



DATELINE: DeWitt

March 2, 1987
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DE WITT PTA CARNIVAL: Members of DeWitt Elementary PTA are hard at work on arrangements for their second annual fund-raising carnival. 'Twill be held Saturday, March 14, from noon until 4 p.m. at David Scott School on N. Wilson Street. Classrooms will be transformed into 15 colorful Games Rooms and refreshments will be served in the cafeteria. Principal Bruce MacDonald will play the role of "Pocket Man", carrying pockets full of prizes from which the children may draw.

"Circus Carnival" is to be the theme. Two grand prizes will be offered in the raffle - Air Fare to Hawaii for Two - as well as 25 to 30 other prizes donated by parents and local businesses. These include a hand carved Nativity set from Tom and Debbie Dowling, restaurant and other gift certificates. Raffle tickets at 50c each or three for \$1.00 are being offered now in advance sale by carnival committee members. For information or tickets, contact Carolyn Stahmer, 669-5042.

PRESCHOOL ROUND-UP: DeWitt Cooperative Preschool Inc. announces that its Spring Round-Up for the fall enrollment of prospective preschoolers will be held Thursday, March 5, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the preschool, 768 Wieland Road.

If you have any questions about the Preschool Round-Up, please call Colleen Zeeb, 641-6860.

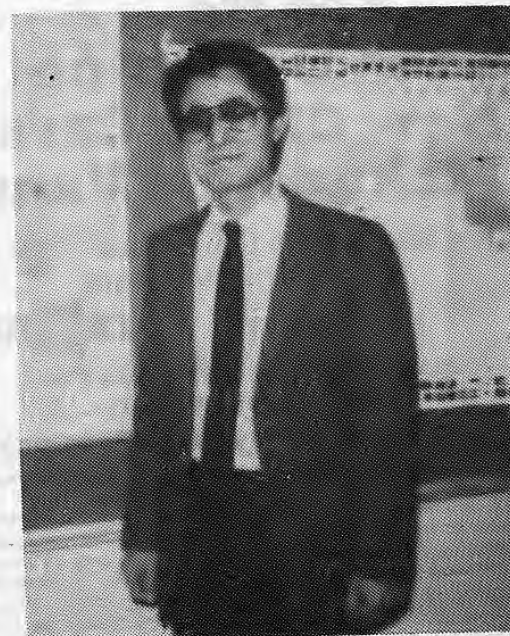
TEENS WORKING TOWARD D.C. TRIP

Fourteen Clinton County 4-H members enrolled in this year's Citizenship Shortcourse program and are learning more about local, state and national governments, preparing for a trip to Washington D.C. this summer.

DeWitt area 4-H members participating in this program include: Mike Huhn, son of Carl and Joan Huhn; Therese Nichols, daughter of Lyle and Bev Nichols; Keisha Schaub, daughter to Harry and Earlene Schaub, and Wendy Zuzelski, daughter of Mark and Kay Zuzelski.

In mid-July, as the culmination of their project, these 4-H'ers will join 4-H members from 10 other Michigan counties and travel to Washington D.C. where they will spend the week with 4-H'ers from several other states. They will spend a great deal of time in workshops and meetings, but will also have plenty

JAPANESE TEACHERS VISIT SCHOOLS



Japanese signs replaced English in DeWitt Middle School last week in honor of Yoshitoshi Fukuhara, visiting teacher from Ojiyama Junior High School, Otsu, Shiga, Fukuhara, above, visited the middle school classrooms, while Hiromichi Sahashi, English teacher at Yasu Senior High School, Yasu, Shiga, toured DeWitt High School. Both teachers were also introduced to pupils in the elementary schools.

The two Japanese visitors are in the United States this year under Michigan's 1986-87 exchange teacher plan. Fukuhara, who had studied at San Francisco State University and visited Canada and Mexico, five years ago, had not previously been in the eastern part of the United States. Sahashi said that he had visited Europe, but knew about this country mainly through reading, television and American friends. Larry Arbanas, DeWitt Middle School science teacher who recently returned from a six months' assignment in Shiga Japanese schools under the educational teachers' exchange agreement, was delighted to host the visitors in DeWitt.

