



## DATELINE: DeWitt

June 3, 1985

Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott

### Kitty Korner

The Learning Tree Preschool is about to make its home in DeWitt. Christine Farmer, director of the DeWitt Conservatory of Music and Dance, has completed necessary building renovations in order to open a licensed preschool at 115 N. Bridge Street.

Come September, morning and afternoon sessions will be offered for 2½ to 5 year olds. Program director will be Diana Farmer (no relation!) of Lansing. The Learning Tree will hold an open house this Wednesday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. for summer and fall registration.

Two summer preschool sessions will be offered for 3 - 5 year olds: Monday through Thursday, June 10 - 13, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and July 29 - August 1, for the same week days and hours.

The conservatory summer programs for ages 5 through adult are now starting. Classes are being offered in aerobics, tumbling and gymnastics, and dance workshop which will include tap, jazz and ballet.

For information on either preschool or conservatory programs, call Chris Farmer, 669-5365.

DeWitt Township summer program will begin Monday, June 17 and run for 10 weeks. Youths, age six and up, can take part in arts, crafts, sports, games and special events including the annual Snowball Day.

The summer program will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Valley Farms Park behind the township offices

## DHS ASSEMBLY HONORS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students marched to the stage and accepted awards to the applause of their families and friends Thursday evening at DeWitt High School's awards assembly and National Honor Society induction held in the auditorium.

Bob Greenhoe received the Evart Stevens Scholarship; Angie Twitchell and Peggy Ryan, Lansing Community College scholarships. John Foresman and Mike Price received appointments to West Point.

Other honors included: Civitan Club Leadership Seminar, Marcy Shooks; V.F.W. "Voice of Democracy" awards, Kevin Boyd, Stacy Egres, Matt Elliott; Quiz Bowl awards, Jeff Goers, Kurt Mulder, Bill Witt, Kevin O'Shaughnessey, Kevin Boyd, Dan Homer, Matt Elliott.

The top ten academic students were: Tim Miller, Jon Holland, Brian Bosanic, Tami Deak, Mike Price, Susan Duffy, Matt Elliott, Toni Hufnagel, John Foresman, Theresa Coon, Mike McKeon and Ralf Schmalhorst. Student council awards went to Peggy Ryan, Roger Pline, Theresa Bordui, Matt Elliott and Patti Bond.

Academic awards were presented as follows: French, Stacy Stedron; English, Kim Crockett, Mickie Ray, Tami Deak, Mistie Mathews; Drama, Matt Elliott, Lauri Scott, Mistie Mathews; Home Economics, Michelle Jaquette, Sue Bailey, Jennifer Temple; Math Prize Competition, Kevin Boyd, Terry Coon, Mark Hein, Mike McKeon, Kevin O'Shaughnessey.

The list continues with: Industrial Arts, Bob Greenhoe, Jason Brewer, David Unger, Chad Feltenberger, Scott Davis; Library, Steve Koets.

Tim Miller received the Grand Valley State College Presidential Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Outstanding High School Student Scholarship, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Scholarship, Alma College Trustee Honors Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholar Award, Western Michigan University Academic Achievers' Award Scholarship.

Brian Bosanic received a Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship and Michigan State University Award for Academic Excellence; Joe Johnston, Nazareth College Grant; Chris Pearson, State of Michigan Tuition Grant Olivet College; David Haggerty, State of Michigan Tuition Grant Davenport College; Rebecca Beck, Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Letter of Commendation.

Kathy Boyd received an Alma College Presidential Scholarship; Teresa Bordui, Nazareth College Student Life Award; James McCarthy, Albion College Webster Scholarship; Stacy Stedron, Michigan State Chapter P.E.O. Scholarship to Cotter College in Missouri; Matt Elliott, Albion College Webster Scholarship; Patti Bond, Alma College Presidential Scholarship; Sheila Milner, University of Toledo Athletic Scholarship in Softball; Rachelle Bouts, University of South Carolina Athletic Scholarship in Softball; Kelly Lathrop, University of Dayton Athletic Scholarship in Baseball.

National Honor Society inductees were seniors Marcy Blizzard, Terri Coon, Kim Crockett, Mark Diamond, Kelly Lathrop, Lauri Scott; juniors Kevin Boyd, Kelley Carey, Kim Cook, Debbie Ebert, Stacy Egres, Tammy Foster, Kim Harper, Chris Heightchew, Peter Insel, Jennifer Jenkins, David Lennon, Kevin O'Shaughnessey, Steve Pingston, Russell Pline, Michele Richardson, Chris Stevens, Chris Twohig, Amy Vance, Tina VanDerWoude, Doug Wilcox.

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards went to Theresa Coon, Patti Bond, Tami Deak, Rachelle Bouts, Randy Pearson, Peggy Rayan, Stacey Stedron, Tim Miller, Bradley Holland, Brian Bosanic, Toni Hufnagel, Mike McKeon, John Foresman, Mike Price, Matt Elliott.

Tim Miller received an award for four years of perfect attendance. Attendance awards for no absences during the 1984-85 year were presented to: seniors Theresa Bordui, Pat Cusick, Jeff Goers, Brian Leach, Tim Miller; juniors Melissa Oliver, Kevin O'Shaughnessey, Mike Pingston, Ted Thompson, Erick Zinser; sophomores Jennifer Bunch, Scott Cooley,

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A mini-session of aerobics may also be a summer offering.

There's still time to contact a committee member and obtain a ticket for the DeWitt Public Schools Foundation 4 Person Scramble Golf Tournament, which will be held Saturday, June 15, at Prairie Creek Golf Course.

The foundation, formed last October, has just printed an introductory brochure, detailing its aims. Foundation goal "is to provide the necessary financial support for important educational activities not currently provided through the school system."

Contributions made to the DeWitt Foundation will be placed in a special account, the brochure explains. The board of directors will disseminate guidelines for project funding, review grants proposals and determine the funding of such proposals. Through individual grants the foundation will fund enrichment projects and programs. Grants might be made available for research programs or equipment, special materials or teaching aids, and for computer science or mathematics workshops and the performing arts program.

Tax deductible contributions can be made to the foundation by cash or check, stock, bequests, trusts, legacy, pledge, real estate, wills, estate planning or memorials. Information requests should be addressed to DeWitt Public Schools Foundation, 608 Wilson, DeWitt, 48820.

Lest we forget, the June 15 golf tournament will be the foundation's first venture into the fund-raising field. Tickets are \$20 per person and include 18 holes of golf, prizes and sandwich bar.

A statistician is someone who, if he puts his head in a hot oven and his feet in a bucket of ice water, would remark, "On the average, I feel fine."

Michigan University Board of Trustees Outstanding High School Student Scholarship, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Scholarship, Alma College Trustee Honors Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholar Award, Western Michigan University Academic Achievers' Award Scholarship.

Mike McKeon accepted a Ball State University Scholarship and Ball State Honors Distinction Scholarship. Mark Diamond, Alma College Scholarship, Sisters of Mercy Scholarship to Alma College, Northwest Missouri State University Regents Special Award Scholarship; Tami Deak, Vanderbilt University Scholarship, Alma College Presidential Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University Presidential Scholarship, Purdue University Academic Scholarship.

## Along The Looking Glass

Mid-Michigan District Health Department will hold a free WIC clinic for Women, Infant, Children Nutrition Thursday, June 20 at South DeWitt Church of Christ, 2931 Herbison Road, from 1:15 to 3 p.m.

Members of the DeWitt Business Association will meet for luncheon Wednesday noon, June 5, in the DeWitt Memorial Building.

The DeWitt Regional Chamber of Commerce meeting at Prairie Creek Golf Course clubhouse Tuesday noon, June 4, will be open to the public. A luncheon menu will be available.

Senior citizens will have a nutrition luncheon at St. Jude Church Thursday noon, June 6, in addition to the regular Tuesday luncheon.

