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Kitty Korner

DEWITT KIWANIS: The DeWitt Kiwanis Club celebrated the Christmas season at its regular breakfast meeting on Wednesday, December 23 at the Prairie Creek Golf Course.

There was a "gag gift" exchange, and the three-guitar combo of member Hank Lotoszinski, Mary Lou Russell and Jeff Hundt played and led a singalong of Christmas carols.

President Walter Eyke reports a very successful 1987 for the 21-member club, now almost two years old. In addition to interesting programs and interaction at the weekly meetings, the club has realized several thousand dollars through various fund raisers. Every dollar raised has been expended or earmarked for worthwhile causes in the DeWitt community, including scholarships, assistance to needy individuals and families, and contributions to community projects. An expanded program of money-raising efforts and community activities, especially in relation to the schools, is planned for 1988.

SUCH AN ARTIST! Thanks to the artistic hands of Roger Pline, who regularly whomps up wonders in wood with his carpenter tools, the Marriott mailbox greets the new year adorned in eye-catching splendor.

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Along The Looking Glass

Lorie Blundy, a junior at Central Michigan University, is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She is the daughter of Don and Loni Blundy, Lowell Road. A graduate of St. Johns High School, she is studying finance at CMU.

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Cleo and Florence Friend won first prize in the Bath Township Beautification Committee's Christmas decorating and lighting contest for the holiday decor of their Main Street home. Friends won \$50, while a \$25 second place award went to John and Mary Alice Snider, whose residence is also on Main Street.

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CITY COUNCIL NOTES

DeWitt City council and Downtown Development Authority members alike were enthusiastic about the holiday presentation made by Michigan State University's Historic Preservation class at the December 21 regular council meeting.

Two of the four MSU teams, who have been studying the Main/Bridge streets sector of downtown DeWitt, gave their reports, showed slides and drawings of what DeWitt had looked like at the turn of the century, how it looks currently, and what proposed restorative changes could be made to enhance the city's image.

"The students recommend that DeWitt work to reverse the modernization momentum, remove existing facades installed in the 1950s and 1960s and make little changes, such as replacing metal awnings with canvas ones," Kurt Klemens, administrative assistant to the mayor and council, explained.

Klemens initiated MSU participation last August, when he heard MSU Prof. Sadayoshi Omoto speak on identification of major architectural features with historical significance during a city managers' conference at Sault Ste. Marie. Approaching Omoto after the program, Klemens mentioned DeWitt's interest in restorative plans.

Upshot of the discussion was that Omoto toured DeWitt, became interested in some of the older buildings and selected the city for his class to study. Klemens was then invited to address the class in early fall. Council and DDA are pleased with study results to date; the Historic Preservation class' complete report, to be presented in late January, should reinforce the historic theme for downtown DeWitt.

A 1930s fire nearly destroyed all the clapboard buildings on three of the city's four main corners. While brick buildings replaced the original ones, a number of wood structures still remain which would add to historic DeWitt, Klemens points out. Underneath the Swiss

eye-catching splendor.

Defying winter weather, a king-size red tulip now sprouts from a shiny silver teakettle atop the mailbox - and it's bonded to the platform just like the giant stuffed owl (also a Pline original), which stopped traffic on Schavey Road last summer.

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SO LONG, FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHEN, ETC.: With this issue of the Shopping Guide, Kitty Korner makes its final appearance on these pages. It has been fun -- and sometimes a little hectic -- preparing two pages of DeWitt news each week for the past three years plus a few months.

But the pressures of a weekly deadline do limit one's mobility. My husband and I have not ventured farther than 10 days away from home, because even that brief a vacation meant preparing news pages for two weeks ahead - and then, in a flash, another weekly deadline would be staring me in the face.

As if to affirm that it also was ready for retirement, my poor Polaroid 600 took a nasty tumble last month and then refused to kick out any more pictures. It expired with style and grace too, making a noisy, disruptive scene in front of a roomful of people gathered for an awards ceremony.

I fantasize about the many things I can accomplish once I am no longer on this editorial treadmill - clean house (no, that probably belongs at the end of my list) ... do yard work ... read books ... answer letters (and hope my correspondents still remember who I am) ... schedule things without allowing time for news gathering, writing, telephone contacts, and that unrelenting trip to Mason each Thursday to lay out Dateline DeWitt's two pages.

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL - to the many volunteers who so patiently answered my questions or secured information for me - the organizations and chairpersons who posed patiently for pictures or alerted me to specific news opportunities - officials who were most kind and supportive - clubs, church personnel, and local citizens, who helped me keep track of what was going on in DeWitt, and to a lesser extent, in Bath and Laingsburg areas.

Dateline DeWitt will continue to serve the DeWitt reading public in the weekly Shopping

Mark Kappinen, Stephen Koets, Sherri Todd, and Thomas Vanderwoude of DeWitt, and Laura Nuoffer of Bath were among nearly 1,200 Ferris State College students on the academic honors list for the fall quarter of 1987-88.

