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## DATELINE: DeWitt

July 6, 1987  
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### Kitty Korner

**DEWITT AHEAD:** Interstate travelers will know where DeWitt is now. Several big new green and white highway signs now say "DeWitt Keep Left" and "DeWitt" with a directional arrow pointing ahead on westbound US-127 approaching US-27 from Lansing/East Lansing.

In the last few weeks, the Michigan Department of Transportation has remedied their previous oversight, courtesy of a gentle nudge from Kurt Klemens, administrative assistant to the City of DeWitt mayor and city council. Klemens had called in March to ask MDOT about rectifying the error.

When the segment of interstate highway through DeWitt and Watertown townships was completed last summer, drivers had a choice of MDOT signs inviting them either to exit for US-27 North (Clare) or continue on "South-27 to Charlotte and Fort Wayne." There was no mention of DeWitt until you drove under US-27 North and then continued on to the DeWitt Road exit, where a DeWitt sign and arrow beckoned you northward.

Last year, so that friends and relatives coming to visit and using the new highway for the first time would not be confused, we sent homemade maps, asking them to ignore the "Charlotte/Fort Wayne" invitations and continue on to the next exit at DeWitt Road. These new signposts have alleviated that difficulty.

Of course, MDOT sign-painters have given

### Families Needed To Host Foreign Exchange Students

Sue Mox of DeWitt and Tony Drago of Bath have been appointed local coordinators by the International Education Forum, a nonprofit student organization with headquarters in San Ramon, CA. They will work to place foreign exchange students in area homes.

Mox is coordinator for DeWitt, Fulton, and Lansing schools; Drago, coordinator for the remainder of Clinton County. IEF is one of the leaders in the student exchange field and limits participation to no more than 500 students yearly. The majority of exchange students are from Germany, Spain, and Japan, with 22 other foreign countries represented.

Although students have options of taking part in ten-month, five-month or three-month

with common interests and pursuits. The host family is asked to provide room and board for the student and allow the visitor to become a part of the household during his/her stay. A \$50 a month income deduction from federal taxes is also allowed since the student attends high school full-time. IEF points out that the host family receives the benefits of exposure to another culture, language, and lifestyle which increases their international understanding.

### Township Recall Election Set For August 18

DeWitt Township voters will be asked to vote in a special recall election on Tuesday, August 18.

County officials



### CLINTON WILL ASK VOTERS FOR LARGER COUNTY JAIL

The issue of building a new jail will once more be presented to Clinton County voters this fall. Clinton County board of commissioners voted at their Tuesday meeting to put the one-mill proposal before voters in a Tuesday, November 3 election.

Many prisoners now have to be boarded in nearby counties/communities, with Clinton County footing a hefty annual board bill, because the current jail has a 42-person capacity. Average inmate count is closer to 60, commissioners point out.

The measure was defeated by only 79 votes on last year's ballot. Since it had been overwhelmingly turned down in 1977 and 1982 elections, commissioners were encouraged to go to the voters one more time.

The proposed one mill would bring in about \$12 million over 20 years, which would cover costs of the planned \$6 million new jail as well as interest on the bonds. Tentative plans call for a 100-cell jail.

Commissioners have asked Gus Harrison, Inc. and Landmark Design Group, Inc., Lansing consultants and architects, to present plans by August. They also took an option to buy 60 acres on Townsend Road east of St. Johns owned by Bill Buggs Jr. for the proposed jail site. The acreage will cost \$90,000 if the millage is approved.

### July Arts Exhibit Will Feature 'Gardeners' View'

The second annual horticulture competition, sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council, will be the highlight of their new art exhibit throughout the month of July. This all-media competition entitled "Earthly Delights - The Gardeners' View" encourages innovation and



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Of course, MDOT sign-painters have given us a small "w" in DeWitt, but you can't have everything. The original DeWitt Road exit sign was done correctly.

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**BLOOD DONORS NEEDED:** The City of DeWitt Fire Department and their Women's Auxiliary are again asking community support in their annual Red Cross blood drive.

Donors are needed to fill the city's quota in the one-day blood drive on Tuesday, July 21. Blood donations will be taken on the first floor of DeWitt Memorial Building from 12 noon until 5:45 p.m.

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**CAR WASH:** The DeWitt Charter Township Fire Association will hold a car wash Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day at the township fire department, 780 E. Wieland Road.

Stop by to have your car washed. The minimum donation of \$2 or more will help support the township Fire Association's activities.

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**VALLEY FARMS PICNIC:** DeWitt Township will sponsor an Old Time Family Picnic for residents of Valley Farms and anyone who has ever lived in Valley Farms on Sunday, August 9.

Field games for all ages will begin at 10 a.m. with lunch at noon. A special remembrance program will be held at 1 p.m. Beverages will be provided; families are asked to bring two dishes to pass.

Reservations must be made with the township parks office, 482-1291. Names of persons who have lived in Valley Farms the longest should also be called in to the office.

A man put a coin in a vending machine and watched helplessly while the cup failed to appear. One nozzle sent coffee down the drain while another poured cream after it.

"Now, that's real automation," the man said. "Even drinks it for you."

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have opted to take part in ten-month, five-month or three-month programs, most of those who have selected this area will participate in the ten-month program from late August to mid-June. Once placed, students are enrolled full-time in the local high school.

Mox stresses that host families are desperately needed for the coming school year. Anyone interested in receiving more information about the student exchange program may contact Mox at 669-5854 or Drago at 641-6137.

Host families are matched to students

#### Judges To Pick 1987 Mint Queen

Whitney Brown and Jennifer Mosher of DeWitt are among the 12 area contestants who will compete for the title of 1987 Mint Queen in the judging Saturday, July 25. The winner of the title will reign over St. Johns third annual Mint Festival on August 8-9.

Brown, 18, works with the Clinton County Youth Corps. Mosher, 17, is employed at Don's Other Place in Lansing.

**ELECTION ON TUESDAY,** County officials have certified petitions secured by the Recall Committee of DeWitt Township and set the August date for the special election.

Petitions asked for the recall of township officers - supervisor Frank Mann, clerk Gregory Whitlock, treasurer Alta C. Reed, and trustee Michael Verlinde.

#### CYC To Sponsor Family Campout

St. Jude Middle School CYC is sponsoring a family weekend campout August 21-23.

St. Jude families will camp at Indian Valley Campground, Middleville near Yankee Springs, for a weekend of swimming, tubing on the river, canoeing, baseball, and games. A camp sing-along and dance will be held Saturday evening.

Paul and Carol Platte and Audrey Fabus are handling reservations.



**Delights...** The fairages innovation and creativity, and includes entries by artists from throughout Clinton County and surrounding communities.

An artists' reception will be held at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery located on US-27 & N. Clinton Ave. in St. Johns, on Sunday, July 12, from 1-5 p.m., at which time competition winners will be announced. The public is invited to attend view this outstanding work. Participating artists include: Tricia Reust of DeWitt; Doris Jarrell of Laingsburg; Florence Horn of Ovid; Kevin Smith of Howell; Marlene Grannet of Fowlerville; Paula Stuart Hankins and



Lansing; and Wonda Gringhuis Anderson of Spring Lake. Work by these artists will be on display at the Gallery until July 31 from 1-5 p.m. every day or phone 224-2429 for a special appointment.

The August exhibit, "On The Road Again," will highlight the history of transportation in honor of the Clinton County visit of ARTain in St. Johns at the Depot on August 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Power lawnmower: a motorsickle.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, July 7 - DeWitt Board of Education meeting - 7 p.m. Griswold Administration Building.

Tuesday, July 21 - Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by DeWitt Fire Department/Auxiliary - noon to 5:45 p.m., DeWitt Memorial Building.

Saturday - Sunday, July 18-19 - Car wash for DeWitt Charter Township Fire Association - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Fire Hall, 780 E. Wieland Rd.

The Employees' lunchroom at Sears in Phoenix is equipped with machine-dispensed food from soup to nuts. It was named by contest: "Machine Cuisine."

## ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society will not hold a July meeting. Their August 3 meeting will be a potluck supper at the Price Road home of Almond and Dorothy Cressman.

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Cedar Point is the Tuesday destination of youth from Hope Lutheran Church. The young people will share a July 7-8 outing to Cedar Point, leaving at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and returning the following day.

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Hope Lutheran Church adults and friends will take part in the fourth annual Boblo moonlight cruise Friday evening, July 31. Funds raised from the event will go toward a Concordia College scholarship.