Winter Homecoming

If you have any questions about the Preschool Round-Up, please call Colleen Zeeb, 641-6860.

SPECIAL DAYS DINNER: DeWitt Knights of Columbus Council 7237 plan to hold a bigger and better Special Days Dinner to benefit Special Days Camp for children with cancer on Sunday, March 29, at St. Jude Church. Bob Moody and Joe Ciaramello are chairing the project with much assistance from Tom Mauro, Bill Karine, Jerry Bocker and other council members.

New fund-raising portion of the dinner this year is their "Special Friends of Special Days" program book, which carries articles about the unique camp, as well as well-wishing ads from businesses and patrons. Tickets for the Swiss steak dinner will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for ages 5 to 12. Dinner will be served from 1 to 4 p.m.

CYC youth in St. Jude religious education program are assisting the K. of C. members with their Special Days project. The high school students are selling plush Animal Express hand puppets so that they can underwrite food and supplies expenses for the benefit dinner.

DEWITT TOWNSHIP PRESENTS AWARDS TO THREE CITIZENS



Dennis Benjamin, left, and Judy Martiny, right, DeWitt Township Parks & Recreation Commission member, admire the plaque, which cites him as 1987 DeWitt Township Citizen of the Year.

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4-H'ers from several other states. They will spend a great deal of time in workshops and meetings, but will also have plenty of time to visit various historic sites and will meet each of their legislators.

The Clinton County 4-H Council helps to sponsor the trip but these youth are working to raise about \$400.00 apiece to finance the trip. Their initial projects include preparing and serving the pancake supper for the Soil Conservation District's annual meeting, selling M&M candies, a family portrait fundraiser and sponsoring teen dances.

Dennis D. Benjamin was honored last week as DeWitt Township 1987 Citizen of the Year. Wayne Heddens, Sr., was named Township Volunteer of the Year and Marjorie Graham received the Outstanding Citizen Award.

Benjamin, appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission this year, has been active with the athletic program for a number of years. He worked with the softball program for eight years, has been football coach and was appointed to the softball committee three years ago. A lumber salesman, Benjamin lives on Bluegrass Road with his wife Barbara and their sons, Bruce and Gale.

Heddens, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has worked unstintingly as a volunteer. He is well known for distributing food and surplus baked goods, which he picks up and delivers to senior citizen groups and Cristo Rey Community Center.

Graham has served on the township Planning Commission for 12 years and was instrumental in the development of the township's zoning ordinance. A charter member of the Planning Commission, Graham works for the Lansing School District. She lives on Northcrest Drive with her three children, Tim, Tracy and Todd.

Watertown Saves Old School Bell

The Watertown Township Board and a group of citizens decided last July to preserve the bell, which once summoned students to the brick schoolhouse on the corner of Francis and Clark Roads. The bell and cupola have been removed and placed in storage, preliminary to re-siting in the township complex at Wacousta.

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Seniors Chuck Embs and Beth Woodruff reigned as Winter Homecoming King and Queen at the February 21 dance at DeWitt High School. Announcement of the election results were made at half-time of the game the previous night.

DATESTO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 8 - City of DeWitt open house to dedicate the newly completed DeWitt City Hall Building, 2 to 6 p.m. at City Hall, 414 E. Main Street - Dedication ceremony at 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 - DeWitt Elementary PTA second annual carnival at Scott School, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Monday, March 2; Tuesday, March 3; Thursday, March 5 - Tryouts for DeWitt Follies - 7 to 9 p.m. at DeWitt High School auditorium.

Friday & Saturday, March 27-28 - Sixth Annual DeWitt Follies on "A Night at the Movies" theme, in DHS auditorium.

Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4 - DeWitt Charter Township Spring Arts and Crafts Sale.

