

WELCOME
to
Historic
DEWITT
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Oct. 4, 1833

DATELINE: DeWitt

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MONUMENTAL TRIBUTE: The DeWitt Memorial Association will mark its 40th anniversary by erecting a monument to commemorate men and women from this area who were killed during wartime service to their country.

A highlight of the 40th annual Ox Roast next August will be the afternoon ceremony dedicating a commemorative plaque set in a huge rock, which will be placed at the base of the flagpole in front of the Memorial Building on W. Washington St.

Project leader and association president Paul Kleeman is asking that residents turn in the names of service personnel who were killed in action while serving in the various military branches.

Names of the following DeWitt casualties from the two World Wars, Korea and Vietnam are already on the list to be inscribed on the plaque: Elmer Witt, Olin Tufford, Charles Magsig, Lawrence Ward, William Shipley, Richard Pike, James Peltier, John Ruiz, Michael Wilcox, Francis Richmond, Lewis Phillips, Russell Ribby, Earl Benson, Don Ingalls and Vincent Lerg.

If you have the name of a serviceman or woman, which should be on the monument, call the Association number, 669-9602.

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Joan Kurkowski, Airport Rd.; Carol Peterson, Herbison Rd.; and Bernice O'Shaughnessey, Sage Lane.

PRESCHOOL ROUND-UP: In preparation for its coming move back to DeWitt proper, DeWitt Cooperative Preschool will hold a pre-registration and information meeting Thursday, March 6, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the preschool's current location, 768 Wieland Rd.

Parents are invited to visit the school and meet teacher Stephanie Knapp, but not necessarily to register at this time. Openings are available, however, for three, four and five-year-olds for the 1986-87 school year. Call Pat Molitor, 669-5654, for information.

A parent meeting will be held Wednesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the DeWitt Memorial Building. Teacher Stephanie Knapp will talk about kindergarten readiness on that evening.

NERDSVILLE: DeWitt Newcomers and Friends will put on their best (or worst?) bibs and tuckers Saturday, March 8, when they convene at DeWitt Memorial Building at 8 p.m. for their spring party.

Invitations say: "It is a Nerd Party, so dress accordingly." A DJ will provide music for dancing.

RETIREMENT? Robert Pington of DuCharme Dr. officially retired February 14 after 29 years with the Michigan State Police, but it was a short-lived retirement.

Bob, who had been a detective-lieutenant

DHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

ANNA VERNEHOLT Grade 12

Anna was nominated by her English teacher, Lyn Kressler. Anna continues to maintain high grades in an honor section of English. For

an exchange student this is a remarkable achievement.

She is attentive, asks excellent questions and seems truly interested in absorbing American culture. Anna has taken an active part in the Musical and on the Volleyball team. She is a welcome addition to DeWitt High School.

Anna is receiving from the school staff and students, as well as contributing so much of herself to the high school community.

Kim Kraft Graduates With Honors

Kimberly Kraft, daughter of James and Karen Kraft, Longspur Dr., walked away with top honors in the February graduating class at Southeastern Academy, Kissimmee, FL.



KIM KRAFT

CATHY MCKINNON Grade 11

High School history teacher Londa Horton nominated Cathy for this honor. Cathy is an enthusiastic, avid learner who excels in her American history studies.

Not only does Cathy exhibit a fascination for history, but her zealousness extends into her cheerleading as well as Junior Class endeavors. She demonstrates a super attitude at all times, as her smiling face will attest.

When given a task, Cathy will follow through without further instruction, much to her teacher's delight.

DAVID DALTON Grade 10

Science teacher Dr. Wayne Shooks entered David's nomination. Dr. Shooks describes David as "responsible, hard working student with a great attitude". David is actively involved in classroom learning and contributes to the school with his participation in extracurricular activities.

Dr. Shooks goes on to say that "it is a pleasure to teach when you are given students of his caliber with whom to work".

Volunteer board members serve zealously on the DeWitt Memorial Association, which has an interesting history. In October 1945, every DeWitt and DeWitt Township organization was invited to send two delegates to a meeting to discuss the possibility of a community building. The William Rogersons who had donated property on West Washington for a library, were agreeable to construction of a community building so long as plans included a library.

After agreeing to raise money toward this goal, the organization formed a non-profit group, the Memorial Association, to erect and maintain the building dedicated to the veterans of all wars.

The first ox roast was held in 1946 and it has since become an annual event to provide funds for the Memorial Building's operation and maintenance. DeWitt Memorial Building was opened for partial use for the 1947 ox roast and then dedicated at the 1948 roast.

The building now houses a modern library, meeting rooms on two levels plus a complete set of kitchen facilities for use by the public. Non-profit organizations have rent-free use of the Memorial Building in exchange for their group working on the ox roast.

Hence, the 1986 monument to service personnel is very much in keeping with the building and association traditions. Early ox roast organizers and past presidents of DeWitt Memorial Association will be invited to take part in the unveiling ceremony.

LENTE HOSTS: Eleven homes are hosting Renew small group meetings for the six weeks of Lent, as St. Jude members enter their fourth semester in the renewal program.

Max and Nancy MacGuinness, who are chairing the overall small group committee, have a weekly evening meeting at their Idylcrest home. Other hosts for small groups include Paul and Carol Platte, Herbison Rd., Tom and Lois Withers, Primrose Lane; Randy and Kathy Schafer, Larkwood Dr.; Gerald and Margaret Gabrion, W. Geneva Dr.; Les and Lindy Wilberding, S. Geneva Dr.; Gary and Bonnie Brya, Clark Rd.; Lee and Gladys Stauffer, Schavey Rd.

Opening their homes to afternoon groups are

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Bob, who had been a detective-lieutenant operating from East Lansing state police headquarters, began work February 16 as a legal investigator for the Michigan State Accident Fund.

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EASTER LILIES: Members of the DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club are already taking orders for Easter lilies to be delivered in time for Easter again this year. Price for each lily plant is \$7.00.

To reserve your Easter lilies, contact any Breakfast Club member. Or call Easter Lily fund-raising chairman Ken Schelb, 669-3406, or assistant chairman, Wally Marriott, 669-3385.



CHECK EXPIRATION DATE ON FLA CONTRACTS

Check the expiration date on your Farm Land Act 116 (P.A. I16) contract. If you put your land into P.A. 116 when this option first was available (1976) and signed up for the minimum number of years, your contract will expire this year!

To renew your P.A. 116 contract before it expires, send a letter to: Office of Land Use, Department of Natural Resources, Mason Building -- 7th Floor, Lansing, MI 48926.

This will just take a minute and you don't even have to leave the house, but be certain to do this before the contract expires. If you have questions on this procedure, please call the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Office, 224-3288 or 669-3663 Ext. 229.

On being shown a six-month-old infant belonging to a friend, psychologist William James looked at it, admired it for a moment, and then said, "It seems a very competent baby."

pleasure to teach when you are given students of his caliber with whom to work".

KIM KRAFT

Achieving a grade point average of 98.7 in the class of 250 students, Kim earned both the honor medallion awarded to the top student and a certificate of excellence for attaining a grade point above 96%. She also received the certificate of honor for winning the graduates' interview contest before a panel of judges.

James Kraft flew to Florida for his sister's February 7 graduation and then drove home with her. After graduating from Bishop Borgess High School, Redford, in 1982, Kim had worked for her parents' Servicemaster operation and McNalley's Amoco/Dawn Donuts in DeWitt.

Southeastern Academy is a travel training school owned and operated by the D.L. Peoples Group. The goal of its program is to teach the skills and professionalism required for employment in airline, travel and tourism industries. Since the academy is situated near Walt Disney World and Orlando, FL., students benefit from proximity to and contact with a dynamic vacation and resort industry.

GINA PHILLIP

Grade 9

Gina was nominated by her physical education teacher, Debbie Boyd. Gina maintains a very high grade in physical education by scoring an excellent in areas of fitness, skill, participation and knowledge of fitness concepts.

She is a willing participant in all activities and works to support and encourage classmates. Ms. Boyd personally enjoys her cheerful and positive enthusiasm and looks forward to having her in class each day.

Office worker, holding phone, to colleague: "I eat an instant breakfast, come to work on rapid transit, and then spend the whole day on hold."



NOT HERE, KIDS! I DON'T NEED THAT COMPETITION!

Sledding Hill Vetoed For Padgett Park

A sledding hill for township residents is apparently not in DeWitt Township's immediate future, trustees decided at Monday's meeting, as they declined a \$9,000 grant from the State Department of Natural Resources which would have covered only a portion of the project's cost.

Voting 4-3 against accepting the state grant, applied for in 1984 to develop 80-acre Padgett Park east of Herbison Road, were Supervisor Frank Mann, Treasurer Catherine Reed and trustees Bruce Angell and Michael Verlinde.

Citing the park's remote location and the township's projected loss in state revenue sharing, trustees voiced fears that the area would be difficult to police and the planned winter sports area too expensive.

Three existing nature trails are the only embellishments currently shown in the 80-acre park on the master plan for which the township has already paid \$2,300.

Trustees Angell, Verlinde, Doug Hammond and Charles Rademacher also voted against township participation in the Clinton County CAN-DO organization (Clinton Area New Development Organization). Estimated cost would have been \$2,240 to join CAN-DO and a percentage of taxes from each business it persuaded to locate in the township.

In other action, trustees agreed to rezone a land parcel at the southwest corner of US-27 and Clark Road from agricultural to business commercial.

COUNTY SEEKS HIGHWAY HELP

Clinton County commissioners passed a resolution at their Tuesday board meeting, asking the Michigan Department of Transportation to include the rerouting of U.S. 27 around St. Johns on its priority list.

Youth May Raise Pheasants

Clinton County 4-H and FFA members have the opportunity again this year to get involved in a DNR project and raise pheasants. The wildlife division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will once again make day-old pheasant chicks and

NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITION



DeWitt Evening Lions Club and DeWitt Lioness Club have provided money for DeWitt Memorial Library to purchase a special book series for students.

Admiring the Time-Life volumes, which recently arrived at the library, are left to right: Fran Graves, Lioness past president; Librarian Judy Gerred, and Bob Fawcett, president of DeWitt Evening Lions.

