



## DATELINE: DeWitt

July 1, 1985

Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott

### Kitty Korner

Back to work again after an entire week away from typewriters and such, vacationing through New England.

Three hour flight to Boston was uneventful, even when accompanied by our 4-year-old granddaughter. After the first five minutes, Megan was as casual about the whole thing as a seasoned traveler. Toured Boston area with daughter Nancy, in residence there who thoughtfully took the day off work to serve as escort. Highlight was probably the dinner stop at Durgin-Park, gusty old restaurant opposite Faneuil Hall Market, where sharp-tongued waitresses all but throw your food on the table --- but, oh what food!

Stayed with friends in Connecticut overnight and continued motoring via van through southern Vermont and New Hampshire. Took our first - and last - Alpine slide ride down Pico Mountain in Vermont - Megan's "Once is enough!" reaction (she rode downhill with her mom) matched ours. Enjoyed the leisurely aerial tramway ride to the top of New Hampshire's Cannon Mountain, but what really caught our fancy were the name brand factory outlets in Brattleboro, VT and North Conway, NH. What fun to find great buys in Cannon, Bass, White Stag, Revere Ware and many more near their home bases.

New England gives one a great sense of American history. Walking over the terrain where Minutemen made their stand, or driving through towns whose homes bear such neat inscriptions as "Built in 1770" - "B. 1770"

### FOUNDATION CONSIDERS MINI-GRANTS

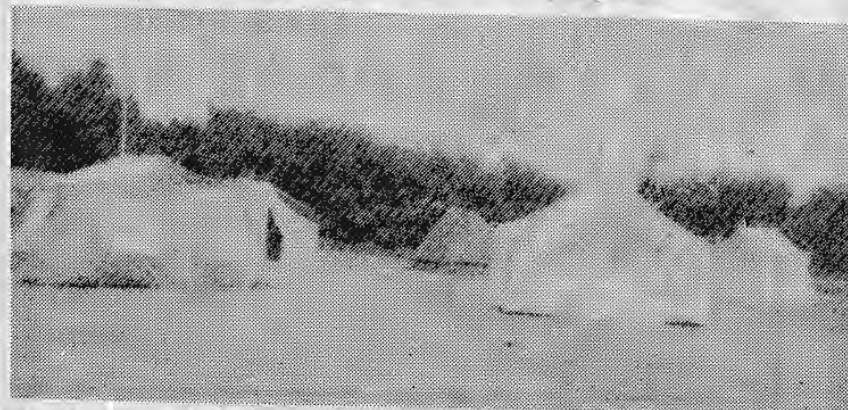
Mini-grants may be the first program which the newly organized DeWitt Public Schools Foundation tries this fall.

Buoyed up by community acceptance and a successful fund-raising project, the recent golf tournament at Prairie Creek, trustees plan to offer mini-grants to assist special projects. Teachers or students may make application in September for funds to buy software, films, materials, or textbooks for an extra project.

The tax exempt foundation does not plan to furnish the basics, but extras which are outside the regular schools budget - anything from a special science project to bringing puppet shows or unique artistic presentations to the classes.

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## Marketplace - 30 A.D.



Tent City sprouted around Redeemer United Methodist Church for a week during "Marketplace - 30 A.D.", the annual Vacation Bible School.



Aaron Harke, Lars Mitchell and Rick Hamlin, left to right, make an adjustment to one of the tents.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

New England gives one a great sense of American history. Walking over the terrain where Minutemen made their stand, or driving through towns whose homes bear such neat inscriptions as "Built in 1779" or "Built for John Wayne in 1765" inspires awe.

'Tis said that New England color tours rival those in Michigan. Perhaps we owe it to ourselves to head out that way again in the fall and judge for ourselves.

"SAY YES TO DEWITT" will be the upbeat theme for downtown DeWitt's revitalization program, Downtown Development Authority members agreed at their meeting Tuesday. First leg of the pick-me-up program has been completion of the Bridge Street reconstruction in the downtown area. Watch for more!

Hawaiian attire and decorative theme made for a colorful afternoon Sunday, June 23, when Chuck and Pat DeYoung observed their 25th wedding anniversary. Son-in-law and daughter Kevin and Lonnie DeShone and son Chuck DeYoung hosted a reception for their parents at St. Jude's Church hall.

The pair were married June 24, 1960 in DeWitt Community Church. Dick and Judy Tipton, Chuck's brother-in-law and sister, who now live in Clare, were best man and matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Pat's sister, Judy Serrels, of Venice, FL, and sister-in-law, Jamie Boos.

Pat's parents, Bill and Louise Buck, former DeWitt residents who now live in Venice, were in town for the silver wedding celebration. From here they headed for Alaska in their motor home and will be touring there until September. Judy Serrels, her son Landy and friend Gordon Gaitner spent a few days with DeYongs before returning to Florida.

Ray DeYoung came from Interlochen to videotape his son and daughter-in-law's anniversary party. They'll be able to relive their silver wedding via TV for many years to come.

Fifty years ago yesterday, Bethel Methodist Church in the west side of Lansing was the scene of Laura Miller's marriage to Sheral

Tingay. "It was a Sunday then, too" Laura recalls.



Sheral and Laura Tingay

On Sunday, June 30, 1985 the couple celebrated 50 years of marriage at an afternoon buffet reception which their children gave in their honor at Prairie Creek Banquet Center.

Sheral and Laura have four children - Jim of DeWitt; Larry, Lansing; Fredalice Ford, Lansing, and Grant, Lake Worth, FL - as well as 10 grand children and four great grandchildren.

Out of town visitors attending included son Grant and his daughter, Pam; Mr. and Mrs. Carol Davis from Fletcher, NC. Mr. Davis had been in the Tingay's wedding party.

DeWitt Community Church parishioners are happily greeting their new permanent pastor, who joins them today, July 1. The congregation welcomes Rev. Frederick C. Nose, his wife Janice, three young children and his grandmother.

A West Virginia native, Rev. Nose has been stationed in Grand Rapids. An installation service will be announced at a later date.

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## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

Council members authorized engineer Paul Thompson to do a study within the next 60 days with an aim to solving the downtown area's water problems. The \$1,300 fee for the study will be paid from interest in the sewer and water budget. Mayor Lynn Thayer is to give a July 1 recommendation on the best way to solve the issue.

Thompson can suggest, as an answer to the state health department's concern about city water, either installation of an elevated water tower north or south of the river downtown, or connecting to DeWitt Township's water system, which is served by the water tank near the middle school and running the pipes through high school property or along East Geneva.

Regarding proposed city hall alterations costs, DeWitt Building Authority Chairman Austin Knapp suggested the use of non-masonry construction instead of brick on the above-ground portion to save money. He said that the basement could also be left unfinished and some landscaping deferred to keep costs within the planned \$295,000 budget limit.

In other business, council approved a \$609 bid from Boichot Concrete for 14 yards of cement to control erosion on the wooden terraces at Riverside Park, as well as approving purchases of an electronic typewriter for the city clerk's office and new radio equipment for the fire department.

## EXTENSION CALENDAR

July 1 ..... Deadline for Key Club Applications and Outstanding 4-H'er  
July 8 ..... 4-H Fair Board Mtg.  
July 9 ..... 4-H Turkeyville Trip  
July 13 ..... Citizenship Shortcourse Trip

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, July 23 - DeWitt Charter Township millage election for fire department vehicles.  
Monday, August 5 - DeWitt Board of Education millage election  
Saturday, August 17 - Annual DeWitt Ox Roast

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## Memorial Has



Chris Thiel, left, and Tom McComb, right make some final adjustments to the metalwork on the monument in DeWitt Memorial Stadium.

## Students, Suppliers Complete Monument

Using supplies contributed by local businesses, DeWitt High School industrial education students directed by instructor Ray Unger have worked to complete a handsome metal plaque foundation for the memorial metal plaque which was dedicated in fall of 1984.

Names on the plaque to date are those of former DeWitt teacher Evart Stevens, who died after a long battle with cancer, and 1982 DHS graduate Gary Challis, killed in an auto accident.

The completed monument, which overlooks the bowl stadium atop the rise just inside the gates, has three flagpoles incased in vertical railroad ties. The metalwork art design at the

## Dramatic Setting



## Election Set In Township

DeWitt Charter Township board has announced a Tuesday, July 23, election.

Voters will be asked to approve a one mill levy for three years to purchase fire department vehicles and equipment. Approval of the millage will allow the township fire department to buy two new pumper fire trucks and mini-pumper rescue vehicle. Numerous mechanical problems have plagued the two fire trucks which need replacement.

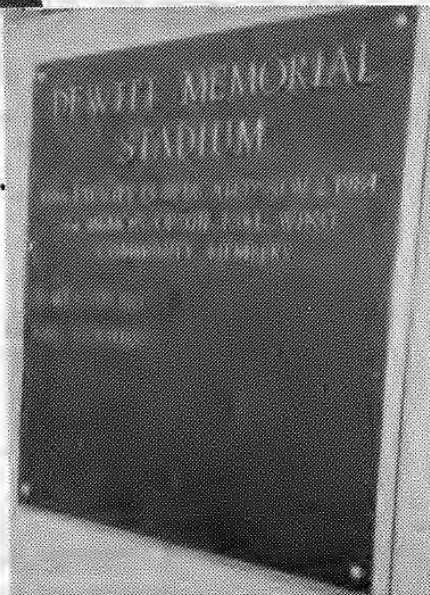
Township residents would pay \$1.00 per thousand of state equalized value per year, if the millage passes.