The Community of St. Jude's annual meeting will take place Sunday, June 9, following 10 a.m. Mass.

Taking office at that time for a two-year term will be council delegates whom the parish members recently elected. Pat DeYoung will become chairperson of the Education Commission; Bob Moody, chairman of Administration Commission and Vince Maysura, representative-at-large.

DeWitt Breakfast Lions will meet and eat

together Thursday morning, June 6, in DeWitt Memorial Building.

Ray Unger, DeWitt High School industrial education instructor, is one of 30 teachers across the country selected to take part in a summer program of the National Leadership Institute of Technological Education at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

Unger will attend the three-week conference from June 24 through July 12. The series is sponsored by the American Industrial Arts Association and Eastern Michigan University.

Bumper sticker on a tow truck: "Well, that's tow biz."

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## PTA NEWS

The DeWitt Elementary Parent-Teacher Association at its year end meeting May 20, elected officers for the 1985-86 school year. Serving as President will be Denise Baird; First Vice-President, Joyce Spangler; Secretary, Karen Gordon; Treasurer, Barbara Clark, and Membership Chairperson, Lynn Horn.

A membership drive will take place the first week of school at both elementary buildings. Plans for next year are centered around a school carnival to be held in the winter. The first meeting of the 1985-86 school year is slated for September 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Scott School Cafeteria.



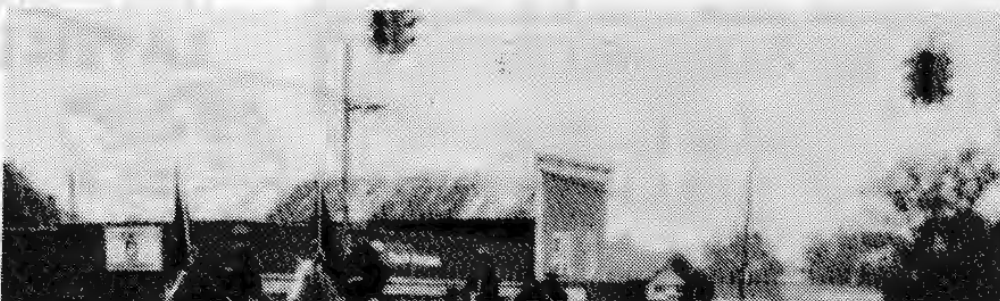


## MEMORIAL DAY 1985

Dark clouds and threatening rain failed to dim the enthusiasm of DeWitt citizens, who took part in or watched the Memorial Day parade Monday morning. Marchers assembled at Fuerstenau School on Washington Street and continued down newly paved Bridge Street to the cemetery, before retracing their steps.

Roger Brown, Sen. Alan Cropsey, Wayne Heddens and Virgil Yanz, left to right, led the DeWitt parade, which was sponsored by local veterans' organizations.

The uniformed DeWitt High School marching band provided music and colorful flag corps. Other parade participants included members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 671, American Legion Post 379, Sons of the American Legion, the 67th Wisconsin



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American Legion and VFW members also took part in Memorial Day services Monday afternoon in Gunnisonville Church.

## VOTERS TO DECIDE: MILLAGE OR CUTS

In response to community and staff protests of proposed budget cuts, DeWitt Board of Education agreed at a special May 28 meeting to take the request for 3 mills back to the voters again. A July 22 election should be scheduled. DeWitt voters had turned down the additional millage in the April election.

A revised budget was presented based on projected enrollment of 1667 students, a reduction of 26 due to a small turn-out at kindergarten round-up. Recommended reductions include six aides and a part-time resource room teacher at Fuerstenau, cheerleading, J.V. soccer and

tennis, golf, swimming and tennis.

The middle school gym floor project was awarded to Foster Flooring at a cost of \$57,392. Four roofing contractors have shown interest in negotiating for completion of the school roofing project.

A representative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency conducted asbestos compliance inspections of DeWitt Public Schools buildings on April 8 and determined that no violations of the federal school asbestos regulation were evident.

Sign in photo lab: "Someday your prints will come."

## CANNING UPDATE WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS

Do you sometimes have to scrape mold off your jam? Is your pressure canner something that scares you to death? Are you sometimes afraid that you may be poisoning your family by your home canned goods?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions then Canning Update '85 is the series for you! This series will include sessions on waterbath canning, pressure canning, jam/jelly making, pickling and freezing foods. Each class will include actual demonstrations, some hands-on experience, question/answer sessions and all the 1985 changes in USDA recommendations for safe food preservation.

This series is perfect for the beginning canner, as well as the experienced canner who just wants an update.

Canning Update '85 will be held on June 12 and 13 in the home economics room of the St. Johns High School. The series will include a pressure canning class from 10:00 - 12:00 and freezing tips from 1:00 - 3:00 on the 12th. On the 13th the series will cover water-bath canning from 10:00 - 12:00 and jam/jelly making from 1:00 - 3:00. Following the class, each participant will be encouraged to volunteer some time to promote safe food preservation in the county.

The charge for the entire series is just \$10.00. Pre-registration is required because enrollment is limited. To pre-register contact the Cooperative Extension Service at 224-3288 by June 7th.



## PUFFER TO JOIN ANNAPOLIS '89 CLASS

Darrick J. Puffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Puffer, Jr., Sage Lane, has been offered and has accepted an appointment as a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis Maryland. Darrick, a 1985 graduate is one of the 1,300 appointees who will become members of Annapolis' Class of 1989.

Once at the Academy, Darrick will pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in one of the 18 major courses of study that are offered to the 4,500 young men and women of the Brigade of Midshipmen. And he will prepare for service as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 5 - DeWitt High School baccalaureate

Thursday, June 6 - DeWitt High School graduation

Saturday, June 8 - DeWitt Township Bike Rodeo 10:30 a.m. at Cabaret parking lot 4631½ North East Street

Monday, June 10 - Annual School Election

Friday, June 14 - Deadline for logo entries, DeWitt Charter Township

The difference between estimated miles per gallon and what you actually get is about like the difference between salary and take-home pay.

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### CITY WATER PROBLEM COMES INTO FOCUS

Businesses in the City of DeWitt plagued by water problems will resort to emergency chlorination methods, city council members learned at their June 3 meeting.

City Engineer Orla McGuire and Michigan State Health Department representatives explained the situation to a packed council chamber in the city hall. Because recent Country Catering water samples had been unsafe, McGuire said, they have been using bottled water. He pointed out that downtown businesses cannot drill new wells, since the lots are too small to permit drilling wells that would be 75 feet from existing sewer lines.

March council discussion had centered around expansion of the city water system - because of repeated downtown well problems and health department reminders - by connecting it to the DeWitt Charter Township system. At Monday's meeting, Cheryl Topliff of the health department's Water Supply Division explained that they had approved emergency chlorination for Country Catering's water supply, since the city has been seeking a solution to the overall problem.

When councilman Don Steavens, city sewer and water committee chairman, remarked that the city had been told it could not expand the water system without elevated tank water storage, health department delegates opined that was a misunderstanding.

The water issue will reappear at the June 17 council meeting when consulting engineer Paul Thompson, who has been studying the problem, makes his report to council.

### VOTERS WILL GO TO POLLS

Summertime will mean two special elections for DeWitt voters who live in DeWitt Charter Township and the DeWitt School District.

Clinton County Election Scheduling Commission last week gave approval to a July 23 township election, in which voters will be asked to approve one extra mill for three years to purchase fire department vehicles. The township had requested an August 6 millage election.

The county also approved an August 5 election in which voters will again be asked to approve three additional mills for three years. School district voters had turned down the extra millage at an April 22 election. When the school board began cutting programs and planning additional reductions, citizens meetings to request another special election

### DEWITT SENIORS SAY FAREWELL

Baccalaureate service and commencement exercises last Wednesday and Thursday evening officially concluded DeWitt High School careers for the Class of 1985.