The Library of Nations series consists of beautiful, contemporary reference books, which will be of great assistance to DeWitt Middle School students, in particular, with their social studies projects and reports, Gerred explains.

The colorful volumes would interest everybody though, with their wealth of up-to-date information and current illustrations on nations around the world. The books can be checked out of the library.

COUNCIL TO FEATURE MARCH RELIGIOUS ART

Clinton County Arts Council has a full

Annual Drawing Pairs Towns

DeWitt and Laingsburg municipal officials

Along The Looking Glass

A retreat for middle school students will be held next weekend at St. Jude's church. Young people will bring sleeping bags and casual clothes for the retreat, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, and concludes at 9 p.m. Saturday, March 8.

Lansing Area Catholic Council on Aging is sponsoring a Day of Recollection Thursday, March 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Casimir Church. Lunch will be served.

Make reservations by March 10 with Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127.

DeWitt Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold their meeting Tuesday noon, March 4, at Foo Ying Restaurant.

DeWitt School Boosters Club will meet Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

DeWitt Public Schools Foundation holds its monthly meeting Monday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Griswold Administration Building on Wilson St.

DeWitt students at

portion to include the rerouting of U.S. 27 around St. Johns on its priority list.

Commissioners fear, according to chairman Roger Overway, that the state's current priority list includes only the bypass around St. John, and not an at-grade highway from I-69 in the southern part of the county to Kinley Road, two miles north of St. John.

The bypass alone, which would extend from Parks Road to Kinley Road, would cause congestion south of St. Johns, notably in the DeWitt area where some 30,000 cars use U.S. 27 daily, Overway stressed.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES



CAKE DECORATING- EASTER/SPRING
Orientated - March 12 & 19 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
-\$9.00 plus supplies. Dee Robertson - Instructor.
Call City Hall to preregister by March 7. 669-2441 (need 4 tips - 2 flower, 1 leaf, 1 border)

ACID ETCHING - March 5 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Learn to etch designs or monograms on both curved and flat glass. Bring a sharp craft knife and two plain drinking glasses. \$2.00 materials fee. \$4.00 class fee. Instructor Dee Robertson.

AEROBICS - TEEN & PRETEEN - To begin after Easter Vacation on April 7. 8 week class -\$16.00 fee. Preregister by March 25. Times and class nites to be announced. Call City Hall -669-2441.

KARATE - The ever popular class will begin another 8 week session on March 20. \$12.00 for 8 week instruction. Call City Hall to register -669-2441.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS - Maps for trails behind middle school are now available at City Hall.

SWIMMING - Ongoing Lap Swimming for Adults only. Monday/Wednesday nites 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at DeWitt High School Pool. \$1.00

division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will once again make day-old pheasant chicks and ten pounds of feed available to 4-H and FFA members who qualify.

All youth who are interested in participating in this project will need to contact the Extension Office for an application form. The completed form must be returned, have both county and state approval.

Applications must be submitted no later than April 4. Persons who are interested in applying or want additional information should contact the Extension Office.

COUNCIL TO FEATURE MARCH RELIGIOUS ART

Clinton County Arts Council has a full schedule of activities planned during March. For information on any of the programs, call the Gallery, 224-2429, during open hours or Kaye Pilmore, 593-2265.

During the month of March religious art will be featured in conjunction with the Easter Season. A reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, March 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. All artists in the Clinton County area are invited to participate in this exhibit.

OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASSES for beginning students taught by Grace Wood of Johns, will start on Tuesday, March 4 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and run for five weeks, with one make-up week. Cost is \$20 with pre-registration required of \$4 (cost of first class) at the Gallery.

BOBBIN LACE MAKING CLASSES, taught by Dee Morris, will run for four weeks, starting Thursday, March 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. The \$25 fee includes all materials and the class is limited to 10 students. Held at the CCAC Gallery.

The Clinton County Arts Council also has several video tapes by Bill Davis, demonstrating lace making and related art forms. Davis participated in the recent exhibit and demonstration of textile and fibre arts at the Gallery & Gift Shop. The video tapes are available for use by schools and civic groups in the area.

LOCKER HOOKING WORKSHOP will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. instructed by Clara Maebean of Mason. Cost is \$22 which includes all materials for a complete sampler. The workshop is limited to 15 students and will be held at the Gallery in St. Johns.

The Clinton County Arts Council is striving to provide area residents with access to all forms of the ARTS. If you would like to have classes, workshops or demonstrations in any area of the ARTS, please contact us, and we will make every effort to provide them.

Spinning classes will be taught by Mary Rappuhn of St. Johns if enough people express interest in this process.

Annual Drawing Pairs Towns

DeWitt and Laingsburg municipal officials will both travel south for Mayor's Exchange during Michigan Week this year.

DeWitt representatives will head for Dundee in Monroe County, while Laingsburg delegates go to Reading in Hillsdale County.

The Mayors Exchange drawing which annually pairs Michigan cities and villages for Michigan Week, took place last Wednesday, at the Lansing Civic Center. Mayors and village presidents were in Lansing for the state legislative conference of the Michigan Municipal League.

Grand Haven Mayor Marjorie A. Boon, Michigan Municipal League President; Lansing Mayor Terry McKane; Ernest C. Browne, Jr., President, Greater Michigan Foundation and Hans Schuler, Marshall, 1986 Michigan Week Chairman, drew the names of cities and villages.

Approximately 250 municipal officials will exchange places in the annual Mayors Exchange on Monday, May 19, Government Day of Michigan Week.

ing Monday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Griswold Administration Building on Wilson St.

DeWitt students attending Rodney B. Wilson Middle School in St. Johns won first and second place honors in the Americanism Essay Contest recently sponsored by Edwin T. Stiles Post 153 American Legion Auxiliary.

Amy Bowles received first place cash award and certificate. Her essay, "Be a Proud American," now proceeds on to district level competition.

Jolynn Nelson received a cash prize and certificate as second place winner.

DeWitt City P & R Volleyball Standings

Week of February 21

Team	Record
Ball Movements	20-1
The "A" Team	17-4
Plumbers & Pipefitters 1	15-6
Riverwood Rage	15-6
S. Balls	13-8
Notre Dame	11-10
B. Makers	11-10
Spartans	10-11
Tower Power	10-11
Gold Standard	10-11
B. Busters	10-11
Bullets	10-11
T.G.I.F.'S	9-12
Flying Dutchmen	8-13
Ziel's Zappers	7-14
Intercepts	7-14
B. Strokers	4-17
Plumbers & Pipefitters 2	2-19

A professor of statistics, about to retire, bought himself a tiny island - then named it "Percent Isle".

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TOWNSHIP AWARDS: Clinton Wright of Eskes Ave. and Lois Fohl of Greenway Dr. were the surprised recipients of DeWitt Charter Township's Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards preceding Wednesday's nutrition luncheon at the township hall.

Township Supervisor Frank Mann, clerk Greg Whitlock, treasurer Catherine Reed and trustee Bruce Angell officially presented the certificates of appreciation.

Wright was selected as Citizen of the Year for "giving so much happiness" to others during his 33 years of acting as Santa Claus at various functions.

Fohl received the Volunteer of the Year award for the many hours she has devoted to genealogical work for the county and township.

Wright began his Santa Claus chores when his daughter was in kindergarten at Sheridan Road School and he responded to the PTA board's plea for a Santa. During the intervening years he has "Santa-ed" his way through 33 Christmas seasons appearing at the Eagle's Lodge, Gunnisonville United Methodist Church, the VFW post on US 27, Girl and Boy Scout meetings and house parties.

At first, Wright borrowed a Santa suit from Knapp's department store, then purchased his own outfit. He has been Santa at Sears, Lansing Mall and recently at Keller's Shopping Mall in Williamston.

"The kids I started out with now have kids of



GOLD STAR FOR PTA: "Today must be my lucky day. I've been winning at everything," one little boy excitedly told PTA president Denise Baird, as he made the rounds of games at the March 1 carnival.

"That was the kind of day it was," Denise remarked, while she expressed wonderment at the carnival's overwhelming success.

Children of all ages, accompanied by parents and grandparents, thronged the halls of Scott School for the PTA's first carnival, the Disneyland Review. Parents and teachers worked side by side, selling tickets, running the games in classrooms and operating the cafeteria snack bar, during the 4-hour event.

Fifteen hundred people is probably a low estimate of the carnival attendance, since 1,450 went through the cake walk alone. More than 100 cakes and 900 cookies were donated and over 400 hot dogs were sold.

DeWitt Elementary PTA raised at least \$1,500, Baird said, thanks to the cooperation of many hardworking parents and teachers.

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TOOTSIE ROLL ODE: Retarded citizens will benefit again this year, as Council 7237, DeWitt Knights of Columbus, join fellow members around the state in the annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

DeWitt K of C members will be selling the familiar tootsie rolls in downtown DeWitt, as well as at DeWitt Shop-Rite and Eberhard stores. Larry Foy is this year's local chairman. Drive dates will be Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22.

Eighty percent of the money collected stays local, assisting retarded citizens in this area, according to Council Grand Knight John Fritsch.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

Citing safety reasons, city council again rejected preliminary plat plans for Jason Estates subdivision, which Wayne Baum of Schavey Road proposed to locate at the north end of Sandhill Drive.

The City Planning Commission had recommended denying the plat request last October when it first came before the council. Police and fire officials had pointed out the circuitous route (via Schavey Road to Waxwing Drive and then to Sandhill Drive), which emergency vehicles would have to take in order to reach the proposed cul de sac.

Council approved the city's application for state and federal assistance from the Critical Bridge Fund to help with the extra cost incurred when the DeWitt Bridge Street bridge was shown to be damaged following new construction.

The city of DeWitt will join CAN-DO (Clinton Area New Development Organization, which is replacing the county's Economic Development Corp. formed a decade ago), following minor changes in the contractual agreement with CAN-DO. Aim of the new organization, according to Clinton County board chairman Roger Overway, will be to entice new business and industrial growth into the county.

Austin Knapp, DeWitt Building Authority chairman, told council that he will bring three recommendations to the next meeting regarding plans for the proposed city hall expansion. DBA's hopes were dashed in recent months when bids for the construction came in far above architectural estimates.

Mayor Lynn Thayer appointed realtor Gary Newcombe to the Downtown Development Authority, replacing Dr. Duane Wisk, who had submitted his resignation.

