7:00, Conference Room
January 15 4-H Fair Department Chairmen
Meeting, 7:30, Smith Hall

DeWitt City Parks and Recreation Classes

SWIMMING

Adult Lap Swimming on Monday/Wednesday nights 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the DeWitt High School Pool continues through March. Fee will be \$1.00 per night.

AEROBICS

For Teens on Monday/Wednesday nights to begin in January 1986 and run for 8 weeks. Call City Hall for information and registration deadline. (669-2441) Middle School.

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1986
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

Kitty Horner

EUCHRE ALERT: Last year's party was such a success that DeWitt Lioness Club members have made plans for their second annual EUCHRE TOURNAMENT.

The party, says Chairperson Dona Gartside, will be held Saturday evening, February 1, from 7 to 11 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building.

A \$10 ticket for two includes soft drinks, chips, coffee, snacks and munchies. Tickets are available from any Lioness member. Pick your partner now and plan to enter the card contest!

Just as a way of getting ready for the euchrefest, Lioness Club members had a Crazy card Club program for their regular meeting last Thursday evening at the Memorial Building.

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COOKIE TIME: DeWitt Girl Scouts will embark on their annual Girl Scout Cookie Project this month. Local troop members will be taking orders from January 24 through February 9.

Kathi Ruble is DeWitt service unit cookie manager. Contact her at 669-9394 or area cookie manager Ginny Hane, 669-3306, if you are missed in the cookie campaign. Delivery dates for the Girl Scout cookies hereabouts will be March 3 - 5.



HERE 'N THERE: Master Sgt. Monte Tahvonen and his wife Karil hadn't been able to spend Christmas in DeWitt for five years and they had hoped to come here this year, after returning to the States in June following a two-year tour of duty in Crete.

When Air Force duties changed the couples travel plans, Alberta Tahvonen and son Greg, Tucker Dr., simply packed their bags and went by Amtrak to spend the holidays with them and their small daughter, Susan, at Whiteman Air Force Base, MO.

Pat and Debbie Kenrick of Shavey Rd. flew to warmer climes with daughter Jodi and son Keith for the holidays. They spent 10 days in Rockledge, FL., visiting Deb's brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Hicks.

Also thinking "warm" were Judy Gerred, head librarian at Faye Hanson Memorial Library, and her husband, Billie. They spent a leisurely three weeks enjoying Hawaii sunshine during December and saw actor Tom Selleck (as they had on their previous trip) who was there for some film-making.

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FOLLIES IN MARCH: It's not too early to start thinking up ideas for participation in the fifth annual DeWitt Follies, sponsored by DeWitt School Boosters Club, which will again feature hometown talent on March 21 and 22 at DeWitt High School auditorium.

Exuberant Ruth Ueberroth will direct the follies for the third year and Connie Toune will repeat as assistant director. Auditions for aspiring performers will be a bit late this year, Ruth sez, because the high school production of "Annie" is later, February 12 - 14 - 15.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

City officials are hoping for good attendance in order to get citizen input at the town meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. in DeWitt Middle School tonight - Monday, January 13.

Engineer Paul Thompson has been making arrangements for the town meeting which will cover the much-debated topic of city water storage systems. The various options offered will be discussed and residents will have a chance to ask questions.

Council members at Monday's regular meeting agreed to have Manitron Assessing Services of Okemos (formerly APTS) handle assessor work for the remainder of the fiscal year. They approved an amendment to the construction engineering pact on the DeWitt Road/Bridge Street project, which will increase the cost slightly but be under budget.

Austin Knapp told council that bid requests had gone out for the city hall expansion project. Bids will be opened, Knapp said, at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, during the DeWitt Building Authority's regular monthly meeting at city hall.

BROCKWAY, JARRELL TO TEACH CLASSES

Watercolor classes and a workshop will be held during the month of January in conjunction with the watercolor exhibit being featured at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery and Gift Shop, US-27 and N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns, from January 4 - 26.

In response to requests from many area people, beginning and intermediate watercolor classes will be held at the Gallery and Gift Shop on Thursdays from 1 - 3:30 p.m. and again from 7 - 9:30 p.m. starting January 16, and continuing for five weeks. Madeline Brockway, W. Waxwing Dr., will instruct the classes.

Cost is \$4.00 per class, with pre-registration of \$4.00 (cost of the first class) being required. Classes will be limited to 12 participants, so please register early by coming to the Gallery during open house hours.



The eight local troops went Christmas caroling together around DeWitt on December 23, then enjoyed cocoa and cookies afterward at the Memorial Building. This month they'll join together for their first annual Giant Sleep-Over, also at the Memorial Building. As many as 170 Girl Scouts - Brownies, Juniors, Cadets, Seniors - will bring sleeping bags there Friday, January 31.

Barb Bond, who is handling the night's agenda, reports that there'll be snacks, games, probably a movie, maybe even some sleep. Breakfast Saturday morning will finish the project with a flourish.

CRAZY OLYMPICS: DeWitt Newcomers Club members took part in 10 Crazy Olympic events for their Wednesday evening meeting. Sample event: one person covered her face with shaving cream and the others cleared the cream off with squirt guns. Not exactly up to U.S. Olympic standards, but a lot of fun.

Newcomers also found time to select a new slate of officers for the coming year. Cindy Oltman will repeat as club president. She'll have the able assistance of Steve Bovee, vice president and program chairperson; Barb Kleeman, treasurer and Norma Rodebaugh, secretary.

Other Newcomers committee people include Jill Schafer, historian; Kay Lewis, communications and newsletter; Debbie Nelson, Meals on Wheels; Sue Taber, refreshments.

Returning to the office after an illness, a man reported that the food was good, the bed comfortable, and thanks to soap operas, he saw doctors and nurses all day long.

Monies for the third year and Connie Toune will repeat as assistant director. Auditions for aspiring performers will be a bit late this year, Ruth sez, because the high school production of "Annie" is later, February 12 - 14 - 15.

Tryout dates will be February 24 - 25 - 26 with weekly practices to follow. "Music from Around the World" is to be this year's theme. Any song or act with foreign words ("Que sera, sera") or referring to another country ("Spanish Eyes", Hawaiian music, songs from "South Pacific", bagpipes) can be assimilated into the follies production.