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Vacation Bible School at DeWitt Community Church will be held the week of July 3-7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Jennifer Daily of East Howe Road has received a Regents-Alumni Scholar Merit Award from the University of Michigan. A 1987 graduate of Bath High School, Dailey will receive a \$1,000 scholarship upon enrolling at U. of M. in the fall.

Shellie Burgoyne of DeWitt was installed as marshall during a recent investiture of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 50, Lansing/Okemos.

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George and Ola Gleason observed their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 28, at a family gathering in their Sage Lane home.

Married June 24, 1922, the pair has three children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Carl and Viola Waltz of Bath celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a June 27 dinner party. The



## Compete In 11 Fair Categories

Clinton County Homemakers (both male and female) are invited to enter one of 11 classes at the 1987 Clinton County 4-H Youth Fair to be held on Wednesday, August 5.

This year's Homemaker's Day classes include: homemade pies; cookies, candy, yeast rolls, decorated cakes, homemade cakes, canning, sewing, knitting/crocheting/tatting, needlework, and flower arranging.



Persons interested in entering one or more of these categories must preregister with the Fair Secretary no later than July 16. Entries should be dropped off at the Cooperative Extension Service, 306 Elm Street, St. Johns, or mailed to that address.

Contests are open to any Clinton County resident over the age of 18. Contestants may have only one entry per category but may enter as many of the 11 categories as they wish. Each contestant will be required to pay a \$1.00 entry fee and must

## Clover Clippings

### 4-H SERVICE CLUB

A reunion is being planned for all past members of the Clinton County 4-H Service Club and the help of past members is being solicited. The Extension Office doesn't have any old records of the service club and therefore, compiling a list of past members is nearly impossible without the help of people who were involved in the group.

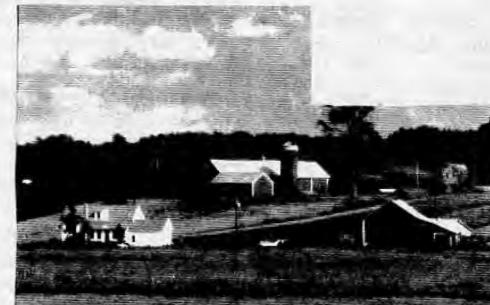
Individuals who were active members of the group at any time are asked to call the Cooperative Extension Service, 224-5240, and let them know your name and address. If you can remember the names of others who were members of the group while you were, jot down a list of their names, and addresses, and send in the list.

Specific information about the reunion will be sent to each of the individuals who are identified through this search and it will also be printed in the area newspapers.



## County Youth Fair Plans Historical Farm Bus Tours

Agriculture has played an important role in the history of Michigan. Come to the Clinton County Sesquicentennial Farm Tour and see how farming in Clinton County has contributed to this historic picture.



Tour buses will be leaving from the St. Johns High School parking lot every 1-1/2 hours from 2 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 5. Once on the bus, you will tour rural Clinton County.

The first stop will be Mike Kirnovic's Dairy Farm. The Kirnovic Dairy Farm offers a look at a modern dairy facility typical of many Michigan dairy farms. As we travel to our next stop we will pass the Michigan Milk Plant in Ovid. You will see large silos used for holding milk to processing into dry milk and butter.

The next stop is an ultra modern dairy

you walk through the fairgrounds to return to your car, you can help yourself to a glass of cold milk and a sandwich, compliments of Clinton County Dairy Tour Planning Committee, Clinton County Young

Farmers, and many area businesses. Enjoy your meals as you walk through the many livestock exhibits and commercial displays at the County Fair.

This celebration of Clinton County's history in agriculture is an excellent opportunity for you and your family to get out in the county, have a meal made up of many of our agriculture products and enjoy a good-old fashioned county fair.

If you have any questions, or would like further information on this event, please call the Clinton County Cooperative Extension

Mr. and Mrs. Donders celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a June 27 dinner party. The couple, married June 27, 1937, has four children, 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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Marine Pfc. Jeffery J Donders, son of Robert B. Donders and Jeanne E. Harrington, both of DeWitt, has been meritoriously promoted to this present rank upon graduation from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Donders received the early promotion for his superior performance during all phases of the 11-week training cycle, which emphasized physical conditioning, self-discipline and teamwork.

A 1983 graduate of DeWitt High School, he joined the Marine Corps in January 1987.

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Lori Zuzelski, Anne and Mike Huhn were among Clinton County 4-H'ers who took part in the June 1987 4-H Exploration Days program at Michigan State University. Using a sesquicentennial "Michigan in Motion" theme, it gave participants an opportunity to explore Michigan's past, present, and future.



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## DeWitt City Parks & Recreation

### SUPER SUMMER 1987 WEEK OF JULY 6 SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

MONDAY - MORNING: Art: Positive/negative stencils, leaf print decoration; Group Activity: Picnic on the grounds of the DeWitt Retreat House - bring a sack lunch and drink. Parent permission. AFTERNOON: Group Activity: Scavenger hunt, Nature games; Collect pine cones for bird feeders.

TUESDAY - MORNING: Group Activity: Walk to the public library. Parent permission required; Art: Hand prints. AFTERNOON: Sport Activity: Prisoner's Base; Deadline: Sign-up for Edru Roller Rink on July 15, cost \$2.00.

WEDNESDAY - MORNING: Art: Crayon Marbling; Group Activity: Red-handed; 11:30 Field Trip: Lunch at McDonald's in St. John's. Bring own money, Permission. AFTERNOON: Group Activity: Rehearse for talent contest; Rest and Relaxation.

THURSDAY - SUPER SUMMER STAR SEARCH CONTEST, MORNING: Art: Texture collage; Group Activity: Cat and rat. AFTERNOON: Talent show with prizes; Rest and Relaxation.

FRIDAY - MORNING: Art: Make a puppet from socks, paper bags, your hand; Group Activity: Dramatic play with puppets. AFTERNOON: Open Swim: DeWitt High School, time 1:30-3:30, cost .50¢, parent permission required, life jackets required for non-swimmers.

REMINDERS: Deadline for sign-up for Edru Roller Rink is Tuesday, July 7. The cost is \$2.00 and includes skates, skating time, and instruction. Volunteer drivers are needed to leave DeWitt at 1:30 and pick up the kids at 4:30 on Wednesday, July 15.

The trouble with giving advice is that people want to repay you.

We're all in favor of progress, providing we can have it without change.

You can't turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again.

silos used for holding milk to processing into dry milk and butter.

The next stop is an ultra modern dairy facility . . . Green Meadow Farms is a family farm with 1500 milk cows. The high tech facility has the capacity to milk 32 cows at one time. You can observe this process from a deck overlooking the milking parlor.

Traveling back to St. Johns, we will pass the oldest settlement in Clinton County as well as some typical Clinton County cash crops from mint to corn and soybeans. Once back in St. Johns, we will tour the CountryMark grain elevator, the marketing point for many of the cash crops grown in the county.

Back on the buses for the final leg of the tour, you will return to the city park and be dropped off at the County Youth Fair. As

When a taxpayer queried the U.S. Internal Revenue Service on how he should treat a lawn that he planted but which didn't come up, IRS advised: "For tax purposes, treat it as a nondeductible expense; but otherwise, treat it with fertilizer".

questions, or would like further information on this event, please call the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service at 224-5240.

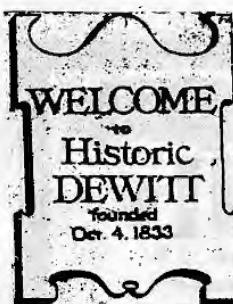
## Cook With Mint Competition Set

A "Cooking With Mint" contest will be held in conjunction with the St. Johns Mint Festival and the annual Clinton County 4-H Youth Fair. The contest is open to all Clinton County residents, both male and female.

There will be one division for adults 18 years and older and a second division for youth under the age of 18. Each division has five different classes: cookies; cakes & pies; candy; other desserts; jams & jellies. Individuals can enter up to three of the five classes in their division.

All contestants must submit an entry form to the Fair on or before July 16. Complete contest information and entry forms are available at the Cooperative Extension Service Office or the Chamber of Commerce office in St. Johns.

The actual competition will be held on Homemaker's Day, Wednesday, August 5, at the Clinton County 4-H Fair.