In other action, council approved a Physicians Health Plan Agreement for city employees providing a termination clause is inserted, and okayed renewal of a cabaret license for the DeWitt Bar.

**Class Will Decide -
Homemade or Mix?**

He has been Santa at Sears, Lansing Mall and recently at Keller's Shopping Mall in Williamston.

"The kids I started out with now have kids of their own," he explains laughingly why he continues to answer Santa requests.

Wright keeps talking of giving up his Santa role, but he says, "I can't stand to see grown people cry, so I keep on doing it."

Four years ago, he retired from his job as a data coding machine operator with the state Department of Social Services. His wife Lorraine, who sometimes wore her Mrs. Claus outfit for the children's parties, retired from Michigan State University's housing department just last Tuesday. The couple have three daughters, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

With both Wrights retired, Florida seems to beckon for the winter months of 1986-87. But Wright will pack his Santa suit even if they head south, "because people there will want Santa too."

Lois Fohl is sharing the volunteer award with her husband Earl, who helps a great deal with the library work. She indexes and the alphabetizes Clinton County genealogical materials that have never been indexed and Earl types the information onto cards for her.

"He typed 55 hours in December and January," she recalls, "and 56 in February."

The couple moved back to Lansing only about 1½ years ago, settling in DeWitt Township. They retired in 1965 - she from Michigan State Library, where she had worked in history and genealogy - and he as a statistician from the State Highway Department - moving to a 22 acre farm in southern Pennsylvania.

Their return to this area has brought them closer to their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. J.R. Hoesman, and two grandchildren. It has also been a boon to Green Thumb Librarian Wilma Soule, whose work Lois oversees, and to all those who use the genealogical resources of DeWitt Charter Township.

Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine out of ten people couldn't start a conversation.

March 22.

Eighty percent of the money collected stays local, assisting retarded citizens in this area, according to Council Grand Knight John Fritsch. Groups which benefit include the Clinton County Intermediate School District, Clinton County 4-H Horesback Riding for the Handicapped program and the Special Olympics.

"This annual drive is an excellent opportunity for Michigan citizens to join with one another in assisting our neighbors and friends stricken with mental retardation," Gov. Blanchard says in an executive declaration observing March 21 - 26 as "Knights of Columbus Helping Persons with Mental Retardation Days."

"Each year," the declaration continues, "the Michigan State Council of the Knight of Columbus works intensely to solicit contributions from Michigan citizens to support programs and efforts which assist our state's 258,000 citizens who are mentally retarded."

The state council sponsors the Citizens Advocacy Service of the Michigan Association for Retarded Citizens. Knights provide ongoing support for schools, workshops and other local programs for the mentally retarded.

More than 10,000 solicitors across the state participated in the K of C's 1985 weekend drive, grossing more than \$1 million.

Plan to buy a Tootsie Roll this Palm Sunday weekend.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM: DeWitt will once again be fielding a soccer team in the Lansing Area Women's Soccer League. Women 18 years or older are eligible to play.

If you are interested, contact Lynn Baisley, 669-5031 or Sharon Rice, 669-5409.



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Class Will Decide - Homemade or Mix?

It is so much easier to just pick up a box-mix then to make baked good from scratch. Are these convenience mixes really that much more expensive than homemade? What about nutrition and taste? Should I be concerned about all those additives in convenience foods?

These are all questions that need to be answered before you can make wise choices in the grocery store. Beginning March 12 from 1:30-3:00 the Cooperative Extension Service will be presenting a three week series on tips for wise food shopping. All of the classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons at Smith Hall in St. Johns. The series will include many tips on how to get the most nutrition for your food dollar. Several nutritious low-cost recipes will be demonstrated at the classes.

The registration fee for all three weeks is just \$2.00. Pre-registration is required. To register contact the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service at 224-3288 by March 10.

Religious Art Is March Feature

The Clinton County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop will feature an exhibit of Religious Art during the month of March in conjunction with the Easter season. A demonstration of Ukrainian Egg Decorating highlighted the Sunday reception for artists featured in the exhibit.

The Clinton County Arts Council will sponsor a stained-glass workshop on Saturday, April 19 from 9 to 5 p.m., for beginning students. Cost is \$35 including all mater-

ials for a completed mobile. A minimum of 5 students is required.

Please pre-register at the Gallery by paying \$10, balance due the day of the class. The workshop will be conducted by personnel from Delphi Stores in Lansing, and held at the C.C.A.C. Gallery & Gift Shop. Stained-glass items will be a featured medium at the Gallery during the month of April.

Conventions are something a lot of people leave behind when they attend one.

PTA CARNIVAL OUTSTANDING SUCCESS



Gaily decorated classrooms were crowded with parents and children taking part in or waiting for the various carnival games. Preschool and elementary school youngsters stood patiently on the squares awaiting music to begin for this round of the Cookie Walk.



NEGOTIATIONS ARE STALLED

The DeWitt Public Schools' Board of Education is still seeking agreement on the terms of a new contract with the district's bus drivers, clerical, custodial, aides, and cafeteria employees. The group is represented by the Michigan Educational Support Personnel (MESPA).

In late January, a factfinder, appointed by the State of Michigan at the request of the union, issued a written report recommending settlement of the disputed issues at a projected new dollar cost to the district of 7.7% for the 1985-86 fiscal year. The factfinder's recommendation included a 4.5% salary increase each year of a three year contract. The recommendation of the factfinder was accepted by the Board of Education.

Negotiations broke off in late February following the Union's rejection of the factfinder's recommendations and issuance of a new proposal projected to cost the Board of Education 13.27% in the first year of a proposed three year settlement. No further bar-

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

The DeWitt Elementary PTA will meet Monday, March 17, at 7:00 pm in the Scott Elementary School cafeteria.

Susan Klein, a representative of the Lansing area YMCA, will explain the Y's scholarship program for summer camp. Plans for a teacher appreciation week will also be discussed.

Marine Cpl. William D. LeVeck has been awarded a Meritorious Mast while serving on Okinawa with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at the Marine Corps Air Station.

The son of Clarence and Patricia LeVeck, Sr., N. DeWitt Rd., LeVeck graduated from St. Johns High School in June 1982 and joined the Marine Corps the following November.

A Meritorious Mast is an official recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance. It is issued in the form of a bulletin published throughout the command, and a copy is entered in the Marine's permanent service records.

Optimist: happy.

Grandparents Against Child Abuse will hold their monthly meeting Sunday, March 16, in Redeemer United Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

The Women's Society of Hope Lutheran Church will hold a silent auction during their regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 10. Members will bring craft items, baked goods or an attic treasure, for which bids will be placed with the highest bid getting the item.

St. Jude parishioners will hold their annual Paschal Dinner on Palm Sunday, March 23, at 5 p.m. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, March 17.

Lake Geneva Property Owners Association will hold their regular meeting Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Carol Peterson from Color Me Beautiful will give a demonstration program Thursday, March 13, for members of DeWitt Lioness Club. The group meets in the DeWitt Memorial Building at 7:30 p.m.



Kindergarten teacher Michelle Montgomery, alias Minnie Mouse, left, handed out maps showing room locations for carnival games Saturday, March 1, during the first PTA Disneyland Review held at Scott School.

Here she greets Ginny Ramirez and accompanying children, typical of the many groups attending the four hour carnival.



A helium balloon tied to the back of her dress helped Pete and Faith Keresztes keep track of 22-month-old Rachel. Rachel perches on a stool in the cafeteria in between visits to the various games, as fourth grader David Kerton, left, carries his snack tray to the trash basket.

reduced to Justice Board of Education 13.27% in the first year of a proposed three year settlement. No further bargaining sessions have been scheduled.

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Optimist: happy-chondriac.

DeWitt Lioness Club. The group meets in the DeWitt Memorial Building at 7:30 p.m.

Mother Seton Circle from St. Jude Church will meet Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Lindy Wilberding's S. Geneva Dr. home. Elissa Greenberg, pastoral minister from St. Mary's Church, Westphalia, will present a brief Lenten reflection.

Dorcas Circle of Redeemer United Methodist Church will have an all-day meeting to sew a quilt, Tuesday, March 11, in the Norris Road home of Ila Wood.

Julia Volz, W. Cutler Rd., will be hostess for Priscilla Circle's meeting on Wednesday, March 12.

Ruth Circle will meet for a noon potluck Thursday, March 13, with Dorothy Thomas of Myers Road.

Sue Lusty will open her Myers Road home for Faith Circle's meeting Wednesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m.



An entertaining and instructive puppet show, featuring a helmeted cerebral palsy child in a wheelchair and a black girl, was shown at half-hour intervals in one of the classrooms.



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HERE 'N THERE: Steve and Rene Widman are soaking up the rays in Pensacola, FL, and getting used to military life.

Their parents, Harry and Nell Widman, now of Lansing, and Roger and Ruth Pline of Tucker Dr., spent a busy December traveling to Ann Arbor, attending first the couple's graduation from the University of Michigan and then Steve's commissioning as an ensign in the U.S. Navy.

Steve, a 1979 DeWitt High School graduate, received his bachelor of arts in communications. Rene, who was a member of the 1982 DHS class, earned her bachelor of arts degree in English, specializing in American literature.

The pair drove south earlier this month to get settled near Elgin Air Force Base, where Ens. Widman has been assigned. He is attending aviation school and continuing his education in the communications field.

Rosalie Ankney, Madison St., reports that her son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Shari Ankney, have just returned from a bonus trip to Hawaii.

Chris received the all-expense-paid vacation as a special award, after being named one of his company's top three paint specialists in the United States. He has been a sales representative for the Safety Kleen Corp. for 18 months...and obviously does one whale of a job!

TOP TEN: Academic stars of the DeWitt High School Class of 1986, just named as the top ten students, are: Debbie Ebert, Kevin O'Shaughnessey, Michelle Richardson, Kelley

'86 Follies Rehearse



Andrea Beauford, left, St. Johns High School junior, does an interpretive dance pantomime to the music of "Big Spender".

Angie Chesnut and Darlene Bordui practice their jazz ballet number to "Russians" by Sting in the high school hall, as they await a turn on stage. Both are juniors at DeWitt High School.