Anyone of any age is encouraged to be at the auditions. Performers in the '85 Follies ranged in age from a two or three-year-old tot to Rev. Clarence Rodd, 76. Monies made from the show will be channeled right back into the schools, as they have been in previous years. DeWitt Schools Booster Club raised more than \$2,000 with last year's follies.

FOUNDATION MINI-GRANTS OFFERED

The DeWitt Public Schools Foundation is sponsoring a Mini-Grant Program for all DeWitt teachers. The maximum grant is \$300.

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis and a limited number of grants will be made. Winners of this round of Mini-Grants will be announced and the funds will be distributed in January.

Grants must be expended within one school year of the date of their award. School Board Trustees will review each application in December.

Nutrition Series Begins Jan. 21

Between cancer, heart disease and diabetes warnings, folks often wonder what is O.K. to eat.

Cooperative Extension Service hopes to solve this dilemma with an upcoming nutrition series offering up-to-date information. Week 1: Nutrition Facts and Fallacies; Week 2: Shake the Salt Habit; Week 3: Fun with Fiber; Week 4: Sugar Blues; Week 5: A Fat-Free Diet.

Classes starting January 21 will be held Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 - 3 p.m. A \$3 class fee will cover food for demonstrations. Pre-registration is required. Call 224-3288 or 669-3663 Ext. 229

Cost is \$4.00 per class, with pre-registration of \$4.00 (cost of the first class) being required. Classes will be limited to 12 participants, so please register early by coming to the Gallery during open hours which are Wednesday, Friday Saturday and Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m. Call the Gallery at 224-2429 or Kaye Pilmore, Gallery Director, at 593-2265 for more information.

A 'paint-along' watercolor workshop will be held at the Gallery and Gift Shop on Sunday, January 19, from 2 - 5 p.m. with Doris Jarrell, Alward Rd., Laingsburg. This workshop is free of charge. However pre-registration is required, as participation is limited to 12 persons. Materials needed include flat and round brushes, (one small and one medium of each type), 140 lb. watercolor paper, drawing pencils, a board to work on, container for water, and paints. Some items will be available at the Gallery for beginners who may need them. Please indicate at the time of registration.

Doris Jarrell has exhibited at several galleries as well as having an invitational exhibit at Jacobson's in East Lansing. A number of her works are on display at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery and Gift Shop. Madeline Brockway has been a featured artist at the DeWitt Art Gallery and has exhibited at art shows throughout the area. Her work includes wildlife art as well as nostalgic renditions of area landmarks which will be recognized by many.

Area residents had an opportunity to meet these watercolor artists and view their work, at a reception on Sunday. In addition to painting by Doris Jarrell and Madeline Brockway, work by Margaret Jopke and Grace Wood of St. Johns, and Florence Horn of Elsie, will be featured. The exhibit also includes two works by Mrs. Clyde Wilcox, wife of former pastor of First Congregational Church in St. Johns, now residing at the Ovid Nursing Home. These paintings are on loan to the Gallery especially for this watercolor exhibit from Mrs. Mila Spousta.

JANUARY IS...
**CEREBRAL
PALSY** MONTH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

December 31, 1985
To the Editor:

We take great pride and pleasure in decorating our home for the holidays, to bring the joy of the season to our neighborhood. We had even thought that next year we would add more lights; now we are undecided.

Christmas night some uncaring and destructive individuals destroyed a large number of our lights, leaving us with the sad decision whether or not to continue to decorate at Christmas. We do not understand why there is the need for some people to destroy beauty.

To the individuals who did this, if you got any pleasure from what you did, then you need counseling, and we hope you get it. We are sorrier for you than for the destruction of our lights. We wish you well for your future. You're going to need it.

Rochelle and
Russell Shipman
Westwinds Subdivision

City P&R Schedule

The DeWitt City Parks and Recreation is

SECOND EUCHRE TOURNAMENT



Putting their heads together on plans for DeWitt Lioness Club's second annual Euchre Tournament are left to right, Karen Swagart, Louise Cook, Lorraine Lavey and Sharon VanderWoude with President Vi Pennington. Party chairperson Dona Gartside was missing for the picture. The tournament will be held Saturday evening, February 1, in DeWitt Memorial Building. Tickets are \$10 for two players.

OVERWAY TO CHAIR COUNTY BOARD

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners named Roger Overway to repeat as chairman and Robert Van Driesen as vice chairman for the coming year at the January 2 meeting.

Committee chairmen were retained as follows: finance, Richard Hawks; personnel, Earl Lancaster; building and grounds, Earl Webster; criminal justice, Robert Van Driesen; physical resources, Walter Nobis, and human services, Lois Bracey.

Overway thanked board members for their support and then urged their help in the coming year.

PTA to Show Slide on Reye's

The DeWitt Elementary PTA will meet Monday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Scott School Cafeteria. The program is to be a tape and slide show from the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation.

Reye's Syndrome is a serious, sometimes fatal disease.

Along The Looking Glass

Pvt. William Ballard, son of Cheryl Clifton, S. US-27, has completed the Pershing missile crewman course under the one station unit training (OSUT) program at Fort Sill, OK.

Students were taught maintenance and firing operation of the Pershing missile during the course, as well as transportation skills for weapons deployment. OSUT combines basic training with advanced individual training.

Ballard graduated from St. Johns High School in 1985.

Priscilla Circle of Redeemer United Methodist Church will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, in the Herbison Road home of Debbie Dowling.

Faith Circle's meeting time has changed to the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Eileen Barnes will be the Jan. 15 hostess in her W. Howe Rd. Home.

Junior High Youth from Redeemer United Methodist Church went ice skating Sunday afternoon at the Lansing Ice and Gymnastics

Grandparents Against Child Abuse will hold their regular monthly meeting Sunday, January 19, at Redeemer United Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

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DeWitt Community Church has set Jan. 21 as its annual meeting date. Members of the nominating committee for board positions to be filled at that time include Rob Klan, Phil Thurston, Ardis Sibley, Marge Mull, Marge Pierson, Ray Decker, Paul Mulford, Gertie Soltow (alternate), and Pastor Frederick Nose (ex officio).