## DMS PUPILS EARN PERFECT RECORDS

Some 50 DeWitt Middle School students who received all A's in the third or fourth marking period include:

Sixth Grade — Jeff Augsberger, Dawn Berryhill, Chris Blue, Desiree Davis, Miriam Lara, Anna Mauro, Annette Putz, Sarah Rich, Jeff Shooks, Tami Arthur, Jon Borys, Angie Fabus, Elizabeth Lee, Jeremy Russell, Kristin Shopbell, Scott Verspoor, Tracee Knott, Kelly Haag, Phil Niemi, Craig Stevens, Marney Vartanian, and Thomas Walter.

Seventh Grade — Kary Kruger, Cathy Simonson, Susan Williams, Lisa Brinn, Tony Miller, Heather Reeg, Dean Shooltz, John Telford, Gary Branch, Barbara Insel, Jerry Konopnicki, and David Riker.



The completed monument, which overlooks the bowl stadium atop the rise just inside the gates, has three flagpoles incased in vertical railroad ties. The metalwork art design at the base of the poles boasts a DeWitt panther, school seal, and emblems signifying academics, athletics, drama and vocational studies. The metal plaque is set in a stone foundation immediately to the right.

Monument contributors who supplied the materials include Darling Building Supply, Melvin Butler, Banish Welding, DeWitt Shop-Rite, Universal Steel, Jacklin Steel, DeWitt Hardware, Vertans of Foreign Wars Post 671, Ayles Tree & Landscape, Inc., and Karber Block Co.

Supplying the labor were Ray Unger, Melvin Butler, Dan Smith, Bob Greenhoe, Dan Butler, Chris Thiel, Tom Hakes, Tom McComb, Brent Kowatch, and a number of other industrial education students.

## County Delegates Attend Workshops

Clinton County commissioners Roger Overway, Richard Hawks, and Lois Bracey visited Michigan State University June 11 for County Commissioner's Day. They were accompanied by George McQueen, Clinton County Extension Director.

While on campus, the commissioners had a choice of 13 workshops and tours. The 90-minute sessions covered such topics as managing hazardous and solid waste, protecting water quality, gearing up for tourism, animal research and human health, and county budgeting and finance.

Some of the most popular workshops were those that dealt with solid waste disposal, water quality, computers and budgeting.

The first great rule in life is to put up with things; the second is the refuse to put up with things; and the third and hardest, is to be able to distinguish between the first two. - Sydney Harris

## Along The Looking Glass

DeWitt Regional Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon in Prairie Creek club house Tuesday, July 2. Interested local people are welcome to attend. A luncheon menu is available.

VFW Post 671 will hold a three-day rummage sale in the post home, 12250 N. US-27, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 11-12-13. Donations may be taken to the post or calls may be made for pick-up to 669-9251.

DeWitt School Superintendent Steve Garrett will attend a week-long seminar for school administrators to be held at Stephens College, Columbia, MO, July 7-15.

Garrett is one of 800 American educators selected as a member of the IDEA (Institute for Development of Educational Activities) Academy of Fellows summer program, which is co-sponsored by the Kettering Foundation.

Achieving placement on the Central Michigan

University winter honors list were Marc Judge, W. Herbison Road, who also had a straight-A average for the semester; Kenneth Stevens, Airport Road, and Steve Thomas, Andover Drive.

More than 65 youngsters participated in the bike rodeo recently sponsored by DeWitt Charter Township and four won bicycles in the event. Bike winners were Matt Carmody, Kelly Kraft, Justin Edin and Jenny Relyea. Bjorn Bekke won a hot wheels.

Bicycles were given by DeWitt Moose Lodge, King Arthur's Court Lions Club, DeWitt Township Fire Department and collective donations from local businesses.

## TOWNSHIP PARKS SCHEDULE

Monday	Olympics Practice: 1) Ceremony; 2) Activities; 3) Closing Painting with Pudding
Tuesday	Olympics
Wednesday	Magic Show, Cartoon Puzzle, Hike & Seek, B-Ball
Thursday	Nature Hike, Film, Softball, Nature Memory Game
Friday	Outdoor Carnival, Balloon Toss, Sponge Toss, Bob for Apples

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Eighth Grade — Kelli Ryan, Rachel Yabs, Ron Egres, Beth Michael, Craig Zinser, Scott Kegebein, Bonnie Copeland, Clint Schumann, James Hovey, Mary Tingay, Melissa Watner, Jennifer Koets, Erika Puffer, Jeannine McKinnon, Rachelle Baerman, Rickie Getter, Paul Nachazel, Victor Thomas, Danielle Bitner, and Colleen Reynolds.

DeWitt High School students Lisa Koelsch and Tom Smith have both earned music scholarships to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for summer study. Marshall Music Company awards more than 300 \$155 scholarships annually to students in schools which the firm services.

Parents of the two are Gary and Judy Koelsch and Robert Smith.

The Community of St. Jude annual parish picnic date has been set for Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15.

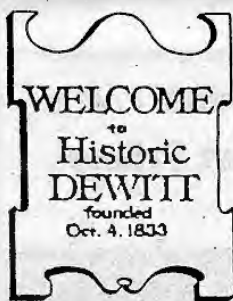
## SIX WEEK DAY CAMP IS OFFERED

Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H youth program is sponsoring a summer day camp for children ages 6 to 12 on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the DeWitt Municipal Building.

The St. Johns Cloverbuds 1985 Summer Day Camp began last Wednesday, June 26 and continues for five weeks. There is a \$1 registration fee and \$5 materials charge. Children play games and other activities and work in small groups on projects of their choice in the following areas: wood-working, food/nutrition, arts/crafts, bugs and things, sewing, or horticulture.

Interested parents may contact the extension service at 224-3288.





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### COUNCIL GIVES NOD TO WATER PROPOSAL

Mayor Lynn Thayer named department heads for the 1985-86 year and DeWitt city council agreed to a new "hybrid" water proposal for downtown DeWitt at the July 1 regular meeting.

Mayoral appointments include Clerk/Treasurer, Margie Lotre; Police Chief, Wendell Myers; City Attorney, Dan Matson; DPW Superintendent, Carrol Ward; Cemetery Sexton, Floyd Fowler; City Engineer/Building Inspector, Orla McGuire; Street Commissioner, Lynn Thayer; Administrative Assistant, Robert Peterson, and City Assessor Gail Watkins. First Assistant Chief Louis Nabbefeld was named Acting Fire Chief for a 3-month period to September 30, 1985.

Taking portions of the original Scott Street/Main Street and Jefferson/Bridge Street water plans, City Engineer Orla McGuire, Administrative Aide Bob Peterson and Consulting Engineer Paul Thompson recommended a new and more economical route. Easements from several property owners would still "do the job at less cost", providing an 8" water main looping around the business district, Peterson told council.

Total estimated cost for the project would be \$11,115 with some \$3,000 city costs and remainder raised by special assessments on the eight affected lots and land parcels. Approving the plan, council members directed the city assessor to draw up a special assessment roll, with assessments spread over three years at 9½% interest. Public hearing on the water improvement assessments may be held as early as the August 5 council meeting.

Noting that this may be the last year for

### School Board Okays Plan for Kindergarten

DeWitt Board of Education elected officers for the coming year and approved a Developmental Kindergarten program at their July 1 meeting.

Thomas Kamppinen and Dave Harfst continue as board president and vice president respectively; Carol Haag is secretary and William Schaar, treasurer. Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month at the Griswold Building, with a time change from 7:30 to 7 p.m. for an earlier start.

After discussion, board members agreed to restructuring of DeWitt School District's kindergarten program to provide for a Developmental Kindergarten starting this fall. At the recommendation of Debbie Hancock, high school health and P.E. teacher, and Robert Elliott, elementary health and P.E. teacher, the board also approved a scoliosis testing program. As a result, P.E. teachers will screen pupils in grades 5 - 9 in fall and spring for scoliosis (curvature of the spine).

Certified staff lay-offs, due to projected decline in enrollment, increased operating costs and projected level of funding, were approved. To be placed on lay-off status are William Abbey, high school auto shop teacher; Marla Miller, part-time special education; Michelle Willson, elementary staff; Barbara Hanes, elementary staff, to half-time status. It was noted that some of these programs may be restored if the August millage passes.

### Along The Looking Glass

DeWitt Charter Township's Genealogy Room will hold an open house

The annual Carl Hasselbach Father/Son Golf Outing

## Kitty Korner

Alan Renz, 18, son of Jim and Judy Renz, W. Main Street, embarks tonight for Europe. Alan will spend a month in Germany as a guest of Rolf Schmalhorst, 17, and his parents Gerhard and Elizabeth Schmalhorst, in the city of Dortmund, some 130 miles from Frankfurt.

The two lads, who graduated with the DeWitt High School Class of 1985, became friends during their senior year together. Rolf spent the year here as an exchange student residing with Tom and Barb Kovachic, Geneva Drive.

Alan flies from Metro on the 16-hour charter flight, which will have a two-hour stopover in Paris. Rolf, whose flight was booked far in advance, leaves tomorrow and will arrive in Germany 12 hours later than his houseguest.

Since they plan to make some short trips around the continent, Alan arranged to get his international driver's license before taking off for Germany.

The German youth, who enjoyed his Michigan stay, speaks English fluently as does his father, an IBM executive who held several phone conversations with the Renzes as they planned the trip. Rolf told Judy Renz that American slang was the only thing that had given him much language difficulty and said to her with a twinkle in his eye, "I wonder what my Dad will say when I try out 'You're a cool dude!' on him."

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Two New York guest artists will be in town this month to offer summer dance workshops at DeWitt Conservatory of Dance & Music. Leslie Woodies, soloist and principal dancer with the Boston Ballet, and Mark Ruhula will teach classes July 15 - 19 and July 22 - 26, according to Conservatory Director Chris Farmer.

Ruhula has appeared in television and films and was seen as "Larry" in "Chorus Line" on Broadway.