To be eligible, a Ferris student must have compiled a 3.50 grade-point average in at least 12 quarter hours of graded work.

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Kevin O'Shaughnessey, son of Martin and Bernice O'Shaughnessey, Sage Lane, has been admitted into the Alma College chapter of Beta Beta Beta, the national biological honor society. An Alma sophomore, O'Shaughnessey graduated from DeWitt High School in 1986. He is majoring in biology and mathematics.

Alma's chapter was established to stimulate interest in biological studies outside the classroom and to promote the dissemination of scientific knowledge and biological research. The chapter also promotes contact between students and professionals in the biological field by organizing seminars and sponsoring speakers.

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James Brown, Jr. Dill Drive, is among 1,934 prospective December graduates at Central Michigan University.

Brown earned a bachelor of science degree in education.

Northside Church Meets Here

Northside Christian Church, which has been meeting in North Lansing, held its first service in DeWitt on Sunday, January 3.

The full gospel fellowship, pastored by the Revs. Christopher and Rebecca Kibit, has been planning the move since it began in August.

Service times are Sundays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. with children's church and nursery on Sundays, and youth group meeting on Thursdays.

For information, call 321-6911.

A fellow was walking along the street one day with two small boys, each wailing loudly. A neighbor yelled to him, asking what was the matter. "What's wrong with the whole world," replied the man. "I've got three pieces of candy and each boy wants two!"

the original ones, a number of wood structures still remain which would add to historic DeWitt, Klemens points out. Underneath the Swiss Chalet front of Foo Ying's Chinese restaurant, MSU students found the original building clapboards from the 1900s. And while the old Methodist church (now DeWitt Conservatory and Learning Tree Child Development Center) is currently listed on the state's historical register, it cannot qualify for the National Registry until the craftsman who made the stained glass windows can be identified. Best of all Klemens says, the restorative changes could be effected at low cost.

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In other action, council approved \$695 for purchase of a cable TV Mini-T, and \$200 costs for installation, modification and training to operate it, from Leightronics of Holt. The city should then be able to regain full use of the cable channel and be back on the air in six to eight weeks.

Klemens and Police Chief Wendell Myers recommended, after an extensive study, that the city purchase three call diverters for the telephone lines. Emergency calls would then be automatically forwarded to St. Johns Sheriff's dispatch. Such a move has the capability of saving the city more than \$10,000 a year.

With boundary problems cleared up, council reviewed and finalized the city's fire contract with DeWitt Township. They also acted on the City Planning Commission's recommendation, giving approval to issue a conditional use permit to Northside Christian Church for Thursday evening and Sunday morning church services at 115 N. Bridge Street. DeWitt Board of Education's offer of \$2,000, for installation of the segment of Wilson Street sidewalk and permanent snow and ice removal by the schools, was accepted.

Mayor Lynn Thayer suggested in his report the possibilities of locating a new fire hall on Department of Public Works property on West Main Street. Council discussed the idea and members were favorable to it.

Relativity is why the red light is twice as long as the green light even though both are 20 seconds.

THEY DID THEIR SHOPPING EARLY



Patient to doctor: "Well, which is it this time? Something I have to live with or something I have to live without?"

Scott School pupils were able to choose their Christmas gifts for family and friends from an interesting assortment of articles early in December, when the DeWitt Schools Booster Club sponsored Santa's Secret Shop at the elementary schools for the fifth successive year.



Parents were notified in advance so that children could bring lists and money to do their own shopping with assistance from adult volunteers. Reasonable prices - from 25¢ to \$5, with most in the \$1 range - made shopping an inexpensive experience. Parents were able to walk through and look over the gift selections available the night before shopping began.



Will Rogers once said it's no big deal being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you.



Students at Fuerstenau School also had the chance to browse through Santa's Secret Shop and make their own gift choices. Each article was bagged for the youngster with a colorful



proceeds from the annual Secret Shop to purchase extras for the two elementary schools. This year's profit from the venture amounted to \$2,000.00.

CAREFUL MONEY MANAGEMENT CAN RELIEVE 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 set in addition to your

chance to browse through Santa's Secret Shop and make their own gift choices. Each article was bagged for the youngster with a colorful bow and sticker tag attached. Boosters use

FAMILY FOCUS

By Dawn Harris
Coop Extension

Shed Those Extra Pounds

Does 1988 find you with a few extra pounds left over from the holidays? Perhaps you didn't put on holiday pounds but would still like to lose some weight. The new year is a good time to take a fresh approach to weight control.

HOW DO YOU EAT? The first step toward changing a habit is to take stock. In other words, what are your current habits? What, when, and where do you eat? What size are your portions? What do you drink during the day and at night? Do you eat while watching television, reading or cooking? The first week of a weight control program should be spent taking stock. Get a small notebook or buy a diet/exercise calendar from a bookstore and each day record everything you eat and drink, and any exercise you get.