Tim Miller



Jon Holland



Mike Price

The high school band directed by Jeff Kressler provided music for both programs. Rev. David Johnston, Redeemer United Methodist Church pastor, gave the baccalaureate invocation and benediction. Rev. Robert Allen of DeWitt Community Church offered a scripture reading and Fr. David Stotenbur, pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church delivered the address.

DeWitt High School choir presented a choral selection and led the congregation in singing "Take My Life".



Peggy Ryan



Roger Pline

Rev. Dan Shinabarger of Central Free Methodist Church, delivered the graduation invocation and benediction. Brad Lowrey Miller, class valedictorian.

Senior class president Michael Price

### 35 ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS

Thirty five DeWitt High School seniors qualified to receive State of Michigan scholarships in the state competitive scholarship program.

Eligible graduates include Susan Bailey, Marcy Blizzard, Patti Bond, Brian Bosanic, Rachelle Bouts, Kathy Boyd, Brian Butts, Richard Clough, Theresa Coon, Tami Deak, Mark Diamond and Susan Duffy.

Others are Matt Elliott, John Fabian, Michael Ford, John Foresman, Jeff Goers, Macy Harfst, Mark Hein, Jon Holland, Toni Hufnagel, Joe Johnston, Kelly Lathrop and Mistie Mathews.

The list continues with Mike McKeon, Tim Miller, Kurt Mulder, Randy Pearson, Roger Pline, Michael Price, Mickie Ray, Peggy Ryan, Stacy Stedron, Eric Twohig, and Tom VanDerWoude.

### Church News

Redeemer United Methodist Church circles meet this week. Celia Warren will be hostess to Dorcas Circle at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Washington St. home. Priscilla Circle will meet at Central's

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Austin Knapp, Downtown Building Authority chairman, introduced architects Robert Freeman and Len Tombelli, who then presented proposed plans for the renovation/expansion of city hall quarters at the June 3 city council meeting.

The two representatives from Freeman, Smith & Associates, Inc. told council that they prepared the schematic drawings after lengthy discussions with city hall and police department staff to determine space needs. The design, which would redo existing facilities and include a 50' x 27' two level addition, costs an estimated \$330,000 or about \$35,000 above the planned budget.

After the lengthy presentation, Councilman Carmen Seats commended the Building Authority and the architects for their detailed work.

Schavey Road city residents who live north of Herbison Road asked council to change their 35 mph speed limit to 25 mph along the highly residential strip. Citing the many small children, additional new housing, lack of sidewalks, and the fact that drivers speed along that stretch, Melanie and Dirk Huttenga and Joe and Jan Barberio said that they feared traffic accidents. Allan Snow seconded their complaints and added another annoying feature - the fact that blacktop ends at his property and he and other neighbors "eat dust" from traffic on the graveled portion of Schavey Road, which has worsened since Schavey became a detour route due to DeWitt Road construction. The residents noted that police enforcement was very good along the road, but still believed slower speeds were needed.

Police chief Wendell Myers explained that Michigan State Police, who had made several checks of the road, at his request, insist that 35 mph is an appropriate speed for the amount of traffic thereon. Council suggested repeat chloride treatments to control the dust problem on the gravel segment.

cutting programs and planning additional reductions, citizens attended two May board meetings to request another special election on the millage.

Dave Graves, Airport Road, was recently promoted to vice president of Auto Aire Industries Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cade Industries Inc. Graves has been with Auto Aire for 28 years.

## SATURDAY GOLF TICKETS AVAILABLE

There's still time to get in on next Saturday's golf fun-day - and help out DeWitt schools at the same time. DeWitt Public Schools Foundation will hold its first annual 4 Person Scramble Golf Tournament June 15 at Prairie Creek Golf Course.



You can obtain golf tournament tickets from any of these Foundation board members: Gary Gillespie, 669-9566; Keith Davis, 669-9491; Dianne Cranmer, 669-3890; Vi Pennington, 669-3587; Chuck Ferguson, 669-3589; and Nancy Souden, 669-8062. They may also be obtained at the DeWitt Schools administration office, 608 Wilson St., and Prairie Creek Golf Course, E. Webb Road.

Rev. Dan Shinabarger of Central Free Methodist Church, delivered the graduation invocation and benediction. Bradley Jon Holland was the salutatorian and Timothy Miller, class valedictorian.

Senior class president Michael Price delivered a student address as did student council officers Roger Pline and Peggy Ryan. Senior band members played for the last time during the selection by the band and then symbolically returned to their seats with the graduates.

School Superintendent Steve Garrett introduced the class of 1985; board of education members presented diplomas to the graduates. Juniors Steve Pingston and Kim Harper were the marshals who led the processions of seniors.

Ron Simon, E. Dill Drive, has been promoted from director to assistant vice president of corporate systems at Auto-Owners Insurance Co.

## SCHOOL ELECTIONS - VOTE TODAY!

Three candidates are competing for two seats on the DeWitt Board of Education. Thomas Kamppinen, board president, Shadybrook Lane, is running for re-election.

Also running for the four-year term posts are Gerald Gabrion, W. Geneva, and Ronald Johnson, RoDicDon. Board secretary Kenneth Price is not seeking re-election.

Today's June 10 election does not involve any millage question. DeWitt voters, however, will be asked to approve an additional three mills at a special July election.

Three candidates are running for a single four-year term on Bath Board of Education, Treasurer Dean Sweet Jr., is running for re-election against Denise Bos Ackerman and Karen Cook.

Bath voters are being asked to renew one mill for three years, to be used for repair and maintenance.

Celia Warren will be hostess to Dorcas Circle at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, in her W. Washington St. home. Priscilla Circle will meet at Georgia Carter's, McConnell St., St. Johns at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 12.

Members of Harmony Circle will have a potluck salad supper and pool party Wednesday evening with Gail Stevens, Westbrook Dr. Faith Circle will meet that same evening in the Howe Road home of Eileen Barnes. Ruth Circle will have a noon potluck Thursday, June 13, with Blanche Crane, W. Stoll Rd.



# CLUB MARKS 5 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Happy 5th Birthday to an energetic club in the community!

DeWitt Lioness Club members will mark their fifth anniversary Thursday evening, June 13, with a dinner program at Jim's Tiffany....and their list of accomplishments is so long that it's hard to believe they have packed them all into five short years.

The group actually held its original Charter Night on April 26, 1980, but summer 1985 seemed a better time to wind up their year. The 1985-86 officers will also be installed Thursday. Vi Pennington will be president; Marilyn Boyd, first vice president; Lorraine Lavey, second vice president; Dona Gartside, third vice president; Ann Ryan, secretary; Lorna Gillespie, treasurer; Dorothy Schoals, Fran Graves, June Swan, directors; Margaret Howe, tail twister, Linda Schelb, Lion tamer.

Charter officers were Marge Dioszegi, May Iverson, Joyce Furgala, Leslie Mull, Margaret Howe and June Swan. Charter members included Jane Allen, Marilyn Boyd, Doris Cox, Doris DeWitt, Janice Doane, Sue Drury, Audrey Fabus, Norma Ferguson, Nancy Fischback, Lorna Gillespie, Marjorie Graham, Fran Graves, Sandra Hahn, Bertha Lennemann, Martha Lovejoy, Jean Newman, Vi Pennington, Nancy Sharick and Joy Van Buskirk.

Lioness presidents in the intervening years have been Audrey Fabus, Dorothy Schoals, Marilyn Boyd and Fran Graves, who is just concluding her term.

DeWitt area has benefited from such Lioness gifts as a shock suit for DeWitt Township fire department, alert smoke ejector for DeWitt City Fire Department, a colorful rug for Scott School's kindergarten room, a water cooler for Faye Hanson Memorial Library, as well as more painting and repairing projects at the library and conducting story hour and summer reading programs.