The ballet and jazz workshops will be held July 15 - 19 and July 22 - 26.

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Noting that this may be the last year for Federal Revenue Sharing, (DeWitt anticipates \$37,140) the mayor recommended allocating \$16,061 to local street programs, \$16,062 to the water fund, \$250 to miscellaneous, and \$12,000 transferred to General Fund for furniture for the new city hall quarters. The total of \$44,373 would make use of a \$6,733 balance from last year. Council approved the proposed budget, which had been available for public inspection since June 18, without any citizen comment.

No suggestions have been turned in so far regarding the new name for the completed DeWitt Road/Bridge Street. Clerk Margie Lotre reported. Norm Farnum of S. DeWitt Road spoke out against any name changing - unless naming only the newly added section of road - since it would cause considerable expense for business people who would have to purchase new stationery/business cards/etc. with changes of address. DDA Director Austin Knapp suggested naming the new section "DeWitt Bridge Drive."

In other action, council voted to set a 13.25 total millage rate for the 1985-86 fiscal year and gave final plat approval to Chateau Shores #2. Richard Beckwith, E. Webb Road, called council attention to the fact that street construction work had left his driveway with a decided drop and asked for necessary repairs.

Effective July 1, City Ordinance 82 affecting weed growth higher than 12" will raise the fee for lot mowing from \$25 to \$50.

## July Ag Expo '85 Is Open to Public

More than 400 commercial farm exhibits and 16 acres of field demonstrations highlight Ag. Expo '85, the largest farm equipment show of its type in Michigan.

The event, July 23-25 at Michigan State University, is expected to attract more than 50,000 people. A variety of tours and educational exhibits will round out the program.

## Along The Looking Glass

DeWitt Charter Township's Genealogy Room will hold an open house, "In Memoriam to Hila Bross", Sunday, July 23, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Green Thumb Librarian Wilma Sowle will be hostess and refreshments will be served. The Genealogy Room is located in the township hall, 4700 Brook Road.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 14, at 2:30 p.m. at Wacousta Community Methodist Church for Wallace F. Watt, W. Stoll Road, who died June 26.

Watt, who was to have been the guest at the Boy Scout 75th anniversary Jamboree this month was one of the country's original Boy Scouts. He belonged to a troop formed in Barre, VT. in 1909.

A World War I veteran and retired psychologist, Watt had been co-ordinator for the Lansing area Boy Scouts district and devoted much of his life to scouting. He donated his body to the University of Michigan Medical School. Survivors include his wife, Olive; a daughter, Dorothy Lewis; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The annual Carl Hasselbach Father/Son Golf Outing sponsored by Knights of Columbus,



DeWitt Council 7237 will take place Saturday, August 10, at Prairie Creek Golf Course.

St. Jude Youth Group honored the following graduating seniors for service during their high school years: Theresa Bordui and Kathy Boyd, 3 years as catechists; Kevin McBride, lector and lay distributor, 6 years as acolyte; Eric McPherson, 2 years as catechist; Kevin Moody, 8 years as acolyte; Mike McKeon, 8 years as acolyte, 1 year as catechist; Roger Pline, youth group leader; Mike Price, lay distributor and youth group leader; Michelle Ray and Peggy Ryan, youth group leaders; Mike Simon, lector and lay distributor, vice president of CYC; Chris Pearson, president of CYC.

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The ballet and jazz workshops will be held July 15 - 19 and July 22 - 26.

Swan Lake dance will be choreographed and taught by Leslie Woodies and Mark Ruhula at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels on the same dates.

Contact 669-5365 for further information

DeWitt Breakfast Lions are handling ticket sales for the annual DeWitt Ox Roast, coming up Saturday, August 17. For tickets, contact Wally Marriott, 669-3385 or Steve Garrett, 669-2260.

DeWitt Council 7237 Knights of Columbus will install new officers for the 1985-86 year at a special 8 p.m. Mass at St. Jude Church Tuesday, July 9.

John Fritsch will be installed as Grand Knight; Greg White, Deputy Grand Knight; Jack Armstrong, Chancellor; Bob Hintz, Recorder; Gary Brya, Treasurer; Bob Steinman, Advocate; John Urbain, Warden; Fred Grove, 3-Year Trustee; Frank McBride, 2-year Trustee; Max McGuinness, 1-Year Trustee; Max Calder, Outside Guard and Gene Romel, Inside Guard.

## TOWNSHIP MINUTES

New signs will be placed at the entrance to Gunnisonville and Hurd cemeteries. DeWitt Charter Township trustees agreed at their June 24 meeting. Bids will now be taken for a chain link fence to be placed around Gunnisonville Cemetery.

Trustees accepted the \$5,340 bid of Amar

Company for repairs to the fire station roof; the project should be completed in 60 days.





## SUMMER READERS VISIT LIBRARIES



Bookworms galore have signed up for summer membership in the DeWitt Library-sponsored Monster Reading Club for youngsters ages six thru 10. Young members receive the above card and a bat sticker is put in an oval space for each book read. Members read 10 or more books during the summer.

I think, at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy godmother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift should be curiosity. -Eleanor Roosevelt.



### JUNIORS MAY COMPETE AT STATE FAIR

Michigan's junior exhibitors at the Michigan State Fair are eligible for Showmanship and Showmanship Sweepstakes contests.

Youth livestock exhibitors may show an animal in the youth breeding or market classes and in fitting and showing. Deadline for entering these classes is August 1.

DeWitt Charter Township Librarian Joan Smith, center, checks out books for the Davis children who are Monster Club members. Left to right are Tina, Paul, Shawn, Dawn, Cora and Angela Davis. Paul Shawn and Angela, children of Sharon Davis, East State Road, were introducing their three cousins from Elsie to the local library.

### CITY, TOWNSHIP HAVE EXCELLENT SELECTIONS

Monster Club readers can still register at the Valley Farms library located in DeWitt Charter Township Hall, says Librarian Joan Smith, who already has some children signed up for the summer reading program.





Erica, Emily and David Romblom, left to right, pick up book selections at Faye Hanson Memorial Library in DeWitt. Children of Ed and Esther Romblom, DuCharme Drive, they are among the 117 members of the Monster Club in the city. The colorful 8½ x 11" membership cards practically paper the walls of the DeWitt library.

From a book review in the Plains, Ga., Monitor: "Margaret's Story, Eugene Price. A woman of virtue in the 19th-century. Fiction.

Deadline for entering these classes is August 1.

Showmanship winners will compete for champion showman in each species. Beef, sheep, swine, dairy and goat Champion and Reserve Champion showman will then qualify for the Sweepstakes, where each exhibitor will be judged on handling, appearance and ability to follow instructions. Sweepstakes judging will take place in the Coliseum at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 24.

Complete rules and entry forms are included in the Youth Division premium book, available by writing to Carol J. Culham, Michigan Exposition and Fairgrounds, 1120 W. State Fair, Detroit 48203,

already has some children signed up for the summer reading program.

Readership and patronage of the township library is not large, Joan points out, partly due to the daytime hours when most people are at work and partly because most of the children are in the Lansing School District and use the school libraries.

Joan, who came to Lansing as a war bride from Stoke-On-Trent, England, in 1948, has been a DeWitt Township resident for 20 years and librarian here for 13 years.

"The township library could be used much more," she remarks, adding that she has a good selection in both hardcover and paperbacks. Like most other libraries, the autobiography, "Iacocca" has a waiting list of readers, Joan says.

Library patrons do not have to be township residents and Joan can request a book from other sources for a reader, if it is not on her shelves. Her "9 to 5 crowd" must come in Wednesdays when the hours are extended to 6:30 p.m. The township library is closed Friday and Saturday.

#### Township Library Hours

Monday 9 a.m. - Noon, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 1:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Joan and her husband, Joseph, have six children and live on Chetwyn Drive.

## DEWITT CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

### Week of July 8 - 12

#### Monday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Islands. Triangle Tag

ART: Newspaper Creations

#### Monday Afternoon

SPORT ACTIVITY: Baseball

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS: Eric Reed assisting

REST and RELAXATION

#### Tuesday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Walk to the DeWitt Library. Parent permission required.

ART: Sensory Art - Modeling Sawdust dough, rolled oats dough, cornstarch goo, edible peanut butter playdough

#### Tuesday Afternoon

SPORT ACTIVITY: Kick and Run

ART: Painting with spaghetti, marshmallows, gadgets, sponges

REST and RELAXATION

#### Wednesday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Walk to the DeWitt Retreat House for a

tour of the building and grounds. Bring a sack lunch and a grocery bag. Parent permission required.

#### Wednesday Afternoon

SPORT ACTIVITY: Frisbee Baseball

REST and RELAXATION

#### Thursday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Octopus

ART: Make puppets and strawberry baskets

#### Thursday Afternoon

OPEN SWIM: DeWitt High School, COST: 50¢, TIME: 1:30 - 3:30, Parent permission required. Life jackets required for non-swimmers

#### Friday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Walk to the DeWitt Memorial Building to view films: Dinosaurs, Puzzles from the Past and Deadly African Snakes. Parent permission required.

GAMES: Psychic Snake, Rattlers. Skin the Snake

#### Friday Afternoon

GUEST SPEAKER: Brad Ward will bring his collection of snakes to the park.

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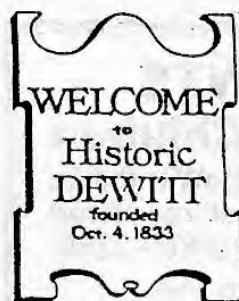
No one was more aware that he was difficult to work for than the great Flo Ziegfeld himself. Once, when he was planning a new follies, someone suggested that he should ask popular George Gershwin to write the score.

When the two met, Ziegfeld remarked, "I heard it said, Mr. Gershwin, that you are a genius. Is that so?"