PLANNING YOUR WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM
With a week's worth of records about how you eat and exercise in hand, sit down and study what your problem behaviors are.

Possibilities include: -- too many second helpings; -- too many snacks; -- inappropriate snacks; -- eating too much in front of the TV; -- too little exercise.

Whatever your problem is, set a specific, problem-oriented goal and try to achieve it for a couple of weeks. Your goal should be a small step, such as: walking three blocks every evening, or eating fruit instead of cookies for snacks three days a week.

Most people are not successful at weight loss if they take an "all-or-nothing" approach. Small steps toward changing habits are much more effective. Each week you should allow yourself some "treats," whether they are a candy bar, chips, dessert, or snack foods. Try to limit your treats to four times a week, but plan for them and use them when they are planned. This will keep

purchase extras for the two elementary schools. This year's profit from the venture amounted to \$2,294.87.

you from feeling deprived.

Finally, make a date with yourself once a week to review your successes (and lack of successes) for the past week, and plan your approach for the coming week based on your assessment. Tell yourself when you've done a good job. Too many people only tell themselves what they did wrong, instead of acknowledging what they did right.

Two words of caution should be heeded: if you plan to exercise and/or diet, and have more than 10 or 15 pounds to lose, consult your physician first for a checkup; you may wish to lose weight fast, but don't give in to temptation. Weight that is lost at the rate of 1 to 2 pounds a week is more likely to stay off.

DHIA Annual Banquet

Keep January 14, 1988, 7 pm at Smith Hall in mind ... this is the DHIA Annual Banquet! The annual banquet is an event which honors dairy producers for their achievements.

This year's event will have two displays set up. One display will show the AM-PM timer unit and how it works and the other will exhibit the new Michigan DHIA Records Manual.

The entertainment will feature Barbara Jean Crandall, an accomplished ventriloquist, performer, and speaker.

Following the business meeting, the board will give away a "Weekend Get Away" in addition to other prizes sponsored by friends and business associates.

All DHIA members, families, and their employees are welcome, but must call the Extension Service (224-5240) to make reservations by January 8th.

A New Orleans dance hall, which attracts a lot of the tourist trade because of its reputation as a really tough dive, has this sign posted at the entrance: "The management reserves the right to exclude any lady they think proper."

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.

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 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.

LCC CLASSES AT DEWITT

Lansing Community College will offer nine winter-term classes at DeWitt High School, Jan. 7 through March 23. Enrollment is Jan. 4 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the high school.

Classes offered will include organizational behavior, public relations, using personal computers, dance exercise, jazz/aerobic, world civilizations II, business psychology, and composition II.

The average Beekeeper is a serious-minded individual. But one practical joker built a dummy hive with the entrance only painted on. Bee after bee would ram head against hive and fall stunned. One lone bee, wiser than the rest, did not fall for this trick. It stood aside, shaking its head at the goings-on.

"Why are you shaking your head, wise one?" a young bee asked.

"I was just thinking," replied the elder, "what bees these mortals fool."

The inventor of the zipper was probably just meshing around.

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Along The Looking Glass

Two residents were mistakenly omitted from last week's Decorating Contest ad. The two homes not mentioned were the Newman home, 203 Bridge and the Stevens home, 308 Westbrook Dr.

The DeWitt Downtown Development Authority would like to thank everybody for their participation. The City of DeWitt never looked better for Christmas!

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Charles and Barbara McCann of DeWitt, Michigan, are pleased to announce the opening of their new McDonald's located in Chesaning, Michigan. The new McDonald's, located at the intersection of M-52 and M-57, officially opened its doors to the public on December 14th, 1987. Opening festivities included a flag-raising and ribbon-cutting ceremony with participants, including the Chesaning High School Band, McDonald's Corporation executives, the residents of Chesaning, and special guests of the McCann's.

The McCann's are also the owner/operators of McDonald's restaurants located in Alma, Portland, St. Johns, and Owosso.

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The City of DeWitt Parks and Recreation Committee is proud to announce the completion of an Ice Skating Rink and Warming House in Orla McGuire Park.

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Clinton County Arts Council January Membership Meeting & Special Program

The Clinton County Arts Council will hold their January membership meeting on Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the DeWitt Conservatory of Music & Dance, located at 115 N. Bridge St., in DeWitt. We especially invite those members, guests, and interested persons from the DeWitt, Bath, and Laingsburg areas to attend this meeting.

Special guest speaker will be popular mid-Michigan Cartoonist, Characaturist, and Illustrator who is also an L.C.C. Instructor, Dennis Preston. Mr. Preston has operated his own freelancing business for more than fifteen years and is highly respected for his many talents.

In keeping with President Ernie Block's new program to highlight a member-artist at each meeting, Sally White will be showing and explaining her art endeavors also.

