

WELCOME  
to  
Historic  
**DEWITT**  
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## DATELINE: DeWitt

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### HOSTS, EXCHANGE STUDENTS PROMOTE CULTURAL AWARENESS

Technological advances in travel and communication are bringing the people of our world closer together. While the Japanese are enjoying "Big Macs" and Disneyland in Tokyo, Americans are driving Toyotas and watching movies on Sony VCR's. To help young people learn more about the expanding world around them, 4-H offers a number of international opportunities for young people age 12 and older. Many of these are without high cost or extended periods of travel.

"A lot of times people feel they have to travel abroad to have an international experience, says

John Aylsworth, 4-H program leader, and coordinator of International Programs. "I think we can help a lot of people to have an international experience by hosting a young person from a different country." One of the mainstays of the 4-H international program is a two-year exchange with the LABO youth group in Japan. Every summer, about 60 Japanese teens visit the United States. They stay with the families of 4-H'ers of the same sex and age and experience day-to-day living with their American hosts.

"The exchange lasts one month because the Japanese have only 40

days of summer vacation," Aylsworth says. "It is not necessary to host someone to go to Japan, nor is it required to go to Japan in order to host." The following summer, the host 4-H'er is encouraged, but not required, to become a guest in Japan for a month.

Older youths and former 4-H members are invited to pursue special interests through the International 4-H Youth Exchange [IFYE] or the Youth Development Program [YDP]. Participants take advantage of in-depth learning experiences in the geographic region of their choice. Participants live with host families, and get involved in whatever the family does. Most will be involved in some form of agriculture. Representatives are often able to improve their language and leadership skills while getting a close-up look at another culture. Expenses may

### HENGESH ACCEPTS NEW ANG POST

Major Donald Hengesh, Andover Drive, is the new 191 Combat Support Squadron Commander, Michigan Air National Guard, Selfridge ANG Base. The announcement was made by



## Along the Looking Glass

The DeWitt Public Schools Foundation will meet Wednesday, January 7, in the Griswold Building at 7:30 p.m.

DeWitt Schools Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, January 5 in the high school cafeteria.

Jennifer Bramer, Hitching Post; Vicki Stahl, W. Stoll Road, and Michael Wild of Laingsburg were among the 1,749 December graduates at Central Michigan University.

Bramer was granted a specialist in education degree; Stahl and Wild were given bachelor of science degrees.

Detroit Free Press editor Joe Stroud delivered the commencement address at ceremonies Dec. 13.

The board of directors of the Lake Geneva Property Owners Association will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, January 8, at 7 p.m. in DeWitt High School.

recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Florida.

During Earns' eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

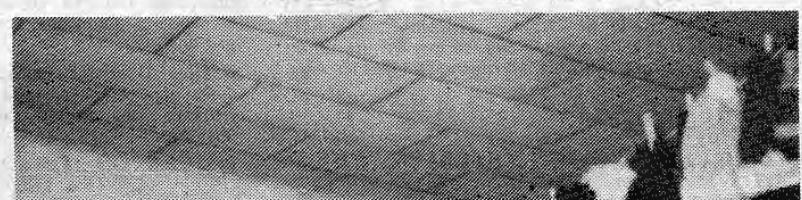
Earns' studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1986 graduate of Tawas Area High School, East Tawas, he joined the Navy in July 1986.

The mother of the brilliant college student bragged, "Every time we get a letter from our daughter, we have to go to the dictionary."

"You're lucky," her neighbor said. "Every time we get a letter from ours, we have to go to the bank."

## MITTEN BRIGADE



ANG Base. The announcement was made by Lt. Col. Gregory Maciolek, 191 Fighter Interceptor Group Commander.



Major Donald Hengesh

Hengesh, who has been commander of the 191 Security Police Flight for 10 years, fills a vacancy created when Lt. Col. Michael Potochick accepted the Public Affairs Officer position at state headquarters. "The biggest challenge," Hengesh says, "will be learning and administering such diverse areas as food service, social actions CBPO and the many other functions for which the CSS commander is responsible." "However," he continued, "it shouldn't be too difficult to meet that challenge, since I am inheriting a good staff with strong people in every position."

Hengesh joined the Air Force in 1967 as a distinguished graduate of Officers Training School and became a supply officer at Maxwell AFB, AL. Hengesh then moved into the Security Police career field, which brought him a tour in Nam Khon Phenom AB, Thailand during the Vietnamese War. He left the Air Force and joined the Michigan Air National Guard and the 191st in 1973 as a security police officer. He remained in the Security Police career field for his entire Guard career except for a short stint as the Data Management Officer.

Hengesh also brings to his new ANG position leadership and administration skills from his civilian job as Director, Community Alternative Programs for the Michigan Department of Corrections. In this position, Hengesh is responsible for coordinating, enhancing and administering Halfway Houses, Job Training, and local community programs such as probation and community services. These programs serve both as steps toward positive rehabilitation of criminals and alternatives to prison.

Hengesh lives in DeWitt with his wife, Mary. His daughter, Debbie, and son, David, attend DeWitt High School.

shop skins while getting a close-up look at another culture. Expenses may vary. Often the main cost is transportation. Once they get to a country, the costs are assumed by that country. In some cases, host countries required IFYE and YDP participants to hold bachelor's degrees in agriculture, education, or related fields.

In 1987, interested Michigan 4-H members will have the chance to travel to the Central American country of Belize, the Caribbean island of Jamaica, and historic London, England. Call the Extension Office for dates, cost and other details on any of these opportunities. International programs are always a source of growth for those involved, whether they travel to another country or host a visitor from a different part of the world. For more information about any of these 4-H international programs stop in at the Extension Office or phone 224-3288.



People really respond well when they know there's a need. At least, that's the message Boh and Peg Guilford got when they advertised, promising a free skein of yarn to anyone who would bring back at least one pair of mittens to donate to the DeWitt Community Christmas Project.



Since their Thanksgiving-time offer, Guilfords have been handing out the skeins of yarn. In return, 32 pair of handmade mittens, 16 warm hats and two scarves have been brought back to the DeWitt Hardware for the DCCP's Christmas gift packages. Peg strung some of the knitted and crocheted mittens and hats on a line across the hardware to show off the colorful handmade gifts before turning them over to the project. On behalf of the DCCP, Bertha Lennemann, left, accepts some of the knitted offerings from Peg, right.

Since this year's response was so good, Guilfords plan to make the skein offer earlier next year as a regular contribution to the DCCP. The donations enable Bertha and Audrey Fabus to fulfill requests from needy families without having to shop for the winter clothing items.

# MARCH of DIMES MONTH



## GOLDEN RULES FOR NEW YEAR

The New Year is upon us and we have 365 days to enjoy the fact we are alive and well. Here are some Golden Rules for Easier Living:

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it up.
4. If you break it, admit it.
5. If you can't fix it, call someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you value it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, ask permission.
11. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
12. If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.
13. If it's not broke, don't fix it.
14. If you smile, it will come back to you.

Author Unknown

## Stroganoff Can Be Tasty Meal

If you are looking for a good venison steak recipe, the following Venison Stroganoff may be just the

## INVESTITURE FOR DEWITT DAISY TROOPS



New to the DeWitt Girl Scouts scene this year are two Daisy (kindergarten age) troops. Daisies, who were inducted into Girl Scouting at a fall investiture ceremony in DeWitt Middle School cafeteria, observed the holiday season by caroling on Main Street the week before Christmas.

Members of Daisy Troop 405 are left to right: Top Row - Leaders Chris Ballard, Denise Jones, Laura Kraig; Middle Row - Stacey Howard, Kristy Kanine, Gretchen Kraig, Heather Fedewa, Brooke Cross; Bottom Row - Jami Simpson, Trisha Ballard, Missy Fedewa, Jackie Jones, Erin Kuper, Sarah Arnold. Missing - Sara Nolen.



## CARE PROTECTS LAWN/GARDEN

A few precautions can be a big benefit in protecting lawn and garden against the ravages of winter. Some suggestions are:

Weather permitting, final preparations for winter are among this month's lawn and garden activities. Michigan State University Extension specialists say the following tasks are timely for homeowners.