"Not yet, Mr. Ziegfeld," replied the composer. "I haven't suffered enough."

"In that case," Ziegfeld said, "I can assure you that you will be one by the time you have finished working for me."





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### COMMUNITY CHURCH TO INSTALL PASTOR

DeWitt Community Church, 505 Webb Drive, will hold an installation service for Reverend Frederick C. Nose on Sunday, July 21, at 3 p.m. After the service a reception in his honor will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Nose began his service at the DeWitt Community Church on July 1. His wife, Janice, has a degree in Elementary Education and is a registered child care provider. They have three young children, Benjamin, Rebecca and Nathaniel. Pastor Nose's grandmother, Martha, is also part of their family.

Pastor Nose attended Bob Jones University, Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Minneapolis and received his Master of Divinity Degree from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. He and his family have resided in Grand Rapids until the



Rev. Frederick C. Nose

### I-69 Opens Thursday

DeWitt Charter Township, the City of DeWitt, Watertown Township and the Michigan Department of Transportation have combined forces to celebrate suitably the official opening of I-69's new local segment Thursday, July 18.

## FROG CONTEST EMCEE NEEDED FOR OX ROAST

Anybody hereabouts who would like to learn how to emcee a Frog Leapin' Contest?

Hank Lotoszinski, who has handled the tricky job at the DeWitt Ox Roast for the last

four years, is unable to do it this year - but he is willing to teach some willing apprentice the intricacies of frogger racing.

"We really appreciate what Hank has done over the years," says Linda Hodges, whose husband Lee is DeWitt Memorial Association president. "He has been fantastic and I don't know if we ever thanked him enough."

An energetic volunteer is needed if the DeWitt Frog Leaping Contest is to continue this year. Contact Linda at 669-3258

All systems are "go" for other portions of the 39th annual ox roast to be held Saturday, August 17. Mary Huntley is handling the Country Folk Art and Craft Show which will be held at Riverside Park. There'll be live bluegrass music and some art demonstrations. Some booth spaces are still available, according to Chairperson Huntley.

"DeWitt On Parade" will be the theme for the 1985 ox roast parade at 10 a.m. DeWitt will be welcoming Dana Corporation back this year; their employees will have "funny money" to spend at the ox roast, for which the company will reimburse the Memorial Association.

Char Ide will once again have her petting zoo and pony rides on hand and DeWitt Co-operative Preschool is sponsoring Creative Capers for the young set. Mark Arney, Paul Kleeman and the DeWitt Newcomers Club will take care of Las Vegas Night.

DeWitt Morning Lions have taken charge of the Progressive Pot of Gold raffle; Evening Lions, food tent; Fred Grove, beer tent; American Legion and Dona Gartside, bingo tent; Chickie Rieves and Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, games tent. Mary Eyke will handle advertising.

### EMT Class, Building Numbers Approved

Eleven fire department members will receive emergency medical technician training, as a result of DeWitt Charter Township trustees' approval of a \$1200 EMT instruction fee at their July 8 meeting.

Members approved the first reading of a Building Numbering Ordinance, which will require all residential and commercial buildings in the township to display conspicuous numerical street addresses. Purpose of the ordinance is to facilitate emergency services (ambulance, fire, police) reaching a distress destination without a time-consuming search for the correct address.

Numerals used to display a home or business address must be at least 3 inches high, contrast in color with the immediate background and be readily visible from the street. Mailbox numbers are not acceptable, since several mailboxes in a row may still cause confusion about a house or business location.

Penalty for violating the ordinance would be a misdemeanor charge subject to as much as a \$500 fine and 90-day jail sentence.

After much discussion, trustees authorized Supervisor Frank Mann to instruct Attorney Richard Robinson to take appropriate action toward resolving the witness fee problem with Clinton County. Both Bath and DeWitt Townships believe they are entitled to witness fees from the county, since their police officers are already receiving township salaries for time



... Baptist Seminary. He and his family have resided in Grand Rapids until the call came from the Community Church. He is originally from Virginia.

Dr. N.A. Wiens, his former pastor, and Senator Alan Cropsey will participate in the installation.

The community and friends are cordially invited to share in this special occasion.

## Youth Orators Can Compete

Future orators are invited to enter the Youth Public Speaking Contest at the Michigan State Fair set for August 23 to September 2.

The Public Speaking Contest begins at 9:00 a.m. on August 31, in the Agriculture Building. Deadline for entry is August 1.

To qualify, contestants must be high school students during the 1985 calendar year. Speeches should be four to seven minutes long, prepared from a list of topics provided in the State Fair Youth Premium book.

Contact Carol Culham, 1120 W. State Fair, Detroit 48203, (313) 368-1000, for details.

official opening of I-69's new local segment Thursday, July 18.

The DeWitt Road overpass between Herbison and Clark roads will be the scene of a 10 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony. The section of I-69 will extend from U.S. 27 in DeWitt Township to I-96 in Watertown Township. Antique cars will make the first trip on the I-69 freeway.

Speakers will include Sen. Alan Cropsey; Roger Overway, chairman of the Clinton County board of commissioners, and James Pitz, director of Michigan Department of Transportation. Also attending the ceremony will be William Marshall, chairman of the Michigan Transportation Commission, David Merchant, division administrator for the Federal Highway Commission, and Frederick Rieger, DOT district engineer. Jeanne Rossman will represent Congressman Bill Schuette.

A luncheon is to follow at Prairie Creek Club House.

There are two kinds of people who don't say much, those who are quiet and those who talk a lot.

Clinton County. Both Bath and DeWitt Townships believe they are entitled to witness fees from the county, since their police officers are already receiving township salaries for time they must spend to testify in court.

In other action, Patricia King, Merlin Drive, was appointed to the township public safety committee, replacing Jerry Bower who had resigned.

## Ceremony to Mark Road Completion

A formal ceremony Saturday, July 27, at 10 a.m. will mark the official opening of the newly completed DeWitt Road/Bridge Street.

The program will take place in front of the fire station near the intersection of Bridge Street and Main Street in downtown DeWitt. City Mayor Lynn Thayer and representative Gary Randall of the 89th District will speak.

Invitations have been extended to United States senators Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, Michigan Department of Transportation director James Pitz, Roger Overway, chairman, Clinton County Board of Commissions; Robert Ancel, Clinton County Road Commission, and DeWitt City Council Members.

The reconstruction and newly constructed DeWitt Road/Bridge Street, consisting of 1.05 miles, will greatly assist DeWitt traffic access to and from I-69 - which will have opened the previous week. The portion of construction in the central business district will assist in downtown DeWitt's revitalization effort, according to Robert Peterson, city administrative aide.

Construction cost will be approximately \$689,000 for the project, in the planning stages for about four years, which got underway April 15.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, July 23 - DeWitt Charter Township millage election for fire department vehicles.  
Monday, August 5 - DeWitt Board of Education millage election  
Saturday, August 17 - Annual DeWitt Ox Roast



## Along The Looking Glass

DeWitt High School senior Kim Harper, daughter of Ken and Linda Schelb, Schavey Road, was elected a precinct delegate during the 22nd annual Young People's Citizenship Seminar held June 24-28 at Olivet College.

Some 230 Michigan high school juniors and seniors attended the Michigan Farm Bureau seminar participating in political campaigns, party conventions and the mock election. Clinton County Farm Bureau was Kim's sponsor.

Jim and Pat Barkley, Sandhill Drive, welcomed their son Brian home Monday. After completing his three-year Marine stint in Honolulu, Brian had worked for an additional year before returning to the U.S. mainland.

Hope Lutheran Church's Adult Fellowship Group is sponsoring a trip to Detroit Friday, July 19, to see the Detroit Tigers

take on the Texas Rangers in Tiger Stadium. Becky Ziel and Kathy Ruiz are handling arrangements.

The Rev. Harry Johnson began his pastorate at Redeemer United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 30. He had been pastor of Sonoma-Newton United Methodist Church, Battle Creek, for four years.

Rev. Johnson attended Northwest Michigan College, Traverse City and Grand Valley State College before earning his Master of Divinity from Methodist Theological School, Delaware, OH and Ohio State University.

Rev. Johnson and his wife Judy have three daughters, Kris, 18; Jill, 15; and Kim, 10.

Twenty families shared Redeemer Church's July 12 - 14 camping weekend at Townline Lake near Lakeview.



## Kitty Korner

Whether they graduated five or 25 years ago, DeWitt High School reunion classes are looking forward to get-togethers this summer.

While the 1960 class numbered only about 30, Loretta Higbie Kitchen, who is coordinating the Friday, August 16, dinner party at Prairie Creek clubhouse expects a good turnout. Classmates are traveling here from Washington, Oregon, California, Missouri and Florida, she says.

Class sponsor and teacher Shirley Mull, "who put up with us on our senior trip to New York City," has promised to come from Homer that evening.

Cindy Bouts Stanton and her committee have made the DeWitt Ox Roast weekend a reunion date for the Class of '65. They will enter a float in the Saturday parade, hope to get together that evening at the ox roast and will have a family picnic Sunday, August 18, at Riverside Park. They began initial planning at Christmastime 1983 when a dozen of them met. They have contacted their 50 class members, teachers and even some classmates who had moved away before graduating.

Mike Botke has made arrangements for a dinner party Saturday, August 3, at Prairie Creek clubhouse with the Bent Scepters providing dance music afterward. He and his committee members hope for a good turnout from the 92 members of the Class of 1970.

The 110 members of DeWitt Class of '75 also have a double whammy - dinner at Prairie Creek Friday, July 20, and picnic at Riverside Park the following day. Dee-Dee Mustaine Hammond is contact person.