TOP TEN: Academic stars of the DeWitt High School Class of 1986, just named as the top ten students, are: Debbie Ebert, Kevin O'Shaughnessey, Michelle Richardson, Kelley Carey, Douglas Wilcox, Jennifer Jenkins, Stacy Egres, Kimberly Harper, Amy Vance and Peter Insel. Congratulations are very much in order!

TAKE A BOW: DeWitt High School has had more than its share of the spotlight in recent weeks, as state honors were being handed out.

The DeWitt Board of Education at its March 10 meeting adopted a special resolution honoring Kevin Boyd, who was named a National Merit Scholarship finalist. They also extended special congratulations to the top ten DHS academic students, the Quiz Bowl team which took second place in final state competition at Alma, and the following:

Wrestling: Senior Dan Ebright, who became Class C state champion in the 198 pound weight division; Randy Smith, named State Class C Wrestling Coach of the Year; the wrestling team which placed fifth in the state.

Swimming: The boys' swimming team which took sixth place in state B-CD swim competition; sophomore Steve Shipps, who was named state B-CD Swimmer of the Year.

DeWitt's Quiz Bowl team emerged as runner-up in the state CD finals held March 8 at Alma College. DeWitt bested Saginaw Valley Lutheran 220-110 in the first round, according to coach Frank Deak, and won the second round 360-85 over Akron-Fairgrove. In a close third round, Vandercook Lake won first place by a 185-140 score.

The DeWitt team received a \$6,000 scholarship to Alma College for its second place finish. Team member Kevin O'Shaughnessey will utilize the scholarship to major in pre-dentistry at Alma.

DHS team members sharing the Quiz Bowl limelight were Kevin Boyd, Rob Gillespie, Chris Heightchew, Steve Pingston and Matt Williams.

This is DeWitt's second brush with glory; the 1981 Quiz Bowl team were state champions.

FOLLIES TICKETS: Tickets for the fifth annual DeWitt Follies, "Music from around the World,"



Follies directors Ruth Ueberroth, left, and Connie Toune, right, adjust the recording sound as they observe one of the acts rehearsing on stage.

To the lively music of "Katmandu", DeWitt Middle School students perform a lip sync show. Left to right are eighth graders Barb Babcock, Michelle Calder, Michelle Chesnut, Teresa Babcock, Juli Rice and Teri Osborn.

can be purchased at Terranova's Thriftway in DeWitt and at the dress rehearsal Thursday evening. Price is \$3.

Show nights are this coming Friday and Saturday, March 21-22. Curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. in DHS auditorium. Fifty-three fast paced acts have auditioned, according to director Ruth Ueberroth and assistant director Connie Toune, so some of the singles/groups will appear on only one night of the follies.

Vic Toune will emcee the programs, Terry Gartside will play introductory and interlude music on the organ.

DeWitt School Boosters Club sponsors the annual show of home talent.

WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM: DeWitt will once again be fielding a soccer team in the Lansing Area Women's Soccer League. Women 18 years or older are eligible to play.

If you are interested, contact Lynn Baisley, 669-5031 or Sharon Rice, 669-5409.

Spring
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MARCH 20

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday and Saturday, March 21-22, DeWitt 1986 Follies, 7:30 p.m. in DeWitt High School Auditorium.

Friday and Saturday, March 21-22, DeWitt K of C Council 7237 holding Tootsie Roll Drive in local shopping areas.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Don Powell is retiring June 30 after 18 years as elementary principal in DeWitt. The board of education commended him at its March 10 meeting for the years of "dedicated service" and wished him well in future endeavors.

Powell, a Michigan teacher and administrator for 28 years, has been principal of both Scott and Fuerstenau schools during much of his tenure, as well as being responsible for special education, Chapter I and Chapter II.

Trustees Glen Tarrant and James Osborn were appointed as board representatives and chairmen of the Teacher of the Year and Special Award Selection Committee for this year. Permission was granted to fifth grade teacher Thomas Russell to conduct a math research project with three classes of fifth grade students.

The board gave tenure to five staff members: Mary Breymann, high school English/Spanish teacher; Sheryl Ezze, high school math; Barbara Hanes, kindergarten; Candace Laughlin, high school library; Michelle Montgomery, kindergarten. Ron Maiers and David Pettit were approved as non-paid coaching staff for varsity and JV baseball.

In other action, board members authorized purchase of six polyethylene chests, food service transport equipment, from Gordon Food Service for \$2,694; replacement of a food service truck with a commercial utility van with a lift from Pat McCrackin Ford, Inc., at a cost of \$16,690; replacement of Middle School stage curtains, window shades and curtains from McDonald Shade and Drapery for \$1,404.40.

TOWNSHIP SCHEDULES SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration for spring classes sponsored by DeWitt Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department begins, Monday, March 24, and extends through Thursday, March 27. Register in person from 9 a.m. til 12 noon or 1 to 5 p.m., or by mail.

YOUTH FOOTBALL: sign-up dates for DeWitt Township will be Tuesday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 9, between the hours of 1 and 8 p.m. at the township hall.

Call 482-1291, Ext. 31, for more information.

The following classes will be offered this spring:

GET MORE FROM YOUR MICROWAVE \$3.00
Wednesday, April 16, 7 - 10 p.m. 1 week

Explore new ways to use your microwave oven. An entire meal will be cooked in the microwave - including roast turkey, homemade bread and banana cream pie. Pre-registration required by April 11. Instructor: Dawn Harris, Extension Home Economist.

BEEF, THE MICROWAVE WAY \$2.00
Wednesday, May 7, 7 - 9 p.m. 1 week

Learn techniques that have been developed to microwave a variety of favorite beef entrees quickly and conveniently with delicious results. The demonstration will include a casserole, roast and steak. Tasty samples will be available. Pre-registration required by May 1. Instructor: Kathleen Hawkins, Michigan Beef Industry Commission.

"HOW TO BE A PARENT AND FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT" \$5.00
Tuesday, April 8 - May 27, 7 - 9 p.m. 8 weeks

This course is offered through the Project Parent program and includes the topics - good listening, problem solving, positive guidance, teaching your child about drugs and alcohol, and your values and drug use. Instructor: Vicki Fitzpatrick.

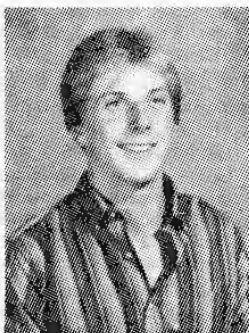
APPLIQUED SWEATSHIRT \$5.00
Monday, April 28, 9 - Noon

Embellish your plain old sweatshirt with a beautiful design. Learn the basics of machine applique and complete your design in one session. Bring pre-washed sweatshirt and zig-zag sewing machine to class; designs and fabrics

SHIPPS SETS MEET RECORD

DeWitt High School sophomore Steve Shipps was named Swimmer of the Year at the Class B-C-D state swimming and diving championships and set the only state record for the meet held March 8 at Grand Rapids Junior College.

Shipps won the 200-yard freestyle with a



STEVE SHIPPS

time of 1:42.76, breaking the previous record of 1:43.15 set by Robert Hutchinson of Alma in 1985. The DeWitt swimmer finished second in the 100 butterfly with a time of 52.78, just behind the winning time of 52.67.

DeWitt finished in sixth place among the 20 teams with 68 points. Dearborn was first with 221 points, followed by Milan, 105; Alma, 86; Bridgeman, 78 and Fenton, 73. The DeWitt team placed seventh in the 400 freestyle relay.

DEWITT SWIM CLUB DOES WELL IN MEET

DeWitt Swim Club members turned in good performances in the year-end MTSI Championship Swim Meet held at Alma March 2, according to Coach Debbie Goodkin.

Results were as follows:

Girls 8 & under, 100 medley relay: Kelly Cowan, Katie Peacock, Margo Baisley, Rena Black, 8th, 1:36

Girls 9 - 10, 200 medley relay: Dana Baisley, Kelly Peacock, Danica Shier, Ann McCrackin, 3rd, 2:33.51

Girls 9 - 10, 200 free: Jenny Brown, 2nd, 2:27.72

Boys 8 & under, 100 IM: Woody Larner, 5th, 1:33.5

Girls 9 - 10, 100 IM: Kelly Peacock, 10th, 1:25.72; Dawn Stauffer, 1:31.24

Girls 8 & under, 25 free: Kelly Cowan, 19.1

Boys 8 & under, 25 free: Jay Larner, 17.53

Girls 9 - 10, 50 free: Jenny Christensen, 35.30; Ann McCrackin, 38.32

Boys 9 - 10, 50 free: Pat Laughlin, 6th, 33.46

Girls 8 & under, 25 fly: Katie Peacock, 22:01

Boys 8 & under, 25 fly: Woody Larner, 2nd, 18.29

Girls 9 - 10, 50 fly: Kelly Peacock, 8th, 37.53; Dawn Stauffer, 41.0

Girls 8 & under, 50 free: Kelly Cowan, 43.16

Boys 8 & under, 50 free: Jay Larner, 40.20

Girls 9 - 10, 100 free: J. Brown, 2nd, 1:06.21; J. Christensen, 1:24.77

Girls 8 & under, 25 back: R. Black, 24.0

Girls 9 - 10, 50 back: D. Baisley, 42.34; J. Christensen, 45.15; A. McCrackin, 43.3; Kelly Peacock, 9th, 39.79

Boys 9 - 10, 50 back: P. Laughlin, 40.14

Girls 8 & under, 25 breast: R. Black, 26.0; K. Peacock, 26.2

Boys 8 & under, 25 breast: W. Larner, 22.94; J. Larner, 27.5

Boys 9 - 10, 50 breast: J. Brown, 1st, 39.13

Boys 9 - 10, 50 breast: P. Laughlin, 48.8

Girls 8 & under, 100 free relay: K. Cowan, M. Baisley, K. Peacock, R. Black, 8th, 1:27.49

Girls 9 - 10, 200 free relay: D. Baisley, J. Brown, D. Shier, A. McCrackin, 6th, 2:37.32

Girls 15 - 18, 200 medley relay, 2nd, 2:09.70 - Belinda Davis, Missy Waier, Stacey Kemler, Lisa Defoe.