We invite the public to attend this entertaining evening of art & friendship.

Roehl Lines Master Gardening Course

It may look like winter (or a reasonable facsimile of it) out there to most of us, a time to warm ourselves in front of cozy fires or with hot chocolate. But to a gardener -- we're talking consummate gardeners here -- it's time to think gardening.

Injury Risk Odds

Dr. Howard Doss, MSU Extension Safety Specialist, recently published some interesting data about risk of injury from engaging in various activities. The information originated from Dr. Vernon Houk, U.S. Assistant Surgeon General.

You would have a one in a million chance of injuring yourself by doing any of the following:

Driving 500 miles in a car.

Flying 2500 miles on a commercial airline.

Rock climbing for 1½ minutes.

Just being alive for 20 minutes at age 60.

Being alive for 24 hours at age 12.

Living 70 years within the legal limits of pesticide exposure.

Living 70 years on contaminated soils.

Agriculture is the number one most hazardous industry to work in. Mining and construction follow close behind.

Clinton County Arts Council January Exhibit "Fantasies — Our Other Realities"

The Clinton County Arts Council Gallery ushers in the New Year with a mixed-media exhibit "Fantasies - Our Other Realities", throughout the month of January at their new location at 1002½ E. State St. (M-21) in St. Johns. An artists' reception was held on Sunday, January 10, from 1-5 p.m. at the Gallery.

Many artists from throughout central Michigan will demonstrate through art their wonderful and unique gift for changing the world around them to fit any particular dream or reality, be it memories, reflections, emotions, or imagination. Featured in this exhibit are the prestigious 1987 Salmagundi Award pastels of Larry Blovits.

Mr. Blovits, of Grand Rapids and professor at Aquinas College, is an award winning member of the Pastel Society of America, and Detroit's Scarab Club. He has recently been selected as a Master Artist in the prestigious Salmagundi Club in New York City. He has also won Creative Artist

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This new addition was officially opened for public use on January 9th, 1988 at a party hosted by the Parks and Recreation Committee. The celebration lasted from 12 noon until 4 p.m. with free hot chocolate, cookies, and contests, along with lots of skating fun.

DeWitt Championship Teams To Be Honored

The 1987 Girls' Cross Country State Championship this fall marked the eighth overall State championship for DeWitt High School. The Athletic Department will be honoring all of our State championship teams during half time ceremonies of three of this season's boys' varsity basketball games. A banner will be hung in the gymnasium for each team along with introductions of players and coaches. The banners were purchased by the DeWitt Boosters Club and they will be assisting with the presentations.

The teams will be honored on the following nights:

Friday, January 15	1968 Boys' Track 1983 Baseball
Friday, February 12	1977 Softball 1977 Boys' Cross Country 1977 Girls' Basketball
Friday, February 26	1979 Boys' Track 1981 Girls' Cross Country 1987 Girls' Cross Country

The players and coaches and their families will be the guests of the Athletic Department for the evening. A reception room will be available to the honorees at 6:30 each night to reminisce. The varsity game will begin at 7:30.

We are attempting to contact all members of the State championship teams. If you are a member or know someone who is, please contact our office and give us a current address. You may call 669-2240 and leave the information with the secretary.

chocolate. But to a gardener -- we're talking consummate gardeners here -- it's time to think gardening.

MSU's Cooperative Extensive Service in Clinton County is looking for just those kinds of gardeners to enroll in a special 10 week Master Gardener course scheduled to begin in January.

Topics will be detailed ones -- more than the typical information passed on to the beginning gardener in search of a pretty marigold patch. Each Thursday, from January 28 through March 24, the Master Gardener trainees will tackle a new subject: plant science, soils pest management, woody ornamentals, flowers, lawns, vegetables, tree fruits, small fruits, and houseplants.

After successful completion of the training program, each graduate is expected to return 30 hours of volunteer time working in local gardening efforts. Projects are mutually determined between local Extension staff members and Master Gardener trainees.

Cost of the program is \$40.00. Included in the cost are handout materials, reference notebook, and other program features. The classes will run from 7 to 10 pm, at Smith Hall in St. Johns. Enrollment is limited to 30 people, with priority given to applicants with gardening experience and a strong commitment to fulfill the volunteer portion of the program.

To apply or for further information, contact Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service at 224-5240 and request an application form.

DEWITT ARTIST DISPLAYS WORKS

The Lansing Art Guild presents the works of Joyce Reed of DeWitt in the galleries of the Lansing Public Library, 401 South Capitol Avenue. Also on display are the works of Robert Banghart, Ellen Parrott, and Carolyn Tody-Panetta.