Trudy Monk Lewis and Lynley Butler Terranova have coordinated plans for their 1980 classmates to meet for a gabfest and dinner at Highland Hills Golf Course Saturday evening, August 3. The Class of 1980 had 130 members.

The reunion chairpersons and committees have put a great deal of time into contacting

on July 27. 'Twill be held in the historic old town hall there, Violet reports, and she hopes to renew acquaintance with various Washburn family branches.

It was Violet's genealogical digging three years ago that resulted in the very first Washburn family reunion, after she had traced Samuel and Susanna Washburn's progeny from New York to Canada to Central Lake, Michigan.

## FINNISH VISITORS



## Exchange Chairmen Are Lions Hosts

Matti and Eini Tallgren from Isaalmi, Finland, spent a few days in DeWitt and the Lansing area after serving as chaperones for

## DEWITT CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

### Week of July 15 - 19

#### Monday Morning

FIELD TRIP: 9:30 - 12:30 to Elbinger Studio's in E. Lansing to watch film being developed. Walk to MSU campus for nature activities. Parent permission required.

#### Monday Afternoon

ART: Collage Art GAME: Grasshopper  
REST & RELAXATION

#### Tuesday Morning

FIELD TRIP: 9:30 - 12:30 to Impression V Museum in Lansing. COST: \$1.50. Parent permission required.

#### Tuesday Afternoon

ART: Centerpieces for Senior Citizen Day  
SPORT: Softball Jam  
REST & RELAXATION

#### Wednesday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Crows and Cranes  
ART: Mary Huntley will demonstrate the art of pressed picture flowers.

#### Wednesday Afternoon

FIELD TRIP: Walk to Dancehall Dairy for an ice cream treat. Soft serve cones are 50¢, 70¢ and 90¢. Parent permission required.

GAME: Relay races

#### Thursday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Organize for luncheon; set tables, put up decorations, set aside craft area, etc. Potluck luncheon at the park with the senior citizens. They will bring the salads and desserts. Park program will provide sloppy joes and beverages.

#### Thursday Afternoon

ART: Dee Robertson will demonstrate acid glass etching.  
REST & RELAXATION

#### Friday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Prepare food for hobo lunch. Discuss the 4 food groups.

ART: Mary Huntley will teach us how to make kites.

12:00 - 1:00 Hobo stew, cottage cheese, sundaes, Children should bring their drink.

#### Friday Afternoon

OPEN SWIM: DeWitt High School, COST: 50¢, TIME: 1:30 - 3:00. Parent permission required, Life jackets for non-swimmers.

Reminder: Need 1# and 3# coffee cans with plastic lids for tin can ice cream on July 26th.

## TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE PARKS & RECREATION

### Week of July 15

#### Monday Morning

Chocolate Pudding Painting  
Kick the Can

#### Monday Afternoon

Texture Collages; On the Warpath: Softball

dinner at Highland Hills Golf Course Saturday evening, August 3. The Class of 1980 had 130 members.

The reunion chairpersons and committees have put a great deal of time into contacting their classmates and teachers. One plea all of them share is this: **PLEASE CONTACT US IN TIME SO THAT WE CAN MAKE RESERVATIONS AND PLAN FOR THE CORRECT NUMBER OF PEOPLE!**

Happy memories, former grads!

Adult and youth tennis lessons are again being offered by the City of DeWitt Parks and Recreation, July 22 through August 16. Pre-register for either classes at DeWitt City Hall by Tuesday, July 16 or call 669-2441. Fee is \$15.

An Ox Roast Tennis Tournament is also in the works, according to Parks Director Marla Arney.

Four of DeWitt Township's weekly walkers have each logged more than 100 miles!

The seniors began walking in the township gym last January when the Parks and Recreation program started. During warmer weather they have moved to Valley Farms township park, where they have half-mile laps marked off.

Walkers and mileage are: Al Warner, 140 miles; Frank Pylman, 116 miles; Clint Wright, 110 miles and Louise Higginbottom, 103 miles.

Some 50 to 60 chatting relatives convened at Riverside Park Saturday for the annual Craig family reunion. Violet Kolberg, East Dill Drive, had sent out a March news-letter alerting relatives to the July 13 date of the annual reunion.

Violet drove to Grand Rapids Thursday to pick up one cousin, Jean Hutchings, who flew in from Manitoba, Canada. Violet and Jean share the same great great grandmother, Hannah Maria (pronounced long i - Mariah) Vance, who lived in Ontario.

DeWitt's genealogy buff will just have time to catch her breath; then she'll be off to Elk Rapids for the annual Washburn family reunion

## Are Lions Hosts

Matti and Eini Tallgren from Isaalmi, Finland, spent a few days in DeWitt and the Lansing area after serving as chaperones for 310 Finnish students who came to the United States this month under the International Lions Youth Exchange program.

Jim Boyd, district chairman for the exchange program, and his wife Marilyn were the Tallgrens' hosts in their Lake Geneva home. Left to right are Matti Tallgren, Marilyn Boyd, Eini Tallgren and Jim Boyd.

Since 82 of the students were going to host families in Michigan, Tallgrens had already visited Detroit, Flint, Kinde and Au Gres before Jim picked them up in Grand Rapids. Lions Club district chairmen are entertaining the pair in their home at each of the stopovers.

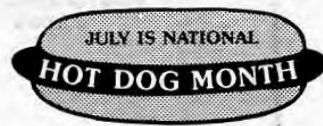
Jim took the pair around Lansing and visited the Lions state central headquarters with them. Tallgrens also toured Michigan State University campus with the Boyds and took in the July 6 fireworks program in downtown Lansing. They will be guests of Lions Club members in Chicago, in Nebraska, Iowa and various other states before returning to Finland at the end of July.

While he was filming "On the Road", Charles Kuralt said that whenever he got to thinking that he was somewhat important, someone always brought him down to size.

Once driving down a street in Florida, their van was signalled to a stop by a woman coming from her house.

Opening the van door, Kuralt waited to hear if she had some suggestion or compliment for his CBS program.

Instead the woman said, "I'll have two loaves of rye today, please."



## Week of July 15

**Monday Morning**  
Chocolate Pudding Painting  
Kick the Can

**Monday Afternoon**  
Texture Collages; On the Warpath; Softball

**Tuesday Morning**  
Scavenger Hunt; Paper Mache'

**Tuesday Afternoon**  
Checkers/Chess; Rock Art; Capture the Flag

**Wednesday Morning**  
**MUSIC DAY**  
Aerobics; Name that Tune

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
Special Guest  
Air Band Competition

**Thursday Morning**  
Who Am I Game; Human Foosball; Face Painting

**Thursday Afternoon**  
Library Visit; Kickball

**Friday Morning**  
**SPACE DAY**  
Martian Mask Making; Rocket Building

**Friday Afternoon**  
Volleyball, "If I Were An Astronaut"; Scatter Dodgeball

## SCHOOL NEWS

DeWitt Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. C. Dee Robertson, a high school non-instructional aide, at the July 1 regular meeting. A food service director position for the schools cafeteria service is to be filled. Salary range, depending on qualification and experience will be from \$14,000 to \$20,000 for 46 weeks.

The board authorized the sale of one bus, a 1976 Ford which carried 65 passengers. Work on the high school roof and middle school gym floor are underway.

The millage committee has prepared a

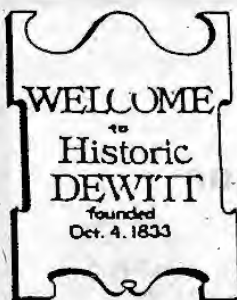
brochure which is being mailed out to voters, requesting a "yes" vote on the August 5 request for three additional mills.

Board members and their spouses attended a July 9 dinner to honor retiring board member Kenneth Price.

The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, at 7 p.m. in the school administration building on N. Wilson Street.

Now there's a new kind of wine called Post Office Red. You mail five pounds of grapes in a container and mark it fragile.





## DATELINE: DeWitt

July 22, 1985

Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott

### Kitty Korner

DeWitt Ox Roast weekend remains one of the favorite times to schedule class reunions - mainly because over the years many grads, who move away from the DeWitt area, continue to schedule their vacations for the mid-August ox roast in order to see familiar faces and renew old acquaintances.

This year, in addition to the traditional five year class reunions, a trio of classes - DeWitt High school graduates of 1952, 1953 and 1954 are holding a reunion Friday evening, August 16. They'll meet for dinner at Mijo's, then go to the ox roast next day. Cliff Hart, Class of '52, who now lives in Perrysburg, OH, started the ball rolling and Mary Woodruff has been handling some of the reservations locally.

Charlene Schaar is among those looking forward to the reunion with her '53 classmates. She expects husband Bill, who has been undergoing hip replacement surgeries, to be on the mend by that time.

Schaar's two sons, Mark and Mike, who graduated in 1976 and 1978 respectively, were the fourth generation of DHS graduates. Charlene's father, Ernest Shafley, graduated in the Class of 1924 and her grandfather, Paul Shafley, somewhere around the turn of the century.

The Ox Roast stretches back nearly 40 years into DeWitt's history. First held in the spring of 1946, it has become an annual event to provide

A farmers market is being held in St. Johns each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. The market started last Saturday and is located on Maple Avenue next to the courthouse. For information, call St. Johns Chamber of Commerce, 224-7248.

Kevin Boyd, 16, is midway through his summer visit to Sweden under the Lions Youth Exchange program. After leaving here June 25, he called parents Jim and Marilyn Boyd, Westview Court, upon his arrival overseas.

Kevin is staying with an International Lions family, the Nordensveds, in their summer home on the seacoast at Bastad. Nordensveds have a son near Kevin's age as well as a boy, 14, and a girl, 11.