Boys 11 - 12, 200 free style: Matt Shier, 3rd, 2:26.46

Boys 11 - 12, 50 free style: Mike Christensen, 32.95

Boys 11 - 12, 50 fly: M. Shier, 34.01

Boys 11 - 12, 100 fly: M. Waier, 1st, 1:05.49

Boys 11 - 12, 100 free: B. Davis, 4th, 1:05.18

Along The Looking Glass

DeWitt Cooperative Preschool will hold a parent meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, in DeWitt Memorial Building.

Preschool teacher Stephanie Knapp will talk on "Children's Friendships", not kindergarten readiness, as was previously announced.

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The DeWitt Elementary PTA will meet Monday, March 17, at 7:00 pm in the Scott Elementary School cafeteria.

Susan Klein, a representative of the Lansing area YMCA, will explain the Y's scholarship program for summer camp. Plans for a teacher appreciation week will also be discussed.

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Brenda Hovde, Hal Leppala, Jason Pitchford, Ryan Savage, Cathy Simonsen, Ann Zell and Jon Ziel will be confirmed Sunday, Mar. 23, at Hope Lutheran Church's 9:30 a.m. Eucharist service.

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Women of Redeemer United Methodist Church will hold their UMW White Breakfast

transform your plain old sweatshirt with a beautiful design. Learn the basics of machine applique and complete your design in one session. Bring pre-washed sweatshirt and zig-zag sewing machine to class; designs and fabrics will be provided. Instructor: Vernita Blasius.

OIL PAINTING \$5.00 per session
Thursday Ongoing through April

Class is designed to accommodate the beginner as well as the advanced painter. Students provide their own materials. Instructor: Pat Preston.

AEROBICS - 6:15 \$12.00
Tuesday & Thursday, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. 8 weeks

AEROBICS - 7:15 \$12.00

Tuesday & Thursday, 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. 8 weeks

Dance exercise program designed to strengthen the cardiovascular system. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. Waiver required. Instructor: Candy Laughlin.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL (co-ed) Activity card \$1
Wednesday, March 19 - May 21, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
10 weeks

An opportunity for fun and exercise in a relaxed atmosphere. Waiver required.

ADULT BASKETBALL (co-ed) Activity card \$1
Friday, March 21 - May 30, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
10 weeks

Co-ed basketball for persons 18 years of older (please note that children are not permitted during these sessions). Bring your basketball. Waiver required.



WALKING FREE
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Walking is great exercise - it refreshes the mind as it tones the body. Walkers who have logged 100 miles can earn free T-shirt (compliments of the Michigan Heart Association) Waiver required.

APPLE AND CHEESE BASKET* (beg.) \$13.00
Monday, April 7, 6 - 9:30 p.m. 1 week

A tightly woven basket with a solid ash handle. Will be woven with color on the sides.

HANGING HEART BASKET* (beg.) 11.00

Millan, 105; Alma, 86; Bridgeman, 78 and Fenton, 73. The DeWitt team placed seventh in the 400 freestyle relay.

Scott Michael of DeWitt captured fifth place in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:56.14, and eighth in the 200 freestyle at 1:48.33. Steve Erb took fifth place in diving competition with 329.55.

LIONS SELLING EASTER LILIES

Members of the DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club are taking orders for Easter lilies to be delivered in time for Easter. Price for each lily plant is \$7.00.

To reserve your Easter lilies, contact any Breakfast Club member, Easter Lily fundraising chairman Ken Schelb, 669-3406, or assistant chairman, Wally Marriott, 669-3385.

Monday, April 21, 6 - 9:30 p.m. 1 week
A wall basket that is pretty by itself or filled with flowers. Color can be woven in if desired.

KEY BASKET* (beg.) \$12.00
Monday, May 5, 6 - 9:30 p.m. 1 week

Hang this basket on your wall to hold keys, letters, etc. Basket is flat on the back, round on the front. Color may be woven in if desired.

LIDDED LATTICE BOTTOM BASKET* \$25.00
Monday, May 12 & 19, 6 - 9:30 p.m.

Learn to do a rolled border and lid as you make this beautiful basket. Colors may be woven in if desired. Instructor: Sharon McElroy.

*Call for a list of supplies needed to weave this basket.

Boys 11 - 12, 50 free style: Mike Christensen, 32.95

Girls 15 - 18, 50 free style: B. Davis, 5th, 28:46

Boys 11 - 12, 50 fly: M. Shier, 34:01

Girls 15 - 18, 100 fly: M. Waier, 1st, 1:05.49

Girls 15 - 18, 100 free: B. Davis, 4th, 1:05.18

Boys 11 - 12, 50 back: M. Christensen, 41:55

Girls 15 - 18, 100 back: L. Defoe, 5th, 1:14.75

Boys 11 - 12, 50 breast: M. Shier, 6th, 39.60; M. Christensen, 41.51

Girls 15 - 18, 100 breast: S. Kemler, 3rd, 1:22.38

Girls 15 - 18, 200 free relay: 2nd, 1:55.19 - B. Davis, M. Waier, S. Kemler, L. Defoe.



Schools Observe Reading Month

At the recommendation of Dorothy Durst, reading consultant, the DeWitt Board of Education passed a resolution declaring March as Reading Month in the school district. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the DeWitt Board of Education recognizes the importance of skill in reading to the economic and cultural welfare of our local and world communities, and further recognizes that to develop fluency in reading, children must perceive it as an enjoyable and engaging activity worth repeated practice;

We hereby declare March as Reading Month throughout the DeWitt School District. It is our hope to accent and encourage creative reading-related activities both new and continuing throughout our curriculum.

Women of Redeemer United Methodist Church will hold their UMW White Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22. Joyce Showerman, lay assistant at Eaton Rapids First United Methodist Church, will present a program, "Mary's Song."

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Bishop Judith Craig, Michigan Area Resident Bishop of the United Methodist Church, will preach and help to observe Dedication and Mortgage Burning day at Redeemer United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday, March 23

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Clinton County Township Officers Association has scheduled an April 16 meeting at DeWitt Charter Township Hall.

The organization consists of elected township officers within the county.

Other meetings will be held in September at Victor Township hall and November at the county courthouse in St. Johns.



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EASTER EGG HUNT: DeWitt's Downtown Development Authority is sponsoring its first annual Easter Egg Hunt next Saturday morning - March 29 - from 10 to 11 a.m. - in the 100 block of West Main Street in downtown DeWitt.

DeWitt Newcomers and Friends will help to coordinate the hunt. The Easter Bunny himself and several clowns will be on hand to lend further color and assistance.

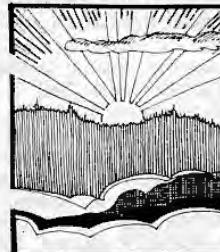


The young hunters will divide into two age groups. Youngsters six years old and younger will hunt for eggs on the south side of Main Street, while 7 to 12-year-olds will comb the north side of the street. Traffic will be detoured around the 100 block during the event.

Each downtown business has been asked to provide a dozen colored eggs (preferably hard-boiled!) for the EE hunt. Special plastic eggs will each contain an extra bonus: MERCHANTS GIFT CERTIFICATES.

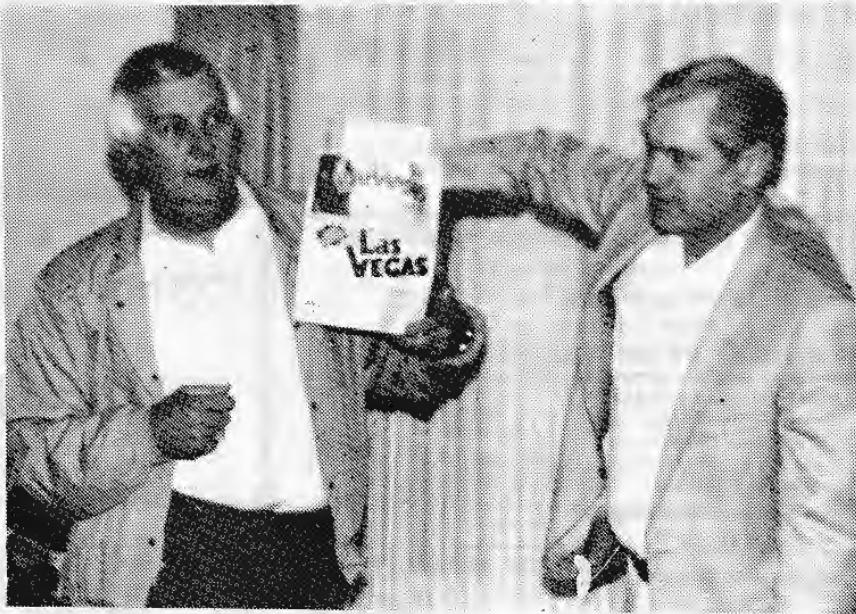
GALLANT GESTURE: The rise in coffee prices hit the Tri-County Office on Aging in its pocket-book, so that they are no longer able to furnish coffee with the weekly senior citizen nutrition luncheon program.

No sooner had coordinator Pat DeYoung made that announcement at the Tuesday luncheon at St. Jude Church than Moose Lodge



**Easter
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SELECT TRAVEL WINNERS



The DeWitt Evening Lions Club, board of directors, met at the home of ticket chairman Gary Gillespie to summarize their travel raffle sale on March 13.

DeWitt Mayor Lynn Thayer, right, drew winning names from the box held by Lions Club president Bab Fawcett.

Mayor Lynn Thayer drew the three finalists' tickets. Paul J. Blankenship, W. River Dr.; Thomas H. Brockway, W. Waxwing Dr. and Ivan J. Volkers, E. Geneva Dr. were the lucky trio.

Prizes were determined at the conclusion of the Club's Ladies Night Program, on Tuesday, March 18. Lion Secretary Robert VanderMark provided a bottle game containing numbered balls. Each finalist selected a numbered ball; then the one with the highest number made his selection from the three plain envelopes.

First prize was drawn by Blankenship, to the Bahamas, 7 nights with

City Hall Expansion Approved

DeWitt's city hall project got the green light again Monday night, when the DeWitt Building Authority presented plans for a 5,400 square foot expansion to cost under \$300,000. Council accepted the new alternative plan which eliminates a basement and cuts expenses in various other ways.

The contractor, K&D Construction of Williamston, now hopes to break ground in late April or early May, DBA chairman Austin Knapp said.

