

## DATELINE: DeWitt

March 11, 1985

Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott



### WEEKLY WALKERS

#### Along the Looking Glass

Spring Round-Up date at DeWitt Co-operative Preschool, 768 E. Wieland Road, will be Thursday, March 28, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Information contact person is Linda Vernon 669-9227.

DeWitt Newcomers will be playing a "Family Feud" game following their 7 p.m. regular meeting Wednesday, March 13, in DeWitt Memorial Building.

Hope Lutheran Church's Women's Society will hold their monthly meeting tonight, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. Members will be turning in squares they have sewed for the group's quilting project.

DeWitt Chapter 30 Order of Eastern Star will meet Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.



Bad weather hasn't kept DeWitt Township walkers from getting in their regular mileage, reports Jeanne Cook, Parks and Recreation Director and Senior Citizen Coordinator.

About a dozen walkers sign in between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in the township gym, 4700 Brook Road. Fifty laps around the gym equal two miles of walking.

Pictured here on a lap of their two-mile stint are, left to right: Frank A. Pulman, Northcrest Road; Emma and Larry Thomas, Eastgate Road.

## STUDENTS EARN COLLEGE HONORS

Gary McGovney, son of Jim and Marge McGovney, Rambler Road, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Michigan with a 4.0 grade point average. An 1983 graduate of DeWitt High School, Gary is majoring in both electrical engineering and computer engineering.

DHS graduate Gloria Knapp, Class of '82, was named to the dean's list at Olivet College for the first semester.

Gloria, who attended Lansing Community College, is a junior majoring in business administration. She is the daughter of the William Knapps, formerly of Mora Circle.

Curt Stedron, an 1984 DHS graduate who attends Calvin College in Grand Rapids, has been appointed to the United States Military Academy, West Point. Nominated by Congressman Donald Albosta, Curt will begin four years of study and training at West Point on July 1.

Western Michigan University junior Patricia Mollitor is on the dean's list for the fall semester. The daughter of Dave and Jan Mollitor, Appletree Drive, Pat graduated from DeWitt High School in 1983.

Freshman students Renae Ebert and Renee West were also named to the WMU dean's list for achieving a 3.5 or better grade average. Parents of the two 1984 DHS graduates are Jim and Joanne Ebert, McKouen Drive and Richard and Deanna West, Driftwood Drive. Both students have been nominated to Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma, national honor societies.

## SPEAKER TO DISCUSS SCHOOL READINESS

Educator Leigh Beagle will be guest speaker at DeWitt Co-operative Preschool's parent meeting Wednesday, March 13 in DeWitt Memorial Building.

Business meeting begins at 7 p.m. and Beagle will speak at 7:45 p.m. on "Is He Ready? Can You Be Sure?"

Order of Eastern Star will meet Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

Lake Geneva Property Owners Association will meet Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.



DeWitt Lioness Club members will make Easter favors for patients' trays at Clinton Memorial Hospital, when they hold their regular 7:30 p.m. monthly meeting Thursday, March 14, at DeWitt Memorial Building.

Country Meadows-DeWitt Township Senior Citizens will meet Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse at Country Meadows. For information or transportation, contact Wilma Wilson, 669-3314, before 6 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

The song of canaries Never varies, But when they're moulting, they're pretty revolting.  
- Ogden Nash

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Pictured here on a lap of their two-mile stint are, left to right: Frank A. Pylman, Northcrest Road; Emma and Larry Thomas, Eastgate Road. Larry Thomas listens to his Walkman radio and wears his "Physically Phfft!" T-shirt as he circles the gym.

## DEWITT SWIM CLUB WIN 2 TROPHIES

DeWitt Swim Club just completed a very successful winter season by capturing the High Point Trophies in 8 & Under Girls and 15-18 Girls age groups during the Michigan Team Swim League championship meet in Alma on Sunday, March 3.

Since twenty-two teams sent their fastest swimmers to the meet at Alma high School, earning high point trophies was a special honor for DeWitt swimmers and their coaches, Todd Briggs and Linnie Decker.

Swimming on the 8 & Under team were 7 year-olds Kelly Cowan, and Katie Peacock of DeWitt; Lisa Mosley of Bath and Jill Nieman of Eagle. The 8-year-olds included Dana Baisley, Jenny Christensen, Caroline Leknius and Ann McCrackin of DeWitt.

Points were accumulated as follows: 3rd place, 100-yd. medley relay; 5th place, 100-yd. free style relay and 7th place, 100-yd medley relay.

Individual results: Baisley, fourth place, 25-yd backstroke; Christensen, seventh, 50-yd free style, 11th in both 25-yd free style and 25 yd butterfly; Nieman, third place, 25-yd free style and 50-yd free style, fourth in 25-yd butterfly.

Denice Erley, Aimee Decker, Sherry Garver and Missy Waier combined swimming skills to win a first place in the 200-yd medley relay for 15-18 Girls. Erley also place fourth in 100-yd free style and 100-yd butterfly and seventh in the 50-yd free style. Decker finished sixth in the 100-yd backstroke and seventh in 100-yd free style. Garver was third in 100-yd free style, fourth in 100-yd backstroke and fifth in 50-yd free style. Waier finished third in 100-yd butterfly and sixth in the 100-yd free style.

One couple couldn't afford a winter vacation this year. However, they did save enough to turn up the thermostat for a weekend.

- Changing Times.

Other team members who participated were: 8 & Under Boys - Chad Foster, Woody Lerner, both of DeWitt, and Jason Rogers of Bath.

In competition for age 9 & 10 Girls, Jenny Brown was fifth in the 50-yd breast stroke, seventh in 100-yd individual medley and tenth in 50-yd butterfly. Mari Fullmer was eighth in 100-yd individual medley; Annette Johnson, eighth in 100-yd free style and eighth in 200-yd free style; Nicki Mongeau, ninth in 50-yd free style, 10th in 100-yd free style and 12th in 200 free style.