--Use chicken wire, snow fence or burlap to support boxwood and other evergreen shrubs and hedges that might be flattened by a heavy load of snow or ice. Shrubs under the dripline of houses and other buildings may need protection against avalanches off the roof.

--Prevent damage to fruit trees and landscape ornamentals by using rodent guards to fend off gnawing rabbits and mice. Cylinder of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch mesh hardware cloth, foil tree wrap or chemical taste repellents can prevent rodents from eating the bark and girdling plants. Chemicals may need to be reapplied during the winter. The foil and wire guards should be good for the season.



good venison steak recipe, the following Venison Stroganoff may be just the dish you will want to add to your cookbook this fall.

#### VENISON STROGANOFF

1/2 cup onion, chopped  
1/2 cup celery, chopped  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
1 1/2 lb. cubed venison  
1 garlic clove, minced  
2 tbsp. flour  
2 tsp. salt  
parsley, chives or dill  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/4 tsp. paprika  
1 lb. fresh or 1 8 oz. can mushrooms [optional]  
1 can undiluted cream of chicken soup  
1 cup sour cream

Saute onions and celery in melted butter or margarine in a frying pan until soft but not brown. Stir in venison cubes, garlic flour, salt, pepper, paprika and mushrooms. Saute mixture for 5 minutes. Add soup. Simmer uncovered for 20 minutes thin with water as desired. Cover and simmer about 1 hour.

Stir in sour cream and sprinkle with parsley, chives or dill. Heat. Serve on rice, noodles, toast or potatoes. Serves 4. Variation: Use ground venison. Simmer only 20 minutes covered before adding sour cream.

A family man is a fellow who has replaced the money in his wallet with snapshots.



Daisy Troop 410 members include: Top Row - Leader Carolyn Reed; Middle Row - Paula Ogston, Kellie Sebrell, Hollie and Heather Stewart, Katie Dredge; Bottom Row - Becky Reed, Lisa Wangen, Erin Smith; Missing - Leader Dee Robertson and Daisy Krista Robertson.

#### HOW THICK IS 'SAFE' ICE?

Ice on a river, the farm pond or lakes attracts kids, of all ages, like magnets. It's fun to skate, ski, ice fish, or just walk and look at the ice. But before you venture out onto a frozen body of water think about the safety precautions!

How thick should "safe" ice be? A safe depth of ice is difficult to define. While three inches of ice on a farm pond may hold a person with little danger, that same three inches on a moving stream or a lake with springs, stumps, and currents could be very dangerous. On the Great Lakes, one step from three foot thick

ice may lead the next step to nothing more than skim ice.

According to Howard Doss, MSU Safety Specialist, the following measures are suggested to reduce the risk of ice accidents.

1. Do not drive on ice.
2. Test the ice continually with an ice spud or similarly heavy bar or staff, especially for ice skating and ice fishing.



3. Stay away from stream mouths and lake inlets and outlets.

4. Be suspicious of gray or dark spots in the ice; these may be soft areas. Note: ice deteriorates along shoreline and around pilings and docks first.

5. Rescue gear should be available. A ladder is a good line, a tree limb or

even an article of clothing can save.

6. If you work on ice, two large spikes carried on the body can be used as a hand hold on the ice when crawling from a hole.

Those who can avoid ice travel should do so, particularly snowmobilers, cross country

#### Clinton County Extension Calendar

January	5 MAEH Class Carnival, Sm. Hall, 10 am Deadline for 4-H Market Steer Registration
6	"Lose It and Love It" weight loss series begins, Ovid Hall
8	Market Livestock Production Strategies, Wks., Ionia Dairy Production Strategies for 80's, Ionia
8	DHIA Banquet and Annual Meeting

The Shopping Guide DeWitt Edition January 5, 1987



The English department at a prominent university used a new way to get students interested in reading such classics as Aeschylus' Agamemnon and Shakespeare's Macbeth.

They added movies like The Godfather to the assignment list and titled the course, "The Gangster in Film and Literature."

skiers and snowshoers who can enjoy their sports on solid ground.

If travel over ice is unavoidable, as in ice fishing, or is work-related some of the factors that should be weighed are type of ice, recent weather, your knowledge of conditions and area, and your knowledge of the body of water you are crossing. Keep these tips in mind and help make your winter experiences on the ice happy ones.

Some foreign countries are considering placing a tax on American tourists - possibly another way of trying to make them feel at home.

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**HOLIDAY TRAVEL:** December visitors in the W. Howe Road home of Fred and Ardie Grove were their son-in-law and daughter, Chuck and Karen Hammontree. The couple flew in from Bothell, WA near Seattle, with their three sons, Charlie, Tony and Jamie. Hammontrees divided their time between Groves and Chuck's parents, the Lloyd Hammontrees of Durand.

Bud and Pat Shiffer and their daughter, Sue Ann of Clark Road, Bath, went to Florida for a fortnight, returning January 2 from the holiday visit with Pat's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Small in Sebring, FL.

**CONCERT BAND:** Local musicians are welcome to join the DeWitt Community Concert Band, now in its second year of operation. The band is open to all players 17 years of age and older. The group, which performs a wide variety of musical arrangements, rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the DeWitt High School band room.

Anyone, who has questions about the concert band or is interested in joining, may contact director, Patricia Keilen Jackson at 875-2137 [home] or 224-6831 [work].

**ARTS COUNCIL MEETING:** The Clinton County Arts Council will hold its regular membership meeting Thursday, January 15, at Hastie's Custom

### MAYOR NAMES COMMITTEES

Council voted to accept Mayor Lynn Thayer's recommendations for the following committee appointments for the coming year:

Four year terms on the Downtown Development Authority - Bill Lonier and Larry Schaefer;

Finance Committee and Personnel Grievance Committee - Don Steavens Roy Ketcheson, Carmen Seats, Virginia Martlew, Julie Bourbon, and Robert Ortwein;

Three year terms on Zoning Board of Appeals - Gerald Gabrion, Ken Underwood and Robert Noordhoek;

Three year term on Cable TV Committee - Robert Ortwein; 5-year term on Cemetery Board - Denice Smith; Fire Department council representative until November 1988 - Don Steavens; Water & Street Development council representative, term expiring November 1988 - Carmen

Community Education is in full swing in DeWitt. Can you believe that the Community Education Office received 116 phone calls last Monday, January 5?

Just what is Community Education and what services does it provide for you? Community Education provides services from pre-school early childhood movement class to programs for senior citizens. The major goal of the DeWitt Community Ed program is to provide programs, services and extended facility usage to all community members outside of the traditional K-12 educational program.

During the 1984/85 school year the DeWitt Board of Education authorized a 16 member Citizens Task Force to study community education and recommend back to the Board if a program was needed in DeWitt. As part of this study an extensive community needs survey was conducted. When asked how our schools could be of more service to the people who are not public school parents, the leading suggestions from both the community and the school staff were to offer adult and community education classes, open the facilities for more public use and to

Office was alive with activity preparing for the re-establishment of the High School Completion



Stephen C. Garrett

Program. Information was published, students recruited and staff employed for the fall. One of the services requested by many of the survey respondents was to provide a before and after school child care service. This program, which we call Latch Key, was initiated at the Scott School Building and Mrs. Jean Blizzard employed to be the director.

Now as the program nears the halfway mark of

### SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Stephen C. Garrett  
Superintendent  
DeWitt Public Schools

### DEWITT SAYS YES TO COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Twenty-eight enrichment classes were offered this winter and the response is great. Classes of high interest include smoking cessation and ACT test preparation. The Latch Key Program has been highly accepted with 62 families now enrolled and a daily average participation of 44 students. The expanded use of school facilities for the total community population is being accomplished.

The primary means of getting community offerings and information to the public is the school newsletter. The winter edition was just published. If you did not receive a copy, please call the Community Education Office at 669-3040 and one will be sent to you.

A special senior citizen spring dinner is being planned for Thursday, March 12, to be held at the DeWitt Middle School. I would like to encourage all of our senior citizens to call the Community Education Office at 669-3040 or contact me at 669-2260 and request your tickets so we can plan on you. There is no charge for the dinner.

I would like to thank

**ARTS COUNCIL MEETING:** The Clinton County Arts Council will hold its regular membership meeting Thursday, January 15, at Hastie's Custom Matting and Framing, located at 105 E. Grand River, Laingsburg.