The exhibit will run through February 16th. Gallery hours are: Tuesdays, 1 to 3 pm and Saturdays, 12 to 3 pm.

the Master Society of America, and Detroit's Scarab Club. He has recently been selected as a Master Artist in the prestigious Salmagundi Club in New York City. He has also won Creative Artist Grants from The Michigan Council for the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts. Working in both pastel and oil, Mr. Blovits' outstanding portraits are indeed a pleasure to study. Clinton County Arts Council plans to sponsor a weekend portrait workshop instructed by Mr. Blovits this spring so area artists may learn his special technique.

Additional work will be exhibited by: Ruth Brooks of Carson City in oil; photographs by Mrs. Gene Cords of Perry; MUCC's Wildlife Artist of the Year in 1986, John Felsing of Mason, reflecting the versatility of his talent in themes other than wildlife; Florence Horn of Elsie & San Antonio, TX, works in watercolor & acrylic; Doris Jarrell of Laingsburg exhibits watercolor & collage; Margaret Jopke of St. Johns in watercolor; Janis Kazen of Corunna, watercolor; watercolor abstracts by Linda Lamoreaux of Owosso; oils by Maxine Strahle & Jean Coelius of St. Johns; abstracts & three-dimensional work by Beth Parker of St. Johns; photographs & watercolor by Ann Spencer of Lansing; and mixed-media by Joe Yurek of St. Johns.

Also included in this exhibit are unique pottery expressions by Jon Tury of DeWitt with underpainted pastels in flower forms on functional ware; Lyle Beeson of Alma shows exciting experimental glazes; and DeeAnn Reich of Bath, works utilizing scraffito carving.

The delightful paper doll creations of Judy Johnson of Alma, including her entire Kitty Cucumber family in special porcelain pieces produced by Schmid Pottery in Maine, round out this enchanting exhibit. Ms. Johnson attended the January 10th artists' reception, bringing for exhibit and sale some originals of her Kitty Cucumber series. She also autographed items during that time.

You are invited to fantasize with us while viewing this fresh-as-spring exhibit. Clinton County Arts Council Gallery is open every day 1-5 p.m. or phone 224-2429 for further information or special appointment.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 19 - DeWitt Community Church Dinner at 6:30 pm with annual meeting following at 7:15 pm.

Saturday, January 23 - Hope Lutheran Church Family-Outdoor Fun-Day: meet at church at 11 am and car pool to Grand River Park for a fun filled day of sledding, cross-country skiing, and tobogganing.

Tuesday, January 26 - Redeemer United Methodist Women Executive Committee meeting, 7 pm.

Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in volunteering yourself for a few hours a week. Community Education is looking for volunteers to work with adults in reading and math. Volunteers are also needed to work with the before and after school Latch Key program. Call 669-3040 and volunteer!!!

FAMILY FOCUS

By Dawn Harris

Remember all the news last year about the changes in federal income taxes? Now that tax time is approaching, here is what the changes will mean to you as you prepare your 1987 taxes!

TWO EARNER DEDUCTION has been eliminated. The past few years, married couples who both earned income were able to deduct a portion of income of the lower earning spouse.

EXEMPTIONS FOR DEPENDENTS

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On January 28th, at 7:30 pm, the Downtown Development Authority will present a Slide Show on Historic DeWitt. This is an interesting look back at DeWitt's Commercial & Residential past. The Slide Shows are compiled and narrated by Larry Arbanas and Ken Coin. Wine and Cheese will be served.

This event is Free to the Public and will be held in the DeWitt Memorial Building.

*DeWitt Public Schools
DeWitt, Michigan 48820*

1988 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Records Day	January 18
Mid-Winter Break	February 15
½ Day Release (Records & Inservice)	March 18
Spring Recess Begins	March 31 (end of day)
Classes Resume	April 11
Memorial Day	May 30

Watertown Township Parks And Recreation Department Winter Programs

All Watertown Township Parks and Recreation Department programs are held at the Watertown Township Complex located at 12803 S. Wacousta Rd. in the village of Wacousta. For more information please feel free to contact the Township at 626-6593 or 669-9200 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9-4:30 pm. Following is a listing of available programs.

FITNESS FOR YOU - AEROBIC CLASSES

Fee: \$20 for a 10 punch card

Watertown Township Hall Gym

Mon. & Wed., 6:15-7:15 pm

Tues., Thurs., & Sat. 9-10 am

St. Michaels Parish Center

Tues. & Thurs. 6:15-7:15 pm

Open to men, women and young adults. Join at any time, classes are on-going. First class is free; punch card system is used. If you have any questions call 626-6853. If you are interested in a men only class call 337-2505 between 8-4:30 pm or 627-9570 after 5 pm.

QUILTING CLASS

Fee: \$10 resident, \$12 non-resident

Thursdays, January 21st to March 3rd 7-9 pm
Learn how to quilt using easy strip piecing methods. Held at Township Hall

ADULT RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Free

Thursday evenings

8-10 pm

On-going weekly. Held at Township Hall gym
ADULT RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

Free

Tuesday evenings

7-9 pm

Join a semi-over-the-hill group as they run some pick-up 4 on 4 in the Township Hall gym.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Free

Wednesdays

10 am - 12:30 pm

On two indoor courts with all equipment provided.