Boys 9 & 10: Patrick Laughlin of DeWitt; Brandon Nieman of Eagle finished second in 100-yd free style, second in 50-yd butterfly and thrid in 50-yd breast stroke.

Girls 11 & 12: Lisa DeFoe; Stacy Kemler, 10th in 50-yd breast stroke, 11th in 50-yd free style and 12th in 100-yd individual medley.

Boys 11 & 12: Matt Diaz of Bath, sixth in 50-yd free style, sixth in 200-yd freestyle and 10th in 50-yd butterfly.

Boys 13 & 14: Tom Barnard, third in 100-yd breast stroke, fifth in 200-yd individual medley and 10th in 100-yd butterfly.

Coach Briggs was pleased with the swimming performance of his team and is excited about the potential for summer competition.

The DeWitt Swim Club is open to all area swimmers through high school age. For more information on the summer program, contact Donna Diaz, 641-4366.

at DeWitt Cooperative Preschool's parent meeting Wednesday, March 13 in DeWitt Memorial Building.

Business meeting begins at 7 p.m. and Beagle will speak at 7:45 p.m. on "Is He Ready? Can You Be Sure?"

The speaker's topic refers to kindergarten readiness and the meeting is open to the public.

An MSU graduate and former Mason elementary school principal, Beagle is now an elementary teacher in Webberville School District. He has been addressing co-op preschools for 17 years and directs a workshop at the spring conference of the Michigan Council of Cooperative Nurseries.



## PTO MEETS

DeWitt Parent Teacher Organization will meet next Monday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Scott School cafeteria.

Members of the millage committees will be present to discuss the upcoming millage election. Chris Gauthier, second grade instructor will be this month's guest speaker.

A bakery owner put up this sign, "The pastries in this window are nonfattening." His explanation: "As long as they're in the window, they're non-fattening."



## BOOSTERS ELECT SLATE

Dick Smeage will serve as president of DeWitt Booster Club for the 1985-86 year. Elected to serve with him at the March 4 meeting were: Audrey Fabus, vice president; Pat Dalton, secretary; Karen Drake, treasurer, and June Russell, member at large.

There was both good news and bad news regarding the March 2 Las Vegas Night which Booster sponsored, according to immediate past president Cerena Foresman. "We did not make a monetary profit on Las Vegas Night, to benefit student swimmers and the senior class," she said. "We took a loss and hit the red ink."

"Our real gain," Foresman continued, "was in learning that there are a lot of local people interested in working a Las Vegas Night."

Some 100 localites offered their assistance with the project, the past president said, so that "it was successful in bringing DeWitt parents, teachers, coaches, administrators, citizens and swimmers together."

"I was overwhelmed by their response, their interest," she remarked. "I had no idea we would hear from so many people."

"It is unfortunate," Foresman concluded,

## TOP OF THE MORNIN'

✱ ✱ ✱ ST. PATRICK'S DAY-MARCH 17th ✱ ✱

### GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME



Left to right, Donna Meyers, Girl Scout Troop 29 cookie chairman; Kathy Ruble, DeWitt area cookie chairman, and Paulette Meyers, cookie chairman and co-leader for Troop 37, begin the herculean task of distributing their annual allotment of Girl Scout cookies.



## Kitty Korner

You can now pick up tickets for the fourth annual DeWitt Follies, titled "What Color is Music?" at the Country Gourmet in DeWitt. Follies dates are Friday and Saturday, March 22-23 and tickets are \$3.

Bad weather has played havoc with practice schedules and slowed down ticket sales to date, according to director Ruth Ueberroth. Tickets will also be on available at the follies dress rehearsal set for 7 - 9 p.m. Thursday, March 21, in the high school auditorium.

Director Ueberroth and assistant director Connie Toune have a suggestion for parents and family members who would like to take close-up pictures of the performers. The dress rehearsal would be an ideal time for picture-taking; in fact, they encourage parents to get their photos at that time.

Several of the elementary classes will be performing in the follies. First graders will be doing an "April Showers" song and dance routine - Louise Pepple's class on Friday evening and Charlene Schaar's on Saturday.

Jim Holmes' fourth grade class will do their square dances Friday evening and Marcia Ray's second graders will do a video performance to "Ghostbusters" on Saturday.

Lynne Edin's Girl Scouts will be offering a "Ball and the Jack" dance routine, and Puffer's Poultry are working on a novelty number. In addition, there'll be singles, duets, a Fifties number, jazz dancers, tiny ballerinas pirouetting around and many other variety performers.

Jim Ryan will emcee the follies and Terry Gartside will provide organ interlude music. Other DeWitt Booster Club members on the working committee include Cerena Foresman, publicity; Vi Pennington, programs; Sandy Rich and Peg Hasslebach, tickets.

Tickets will be sold at the door if seats are still available. Contact ticket chairman Sandy Rich, 669-8083, for information.

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interest," she remarked. "I had no idea we would hear from so many people."

"It is unfortunate," Foresman concluded, "that after all the efforts of so many volunteers, we did not achieve our goal. We have room for improvement - it's back to the drawing board time."

## SATURN SITE HERE?

DeWitt area garnered a share of the headlines recently concerning General Motors Corp.'s search for a site to build its new multi-billion dollar Saturn auto plant.

A 1,000 acre parcel, located between State and Clark roads north and south and Airport and Lowell roads east and west in Watertown Township, has been suggested to General Motors by a Lansing realtor who has options on some of the property.

Clinton County board of commissioners supported a resolution agreeing to any necessary rezoning, solid waste disposal, employee retraining and utilities.

Michigan was the first state to provide in its Constitution for the establishment of public libraries.



DeWitt Girl Scout troop 37 co-leaders and their daughters pack cartons of cookies into a station wagon to begin deliveries to other scouts. Left to right are Paulette Meyers; Jenny Johnson, 9; Janet Meyers, 10; and Kay Johnson. Troop members will be selling cookies at Frandor Sears next Saturday.