Their more muscular projects included building both a bench and a picnic table for Avon Nursing Home residents. They have handled preschool vision screenings, co-sponsored DeWitt blood drives, sold home tour tickets and served as hostesses for DeWitt's sesquicen-



DeWitt Lioness Club received the Bonnie J. Billings Award in 1984 for achieving the highest goal in community service activities in their district. Shown with the award are left to right: Marilyn Boyd, Dorothy Schoals, Lorna Gillespie and Vi Pennington.



Joyce Furgala, left, and Vi Pennington venture into carpentry for this 1980 Lioness project - making a bench for residents of Avon Nursing home.

## ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS June 5, 1985

	Won	Lost
The "A" Team	17	1
Baby Makers	12	6
Plumbers & Pipefitters	10	8
Mighty Mites	8	10
Mile Hi Club	7	11

needy child, donated infant seats to the Child Safety Program, and assisted with a variety of projects for Clinton Memorial Hospital.

Club members served breakfast to the Pedal Across Lower Michigan bikers, furnished cookies for the Danny Thomas Bike-a-thon and Christmas Singalong and staffed an ox roast food booth. This summer they plan to have a float in the DeWitt Ox Roast parade.

Through many fund-raising projects - home tours, Christmas auctions, bazaars, raffles, the annual Luminaria and most recently, a euchre party - they have earned the money to continue their programs and contribute to many others. Traditional Lion projects such as the Leader Dog Program, Michigan Eye Bank, Radio Talking Book Program, Braille typing program, Michigan School for the Blind in Lansing and Welcome Home for the Blind in Grand Rapids have been recipients of their donations.

And the list goes on and on. Looking over their scrapbook and noting the accomplishments of five years gives one a healthy respect for DeWitt Lioness Club members. Their "roll up the sleeves" attitude and consistent determination enables them to complete one project after another successfully - and to have fun doing it.

## Along The Looking Glass

DHS Freshman Sarah Drake took a second place in Typing I and Kim Crockett, an honorable mention in Shorthand, during Davenport College annual Business Olympics competition, reports business teacher Peggy Williams.

Clinton County's special education students. Her adult advisors were Janelda Fish and Sally Baron.

DeWitt Scouts Annette Lyons and Angela Mox received Girl Scouts' second highest honor, the Silver Award.

Teresa Bordui, Shadybrook Lane and Suzette Boron of Laingsburg received Girl Scouts' highest honor, the Gold Award, when Michigan Capitol

Agape Circle, DeWitt Community Church, elected the following 1985-86 officers: Vicki Kemp, president; Lee Greene, vice president; Maxine Klan, secretary;

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The DeWitt Monster Reading Club makes its summer debut now through June 22 at Faye Hanson Memorial Library.

DeWitt Friends of the Library are repeating their summer reading program for children ages six to 10, or in grades one through five. These are Sign Up Weeks for lads and lassies who want to join the club. All they have to do is plan to read 10 or more books during the summer.

A big chart on the library wall will show club members' progress. Appropriately enough, a bat stamp will go on the Monster Reading Club chart each time a member completes a book. Friends of the Library will hold a big party a summer's end for Monster Readers who have read their quota or more of books.

Last summer 87 youngsters signed up for the summer reading program. Notices will be sent home from school with elementary students explaining the reading incentive plan.

DeWitt Township children may participate in the Monster Reading Club by signing up at Valley Farms branch library in the township hall, 4700 Brook Road.

The 55-year-old former church building at 115 N. Bridge Street, which now houses DeWitt Conservatory of Dance & Music, is listed on the state register of historic buildings. "Very fitting," says new owner Chris Farmer, who did the necessary research to gain the listing, "since we call ourselves 'Historic DeWitt'".

Chris is still searching for more information on the early church building, as she works to have it included in the National Register of Historic Buildings. And she wonders if anyone

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hereabouts can help her. Questions she needs answers to are: Where did the stained glass come from? At what brickyard were the brick purchased?

Charlene Schaar, whose grandfather, Paul Shafley, helped build the 1930-31 structure, obtained some information from her father, Ernest Shafley, who now resides in Florida. Both Shafleys built the church with the assistance of church members and other people in the community. That building replaced the 1896 DeWitt Methodist Church which was destroyed by fire in 1928.

The 1931 brick structure was built on the site of the former church, cost \$7,000 and resembled the earlier church in construction - an L-shape Gothic style building with a bell tower situated on the corner of the L. A large rectangular wing was added to this building in 1961.

In 1970 the DeWitt congregation merged with Emanuel Methodist Church, located at Clark and Schavey Roads, to become Redeemer United Methodist Church.

Although Shafley, a carpenter by trade, had poured and formed his own blocks for the basement of the 1931 church, it is unknown where the building's exterior brick came from.

The building features 15 stained glass windows, two of the half-moon in shape. Anyone, who can identify the sources of either windows or bricks or provide information about them, may call Chris Farmer at 669-5365.

Filling out the form at an optometrist's office, a young man paused at the blank opposite "Eyesight examination recommended by" and then wrote in, "My former tennis partner."

Teresa Bordui, Shadybrook Lane and Suzette Boron of Laingsburg received Girl Scouts' highest honor, the Gold Award, when Michigan Capitol Council held its Cadette/Senior Girl Scout Recognition Night at University United Methodist Church in East Lansing.

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Suzette planned, prepared and carried out the Special Olympics in bowling for

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Members of Naomi Circle held a picnic at the church Wednesday noon. Hostess Darthea Rosekrans was assisted by Marge Arndt and Beulah McGovney.

Sign on a new but still vacant apartment building: "Tenants, anyone?"

## DeWitt City Parks and Recreation Classes 669-2441

Discount tickets for major theme parks, including Boblo Island and Cedar Point are now available on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at DeWitt City Hall.

### TENNIS

Adult League s begin June 17 to August 4. \$3.00 entry fee with 4 divisions.

Youth Lessons - ages 8-17 yrs. will begin June 24-July 19 on MWF at High School Courts - Fee of \$15.00 plus a can of balls per player with Bill Childress instructing.

PREREGISTER FOR BOTH BY JUNE 10th AT CITY HALL,

Adult Tennis Lessons - at McGuire Park Monday and Wednesday, 7 - 8:30 p.m. June 24 through July 19 - Fee \$15 plus can of balls. REGISTER BY JUNE 17 AT CITY HALL,

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM for youngsters age 6 and over will begin June 24th and run through August 2nd daily Monday - Friday, 9 am to 3:30 pm.





## DATELINE: DeWitt

June 17, 1985

Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott

### PROPOSED EXPANSION

### School News

Unpaid leaves of absence for the 1985-86 year due to family illnesses were approved for Julie Gardner, high school Spanish and English teacher, and Joanne Johnson, high school media center director.

### CITY COUNCIL NOTES

DeWitt City Council will hold a public hearing at 8 p.m. tonight - Monday, June 17 - in city hall on the proposed additional 1985 city operational millage rate.