Bob Showers is chairman of the constitutional committee, which will review the constitution and recommend changes. Assisting him are Erdine Phillips, Martha Croley, Ed Richmond, Barney Ford, Dorothy Keck and Lloyd Rosekrans.

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The Women's Society of Hope Lutheran Church will meet Monday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Talk To Cover
DeWitt Lioness Club

Schedule

The DeWitt City Parks and Recreation is proud to announce another successful Santa Delivery Program - Thanks to the Help of Dick Siegle, Paul Kleeman, Maxine Lance, John Rach; of Curtis Ford, and Mark Wild. These special people donated their time on Christmas Eve to make many youngsters thrilled.

Karate will begin January 23 and go for 8 weeks. Call City Hall for information - 669-2441.

Swimming - Adult Swim Laps at DeWitt High School on Monday/Wednesday nights from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. \$1.00 per night.



Aerobics - for teens. Starts January 13 at DeWitt Middle School Cafeteria. Monday/Wednesday - 5:30-6:30 for 8 weeks - \$16.00

For further details, contact, DeWitt City Parks and Recreation, 669-2441.

French gems: Gaul stones.

services, Lois Bracey.

Overway thanked board members for their support and then urged their help on controlling the budget, citing a projected loss of \$400,000 in revenue sharing that will occur as agricultural land in the county continues to decrease. He also mentioned his hope that the new phone system may be installed this year to replace the present antiquated one.

The board agreed to continue holding their meeting at 9 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month.

Meetings To Discuss Schools Improvements

The DeWitt Elementary PTA will host three meetings in January in a effort to gain support for improvement of DeWitt elementary school facilities.

The 1985 report of the citizens Facilities Committee will be reviewed. This report outlined various recommended structural improvements, including a gymnasium at Scott School.

Anyone who has an interest in or question about this issue is invited to attend one of the following meetings:

Thursday, January 16, 9:30 a.m. coffee, Scott School cafeteria, children welcome.

Thursday, January 16, 7:00 p.m., Scott School Physical Education Room.

Wednesday, January 29, 7:00 p.m., Scott School Cafeteria.

DeWitt Township Seeks 1986 Citizen, Volunteer

DeWitt Charter Township is again searching for nominees for the 1986 Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

Nominations for either of the titles may be called in to Catherine Reed, DeWitt Township Treasurer, before the end of January. The two recipients selected will be honored at a reception following the February 24 township board meeting.

Modern man's idea of roughing it is surviving through the night after the thermostat on his electric blanket has conked out.

Reye's Syndrome is a serious, sometimes fatal, disease which can strike children of any age, from infancy to adolescence. The show explains the symptoms of the disease and the importance of early diagnosis.

The program is open to parents of all DeWitt School Students.

Board Reduces Three Salaries

Watertown Township board of trustees voted to reduce officials' salaries and to change the township pension plan at a special December 30 meeting.

The board was criticized for raising salaries last October when it passed the 1986 budget. Newly voted salaries are \$21,700 for Township Supervisor Tom O'Bryant instead of \$23,000; \$10,600 each for Clerk Charlene Borgeson and Treasurer Jack Fraser, instead of \$12,000 and \$11,000 respectively.

The 1986 budget had required the township to pay 100 percent of the payment to officials' pension fund. As a result of the last meeting, the schedule returns to 80 percent from the township and 20 percent from the employees.

A double negative is a no-no.

ice skating Sunday afternoon at the Lansing Ice and Gymnastics



Center, then met at Kim Johnson's on Old Hickory Trail for a brief meeting and refreshments.

Senior High Youth plan a sledding afternoon Sunday, January 19, from 2 - 4 p.m. and have invited kindergarten through third graders to go with them. If temperatures are sub-zero, they will chose an alternative date.

The annual retreat for men of St. Jude parish will be held the Jan. 24-26 weekend at Portiuncula in the Pines Retreat House. For reservations, call John Fritsch, 669-5792.

Rev. Harry Johnson, pastor of Redeemer United Methodist Church, and his wife Judy, Old Hickory Trail, were in Nashville, TN, January 6 - 10, attending the Congress on Evangelism of the United Methodist Church.

13, at 7:30 p.m.

Talk To Cover Dairy Nutrients

Dairy Foods are nature's purest source of calcium. That's a fact. Seventy-two percent of the calcium Americans consume comes in dairy foods. Dairy products also provide many other nutrients and minerals that work together in the body to maintain health.

Knowing the nutrient content of dairy products and understanding how this relates to the numerous diet-related health issues is important for the consumer of dairy products, health professionals and dairy producers.

Milk Naturally Nutritious is a program designed to discuss all of these issues. Marie VanDame, of the American Dairy Association will be at Smith Hall, January 17, from 1 - 3 p.m. to discuss the many nutritional qualities of dairy products. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend.

The program is sponsored by the Clinton County Dairy Diplomates and the Cooperative Extension Service. Pre-registration for this program is required. To pre-register call the extension office 224-3288, 669-3663 Ext. 229 by January 15.

Inflation is when the buck doesn't stop anywhere.

WELCOME
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DATELINE: DeWitt

January 20, 1986
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Kitty Korner

WE'LL MISS HIM: The DeWitt Community lost one of its most devoted citizens with the January 11 death of James "Jim" Boyd.

Despite receiving a "six months to live" verdict with the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer slightly over two years ago, Jim moved ahead with the business of living as usual in his many roles - as a devoted husband, father, jobholder, civic, church and community leader.

Periodic bouts with the disease failed to dim his spirits. Jim might be in the hospital this week, but next week would find him right back in action...working at the office, attending a DeWitt Lions meeting, lecturing at St. Jude Church, or dishing up meat beside you from steaming roasters in the DeWitt Ox Roast food tent.

Serving as Lions District Exchange Student Chairman was one of Jim's many volunteer assignments and the Boyd home has hosted a number of foreign students. Just a few weeks ago, Jim called, again seeking local host families for incoming foreign students and asking that DeWitt area students contact him to apply for the 1986 six-week summer exchange program.

So, it seemed especially fitting last week that Paivi Halltunen, who had spent six weeks with Boyds as a 16-year-old exchange visitor in 1982, should elect to fly in to Lansing from Pennsylvania, where she is currently working, to be present for Jim's funeral.