## LOCAL TROOPS HAVE 7 COOKIE VARIETIES

Across the land this month means, not only March winds and hopes of spring, but those ever luscious Girl Scout cookies.

The seven troops in DeWitt are now in the process of delivering nearly 800 cases - or some 9,600 boxes - of Girl Scout cookies.

When the delivery truck rolled up Manchester Drive last Tuesday, two husky men proceeded to fill up Kathy Ruble's garage with cartons of cookies. That evening, cars, trucks, vans arrived so that each troop could pick up its share of cookies -- small cars had to make several trips.

Paulette Meyers and members of Troop 37 will be selling some of their Girl Scout cookies at Sears store in Frandor from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Saturday, March 16. Most of the troops have ordered extra cookies, so if you have not been contacted, you may still obtain cookies from your neighborhood Girl Scout - or stop by their booth at Sears Saturday.

Seven cookie varieties with catchy new names are offered at \$1.75 per box. Assorted Julietes included both lemon shortbreads and pecan pralines; chocolate striped samoas are tinged with coconut; chocolate chunks resemble chocolate chips; thin mints are an ever popular favorite; do-si-dos are peanut butter sandwiches, trefoils, old fashioned shortbreads, and tagalongs, peanut butter patties.

Every generation laughs at old fashions, but follows religiously the new. - Thoreau

## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

DeWitt City Council's March 4 meeting was considerably shorter than their February 26 four-hour marathon.

The public hearing on the special assessment roll for the DeWitt Road/Bridge Street project will be held in Fuerstenau School gym Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m.

Council approved a tractor bid for the cemetery mower from Morton Ford, Lansing, for \$3,422, and approved a recommendation to contract for some residential and commercial building inspection.

At the previous council session, members had waived bid proceedings in order to purchase a Winco portable generator for the fire department. Price was \$1,120 from Alert Firefighting Equipment Co., Lansing.

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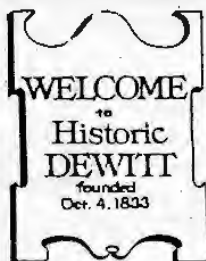
Lloyd and Doris Powell are back home on DeWitt Road after sampling three weeks of temperatures in the high 70s and 80s in Alamo, TX. They were guests in the winter residence of Edwin and Doris Leedy, who come back to Haslett in the summer time. Lloyd and Ed were co-workers for 37 years at Melling Forge in Lansing. The two couples picnicked on the Gulf of Mexico and made several trips to Mexico.

This is circle meeting week for Redeemer United Methodist Church. Priscilla Circle gathers at Edna Gemmill's home at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, and Harmony Circle meets the same evening at 7:30 p.m. with Dana Green. Faith Circle members, formerly Circle 4, will also meet at 7:30 p.m. in Jan Mulford's Turner Road home. Ruth Circle meets the following day, March 14, for a potluck dinner at noon with Dorothy Thomas, Myers Road.



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### YOUNG SWIMMER IS HIGH ACHIEVER

Jenny Brown, a fourth grader at Fuerstenau School, is one of many outstanding members of the DeWitt Swim Club. She began her swimming career with the Club at the age of five. At that time she could barely swim a length of the pool but still wanted to be part of the team. By swimming regularly and practicing hard Jenny improved quickly. Recently, she easily swam 200 lengths (within a two-hour period) during a team fund-raiser.

Jenny swims all competitive strokes (freestyle, backstroke, butterfly and breaststroke) but her favorite is the breaststroke. In 1984, she won 1st place in the 25 yard breaststroke in the 8 & Under classification at the Michigan Team Swim League Championship meet at Alma.

This Year Jenny qualified to swim in the 10 & Under classification in the United States Swimming Girls Championship meet March 8-10 in Livonia. With 402 swimmers competing from across the state, Jenny finished 13th in 100 yard breast stroke with a time of 1:31.75, which was 1 second faster than her best time. She was 15th in the 50 yard breast stroke with a time of :42.26.

One of the nicest surprises Jenny has had as a swimmer was last summer when she received her first issue of Swimmers World Magazine (an international publication). She opened it to look for the results of the League Meet in March of 1984 and found a picture of herself and several teammates heading up the midwestern section, along with the results which featured her name in three events.

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### TOWNSHIP MINUTES

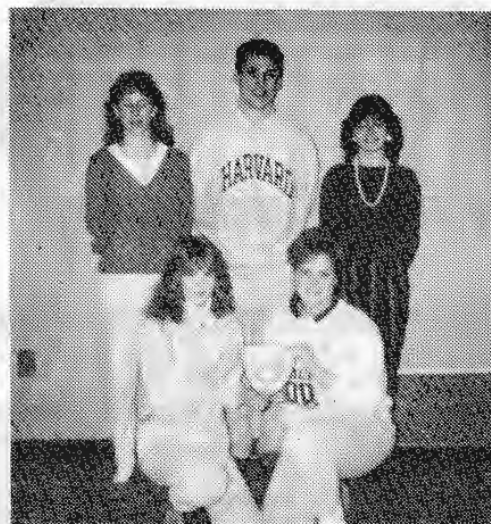
DeWitt Charter Township trustees filled two new police positions, as well as a vacancy on the Parks Commission, and decided to purchase grass seed for Gunnisonville Cemetery at their March 11 meeting.

Esther Rolando will become a township patrol officer on March 25 and Lawrence Dumney will take up patrolman duties on April 1. Mary White was named to take over the Parks Commission vacancy in May, which was created Dan Hirshey's resignation.

Grass seed was ordered for the additional acreage purchased last year at the cemetery.



### TROPHY WINNERS



DeWitt Swim Club members and their coach show off the first place trophy they won in the 200-yard medley relay for Girls 15-18 at Michigan Team Swim League meet in Alma.