Immediately following the short business meeting at 7:30 p.m., Mike Hastie will give a demonstration on procedures involved in properly matting and framing art work. The public is welcome to attend. There is no charge. Members, please plan to come and bring a friend.

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**AND THE WINNER IS:** Francis McKenna of W. Chadwick Road. What did he win? The handmade grandfather clock which DeWitt Knights of Columbus Council 7237 gave away at their New Year's Eve dance. Roger Pline, Tucker Drive, built the cherrywood clock.

## EXTENSION GIVES WEED WORKSHOP

"Intensive Weed Control Workshop" for farmers in Mid-Michigan will be offered Jan. 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 6 at Smith Hall in St. Johns from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The workshop includes instruction on weed identification, pesticide laws, action to take if injured by chemical herbicides or pesticides, application, and other topics. Fee is \$30 which includes materials and lunch. For information or to register call the Clinton County Extension Service at 224-3288.

Every year the thermometer goes lower and the fuel bills go higher. It's like heating in Celsius and paying in Fahrenheit.

## Dog Licenses Are Required

Fee for dog licenses in Clinton County is \$7 for males and females, \$4 if the dog has been neutered. Certificates of rabies and proof of neutering is needed.

Licenses can be obtained from township treasurers until Feb. 28. After that, they must be purchased at the county treasurer's office in the Courthouse in St. Johns. All dogs six months and older must be licensed. For information call 224-6791.

### PTA TO MEET

The DeWitt Elementary PTA will meet Monday, January 19, at 7:00 pm at Scott School cafeteria.

Water & Street Development council representative, term expiring November 1988 - Carmen Seats; Police Department council representative until January 1989 - Roy Ketcheson; Parks & Recreation Committee council representative, term expiring January 1989 - Julie Bourbon; Planning Commission council representative until January 1988 - Virginia Martlew.

## COMMISSIONERS NAME OFFICERS

Glenn Webster of Elsie became chairman of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at their January 2 annual organizational meeting. He succeeds Roger Overway who has served as chairman for the past 10 years. Robert Van Driesen of Eagle was reelected vice chairman.

Commissioners' meetings will remain the same, the last Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the commission room of Clinton County courthouse in St. Johns. Committee appointments made at the organizational meeting include: Finance, Richard Hawks; Personnel, Earl Lancaster; Building & Grounds, Walter Nobis; Criminal Justice, Robert Van Driesen; Physical Resources, Roger Overway, and Human Services, Lois Bracey.

Sarcasm: barbed ire.

and community education classes, open the facilities for more public use and to offer more adult recreation programs. A majority of all respondents felt that community education was very important to them; 82% of the community and 88% of the staff favored the establishment of the program.

The Board of Education accepted the report and recommendation of the Task Force to implement a Community Education Program in DeWitt and last April Mrs. Jane Parman came to the District as our Community Education Director to get a program underway. It was hoped that a program including adult high school completion could be initiated for this year and that the program would be self-sufficient budget-wise within two years.

Task one was to find an office for Jane and the program and the Fuerstenau storeroom was painted pink. The next step was to find just the right secretary for the program and Melinda Bach filled that bill. Organizational work and grant request writing then became the order of the day. A grant was received from the state to help with adult basic education and to initiate a Latch-Key Program.

During the summer the Community Education

director.

Now as the program nears the halfway mark of its first year, we must all agree that it is a success story in DeWitt. Budget-wise it is self sufficient in its first year of operation. There are 63 participants, with the full time equivalency of 30 students, in the high school completion program. In December, 12 students took the full G.E.D. tests, 13 took from one to four tests toward their high school diploma, and all passed.

charge for the dinner.

I would like to thank those who served on the Community Education Task Force, Jane, all the staff, and everyone in the community who has worked so hard to make Community Education a reality in our community.

An Egyptian mummy is an early example of permanent press.

## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

The city has accepted in principle the water agreement with DeWitt Township, although they do not yet have a written contract, council members concurred at Monday's meeting. Once both municipalities have signed an agreement joining their two water systems and sharing use of the township's elevated water tower near DeWitt Middle School, bidding can begin to secure contractors for the project.

raised from \$10 to \$11, from \$5 to \$6 quarterly for senior citizens.

A No Smoking policy was initiated for all three city buildings - city hall, fire hall and DPW garage - whereby smoking will be allowed in designated areas only. Hull's Professional Cleaning, Inc., of Lansing received the cleaning contract for city hall for \$242 a month. A lot split, recommended by the City Planning Commission, was approved for property owned by Bruno Siewek adjacent to city hall on E. Main Street.

Administrative assistant Kurt Klemens was appointed city delegate to the Lansing Metro Area Groundwater Management Board and council approved the city's annual \$227 donation to that board.

## DEWITT COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

The DeWitt Community Education program announces a full and varied schedule of classes/activities this winter term. Call 669-3040 for information and/or registration. All adult high school classes begin the week of January 19.

### ADULT HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

#### MORNING CLASSES 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

##### MONDAY

History

Basic Math - English Skills

##### TUESDAY

English 1

Basic Math - English Skills

##### WEDNESDAY

Government

Basic Math - English Skills

##### THURSDAY

G.E.D. Preparation

Basic Math - English Skills

##### FRIDAY

Science

Basic Math - English Skills

#### EVENING CLASSES

6:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

##### MONDAY

History

Computers

##### TUESDAY

English 1

Basic Math - English Skills

Science

##### WEDNESDAY

Math [Consumers]

Shop [Wood]

##### THURSDAY

Government

G.E.D. Preparation

Industrial Arts

Basic Math - English Skills

### ENRICHMENT & RECREATION CLASSES

Register by calling 669-3040. Seniors [age 60 and over] may take classes FREE, paying only for supplies.

AEROBICS - Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - 10 weeks, 20 sessions. DeWitt High School, \$40. Instructors:

to 2 p.m., D.H.S., \$40. Sponsored by DeWitt Community Education & Health Central.

OPEN SWIM - Mondays, January 19-April, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 31-April, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cost 50c per person.

BASIC STAINED GLASS - Monday, February 16 & 23, 7 to 9 p.m., \$8 plus supplies, Fuerstenau art room.

TOTAL STRETCH & TONE - Monday & Wednesday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - 10 weeks, 20 sessions, DMS, \$40. Instructors: Sherri Drayton & Susan Lark.

WALK FOR LIFE - Monday thru Friday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., January 12 - April 2, DHS, FREE, ongoing registration.

AEROBICS - Monday & Wednesday, Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - 10 weeks, 20 sessions, \$40. Instructors: Sherri Drayton & Susan Lark.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF A COMPUTER - Tuesday, January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, 7 to 10 p.m., DHS, \$5. David E. Persell, Ph.D. instructor.

COMMUNICATION & PARENTING SKILLS - Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m., 8 weeks, January 20 - March 10, DHS, FREE. CAPS program offered through Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health Board.

ESTATE PLANNING - Tuesday, February 24, 7 to 8:30 p.m., DHS, \$5. Instructor: Charles McDonald, CFP.

FINANCIAL STRATEGIES OF THE 80's - Tuesday, February 24, 7 to 8:30 p.m., DHS, \$5. Instructor: Charles McDonald, CFP.

GENEALOGY - Tuesdays beginning January 21, 6 weeks, 7 to 9 p.m., DHS. Instructor: Linda Holm

SWING & BALLROOM DANCING - Wednesdays January 21 - February 25, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$20 per person, \$35 per couple, Scott School cafeteria

I'M ME & THAT'S TERRIFIC - Wednesday, Feb. 11, 18 & 25, 1 to 3 p.m., FREE

OPEN BASKETBALL - Wednesday, starting January 21, 8 to 10 p.m., \$1 per night, For those over 18 and out of high school

ADULT SWIM - Wednesday starting January 28, 8 to 9:30 p.m., \$1 per person.

MORE FROM YOUR MICROWAVE - Thursday, March 12, 19 & 26, 7 to 9 p.m., \$5.

YOUR IDEAL SILHOUETTE - Thursday, February 5, 7 to 9 p.m., FREE

CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLINIC - Saturday, February 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. DMS \$10 per person.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPUTER CLUB - Wednesdays, January 14 to April, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., DMS, \$3 supplies. Club advisor: Lee A. Hodges, Certified Data Processor.