Jim had been a DeWitt City councilman for

Treasurer Catherine Reed, 482-1291, by the end of January.

Chosen for the 1985 titles were Reed herself, who was surprised to be named Citizen of the Year and Bernice Judge, chosen Volunteer of the Year.

Reed, who was township supervisor prior to her two terms as treasurer, initiated the Valley Farms senior citizens program and drives weekly for Meals on Wheels. Judge received the volunteer award for giving three hours thrice weekly serving nutrition lunches for senior citizens.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Superintendent Steve Garrett addressed the DeWitt Business Association at its Wednesday noon meeting regarding a major building program to improve all DeWitt Schools. Garrett also appeared at two PTA-sponsored public meetings on January 16 and will attend the final meeting set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, in Scott School cafeteria. He will also talk to the next Booster Club meeting on February 3.

Public input is being asked about the school district's facility needs at the various meetings. The school board selected the middle proposal last month from three that were presented. Costing an estimated \$1.3 million, the plan would add a gym or multi-purpose room to Scott School and remodel its cafeteria, check into a music and lunch room for Fuerstenau School and make general improvements to the administration building, middle school and high school.

In other board action at Monday's meeting, members approved a special student employee

Foundation Awards Three Mini-Grants

The DeWitt Public School Foundation has announced awarding of its first three educational mini-grants to an elementary puppet project, a quiz bowl contestant response system and an assault prevention/self-defense program for high school girls.

Foundation awards of \$300 each for the projects went to second grade teacher Louise Peppel, high school Current Events instructor Londa Horton and Deborah Boyd Hancock, high school health and physical education teacher. Nine applications had been made for mini-grants.

Peppel's Project Puppet plans to offer an hour's inservice by puppeteer Beth Katz on puppetry and its classroom use, purchase lumber to build a traveling theatre for Scott School, as well as three books on puppetry and several puppets.

Hancock's pilot program for high school girls proposes to equip them with skills and information to reduce their accessibility and vulnerability to assaultive situations. Self-defense tactics to be taught would include physical, verbal and psychological techniques.

Hortons plans to purchase Quiztron III, a contestant response system, which would accurately determine the first respondent to raise his/her hand in weekly class quizzes. Frank Deak's Quiz Bowl team will also use the system to allow more students to take part in the competition.

Foundation board members, who devoted time to the mini-grant program, include: Diane Cranmer, president; Gary Gillespie, vice president; Dan Bourbon, secretary; Keith Davis, treasurer; Vi Pennington, Nancy Souden and Sandy Childress, trustees.

GS COOKIE SALE STARTS

"The cookies that make dreams come true." That is the theme being used by the

time they buy a box of GS cookies.

Now more than ever, Girl Scout activities depend on the proceeds from this annual sale. These proceeds also

with Boyds as a 16-year-old exchange visitor in 1982, should elect to fly in to Lansing from Pennsylvania, where she is currently working, to be present for Jim's funeral.

Jim had been a DeWitt City councilman for eight years and was past president of DeWitt Lions Club. He belonged to - and for him, belonging to an organization meant active participation - St. Jude Catholic Church, DeWitt Council 7237 Knights of Columbus, and Notre Dame Club of Lansing.

His courage the last two years set an example for us all.

We extend sincere sympathy to Marilyn Boyd on the death of her husband - to Kathy and Kevin on the loss of their father - and our thanks to all of them for sharing Jim with us.

CARD PLAYERS' NIGHT: Euchre teams are invited to put their best cards forward and vie for cash prizes Saturday night, Feb. 1, when DeWitt Lioness Club holds their second annual Euchre Tournament.

Cards will be dealt out from 7 to 11 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building. A \$10 ticket will entitle two people to play for the prizes and enjoy coffee, soft drinks and munchies.

First place couple after 10 games of euchre will win \$100; second place, \$50; door prize, \$25. Euchre players, 18 years and older, are welcome to purchase tickets at the door or from any Lioness Club member.

Committee members assisting Dona Gartside with party arrangements are Louise Cook, Margaret Howe, Lorraine Lavey, Karen Swagert, June Swan and Sharon VanderWoude. For ticket information, contact Ms. Gartside, 669-3272; Ginny Martlew, 669-9897; Vi Pennington, 669-3587, or June Swan, 669-3660.

NOMINEES WANTED: Would you like to nominate a DeWitt Township citizen as 1986 Citizen of the Year or Volunteer of the Year?

DeWitt Charter Township will select two people for those honors from names submitted this month. Call in nominations to Township

School and make general improvements to the administration building, middle school and high school.

In other board action at Monday's meeting, members approved a special student employee pilot program which would provide work experience for a limited number of students. In addition to offering 4-5 hours weekly at minimum wage, the plan would help school staff accomplish additional tasks not now being done. It would not replace the existing co-op programs for credit or student work programs.

The board welcomed to the staff Dorothy Durst, reading consultant; Kathy Johnson, second grade teacher replacing Christine Gauthier who is on leave; Joan Sanborn, developmental kindergarten aide; Sue Quinn, Fuerstenau playground aide and Christine Fedewa, lunchroom aide. They also expressed appreciation to Sallie Bower, who has resigned after 15 years service as cook/server.

DHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

BRYAN JOHNSON Grade 9

Bryan was nominated by his science teacher, Tom Zielaskowski.

Zielaskowski describes Bryan as an outstanding young man, "always puts forth the extra effort...very responsible, great attitude, dependable and enjoys being here (school) and working hard".

Bryan is an all-around student athlete playing football and basketball. The school is pleased to recognize him for his outstanding achievement in and out of the classroom.

KELLY CAREY Grade 12

Kelly was nominated by her science and math teacher, Mark Servis. Kelly is one of only a few students currently earning top

grades in both physics and calculus. Servis felt she was deserving of this award because she is an extremely hardworking and conscientious student.

Servis states "Kelly brightens our classroom with her cheerful personality, honesty and consideration of others." Kelly is also a star athlete in basketball and softball.

SALE STARTS

"The cookies that make dreams come true." That is the theme being used by the



Michigan Capitol Council of Girl Scouts for this year's cookie sale. It emphasizes the vital importance of the contribution people make to Girl Scouting every

GS cookies.