Back row, left to right: Airtee Decker, Coach Todd Briggs, Denice Erley; Front row, left to right: Sherry Garver and Missy Waier.



High point trophy winners in the Girls 8 & Under were: back row, left to right: Caroline Leknuis, Ann McCrackin, Jenny Christensen, Bill Almon; Front row, left to right: Dana

### Along the Looking Glass

DeWitt Recreation Association announces that late registration for tee ball, softball, and baseball will be held Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at DeWitt Memorial Building.

General meeting will be held March 27. The program is open to the public. For information, contact Pat Woodbury, 669-8131, or Del Sanborn, 669-5249.

DeWitt High School stage band and choir will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, in the auditorium. The program is open to the public.

St. Jude Ushers Club elected Chuck DeYoung president and Bill Pearson, treasurer, at last month's meeting. Since only two officers change on alternate terms, carryover officers are Stan Fedewa, vice president and Tom Simon, secretary.

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## SCHOOL BOARD

DeWitt Board of Education approved an elementary and middle school summer school program, which will focus on reading, English and mathematics, at the March 11 meeting. One teacher and an aide will staff the elementary program and two will staff the middle school offering.

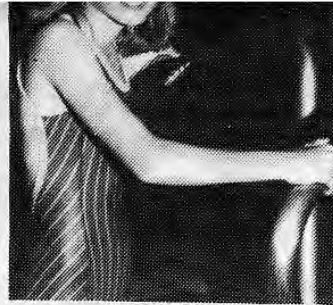
The board adopted a unanimous resolution, recognizing Thomas Sawyer on his selection as 1985 Teacher of the Year by the National Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities.

Accepting the Curriculum Council's recommendation, the board adopted the Scott Foresman English program for language arts and spelling. Estimated cost is \$7,040. Second year probation was approved for staff members Sheryl Ezze, high school math; Michelle Willson, Barbara Hanes and Marla Miller, elementary school.

Carol Christy was named varsity girls' basketball coach and Sam Dalman, JV baseball coach.

Work on the middle school gym repair should begin by April 15 and roof work will resume as soon as weather permits. A new copier/collator for the administration office and a rebuilt copier for the high school were approved at a total cost of \$7,033. Replacement will reduce the per copy cost from 1.9 cents to 1.2 cents, for an annual savings of \$700. The middle school will receive the present administration office copier.

Grandpa, who was in his 80's wandered down the street to chat with a neighbor one afternoon. And when he returned late for dinner he explained "I got to talking with Mr. Brown and he just couldn't seem to stop listening."



Jenny Brown

## FOLLIES SET FOR WEEKEND

"What Color Is Music?" - the fourth annual DeWitt Follies presentation - will go on stage this coming Friday and Saturday, March 22-23, at 7:30 p.m. in DeWitt High School auditorium.

Tickets can be purchased (\$3.00) at the Country Gourmet in downtown DeWitt. Ticket and program chairperson Sandy Rich will also have tickets available during Monday and Tuesday rehearsals and Thursday's dress rehearsal from 7-9 p.m.

June Russell will be stage director for Friday night's performance and Bonnie Brya will be stage director Saturday evening. Program corrections are: Louise Peppel's second grade class will perform Friday and Marcia Rey's second graders will do their "Ghostbusters" routine Saturday.

## AG NAME CHANGE REFLECTS DIVERSITY

Farmers' Week and Natural Resource Days at Michigan State University, March 18-23, has been renamed Agriculture and Natural Resource Week.

The change, says Tom Thorburn, ANR Week coordinator, better reflects the increasing diversity of the educational programs being offered during what has become one of MSU's major winter outreaches to state residents.

"This move is in keeping with the evolution of the 70-year-old event, which began as a series of institutes that trained farm leaders in seminars held in 67 counties," Thorburn says.



"ANR Week will allow us to continue to provide the kind of educational programs that will most benefit the state's agriculture and natural resource base," Thorburn says.

This program expansion is not coming at the expense of the more traditional agricultural programs.

"Like those who participated in the seminars held in counties during the 1800s, farmers can still learn about new livestock and crop production practices," Thorburn says. "That's the policy of ANR Week -- it maintains its roots while reaching new audiences in the best of the land-grant tradition."

an available meeting place, the recently formed Country Meadows/ DeWitt Township Senior Citizens are going to disband. Despite the valiant effort on the part of a dozen or so seniors, a local building or meeting room suitable to their needs could not be found in the area.

Formation of a local chamber of commerce will again be the topic when DeWitt Business Association members hold their regular monthly meeting at noon in the Memorial Building Thursday, March 21.

President Dave Harfst will introduce the Drug Awareness Program which Lions will be presenting locally, when DeWitt Breakfast Lions meet Thursday, March 21, at 7:30 a.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building.

The program, Harfst says, will be targeted at students of middle school age. DeWitt Lions will be working on it with parents and the community.

One example of university graffiti: Q. Where will you spend eternity? A. The way things look now, in German 301.



## DeWitt Charter Township Spring Classes

**APPLE & CHEESE BASKET** \$13.00

Monday, April 29, 6 - 10 p.m. 1 week

Instructor: Sharon McElroy

A tightly woven bottom basket with a solid ash handle. Finished size 6"x7"x7" high.

**FLOWER BASKET** \$9.00

Monday, April 22, 6 - 9 p.m. 1 week

Instructor: Sharon McElroy

Little flower girl's basket with a hand woven handle. Finished size 4"x5"x3"

**IVY BASKET** \$9.00

Monday, April 15, 6 - 9 p.m. 1 week

Instructor: Sharon McElroy

Resembles a matchstick basket that can be used on a wall to hold dried flowers or kitchen spoons. Finished size 4"x4"x5"

**CALLIGRAPHY** \$12.00

Monday, April 15, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 5 wks.