FLOOR HOCKEY - Wednesdays, February 25 - April 1, Grades 3 thru 5, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Fuerstenau gym

PANTHER WRESTLING CLUB - Wednesday for 12 weeks, 6 to 8 p.m., \$5 fee includes a T-shirt, DHS, children ages 5 thru high school. Instructor: Randy Smith

KARATE - Thursdays for 8 weeks - 5-12 year olds, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., \$12; 13 & up, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$15; Family - 2 or more, \$30. Instructor: Craig Mestemaker

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY - three sessions for ages 12-16 for DNR certification - Friday, January 30, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 31, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Monday February 2, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., DHS, \$6

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM PREPARATION COURSE [ACT] - Saturday, February 21 - April 4, 9:30 am, - 12:30 p.m., \$50. Conducted by DHS Guidance Department

EARLY CHILDHOOD MOVEMENT CLASS - Saturdays, January 24 - March 14; 9 - 10 a.m. for ages 2 1/2 to 3 1/2; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 4 & 5, DHS, \$20. Instructor: Katherine Schafer.

### LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASSES

#### AT DEWITT HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING II - 6:10 - 8 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday

TYPEWRITING I & II - 6:10 - 8 p.m., Monday & Wednesday, \$5

STOCK MARKET ESSENTIALS - 6:10 - 9 p.m. Tuesday

USING PERSONAL COMPUTERS - 6:10 - 9 p.m. Tuesday, \$12

INTRO TO DATA PROCESSING - 8:10 - 10 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday

BUSINESS BASIC I - 6:10 - 8 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, \$10

DANCE EXERCISE - 7:40 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday

JAZZ AEROBIC - 6:10 - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY: SOCIAL-INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR - 6:10 - 10 p.m. Tuesday

COMPOSITION II - 6:10 - 10 p.m. Tuesday

#### AT DEWITT MIDDLE SCHOOL





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**NEWCOMERS' ELECT:** A new slate of officers takes up duties this month for DeWitt Newcomers & Friends. Judi Zeisler is president; Cheree Bush, vice president; Sue Tabor, secretary, and Pat Wangen, treasurer.

January's dinner meeting was held at Mijo's on Wednesday; the bridge group met Thursday noon at Vi Pennington's E. Geneva home; Marylou Arquette was hostess at Lunch-for-a-bunch on Friday noon at Chi Chi's. An adults' sledding party is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, at Waverly Golf Course at 7:30 p.m. with a warm-up to follow at Cheddars.

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**KIWANIS MONTH:** DeWitt Kiwanis Club members are now starting their second year and welcome new members at any of their breakfast meetings held at Prairie Creek clubhouse. The group meets each Wednesday morning from 7 to 7:45 a.m.

**KIWANIS WEEK**  
JAN. 18-24



Officers are: Phil Crockett, president; Walter

### County Receives Career Education Program Funding

Clinton County Intermediate School District has been awarded a \$5,000 grant toward a career education program by the Michigan Department of Education. Clinton County was one of 28 districts out of 80 applicants, which received the special funds.

The grant will help meet expenses of the program, which aims to better prepare high school graduates for employment or college. The Michigan Department of Education is funding the program in an effort to promote partnerships between business and education. More than 700 Clinton County businesses received a recent mailing, inviting them to participate in the program by providing resources such as job shadowing opportunities and volunteers for interview days.

Julie Lenneman, president of DeWitt Business Association and Joann Martis, director of the St.

### WATERTOWN P&R PLANS PROGRAMS

Aerobics, shuffleboard, quilting, and a CPR Class are some of the programs being scheduled by Watertown Charter Township Parks & Recreation Director Tony Sporer. A Pre-School Movement class for 3 to 6 year olds on Thursdays, a Pom-Pom class for fifth graders on Tuesdays, Co-ed Volleyball on Monday evenings, and adult basketball on Tuesday evenings will all be underway soon.

A Tax Seminar is planned for 7 pm on January 21, and a Skate Swap for Saturday, January 24. Create an Ohio Star quilt in six weeks starting Thursday evening, January 15, or sign up for the CPR Class meeting January 31 at 9 a.m.

Openings exist in most activities. For more detailed information regarding times and fees call Tony Sporer at 626-6593 or 669-9200.

## TOWNSHIP MINUTES

### TRAFFIC LIGHT

A traffic light, recommended for the intersection of Clark Road and DeWitt Road, came under discussion at the Monday meeting of DeWitt Charter Township trustees. Two fatalities had occurred at the corner in 1984 when it was a two-way stop; despite establishment of a four-way stop, accidents have continued to occur at the corner, where five lanes of southbound traffic near the I-69 interchange narrow to two lanes after crossing Clark Road.

The traffic light recommendation resulted from a study made by Michigan State Police in conjunction with the Clinton County Road Commission and DeWitt Township Police Department. Estimated cost of installing a light at the intersection is \$6,300. Superintendent Frank Mann is to check into possible ways of defraying the cost to the township and report back at the next meeting.

Dunigan Brothers of Mason, who made a bid of \$62,275, received the contract for the Stoll Road sewer project. Repairs, to begin in the next couple of weeks and tentatively concluded in March, will repair the sanitary sewer on Stoll between Turner and DeWitt Roads. The construction project will move the sewer, which has been beneath the road, to the side of the road. It will not, however, alleviate Stoll Road's flooding problem in that location.

### SPECIAL ELECTION

Trustees passed a resolution to set a special election for Tuesday, March 31, in which voters will be asked their preference in setting salaries of township officials. Two petitions, presented at a November board meeting, had requested a referendum on a pay raise which officials had approved for themselves and asked for a compensation board to set salaries for township officers.

A public hearing was also set for Monday, January 26, at 6:45 p.m. regarding installation of a street light at Wood Road and Castle Drive.

### SMOKING POLICY

Trustees adopted a new policy to permit smoking in designated areas of the township hall and fire department buildings. Department heads will make the decisions regarding designated smoking areas in

Officers are: Phil Crockett, president; Walter Eyke, vice president; Jim Spalding, secretary, and Tim Woodard, treasurer. Fund-raisers in Kiwanis' first year of operation furthered several worthwhile projects. A peanut sale generated money for a scholarship for DeWitt High School students; a golf outing provided a monetary donation to the DeWitt Fire Department Heart-Aid fund. Members also gathered canned good, which they contributed to Lansing area Kiwanis drive for the needy. Men interested in membership may contact Tim Woodard, 669-8323.

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**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** The City of DeWitt Parks and Recreation Committee is proud to announce completion of another very successful Santa Delivery Service Program.

These special people donated their time on Christmas Eve to help make many children have a special night to remember: Mark Wild, Bernie Nordlund, Todd Dollarhite, John Sweebe, and Candy Laughlin. A big thank you to all of them for their Christmas Eve with Santa!!

The DeWitt Parks and Recreation Committee also wishes to express to the LAKE GENEVA ASSOCIATION and MARK WILD their appreciation for the playground equipment they donated to the city. It is being repaired and will be in use at the city's McGuire Park in the spring.

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**SPRING MUSICALS:** A variety of musical offerings will be provided by DeWitt High School students during the next few months, all open to the public. The lively musical, "Grease," will be presented February 11-14 in the DHS auditorium. February 21 is the date of the District Solo & Ensemble Festival and March 14, the District Band Festival.

The DHS band and choir will present their spring concert on March 25. Concluding events will be the band concert on May 13 and the choir concert on May 27.

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Julie Lenneman, president of DeWitt Business Association and Joann Martis, director of the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce, will represent county businesses on the program's advisory council.

The career education program will provide such activities as:

- 1) Employment skills seminars
- 2) Speakers bureau
- 3) Job shadowing - students spend a day "Shadowing" county residents in the course of a day's work.
- 4) Interview days - Employers visit county high schools for a day of realistic one-on-one interviews between employers and students. Students learn how to prepare for and conduct themselves during interviews.

### **CITY COUNCIL TO MEET TUESDAY**

DeWitt city council will meet Tuesday evening, January 20, instead of its usual Monday [the 19th] meeting, because of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on January 19. The council meeting takes place at the usual time, 7:30 p.m., in the new council chambers in city hall.