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**GOVERNMENT CLOSE-UP:** Governmental processes are much clearer to three DeWitt High School seniors - Matt Bailey, Shawn Bowen and Geoff Brown - since they spent a week attending Boys State on the Michigan State University campus last month.

Sponsored by American Legion posts, Boys (and Girls) State programs take students right to the heart of government by directly involving them in the electoral process. Some 1,000 Boys Staters spent the first two days attending conventions of the fictional Federalist and Nationalist parties. Then, they ran for offices themselves, handling their own campaigns. Once national politics were taken care of, they continued on electing county and city officials.

"It's a lot different when you participate, running for an office," commented Bowen who was elected to the county court of appeals. "You really sweat it out."

Brown said he had "a lot better idea of what government is about," after losing his race for county secretary and then being appointed city attorney. In the latter position, he helped to pass ordinances controlling litter in his town and to make decisions such as selling a recreation complex to a Holiday Inn.

In addition to the actual government experience of working as a judge and learning many of the little technicalities, Bailey liked sitting in on trials in Lansing courts. Students also had opportunities to listen to U.S. Sen. Don Reigle and other officials from both Republican

Adults and kids alike can enjoy spending a few hours in a village of the 1880's .... visiting a general store, vintage ice house, church, school, homes and buildings of another era .... trying to walk on stilts or roll an iron hoop on the village green .... watching a blacksmith at work .... riding an old-fashioned merry-go-round while the music plays.

Huckleberry Railroad provides an interesting 10-mile round trip through the countryside aboard passenger coaches



powered by a steam locomotive .... authentic indeed, right down to the cinders and ashes which are apt to blow in your face is the wind is right.

Take a picnic lunch ... take your time .... and enjoy!

### Proposed Elementary School Moves to Schavey Road

DeWitt's proposed new elementary school will be on Schavey Road, instead of the long-planned DeWitt Road site, school board officials agreed after hearing the architect's presentation at last Tuesday's special meeting.

A capacity audience again overflowed the Griswold Building meeting room for the board's organizational meeting and building program



## SCHOOL BOARD COVERS FULL AGENDA

### NAME NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Therese A. Davis of Sparta will be the new superintendent of schools for the DeWitt School District. DeWitt Board of Education named Davis as their unanimous choice at Tuesday's special meeting, thus concluding several months of intensive work, wherein they narrowed the 60 candidates down to finalists and conducted interviews.

Davis has been superintendent of Sparta Area Schools from 1979 to the present. The new superintendent, who received her Ph.D from Michigan State University, currently lives in Sparta with her husband and their two college-age daughters. Following her acceptance of the final contract, she will start work here on August 10.

July 17 is the deadline for applicants to the elementary principal post vacated by Bruce MacDonald. To date, 37 applications have been received. The board hopes to have the top five or six candidates identified by July 29 and then to involve the incoming superintendent in the final selection process.

### ELECT BOARD OFFICERS

Glenn Tarrant will again serve as president of the DeWitt Board of Education, acceding to members' wishes at the July 7 special board meeting. In the Tuesday election, James Osborn was elected vice president; Ronald Johnson and William Schaar, reelected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Board members took time out from a full agenda to recognize David Harfst, retiring board member who had just concluded a four-year term. Harfst received his official name plate, a distinguished service plaque from the Michigan Association of School Boards and a plaque from DeWitt Board of Education, in recognition and appreciation of his service to DeWitt students and community. Tarrant also welcomed new board member John Stone on the board's behalf.

The board accepted the recommendations of E & V Construction Management in awarding bids to re-roof the various school buildings.

SITTING IN ON trials in Lansing courts, Students also had opportunities to listen to U.S. Sen. Don Reigle and other officials from both Republican and Democratic parties, who addressed Boys State audiences.

Not the last of the many Boys State advantages cited by the DeWitt students was that of gaining facility in speaking in front of large groups of young people.

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**DEWITT BLOOD DRIVE:** If you're hale, hearty, in good health, and aged 17 through 68, try to reserve Tuesday, July 21, to help out the DeWitt City Fire Department's yearly Red Cross blood drive. Firemen and the department's

Help make someone's home happy ...



Give Blood

Women's Auxiliary need community support in the form of willing donors.

The drive will be held at DeWitt Memorial Building between the hours of 12 noon and 5:45 p.m. All blood types are needed. Red Cross stats show that someone in the United States needs blood every 12 seconds. Fire department personnel and auxiliary members ask that you care a little, share a little, please!

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**CROSSRDADS VILLAGE:** It's nowhere near so elaborate as Greenfield Village, but a trip to Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad near Flint is an enjoyable, relaxing summer outing for all ages ... it's only about an hour's drive from DeWitt and prices are modest.

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A capacity audience again overflowed the Griswold Building meeting room for the board's organizational meeting and building program discussion. John Jensen of Wakeley Associates outlined four possible building options for the new elementary building, listing advantages and disadvantages of each. He pointed out that long-range plans had placed the elementary school on DeWitt Road for the last decade. However, the recent construction of US-127/South-27, which had taken school property at the south end of the site, severely limited access to the land.

Using 10 acres at the Schavey Road end of the Middle School property for the elementary school would be more cost effective, Jensen said, citing proximity of water, sewer, and gas lines and potential for nearby students to walk to the school.

Architects' Options A and B located the new school west of the Middle School. In Option A, the bus garage/maintenance facility would be located southeast of the elementary building in a tree-screened area some distance back from Schavey Road. Option B would place the bus facility north of the football stadium nearer to the high school. Wakely Associates favor these first two options and the school board agreed with their recommendations.

Option C would place the school building on DeWitt Road with bus garage still near the high school. Option D would put both elementary school and bus garage on DeWitt Road property. Major disadvantages of the DeWitt Road site are: 1) no sewer or utilities present yet and high estimated costs of securing same; 2) questionable access from the property for bus and other traffic, since the road crests on both directions from the proposed driveway, creating a blind spot for drivers; 3) heavier traffic on DeWitt Road since advent of the freeway.

The Mormon Church in Salt Lake City stores microfilmed copies of its vast collection of genealogical records in underground vaults -- referred to by some residents as "The Mormon Root Cellar".

The board accepted the recommendations of E & V Construction Management in awarding bids to re-roof the various school buildings. Frank Figgels and Mick Barney of E & V presented and explained the following bids, which were accepted after some discussion: Scott School to J & L Roofing, \$49,131; Fuerstenau School, Roofing Specialties, Inc., \$58,092; DeWitt High School, Roofing Specialties, Inc., \$102,761.

Another special board meeting was set for Monday, July 20, at 7 p.m. to review and gain approval of final remodelling plans for the Scott School building. The builders then hope to be able to mail out bid information by July 24.

#### **North Central Renews DHS Accreditation**

Principal Fred Goers of DeWitt High School announces that the school's North Central Association accreditation has been extended through the 1986-87 school year. Each year the Association reviews the school's meeting of NCA standards. DeWitt High School has been commended by the Association for having no violations of standards.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools serves a 19-state region encompassing the middle third of the nation -- West Virginia to Colorado, North Dakota to Arkansas. It is a voluntary-membership league of more than

6,000 schools and 900 colleges and universities working together in quest of excellence in education. The Association structures evaluation and accreditation activities for its member institutions.

#### **Learning Tree Class In CPR**

A CPR class will be offered Tuesday, July 21 and Wednesday, July 22 at The Learning Tree Child Development Center from 6-10 p.m. Craig Wilson a certified American Red Cross instructor, will teach the cardiopulmonary resuscitation eight hour course.

Register at The Learning Tree, 115 N. Bridge Street. The cost of the class will be \$7.00 per person. Deadline for registering is Wednesday, July 15.

## PARENTS NEED TO CHECK CHOICES IN CHILD CARE

By: Joanne Currier  
Program Director  
The Learning Tree

Child care is becoming one of our nation's most pressing issues. The June 22, 1987 edition of Time reported that in 1986, over nine million children in the United States participated in some form of child care. To further demonstrate the importance of this issue, at least three of the 1988 presidential candidates have included child care on their campaign platforms.

As child care needs increase, so does the need to communicate with parents in order to provide them with information about child care options. Some extended care options are: family child care homes, group child care homes, child care centers, and after school programs. After fulfilling licensing requirements, the Department of Social Services will issue a license to these child care providers,



although the license must be periodically renewed. Other options for short term care may be preschool, nursery school, play groups, and in-home child care. Regardless of which option chosen, parents need to feel comfortable about the quality of the care their child will receive. But how do parents make the child care choice?