Instructor: Dee Robertson

A course in hand lettering, basic alphabet and variations. Materials fee \$3.00

**STENCILLING** \$6.00

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 2 wks.

Instructor: Dee Robertson

Learn to design and cut decorative stencils for use on paper or cloth. Sharp stencil or exacto knife required. Materials fee \$2.50

**ACID ETCHING** \$4.00

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 1 week

Instructor: Dee Robertson

Monogramming and/or designing on glass. Two plain drinking glasses and craft knife required. Materials fee \$2.00

**QUICK QUILTING** \$8.00

Thursday, April 11, 7 - 9 p.m. 3 weeks

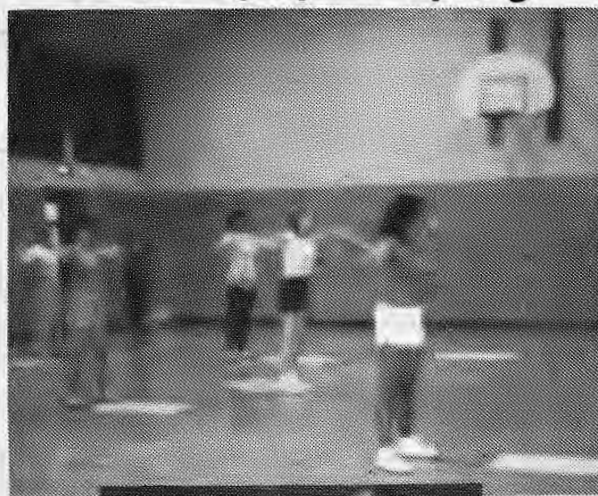
Instructor: Maria Lopez Thompson

Quick quilting is piecing and quilting done in one operation. Using machine techniques make a beautiful tote, place-mats, purse accessories. Techniques will be demonstrated in class but machine work will be done at home. Bring paper, pencil, 4 to the inch graph paper, and ruler to the class.

**AEROBICS - SESSION 1** \$12.00

Tues. and Thurs. 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

## Limbering Up For Spring



## Kitty Korner

A cry for help comes from DeWitt Historic Arts and Crafts Council, who are having trouble getting interest and support from the community.

During its brief existence the group has sponsored the annual Ox Roast Art Fair, Christmas and spring arts and crafts fairs, two art gallery exhibits at DeWitt Shopping Center, presented a children's Christmas play, given several grants to students to further their interest in the arts, provided arts/crafts demonstrations in the schools and brought to the schools such cultural programs as the Interlochen theater group and Happendence performers.

DHACC's purpose is to sponsor cultural, educational and charitable activities, as well as to encourage participation in and appreciation of the arts. Now, they are in dire need of both leaders and support, according to current president Sally White, since the nucleus of members is a bit discouraged.

March meeting will be held Thursday, the 21st, in the library conference room in the Memorial Building at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Individual DHACC memberships are \$10, family memberships \$15, senior citizens and students, \$7. For council information, contact Debbie Dowling, 669-3756.

DeWitt Lioness Club members will usher in Spring by sponsoring a tour of Bob and Elaine LaFave's home next Sunday, March 24, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Elaine, well known for her decorating flair, will have their lovely old farmhouse dressed in its Easter and Springtime best. The DeWitt Township home is located at 15540 Wood Road. Tour donation is \$1.00 per person.

Tour proceeds will benefit the Lioness' many community projects. For information, contact Ginny Martlew, 669-9897, or June Swan, 669-3660.

Senior citizen coordinator Pat DeYoung would like folks to know that it's get together

be demonstrated in class but machine work will be done at home. Bring paper, pencil, 4 to the inch graph paper, and ruler to the class.

**AEROBICS - SESSION 1** \$12.00  
Tues. and Thurs. 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

April 9 8 weeks.

**AEROBICS - SESSION 2** \$12.00  
Tues. and Thurs. 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

April 9 8 weeks.

**AEROBICS - SESSION 3\*** 8 weeks  
Wed., April 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$6.50

Instructor: Candy Laughlin

Dance exercise program designed to strengthen the cardiovascular system. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. Signed waiver required.

\*Class designed for 5th to 8th graders

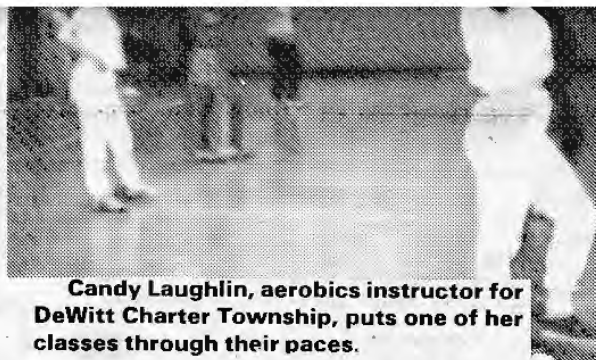
**WALKING FOR EXERCISE** Free  
Mon., Wed, Fri. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Ongoing  
Walking in the gym - 25 laps around equals  
one mile. Waiver required.

**ADULT BASKETBALL** Activity Card .50  
Friday, April 19, 7-10 p.m. 8 weeks  
Co-ed basketball for persons 18 years and  
older. Bring your own basketball. Waiver  
required. Volunteer attendants needed.

**ADULT VOLLEYBALL** Activity Card .50  
Wednesday, April 17 8 weeks  
Recreational: 6:45 - 8:15 p.m.  
Competitive: 8:30-10:00 p.m.  
Waiver required. Volunteer attendants  
needed.

Registration times are: Thursday, March  
21, 5-8 p.m., and Friday, March 22, 1-5  
p.m.. To register by mail, include your  
name, address, zip, day and work phone,  
name of class, and times. Make check  
payable to DeWitt Charter Township, 4700  
Brook Road, Lansing, MI 48906. No  
registration will be taken over the phone. If  
these times are not convenient, please call  
482-1291, ext. 31.