The first person to say you can't take it with you was undoubtedly with the Internal Revenue Service.

Sporer at 626-6593 or 669-9200.

### **4-H Leaders Can Claim Deductions**

4-H leaders along with all other volunteers can take advantage of a number of tax benefits under the general charitable contribution deduction of the Internal Revenue Code. Volunteers can deduct "unreimbursed expenditures made incident to rendition of services to a qualifying organization." Now this means that a volunteer may deduct out-of-pocket expenses incurred while doing volunteer work for groups approved by the IRS. The 4-H program is one of those groups approved.

Some types of deductible items include: automobile mileage and expenses; telephone bills; entertainment and meals given to others; and of course, direct gifts of money to the organization.

Some things that can not be deducted are: value of volunteer time; cost of babysitters while doing volunteer work and own meals and/or entertainment. A complete description of federal tax deductions for volunteers can be obtained from the IRS, publication #526, "Income Tax Deductions for Contributions."

Trustees adopted a new policy to permit smoking in designated areas of the township hall and fire department buildings. Department heads will make the decisions regarding designated smoking areas in their specific jurisdictions.

John Klock was appointed to the Public Safety Committee. Supt. Mann, Clerk Greg Whitlock and trustee Doug Hammond were named to handle interviews of prospective employees, as the board moved to change the township's hiring policy. Department heads are to do initial screening of candidates, after which the three board members, rather than the entire board, will be involved in the interviewing process.

In other action, trustees approved the purchase of two standard LTD Ford police cars from Pat McCrackin Ford at costs of \$12,394 each, and approved a \$180 purchase of fire truck equipment. The board moved to allow fire department personnel to change the oil and filters on fire trucks, which would save the township considerable money.

### **COUNTY PICTORIAL BOOK AVAILABLE**

The book committee of Clinton County Historical Society is now taking orders for the reprinted edition of the pictorial book, "Past and Present of Clinton County, Michigan," by Judge S.B. Daboll. The book, which contains much biographical information about Clinton County residents, originally came out without an index in 1906.

The reprinted edition of the book has been indexed by the Historical Society's archives librarian, Wilma Sowle. The volume may be ordered before March 1 for \$30 by sending a check to "History Book Committee", P.O. Box 174, St. Johns

48879. After that date, the price will increase to \$40. If the book is to be mailed to you, add another \$5 for postage and handling.

### **4-Her's In Action**

The eight members of the Sleepy Hollow 4-H Club made cookies and punch for the residents of the Looking Glass Terrace in Laingsburg. On December 23rd they shared the cookies and their friendship.

Officers are president, Michelle Mohney; vice president, Derek Mohney; secretary, Suzy Billings; treasurer, Ken Billings; news reporter, David Marvin. All officers attended officers training in December.

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

DeWitt Public Schools' proposed building project moved another step forward at the Board of Education monthly meeting last Monday, January 12. Board members approved the application for preliminary qualification of bonds, which would finance the \$3.9 million construction/renovation project. The application will now be submitted to the State Department of Education for its approval. Suggested date for an election on the bond issue was March 31, but the date may be moved to April since DeWitt Township has scheduled a March 31 election.

The board authorized participation in the "Close-Up" program for interested high school students. High school teachers Elaine Kutchins and Peggy Williams had proposed the program, which provides students with an opportunity to spend a full week in Washington, DC at a cost of \$693 per student. Five students have expressed an interest in the program to date.

The name of William H. Abbey, DeWitt High School auto shop teacher and coach from 1974 to 1985, will be added to the memorial plaque in the football stadium. Abbey was killed in a 1986 boarding accident.

the school district. Also approved were purchase of a hood ventilation and fire suspension system for the high school kitchen for \$15,162 from the Dee Cramer Company of Flint, and two Frymaster commercial french fryers from Lansing Food Equipment Company for \$3,783.

### New Tax Law Effects Vary

Many people are wondering how the new tax laws will affect their families. The new law features a reduction in tax rates and at the same time eliminates or modifies many tax breaks. Your tax depends on the size of your household and the deductions you've been taking under the current law.

Most of the limits on TAX BREAKS took effect January 1. For TAX RATES, however, 1987 is a transition year. This means that most taxpayers will get a tax cut the first year, but because some deductions stop now and the lower tax rates aren't completely in place, some taxpayers will pay more in taxes in 1987.

The tax reform means one this for sure: you will need to reassess your spending and savings habits.

CREDIT

## LOOKING GLASS WINTER



The Looking Glass River, which wanders picturesquely in and around the DeWitt area, puts on its winter face with each snowfall. Although this picture was taken from the Schavey Road bridge, the meandering river provides many other breathtaking views along its leisurely crosscountry route.

### ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

The Lansing Council of Catholic Women will meet Wednesday, January 21, at Holy Cross Church. Featured speaker on the morning program at 9 a.m. will be Fr. Mark Inglot on "Marriage Encounter". Fr. Thomas Watkins will discuss

clubhouse. Jeff Martlew has been named chairman of the Lions annual Easter lily sale.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Stichler of E. Pratt Road will observe their golden

## CORNER GARDEN

--Prevent bark splitting in young fruit trees, maple and other tender-barked trees by painting the trunks with white latex (not oil-based) paint, shading them with canvas or burlap screens, or wrapping the trunks with tree wrap. The splitting occurs after the bright winter sun has warmed the south and west sides of the trees. Then, as the temperature falls, the bark cools and contracts faster than the inner tissues. Something has to give, and it's almost always the bark.

--Keep flowering plants looking good as long as possible by keeping them in a cool, brightly lighted spot free of hot and cold drafts. Daytime temperatures in the 60s and night temperatures in the 50s are recommended.

--Place house plants where they'll receive all the natural light that's available, and water them sparingly. Most house plants need no fertilizer in the winter, unless they're actively growing under artificial light. Too much fertilizer and water and too little light and low humidity are the main causes of poor house plant performance in the winter.

### Grant Awarded

1985, will be added to the memorial plaque in the football stadium. Abbey was killed in a 1986 boarding accident.

Dr. Kay Hannah, Fuerstenau School principal, and teachers Machelle Ballard and Judy Hedlund reviewed DeWitt's special education services for the board. A proposal for a female guidance counselor at the high school was referred to the board curriculum committee. Board members accepted the resignation of Gloria McLaughlin, cook-server, and welcomed Carol Schieding to the staff as the new Latch Key helper.

Early graduation was approved for high school seniors Julie Bengel, Leslie Peters, and Penny Stampfli. The board moved to continue the auditing services of Biggs, Haussman and Abraham of St. Johns for

A visitor to Hong Kong came across a sampan whose occupant was vending fruits and vegetables. He noticed that the oranges were stamped "Sunkist."

Mentioning it to a more seasoned traveler, he learned that if he went to one of the back streets, he would find an old lady stamping oranges "Sunkist."

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need to reassess your spending and savings habits.

#### CREDIT

If you've justified paying high annual interest rates on charge cards because you could deduct the interest, it's time to rethink your strategy. In 1987, only 65 percent of consumer installment interest is deductible; 40 percent in 1988; 20 percent in 1989; and 10 percent in 1990. After 1990, no interest of this kind will be deductible.

It will be to your advantage to investigate credit cards with lower rates and no or very low annual fees.

The tax reform leaves one major "loophole" for financing major purchases. Under the new law, mortgage interest, as well as property taxes on first and second residences, remain deductible. The law limits deductions for home equity financing, but you still may use tax-deductible second mortgage loans for other purposes.

#### IRAs

The deductibility of IRA contributions has been modified, but the income from your IRA contributions remains tax deferred. All taxpayers will be able to defer taxes on the earnings from old and new IRA contributions, regardless of income or pension coverage.

morning program at 9 a.m. will be Fr. Mark Ingol on "Marriage Encounter". Fr. Thomas Watkins will discuss Family Living at the afternoon program. Contact Jackie Urbain, 669-5060, for information.

The Clinton County Republican convention will be held Tuesday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the courthouse, St. Johns. Purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates and alternates to the Republican state convention, which will be held in Lansing on Friday, and Saturday, February 20 and 21.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Stichler of E. Pratt Road will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 25. Stichlers' children and grandchildren will be hosts at a buffet open house in their honor from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at St. Isidore's Church hall in Laingsburg.