Now more than ever, Girl Scout activities depend on the proceeds from this annual sale. These proceeds, plus allocations from the United Way, make many learning and growing opportunities possible.

Seven delicious varieties are being offered this year from Little Brownie Bakers. They are Samoas, Thin Mints, Do-si-dos, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Chocolate Chunks and the new Pecan Shortees.

The cookies sell for \$1.75 per package with \$1.03 of that amount tax deductible. Order-taking starts January 24 and runs thru February 9. DeWitt Girl Scouts will be taking orders later this week.

The opportunity to buy Girl Scout Cookies only knocks once a year! Local cookie contact persons are Ginny Hane, 669-3306, and Kathi Ruble, 669-9394.

Barrow Show

The Michigan Swine Breeders Association, Cooperative Extension Service and Animal Science Department of Michigan State University are sponsoring the 1986 Michigan Winter Barrow Show, on Tuesday, January 28, at the Livestock Pavilion on the MSU campus.

Poise: The ability to be ill at ease inconspicuously.

OPEN SHOP ON MONDAYS

Again this year woodshop, metalshop and graphic arts facilities at DeWitt High School are being made available to people of the community on Monday nights between 7 to 9:30 p.m.

A number of "regulars" have capitalized on this opportunity in the past to surface lumber for a shelving project, weld a trailer hitch, print business cards, or many other such project efforts.

The young and old, male and female, experienced craftsmen and the novice are all welcome to participate in the Industrial Education Department's "Open-Shop" opportunity on Monday nights.

Crafter Specializes In Tole Painting

With little or no art background but a definite proficiency in sewing, Myrna Yabs has become a most respectable tole painter in the seven or eight years since she first ventured into the field.

"I took four tole painting classes from Jean Blizzard," Myrna recalls, and that launched her into the hobby.

Originally a lacquered or enameled metalware used during the 1700's, tole often had a dark green or black field with gilt designs on it. Tole painting has become a popular craft in this century.

FOLK ART HOBBYIST



Myrna Yabs of Herbison Road.

center the design on a wooden milk can which hangs on the wall, but the dark shadings along sides of the can display unique artistry.

How many pieces of tole work has she made through the years? Probably thousands, Myrna guesses. "I started selling because people would see a piece and say, 'Oh, would you paint me one?'" She taught tole painting classes in her home for three years until it became too time-consuming, she frequently sells paintings that are on display in Sam's Kitchen.

Myrna, who still sews "when I need to", prefers sewing her own clothes to selecting them in stores, but tole painting takes a good deal of her time. She was a member of Historic DeWitt Arts and Crafts Council while it was an

Along The Looking Glass

DeWitt Masonic Lodge 272 has named Past Master Robert Gerugthy, Galahad Dr., as 1985 Mason of the Year for his outstanding services and dedication to the lodge.

A member of the lodge for 38 years, Gerugthy will be honored at a 6:30 p.m. potluck supper and program Wednesday, January 22, at the Masonic Temple. Masons, friends, neighbors and the public are invited to attend.

Gerugthy was treasurer to the DeWitt Lodge from 1976 to 1985. He also serves as treasurer of the DeWitt Temple Association.

DeWitt Council 7237, Knights of Columbus, will have an open meeting Wednesday evening, January 22. Bill Reed will show his slides taken in Alaska and Joe Ciaramella will show his video tapes of the KC Christmas Party.

Susan D. Schlaybaugh of DeWitt was one of four women reappointed to the State Animal Technician Task Force by Gov. James Blanchard. She was

The DeWitt Elementary PTA will meet Monday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Scott School Cafeteria. The program is to be a tape and slide show from the National Rye's Syndrome Foundation.

A Valentine Dance will be sponsored Saturday, Feb. 15, by DeWitt Council 7237, Knights of Columbus, at St. Jude Church. The Back Road Riders will provide dance music from 9 to 1.

Presentation of dance tickets (\$11 per couple) at the door will automatically enter party-goers in the "Sweethearts Dinner for Two" contest. A \$15 dinner certificate for two at the Foo Ying Restaurant will be awarded.

St. Jude Ushers Club will hold their annual dinner Saturday evening, Feb. 1, at the church.

The Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold its 13th annual Heart Ball Saturday, February 1, at the Big Apple VFW post on U.S. 27. Cocktails at 7 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 8, after which the Roger Clark band will provide

were used during the 1700's, tole often had a dark green or black field with gilt designs on it. Tole painting has become a popular craft in this century.

Myrna pointed out that tole painting began on tinware, but artists have transferred it to other media including wood and fabric. Although her walls boast a number of paintings done on circular saw blades, she prefers working with wood. She especially likes "to do teeny things...teeny art with tiny faces."

"I begin by purchasing a large quantity of wood," she explains, "and then just cut one pattern for about two weeks. Then I use that particular design to work on until all that wood is gone." The sample she showed us was a plaque, possibly 12" x 18", which is a nice size to work with.

Workbooks and patterns are stored in Myrna's basement workroom, adjacent to the round table which holds her paints and craft materials. Tracing the design she selects on paper comes first, the DeWitt artist points out, then tracing it onto wood and cutting it out with the bandsaw. Sanding the wood is her next order of business, followed by staining or painting - and then she is finally ready to begin her tole painting.

The entire Yabs residence reflects Myrna's creativity and versatile painting. Still on view from the Christmas season is a small nativity set, the wooden background highlighted with tinpunching to add a metallic touch. An angel hovers above the small delicately painted figures of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The Bethlehem scene sits atop a handsome old dry sink...and of course, the sink's two wooden doors have tole designs. A small tilt-table bears a Yabs-painted utilitarian checkerboard on its surface, and a quilt rack has tole designs on either side.

An attractive grouping of Myrna's tole pieces grace the wall above Yabs' large kitchen table; jelly cupboards, one in the kitchen and one downstairs, have been touched by her deft tole paintbrush.

Wood is her favorite medium, Myrna insists. A Betsy Ross tole painted on black background flanks the downstairs Buck stove. White daisies

prefers sewing her own clothes to selecting them in stores, but tole painting takes a good deal of her time. She was a member of Historic DeWitt Arts and Crafts Council while it was an active organization, and now belongs to the Kansas-based National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters.