Consideration should be given to the child's age and developmental needs. Is the child an infant? A preschooler? Developmentally, infancy is when children form their feelings of emotional well-being, security, and trust. The development of security, especially the ability

## Clover Clippings

Fourteen Clinton County young people are participating in the 4-H Citizenship-Washington Focus program July 11-18 at the National 4-H Center, in Chevy Chase, MD.

Dana Burghoff, Kyle Graham, Jennifer Goodrich, Terry Hart, Stacie Holland, Mike Huhn, Jenny Kissane, Brian Mead, Therese Nichols, Keisha Schaub, Tracy Spellman, Patti Straub, Doug Wadell, and Wendy Zuzelski represent Clinton County. They are among 4,300 4-H'ers from 45 states attending week-long sessions throughout the summer.

The Citizenship-Washington Focus program helps 4-H'ers understand individual citizenship responsibilities, American history and our government system. Young people will also learn new leadership

techniques based on peer group dynamics.

Through workshops and seminars, the 4-H'ers will explore citizenship, improve their communication skills and increase their understanding of global interdependence. They will also simulate a congressional hearing and local governing council, review how a bill becomes law and learn the basics of proposal development.

Participants will see government in action and meet with members of Congress during a day on Capitol Hill. Field trips to federal agencies, community organizations, and historical and cultural sites are also scheduled.

The Citizenship-Washington focus program is conducted by the National 4-H Council in support of 4-H youth programs nationwide.

## DeWitt City Parks & Recreation

### SUPER SUMMER 1987

WEEK OF JULY 13

### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

MONDAY - MORNING: Art: Fingerpainting; Group Activity: Relay games. AFTERNOON: Sport: Kick the can; Rest and relaxation.  
TUESDAY - MORNING: Art: Wax paper transparencies; Group activity: Guess a

## ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

"Writers Unlimited" is the name selected by the recently formed local writers' club. The group meets this evening and every second Monday of the month in the Clinton County Arts Council building, 1100 N. Clinton, St. Johns, at 7:30 p.m.

Charter members are being accepted until September. All area writers are invited to join the club.

Michigan State University graduates from this area, who received degrees last month at spring term commencement exercises, include:

Elizabeth Ives, BA in Accounting; William Kalush, BS in Physiology; Edith Mae Kimball, DVM in Veterinary Medicine; Cheryl Kuzma, BS in Social Science; Laurene Levknecht, BS in Nursing (Honors); Michelle Malucci, MA in Adult and Continuing Education; Martin Riel, Building Construction Management; Ronald Stauffer, Resource Development; Gregory Tahvonen, BS in Psychology; Cindy Tyner, BA in MLM-Operations Management (Honors); all of

Marine Cpl. Robert C. Busby, son of William R. and Charlotte C. Busby of DeWitt, recently reported for duty at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Calif. A 1985 graduate of DeWitt High School, he joined the Marine Corps in October 1985.

David Dilley of DeWitt was named to the spring term dean's list at Northwood Institute. To achieve this recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

## LCC Presents Outdoor Shows

The Performing Arts Department of Lansing Community College is presenting several free outdoor programs this summer in its Turner House Festival. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to watch the presentations under summer skies on Turner House Hill.

Jazz in the City will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings, July 17-18, at 8 p.m. with the LCC Jazz Ensemble and the LanSwingers playing. Rain will move this show into Dart Audi-

emotional well-being, security, and trust. The development of security, especially the ability to be secure in strange situations, is generally associated with a strong maternal bond. Infant child care in a center requires one caregiver to every three infants. In a family child care, there may be up to six children for every one caregiver, but no more than two children under the age of one year. In group child care homes there may be up to twelve children with two caregivers.

For preschoolers, developmental emphasis should be on self-help skills, socialization, and cooperation. In a child care center, children can explore a wide variety of learning and social experiences through educational play. Children engage in activities that provide a daily balance of indoor/outdoor, active/quiet, large muscle/small muscle, individual/group (large and small) activities, and self-initiated/staff-initiated.

Before making a final choice, parents should also consider questions such as these: Is the caregiver or center licensed by the Department of Social Services? Are health and safety concerns addressed? Does the caregiver have training in child development? What is the cost? Can the caregiver or center provide references? Am I comfortable with this choice?

When considering child care in a home or in a center, parents may want to use a "quality" checklist. Parents magazine (August 1986) provides a comprehensive list which addresses a wide range of concerns. The Department of Social Services can provide parents with a list of licensed care options.

Making the child care choice requires time, consideration, and investigation. Whatever choice parents make, they need to first, and foremost, consider the well-being of their child.

**FLUBBED ADS:** Eight candidates, including all four incompetents, are seeking the four city council positions this election.

One of the most wonderful architectural features of any baseball park is that no matter where you sit, you're within earshot of a comedian.

**Sport: Kick the can; Rest and relaxation.**  
**TUESDAY - MORNING:** Art: Wax paper transparencies; Group activity: Guess a minute; 11:30 Walk to St. Jude's for Senior Citizen luncheon. Bring sack lunch. Parental permission required. **AFTERNOON:** Sport Activity: Softball jam; Rest and relaxation.  
**WEDNESDAY - MORNING:** Note: Program begins at 10:30 and ends at 5:00; Art: Tissue paper flowers - save for bike parade. **AFTERNOON:** 1:30-5:00 Field trip to Edru Roller Rink in Holt, cost: \$2 includes instruction, skates and skating. Permission required.  
**THURSDAY - SUPER BIKE SAFETY DAY - MORNING:** Art: Decorate bikes - bring your own decorations; Group Activity: Bike parade, Bike games. **AFTERNOON:** 1:00 A DeWitt police officer will discuss bike safety; 2:00 Walk to Dancehall Dairy for a special treat. Parent permission.  
**FRIDAY - MORNING:** Art: Eye dropper blots, Tissue paper painting, marshmallow dye painting; Nutrition: Make donuts; Group Activity: 4 man circle. **AFTERNOON:** Open Swim: DeWitt High School, time: 1:30-3:30, cost .50¢, parent permission required, life jackets required for non-swimmers.  
**REMINDERS:** Deadline for sign-up for Cedarview Goflaland is July 21. We will be going there on Wednesday, July 29. The cost is \$6.50 and includes one game of putt putt golf, one go-cart ride, and unlimited water slide. This was the most popular field trip in 1986!!!

## EXTENSION CALENDAR

July		
13	Fair Board Mtg.	
16	Organizational Leaders	
	Fair Entry Forms due in	
	Extension Office	
17	Caring Farmers' Fun Night,	
	8 pm, Pilgrim Methodist	
	Church	
August		
3-6	4-H Fair	
5	Clinton County Sesquicentennial Farm Tour, 2-6:30, Buses	
	leave from St. Johns High	
	School Parking Lot	

Tyner, BA in MLM-Operations Management (Honors), all of DeWitt.

Timothy Hixson, BA in Elementary Education, from Bath; Teresa Beatty, BA in Elementary Education; Vicki Hartig, BA in Elementary Education (Honors), and Karen Loyd, BS in Medical Technology, all of Laingsburg.

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Michael VanRandwyk, son of Matthew VanRandwyk, Rambler Road, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant. He is a 1981 graduate of DeWitt High School.

VanRandwyk is an electronic computer and switching systems specialist in Greece with the 2115th information systems squadron.

LanSwingers playing. Rain will move this show into Dart Auditorium.

Shakespeare's MacBeth will be performed on the hill for two weekends - July 30-31 and August 1-2 at 8 p.m. Actors will dramatize George M. Cohan's satire, The Tavern, outdoors Thursday through Sunday, August 20-23 at 8 p.m.

The musical, Little Shop of Horrors, will be performed in Dart Auditorium August 7-8, 14-15, at 8 p.m. and August 9 and 16 at 7 p.m. Admission for reserved seating is \$8, or \$6 for students and seniors.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19 - Car wash for DeWitt Charter Township Fire Association - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Fire Hall, 780 E. Wieland Rd.

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## DATELINE: DeWitt

July 20, 1987  
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### TOWNSHIP INITIATES FIRE STATION PLANS

DeWitt Charter Township is to have a new Herbison Road fire station in its future, trustees decided at their July 13 meeting. Board members approved \$2500 for architects to draw up preliminary plans for a fire station to be built on township-owned property west of US-27 on Herbison Road.