The original \$267,000 estimate for city hall expansion involved remodeling the current building's 2,400 square feet and adding another 2,400 feet. That was before DBA members and the architect sat down with city hall staff, Knapp pointed out, to discuss minimal space requirements for the various departments, which are now tightly crammed into the small structure and lack adequate storage facilities.

Cost cuts in the latest plan include changing from hot water heating system to forced air,

luncheon program.

No sooner had coordinator Pat DeYoung made that announcement at the Tuesday luncheon at St. Jude Church than Moose Lodge 2291 on North U.S. 27 came to the rescue. When member Russ Portt brought the matter to their attention, they presented the DeWitt luncheon program with a check for \$200. That will provide coffee for many, many moons ahead at the nutrition luncheons, Pat says gratefully.

Coordinator DeYoung would also like to extend a special invitation to all area seniors (that's age 60 and up, folks) to attend the luncheons. It has come to her attention that some seniors are staying away because they mistakenly think the nutrition lunch program is based on low income.

"NOT SO!" Pat says with emphasis. All area residents are welcome to come and share in the food and fun. Bingo and cards usually follow the luncheons, unless other special entertainment or programs take precedence.

And if one spouse is 60 and the other is 16 both can attend the nutrition meals for the nominal price of \$1 per person. Age is no barrier.

Regular nutrition luncheons are held at St. Jude each Tuesday and the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon. In addition, there is a monthly potluck luncheon at noon on the third Thursday of the month.

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BOOSTERS ELECT: DeWitt School Booster Club reelected the same slate of officers at their March meeting.

Repeating for 1986-87 are Dick Smeage as president; Audrey Fabus, vice president; Karen Drake, treasurer, and Pat Dalton, secretary. Gary Brya is the new member-at-large for the next term.

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LAST MINUTE LILIES: DeWitt Breakfast Lions will be glad to help you with that last minute Easter gift. Their lily plants arrive this week and they're selling them for \$7.

If you can't find a Lion lying around, call fund-raising chairman Ken Schelb, 669-3406, or his assistant Wally Marriott, 669-3385.

provided a bottle game containing numbered balls. Each finalist selected a numbered ball; then the one with the highest number made his selection from the three plain envelopes.

First prize was drawn by Blankenship, to the Bahamas, 7 nights with hotel and air travel for two; second prize, by Brockway, Las Vegas, three nights, hotel and air travel for two, and third prize, Volkers, Toronto, two nights, hotel and train travel for two.

The club wishes to thank those who participated in their raffle ticket sale. Approximately 300 tickets were sold, making it a successful fund-raiser for the club.

DINNER BARGAIN: DeWitt Lioness Club is having a Meijer Club Dinner right after Easter and you are cordially invited to attend the fund-raiser.



The dinner will be held Wednesday, April 2, at 6 p.m. in DeWitt Memorial Building. Tickets at \$3 per person are available from your friendly local Lioness member. If you can't reach her, contact Dona Gartside, 669-3272 or 694-3636, or June Swan, 669-3660.

On the evening's tasty menu are: beef stroganoff over fluffy rice, green beans with almonds, peaches on lettuce bed, fresh bakery roll, ice cream and cookie, tea, punch or coffee.

SPRING REGISTRATION

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DAIRY GOAT IDEAS

County 4-H volunteers are invited to attend the 4-H dairy goat leaders' workshop April 19 - 20 at Kettunen Center in Tustin. The workshop will

enable 4-H leaders to exchange ideas about dairy goat programs and to develop resource materials useful to 4-H goat project members. Reservations are due April 4.

Cost cuts in the latest plan include changing from hot water heating system to forced air, using drywall construction instead of veneer plaster, and eliminating blacktop surfacing and concrete curbs/gutters around the expanded building.

News Briefs

Republican State Sen. Alan Cropsey of DeWitt announced at a Capitol news conference Monday that he would not seek a second Senate term.

Cropsey, 33, served two terms in the House before his election to the Senate in 1982. A graduate of Bob Jones University and Cooley Law School, he is the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Cropsey, who said that he will announce his political plans in a few weeks, is expected to run for the 3rd District of the Court of Appeals which will have two vacancies at the end of the year.

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Theresa Cordes, W. Chadwick Rd., was recently honored by Coldwell Banker Simon with the Circle of Honor/Sales Award at the national sales conference of Coldwell Banker residential affiliates.

DSC SWIMMER IN OCC MEET

Kelly Peacock, a fifth grader at DeWitt's Fuerstenau School, completed a very successful season with the DeWitt Swim Club at the Junior Olympics of Michigan Swim Meet held at the Oakland Community College on March 15 - 16.

Kelly recorded several season "best times" while claiming a 3rd place in the 50 yd. backstroke with an "AA" time of 38.69 seconds. She also competed in the 50 yd. butterfly, placing 5th with a time of 36.80 sec. Her other events of the meet included the 100 yd. I.M., 7th place, time 1:25.46; 50 yd. freestyle, 10th place, time 33.20 sec; and the 50 yd. breaststroke, 17th place, time 47.33 sec.

The Junior Olympics Meet is sponsored by McDonald's Restaurants, and offers statewide season finale competition for all swimmers who have achieved "A" or "B" times during their regular season. This year's meet had 695 swimmers.

Kelly is the daughter of Dick and Chris Peacock of Howe Road. She has many interests in addition to swimming, her favorites being gymnastics, softball, basketball, and water-

CANADA-BOUND



Toronto was the week-end destination of 24 DeWitt High School juniors and seniors, who boarded two vans March 14 for their three-day National Honor Society trip.



NHS advisor Mark Servis and his brother Rob piloted the vans and pulled a luggage trailer behind. English instructor Penny Rypstra and Barbara Brown, home economics teacher, also accompanied the students.



CITY COUNCIL NOTES

DeWitt City Council members authorized Mayor Lynn Thayer to confer again with DeWitt Township officials regarding the city's plan to hook into the township water system in preference to building its own water tower.

The township board had unanimously rejected DeWitt's first proposal, which projected 60 percent city ownership of the water tank, based on estimates that city residents would be using that percentage of the water.

Council gave final approval to joining CAN-DO (Clinton Area New Development Organization), since minor changes they requested had been made in the contract.

A brief note was read from the Mt. Pleasant regional center for Tri-County Community Mental Health, notifying the city that CMH's request to build two homes for developmentally disabled adults in DeWitt had been withdrawn.

The two-year police department contract that had expired July 1, 1985, was renewed to provide personnel with 5 percent increases in 1985-86 and 4 percent in 1986-87. The measure is retroactive to last July. Starting pay for officers, \$16,500 last year, will go to \$17,500 next July 1.

Approved on first reading were a firearms ordinance, regulating weapons' use inside the city limits, and a new zoning ordinance to replace the current outdated one. A gas detector, requested by the Department of Labor as a safety factor, is to be purchased for inspector Ken Kelly's sewer inspections.

Council accepted a \$4,299 bid from Central Michigan Lumber, St. Johns, for a new fire station roof. It was suggested that a front end loader, requested by the Department of Public Works, be purchased from federal government surplus, if possible.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Bath United Methodist Church - Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m. Good Friday

She has many interests in addition to swimming, her favorites being gymnastics, softball, basketball, and water-skiing. She began competitive swimming at the age of 8 with the St. Johns Sea Lions, and has been a member of the DeWitt Swim Club for the past two seasons.



Tours of the Science Center, visits to the Canadian National Tower, Photon, subway rides and shopping were highlights of the whirlwind tour.

Swimmers Compete In Novice Meet

A number of DeWitt Swim Club members participated in the MTSI year-end Novice Meet held recently in St. Johns. Coach Debbie Goodkin was pleased with the fine performances, including five first place finishes, by all the swimmers.

DSC members had the following times:

Girls 9 & 10, 100 IM: Danica Shier, 7th, 1:42.2
 Boys 9 & 10, 100 IM: Chad Foster, 2nd, 1:39.1
 Girls 8 & under, 25 free: Angela Foster, 27.9
 Boys 8 & under, 25 free: Andy Motz, 26.1
 Girls 9 & 10, 50 free: D. Shier, 8th, 40.0
 Boys 9 & 10, 50 free: John Miculka, 1:04.7; Adam Gorman, 3rd, 36.2
 Boys 9 & 10, 50 fly: A. Gorman, 1st, 42.1
 Girls 8 & under, 50 free: A. Foster, 7th, 58.7
 Boys 8 & under, 50 free: A. Motz, 10th, 58.06
 Boys 9 & 10, 100 free: C. Foster, 6th, 1:26.5
 Girls 8 & under, 25 back: A. Foster, 30.83
 Boys 8 & under, 25 back: A. Motz, 7th, 29.33
 Girls 9 & 10, 50 back: D. Shier, 8th, 48.1
 Boys 9 & 10, 50 back: J. Miculka, 47.6; Adam Gorman, 5th, 46.3
 Boys 9 & 10, 50 breast: C. Foster, 4th, 52.1
 Girls 11 & 12, 200 medley relay, 2nd, 2:37.4, Christina Defeyter, Mari Fullmer, Nicki Mongue, Kenora Washington
 Girls 11 & 12, 200 free: M. Fullmer, 4th, 2:44.2
 Girls 11 & 12, 100 IM: N. Mongue, 3rd, 1:19.6; C. Defeyter, 5th, 1:32.6
 Girls 11 & 12, 50 free: N. Mongue, 3rd, 32.2; K. Washington, 5th, 34.9
 Girls 13 & 14, 50 free: Desiree Davis, 2nd, 32.79
 Boys 13 & 14, 50 free: Travis Fullmer, 1st, 30.4
 Girls 11 & 12, 50 fly: M. Fullmer, 1st, 35.2
 Girls 11 & 12, 100 free: M. Fullmer, 5th, 1:15.2; K. Washington, 8th, 1:20.6; C. Defeyter, 10th, 1:24.6

Girls 13 & 14, 100 free: D. Davis, 2nd, 1:15.8
 Boys 13 & 14, 100 free: T. Fullmer, 1st, 1:08.1

Girls 11 & 12, 50 breast: N. Mongue, 4th, 43.8; K. Washington, 7th, 46.5; C. Defeyter, 9th, 48.4

Girls 13 & 14, 100 breast: D. Davis, 2nd, 1:48.7

Boys 13 & 14, 100 breast: T. Fullmer, 1st, 1:25.8

Participating teams, in addition to DeWitt and host St. Johns, included Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Grand Ledge, Jackson, Okemos, Ovid-Elsie, Waverly and Ypsilanti.