Although the DeWitt High School senior was in Stockholm a year ago, he welcomed the opportunity to visit southwestern Sweden this summer. Boyds have already had two letters from Kevin and with typical sisterly appreciation, Kathy Boyd pointed out that he only wrote "because he wanted something."

VFW POST 671 feted Florence Leyanna, one of its most active volunteers, at an open house Saturday afternoon and evening. The post is named for her late husband, Edwin J. Leyanna, a World War I veteran.

The guest of honor devotes many hours to post projects, working at bake sales and rummage sales. Saturday festivities included a pig roast and music provided from 6-10 p.m. by Wayne, the One-Man Band.

DeWitt Lioness club members were hostesses Sunday afternoon at a family picnic for the 17 Lioness clubs in District 3. The get-together for the recently formed district was held on the west beach of Lake Geneva. Swimming, games, picnicking and games were on the day's agenda. Virginia Eisinger of the Perry-Laingburg Lioness Club is district president. Vi Pennington heads the DeWitt

## EARNs CAMP HONOR

The 1985 "Outstanding Attitude Award" at Coach Bill Frieder's Wolverine Basketball Camp in Ann Arbor was awarded to Patrick Laughlin, 10, from DeWitt. During the week of June 30 - July 5 approximately 200 boys, ages 8 - 13,



from around the country were shown offensive and defensive drills; they attended films and lectures, learning the fine points about sportsmanship and competition.

Patrick's attitude was described as "fantastic" by the U of M coaches. He is the son of Candy Laughlin and Pat Laughlin of DeWitt.

## DEWITT CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

Week of July 22

Monday Morning

Jump, Shout, Boogie Day!!

FIELD TRIP: Tour of K92 radio station in DeWitt. Parent permission required.

ART: Make musical instruments

JUMP: to your own beat with your handmade instruments!

Monday Afternoon

SHOUT it out with DeWitt shareholders as they teach

The Ox Roast stretches back nearly 40 years into DeWitt's history. First held in the spring of 1946, it has become an annual event to provide funds for the operation and maintenance of DeWitt Memorial Building.

A non-profit organization, the DeWitt Memorial Association, officially sponsors the ox roast each year with the proceeds from the various activities going toward the building's upkeep. Various local non-profit organizations are allowed to use the building in exchange for their groups' work on the annual ox roast.



Current Memorial Association officers are: Lee Hodges, president; Mary Eyke, secretary; and Fred Grove, treasurer. Linda Hodges is booking agent for the facility. Association board members are Mark Arney, Roger Brown, Paul Kleeman, Vi Pennington, Don and George Walter.

In addition to groups mentioned last week, who will work at the ox roast, Lioness Club members will assist in the food tent, St. Jude Ushers Club, in the beer tent.

DeWitt Chapter 30, Order of the Eastern Star, along with other county OES members, has been working on plans for the Masonic Home Fair. The fund-raiser for the home in Alma is set for Saturday and Sunday, August 3-4.

OES County president Ruth Chamberlain of Ovid and Dorothy Keck, Clinton County first vice president, have been helping with plans for the arts, crafts and food booths. The two-day program will include a Saturday parade through Alma and the grounds of the Masonic Home.

together for the recently formed district was held on the west beach of Lake Geneva. Swimming, games, picnicking and games were on the day's agenda. Virginia Eisinger of the Perry-Laingburg Lioness Club is district president. Vi Pennington heads the DeWitt Lioness Club.

## COUNTY ARTS UNIT ELECTS

Sally White, W. Pratt Road, was elected president of the Clinton County Arts Council at their recent annual meeting. Steena Gaut, Grove Road, was named secretary.

DeWitt potter Jon Tury has donated use of his River Run Pottery Building at the corner of N. Clinton and US-27 to the council for one year. The group plans to use the building as headquarters, gallery and gift shop to offer county artists an opportunity to display their wares on a rotating basis.

Items for display may be delivered to the gallery from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 28. Each artist will have a limit of 10 items. A grand opening will be held Sept. 22.

I have noticed that when chickens quit quarreling over their food, they often find that there is enough for all of them. I wonder if it might not be the same way with the human race. - Don Marquis.

## GROUP GIVES MEMORIAL

The Clinton County Historical Society dedicated a microfilm reader as a memorial to Hila Bross at their June open house held in the DeWitt Charter Township Hall archives.

Past president Ford Caesar gave the dedication talk and CCHS president Charles Coletta welcomed guest. A special guest was Mildred Countryman, Hila's sister.

Ms. Bross was honored as a founder, past president and for her many years of service to the organization.

## SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 3

DeWitt Public Schools will open for the fall term Tuesday, September 3, the day after Labor Day.

Grades 1-5 will have a half-day morning session only. Middle and high school students will have a full day's schedule.

Sign outside a church: "Don't let worry kill you - let the church help."

Jump, Shout, Boogie Day!!

FIELD TRIP: Tour of K92 radio station in DeWitt. Parent permission required.

ART: Make musical instruments

JUMP to your own beat with your handmade instruments!

Monday Afternoon

SHOUT it out with DeWitt cheerleaders as they teach you their routines.

BOOGIE down with Denny Brya, Jeff Crowley and Marvin Anderson, DeWitt's well-known breakdancers!

Tuesday Morning

FIELD TRIP: Walk to the DeWitt Public Library. Parent permission required.

ART: Painting: splatter painting, painting with sponges, Q-tips, rocks and spoons.

Tuesday Afternoon

GUEST SPEAKER: Mark Arney, manager of the Michigan Apple Committee, will talk about apples and provide a special treat. GAME: Human Musical Chairs

Wednesday Morning

Christmas In July!

GROUP ACTIVITY: Decorate park area for winter activities.

ART: Make Snowflakes and Christmas decorations

MUSIC: Sing Christmas carols

Wednesday Afternoon

SPORT: Get ready for a real SNOWBALL FIGHT - no hitting above the waist!

NUTRITION: make popcorn balls

REST & RELAXATION: Listen to the story, How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Thursday Morning

Bike Safety Day

FIELD TRIP: Walk to the Memorial Bldg. to view Lightning and Days of the Balloons.

GAMES: Paper throwing contest on bike, Slow Bike Race.

Thursday Afternoon

GUEST SPEAKER: Jim Dougherty will talk about bike repair; biking as a sport; and bike safety.

REST & RELAXATION

Friday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Guess a Minute

ART: Make a pinata

SNACK: Tin can ice cream

Friday Afternoon

OPEN SWIM: DeWitt High School

COST: 50¢

TIME: 1:30 - 3:00

Parent permission required, Life jackets for non-swimmers.

Reminders: Tuesday, July 30th, Deadline for permission and \$2.50 for luncheon at Foo Ying's.

Wednesday, July 31, Picnic at Riverside Park at 6:00. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and a blanket to sit on. Beverage will be provided.

Economist: A man who'll figure out tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today.



# SCHOOL STAFF WORK GOES ON

"School's out!" applies to students, but not to administrative and custodial staff at DeWitt schools.

If you doubt this, just drop by DeWitt High School on a summer day. Phones are still ringing and visitors appearing in the office; maintenance staff are handling business as usual.

"This is catch-up time," says Fred Goers, DeWitt High School Principal, and the same rule applies to middle and elementary schools. Administrative and custodial staff schedule their vacations alternately during the summer so that some of them are always on duty, preparing for fall term.

Goers and his staff work on students' schedules for the coming year, process orders for books and supplies, arrange for printing of student handbooks, schedule repair and cleaning of school equipment. He will be hiring two teachers, as well as handling coordination of Drivers' Education and summer swimming lessons.

When the swim program ends in early August, it's time to close and drain the pool (no small job!), then have the tiles checked and regouted. Before you know it, early practice begins for football and other fall sports.

Head Custodian Albert Schulz finds summer-time little different from the rest of the year. He and his staff clean and seal classrooms with tile floors, wash desks, clean heating system filters, shampoo carpets, re-seal gym floors and hallways.

Painting and general repairs such as door hinges, cleaning lighting fixtures and replacing light bulbs throughout the building are part of the summer program. Cleaning out all the lockers and then changing the lock combinations for the incoming students is a lengthy and tedious chore.

Schulz, Dennis Angell, Leroy Ward and Frieda Felzke compose the custodial staff. Jack Thompson divides his time between high school and middle school during the school year and works full-time at the middle school during the summer. Bruce Dalman handles maintenance for all of the school buildings.



High School Principal Fred Goers answers the phone while school secretary Pat Willits is on her vacation.

## ART ROOM CLEAN UP



## Along the Looking Glass

Gary L. Trimmer, DeWitt Road, has been appointed vice president of Telecom/Multi-Call, a telecommunication and long distance phone company new to Michigan.

Formerly with Stamp-Rite, Inc., of Lansing, Trimmer has had 18 years marketing and sales experience.

The community is invited to attend Wednesday evening services beginning July 31 at DeWitt Community Church. The 7 p.m. sessions will study the first epistle of John.

Ron Johnson, Jim Osborn and Glenn Tarrant are DeWitt Board of Education members who plan to attend the Michigan Association of School Boards' conference in Grayling Friday and Saturday, August 9-10. The boardmanship conference will be held at Holiday Inn.

Kris Carey, daughter of Dean and Jane Carey, Herbison Road, was named to the 1984-85 dean's list for her freshman year at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids.

and middle school during the school year and works full-time at the middle school during the summer. Bruce Dalman handles maintenance for all of the school buildings.

Administration and maintenance people agree that it takes the three months of summer to ready buildings, equipment and supplies for the 550 students who will swarm into DeWitt High School halls in September.

## TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE PARKS & RECREATION

### Week of July 22

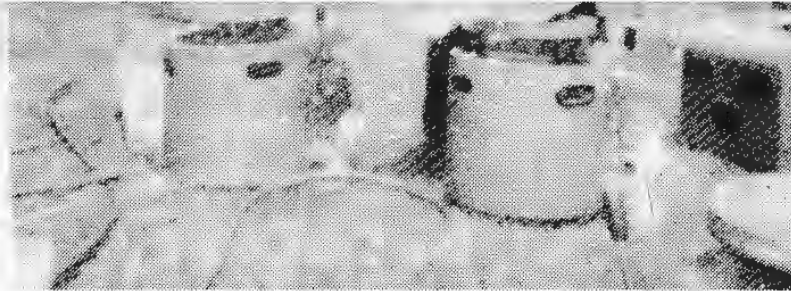
Monday Morning  
T-Shirt Tie Dye; Game: Slaughter  
Monday Afternoon  
Bug Tug; Clay Art; Softball  
Tuesday Morning  
One Eyed Cat; Portrait Drawing (Charcoal); Cookout  
Tuesday Afternoon  
Circle Peanut Game; Capture the Flag  
Wednesday Morning  
Movie Posters; Volleyball; Movie from Library  
Wednesday Afternoon  
Craft Sticks Artwork; Kickball  
Thursday Morning  
Weather Forecasting; Parachute Winds; Balloons  
Thursday Afternoon  
Wink; Fire Department Tour  
Friday Morning  
Cartoon Puzzles; Sea Pictures; Human Pinball  
Friday Afternoon  
Kids' Choice

The orchestra conductor was frantic because at least one musician was missing at every rehearsal. At the last rehearsal he called for attention and said, "I wish to publicly thank the first violinist for being the only member of the orchestra to attend every rehearsal."

"It was the least I could do," the violinist said, "since I won't be able to be at the concert tonight."

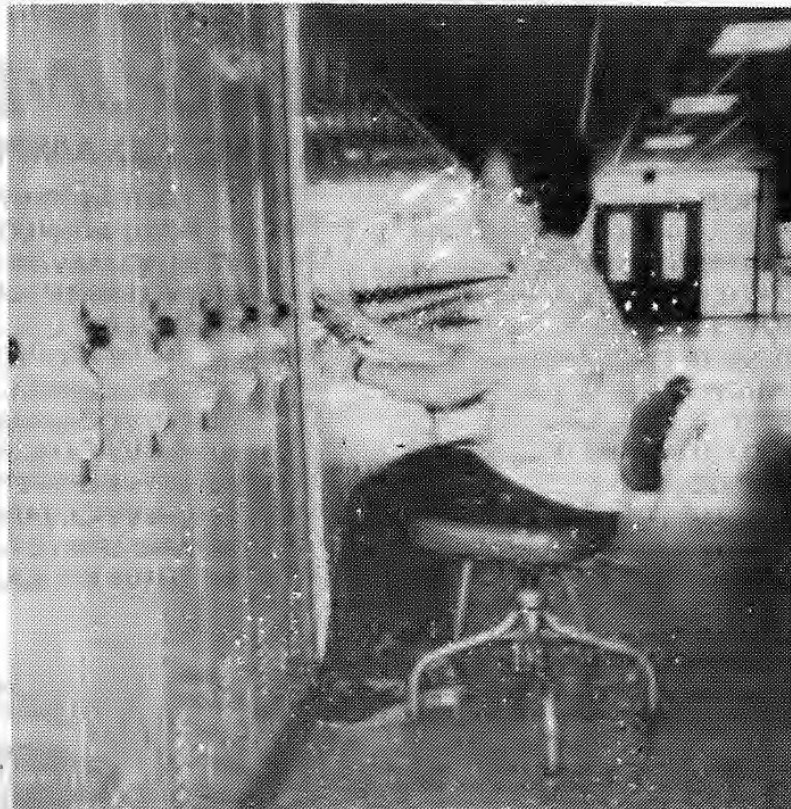
## VOTE!

Tuesday, July 23 - DeWitt Charter Township millage election for fire department vehicles.



Dennis Angell, right, and Albert Schulz, head custodian, take clay wheels out side the art room for their annual clean-up.

## NEW COMBINATIONS



Frieda Felzke sets at the monotonous task of changing combinations on all the high school lockers.

freshman year at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids.

Barbara Crissey, daughter of Wally and Kitty Marriott, Schavey Road, received her business degree from Michigan State University in June.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 671 Auxiliary members sponsor a pancake breakfast every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the post, 12250 N. US-27.

Karen Craig, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Craig, Longspur Drive, received her degree from Western Michigan University this spring.

## SOFTBALL PICNIC THIS SATURDAY

Parks & Recreation softball picnic for DeWitt and Bath townships will take place Saturday, July 27, at Valley Farms Park.

The WLNS-TV staff will play the coaches in an 11:30 a.m. softball game. A potluck dinner, games including a dunk tank, and awards will follow.

Did you hear about the termite who liked swanky apartments? - It had a suite tooth.





## CITY AGREES TO TENTS

DeWitt Ox Roast will have tents this year! DeWitt City Council gave DeWitt Memorial Association permission to erect two large tents on East and West Main Street for the 1985 Ox Roast under direction of the city engineer.

Association president Lee Hodges, board members Paul Kleeman and Mary Eyke, and Linda Hodges attended the July 22 council meeting to request the city's assistance. A June 4 letter from Administrative Assistant Bob Peterson had informed the association that the city policy would prohibit driving tent stakes into any local streets.

Promising better communications and closer liaison in the future between city council and the Memorial Association, Kleeman asked council to permit the two main tents this year. After discussion, council approved the request as well as Hodges' request to

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## DEWITT CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

### WEEK OF JULY 29, 1985

Monday Morning  
CITY OF DEWITT DAY

GROUP ACTIVITY: Meet special guests from the city government

ART: Draw a map of the city

Monday Afternoon

FIELD TRIP: Tour of the City Hall, walk to the cemetery to make gravestone rubbings, buy an ice cream treat from Dancehall Dairy. Parent permission required

REST & RELAXATION

Tuesday Morning  
TEDDY BEAR DAY

Deadline to sign up for luncheon on Thursday  
FIELD TRIP: Walk to the Memorial Building to view The Rainbow Bear, The Teddy Bear's Balloon Trip, and Playful Pandas. Parent permission required.

NUTRITION: Prepare Teddy Bear Biscuits

ART: Care Bear Magnets

Tuesday Afternoon

GAMES: Bear Talent Show, Fingerplay

ART: Teddy Bear Lookalike

REST & RELAXATION

Wednesday Morning  
FAMILY DAY

Introduce your younger brothers and sisters to Riverside Park during the following times: 3 year olds 11:00 - 12:00, 4 year olds 1:00 - 2:00, 5 year olds 2:00 - 3:00. An adult must accompany the child.

Wednesday Afternoon

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner at Riverside Park. Bring a dish to pass, your own table setting, and a blanket to sit on. Beverage will be provided.

Thursday Morning  
INTERNATIONAL DAY

GROUP ACTIVITY: Meet DeWitt's summer foreign exchange students

ART: Pinata (Mexico)

FIELD TRIP: Meet at Foo Ying restaurant to enjoy Chinese food. The Menu includes: Egg Roll, Almond Chicken, Fried Rice, Chinese Almond Honey Twist, Milk, COST: \$2.50 Parent permission required.

Friday morning

## Summer Exchange Students

Two DeWitt families currently have Finnish students as house guests through the International Lions Youth Exchange program.

Richard and Karen Swagart, Sage Lane, are entertaining Birgitta Pesonen, 17, from Kerimaki, Finland, for six weeks.

Lee and Gladys Stauffer will have Sanna Flinkman, 18, as an exchange visitor in their Schavev Road home until August 6.

Both Stauffers and Swagarts have been hosts to exchange students in previous years.



Left to right above, smiling at the antics of the Swagart dogs in the yard are Karen Swagart, their visitor Birgitta, Ray, Julie and Richard Swagart.



year. After discussion, council approved the request as well as Hodges' request to close the center of town one block from the Main Street-Bridge Street traffic light in all directions from noon, Friday, August 16, to noon, Sunday, August 18, for ox roast preparations.

Commending the association, Councilman Don Steavens said, "This is an organization which is working in our interests, for our community, and we should be assisting them as much as possible. They are providing a service (memorial building for meetings, etc.) which we don't have to offer."

City concerns had centered around tampering with surfaces of the newly paved streets downtown.

## Voters Okay Fire Vehicles

DeWitt Charter Township voters approved the fire department's request for one extra mill for three years in last Tuesday's election. The small turnout of voters registered 196 "yes" votes to 140 "no".

The extra mill will raise about \$87,000 a year to help purchase two new township fire engines and one rescue

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Friday morning

**CLOWN DAY**

**FIELD TRIP:** Walk to the Memorial Building to view a film on clowns. Parent permission required.

ART: Clown drawing

GAME: Juggling

Friday Afternoon

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Leslie Phillips and friends will make-up the children's faces.

Parade down Main Street with a real band leading the children.

## Along The Looking Glass

Bible school classes for youngsters four years of age through sixth grade will be held the week of August 12-16 at DeWitt Community Church.

Sessions will be scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to allow better family and parental involvement, since most parents work days.

Youth in grade 7-12 are invited to a meeting Monday, August 5, at

7:30 p.m. at St. Jude religious education offices, 409 N. Wilson Street. Adults who are interested in helping with the youth ministry program are also invited. For further information, call Jack Armstrong, 669-8341 or 482-8210.

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Member of the Adult Fellowship Group at Hope Lutheran Church will go on their second annual moonlight Boblo cruise Friday, August 2. The activity will benefit the Concordia College scholarship fund.

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St. Johns Mint Festival will be held August 9-10-11. Mint farm tours, antique mint farming displays, a Mint Twin contest, Senior Citizen Band Festival, arts and crafts, sports contests and free entertainment will be featured.