Guardian Angels area director Patrick Bohan and national founder Curtis Sliwa of New York City explained the work of their protective organization and asked for local support at the meeting. The pair left informative materials, which any interested citizens can pick up at the township hall.

A July 9 accident at the corner of Clark and DeWitt roads caused further discussion at the meeting. A number of traffic accidents have occurred at the intersection, particularly since DeWitt Road north of Clark has been widened to accommodate traffic from nearby entrance and exit ramps for South US-27, and there have been repeated requests for installation of a traffic light.

Most of the accidents involved out-of-town drivers unfamiliar with the area and the intersection's odd configuration, Clerk Greg Whitlock pointed out. Township trustees voted to request Clinton County to install a flashing light at the troublesome point.

Discussions on burning barrels have stalled passage of a fire code amendment to Ordinance 45 for some time, but the matter was



### COUNTY 4-H FAIR MARKS 50TH BIRTHDAY

It will be the 50th Birthday of the Clinton County 4-H Youth Fair when activities begin on Monday, August 3rd. The Fair will run through Thursday, August 6th with clean up on the 7th. In honor of the 50th, the Fair Board has planned several special events in addition to the regular Fair activities.



There's a birthday party planned for Monday evening, beginning at 8 pm on the Fair stage and everyone's invited. The Fair Board will honor the past members or leaders who've come the farthest to join the fun, people who exhibited at the Fair in

an Arts and Crafts activity center during the day.

Wednesday will be Homemaker's Day and homemakers (both male and female) from around the county will have an opportunity to display their own talents. The Cooperative Extension Service and the Dairy Tour Committee has planned a special agricultural tour on Wednesday.

Thursday will be Kids' Day and a variety of special activities are planned for kids of all ages, including a magic show by Ronald McDonald, a pedal pull and lots of games. Kids' Day events are open to all youth in the county.

**Teacher Attends  
Asian Institute**  
DeWitt Middle

### SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

DeWitt Board of Education members deferred action on the school district sharing costs of the new Wilson Street sidewalk at their July 7 meeting. The city had recently installed the sidewalk on the east side of Wilson near Scott Elementary School in response to requests last fall from a citizen's group, which cited dangers of walking children having to use the heavily trafficked street.

A letter to the board from Kurt Klemens, city administrative assistant, had mentioned the possibility of sharing the \$10,850 costs. The necessity of building a chain link fence and retaining wall along a deep ditch beside the sidewalk has added to the construction cost.

Interim superintendent Harold Springsteen was asked to write a letter requesting that Klemens send a letter to the board with more specific information.

In other action, the board awarded the 1987-88 bread contract to low bidder, Butternut Bread Company, and lighting supplies bid to Michigan Electric. Meeting schedules for the coming year will remain the same - regular board meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Griswold Administration Building. Membership in both Michigan Association of School Boards and Michigan High School Athletic Association was approved, as were student handbooks for elementary, middle, and high schools.

Personnel vacancies noted on July 7 included: 2 fifth grade teachers, a building secretary, and Chapter I aide (2½ hour) at Fuerstenau; building principal/transportation director at Scott Elementary; 1 sixth grade teacher in middle school; part-time art, science and math openings for fall classes in Community Education; a transportation clerk-dispatcher.

The board accepted the resignation of Barbara Butler, clerk-dispatcher. Temporary coverage of transportation supervisory duties (with departure of principal Bruce MacDonald and Barbara Butler) were delegated to the school administration. Because bus routing,

passage of a tire code amendment to Ordinance 45 for some time, but the matter was straightened out Monday. Township residents may use burning barrels under certain circumstances, to burn paper, leaves and branches only - no trash. However, no burning is allowed at all from Memorial Day through Labor Day in platted subdivisions.

CANDO (Clinton Area New Development Organization) received township approval for two more years, as board members agreed to continue the contract and pay the annual dues of \$2,238. DeWitt Township will also advertise for a full time assessor instead of contracting with various companies for part-time assessing help as they have been doing recently.

In other action, trustees voted to contribute \$700 for a park fence and up to \$1,000 for trophies for the softball program. They approved \$100 to purchase surgical gloves for policemen to use when assisting at accidents and \$120 so that Sgt. Larry Domeney may attend an FBI refresher class at Mackinac Island.

## PARTY FETES READERS

Some 50 children in grades one through five, who signed up for the Parade of Readers last month at Faye Hanson Memorial Library and who have read the minimum number of books required, will be treated to a party at 10 a.m. Monday, July 20, at the library.

A costumed storyteller will entertain the youngsters and a drawing will be held for books/prizes. Young readers filled out a form giving their opinion of each book read and these forms are entered in the prize drawing. Only one prize will be allowed per child.

The library is closed Mondays, making this an ideal time for the party. Punch and cookies will be served.

Libraries throughout the state have cooperated in the Michigan-Read program this summer as part of the Michigan Sesquicentennial celebration.

**Newspaper No-No:** His first venture into the antique field was in Hartford, CT. There, he met his wife.

exhibited at the Fair in the first few years of its existence and those who were leaders in the early days. A huge birthday cake, cookies, and punch await those who participate in the Monday evening party.

The River City Boys will be performing from 8:20 - 10 pm on the stage and there'll be lots of room for dancing as well as visiting with friends.

Members and leaders have been helping to create some special displays for this celebration and there will be displays of early Fair exhibits. Nearly 2,000 people are expected to be involved in the many different Fair activities scheduled this year.

Although the Fair doesn't have a carnival, there are many attractions for Fair goers and a family atmosphere prevails. The Baby Animal Tent is always a highlight for both young and old visitors during the entire week.

Tuesday will be full of various judging activities and programs and there'll be a special hands-on activity for young Fair goers. The Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Youth Program will sponsor

DeWitt Middle School teacher Larry Arbanas was one of 50 teachers and administrators from across the country, who were selected to participate in the Michigan Summer Institute for Teachers in Asian Studies at the University of Michigan.

Participants attended lectures and discussions led by U of M faculty on the history, culture and current status of India, Southeast Asia, China, and Japan during the June 27 - July 3 institute. Workshops included presentations on teaching materials and methods with the program also featuring films, performing arts, museum tours and meals with authentic Asian cuisines.

Arbanas returned last December 29 after spending six months in Japan as part of a Michigan Department of Education pilot program. He was one of three Michigan teachers sent abroad in the Michigan-Shiga educational exchange.

During his stay, Arbanas assisted Japanese teachers of English with English conversation classes at two high schools and visited Japanese middle schools.

and Barbara Butler were delegated to the school administration. Because bus routing, route assignments and other transportation tasks must be completed during the summer, Dan Lynn will be relieved of some grounds maintenance duties to assist in this area.

Board members were given three alternative August dates for the two-day MASB Boardmanship Conferences, which they are encouraged to attend.



## Continuing Art Display Here

The Reed Insurance Agency, 108 W. Main Street, DeWitt, will have a continuous art display.

Art items will be changed every eight weeks. The artists are members of the Clinton County Art Council. Current items on display are the work of Pam Holman and Marilyn Fitzpatrick.

## Softball Game

DeWitt Parks & Recreation softball coaches will play the MSU All Stars next Saturday, July 25, at Valley Farms Park at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the game.

Anybody who sleeps like a baby doesn't have one.

Nobody knows the age of the human race, but all agree that it is old enough to know better.

If children grew up according to early indications, we should have nothing but geniuses. - Goethe

## DeWitt Swimmers Travel To State Junior Olympics

The DeWitt Swim Club concluded its summer schedule of dual, short-course meets on July 15 at Okemos. Many young swimmers enjoyed their first taste of competitive swimming this summer, and proudly display their ribbon awards as proof of their achievements.

Bronze Group members, most of whom are first year swimmers, recorded the following results in the Okemos meet:

First Place: Andy Schoonover (25 Back, 25 Breast), Rhonda Black (50 Free, Free Relay), Heather Maatman (Free Relay, 25 Free), Mary Mauro (Medley Relay), Mindy Arney (Medley Relay).

Second Place: Jennifer Lawrence (25 Back), Andy Schoonover (25 Free, Free Relay), Andrea Carlson (Free Relay), Mary Mauro (25 Free), Jackie Firos (Medley Relay), Mindy Stoll (Medley Relay), Leslie Graham (Free Relay). Third Place: Tim Morris (50 Back), Mindy Stoll (25 Free), Andrea Carlson (25 Back).