This was a small, fast-paced meet. The swimmers rarely had time to towel off or rest in between events.

All DeWitt Swim Club families and their swimmers plan to acknowledge the conclusion of a successful season at the spring banquet to be held Tuesday, March 25, at DeWitt Middle School.

DeWitt City P & R Volleyball Standings Week of March 7

TEAM	RECORD	TEAM	RECORD
Ball Movements	26-1	Ball Movements	28-2
The "A" Team	23-4	The "A" Team	26-4
S. Balls	19-8	S. Balls	21-9
Riverwood Rage	18-9	Riverwood Rage	21-9
Plumbers & Pipefitters 1	17-10	Plumbers & Pipefitters 1	19-11
Tower Power	15-12	Tower Power	17-13
B. Busters	15-12	B. Busters	16-14
Notre Dame	14-13	Notre Dame	15-15
Spartans	14-13	Spartans	15-15
B. Makers	13-14	B. Makers	15-15
Flying Dutchmen	12-15	Flying Dutchmen	13-17
Gold Standard	12-15	Bullets	13-17
Bullets	12-15	Gold Standard	12-18
T.G.I.F.'s	10-17	Intercepts	11-19
Intercepts	8-19	Ziel's Zappers	11-19
Ziel's Zappers	8-19	T.G.I.F.'s	10-20
B. Strokers	5-22	B. Strokers	5-15
Plumbers & Pipefitters 2	2-25	Plumbers & Pipefitters 2	2-28

SERVICES

Bath United Methodist Church - Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.; Good Friday Community Service at Chapel Hill, 1:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7 a.m.; Morning Service 11 a.m.

Gunnisonville United Methodist Church - Combined Good Friday Community Service with Bath UM and Lakeside Chapel at Chapel Hill, 1:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 7 a.m., with breakfast following, Easter cantata at 9:30 a.m. service.

DeWitt Community Church - Good Friday Service combined with Redeemer United Methodist Church at Community Church, 12:45 - 2 p.m.; Easter Sunday 7 a.m. Sunrise Service sponsored by the Youth Fellowship with breakfast following; 11 a.m. Worship Service with Easter Cantata by choir.

Hope Lutheran Church - Maundy Thursday, Divine Worship with Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Divine Worship Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Divine Worship; breakfast at 8 a.m.; Festival Eucharist, 9:30 a.m.

St. Anne Episcopal Church - Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Service and Seder Dinner; Good Friday, 12:30 Noon Service; Easter Sunday, 10 a.m. Holy Communion Service.

Redeemer United Methodist Church - Maundy Thursday, Candlelight Tenebrae Service, 7 p.m.; Good Friday Community Service at DeWitt Community Church, 1 p.m., Pastor Harry Johnson preaching; Easter Sunday, UMYF Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.; breakfast, 7:30 a.m.; Worship/Reception of New Members, 9:30 a.m.

Catholic Community of St. Jude - Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 12:30 p.m., Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and Communion Service, 1:30 p.m.; Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m.; Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Service, 8 p.m.; Easter Sunday, Masses at 9 and 11:15 a.m.

An accountant is a person we know well enough to borrow from but not well enough to lend to.

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March 31, 1986
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Kitty Korner

TURKEY SEMINAR???: When you mention that your husband is spending an entire Saturday attending an MSU turkey seminar, the conversational response possibilities are endless. Most of them begin with "WHAT???"

Prominent others are: "Doesn't he know what a turkey looks like?" - "Is he in his right mind?" - "You're kidding!" - and, last but not least, "Has Dad finally flipped his lid?"

From the seminar literature he brought home, I did learn some really interesting facts, though. Wild turkey flocks numbered in the millions when the first settlers came to Plymouth Rock. Continued use of the birds for food did not harm the turkey population to the degree that clearing forested lands for agriculture did, eventually leading to the extermination of wild turkey flocks from their natural range north of the Ohio River and from most areas in the South and East.

By 1900 it was assumed that the wild turkey was extinct in Michigan. However, in the early 20th century, conservation agencies began to reverse that trend. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division was prominent in these efforts, restoring the birds and expanding their range by trapping and transferring flocks to areas with suitable habitat.

(News Note: That Saturday program for the 10th annual Wild Turkey Hunters' Convention listed John Urbain of Schavey Road, DNR Upland Game Bird Specialist as one of the speakers.)

Turkeys are only hunted in the spring in Michigan, the literature from Michigan Wild

APRIL FOOLS DAY

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Very little is required except to be in the apartment while he is away.

If several people could help out during those hours, volunteers could work out a schedule for alternate Sundays.

Please call 669-5141 or 669-9189.

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WESTWARD HO: Lloyd and Ruby Berkimer, Main St., made a quick flight to Chandler, AZ, March 20 and returned the 25th. They went out for a sneak preview of their newest grandson, Jonathon Allen, born March 15 to Randy and Jackie Berkimer.

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SCANDINAVIAN DUO: Anna Verneholt, Swedish exchange student in DeWitt High School's 12th grade this year, had an opportunity to chat with Geir Hoff, freshman forward on the MSU Spartan hockey team, after the March 22 regional playoff game against Boston College.

It was nice, Anna says, just exchanging views with someone from "home" about homesickness, summer plans and life in the U.S. She estimates that her home south of Stockholm is probably 6 - 7 hours driving time from Oslo, Norway which is Hoff's native city.

What language did they communicate in? Anna spoke Swedish and Geir, Norwegian, but they were able to understand each other. Anna attended the hockey game with fellow senior Kim Harper, who arranged the visit through Danton Cole, freshman hockey team member from Lansing.

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OVER THE TOP: The local Tootsie Roll Drive to aid the retarded exceeded goals of all past years, grossing \$2,116, reports John Fritsch,

INSPIRING SPEAKER ENCOURAGES TEENS

Jim Tuman, former counselor to Vietnam veterans and now a full-time motivational speaker, addressed DeWitt High School students and teachers at their March 21 assembly and left a lasting impression.

Tuman, 44, of Canton, speaks at more than 100 high schools a year, exhorting teen-agers to believe in their own self-worth and share their feelings with others. Tuman's visit was arranged by principal Fred Goers who had heard about his rousing talks promoting self-esteem.

Tuman who has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Michigan State University and a master's degree from Columbia University, interacts with his audience, asking questions and inviting them to share his dialogue. Instead of ending at the prescribed time, the DeWitt assembly period continued on through lunch hour and the afternoon, with young people enthusiastically joining in the exchange of ideas and feelings.

Teachers' reactions ranged the gamut from "It was amazing" ... "unbelievable" ... "emotionally draining" ... to "most of us will be prone to think twice before we say something, to stop and think what effect we may have on someone else." Some were amazed at the amount of bottled-up emotions which were released; other remarks included "it's hard to believe the pain generated by the way we treat each other" and "you don't realize how many peoples' lives you may have in your hands."

DHS junior Penny Stampfly was kind enough to provide the following student's capsule view of the unusual assembly.

A Unique Experience

By Penny Stampfly

It was a day unlike any other. A day when we sat before each other with our masks removed and our protective barriers torn down, revealing our innermost selves to one another. Now, looking back, the memory is foggy, like a dream, but the unity we feel for each other is a reminder of that day's reality. The thoughts we hold of the

Game Bird Specialist as one of the speakers.)

Turkeys are only hunted in the spring in Michigan, the literature from Michigan Wild Turkey Federation continues, since spring gobbler hunting has no impact on the turkey population's future growth. Hunters wear complete camouflage clothing and sit completely motionless for as long as several hours to fool the wily toms.

Success rates, it says, are only 9% in Northern Michigan - which is where he'll be hunting - so perhaps our freezer will boast a Butterball, after all.

Must note in passing that I raced into the bedroom early Sunday morning when I heard a horrible, gurgling noise, thinking that Wally surely was in the throes of a coronary attack. No such thing - he was merely practicing on the diaphragm turkey caller he had purchased at the turkey seminar! The idea, it appears, is to sound like a hen turkey and lure the crafty gobbler to your vicinity.

The booklet also says that the native wild turkey is a bird of the forest, which prefers to stay up high in the trees, and is a lot smarter than most of the hunters. That figures.

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WARMER CLIMES: Carol Platte, accompanied by Denise, Keith and Jeffrey, grabbed an opportunity to spend a week in Florida this month, while her husband Paul and son Kevin kept the home fires burning on Herbison Road. They flew with Carol's brother, Jim Parker of Holt in his plane to Panama City, FL, where they visited their parents, Frank and Muriel Parker. The senior Parkers then drove back to Lansing in time for Easter, while Carol, Jim and company battled airsickness on a rough flight home.

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SUNDAY VOLUNTEER: Rev. Clarence Rodd, who lives in the Wilson Street complex with his bed-ridden wife, is in dire need of a Sunday morning volunteer.

Sunday church services are a very important part of the retired Baptist minister's life, but he has been unable to find anyone who can stay with Mrs. Rodd while he goes to church from

OVER THE TOP: The local Tootsie Roll Drive to aid the retarded exceeded goals of all past years, grossing \$2,116, reports John Fritsch, Grand Knight of Council 7237, DeWitt Knights of Columbus. Beneficiaries will be the Special Olympics and Clinton County 4-H Horseback Riding for the Handicapped program.

Fritsch credits the drive's success to the generosity of DeWitt area people, the organization plan by chairman Larry Foy and the special effort of Joe Ciarmella in soliciting local business and professional people for contributions.

Total drive expenses were only \$158 for the tootsie rolls, he explained, with 80% of the money obtained staying here and 20% going to the K of C state council for major statewide programs for the mentally handicapped.

Business/professional contributors included DeWitt Shop-Rite, Scott Lewis Heating, Old Country Caterers, the Hair Drop, J & J Video, King Mobile Homes, Dr. Faith Fritsch, DO, and Dr. William Schoonover, DDS.

In addition to the monetary contribution, Council 7237 members have also volunteered to be "huggers" for the Special Olympics.