Swimming Lerner Boys Win 7 Meet Ribbons



DeWitt Swim Club members Woody and Jay Lerner hold some of their swimming trophies.

When Mary Ann Lerner took her 6-year-old son Woody to sign up for the DeWitt Swim Club in the summer of 1984, she never could have predicted the consequences of that registration. Young brother Jay, then 5, tagged along. When the lady from the swim club asked Jay if he liked the water too, he shyly nodded. Jay was asked if he'd like to join the club and swim with his brother. His mother laughed and said, "He can't even dog-paddle! He'll probably sink to the bottom and stay there!"

They all decided to try it for a day. Mary Ann nervously watched from the bleachers as her sons took to the pool. Neither

swimmers from across Michigan provided the day's competition. The Larners compiled an impressive collection of awards at Midland, including three 1st place, one 2nd, one 4th, and two 6th place ribbons.

Woody, now age 9, excels in all strokes, his favorites begin the butterfly and the individual medley. He has qualified for the league championships in the 100 IM, 50 back, 50 fly, and 50 breast.

Jay, 8, is a specialist in freestyle and backstroke events. He has qualified for the league championships in every event open to 8-year-olds. To illus-

Social Security Numbers Needed For Youngsters

When you begin preparing your 1987 federal income tax return -- due on April 15, 1988 -- you will find that Social Security numbers will be required for children claimed as dependents who are 5 years or age and older.

1988 may seem a long way off, but applying for your child's Social Security number now will ensure that you have it when you need it. As more people become aware of this new regulation and apply for their children's Social Security numbers, the processing time is likely to increase.

There have been some reports of a private business charging a \$10 fee to furnish your child's Social Security number. There is absolutely no reason to pay \$10. You can open your child's account yourself at no charge.

Social Security accounts for children can be opened by mail or at a Social Security office. Call your nearest Social Security office to learn what documentation you will need and how to proceed.

Watertown Signs Water Agreement

Watertown Township has negotiated a water

TEENS SELL PLUSH PUPPETS



CYC members at the Catholic Community of St. Jude wanted to help raise funds for Special Days Camp for children with cancer. So this month they are selling cuddly plush Animal Express hand puppets in order to pay for the food and supplies, which DeWitt K. of C. will use in giving their annual Special Days Dinner on Sunday, March 29.

Left to right are Janet Woodruff, Rob Hicks, Bob Hicks, and Niki Reed. The youth are holding some of the stuffed puppets which they are selling - Kitty Cat, Henry Hippo, Ali-Gator, Ricky Raccoon, Randy Reindeer, and Bonnie Rabbit. They're offering a selection of some 20 plush puppets.

ST. ANNE'S PLANS LENTEN SERVICES

Rev. Carlos Caguait has announced that a Holy Communion service will be held each Wednesday of Lent at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, at the

COUNCIL REPORT

DeWitt Mayor Lynn Thayer has announced the following appointments to city boards and committees:

Citizen Of The Year Committee: Madaline Brockman. Three year

term commencing February 1987. Board of Review: Norm Farnum, Linda Hodges. To fill unexpired term: to 1988; Cable Television Committee: Amanda Price, John Shibes. To fill unexpired terms to 1988: Tree

it for a day. Mary Ann nervously watched from the bleachers as her sons took to the pool. Neither boy had ever taken a swimming lesson, so her expectations were few. By the end of that first day, both boys were jumping off the diving board, and [while Mom held her breath] paddled themselves to the side of the pool. The boys were thrilled with their progress. Thus began the swimming adventures of Woody and Jay Lerner.

Both lads have been members of the DeWitt Swim Club continuously since 1984, participating in both winter and summer sessions with parents Dave and Mary Ann cheering them on. On January 31, 1987, Jay and Woody competed with the rest of the club at an invitational meet in Midland. A total of 325

events. He has qualified for the league championships in every event open to 8-year-olds. To illustrate his remarkable progress, the first time Jay swam the 25 yrd. freestyle in a meet, his time was 59 seconds. At Midland, Jay won that event with a time of 17.1 seconds.