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A one day workshop sponsored by the MSU Cooperative Extension Service and the State of Michigan, entitled "Planning Cash Flows and Balance Sheets To Help You Find Your Best Farm Plan For 1987" will be held at Smith Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26.

Money still talks, but it has to catch its breath more often.

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Community; Sue Lusty, Christian Social Involvement; Eileen Barnes, Christian Global Concerns. Alice Blankenship was named secretary, program resources; Dorothy Thomas, secretary, financial interpretations, and Gerry Hall, hospitality.

Sue Lusty, Candy Monk, and Gail Stevens make up the nominations committee. Circle leaders are Reva Frees, Dorcas Circle; Pat Wangen, Faith Circle; Dana Green, Harmony Circle; Debbie Dowling, Priscilla Circle, and Dorothy Thomas, Ruth Circle.

Having plenty of life insurance would be more enjoyable if we could somehow be our own beneficiaries.

The time is always right to do what is right. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Causes of poor house plant performance in the winter.

## Grant Awarded OJT Program

Lansing Tri-County Employment and Training Consortium has awarded a \$17,000 contract to the On-the-Job Training program of Clinton County Intermediate School District, which serves JTPA eligible adults in Clinton County.

The OJT program is beneficial to local employers who receive from \$800 to \$1,200 in training reimbursements from the federally funded JTPA program, according to Jim Davis CCISD job training program coordinator.

The On-the-Job Training (OJT) program is targeted for adults [18-55] who need hands on skill training to increase or refresh their skill level. The training is provided by local employers who train participants at their place of employment and are reimbursed for their training expenses at a rate of 50 percent of the participant's straight time wages for the seven to twelve week training period.

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## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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## DATELINE: DeWitt

January 26, 1987  
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### Kitty Korner

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES:** Cookie addicts will be happy to hear that some 130 DeWitt Girl Scouts - Brownies, Juniors, Cadets and Seniors - are now canvassing for their annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale. The two-week sales project began Friday, January 23, and continues through Sunday, February 8. The two Daisy (kindergarten age) troops are allowed to sell cookies to families and friends, but not to go door-to-door in their efforts.

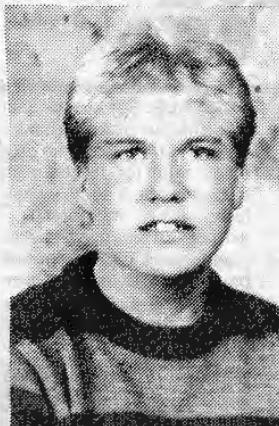
Cookies ordered now will be delivered in early March. Each box sells for \$2 with \$1.11 of that amount being tax deductible. Cookie varieties include Hoedowns, Classic Cremes, Scot-teas, Savannahs, Jubilees, and the ever-popular Thin Mints. A Golden Yangles cheese cracker selection is also available from the Scouts.

Cookie lovers, who are not contacted by Girl Scouts, may call Carla Doorn, cookie chairperson for the City of DeWitt, at 669-5825; Ginny Hane, area coordinator of cookie sales for Clinton County, 669-3306, or Barbara Bond, service unit director, 669-5179.

This once-a-year fund raiser is extremely important, since it determines to a great extent the ability of the Girl Scout organization to make their services available to the community. Through the annual Cookie Sale Girl Scouts have the opportunity to earn money for their local troop activities. Proceeds from the Cookie Sale also help the Girl Scout Council to assist girls in participating in special Girl Scout events, provide services to girls, and acquire and maintain facilities such as camp for

### VANCE TO PLAY IN LIONS BAND

Bass drummer Alan Vance was one of the successful young musicians, who auditioned recently for the 1987 Michigan Lions All-State Band. Vance, 16, a DeWitt High School junior who plays both saxophone and drum, was among 35 Clinton County students who will contribute talent to this year's band.



during this year's schedule. Monthly rehearsals will take place in early April and May to prepare the bandmen for their first official appearance at the May 16th Michigan Lions State Convention in Lansing. Rehearsal and a Saturday concert in St. Johns will mark the June 17th kickoff date for the 1987 Orient Tour. The band will leave Chicago on June 21st bound for Hong Kong.

The 22-hour flight will represent the "lion's share" of an estimated 60 hours that the group will spend in airports or on planes during the 16-day excursion. Each of the bandmen will be required to furnish \$2500 of their own costs for the tour. The total cost of the planned trip is expected to reach well over \$400,000 according to Lions staff



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### CITY COUNCIL NOTES

#### WATER CONTRACT

DeWitt City Council tabled the water usage contract with DeWitt Township at their January 20 meeting, in order to allow the two new council members to familiarize themselves with its contents. Robert Ortwein and Julie Bourbon had not yet seen drafts of the document, months in preparation, which had just arrived at city offices in final form at 4 p.m. Tuesday, the day of the council meeting.

The refuse contract with Allied Disposal Co. of Bath was tabled for the

#### Student Earns 4-H Scholarship

same reason. It also had been received at city offices at 4 p.m. Tuesday, which did not allow council members sufficient time to review it carefully before their 7 p.m. meeting.

#### BUILDING COMPETITION

Austin Knapp, Downtown Development Authority chairman, told council that "It's been a long haul" in completing the city hall renovation project, but he was now ready to turn over contractors' bills and the building to the city. Council members then agreed on a resolution accepting the building from the Authority. A dedication ceremony and open house have been tentatively set for two to four p.m. Sun-

Proceeds from the Cookie Sale also help the Girl Scout Council to assist girls in participating in special Girl Scout events, provide services to girls, and acquire and maintain facilities such as camp for all Girl Scouts in the area.

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**TICKETS FOR 'GREASE':** DeWitt residents, who want to attend a performance of "Grease", DeWitt High School's spring musical production, will now have a better opportunity to select their own seats under a policy new this year. All tickets must be picked up in person at the high school, where you can look at the auditorium diagram and select your own seats. There will be no phone reservations as in years past.

Public ticket sales will begin Monday, February 2, although tickets go on sale to the cast this week. Tickets may be purchased at the following daily times: 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. in the high school band room; 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the band room; 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the auditorium lobby at the high school. General admission tickets are \$4; \$3 for senior citizens. Bleacher seats will also be offered at the rear of the auditorium for \$3. Show members or students may be contacted to pick up your tickets, if you are unable to be at the high school during ticket sales hours.

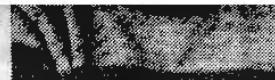
The cast of some 80 students will sing and dance to Fifties tunes in "Grease" on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 11 through 14. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

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**FOLLIES THEME?:** The sixth annual DeWitt Follies will be held Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, but as yet, it has no theme. The 1985 follies theme was "What Color is Music?" and stressed color-related musical arrangements; last year "Music from Around the World" was the international theme.

Directors Ruth Ueberroth and Connie Toune would be glad to have any suggestions, if you have a neat theme idea you'd like to pass along. Tryouts for the annual follies, which showcase local talent, will be held in late February at the high school auditorium. Ruth can be reached at 669-9591, Connie at 669-5979.

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Alan Vance

More than 200 students from 92 Michigan school districts took part in the two-day audition sessions at St. Johns High School the January 9-10 weekend. They were competing for 181 positions on the Lions band and an opportunity to accompany that group on a summer tour that will include Hong Kong, Canton, Taipei and two ports of call in Hawaii.

Members of the 1987 band will celebrate that unit's tenth anniversary

#### GRANTS ASSIST NEEDY STUDENTS

Through the years needy students at Lansing Catholic Central High School have received grants to assist them through high school, thanks to a memorial fund established in 1969 by a couple who now reside in Ro Dic Don subdivision, DeWitt. Frank and Marion Klco set up the fund in memory of their son Jim, a 1967 graduate of O'Rafferty High School who was killed in Viet Nam in 1969.

Klco attended Immaculate Heart of Mary and Holy Cross elementary schools before going to O'Rafferty, where he was an active student. He was a member of the National Honor Society,

tour. The total cost of the planned trip is expected to reach well over \$400,000 according to Lions staff members. Local Lions Clubs across the state are given the option of helping each student raise their required fee, but most of the musicians will require additional financial support.