Silver group swimmers, more experienced members, gathered in 32 blue ribbons for their first place finishes. They are: Rena Black (100 Free, Free Relay), Jason Kilgore (Free Relay), Jenni Maatman (100 I.M., Medley Relay), Josh Jones (50 Free, 25 Fly, 25 Free, Medley Relay), Shambus McClure (Free Relay), Rick Cook (Free Relay, 200 Free), Mandy Jones (Free Relay), Adam Gorman (50 Fly, 100 I.M.), Aaron Gearhart (50 Free), Margo Baisley (Free Relay), David Curkovic (100 Free), Chad Foster (Free Relay, Medley Relay, 500 Free), Kelly Peacock (Free Relay, Medley Relay, 100 I.M.), Mari Fullmer (Free Relay, Medley Relay, 50 Fly), Jenny Brown (Free Relay, Medley Relay, 200 Free, 50 Breast), Dale Kilgore (100 Free).

Second Place Awards: Stephanie Carlson (Medley Relay), D.J. McClure (Free Relay), Kelly Souden (Free Relay), Angie Foster (Medley Relay), Billy Schoonover (50 Free).

Third Place: Steve Geller (Medley Relay), Jenny Markey (50 Back).

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## LUNCH WITH SENIORS



Youngsters attending the City of DeWitt's Super Summer Parks & Recreation program walked from Riverside Park to St. Jude Church last Tuesday noon to share the regular weekly

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Michigan State Fair

## Along the Looking Glass

Saturday, August 8, is the date of the annual Father/Son golf outing sponsored by Council 7237, DeWitt Knights of Columbus, at Prairie Creek Golf Course. Cost of \$18 per two person team includes greens fees, trophies, hot dogs, soft drinks, and dinner.

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Five local students will be among entering freshmen receiving scholarships from Western Michigan University this fall. The awards are part of WMU's Medallion Scholarship Program.

Recipients include Patricia Shoemaker, daughter of Barry and Frances Underwood, S. Francis Road; Marcy Shooks, daughter of Wayne and Linda Shooks, W. Geneva Drive; Daniel Simon, son of Norbert and Darlene Simon, Chandler Road; Scott Thomas, son of Richard and Mary Thomas, Red Pole Drive; Leslie Wohlscheid, daughter of Ray and Janet Wohlscheid, Clark Road, Bath.

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Rande Horn of Farm Lane received his masters of arts degree from Western Michigan

(Medley Relay), Billy Schoonover (50 Free).

Third Place: Steve Geller (Medley Relay), Jenny Markey (50 Back).

The Gold Group members are ages 13-18, and provide inspiration and leadership to younger swimmers in the club. Seven Gold Group athletes participated in the Okemos meet: Belinda Davis (1st: 100 Free, 50 Free, Medley Relay), Denice Erley (1st: 100 Fly, 200 I.M., Medley Relay), Carla Dudash (1st: 100 Breast, Medley Relay; 2nd: 50 Free), Molly Arney (1st: Medley Relay; 2nd: 100 Free; 4th: 50 Free), Tom Barnard (2nd: 200 I.M.), Tom Newhall (1st: 50 Free, 200 I.M.; 2nd: 100 Breast), Pete McNamara (1st: 200 Free, 100 Back; 4th: 100 Breast).

Coaches Juan Tavares and Mike Keevan accompanied the top club swimmers to Midland on July 17-19 for the Michigan Junior Olympics. This meet is an exciting weekend of outdoor events in a 10-lane, 50-meter (Olympic size) pool, and serves as a qualifying meet for swimmers who will advance to the state long-course championships.

In 1986, DeWitt sent only two swimmers to the Junior Olympics meet. This year, ten swimmers traveled to Midland. The increased number of qualifying swimmers is directly due to the excellent recruiting and coaching efforts of Keevan and Tavares, whose instruction and enthusiasm are resulting in a consistent improvement in athletes and the total swimming program in DeWitt.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, July 20 - DeWitt Board of Education special meeting, 7 p.m., Griswold Building. Scott School remodelling plans.

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Mike Brown, 9, sets a tray down in front of Louis Boron, while Michelle Nolen, 10, serves the hot lunch to Irene Davis. Program director Candy Laughlin and her assistants - Cathy McKinnon, Missy Moloney, and Steve Sontich - accompanied the children on the trip.

## DeWITT CITY PARKS & RECREATION

### SUPER SUMMER 1987

WEEK OF JULY 20

#### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

MONDAY - MORNING: Art: Stenciling; Nutrition: Prepare and enjoy tin can ice cream. AFTERNOON: Soft Activity: Softball; Art: Water and Oil Painting.

TUESDAY - MORNING: Sport: Soccer clinic with Norm Robison. AFTERNOON: 1:00 Field trip to the Public Library. Parent permission required. Deadline: Cedarview Golfland - \$6.50.

WEDNESDAY - SUPER SUMMER '50'S PARTY -MORNING: Experience the '50's: hula hoop contest, dance marathon, Elvis look-a-like contest, and more; Noon: Pizza for \$1. AFTERNOON: 1:00-3:30 Walk to Fuerstenau to view video, This is Elvis, PG, an autobiography of his life. Parent permission required.

THURSDAY - MORNING: Art: Magazine scavenger hunt; Group Activity: Balloon games. AFTERNOON: 1:00 Field trip to tour DeWitt's new City Hall. Meet the City Clerk, Chief of Police and the Mayor. Permission required; 2:15 Trip to Fire Station.

FRIDAY - MORNING: Art: Soap balls; Group Activity: Lap game, yurt circle and shoe factory. AFTERNOON: Open Swim: DeWitt High School, time: 1:30-3:30 pm, cost .50¢, parent permission required, life jackets required for non-swimmers.

REMINDERS: Pizza party on Wednesday for \$1.00. Deadline: Permission slip and \$6.50 for Cedarview Golfland is due, Tuesday, July 21. We will be going there on Wednesday, July 29.

### Premium Books For State Fair Now Available

Michigan State Fair Acting General Manager, O.J. Scher-schlight has announced that premium books for all competitive and special events at the 1987 Michigan State Fair are now available. The State Fair runs from August 28 - September 7.

Eight premium books are available for this year's Fair, including: Livestock; Agriculture, Horticulture & Floriculture; Community Arts; Fine Arts; Entertainment; Youth Division; Poultry, Rabbits & Pigeons; and Horse Shows. Each premium book contains complete rules, entry forms, prize structure and information needed for each event.

All premium books are available at no charge. To receive a copy of any premium book, contact the Michigan State Fair-grounds, (313) 368-1000, or write 1120 W. State Fair, Detroit, MI 48203.

Some people have a hundred acres of possibilities and about one-half acre under cultivation.

Rande Horn of Farm Lane received his masters of arts degree from Western Michigan University at the end of the winter season.

Navy Constructionman Recruit Thomas R. Dunn, a 1984 graduate of Laingsburg High School, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL.

He joined the Navy Reserves in January 1987.

Navy Seaman Recruit Craig L. Stephens, son of Lynn H. Stephens of rural DeWitt, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

He is a 1986 graduate of Mason Senior High School.

### Adult Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball

#### STANDINGS Week Of June 28

TEAM	RECORD
Hart	5-2
Genautis	5-2
Stevens	5-2
Veasey	4-3
Gower	4-3
Childress	3-4
Richmond	3-4
Stoll	0-7

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### Kitty Korner

**OVER THE TOP:** Last Tuesday's Red Cross blood drive, sponsored by DeWitt City Fire Department and Women's Auxiliary, went far beyond everyone's expectations, going over the set goal of 60 pints. Eighty-five donors volunteered their services and DeWitt's net total was 76 pints of blood donated.

The sponsors, who provided the manpower to assist the American Red Cross mobile unit that day - with registration of donors, health checks, serving juice, liquids, cookies and/or sandwiches - extend their thanks to all those who took time out on a hot day to donate the much-needed blood.

**SUMMER TRAVEL:** Mike and Mel Krohn of West Geneva Drive went to the Poconos early this month to mark their 10th wedding anniversary. They then detoured a few hundred miles to pick up Mel's sister, Marcene Murphy and her baby daughter, Danielle, in Whitinsville, MA, bringing them back to DeWitt for a family reunion.

Meanwhile, their brother, Mike Sickles, and his wife, Theresa, had driven here from their home outside of Houston, TX, to spend a little more than a week with parents, Don and Barb Sickles of Schavey Road. Mike took advantage of the visit to show his bride a bit of Michigan scenery, taking a few days to drive through northern Michigan and into the upper peninsula.