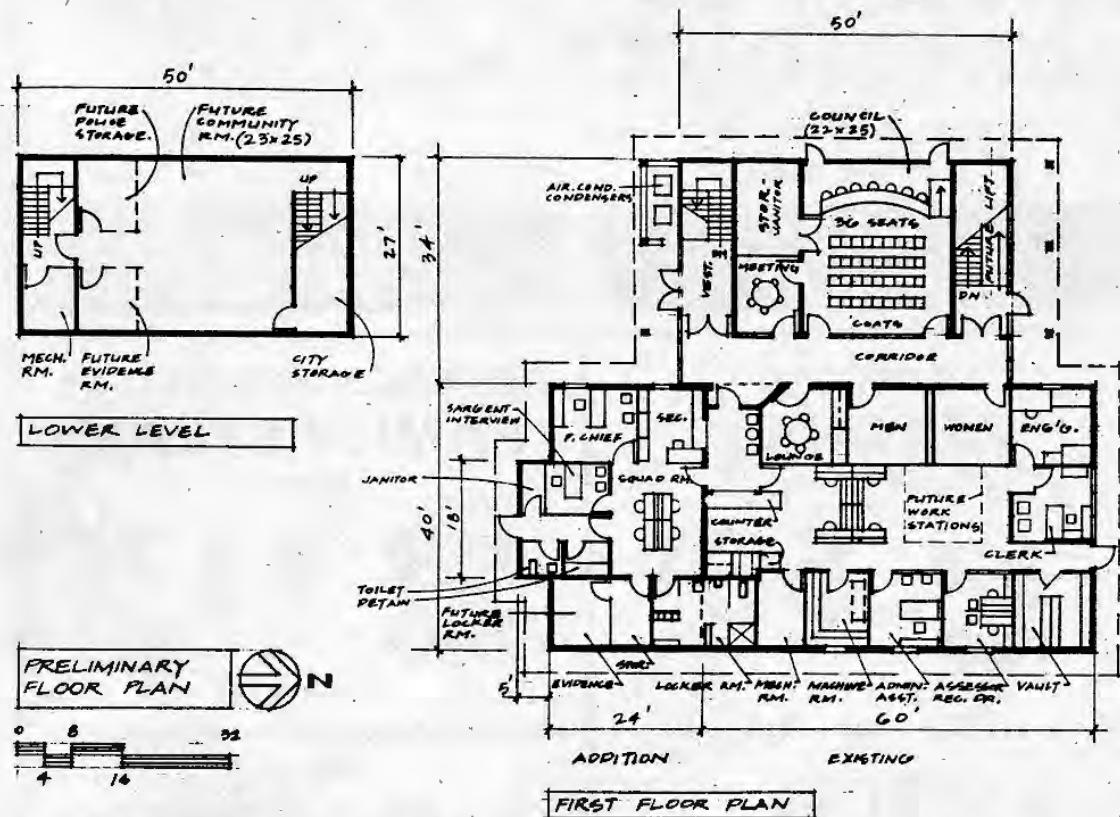
In order to maintain the budgeted level of city services, the city wants to levy an additional .0122 mills (.01 cent per 1,000 SEV) above the 11.9878 mill base rate. This would provide 12 mills or \$12 per 1,000 SEV, matching the millage rate set for the past three years.

In June 10 council action, after hearing that OSHA requires Department of Public Works employees to wear safety shoes, members voted to provide up to \$75 toward the first pair of shoes, after which employees would supply their own safety shoes.

Council approved the Downtown Development Authority's request to purchase directional signs (pointing towards downtown DeWitt) for Airport Road and U.S. 27 at a cost of \$408.90. and gave Clerk Margie Lotre permission to pay the DeWitt Road/Bridge Street special assessment on three city-owned lots from Major Street funds before the June 10 due date.

They also agreed to Hugh Ryan's request for a two year park lease rather than one year for Millbrook Meadows Association, and appointed Biggs, Haussmann and Abraham as city auditors for the coming year.

Ed and Claudia Buxton of Charlotte introduced themselves at the council meeting. Buxtons who are negotiating the purchase of Di's Tavern, 113 W. Main St., operate a Charlotte bar. Buxton told council they would like to open a restaurant/bar serving lunch and dinner by mid-July or before the ox roast.



DeWitt Building Authority presented preliminary drawings for city hall expansion at the June 3 council meeting. Architects from Freeman, Smith & Associates, Inc., Lansing, have proposed the above revision of existing facilities and addition of an enlarged council chamber/meeting room with a lower level for current storage and future expansion.

### Historic Church Building Information Needed



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## SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

DeWitt Board of Education at their June 10 meeting unanimously adopted a resolution to return to the voters with a request for three additional mills for three years. The election by paper ballot will be held Monday, August 5.

Dr. David Michael will chair a school millage committee. Volunteer committee members include George Baisley, Trish Davis, Don Hengesh, Mike Keevan, Jan Kinsey, Candy Laughlin, Dave Michael, Pat Morgan, James Ryan, Kendra Shipp, John Stone and Ray Unger.

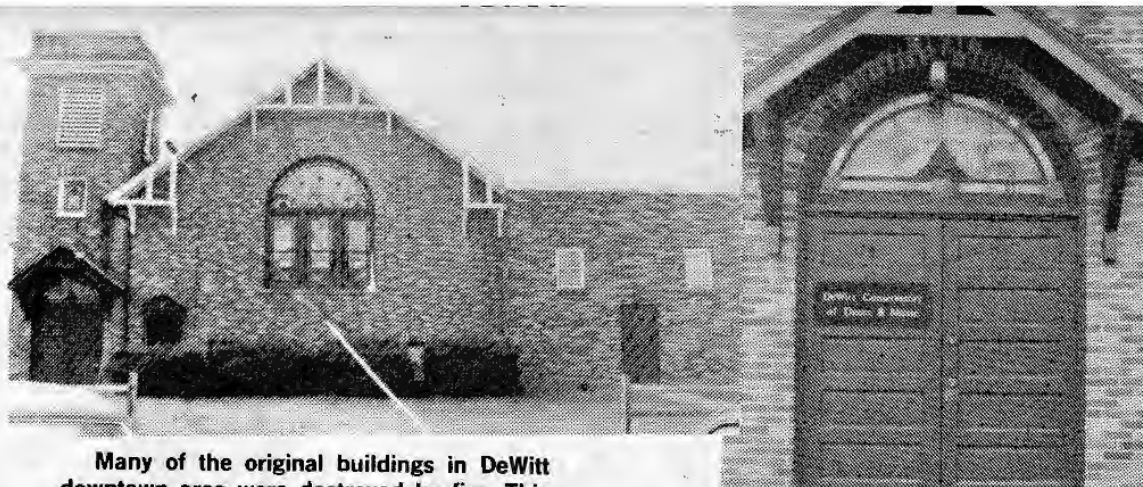
After adopting a number of budget reductions for the coming year, the board moved that if the August 5 additional millage passes, cuts made due to the financial constraints, and not due to program changes, will be reinstated.

The Czubak Roofing Company of Lansing will complete the roof repair project at a base cost of \$155,896. Work is to be completed by August 20. Superintendent Steve Garrett and board member Dave Harfst received the board's commendation for negotiating the roofing contact. Work has also begun on the Middle School gym floor replacement project.

The board accepted the resignation of Kathy Konopnicki, Scott School aide. Mike Keevan will direct the summer swim program. Frank Ciloski of DeWitt; Beth Kaiser and Jeff Whipple of Lansing have been employed for summer driver training.

Special thanks were extended to Joyce Kennedy, Dan Lynn and Bruce Dalman for their work hosting the May 18 joint auction with St. Johns and Ovid-Elsie public schools and Clinton County Intermediate School District. The District netted \$5,311 after expenses.

The bride's father frowned as his daughter chose the most expensive wedding gown in the bridal salon. "I don't mind giving you away," he said, "but why do I have to gift wrap you too?"



Many of the original buildings in DeWitt downtown area were destroyed by fire. This structure was built in 1930 as DeWitt Methodist Church, replacing an 1896 church building which fire demolished in 1928. Because Chris Farmer would like to have the current building entered in the National Register of Historic Buildings, she needs to have additional information on where 1930 church members purchased the bricks and stained glass windows. Area residents who might have data on the church building may reach her at 669-5365.

## TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DeWitt Charter Township trustees approved a July 1-6 fireworks permit for the Northside Drive-In on U.S. 27 and hired seasonal staff for the summer parks program at their June 10 meeting.