When the kids are older, Myrna expects that she will be able to devote more time to such organizations. Right now, she and her husband Ed, a dye-maker and car-builder, find themselves engrossed in the activities of their offspring - Ethan, 17, a junior at DeWitt High School, and Rachel, 14, a DHS freshman.

The Yabs family also embraces a dog, two cats and an "attack rabbit which scratches on your leg if you don't play with it." In addition, they have two horses, conveniently stabled down the road at Four Seasons Farms, which Myrna and Rachel ride.

The Lansing-born family has resided in DeWitt for 11 years.

Youths Can Apply For Capitol Program

Clinton County 4-H'ers and adults interested in learning firsthand about state government are encouraged to apply for the 1986 4-H Capitol Experience by February 1st.

"Capitol Experience is a statewide 4-H program in citizenship, leadership and community service, using state government as the focus" says Therese Silm, Clinton County 4-H Youth Agent.

The program, to be held in Lansing March 16 - 19, gives approximately 60 teens and 15 adult participant/chaperones the opportunity to develop leadership skills, experience personal growth and explore local government activities. They will also be able to plan and carry out individual citizenship, local government or community services activities.

"This year's theme, 'Michigan Government in Action', will focus on the governmental process and current political issues," Silm says. "Participants will meet with people who play a role in state government and policy making, including legislators, supreme court officials, governor's staff members, lobbyists and many

others." was one of four women reappointed to the State Animal Technician Task Force by Gov. James Blanchard. She was named as a public member of the task force. The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

The annual retreat for men of St. Jude parish will be held the Jan. 24-26 weekend at Portiuncula in the Pines Retreat House. For reservations, call John Fritsch, 669-5792.

Lisa Eldridge of DeWitt has been named to the Academics Honor List for the fall term at Davenport College in Lansing. Students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better to be eligible for the Academics Honor List.

post on U.S. 27. Cocktails at 7 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 8, after which the Roger Clark band will provide music for dancing.

Marine Cpl. John E. Holbrook was recently awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. His parents are Ed and Janet Holbrook, DeWitt Rd.

Holbrook is now serving with 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He received the award for good behavior and conduct over a three-year period in the Marine Corps.

It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 24 - Feb. 9 Girl Scout Cookie Sale
- Jan. 29 DeWitt PTA sponsored meeting re improvement of DeWitt elementary school facilities, 7 pm, Scott School cafeteria.
- Feb. 1 DeWitt Lioness Club Euchre Tournament, 7-11 pm, DeWitt Memorial Building
- Feb. 12-14-15 .. DeWitt High School production of "Annie", 8 pm, high school auditorium
- Feb. 24-25-26 Tryouts for 1986 DeWitt Follies, DHS auditorium

others."

For more information, contact Therese Silm at the County Cooperative Extension Service office, or call 224-3288.



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BIDS HIGH: There were not a lot of happy faces in council chambers last Wednesday night, when bids were opened for the planned city hall expansion.

The six contractors' bids, which came in before deadline, were not in the DeWitt Building Authority's \$275,000 ball park at all. Bids were as follows: M. Davis Construction \$463,000; Design & Build, Inc. \$512,000; Hanel-Vance Construction, \$519,700; Hull Construction, \$449,944; K & D Construction, \$442,400, and Moore-Trosper Construction, \$465,000.

Austin Knapp, Authority Chairman, remarked "We're not back to square one, but we certainly didn't pass Go." The architects will now check with the lowest bidders to explore why bids were so unexpectedly high, Knapp said.

Freeman-Smith & Associates of Lansing had prepared the final drawings for the remodeling, which would increase city hall space from the present 2,400 square feet to 5,200 square feet.

HONOR PRESIDENT: DeWitt Memorial Association board members will hold their regular meeting Wednesday evening, January 29, in the library conference room at 7:30 p.m. Special order of the evening will be honoring new president Paul Kleeman, as he takes over the position.

DERBY DAYS: Cub Scout Pack 277 of DeWitt held its annual Pinewood Derby January 17 at DeWitt Middle School.

There were 55 entries with the following results:

Best Speed - Pack

1. Greg Thurston
2. Chris Quick
3. Adam Nolen

Best Speed - Webelos

1. Adam Nolen
2. Chris Tinney
3. Ryan Fitzgerald

Best Speed - Bears

1. Chris Quick
2. Greg Thurston
3. Eric Reed

Best Speed - Wolves

1. Jessie Huntley
2. Marcus Wilder
3. Jason Tyner

Best Appearance

1. Adam Nolen
2. Brian Tipton
3. Chris Quick

Originality

1. Evan Robertson
2. Damon Robertson
3. James Bliss

Judges for the event were Greg White and Bob Price.



THANK YOU LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

The prolonged debate over which direction to take with the city water system came to a conclusion Tuesday night, when council decided to hook into the DeWitt Township water system, thereby utilizing the township's water storage tank. Instead of building a new water tower downtown, the city now plans to build 10,300 feet of water mains at an approximate cost of \$494,100.

Council members scheduled a work session Monday night, January 27, to go over the proposed water contract with DeWitt Township.

Several citizens at the meeting Tuesday voiced concern about unanswered questions regarding two homes to be built in the city under mental health auspices for developmentally disabled adults. Delegates for the Michigan State Department of Mental Health and Community Mental Health for the tri-county area had attended the December 2 council meeting to explain the project.

Council asked Administrative Aide Bob Peterson to set up a public meeting on the topic. The meeting has been set for Wednesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria. Mt. Pleasant regional representatives will be on hand to answer citizens' questions at that time.

City locations for the proposed homes are on Schavey Road north of Waxwing and at Webb Road and old DeWitt Road. A third home is to be built in Watertown Township on Airport Road north of Clark Road.

In other action, council requested a mayor's report on extending the sewer line on E. Main St. east of city hall, and city employees were asked to choose either their traditional Blue Cross Blue Shield medical insurance or Physicians Health Plan by January 31.

CHASE WINTER BLUES BY READING BOOKS

Feel like curling up by the fire with a good book and forgetting the cold weather for a

Special order of the evening will be honoring new president Paul Kleeman, as he takes over the position.