BINGO

Tuesdays from October through May

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Early Bird Specials begin

portion of income of the lower earning spouse. **EXEMPTIONS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.** Previously, dependent children who had income could be claimed as an exemption on both their own and their parents' income tax return. Now, children can be claimed as an exemption on only one return - theirs or their parents'.

KIDDIE TAX. The unearned income of a child under 4 years of age that exceeds \$1,000 will be taxed at the parents' rate or the child's rate, whichever is higher.

CONSUMER INTEREST. Before tax reform, interest was interest. Almost any you paid could be written off as an itemized deduction. This year, if you itemize your deductions, you can deduct only 65% of the interest you paid on personal debts (like car loans and credit cards).

GENERAL SALES TAX is no longer an itemized deduction.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES are still deductible. However, only that portion that exceeds 7.5% of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income can be deducted. Last year the percentage was 5%.

MISCELLANEOUS DEDUCTIONS, such as work uniforms, union dues, professional memberships and journals, employment-related education and tools, were fully deductible last year. Under the new rules, only that portion of miscellaneous expenses that is above 2% of the adjusted gross income can be deducted.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS are deductible only for persons who itemize.

EMPLOYEE BUSINESS EXPENSES, such as travel, transportation, entertainment, and gifts related to one's work, were deductible as an adjustment to income. Starting this year, these expenses will be deductible only for itemizers as part of their miscellaneous deductions.

MOVING EXPENSES related to one's work will also not be an adjustment to income but will be available only to itemizers under miscellaneous deductions.

1987 is the year to closely read the directions on the form you receive from the IRS or to listen carefully to your tax preparer.

Memorial Day	May 30
Last Day for Students	June 9
Last Day for Teachers (1/2 day)	June 10

School Closing Procedures

It is time again to remind parents and students of procedures in the event of school closings. If, due to inclement weather, schools will be closed, an announcement of such action will be made over local broadcasting systems in time for the 6 am news. The primary stations to be called are: WITL Radio, WILS Radio, WVIC Radio, WJIM Radio, WILX-10 TV, WLNS-6 TV.

Because there is always the possibility of students being returned home during times when the parents may be away, a procedure may be worked out for your child to follow in this situation. Perhaps arrangements could be made for a neighbor to assist.

It shall be the practice of DeWitt Public Schools to send secondary students home first in cases of emergency so older children will get home first to greet younger brothers and sisters.

EXTENSION CALENDAR

January	
12, 19, 26	Weight Loss Class, DeWitt High School, 7-9 pm
& Feb. 2	DHIA Banquet, Smith Hall, 7
14	Microwave Correspondence Course, 8 lessons
18	Herbicide Use Workshop, 9:30-11:30, Smith Hall
19	Animal Waste Management, Smith Hall, 9:45 am - 3 pm or 7-9 pm
20	Making DHIA Records Work For You, Session I, 10-3, Dutch House of Beef
22	F.E.E.D., Forage Excellence, Smith Hall, 10-3
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Tuesdays from October through May
Doors open at 5:30 pm, Early Bird Specials begin at 6:30, Regular Play begins at 7 pm. Held at the Township Hall.

WINTERFEST "SNOWBALL" TOURNAMENT

Entry Fee: \$75 per team

Weekend of February 20th and 21st

The Watertown Township Parks & Recreation annual Winterfest men's & co-ed softball tournament. This event is similar in format to any softball tournament, but the snow does tend to have a bearing on the style of play. Format schedule:

Saturday, February 20th - mens

Sunday, February 21st - co-ed

For further information contact Jack Huntoon at 626-6846 or the Watertown Township Hall.

HORSEBACK LESSONS

If anyone is interested in winter indoor horseback lessons ranging from beginning riders through advanced, please contact Watertown Township Parks & Recreation Department.

TRADITIONAL SHAKER OVAL BOX WORKSHOP

Fee: \$40, materials and supplies included

Friday, January 29th 6-10 pm, and

Saturday, January 30th 9 am - 4 pm

Hands-on experience in making a nesting set of five boxes and one carrier. Background of the Shaker tradition of life and craftsmanship is included. Instructed by John Wilson, a well-known expert in this specialty. Held at the Township Hall.

ICE SKATING RINK

This local recreation tradition is highly utilized by a wide variety of residents, but it does require many hours of hard work. Volunteer help is needed to flood the rink and chaperone the warming house. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Mark Jenks at the township hall, 626-6593.

In a hardware store: "Don't pass up a wooden nickel - the lumber is worth seven cents."

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January 25, 1988

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Along The Looking Glass

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 26 - Redeemer United Methodist Women Executive Committee meeting, 7 pm.