Vance, who plays bass drum in the DeWitt High School band, made the spring break trip to Florida with the DHS band during his freshman year. Also a member of the high school swim team, he is the son of Millie Vance of DuCharme Drive and the late David Vance.

#### NEEDY STUDENTS

Catholic Students Mission Crusade and the Varsity Club, in addition to being vice president of his junior class, football player and wrestler.

In his last letter from Viet Nam, the young man wrote, "Until you are prepared to die, you are not prepared to live." The Christian ideals, which Klco embodied and mentioned in his letters home, prompted his parents to set up the memorial fund to aid other students.

Some \$19,000 in tuition grants have been given to needy students over the intervening years. Donations may be directed to the James E. Klco Memorial Fund, c/o Lansing Catholic Central Development Office.

#### Student Earns 4-H Scholarship

Tammy Foster of DeWitt was awarded the Clinton County 4-H Scholarship. This scholarship is presented to a 4-H member who has been involved in a 4-H Club for at least five years and was enrolled during their 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. The member is selected based on their 4-H achievements and their contributions to the 4-H program.

Foster is the 19-year-old daughter of Roger and Judy Foster of Howe Road. A 1985 graduate of DeWitt High School, she recently completed her first term at Michigan State University.

Foster was a member of the Kountry Kids 4-H Club for nine years and was involved in horse programs at the club, county, state and national level. Tammy was a member of the Clinton County 4-H Horse Judging Teams and earned both state and national honors.

Four-H members, interested in applying for the 1987 Clinton County 4-H Scholarship, should be high school seniors planning to continue their education at a trade school, community college or university of their choice. Application forms are available at the Extension Office and must be returned by July 1st.

The education ceremony and open house have been tentatively set for two to four p.m. Sunday, March 8.

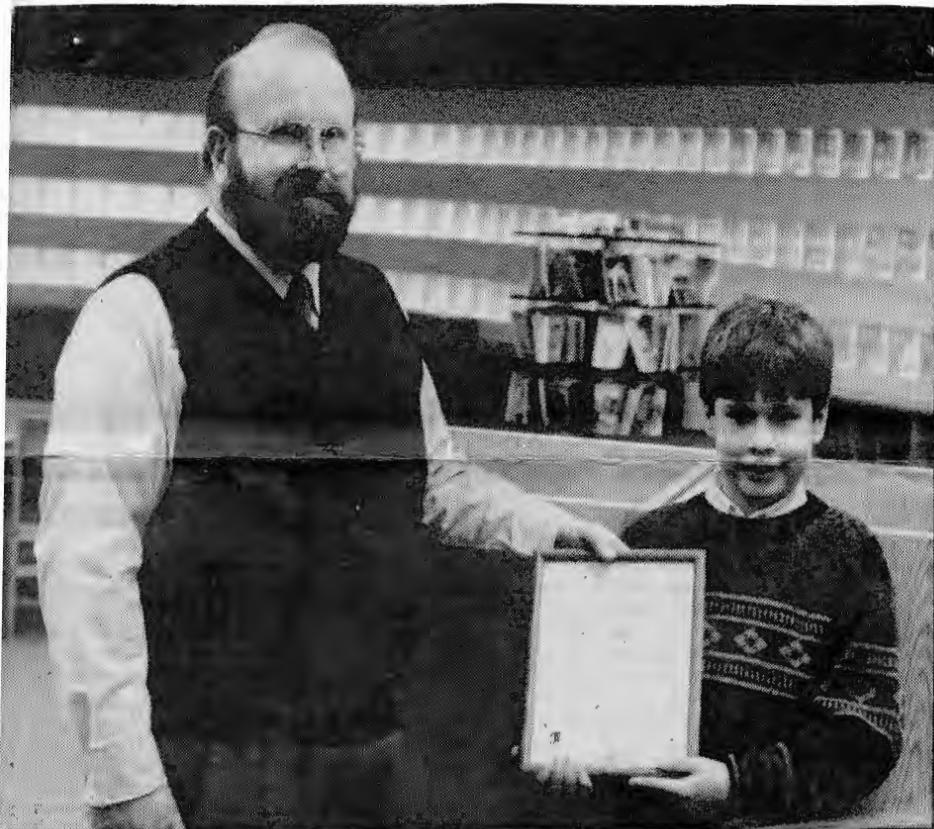
Members concurred on sending a letter to DeWitt Township board members regarding the fire contract renewal, expressing the city's desire to continue serving DeWitt Township with dependable fire assistance.

Lengthy discussion of a proposed personnel policy handbook for city employees showed only that more work is needed before a satisfactory document can be issued in final form.

Roger Brown, president of DeWitt Memorial Association, asked city permission to hold the 41st annual DeWitt Ox Roast in downtown DeWitt on Saturday, August 15. Council agreed to close streets in the downtown area from noon Friday, August 14, through the 15th for the annual event.

An experienced diplomat is one who can pronounce the names of all the countries that are mad at us.

It would be nice if the Food and Drug Administration stopped issuing warnings about toxic substances and just gave us the names of one or two things still safe to eat.



**STAMP OF APPROVAL** — Scott Elementary teacher Jim Holmes poses with his student Brian Crimmins who recently took sixth place in a statewide stamp design contest. Photo by Kris Spencer.

## 4th grader designs winning stamp

By KRIS SPENCER  
Editor

Scott Elementary fourth grader Brian Crimmins took sixth place in the 9-10 age bracket in a Design-a-Stamp contest held in Lansing Feb. 9.

The contest included approximately 2,000 entries from students statewide, in age groups ranging from 6 to 17. It was part of a larger program known as Cemplex '92 Stamp Show — Exploring New Worlds 1492-1992.

The Design-a-Stamp theme was "space" and the 30th anniversary of the first US orbital space flight by John Glenn. For his efforts,

Crimmins was given a certificate from the Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club, signed by the Lansing post master.

Crimmins' teacher Jim Holmes says his entire class participated in the contest; his classes have participated five years straight. "I like to encourage my students to participate in something artistic," he says. "It's healthy to learn how to communicate thoughts and ideas through pictures as well as through words."

Crimmins, who has collected stamps since the age of 6, says he enjoys drawing and writing, and that he'd like to participate in the contest again.

The most exciting part of the event?

"We saw stamps from all over the world," he says, "and we got to see other people's designs."

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By Stephen C. Garrett  
Superintendent  
DeWitt Public Schools

### WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR DISTRICT

I am very proud to be part of the DeWitt School System. In much of the information presented to the community, we focus on the needs of the District such as facilities and the upcoming bond proposal, or we report on what is taking place in the District. In this Superintendent's Corner I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to all those who dedicate themselves to providing a quality educational program for our students.



Stephen C. Garrett

First, the Board of Education, seven community representatives who unselfishly give of their time to provide leadership and direction to our District. These seven members are: Mr. Thomas Kamppinen, Trustee, and Dr. William Schaar, Treasurer, who are now serving in their second four-year term on the Board, Mr. Glenn Tarrant, President; Mr. David Harfst, Vice President; Mr. Ronald Johnson, Secretary; Mr. James Osborn, Trustee; and Mrs. Denise Baird, Trustee. The Board conducts its regular meetings on the second Monday of each month at the Griswold Administration Building at 608 Wilson Street. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

I believe we are fortunate in DeWitt to have a strong teaching and administrative staff which places emphasis on the academics and educational program. To supplement the program, the District is recognized for its athletics and music programs. And now we have a growing Community Education Program providing adult education and community support services.

Very important in providing the services of the District are the support services staff. I would like to thank the bus drivers, secretaries, custodians, and all other personnel for their

## Bunn To Lead Rodeo Club

The Clinton County 4-H Program is currently in the process of forming a 4-H Rodeo Club which will be under the leadership of Bob Bunn of DeWitt Road. Bunn brings a great deal of rodeo experience with him to this role and will help interested youth learn more about the sport of rodeo.

The group is open to boys and girls between the age of 9 and 19 and youth do not have to be 4-H members already in order to join. Younger members will ride ponies and small steers while the older members will ride horses and rough stock. Members do not have to own their own horse to be involved.