NHS TO TORONTO: Members of the National Honor Society at DeWitt High School have received school board approval for their projected trip to Toronto on the weekend of March 14-16. Advisor Mark Servis is making arrangements for the tour.

TAX FORMS: If you really want to count your blessings, stop in at Faye Hanson Memorial Library in DeWitt and glance at the 300 pages of tax forms you probably don't have to use. The library has a looseleaf volume of specific reproducible Federal Tax Forms, which the U.S. Treasury Department makes available to libraries.

If you should happen to need a rare tax form, you can probably find it therein and make a copy for your own use.

Among the unusual forms included are those for: Foreign Moving Expense Adjustment; U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return, and Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Farmers and Fisherman.

PTA PUBLIC FORUM: Wednesday, January 29, is the date of the final public forum the DeWitt Elementary PTA is sponsoring to seek community input and support for the recommendations made by the DeWitt School Facilities Committee.

Those recommendations include the addition of a gymnasium to Scott School, enlargement of the cafeteria and addition of more storage conference and storage space. They also include many improvements and remodeling at both Fuerstenau and Griswold Building.

If you have not attended one of these meetings, the PTA cordially invites you to come to this one at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Scott School cafeteria.

THANK YOU LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

The DeWitt Community Christmas Organization wishes to thank each and every one who helped in any way with the Christmas Project. This is a community project and was made possible through the generous donations of money, toys, games, hats and mittens, canned goods, groceries, toiletries, Christmas breads, cookies, fruit cakes, and candy.

These came from churches, clubs, organizations; Mrs. Rae, Mrs. Gauthier and Mrs. Terrant's classes at Scott School. Fuerstenau School and DeWitt High School students, DeWitt Cooperative Preschool, Girl Scout Troop 48, Cub Scouts and Boy Scout Troop 77, Terranova's Thriftway Market, DeWitt Shop-Rite and individuals of the community.

It made a joyous and happy Christmas for 33 families including 67 children, several senior citizens and shut-ins.

We would like the community to know that we also give assistance all year long, if the necessity arises in the DeWitt community.

Thanks Again
The Committee

Local Scouts Sell Cookies

The Girl Scout annual Cookie Sale began January 24 and continues through February 9. Members of DeWitt Girl Scout troops are now taking cookie orders for March delivery.

If no scout contacts you, local cookie contact managers are Ginny Hane, 669-3306, and Kathi Ruble, 669-9394.

Need Volunteers For 4-H Fair

4-H members who are interested in serving as Department Superintendents for the 1986

Clinton County 4-H Fair should contact the Extension Office during January.

Fair Superintendents are involved in the entry and judging of exhibits during the annual 4-H Fair.

Feel like curling up by the fire with a good book and forgetting the cold weather for a while?

Faye Hanson Memorial Library offers a number of suggestions for good winter reading to transport you far away from mid-Michigan cold.

Lion's Run by Craig Thomas, Ben Bova's Privateers, Double Man by William Cohen and Gary Hart are some of the newer books on the shelves. Immigrant's Daughter, the final book of Howard Fast's five-volume series, is in, as well as Robert A. Heinlein's The Cat Who Walks Through Walls.

Danielle Steel's Secrets, McKenzie's Hundred by Frank Yerby and James Michener's Texas promise more hours of exciting reading. Louisiana is #15 in the Wagons West paperback series written by Danna Ross and Contact is Carl Sagan's first venture into novel writing.

Other winter reading suggestions from Librarian Judy Gerred include The Seventh Secret by Irving Wallace; Jean Auel's The Mammoth Hunter, and Joseph Wambaugh's Secrets of Harry Bright.

P & R PLANS MACRAME, KARATE, SWIM CLASSES

EASTER BUNNY MACRAME CLASS - Register at City Hall before February 7. \$8.00 for (4) 2-hour classes to begin February 11. Pre-register and get supply list at City Hall for the cutest bunnies ever. Instructor: Marjean Pelkey, Phone 669-2441

KARATE - Junior and Open Karate Classes beginning January 23. Call City Hall for information. Phone 669-2441

SWIMMING - Adult Lap Swimming on Monday/Wednesday nights, 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the DeWitt High School Pool. Fee will be \$1.00 per night.

Classified comment: "Working woman would like companionship of gentleman over 55 who doesn't drink, smoke or think he's 25. Write Box 111, this paper."

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LOCALITES TAKE TOUR

More than 50 Lansing area superintendents, administrators and accelerated science and math students were in Midland recently for a first hand look at the research and high tech careers available to students interested in science.

The visit was part of Dow's ongoing commitment to industrial and educational partnership programs. In addition to this event, the Michigan Division will open a chemistry lab for students at Lansing's Impression V Science Museum in early March. The goal of these programs is to help educators strengthen science programs and promote more student interest in technical careers, according to Curt Pfeiffer, Dow scientist.

The day-long series of tours and discussions were hosted by Dow scientists and engineers. The group toured the analytical lab, laser lab, toxicology and health research area, the glass lab, Saran Wrap production and the new aspirin plant.

Cake Bakers To Compete

Area chefs, male and female, of all ages

HIGH TECH CAREERS



DeWitt School Superintendent Steve Garrett, left, and Jennifer Jenkins, DeWitt High School senior, right, attended the recent Midland program sponsored by Dow Chemical Company, which introduced administrators and accelerated science/math students to the many careers available in research and high tech fields.

DEWITT SWIMMERS IMPROVING TIMES

DeWitt Swim Club proved it can be strong without winning on January 11 during the swim meet against Alma.

DeWitt finished 381 to Alma's 461. That score is reflective of the points earned and the efforts turned out by the swimmers.

According to head coach Debbie Goodkin, "the swimmers did very well, turning in a lot of best times, more than I expected." She went on to say, "Our problem was we were really outnumbered in the boys age groups 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14, and that's where alma had the

WEATHER CAN CLOSE SCHOOLS

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WITL - 100.7 FM
WJIM - 1240 AM, 97.5 FM
WILS - 102 FM
WVIC - 95 FM
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ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Michael McKeon has received recognition from the mathematical sciences department at Ball State University, Muncie, IN, for his academic achievement in being named to the dean's list for the autumn quarter.