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

McGuire Park Ice Rink

DeWitt Girl Scouts will be selling Hot Cocoa and other goodies on Sundays at the McGuire Park Ice Rink on Howe Road from 12 to 4 pm. The ice is smooth and the warming house, warm. So come skate - warm your toes and tummy - and skate some more.

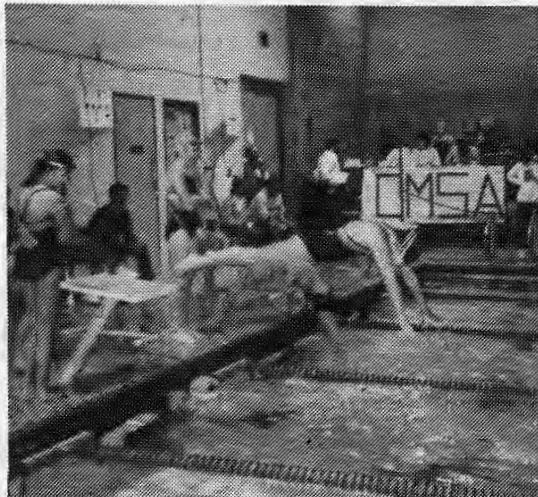
*DeWitt Public Schools
DeWitt, Michigan 48820*

The following is a brief summary of the regular January 11, 1988 Board of Education meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

The following action items were announced by

Drop Box Pick Up
Deadline Is
5:00 P.M. On
Tuesdays



DeWitt Swim Club's January 9th Meet

The DeWitt Swim Club hosted its second home meet of the season on Saturday, January 9th. The visitors from Alma proved to be tough competition, beating DeWitt in an extremely close battle, 453-426. The scoring favored both clubs at various times during the meet, seesawing back and forth through the 88 events of the morning. Alma saved several teams for the final relays, and those last swimmers put them over the top.

First year swimmers are really into the spirit of meets, now that they are more familiar with the format. More smiles and cheers are seen by the side of the pool. And the butterflies that

more years and have skills and endurance that would rival many high school swimmers. DeWitt High School swim coach Mike Keevan says that "Swim Club is my feeder system. When kids learn their competitive swimming skills and the benefits of hard work and a good attitude in age-group programs like ours, we are ensuring continued success for the high school program."

Coach Keevan has a few more exciting seasons in the years to come, if the following swimmers continue their remarkable progress: Ann McCrackin - 1st in the 200 free, 50 free and 50 fly; Brandon Nieman - 1st in 200 free and 50 free; Kelly Peacock - 1st in 100 IM and 50 back; 2nd, 100 fly; Jenny Christensen - 3rd, 200 free; 2nd, 50 fly; Stephanie Carlson - 3rd, 50 fly; 4th in 200 free and 50 breast; Chad Foster - 1st, 50 breast; 3rd in 100 free and 200 free; Aaron Gearhart - 4th, 50 fly; 5th in 200 free and 50 breast; Danica Shier - 3rd in 100 IM, 50 back and 50 breast; Ann Bourdon - 2nd, 50 back; 4th, 100 IM; Adam Gorman - 3rd, 100 IM; 4th in 50 free and 50 back; Chris Seekamp - 5th in 100 IM, 100 free and 50 fly; Kenny Lewis - 4th, 50 breast; 6th in 100 IM and 50 fly; Julie Smith - 2nd, 50 breast; 3rd, 50 free.

More than half of the members of this age-group have already achieved qualifying times for the League Championship meet scheduled in March, and many more are very close to those times.

The oldest members of the club are Jenny Brown and Mari Fullmer, who compete in the 13-14 age-group, and Kim Withers and Lisa DeFoe, who are both 15 years old. These four swimmers are having a great season, and have the potential to compete in the United States Swimming (USS) State Meet in early March. Qualifying times of "AA" level are necessary in their respective age groups, and these times are well within their reach. Their weekend results are: Jenny Brown - 1st in 200 free, 200 IM, 100 breast; 2nd, 100 back; 3rd, 50 free; Mari Fullmer - 1st in 100 back and 100 fly; 2nd in 200 IM and 50 free; Kim Withers - 1st, 200 free; 2nd in 200 IM, 100 back, 50 free; Lisa DeFoe - 1st, 100 back; 2nd, 100 free & 200 free; 3rd, 200 IM.

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ACTION ITEMS

The following action items were approved by the Board of Education.

1) The Board approved the purchase of 9½ acres of property from the South DeWitt Church of Christ for the purpose of building a transportation/maintenance facility and providing three athletic practice fields.

2) A request from Norm Farnum to purchase a parcel of school district property located on DeWitt Road was denied, due to anticipated community growth.

3) The Board placed a hold on the installation of Scott School classroom carpet due to budget overruns. The amount of savings is \$17,524. The areas to be carpeted are the media center, the teacher workroom, and the principal's office.