Left to right above, Gladys Stauffer, exchange visitor Sanna; Dawn, John and Lee Stauffer look over the map and pinpoint Sanna's hometown of Liperi, Finland.

## TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE PARKS & RECREATION

Week Of July 29

Monday Morning: Kite Making; Kite Flying; Softball  
Monday Afternoon: Go Tag; Blob  
Tuesday Morning: Slaughter; Cookout; Bird Feeders  
Tuesday Afternoon: Game Day - Bring A Game! - Capture The Flag  
Wednesday Morning: Ice Cream Day; Treasure Hunt; Origami (Japanese Paper Folding)  
Wednesday Afternoon: Roll the Can Ice Cream; Kickball  
Thursday Morning: Plaster Casts; Human Foosball  
Thursday Afternoon: Library Visit; Basketball Clinic  
Friday Morning: Craft Sticks Artwork; Lunch with Seniors. 12 noon - Bring Sack Lunches  
Friday Afternoon: Weaving; Trivial Pursuit

DeWitt Breakfast Lions are handling ticket sales for the annual DeWitt Ox Roast, coming up Saturday, August 17. For tickets, contact Wally Marriott, 669-3385 or Steve Garrett, 669-2260.

## OX Roast Tennis Tourney Dates Given

The Ox Roast Tennis Tournament will take place Friday through Sunday, August 16-17-18. Sign up deadline will be Monday, August 12.

Contact City Hall, 669-2441, or tournament director Mark Servis, 351-5259, for further information.

Discount tickets for major amusement parks including Boblo Island, Detroit Zoo and Cedar Point are still on sale at city hall.



## Kitty Korner

Anybody need a puppy?

The Marriotts' prolific pets have done it again. Usually our barn cats produce kittens for the neighborhood children to admire, but this year six puppies are in residence besides two remaining kittens.

Butch, the four-year-old black Irish setter/labrador, escaped for a few weeks in the spring and presented us with a litter of puppies late in June. Obviously, we are not right on top in the animal physiology department- now, we're belatedly trying to call him/her Butchette.

So we have six roly-poly bundles of fur - father unknown - although Noreen refers to him as "that carefree, handsome, young devil." Judging from the pups' size and appearance, he must have been a German Shepherd or similar large breed.

Any takers? Doesn't that child or grandchild of yours deserve a puppy to love? A free puppy is yours for the asking. Just call 669-3385 or stop by 13858 Schavey Road.

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The Vestaburg Community Choir will be back at DeWitt Community Church next Sunday, August 4, to perform a patriotic cantata entitled "I Love America."

Everyone is invited to hear the free concert at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the choral presentation.

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Women's Looking Glass, the popular non-denominational local group, will start up early in September, probably the week of September 9. The planning stage is now underway for the Bible study/craft time, which takes place at DeWitt Community Church.

Anyone who would like to be involved in the Women's Looking Glass program may contact Ruth Ueberroth, 669-9591.

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Boy Scout Troop 77 returned a favor a couple weeks ago. Last summer rain overtook them when they camped near Lake Superior's Pictured Rocks and Newberry Troop 555

## Woman Has Rare Surgery

Jackie Coleman, 33, Hitching Post Road, has made headlines recently in Toronto, where she underwent surgery for what may have been the first double knee transplant in surgical history.

Coleman, who suffered severe leg injuries last September when a car smashed into the rear of her 1977 Plymouth on North Logan Street in Lansing, has been in a wheelchair ever since. In April she visited Dr. Allan Gross in Toronto and was put on the list of persons awaiting donors.

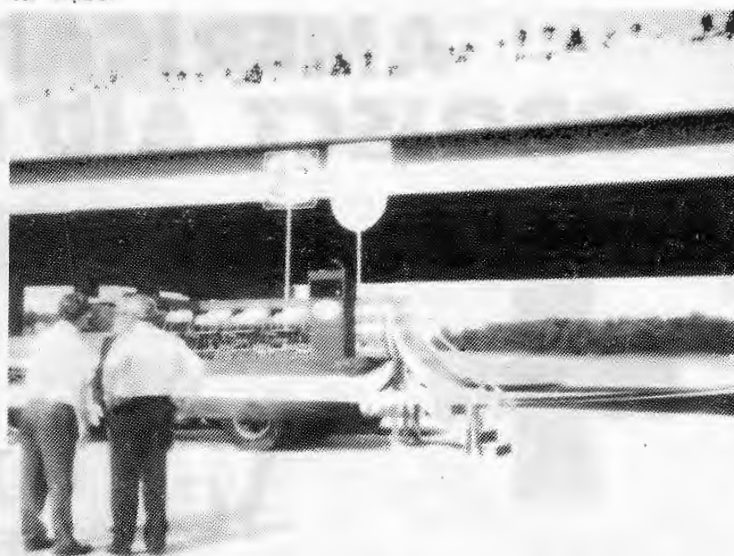
The 5½ hour surgery, performed at Mount Sinai Hospital by a team of six orthopedic surgeons, simultaneously transplanted bones in her knee, one of her entire tibia and half of the other tibia. Since knee transplants are usually done separately and months apart, doctors hope the new procedure will cut the convalescence period in half.

Coleman's daughter Lisa, who was 10 months old at the time of the accident, escaped injury in her car seat.

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## FREEWAY SECTION OPENS

Crowds of people lined the overpass Thursday morning, July 18, as time drew near for the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony, opening up the 7.7 mile stretch of future I-69, between U.S.-27 and I-96. Audiences at the dedication scene heard dignitaries speak and watched the symbolic ribbon cutting. Other viewers farther west along the route saw the parade of the first vehicles to drive the newly opened freeway - antique cars driven by members of the mid-Michigan antique car clubs.



Former DeWitt Mayor Raymond O. DeWitt was master of ceremonies for the dedication program. Sen. Alan L. Cropsey, County Commissioner Roger Overway and James P. Pitz, Michigan Department of Transportation director, were among the speakers. A luncheon followed at Prairie Creek Golf Club.

## THE WAY IT WAS



Boy Scout Troop 77 returned a favor a couple weeks ago. Last summer rain overtook them when they camped near Lake Superior's Pictured Rocks and Newberry Troop 555 befriended them. The Upper Peninsula scouts took in the drenched DeWitt scouts and harbored them overnight, helping them dry out clothing and equipment.

This month, Scoutmaster John Lance and his troop were able to repay that hospitality. They were gracious overnight hosts for the Newberry troop and leaders, who were traveling to the Scout National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, VA. In all, DeWitt entertained 39 U.P. scouts and entourage, billeting them overnight in the DeWitt Memorial Building.

Boy Scout chairperson Sue Thayer oversaw arrangements, preparing dinner for the visitors and local scouts - probably 60 in all - and then took them for an evening swim at DHS pool. Five ladies - Theresa Fedewa, Bertha Lennemann, Florence Leyanna, Dorothy Thomas and Florence Wing - came in to assist with serving the meal.

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Here 'n' There: Bill and Joyce Reed, E. River Drive, bade goodbye Wednesday to daughter Colleen Wissner and her two small daughters, Allison and Jennifer. Colleen arrived July 3 from San Diego, CA, to be on hand for the July 13 marriage of her sister Anna to Robert Neher... Paul and Mary Ann Reuter are back on Cutler Road after a trip north, where they visited several transplanted DeWitt families.

In Hart, Reuters spent a day with Paul and Myrna Tate, who have returned to live in Michigan after a brief residence in Plano, TX. Paul is going into partnership there at the funeral home which his father formerly directed. Next, Paul and Mary Ann visited Jim and Barb Smith, who have moved their residence from DeWitt to Intermediate Lake, and then stopped for the weekend at Lloyd and Doris Powell's Central Lake cottage.

Appreciation is like an insurance policy. It has to be renewed every now and then.

A Defense Attorney asked a prospective juror if she'd be offended by four-letter words should they be used during testimony. "No sir," the woman replied. "I hear those words at work all the time."

"Where do you work?" asked the attorney.

"At the IRS."

## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

Council members were disappointed July 22, when DeWitt Building Authority chairman Austin Knapp showed them the latest plans for city hall renovation without a basement. In an attempt to cut costs to the bone, Knapp asked the architect to sketch a new design minus a lower level.

In the long ensuing discussion, Knapp pointed out that he was trying to keep within the \$275,000 projected estimate, while councilmen and women opined that losing the basement storage and space would detract from the renovation's original purpose. Council finally authorized the Building Authority to prepare bid specifications for city hall expansion including a basement, with the understanding that council would provide sufficient funds to complete the project, if it could not be accomplished within the original estimate.

Monday, August 19, was set for an 8 p.m. public hearing on the water district special assessment roll. The assessment roll is available for citizens to review at City Hall. Chief Wendell Myers explained two traffic control orders, which will establish a three-way stop for drivers at the new hilltop intersection of Webb Road and Bridge Street, and a stop where the old DeWitt Road joins Bridge Street.

After Terry Thayer, representing the Ohio Co. talked about investments, council authorized Clerk Margie Lotre to check further



This aerial view of the Bob Felzke farm graced the back cover of the dedication program for the new freeway through DeWitt and Watertown townships. Titled "A Bit of History", it showed the Felzke farm which occupied the site before the building of the road.



**Saturday, August 18, 1985**

Help please! Workers are needed for the Ox Roast Las Vegas Nite. Call Mark Arney, 669-5723 or Paul Kleeman, 669-5563.

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DeWitt Memorial Association will hold the regular monthly meeting in the library conference room Wednesday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone with Ox Roast input is welcome to attend.

into ways of getting a better return on the city's money and then to present a modified investment policy for council approval. DeWitt Hardware's bid of \$1,013 for fire department tools was also accepted.

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