Julie Brown will supervise evening activities at Valley Farms Park, while Debbie Ellis will be daytime supervisor assisted by Kim Noakes. The summer program

starts June 17 and continues for 10 weeks.

In other action, council approved a request from Denise Dalman and Mary Lou Galardi to operate a day care center at DeWitt Shopping Center and raised the inspection fee on rented mobile homes from \$5 to \$15, effective in 30 days.

Laura Fry was hired as police department secretary, replacing Patricia Renton who resigned.

These stained glass windows installed circa 1930 in DeWitt Methodist Church on Bridge Street, are still handsome decorations for DeWitt Conservatory of Dance and Music, which now occupies the building. Owner Chris Farmer would like to talk to anyone who can tell her about the church building's history - and specifically, where church members purchased the windows and bricks more than 50 years ago.





# RIVERSIDE PARK IS PROGRAM LOCALE

## FUN IN THE SUN

"Have Fun in the Sun" is the theme for DeWitt City Parks and Recreation's summer program, which will take place Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Riverside Park. Summer program dates are June 24 through August 2. There is no charge with the exception of field trips. Some 50 youngsters are expected to participate.

Arts and Crafts projects will include sand painting and finger painting.

Softball, kickball, frisbee golf, croquet, and soccer are the summer sports to be played. Among the special events will be a July 18 luncheon with the senior citizens at the park.

Field trips are planned to Potter Park, Impression V, Putt Putt Golf, DeWitt Library, DeWitt Retreat House and swimming at DeWitt High School pool. Among guest speakers/artists on the summer program are Dee Robertson, who will demonstrate acid etching on glass and stenciling; Leslie Phillips, DeWitt High School student, and friends who will paint clown faces on the children for Clown Day; Jeff Church, 13, who will demonstrate and instruct in the Japanese art of origami.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SUMMER PROGRAM, EACH CHILD IS ASKED TO BRING IN A SMALL PICTURE OF HIMSELF/HERSELF AS AN INFANT.

Candy Laughlin, who will direct the summer program at Riverside Park, has been a DeWitt resident for five years. The mother of sons Patrick, 9, and Casey, 6, she is well known as an aerobics teacher locally.

A substitute teacher at DeWitt High School, Candy earned her bachelor degree in education at Eastern Michigan University and her masters in library science at the University of Michigan. She has served for some time on the City Parks and Recreation Committee.

DeWitt native Diane Lotre graduated from DeWitt High School in 1984 and received a softball scholarship to Lansing Community College, where she is a business major. This is her fourth summer working with the parks and

## BUSY SUMMER AHEAD



Marla Arney, center, DeWitt Parks and Recreation Director, goes over summer schedule plans with Diane Lotre, left and Candy Laughlin, right. Candy will direct the Riverside Park summer programs with Diane as her assistant.

## DEWITT OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

June 28 - 30

Adult Division Entry Fee: \$3

Junior Division Entry Fee: \$2

Call for information by June 25 - City Hall, 669-2441

Adult Tennis Lessons - at McGuire Park Monday and Wednesday, 7 - 8:30 p.m. June 24 through July 19 - Fee \$15 plus can of balls.

Discount tickets for major theme parks, including Boblo Island and Cedar Point are now available on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at DeWitt City Hall.

## NEW PARKS DIRECTOR

Community involvement has been Marla Arney's middle name since moving to DeWitt in 1980, so taking over as the City of DeWitt's Parks and Recreation Director this spring seemed to come naturally.

An active member and past president of DeWitt Newcomers Club, Marla has worked on many local programs including DeWitt's annual ox roast. She was responsible for implementing adult volleyball leagues in the city and her enthusiasm for every project she tackles rubs off on others.

Marla is in the city hall recreation office each Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 to 4:30. She and her husband Mark, who manages the Michigan Apple Committee, have two daughters, Molly 13 and Mindy 5.

## SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

### Week Of June 24 - 28

#### Monday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Barnyard Bedlam

ART: Spray Hand Print, Please allow each child to bring a small photograph of him/her as an infant.

#### Monday Afternoon

SPORT ACTIVITY: Kickball

ART: Spinning Wheels

#### Tuesday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Walk to the DeWitt Library

ART: Positive/Negative stencils

#### Tuesday Afternoon

SPORT ACTIVITY: Softball

ART: Starch Painting

STORYTIME

#### Wednesday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: "Don't Get Popped"

ART: Jeff Church will demonstrate the Japanese art of origami.

#### Wednesday Afternoon

SPORT ACTIVITY: Frisbee Golf

ART: Crayon Marbling

STORYTIME

#### Thursday Morning

GROUP ACTIVITY: Barnyard Bedlam

DeWitt High School in 1984 and received a softball scholarship to Lansing Community College, where she is a business major. This is her fourth summer working with the parks and recreation programs. Diane's parents are Dick and Marge Lotre.

## *Kitty Horner*

Ray DeWitt, Lions past district governor, will preside at DeWitt Breakfast Lions installation of officers and induction of three new members Thursday morning, June 20, in DeWitt Memorial Building.

Dr. Tom Doyle, Optometrist, will be installed as president; Steve Garrett, first vice president; Hank Furman, second vice president; Bill Lonier, third vice president; Clay Parker, secretary; Bob Aprill, treasurer; Jack Willis, tail twister, and Dave Harfst, Lion tamer.

Lewis Charles and Herb Ritter will be installed as trustees for two year terms; Mel Rademacher and Wally Marriott, trustees for one year terms.

New members being inducted at this time are Dr. Duane Wisk, D.O., sponsored by Lion Steve Garrett; Lloyd Powell sponsored by Lion Wally Marriott; Jack Fraser sponsored by Lion Clay Parker.

Ford Ceasar, noted author, local historian and retired Lansing educator, will address DeWitt Evening Lions Tuesday, June 18, at their annual Ladies Night program. His topic will be "This Is Your Michigan Historically." The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Prairie Creek clubhouse.

## AMNESTY PERIOD

"All is forgiven!" That's the message from Faye Hanson Memorial Library this week, where Librarian Judy Gerred and staff have declared an amnesty period - for a limited time only.

Return all the overdue library books you have lying around the house. There will be no charges, no fines whatsoever, from now through Saturday, June 22.

Save face - and money. Take advantage of the freebie week at the library!

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## SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Small turnouts plagued local school elections last Monday. Thomas Kamppinen, DeWitt school board president, and Ronald Johnson were elected to fill two-four year terms.

Kamppinen received 159 votes, Johnson 130 and Gerald Gabrion, 102. No millage was involved in this election, but DeWitt school district voters will be asked to approve three additional mills at a

special August 5 election.

Bath voters approved one mill for maintenance and repairs by a 186 to 91 margin for a three year period. Dean N. Sweet Jr. was re-elected to a four-year school board term with 170 votes. His opponents, Denise Bos Ackerman and Karen Cook, received 51 and 50 votes respectively.

Laingsburg school board incumbents Art Baker and Stan Blackledge were re-elected with 65 and 61 votes.

## TOWNSHIP SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

DeWitt Township Parks and Recreation Committee's summer program got underway June 17. The 10 week Monday thru Friday program for youngsters runs each week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until August 23.

The program is free and the minimum age is six. Arts, crafts, sports, music, games, story hour, nature activities and croquet are on the summertime agenda. Space Day and the popular Snowball Day are planned.

Young people attending the summer program at Valley Farms behind Township offices do need a waiver signed by their parent or guardian.

DeWitt Township summer aerobics programs begins this week at the township hall. Candy Laughlin will teach a Tuesday and Thursday class from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. June 26 thru August 1st. Cost for the aerobics class is \$9.