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MEMORIAL PLAQUE: DeWitt Memorial Association is still compiling names of area servicemen and women who were killed during wartime. These will be imprinted on a plaque set in large rock monument to be placed in front of the Memorial Building and dedicated at the 40th annual Ox Roast in August.

Names received so far are: Earl Benson, Don Ingalls, Vincent Lerg, Charles Magsig, Howard Nichols, James Peltier, Lewis Phillips, Richard Pike, Russell Ribby, Francis Richmond, John Ruiz, William Shipley, Olin Tufford and Elmer Witt.

If you know of other names to be listed on the memorial call them in to the Association number, 669-9602.

DEWITT BRANCH LIBRARY IN DEWITT TOWNSHIP HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK OF MARCH 31 - APRIL 3. IT WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, APRIL 7.

our innermost selves to one another. Now, looking back, the memory is foggy, like a dream, but the unity we feel for each other is a reminder of that day's reality. The thoughts we hold of the day are those of awe and relief. Amazed at the fact we could share ourselves so totally without hesitation or regret, and relieved to have had this release of bottled emotions and anger.



Penny Stampfly

The lessons we learned are those of relations, feelings and of our own vulnerability. We have been confronted with the cruelty with which we treat one another, the pain that is caused by our cruelty, and the sometimes

tragic consequences of it. We have learned of the depression and the desire to be loved that is tucked behind the masks which cover our personalities. Also, how the repression of these feelings may lead to thoughts of, and attempts at, suicide by people we care much about but are too afraid to open up to.

We found that people do not realize how much we need and love them. Thus we learned the necessity of expressing our true feelings and of showing others that we care, and the importance of not waiting to do so, for there is no guarantee we will see each other again. The awareness of our responsibility for one another's lives, and of how our simplest actions can greatly affect others for good or bad, was frightening.

Although some may not understand the closeness we felt that day, it is something we will remember because of its uniqueness and its warmth, and because we did not realize we were capable of feeling it. It was a day that was needed, a day long overdue. It helped us to grow and to understand those around us and ourselves better. We are now more aware that we all share one basic but essential need, the desire to be loved and accepted.

Bipartisan Issue: A problem neither party knows what to do about.

TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DeWitt Township trustees heard a request Monday night from Joyce Kennedy, business manager for DeWitt School District, that the township pay interest to the school district on school taxes collected last year.

The township made a counter proposal to continue charging their same rate - \$2.60 per parcel - if the district would waive interest for 1985 and 1986.

Since DeWitt Township collects school taxes for seven school districts and disperses them to the seven units twice each month, Clerk Greg Whitlock said that trying to maintain a day-to-day record "would be a bookkeeping nightmare for us."

The township collects school taxes for DeWitt, Bath, Lansing, East Lansing, Clinton Intermediate, Ingham Intermediate and Lansing Community College districts.

Kennedy will take the township proposal back to DeWitt school board.

The township board also rescinded a special use permit for the Turner Street gravel pit, after hearing that oil-soaked wooden blocks had been found there. A DNR

9 Math Pupils Go To Regional

Nine DeWitt Middle School students, who had top scores in the local mathematics test, will go on to regional competition in the contest sponsored by the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Achieving highest scores on the test which math teacher Dave Darnell administered at DMS were: Grade 6, Derek Thurston, Kyle Crockett, Aren Andersen; Grade 7, Jon Borys, Jeff Shooks, Rob McConnell; Grade 8, Dean Shooltz, Rod Weston, Kary Kruger.

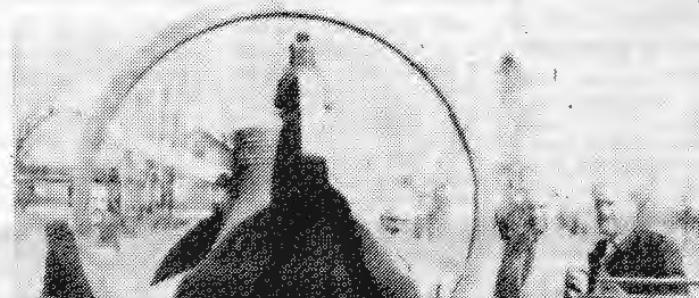
This is the first year that pupils have been allowed to use their calculators in what Darnell described as a "pretty rugged" multiple choice written test. These nine, again armed with calculators, will now go on to take the regional test at Lansing Community College Saturday, April 12. They will be facing competition from all other participating schools in southern Clinton and some from Ingham and Eaton county.

The top 25 finalists from the regional contest will then compete in the state test to be given at Central Michigan University in May.

ANTIQUE CHURCH BELL



The bell, which formerly hung in the belfry of DeWitt Methodist Church (now the DeWitt Conservatory on Bridge Street in downtown DeWitt), will hold a place of honor in a memorial setting, when building plans of Redeemer United Methodist Church are completed.



Along the Looking Glass

DeWitt Lioness Club will hold a Meijer Club Dinner Wednesday, April 2, in DeWitt Memorial Building at 6 p.m. Members have the tickets which are \$3 per person.

Beef stroganoff over rice will be featured. Contact persons are Dona Gartside, 669-3272 or 694-3636; June Swan, 669-3360, or any other member of the Lioness Club.

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DeWitt Schools Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 7, in the high school cafeteria.

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Two four-year terms for the DeWitt Board of Education will open this year as the terms of Carol Haag and William Schaar expire.

Nominating petitions may be picked up at the school administration office on Wilson St. The deadline to file nominating petitions for the two vacancies is Monday, April 7, at 4 p.m.

Election date is Monday, June 9.

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DeWitt Regional Chamber of Commerce will meet this Tuesday noon, April 1, at Foo Ying

Street gravel pit, after hearing that oil-soaked wooden blocks had been found there. A DNR specialist who had inspected the site told trustees that they would check into the problem, because of concern that the oil would leak into the groundwater.

The gravel pit permit, which had been held by David Schlegel, was transferred to the Towner Road Development Co. of Haslett in December.

In other action, township trustees approved expenditures of \$800 for building materials to build a concession stand at Valley Farms Park and \$800 for softball equipment; \$300 to purchase a brush cutter from the Deer Barn, Grand Ledge and \$607.50 to buy a gas tank for diesel fuel for two new fire trucks which will be delivered soon.

DeWitt City P & R Volleyball Standings Week of March 21

TEAM	RECORD
Ball Movements	29-4
The "A" Team	28-5
Riverwood Rage	24-9
S. Balls	23-10
Plumbers & Pipefitters 1	22-11
Tower Power	19-14
B. Busters	19-14
Notre Dame	17-16
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B. Makers	15-18
Flying Dutchmen	14-19
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Ziel's Zappers	13-20
B. Strokers	6-27
Plumbers & Pipefitters 2	2-31

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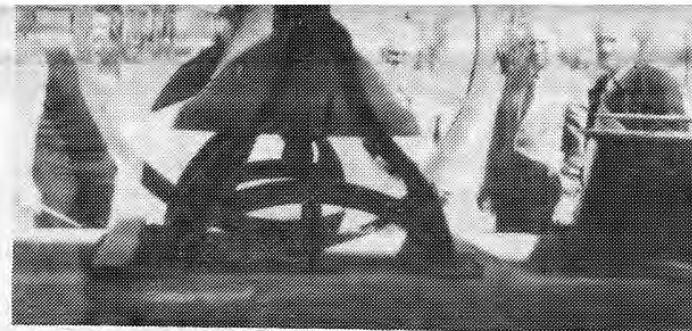
Softball League Sign-Up in April

Youths ages 5 to 17 and 18 & up adults may sign up for the Southern Clinton County Softball League (formerly DeWitt Township Softball League) on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 8 - 9, at DeWitt Charter Township Hall, 4700 Brook Rd., Lansing.

Sign-up time on both days will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Fee is \$8 per child with a \$24 per family limit. Application and waiver forms signed by the parent or guardian must accompany the fee. Forms will be available only at registration.



T-Ball, Fast Pitch Softball and New Adult Co-ed programs will be offered. League games for youth will be scheduled on week nights beginning June 2 and on Sunday late afternoons beginning June 8. All leagues end in July. Pre-season practices will be held weeknights beginning in May.



This massive old church bell, forged in Baltimore in 1882, draws the attention of Scott Lewis, Herb Ritter, Jim Owen and Larry Oliver, left to right.

Redeemer Observes Dedication Sunday

Sunday, March 23, was Dedication Sunday for church members. Bishop Judith Craig, Michigan area resident bishop of the United Methodist Church, presided at the dedication service and burning of the mortgage ceremony with Pastor Harry Johnson.

The antique bell taken out of storage for the occasion and pulled to the church on Herb and Wanda Ritter's wagon, had a place of honor just outside the north entrance. It was rung in unison with the bell atop the former frame church building, which still stands at the corner of Clark and Schavey Roads.

A historical booklet, prepared for the dedicatory service, traces present church history back to DeWitt Methodist Church built in DeWitt proper in 1896 and Emanuel Methodist Episcopal Church erected in 1872 at Clark and Schavey. Membership of the two churches merged in 1970; the present brick edifice was completed in 1977.

After three exhausting days at Disney World in Florida, the father, mother and two children headed for home.

As they drove away, the son waved his hand,

said "Good by, Mickey." The daughter waved and said, "Good by, Minnie."

The father waved, rather weakly, and said, "Good by, Money."



Looking for the library? Then follow this sign. It's the new national library symbol.

EXTENSION CALENDAR

- April 4 Clinton County Dairy Tour, Gerald Pohl Farm, Wacousta Road.
- April 4-5 Food & Nutrition Workshop, Kettunen Center.
- April 7 Yankee Springs 4-H Orientation Meeting, 7:30, Smith Hall.
- April 10 4-H Small Animal Workshop, 7:30, p.m., Smith Hall
- April 12 State 4-H Horse Jamboree, MSU

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DeWitt Public Schools Foundation will meet Monday, April 7, in the Griswold Administration Building on Wilson Street at 7:30 p.m.

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Paul A. Bauerle, son of Russel and Connie Bauerle, Krepps Rd., graduated from Michigan State University College of Engineering at the March 8 commencement.

Paul graduated with high honors, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He is the fourth member of his family to become a member of Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honor society.

He has accepted a position with General Motors in Milford.