4) The Board approved the rental of classroom space for adult education at the Redeemer United Methodist Church for a one year period commencing January, 1988, at a cost of \$2,000 and approximately \$240 for snow removal.

5) An early graduation request from Lisa Koelsch was approved as recommended by the administration.

6) The Wakely Associates Agreement was approved as amended. A copy of the amendment is available in the Superintendent's Office for anyone who desires detailed information.

7) A medical leave request from Rolene Berg, High School History Teacher, commencing January 19 for the remainder of the 1987-88 school year was approved.

8) Retroactive wage increase to December 1, 1987, was approved for the Latch Key helpers.

9) Spring coaching positions were approved as follows: Softball - Larry Baird, Bob Elliott; Track - Barry Kloehnhamer, Tom Zielaskowski, Wayne Shooks, Kim Ewen; Tennis - Bill Childress, Joe Stants; Baseball - Frank Deak, Dave Pettit.

10) The job description for Recreation Aide (Community Education) was adopted as presented.

First year swimmers are really into the spirit of meets, now that they are more familiar with the format. More smiles and cheers are seen by the side of the pool. And the butterflies that plagued them so viciously early in the season are not just viewed as "getting pumped up" for their event. It's getting difficult to tell the difference between the "rookies" and the seasoned veterans, as the club jells into one large team instead of 50 individuals.

The events for youngest swimmers are the most rewarding to see because so much progress is evident from one meet to the next. DeWitt had 10 athletes ages 5 through 8 competing in this meet, and their results are impressive: Jenny Firos - 2nd place, 25 back; 3rd place, 25 breast, 3rd place, 25 free; Jackie Firos - 4th, 25 breast; 6th, 25 free; 6th, 25 back; Heather Maatman - 4th, 25 free; 5th, 50 free; Jenni Maatman - 1st, 100 I.M.; 1st, 25 fly; Andrea Carlson - 2nd, 100 I.M.; 3rd, 25 fly; Rhonda Black - 2nd, 25 breast; 3rd, 50 free; 5th, 25 fly; Julie Stahmer - 3rd, 100 I.M.; 3rd, 25 back; 6th, 50 free; Josh Jones - 1st place in 100 IM, 25 free, 50 free, 25 back, and 25 breast; Andy Motz - 2nd in 100 IM, 25 free, 50 free, and 25 back; 3rd in 25 breast; Jason Marinelli - 2nd, 25 fly; 4th, 25 back; 5th, 25 free and 50 free.

Swimmers ages 9-10 compete in longer distance events than the younger swimmers, and are working hard at practice to have the endurance needed for these meets. DeWitt has many 10-year-olds who have the initiative to try the 100- and 200-yard events, and most of these youngsters are close to the League Championship cut-off times in their events. Those who had a superior effort were: Katie Peacock - 1st, 100 free; 2nd, 200 free; Kelly Cowan - 1st, 50 fly; 3rd, 200 free; Mandy Jones - 2nd in 100 IM, 50 fly and 50 breast; Tracy Slater - 3rd, 100 IM; 5th, 200 free; Angie Foster - 4th in 100 IM, 50 free and 50 back; Chris Kovachic - 2nd, 50 free; Stacey Osterhouse - 4th, 50 fly; 5th, 50 back; 6th, 50 free; Melissa Beckwith - 2nd, 50 back; 3rd, 50 free and 100 free; Rick Cook - 1st in 100 IM, 100 free and 50 back.

The strongest competitive block within the DeWitt Swim Club is in the 11-12 year-olds. Many of them have been swimming for 3 or

in 200 IM and 50 free; Kim Withers - 1st, 200 free; 2nd in 200 IM, 100 back, 50 free; Lisa DeFoe - 1st, 100 back; 2nd, 100 free & 200 free; 3rd, 200 IM.

Club members are grateful for the continuing support offered by all of the member families. Club spokesperson Chris Peacock summed it up this way: "I feel extremely proud to be associated with such a committed group of families. Each parent in this program is a willing contributor whenever they are approached, and all of us are here to do our share toward a positive athletic experience for our children. If each swimmer feels proud of their efforts each time they swim, then we are all successful."

Community support has been great this year. "We are especially grateful for the support offered by DeWitt Shop-Rite, McNally's Dawn Donuts, and McDonald's Restaurants. Their contributions allow us to improve and upgrade our program, and we offer "McDonald's Cares" Certificates at our concessions," says club president Bob Shier. "Support from local business means a lot to us. Our budget is always stretched to the limit, and every contribution is significant."

On January 16-17, four DSC swimmers travelled to Livonia for a first chance qualifying meet for the USS State meet. They were Jill Nieman, Brandon Nieman, Kelly Peacock, and Mari Fullmer. Other club members went for qualifying times that weekend in Okemos at a B-C meet. Go Get 'Em, DeWitt!!!