## ART: Crayon Marbling STORYTIME

Thursday Morning  
GROUP ACTIVITY: Human Pinball  
ART: Chocolate Pudding Finger Painting  
Thursday Afternoon  
SPORT ACTIVITY: Kick the Can  
ART: Texture Collage  
STORYTIME

Friday Morning:  
GROUP ACTIVITY: Egg Toss  
ART: Vegetable and Fruit Prints  
Friday Afternoon  
OPEN SWIM: DeWitt High School  
COST: 50¢  
TIME: 1:30 - 3:30  
Parent permission required  
Life jackets required for non-swimmers

## SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM RULES

1. All Children must be six years of age by June 1, 1985
2. No children allowed in river
3. No children allowed to play on hill
4. Program will be canceled for the entire day if it is raining at 9:00 a.m.
5. In case of severe weather warnings, parents must pick up children immediately

## CHURCH PLANS FAREWELL TEA

Parishioners of Redeemer United Methodist Church will hold a farewell tea from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 23, in honor of their minister, David Johnston, his wife Ann, and their small daughters, Joy and Beth. The formal program will begin at 2 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Rev. Johnston will leave DeWitt to become pastor at Grace United Methodist Church, Lansing,

on June 30. He has served the DeWitt church for two years.

Redeemer's incoming pastor, Harry Johnson, and his family will move into the Old Hickory Lane parsonage on June 28 and greet the congregation at the June 30 service.

Remedy for baldness: Alum and green persimmon juice. It doesn't grow hair but it shrinks your head to fit the hair you have.





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### Kitty Korner

Dave and Fran Graves, Airport Road, spent the June 15 weekend touring the museums and various attractions in Chicago. Then they attended the June 17-21 National Plastics Exposition at McCormick Place sponsored by the Society of the Plastics Industry, where some 1,000 companies showed the latest plastics products on the market.

The Breakfast Lions gratefully acknowledge the local cooperation their fund-raisers have received including the recent White Cane Sale. They have just contributed \$300 to the DeWitt Community Christmas Project and have earmarked another \$800 for various local projects.

Happy second birthday to DeWitt Charter Township's nutrition luncheon program for senior citizens. In honor of the special event, the Bath Kitchen Band visited and provided extra musical entertainment.

The township tri-county luncheons are served at noon each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the township hall, 4700 Brook Road.

Drivers for Homebound Meals from DeWitt and Bath townships attended a brief training session recently at the township hall.

Program coordinator Jeannie Moon and Michaeline Raczkla of Clinton Memorial Hospital

### NEW HISTORY SLATE NAMED

Newly elected Clinton County Historical Society officers are: Charles Coletta, president; Randy Phelps, vice president; Janet Tiedt, treasurer; Dorothy Cressman, recording secretary; Janet Snyder, corresponding secretary; and John Caudy, director.

Catherine Reed was named chairperson of the genealogy division which operates an archives and research room in DeWitt Township Hall, open Mondays through Wednesdays.

Joan Bancroft is vice-chair of the genealogy division; Evangeline Caudy, treasurer; Maralyse Brooks, secretary; Janet Snyder, corresponding secretary.

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### ECOLOGY STUDENTS IMPROVE LANDSCAPE



Jim Jewett's seventh and eighth grade ecology students hope to leave a permanent reminder of their stay at DeWitt Middle School in the form of two full rows of Norway spruce trees lining the east side of the middle school driveway off Schavey Road.

One of the last days of school found them out with spades and mallets planting the 18-inch seedlings which they had received through Clinton County Extension Service's soil conservation program. A tall stake beside each tree alerts passersby to its location.

Greg Seagraves, Suzy Simon, Jenny Corr and Phil Seida, left to right, stake and water a tree before moving along with their bucket of seedlings.

Trees which were to have been planted in early April, just arrived in June prior to school closing. Ecology students, in addition to planting double row of trees, were placing the extra

### SEED PACKET INFO HELPFUL

Seed packets might make attractive row markers, but they can be much more valuable information sources.

Lee Taylor, Extension horticulture specialist at Michigan State University, says the small size of a seed packet means it can't always hold everything you might want to know about a certain crop or variety. But seed packets do offer a great deal of valuable infor-

Drivers for homebound meals from Detroit and Bath townships attended a brief training session recently at the township hall.

Program coordinator Jeannie Moon and Michaeline Raczk of Clinton Memorial Hospital gave some suggestions and handed out helpful manuals on how to handle problem situations - for instance, if no one answers the door or the driver finds an elderly person ill or unconscious.

Volunteer drivers who deliver the meals for the program include: Pat Woodard, Georgette Theroux, Ronnie McCallum, Vern Walker, Theresa Hefty, Marion Mann, Marilyn Thimmig, Terry Mauro, Bernice Grachek, Pat Price, Louise Cook, Gladys Stauffer, Donna Gartside, Mary Ann Stoneman, Karen Drake, Linda Hodges, Pauline Holland, Geri LaPaugh, Julia Wheat, Catherine Reed, Jeanne Cook, past chairperson Mary Newman and current chairperson Debbie Nelson.

## JUNIOR BEEF SHOW SET FOR IONIA

The Michigan Junior All Beef Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, at the Ionia County Fairgrounds. This is an all breed beef heifer and steer preview show. Beef heifers born September 1, 1983 through March 31, 1985 are eligible to show. Steers must weigh a minimum of 700 pounds. Heifers will be shown by breed and age and steer will be shown by weight. There will be a commercial heifer class for non-registered breeding heifers.

Showmanship classes will also be part of this show. The event is open to all Michigan youth from 9 through 21 years of age. Each youth may show a maximum of two breeding heifers and two steers.

This show is an excellent opportunity for youth to compare their beef projects to others from throughout the state and to practice exhibiting before the county fair in August.

The event is sponsored by the Michigan Junior Livestock Society, Michigan Beef Breed Associations and Michigan Beef Cattle Producers.

For additional information phone 517-353-2924.

"I'm really worried," said a little lad to his friend. "Dad slaves away at his job so I'll never want for anything, and so I can go to college. Mom spends every day washing, ironing, cleaning up after me, taking care of me when I'm sick. I'm worried."

"What have you got to worry about?"

"I'm afraid they might try to escape."

## GRADUATES RESPOND TO ANNUAL SURVEY

High School counselor William Rushcamp presented the 1984 DeWitt High School Graduate Follow-Up Survey to the June 10 board of education meeting.

The overall rate of return continues to be excellent with a 94% response. The survey shows 72.3% of last year's senior class attending post-secondary institutions with 53% in four year colleges.

Sixty-nine percent of the 1984 graduates are employed full-time or part-time and 7.8% are in the military, Rushcamp said. Unemployment remains a low 2.8%.

Graduates singled out the following top programs: English (Advanced Placement, in particular), Science, Mathematics, Business, Vocational sharedtime and Music. Special concerns that students mentioned were providing more basic grammar in preparation for college and fears that some teachers are more interested in their coaching activities than in teaching.

After hearing a Developmental Kindergarten Proposal, the board authorized testing on some 34 children on June 21. They will vote at the July 1 organizational meeting whether to start a developmental kindergarten.

seedlings.

Trees which were to have been planted in early April, just arrived in June prior to school closing. Ecology students, in addition to planting double row of trees, were placing the extra seedlings in a small nursery section close to the school, Jewett said. That will enable next year's students to replace trees which don't make it through the winter.

As he supervised the planting, Jewett explained that this ecology project has a threefold goal: 1) to provide a decorative landscape; 2) offer haven for birds and other wildlife; 3) keep vehicles from driving onto the grass which adjoins ball playing fields.

Jewett didn't mention it, but the planting program also gives his students a valuable hands-on lesson in ecology.

The first-grader asked his mother why his father brought home a briefcase of material each night. When the mother replied, "Daddy has so much to do that he can't finish it all at the office so he has to work at night," the boy asked, "Well, why don't they just put him in a slower group?"

Teachers selected some of the youngsters at kindergarten round-up and parents referred others whom they thought might not be ready for kindergarten. Since no DeWitt teachers have had the special training, the board can contract with Grand Ledge teachers trained in administering the Gesell Developmental Readiness Test.