Interested young folks should contact Bob Bunn at 669-5936 by January 26, as the group will begin forming by the first of February. A special rodeo clinic will be held at Michigan State University on Saturday, February 14, and Bunn hopes that all interested members will be able to attend.

The group is also in need of some assistant leaders. The requirements for assistant leaders include an interest in horses and the sport of rodeo; although previous experience would be helpful, it is not required. Assistant leaders can help

## YESTERYEAR

Clinton County has a rich and interesting heritage - and 1987 is a good time to investigate it.

Have you seen pictures, or for that matter a model of the "street car" that ran from St. Johns to Lansing through DeWitt? Did you know that from the present bridge in DeWitt you can still see part of the old "railroad - street car" bridge earthwork when you look to the east?

How about the actual photos of the beauty of some of the older homes in the County. Or have you seen the real toys like grandfather or great grandpa used to play with as a child?

All this history plus much more is available to everyone through the Clinton County Museum, known as the Paine Gillam Scott Museum, just west of the Courthouse in St. Johns. [Presently there is no agriculture equipment on display].

This Monday, January 26, 1987 marks 150 years since Michigan became a state. If you haven't visited our county museum, plan to do it this sesquicentennial year.

## PLAN WAY OUT OF DEBT TRAP

## DEWITT SWIM CLUB WINS HOME MEET

by Chris Peacock

The DeWitt Swim Club hosted its first home meet of 1987 on Saturday, January 17. Competing against Ovid-Elsie, the DeWitt Club was victorious, outscoring the visitors 392-280. It was a "blue ribbon" day for the Panthers as DeWitt gathered 42 first-place finishes of the 60 events of the meet.

Age group first place awards went to:

8 & Under - Margo Baisley [100 I.M.], Jay Larner [100 I.M., 25 Free, 25 Fly], Jenni Maatman [25 Free, 50 Free, 25 Breast], Josh Jones [50 Free, 25 Back, 25 Breast], Melissa Beckwith [25 Back], and the Medley Relay team of Beckwith, Maatman, Baisley, and Angie Foster.

9 & 10 yr. olds - Jenny Christensen [100 Free, 200 Free], Chad Foster [100 Free, 200 Free, 50 Breast], Kelly Cowan [100 I.M., 50 Fly], Woody Larner [100 I.M.], and Adam Gorman [50 Fly]. The Medley Relay teams included Cowan, Christensen, Ann McCrackin, and Mandy Jones [girls]; and Larner, Gorman, Rick Cook and Chris Seekamp [boys]. The girls Freestyle Relay team was McCrackin, Cowan, Christensen, and Rena Black.

11 & 12 yr. olds - Mari Fullmer [50 Free, 50 Fly], Jenny Brown [100 Free, 50 Breast], and Kelly Peacock [50 Back]. Fullmer, Brown, Peacock, and Dawn Stauffer made up both Medley and Freestyle Relay teams.

13 & 14 yr. olds - Lisa DeFoe [200 I.M., 100 Back], Kim Withers [50 Free, 100 Free], Mike Christensen [100 Free, 100 Breast] and Matt Shier [200 I.M., 50 Free, 100 Fly]. DeFoe, Withers, Staci Haag and Kendra Washington comprised both winning Medley and Freestyle Relay teams.

It requires more than first-place finishes to win a swim meet, however. Points are scored by all competitors, and it takes solid performances from all club members to achieve a winning season. The following club swimmers figured significantly in the scoring, many of whom achieved their personal best times. They are: Stephanie Carlson, Katie Peacock, Ann Bourdon, Jason Kilgore, Heather Maatman, Linda Ervin, Valerie Bourdon, Hank Thompson, Kevin Clukey, Heather Baldwin, Tracy Slater, Rhonda Black, Jenny Markey, and Dale Kilgore.

Very important in providing the services of the District are the support services staff. I would like to thank the bus drivers, secretaries, custodians, clerks, aides, and cafeteria personnel for their dedicated service.

A small special group of people also very important in the operation of the district, who work closely with me and are seldom recognized, are the business manager, Mrs. Joyce Kennedy; the District's executive secretary, Mrs. Debbie Johnson; accounts payable and payroll clerk, Mrs. Linda Schelb; maintenance supervisor, Mr. Bruce Dalman, and transportation supervisor, Mr. Dan Lynn. To these people, a special thanks.

Added to this list are all the volunteers who work so hard to make the district "go", the citizen committees, the Boosters, the Foundation Board, the PTA, parent volunteers, chaperones, and many who dedicate many hours and are never recognized - we all say thanks.

And above all, we are fortunate to have an excellent student body and the support of a great community.

## ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

DeWitt Schools Booster Club will hold their regular meeting Monday, February 2, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

He is currently serving with 3rd Force Service Support Group, on Okinawa.

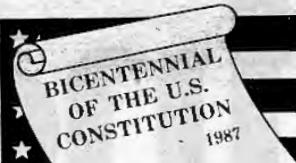
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Clinton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor their 14th annual Heart Ball dinner dance Saturday, February 7, at the DeWitt VFW Hall from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Reunion Band will provide the music.

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The DeWitt Memorial Association board meeting will be held Wednesday, January 28 at 7:30

horses and the sport of rodeo; although previous experience would be helpful, it is not required. Assistant leaders can help with paperwork and record-keeping, make video tape work-outs and help in any number of ways. Leaders would also learn along with the members. Youth or adults interested in getting more information about this exciting new opportunity should contact Bunn.



Another name for a morning grouch is a surly riser.

p.m. in the library conference room. Experience the uniqueness of DeWitt's giant clubhouse by attending this meeting.

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St. Jude Women's Association will hold a Valentine card party at their meeting Thursday, February 5. Mass at 7:30 p.m. will be followed by a brief business meeting and an evening of progressive card playing.

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Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy. - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

White received the award for good behavior and conduct over a three-year period in the Marine Corps.

## PLAN WAY OUT OF DEBT TRAP

Now that Christmas is over and the bills are coming in, are you amazed at how much you charged on credit cards? Have you fallen into the debt trap? If so, you're not alone. Many families suffer from out-of-control credit card charges and loans.

Credit counselors say that getting out of debt is one of the toughest money problems and may take two or three years. Extension specialists at Michigan State University offer these tips for cutting debt load:

--Go cold turkey. Cut up your credit cards or put them away in your safe deposit box. This may be the only way you can pay off your old debts without adding new ones.

--Channel any "found money" directly to creditors. Any money you get in addition to your regular income--such as a tax refund, a pay raise, overtime pay or a gift--should go directly to the lenders.

--Cut other expenses ruthlessly and use the excess to pay off old debts or avoid new charges. Redirect cash from the non-essential to the essentials that you would otherwise charge. Deciding just exactly where to cut is an individual or family matter, but some common

targets include excessive entertainment [but don't cut it all out], long-distance phone calls, or eating out or cable television.

The season for competitive swimmers is almost six months long. Swimmers take to the pool in September, with competitions starting in October and continuing through early March. It requires an extra dose of ambition and determination in young people to choose such a demanding pastime. DeWitt coaches Debbie Goodkin and Lisa Sabo salute the efforts of all club members and parents who provide an atmosphere of fun and sportsmanship, while enabling young athletes to achieve their goals.

## EXTENSION CALENDAR

February 3, 10, 17, 24 Farm Management Series, 12:30-3:30 p.m. - at Smith Hall on Feb. 3-10-24; at Clinton Memorial Hospital conference room on Feb. 17

5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5 "Basic Dairy Nutrition Workshop", Edmore

February 9 "Financial Planning for Beginners" - Lansing; 7-9 pm

February 9, 16, 23 "I'm Me & That's Terrific", Self Esteem class; S.H. 1-3

February 11, 18, 25 "I'm Me & That's Terrific", DeWitt High School, 1-3

more. In fact, for some households -- such as those with low incomes, many family members or a relatively new mortgage, 20 percent may be too high.

To figure out how much you can afford to charge is easy. Total up your monthly payments for creditors -- include all but your rent or mortgage. If that total payment figure is more than 20 percent of your take-home pay, don't charge any

Author Emily Kimbrough was once introduced by a women's club chairman with: "Miss Kimbrough is our only speaker today. The rest of the program is entertainment."