A teacher was handed the following note by  
one of her students: "Dear Teacher. Please  
excuse Harriet for missing school yesterday.  
We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch,  
and when we found it on Monday, we thought it  
was Sunday." - National Enquirer.



Candy Laughlin, aerobics instructor for  
DeWitt Charter Township, puts one of her  
classes through their paces.

## DEWITT EVENTS

DeWitt Cooperative Preschool Inc. will  
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from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the school, 768 E.  
Wieland Road. Linda Vernon, 669-9227 will  
answer preschool inquiries.

DeWitt Parent Teacher Organization meets  
at 7:30 p.m. this evening, March 18, in Scott  
School cafeteria. The millage election will be  
discussed. PTO is open to all parents and  
teachers of Scott and Fuerstenau schools.

EASTER

*Lilies*

Members of the DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club  
are now taking orders for Easter lilies. Price for  
each lily plant is \$7.00.

To reserve your Easter lilies, contact any  
Breakfast Club member. For orders or  
information, committee members include  
Lewis Charles, 669-5052; Bill Lonier, 669-9621;  
Wally Marriott, 669-3385; or Keith Bonney,  
374-1695.

The teacher was in her second-period class  
when a student, the next-to-youngest in a family  
of eight children, arrived with a note.

It read: "Please excuse my son's tardiness.  
I forgot to wake him up and I did not find him  
until I started making the beds."

Tour proceeds will benefit the Lioness'  
many community projects. For information,  
contact Ginny Martlew, 669-9897, or June  
Swan, 669-3660.

Senior citizen coordinator Pat DeYoung  
would like folks to know that it's get together  
time and everyone is invited to the Tuesday  
nutrition luncheons held every week at St. Jude  
Church, Bridge Street.

Rev. Clarence Rodd, who entertains before  
the noon luncheons on piano, saw and  
harmonica, recently outdid himself by playing  
a duet. He first recorded his piano number at  
home, then accompanied himself on the saw, as  
he played the taped piano selection of old-time  
favorites.

For information, contact Pat at 669-9189.

The monthly senior citizen potluck  
luncheon will be held at St. Jude on Thursday,  
March 21 following 11 o'clock mass. Seniors  
bring a dish to pass, then play cards or bingo  
following luncheon.

Meridian Language Arts Center is spon-  
soring a program on Dyslexia Learning Disability  
Wednesday, March 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. in  
DeWitt Township hall, 4700 Brook Road.

Dyslexia, which can afflict children or  
adults, is a learning problem which prevents  
intelligent people from learning to read. The  
center is sponsoring forums on dyslexia  
throughout the Lansing area.

Wednesday evening's forum is free and  
open to the public. Questions may be referred  
to Meridian Language Arts Center, 349-6521.

DeWitt Township Spring Arts and Crafts  
Sale is approaching. Dates/times are Friday,  
March 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday,  
March 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tables are available for arts and crafts  
vendors for a \$10 fee. Two dollars of the fee will  
be refunded if the area is left clean at checkout  
time, 4 p.m. on March 30. Reservations may be  
made by calling Jean Cook, 484-1291, Ext. 31.

What did one leftover say to the other?  
Foiled again.

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## DHS Students Of The Month

Each month DHS faculty recognizes a student or students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, effort, attitude, responsibility and character. The following four students were named for February:

**TERESA BRUBACHER**  
Grade 9

Physical education teacher Debbie Boyd selected Teresa Brubacher for the DeWitt High School honor because she accomplished every possible objective in P.E. Class, is a positive person and "a joy to have around."

**ETHAN YABS**  
Grade 10

Ethan was nominated by science teacher Wayne Shooks, describing him as an alert student, who comprehends the tasks exceptionally well and is able to handle challenging projects.

**RICH CURTISS**  
Grade 11

U.S. History teacher

## DATELINE: DeWitt

March 25, 1985

Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott

## GET IN THE SWIM!

Twenty "Learn-to-swim-better" sessions will be given at the DeWitt High School Pool for 5 to 14 year olds. One hour per night -- Monday thru Friday -- \$20.

### SESSION I

April 8 to May 3  
Ages 5 thru 8 ONLY

### SESSION II

May 6 to June 7  
Ages 9 thru 14  
8 & under advanced swimmers by referral

### REGISTRATION:

March 25, 6:30-8 pm  
DeWitt H. S. Pool

### 2 REGISTRATION:

March 28, 6:30-8 pm  
DeWitt H. S. Pool  
On a space available basis

For more information, please call: Chris Peacock, 669-8262; Mary Ann Larner, 669-3262; Donna Diaz, 641-4366.

## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

DeWitt City Council voted to transfer \$20,000 to the DeWitt Building Authority account at Monday's March 18 council meeting. DBA requires funding in their account for upfront expenses, such as architect's fees, in order to proceed with proposed building plans for city hall renovation.

Members agreed to hold a special council meeting immediately following the March 21 public hearing on the assessment roll for the DeWitt Road/Bridge Street project. They also authorized Clerk Treasurer Margie Lotre to deposit \$100,000 with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation before March

## WARNING



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
PROGRAM IN FORCE**

## LAD SWIMS IN MEETS

DeWitt Swim Club member Brandon Nieman, 9, was among top Michigan swimmers in his age group competing for state honors this past weekend at the United States Swimming of Michigan Boys' State Championship meet held at Schoolcraft Community College, Livonia.



**Brandon Nieman**

An outstanding swimmer and the son of Carl and Pat Nieman of Eagle, Brandon qualified to swim in 11 events at the state meet.

## Police Offer Security Plan

A safe neighborhood is everyone's concern and DeWitt police have been expanding the Neighborhood Watch program in the city. Police Chief Wendell Myers hopes they will have the entire city covered by the program within the next few months.