The son of Ed and Marion McKeon, Southwind Lane, he is a 1985 graduate of DeWitt High School.

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Next Sunday afternoon DeWitt Charter Township will host an open house/reception from 2 until 5 p.m. at the township hall to introduce new Chief of Police Robert Lessnau and his wife, Audrey.

All township residents are invited to attend.

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DeWitt Lioness Club are sponsoring their second annual Euchre Tournament Saturday, February 1, from 7 to 11 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building. A \$10 ticket will allow two people to play euchre and compete for prizes.

Dona Gartside, 669-3272, and all the Lioness Club members have tickets for the card party.

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A new Pentecostal church began meeting Sunday in the Memorial Building library conference room under direction of Rev. Michael Fuller.

Rev. Fuller, a graduate of Central Bible College, Springfield, MO, and an Assembly of God minister, will conduct services each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

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Airman Lorian K. Mathias has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, IL, after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, TX, she studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received specialized instruction in the vehicle maintenance field. She is the daughter of Dale Mathias of Traverse City and Beverly Spalsbury, Round Lake Road.

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The Adult Fellowship group from Hope Lutheran Church will share an evening of cross-country skiing along the candlelit trails at Grand River Park Saturday, February 1.

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Pvt. Robert Healy, son of Donald B. and Mary Lou Healy, E. Alward Rd. has received

the new aspirin plant.

Cake Bakers To Compete

Area chefs, male and female, of all ages, are invited to participate in the ninth annual Capitol Area Culinary Arts Show on March 23 at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University.

This is an exciting opportunity for everyone who likes to bake, regardless of age or skill level; however, competition is limited to non-professional cooks. There will be a \$25.00 gift certificate for first prize along with a grand prize gold medal. Second prize will be a cookbook and third place winner will receive a chef style apron. In addition, each entry will be judged and awarded a blue, red or white award.

4-H members are welcome to enter the cake competition but may also enter in a special competition just for 4-H members. Information and registration forms for both competitions are available in the Extension Office.

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DeWitt Swim Club swimmers continue to improve and drop times as demonstrated by the following performances:

Danica Shier - 100 IM, 1:50.9, 15 sec. drop
Dana Baisley - 100 IM, 1:41.6, 5 sec. drop
Kelly Peacock - 100 IM, 1:34.1, 3 sec. drop
Katie Peacock - 100 IM, 1:56.7, 7 sec. drop
Chad Foster - 100 Free, 1:31.6, 9 sec. drop
Christina DeFeyer - 100 Free, 1:24.9, 4 sec. drop
Krista Nichlas - 100 Free, 1:21.61, 4 sec. drop
Margo Baisley dropped 6 seconds in the 25 yard breast stroke with a time of 31.7 and another 6 seconds in the 25 yard back with 29.6.

Eric Miller - 50 Free, 53.74, 5 sec. drop
Jay Lerner - 50 Free, 42.49, 2 sec. drop

Lisa DeFoe had a super swim in the 100 Back with a 1:16.9

Best times were turned in by:

Mari Fullmer - 200 Free, 2:40.44
Pat Laughlin - 100 IM, 1:38.90
Mari Fullmer - 100 IM, 1:27.91
Matt Shier - 100 IM, 1:15.6
Travis Fullmer - 200 IM, 2:52.0

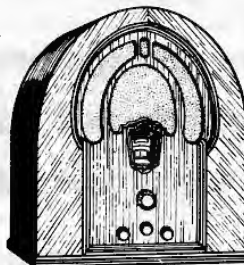
New member Missy Waier's 200 Im time of 2:39.20 is a great effort, as was Kelly Cowan's 25 Free time of 18.9 and Krista Nichlas's 50 Free time of 36.2

The coaches would like to once again thank the parents for their support and help in making the meet run smoothly. Special thanks go to Mrs. Shier for filling out all the ribbons herself.

A Scotsman applying for admission to the New York City police department, was being given a test in general knowledge. "Now then," said the inspector, glowering. "how would you act in dispersing a large and argumentative crowd?"

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If school is dismissed early, students will be bused home on regular runs, Secondary first (grade 6-12), then the Elementary (grades K-5). Bad weather bus stops will be used. All extra-curricular or special activities will be cancelled.

DEWITT CITY P & R VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

WEEK OF JANUARY 17

Team	Record
Ball Movements	6-0
Plumbers & Pipefitters 1	6-0
The "A" Team	6-0
Riverwood Rage	5-1
Notre Dame	5-1
Gold Standard	4-2
Spartans	4-2
Russ Olman	4-2
Flying Dutchmen	3-3
Carla Alligood	3-3
Tower Power	2-4
TGIF'S	2-4
Intercepts	2-4
June Russell	1-5
Bullets	1-5
Ziel's Zappers	0-6
Plumbers & Pipefitters 2	0-6
Bob Christensen	0-6

Lioness Club members have tickets for the card party.

Pvt. Casey Mulder, has graduated as a reconnaissance scout from the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, KY. He is the son of Sally Dawson, Webb Rd. and Michael Mulder of Sault Ste. Marie.

Known as the "eyes and ears" of the unit, the scout's job is to make a complete evaluation of a tactical situation and report what he has observed or learned to his commander.

Training was conducted under on station unit training (DSUT) program, which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training into one 13-week period.



at Grand River Park Saturday, February 1.

Pvt. Robert Healy, son of Donald B. and Mary Lou Healy, E. Alward Rd., has received the parachutist badge after completing the three-week airborne course at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, GA.

During the first week of training, students underwent a rigorous physical training program and received instruction in the theory of parachuting. The second week they received practical training by jumping from 34-foot and 250-foot towers. The final week they made five staticline parachute jumps including one night jump.

Healy graduated from St. Johns High School in 1985.

A Valentine Dance will be sponsored Saturday, Feb. 15, by DeWitt Council 7237, Knights of Columbus, at St. Jude Church. The Back Road Riders will provide dance music from 9 to 1.

Presentation of dance tickets (\$11 per couple) at the door will automatically enter party-goers in the "Sweethearts Dinner for Two" contest. A \$15 dinner certificate for two at the Foo Ying Restaurant will be awarded.