Both boys have individual hobbies like collecting baseball cards. Woody plays soccer and guitar and is a U. of M. fan. Jay plays basketball, is active in Cub Scouts, and cheers for the MSU Spartans.

Local swimming fans have much to look forward to, with the Lerner boys' excellence and exuberance. Mom Mary Ann sums it up this way, "If I had a dozen kids, I'd want them all to be in swimming. It's the greatest experience for all of us!"

Water Agreement

Watertown Township has negotiated a water service agreement with the Lansing Board of Water and Light for \$453,000. The board, under the agreement, will extend water mains west for about two miles along North Grand River Avenue from Waverly Road to the John Henry Co., east of Lowell Road.

Mains also will be constructed north on Felton Road and south on Industrial Parkway. The project will serve about 30 commercial properties and several homeowners. Eventually the water service will cover 4,200 acres in the southeast part of the township.

has announced that a Holy Communion service will be held each Wednesday of Lent at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, at the corner of US-27 and Webb Road, DeWitt. The first service is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 4th. During these special services Rev. Caguiat will review basic information about the Episcopal Church such as the sacraments, creeds and catechism.

He will also discuss various parts of the Bible such as the ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. Anyone interested in learning what the Episcopal Church has to offer and how to live a fuller life as a member is cordially invited to attend.

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Linda Hodge. To fill unexpired term: to 1988; **Cable Television Committee:** Amanda Price, John Shibes. To fill unexpired terms to 1988; **Tree Commission:** Barbara Craig. Three year term commencing January 1987; **Building Authority Committee:** Austin Knapp. Three year term.

Along The Looking Glass

Nicholas Smith, 12, moves on to regional competition after winning the Knights of Columbus district Free Throw Shooting Tournament for his age group. Smith, who made 16 out of 25 attempts, received the gold medal, which entitles him to take part in the regional event March 8 at Lansing Catholic Central High School. The son of Daniel and Linda Smith, Sage Lane, he is a DeWitt Middle School sixth grade student.

The public is invited to the open house on Sunday, March 8, at which the newly completed DeWitt City Hall building will be dedicated. The open house will be from 2 until 6 p.m. with dedication at 3 p.m. City officials will be on hand to greet visitors and refreshments will be served.

"The American Dream is not over. America is an adventure." - Theodore White.

COMMITTEE FORMED TO RECALL 4 DEWITT TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A recall committee has filed a petition with the Clinton County clerk's office to recall four DeWitt Township board members. Supervisor Frank Mann, Clerk Greg Whitlock, Treasurer Alta C. Reed and Trustee Michael Verlinde are officials named on the document.

Once the board of county election commissioners rules on the petition's clarity, the committee plans to begin circulating recall petitions. Alleging that the board majority is unresponsive to residents' concerns, the petition cites the controversial 1987 township budget and proposed salary increases for elected officials. Persons interested in aiding the committee may call 669-8053 or write: Recall Committee DeWitt Township, P.O. Box 203, DeWitt, 48820.

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EXTENSION CALENDAR

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| March 6 | Nutrition Check Day, Smith Hall |
| 6 & 20 | Caring Farmers Fun Night, 7:30 p.m. Pilgrim Methodist Church |
| 7 | Fair Board Dance, Smith Hall |
| 9 | 4-H Yankee Springs Planning Mtg., 6:30 - 8 p.m. Conference Room |
| 9 | Fair Board Mtg., 8 p.m., Conference Room |
| 12, 19, 26 | Microwave Class, DeWitt High School, 7-9 |
| 13 | 4-H Citizenship Dance, Smith Hall |