Police are now working with the downtown DeWitt area. A meeting will be held Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in David Scott School cafeteria to furnish information to citizens about the Neighborhood Watch operation.

Persons interested in having a Neighborhood Watch on their street are welcome to attend. Questions or suggestions may be called in to police department secretary Marjean Pelkey, 669-2821.

## Along the Looking Glass

DeWitt Downtown Development Authority will meet Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the city hall. Peg Guilford was named chairperson and Tom Terranova, vice chair, at DDA's last meeting.

DeWitt Council 7237, Knights of Columbus, will be selling tootsie rolls for charity in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive Friday through Sunday, March 29-31.

DeWitt Cooperative Preschool, Inc. will hold its annual Spring Round-up for children, ages 2½ to 5, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at the school, 768 E. Wieland Rd.

Linda Vernon, 669-9227, will answer preschool inquiries.

DeWitt Friends of the Library will meet Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in the conference room of Faye Hanson Memorial Library.

History is the unfolding of miscalculation.

## GROUPS SUPPORT MILLAGE ELECTION

challenging projects.

#### **RICH CURTISS**

Grade 11

U.S. History teacher Barry Kloenhamer chose Rich for always making a contribution to class, asking probing questions which stimulate class discussion, and cited him as one of "those students who make teaching fun."

#### **KIM CROCKETT**

Grade 12

Business teacher Peggy Williams nominated Kim for Student of the Month since she always puts forth maximum effort and possesses a fantastic attitude toward her studies. Mrs. Williams call Kim an "ideal student from a teacher's point of view."

### **MICROWAVE AT DHS**

Do you sometimes get frustrated with your microwave because it seems so limited to you? Microwave ovens become an extremely expensive investment when all you can do is defrost and warm up foods.

On April 2 the Cooperative Extension Service will be holding a microwave cooking class to explore new

public hearing on the assessment roll for the DeWitt Road/Bridge Street project. They also authorized Clerk Treasurer Margie Lotre to deposit \$100,000 with the State of Michigan Department of Transportation before March 22, as required. Construction on the long-awaited road project is to begin April 15, weather permitting.

Harte Construction will be asked to return and check alleged damage done to property of several East Webb Road residents, who reported to council that driveways had sunk following the recent sewer construction. Mayor Lynn Thayer noted that the roadway itself, disturbed by the sewer work is in unsatisfactory condition and needs some repair.

Council voted to accept the lowest of seven bids submitted for fire department truck tires, from Bruin General Tire, Lansing, for \$1,682.42. They accepted the S&W Equipment, St. Johns, bid for \$11,390 for a new Massey Ferguson heavy duty tractor for the Department of Public Works, on the recommendation of DPW Director Carrol Ward.

ways to use microwave ovens.

The class will be held from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at DeWitt High School. In the class you will have the opportunity to see an entire meal cooked in the microwave. Roast pork, homemade bread and banana cream pie are just a few of the dishes you will see demonstrated.

The cost for this program is only \$3.00. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register contact the Cooperative

Extension Service at 224-3288 or 669-3663, ext. 229 by March 29.

A tongue-in-cheek wallet card reads: "I AM A PESSIMIST. IN CASE OF ACCIDENT, I'M NOT SURPRISED."

swimmer and the son of Carl and Pat Nieman of Eagle, Brandon qualified to swim in 11 events at the state meet. However, since USS-M rules limit a swimmer to three events per day, he had to select six categories in which to compete during the two-day meet. He chose the 50 yard and 200 yard freestyle, 50 yard and 100 yard breast stroke, 50 yard and 200 yard individual medley.

Brandon, who joined DeWitt Swim Club at age 6, placed this past year in competition at the Windsor Aquatic Club International Swim Festival in Windsor, Ont., and the Pepsi Marlan Invitational in Cincinnati, OH. In January 1985, he took first place in every event he swam at the Midland Invitational Meet.

Cat: a pygmy lion who love mice, hates dogs and patronizes human beings.



## **GROUPS SUPPORT MILLAGE ELECTION**

The Citizens for School Millage Committee has embarked on a series of informal coffees and meetings in the school district, in an effort to get out a strong "Yes" vote for the two DeWitt millage proposals. Election day will be Monday, April 22, at Fuerstenau Elementary School. The last day for voter registration is today, March 25.

Proposal I on the ballot will be a millage renewal proposition. It combines renewal of the 12.5 mills that expired in December 1984 and renewal of the 11.5 mills which will expire in December 1985. The total renewal millage of 24 mills would be effective through 1990.

Proposal II, an additional millage proposition, requests three additional mills for three years. This would increase the voted millage for operation from 24 to 27 mills.

The millage committee, composed of DeWitt citizens and Board of Education members, has studied present and future needs of the school district. Their conclusion was that the renewal is necessary plus the three additional mills, in order to enable the school district to provide a continuing quality educational program.

Purpose of the millage is to maintain current operational levels, provide a quality instructional program in DeWitt Public Schools, provide up to date equipment and maintain necessary facilities for effective instruction and services.

Failure of the millage to pass would mean that reductions must be made in some of these areas: instructional staff, support staff, athletic programs, transportation, equipment, textbooks and supplies.

Organizations lending support to the millage are: Citizens for School Millage - James Ryan, Jr., chairman; DeWitt Board of Education - Tom Kamppinen, president; DeWitt Parent-Teacher Organization - Denise Baird, president; DeWitt Education Association/MEA - Leila Whiting, president; DeWitt Support Personnel Association/MESPA - Don Dew, president.

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## SCOTT SCHOOL PUPILS JOIN PANTHER CLUB

Boy and girls at the David Scott School not only have been busy with the academic rigors of elementary school, but have been flexing their muscles in efforts to attain the distinction of being "Panther Club" members.

The students (Grade 1-3) must attain certain standards set by their physical education instructor, Robert Elliott, in order to join this special honorary club. The physical fitness activities include push-ups, sit-ups and horizontal bar hang.