41st Annual

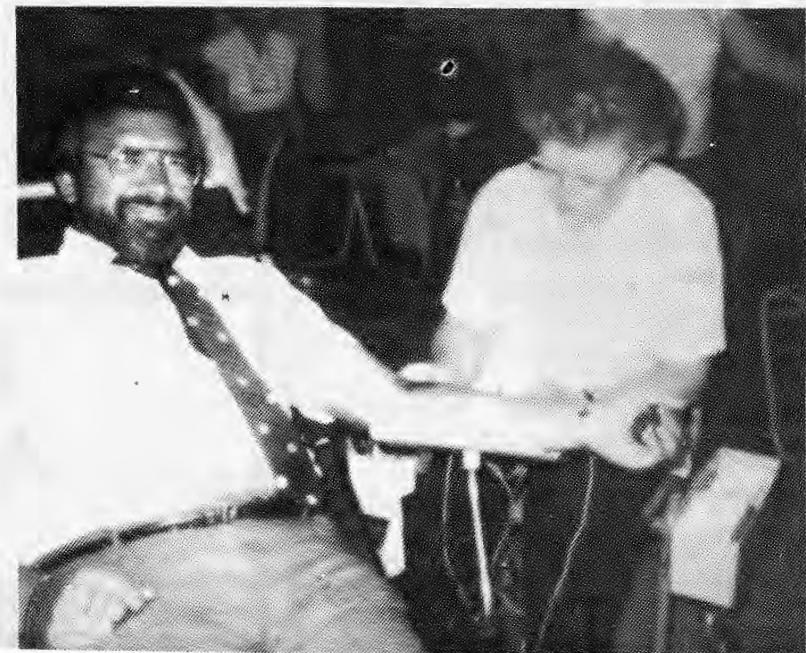


Saturday  
August 15

## Successful Blood Drive



Carolyn Crego prepares to donate a pint of blood during the blood drive which is sponsored annually by the DeWitt Fire Department and Women's Auxiliary. Auxiliary member Dennel Ballard reported that 76 pints of blood were given by area donors during Tuesday afternoon's drive.



### Sesquicentennial Marker Awarded To Clark Family

In the summer of 1836, families that were to survive in the wilds of Michigan were working every day of the week with a short respite on Sunday to plant their crops on the virgin, often rocky, soil. A little more than 200,000 hardy families lived in the territory, which was declared a state in January 1837. Several of those original families have passed on their farms from generation to generation until the present day.

To honor the efforts of these pioneers, Consumers Power Company, in cooperation with the State Historical Commission, is distributing 126 Sesquicentennial markers. Six of the families receiving markers reside in Clinton County. These markers are intended

northern Michigan and into the upper peninsula.

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Liz Wheat had Utah visitors recently in her Hitching Post Road residence, when her son, Jeff, and his wife, Jamie, came in from Provo, UT, for a week's stay. The pair were married May 9 in the Idaho Falls Mormon Temple.

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**GOING STRONG AT 91:** July 20 marked Birthday 91 for former teacher Clara Price, who lives on West Madison Street with her son-in-law and daughter, Ted and Marcella Ward.

Clara, who walks a mile or so daily around downtown DeWitt, stopped in at Sam's Kitchen for a spot of breakfast last Monday and was pleasantly surprised to have waitress Karen Decatur pay for her birthday meal. Well-known for her walking prowess, Clara earned mucho dollars for world hunger this past spring, when she asked local donors for pledges and then walked 55 miles during her tour of the Holy Land.

Born in Howard City, Clara went to Ypsilanti Normal School and earned her life teaching certificate from Mt. Pleasant, now Central Michigan University. She taught in several country schools before teaching kindergarten for 13 years in DeWitt.

Clara and her husband, the late Ray Price, had two other children, Alice Rae Gerlock of Ann Arbor, and Eldon Price of Livonia. Tatting stationery is her favorite hobby, in addition to regular walking.

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**FOUNDER'S DAY:** Former pastors and their families were invited back to First Baptist Church of DeWitt, corner of N. DeWitt and Cutler roads, this past weekend for a two-day Founder's Day celebration. Potluck dinners were held both Saturday and Sunday; former members and the public had been invited to come back for the observance.

Rev. Jerry Cole, an active and well-known member of the DeWitt community during his pastorate here, returned for the event with his family. Rev. Cole was the featured speaker Saturday, telling about his missionary experiences in Taiwan.

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markers reside in Clinton County. These markers are intended to be displayed on the lawns of the family farms.

In its infancy, Michigan proved to be a popular place for pioneers. In the statehood decade, between 1830 and 1840, its population grew more rapidly than any other state or territory. One of the families that arrived during the boom are ancestors of Victor J. Clark. In 1834, John (Jonas) Clark purchased the land at 10785 Clark Road, as a land grant from the US Government during the presidency of Andrew Jackson. Victor, now 79, still lives in the family farmhouse which was built in 1848. The Clarks were one of the first families to pioneer in Clinton County. Their farm is the oldest family-held farm in Clinton County.

The Sesquicentennial plaques are being distributed to those eligible recipients who have been



Joan Fedewa, RN, right, oversees the blood transfusion, as DeWitt fire chief Doug Twiss takes his turn in the donor's chair. Fedewa, who is assigned to the American Red Cross mobile unit, is also a DeWitt resident.

## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

The DeWitt city water project came in for much discussion again at the July 20 council meeting as construction cost was further reduced to \$2,345.07 per parcel over a 20-year period. Total cost to be assessed is \$752,640.

The special assessment roll has been completed and is now available for residents to look over at city hall. A special hearing on the assessment roll will be held Monday, August 3, in the DeWitt High School auditorium at 7 p.m. preceding the regular council meeting.

While some citizens avow that they do not want the water line or assessment, about 75 city residents are in dire need of city water, according to city administrative aide Kurt Klemens. Some, he said, are completely without water service and must use bottled water.

Austin Knapp, DeWitt Building Authority representative, reported on three site possibilities which DBA members are checking for a fire hall location. The SCCMUA (Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority) is adapting DeWitt City's minimum standards for sewer construction. Bob Drouin told the council. DeWitt is the only municipality in the SCCMUA which has a set of standards to follow.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday-Friday, August 3-7 - Vacation Bible School at DeWitt Community Church, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 15 - 46th Annual DeWitt Ox Roast, downtown DeWitt. Bingo will be played in outdoor tent this year.

## Church To Hold Vacation School

DeWitt Community Church, 505 E. Webb Road, will host a Vacation Bible School the first week of August from Monday through Friday, August 3-7.

The VBS program will feature classes for children ages 4 through Grade 5, with a special interest program for those in Grades 6-8. Class hours will be 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Children are encouraged to bring their friends and neighbors to the school program. For further information, transportation or to enroll students, contact Maxine Klan, 669-3966, or the church office, 669-5133.

## NEW COURSE

A new 18-hole golf course is under construction on Park Lake Road south of State Road in Bath Township.

The course, being built by the Portland G.O.L.F. firm, is expected to open by July 1988.



## Local Swimmers Compete In State Junior Olympics

Thirteen members of the DeWitt Swim Club had a HOT time in Midland on July 17, 18, & 19. They participated in the Michigan Junior Olympics Swim Festival, which features more than 750 of the highest ranked swimmers in the state. The temperature hovered in the 90's throughout the 2½-day meet, and while parents on the sidelines struggled to stay cool, DeWitt swimmers sizzled, recording several career "best times".