DeWitt Parks and Recreation Volleyball Standings

Week of February 20, 1987

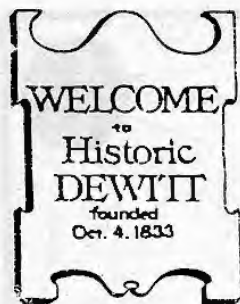
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"A" LEAGUE

"B" LEAGUE

| Place | Team | Record |
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| 1st | DeWitt Shop Rite | 21-0 |
| 2nd | Ball Movements | 17-4 |
| 3rd | Outrageousness | 13-5 |
| 4th | Tower Power | 12-6 |
| 5th | Yo N' Fro | 13-8 |
| 6th | Swat Team | 12-9 |
| 7th | Baby Makers | 10-11 |
| 8th | V.B.D.'s | 8-13 |
| 9th | Gold Standard | 7-14 |
| 10th | Sleaze Balls | 5-16 |
| 11th | OwDaControl | 3-18 |
| 12th | Court Gestures | 2-19 |

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| 1st | Brewski's | 17-4 |
| 2nd | Cheers | 16-5 |
| 3rd | Set-Ups | 15-6 |
| 4th | Flying Dutchmen | 12-9 |
| 5th | Plumbers & Pipefitters | 11-10 |
| 6th | Mama's & Papa's | 10-11 |
| 7th | Steven's Spikers | 5-16 |
| 8th | Dill Pickles | 4-17 |
| 8th | Volleyholics | 4-17 |



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EUCHRE, ANYONE?: DeWitt Lioness Club members will meet Thursday, March 12, in DeWitt Memorial Building. Joyce Bordui of the Hair Drop will give a color analysis program.

Very much on Lioness' minds these days are plans for their annual Euchre Tournament, set for Saturday, March 21, in DeWitt Memorial Building. Play begins at 7 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \$80 to the first place couple; \$40, second place couple; \$20 door prize, but you must be present to win. Tickets are \$10 per couple. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets or information can be obtained from June Swan, 669-3660; Vi Pennington, 669-3587, or Jean Malumphy, 669-5918.

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Selections to the 1987 National Honor Society ranks at DeWitt High School have just been announced.

Seniors include Carrie Blizzard, Steve Erb, Bob Heintz, Debbie Hengesh, Mark Kamppinen, Rob Leppala, Kari Lusty, David March, Mark Rosendale, and Amy Sherwood.

New members elected from the junior class are Matt Bailey, Jason Brewer, Geoff Brown, Theresa Brubacher, David Dalton, Sarah Drake, Melissa Goers, Carol Kuzma, Amy Lusty, Kelli McCallum, Cherie McClure, Leslie Philip, Michelle Ramirez, Yvonne Richardson, Daryn Shopbell, Aaron Stevens, Mike Stevens, Alan

HELP FOR ITHACA: Businesswoman Peg Guilford reached outside the DeWitt community a week ago to lend a helping hand to Ithaca, beleaguered city a little farther north in mid-Michigan. After contacting U.S. Rep. Bill Schuette, R-Sanford; State Sen. John Engler, R-Mt. Pleasant, and State Rep. Gary Randall, R-Elwell, Peg called a news conference in Ithaca to seek assistance for the town which has recently suffered through disastrous fire and flood.

The legislators and city officials hope that contributions may offset the effects of flooding last fall that caused \$20 million in lost crops and the February fire which gutted a downtown business section. "Americans...always send money in disasters," Peg said. "If people just send their coffeebreak money for one day, these people can rebuild." Co-owner of DeWitt Hardware, Guilford has been active hereabouts in downtown redevelopment plans and a member of the DeWitt Downtown Development Authority.

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JAPAN ADVENTURE: Peggy Ryan headed for the Far East at the end of February to begin a nine-month residence in Otsu, Shiga, Japan. She is participating in the academic work/study overseas program, which Lansing Community College provides in cooperation with Biwako Kisen Steamship Co. in Otsu.