## *Kitty Korner*

DeWitt Knights of Columbus and Masons are co-sponsoring an estate planning seminar Thursday, March 28, in DeWitt Memorial Building at 8:15 p.m. The program is under the auspices of Clinton Health Foundation's Planned Giving Committee from Clinton Memorial Hospital.

Panel members, who serve on the foundation's committee, include Daniel C. Matson, attorney and chairman; Willard J. Reed, insurance agent; Steve Sipkovsky, certified public accountant; Rollin R. Huard, trust officer; Suzi Lebrato, real estate broker; John Wieber, attorney and Rod Arnst, investment consultant.

The program will cover probate investments, tax advice, tax consequences and matters of concern to people in their estate planning.

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To reserve your Easter lilies, contact any Breakfast Club member. For orders or information, committee members include Lewis Charles, 669-5052; Bill Lonier, 669-9621; Wally Marriott, 669-3385; or Keith Bonney, 374-1695.

## PHYSICAL FITNESS BUFFS



**FIRST GRADE** - Front Row, left to right: Tanya Newberg, Nicole Belknap, Erica Romblom, Carey Wey, Tina Tinney, Sandy Fraser, Katie Peacock. Second Row, left to right: Art Hasbrook, Jeff Kwiek, Casey Laughlin, Mike Maloney, Mike Reed, Tim Newberg, Jeremy Simpson, Angie Stafford. Third Row, left to right: D.J. Mc Clure, Brian Ziel, Hasani Clark, Jason Kreider, Joe Braska, Tim King, Joey Gantz, A.J. Kerestzes. Not pictured: James Nutt.



## FOUR EARN MEET WINS

Four swimmers from DeWitt Swim Club had outstanding success at the March 15 - 17 Junior Olympics Swim Meet held at Oakland Community College in Farmington. Some 900 swimmers from 60 Michigan swim clubs competed, with medals being presented to the first six finishers in each event. Some events had as many as 75 swimmers.

Tom Barnard, a DeWitt Middle School student, took a first place medal in the 100 yard breaststroke with a "AA" time of 1:11.02. He also achieved an "A" time in the 200 yard individual medley.

Jenny Brown, a Fuerstenau fourth grader, captured a 2nd place medal in the 50 yard freestyle with an "A" time, a 3rd place medal in the 200 yard freestyle with a "AA" time, a 4th place medal in the 100 yard butterfly with a "AA" time.

Mari Fullmer, a 10-year old DeWitt student, achieved a "A" time in the 50 yard butterfly and bettered her time in four other events.

Matt Diaz, a fifth grader at Bath Elementary School, finished third in the 100 yard butterfly with an "A" time, also achieving "A"

Breakfast Club member. For orders or information, committee members include Lewis Charles, 669-5052; Bill Lonier, 669-9621; Wally Marriott, 669-3385; or Keith Bonney, 374-1695.

Excerpt from a letter from Nancy Manning, who with husband Ed is doing mission work in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa:

"One afternoon each week I teach in a sewing class designed to help Liberian women sew for their children. At the end of each session, a Liberian Christian woman talks to these women about how to raise Christian families. They learn about Christian family life. I learn about Liberian family life. These sessions are very useful to me in learning how to deal with Liberian home problems."

## 4-H TO COMPETE IN RABBIT SHOW

4-H members can join youths from across the state to compete in the State 4-H Youth Rabbit and Cavy Show, March 30 at the Michigan State University football stadium.

An auction will be held at 12:30 p.m., with proceeds going to support college scholarships for rabbit project members. Rabbit equipment and supplies will be available for purchase the day of the show.

Judging begins at 9:00 a.m. The event is free and open to the public.



DeWitt Charter Township will hold its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Sale Friday and Saturday, March 29-30.



**SECOND GRADE** - Front Row, Left to right: Rhonda Pline, Kelly Klein, Kelly Cowan, Amye Davis, Chrissy Fraser, Karie Barish, Kammy Hunt, Jeff Platte, Woody Larnier. Second Row, left to right: Aaron Rambow, Shambus McClure, Chris Kovachic, Tim Morris, Mike Ferguson, Matt Klein, Jay Leitz, Mike Ashley, Tommy Fabus, Erik Badgley. Third row, left to right: Joey Hodges, Chris Spangler, Steven Goldberg, Todd Hargett, John Mauro, Todd Baulch, Jason Mathers, Brad Weston, Craig Chedester, Kendall Crockett.



**THIRD GRADE** - Front Row, left to right: Barbara Ruble, Angie Burch, Tori Terrell, Heather Shannon, Robin Wardell, Kristina Rucinski. Second Row, left to right: Mike Ryan, Chad Jones, Mike Boyce, Tony Jenkins, A.J. McCoy, Greg Thurston. Third Row, left to right: Matt Johnson, Chris Gurk, Troy Kelsey, Kay Wheeler, Autumn Boehmer, Brian Tipton, Jeff Cullen, Tim O'Shaughnessy.



You know you've reached middle age when your weightlifting merely consists of standing up.

Matt Diaz, a fifth grader at Bath Elementary School, finished third in the 100 yard butterfly with an "A" time, also achieving "A" times in 50 yard butterfly and 50 yard backstroke.

In USS-M sanctioned meets, swimmers compete in age group as well as by ability levels. Beginning swimmers start competing at the "C" level and advance to the "B" level when they achieve minimum time standards. When "A" and "AA" times are met, the swimmers are competing against the fastest swimmers throughout the state.

## POLICE BACK TO 5 DAYS

Beginning April 1, police in DeWitt Township will return to five-day weekly eight-hour shifts instead of four-day weeks and 10 hour shifts they have been on for the last 17 months.

Both shifts have advantages, according to Police Chief Carroll Lee and Thomas Woodruff, township services coordinator. Officials estimate that the 17-month experiment may have cost the township about \$4,000 over budget in police overtime.