Developmental kindergarten is a program for youngsters who will be 5 by Dec. 1, but may not be ready for kindergarten programs. State aid will cover the cost of the program, Superintendent Steve Garrett said.

Questioned by his son about how soon he'd be old enough to do just as he pleased, the father replied, "I don't know, son. Nobody has ever lived that long yet."

you might want to know about a certain crop or variety. But seed packets do offer a great deal of valuable information, such as:

--The identity of the seed: the kind of plant (Cabbage, corn or bean, for instance), plus the variety name, (Red Acre or Danish Ballhead). The variety name may be followed by one or more capital letters that indicate disease resistance, Taylor notes. The letters VFN after the name of a tomato variety, for instance, indicate resistance to Verticillium and Fusarium wilt and nematodes.

--The days to maturity: how long it takes, on the average, for a crop to produce after it's sown or transplanted to the garden.



## SUMMER PUPILS



Erin Piggott, left, lounges on a beanbag and keeps a critical eye on Paul Rich and Robert Clipp, as they work on a felt board.

The newly organized Learning Tree Preschool held its opening session earlier this month in DeWitt Conservatory. Conservatory Director Chris Farmer turned teacher's aide for the week to familiarize herself with the program which Diana Farmer is directing.

The second summer preschool session will take place the last week of August. Both morning and afternoon sessions will be offered for 2½ to 5 year olds beginning in September.

One male shopper to another: "My wallet is full of big bills - and I wish some of them were paid."



## Clinton County Sets 4-H Youth Fair Date

For nearly ten months now, members of the Clinton County Fair Board have been hard at work making plans for the 1985 Clinton County 4-H Youth Fair. This year's event will be held on the fairgrounds in St. Johns the week of August 5th.

A full four days of fun and a wide variety of activities are being planned for this event and the board members are confident that this will be one of the best fairs ever held in Clinton County.

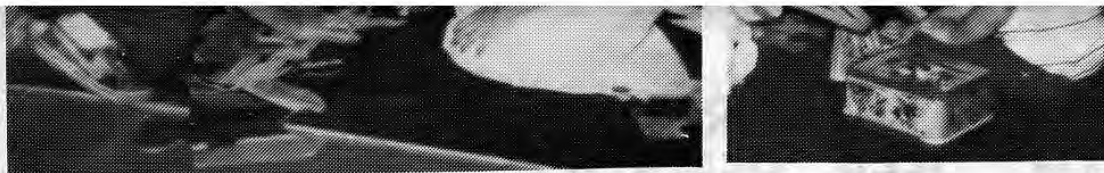
The focus of the annual county event is on the young people of the county and their many varied achievements. Board members work hard to make sure that nothing distracts from the focal point. This year over 1,000 youth are expected to exhibit and there may be nearly 5,000 different exhibits on display.

One of the highlights for many of the members with market animal projects is the annual livestock sale which brings many businesses and individuals from across the county out to support the market livestock program.

Again this year, interested persons in the community may apply for exhibit space in the Commercial Exhibit Tent. The proceeds generated from the rental of space in this tent are used to finance fair operations and to help finance improvements on the fairgrounds. Interested persons may get an application from the Extension Office or by contacting any of the Fair Board members.

## DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

The board adopted the following reductions to cut expenses: 1) Reducing kindergarten sections from 5 to 4, and kindergarten bus routes from 3 to 2; 2) Reduce one sixth grade staff; 3) Reduction in capital outlay \$13,430 for instruction, including computer plan instruction; 4) Drop contracted management of hot lunch program; 5) Discontinue the budget for a supervisor of activities; 6) Athletic



Paul Rich, left, and Jennifer Jury, right, put together a giant puzzle with the assistance of Chris Farmer, center. Handwork, engages Program Director Diana Farmer and David Zubihalo, far right.

## CAREFUL GARDENING CONTROLS INSECTS

If your home garden is bugged by bugs every year, then it's time you started thinking in advance about what you can do to control insects.

By getting rid of plant residue either in the fall or early spring, you'll get the jump on insects and disease control for the entire season. But don't think you've got the problem completely under control after that. Weeds should be removed as long as your plants are growing, all summer long. Not only will weeds compete with your garden plants for nutrients, sunlight and moisture, but they provide home and nourishment for insect and disease pests, as well.

Another way to reduce insect infestations is by diversifying your planting. Most insects feed on plants belonging to a certain family. So if you can interplant the favorite host plants with other types of plants you can minimize pest damage. By combining cultural controls, such as residue removal, with pesticide applications, home gardeners can achieve a simplified version of Integrated Pest Management. Getting the jump on insects will make your gardening experience this summer a much more enjoyable and productive venture.

Some guests at a White House party were visiting when on asked, "Have you heard the latest White House joke?"

"No," replied another. "But before you tell it, I want you to know that I work at the White House."

"That's all right," said the first. "I'll tell it very slowly."

## Along The Looking Glass

May graduates of Michigan Technological University, Houghton from the DeWitt Area included: Tim Carey, son of Dean and Jane Carey, W. Herbison Rd., who earned a bachelors degree in electrical engineering; Carol Huguelet, daughter of Dale and Ethel Huguelet, W. Pratt Rd., bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering; Todd Shellberg, son of Bill and Betty Shellberg, W. Chadwick Rd., bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering; Shannon Tenny, son of Stanley Tenny of Okemos and Nancy Fancher, DeWitt,

bachelor's degree in computer science and bachelor's degree in business administration.

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Laura Bauerle Weaver graduated from Clemson University, Clemson, SC, in May with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. She is the daughter of Russell and Connie Bauerle of Krepps Road.

Laura has accepted a position with Upjohn Company Chemicals Division in North Haven, CT. Her husband, Ortha Weaver Jr., has transferred to Olin Corporation Research Center, Cheshire, CT.

## City Parks/Recreation

### ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

- 1st The "A" Team
- 2nd Baby Makers
- 2nd Plumbers & Pipefitters
- 3rd Mighty Mites
- 3rd Tower Power
- 4th Mile Hi Club
- 5th No Preference

staff; 3) Reduction in capital outlay \$13,430 for instruction, including computer plan instruction; 4) Drop contracted management of hot lunch program; 5) Discontinue the budget for a supervisor of activities; 6) Athletic reductions - athletic supervisor, wrestling assistant; all fall cheerleaders, JV soccer, JV tennis, golf.

The list continues with 7) Drop 1/3 Resource Room teacher, currently assigned to Fuerstenau; 8) Drop district-funded professional development, inservice budget, field trips and reduce budget for mileage/conferences; 9) Reduce budget to purchase additional bus; 10) Drop 3 instructional aides; 11) Reduce 1/2 Middle School Arts & Crafts position; 12) 2nd athletic reductions - freshman girls basketball, all winter cheerleading, swimming, tennis; 13) Drop 3 additional instructional aides; 14) Reduce textbook/supplies 10%; 15) Reduce general maintenance and transportation equipment budget.

Total cuts authorized were estimated at \$162,796. Cuts previously approved on May 13 were the Auto Shop Program and participation in Eaton Intermediate vocational programs through LCC for an estimated \$45,165 reduction.

The board moved that, if the August additional millage passes, cuts made due to financial constraints and not due to program changes will be reinstated.

## EXTENSION CALENDAR

- June 24 Exchange Trip
- June 24 4-H Horse Council Mtg.
- June 25 Citizenship Shortcourse Field Trip
- June 26 4-H Fitting and Showing Workshop, Isabella County
- June 26-27 4-H Coldwater Lake Camp

Three men were driving to London in a noisy old car and had difficulty hearing each other. As the approached the city, one asked, "Is this Wembley?"

"No, it's Thursday."

"Me too. Let's stop and have a drink."