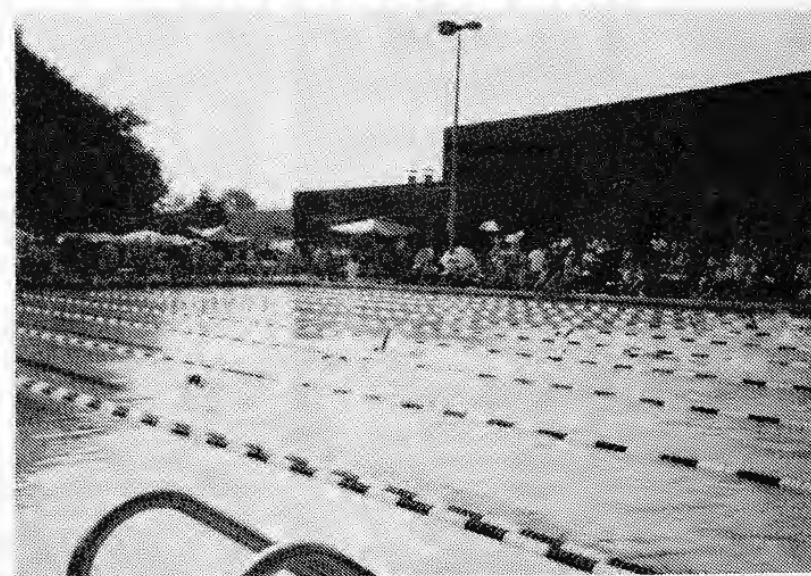
DeWitt was represented by Jenny Brown, Mari Fullmer, Kelly Peacock, Pete McNamara, Tom Newhall, Geoff Brown, Tom Barnard, Mike Giesecke, Aimee Decker, Carla Dudash, Denice Erley, Belinda Davis, and coaches Juan Tavares and Mike Keevan. Tavares entered two events at the urging of teenage club members, who accused Tavares of being "over the hill" at age 26, and too old to take on the younger competition. Tavares proved them wrong, though. Despite being the oldest swimmer in the meet, he finished 4th in a field of 101 entrants in the Open 50 Meter Freestyle. He was edged out at the finish by local swimming great Steve Shipps.

Highlights of the weekend for age-group members included first place finishes by Mari Fullmer in the 100 Meter Butterfly (11-12 yr. olds), Aimee Decker in the 100 M. Backstroke (13-18), and Denice Erley in the 100 M. Butterfly (13-18). Fullmer, 12, also recorded a 4th place in the 100 M. Freestyle, and 5th in the 50 M. Freestyle. Jenny Brown, also 12, scored an 8th place in the 100 M. Butterfly, and achieved a "best time" in the 100 M. Breaststroke. Kelly Peacock, 11, notched 2nd place in the 50 M. Butterfly, 7th in the 50 M. Backstroke, and 9th in the 100 M. Butterfly.

This meet served as a qualifying meet for those swimmers who will advance to the State Long Course Championships in Livonia on July 29-Aug. 1. Fullmer and Brown achieved "AA" times in several events, and are now focused on the Livonia Meet. Go Get 'Em, Mari and Jenny!

The rest of the club will end their season Saturday, July 25, at Lansing Community College, site of the Capital Area Summer

## MIDLAND SWIM MEET



### Junior Boys In Tennis Finals

Junior boys DeWitt Open Tennis Tournament was held July 10-12 under the auspices of DeWitt City Parks & Recreation and director Bill Childress. Trophies were awarded to the winner in each age slot.

In Boys age 9-11 Singles, Mike Ryan was champion after defeating Bob Harris and Jeremy Zeller.

Frank Morti won in a match with Shawn Thompson and Doug Childress defeated Jason Zeller in Boys 12-13 Singles. Morti emerged as victor in the final match with

## Along The Looking Glass

The 25 members of Airport View Church of Christ held a July 19 open house to show what they have accomplished since purchasing the former Hurd School building on DeWitt Road in 1985.

Lindsey Patterson is unpaid minister for the small, but ambitious, church.

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Sandra Frassetto of Laingsburg was cited by Michigan State University for being one of 517 students to achieve a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the spring term. Frassetto is an MSU senior currently enrolled as a psychology major. She transferred to MSU after completing studies at Lansing Community College.

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Carl and Thelma Grinold were feted Sunday afternoon at a 50th wedding anniversary luncheon and open house held at King Arthur's Court clubhouse.

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Hydee Mallon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sage of

Saturday, July 25, at Lansing Community College, site of the Capital Area Summer League Championships. All of DeWitt's 65 members will compete in this finale.

### Baby Animals Draw Audience

The Baby Animal Tent has become one of the most popular places for County 4-H Fair visitors each year, as young and old have an opportunity to see and pet a variety of animals.

The Baby Animal Tent features kittens, puppies, baby chicks, horses, cows, ducks, rabbits, pigs, and other animals too.

Special events planned for the Baby Animal Tent this year are: Tuesday, August 4, - Special Peoples Day; Wednesday, the 5th, - Senior Citizens' Day; and Kids' Day on Thursday. Visiting hours are from 9 am - 9 pm. Free horse rides will be given on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 3 pm and 6 pm.

There will be the opportunity to go for an old-fashioned horse-drawn wagon ride through the city park between the hours of 10 am - 2 pm and 6 pm - 8 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. There will be

educational displays and demonstrations daily.

The Baby Animal Tent is located next to the City Park on the Fairgrounds and is open each day of the Fair.

### Tractor Drivers Compete At Fair

Clinton County will again host the Michigan 4-H Tractor Operator's Contest on Monday, August 3. The event will be held at the St. Johns High School in the parking lot in conjunction with the Clinton County 4-H Youth Fair.

Clinton County 4-H members will compete in the county contest beginning at 10 am to determine the county representative in the State Contest which begins at 1:30 pm. Youth from several Michigan counties will compete in the State Contest.

A tip for those going abroad: In an underdeveloped country, don't drink the water; in a developed country, don't breathe the air.



Coach Juan Tavares (in rear), Jenny Brown, Mari Fullmer, and Kelly Peacock take a breather between races at the Midland meet.

## DeWitt City Parks & Recreation

### SUPER SUMMER 1987

WEEK OF JULY 27

### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

MONDAY - MORNING: Art: Sensory Recipes: Edible Peanut butter play dough, silly putty, cornstarch goo. AFTERNOON: Sport Activity: Soccer; Group Activity: Walk to Dancehall Dairy for a special treat; permission.

TUESDAY - SUPER SUMMER COUNTRY WESTERN DAY - MORNING: Group Activity: 9:30-12:00: Walk to Fuerstenau to view film, Wilderness Family, Part I; Nutrition: Prepare and eat Hobo Stew (bring a peeled potato and carrot). AFTERNOON: Dance: Learn how to do square dancing; Art: Indian bag mask; Rest and Relaxation.

WEDNESDAY - MORNING: IMPORTANT NOTE: Only children who have signed up in advance will be able to go. Group Activity: Field trip to Cedarview Gofland, Time: 10:30-2:30, Cost: \$6.50 which includes one game of putt putt golf, one go cart ride, unlimited water slide.

THURSDAY - MORNING: Group Activity: Islands; Art: Chocolate pudding finger paint. AFTERNOON: Sport: Baseball; Rest and Relaxation.

FRIDAY - MORNING: Group Activity: Relay games; Walk to Fuerstenau to view Movies on "First Aid & Water Safety" given by Mary Gray from American Red Cross, Time: 10:00-12:00. AFTERNOON: Open Swim: DeWitt High School, Time: 1:30-3:30 pm, Cost: .50¢, parent permission required, life jackets for non-swimmers.

REMINDERS: Evaluations of the summer program will be handed out to the children during the week. It would be appreciated if the parents would help with the form.

emerged as victor in the final match with Childress.

Ken Mazel and Shawn Thompson defeated Jason and Jeremy Zeller for the Boys 12-13 Doubles championship.

In Boys 14-17 Singles, Kevin Crockett topped Ken Mazel and Tim Ely defeated Winn Abbey. Crockett then downed Ely. Ron Egres was victor over Dave Riker and Gary Weston over Chuck Johnson, with Egres subsequently besting Weston. Crockett then defeated Egres for the championship.

Gary Weston/Ron Egres won over Dave Riker/Chuck Johnson in Boys 14-17 Doubles, while Kevin Crockett/Todd Carey topped Winn Abbey/Tim Ely. Crockett and Carey defeated Weston/Egres in the finals for the doubles title.

Jessica Mallon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sage of Bath, was among Davenport College students who were on the spring term honors list. Mallon is a 1985 graduate of Bath High School.

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Dick LaHaie of Wieland Road finished fourth in second quarter balloting for Driver of the Year honors, as voted by motorsports writers and broadcasters. LaHaie received the highest quarterly vote total for a drag racer in 20 years of the balloting.

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Heather Almy, daughter of Charles and Juanita Almy of DeWitt, participated in the summer institute for the arts and sciences at Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

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St. Johns Farmers' Market is now open each Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. Local farmers sell their produce near the Clinton County courthouse at the weekly summer market, which is sponsored by St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce.



Woman shopper: "About all I've ever done with my life is wait for something to be reduced 50 percent."