Students prepared for the trip beforehand by taking LCC classes in Japanese language and history, as well as orientation and hospitality studies. Once overseas, through the LCC Business and Industry departmental program, students work aboard the Michigan

Arts Gallery Sponsors March Artists' Exhibit

An exhibit of "Portraits & Pastels" will be open for viewing throughout the month of March at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop located on US-27 & N. Clinton, in St. Johns. Artists participating in the exhibit include: Margaret Hart of St. Johns, whose portraits are really personality studies in pastel and oil; Kathy Martindale's work in watercolor, which also incorporates strong figure studies; Jean Williams' pastel children's portraits, courtesy of the Alan Harr collection; Mila Spousta's historic reproductions in pastels; portraits in oil and acrylic by Grace Wood; Maxine Strahle's sensitive portraits of native Americans; animal portraits by Ted Lotze in oil and acrylic; Ruth McCarty of Durand in pastels and colored pencil.

The exhibit will be open for viewing from 1-5 p.m. every day throughout March, or phone 224-2429 during these hours for information.

Additional activities during March sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council include a demonstration of wildfowl carving by Tom Penrod on Sunday, March 15, from 1-4 p.m. at the Gallery. Penrod, of Lansing, is an accomplished decoy carver who has received awards on national and international levels. He also teaches wood carving classes at Michigan State University. Plan now to come and see this very talented artist at work.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

Sidewalk Bids

Administrative Assistant Kurt Klemens was authorized to seek bids for sidewalks on the east side of Wilson Street near Scott School at last Monday night's regular council meeting. Parents of elementary school children had asked for sidewalk installation last fall, when they presented a number of recommendations to the city regarding unsafe walking conditions for pupils going to and from school.

"No Trucks Allowed" signs are to be put up on the northern segment of Schavey Road to

Michelle Ramirez, Yvonne Richardson, Daryn Shopbell, Aaron Stevens, Mike Stevens, Alan Vance, Jill Verspoor, and Wendy Williams.

Senior NHS members will board an Amtrak train in East Lansing Friday, March 20, for a weekend trip to Toronto. Among the adults accompanying them will be Mark Servis, NHS advisor, and Barbara Brown; Servis and Brown are both instructors at the high school.

CIRCUS CARNIVAL: Twelve lucky elementary school pupils won awards last week for their posters advertising the upcoming carnival, which DeWitt Elementary PTA is sponsoring on Saturday, March 14. The PTA provided posterboard for youngsters in Developmental Kindergarten through Grade 5 who wanted to enter the "Circus Carnival" poster contest.

A committee judged the 207 poster entries Tuesday and selected two winning posters from each grade. The following winning names were announced over the PA on Wednesday: DK & K - Jacob Mackowiak, Kellie Sebrell; Grade 1 - Scott Vernon, Heather Simon; Grade 2 - Sarah Huntley, Sherrie Sebrell; Grade 3 - James Bliss, Jenny Kanine; Grade 4 - Amy O'Dell, Angie Bovee; Grade 5 - Kay Wheeler, Heather Shannon. Each winner received a certificate, which will allow them to select his/her choice of one game prize at the carnival.

Some 40 to 50 raffle prizes will be given out as names are drawn throughout the carnival hours. The PTA carnival will be held at Scott School from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday, so the PTA committee suggests getting your tickets early. This year's grand raffle prizes are two sets of round trips for two to Hawaii (air fare only). A number of gift certificates, including one for \$50 in fishing equipment and another for a large ham, are among other raffle prizes.

Parents and volunteers will be supervising the game rooms, where the traditional cake walk, cookie walk, face painting, pre-school fishing and other entertaining features will be offered. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria all afternoon. For tickets or information, call Carolyn Stahmer, 665 5042.

hospitality studies. Once overseas, through the LCC Business and Industry departmental program, students work aboard the Michigan Ship, a daily cruise vessel which operates on Lake Biwa, and continue taking classes in Otsu. They live in Otsu apartments during the nine-month work/study period, but have several vacation breaks in which to see other parts of Japan.

Peggy graduated from DeWitt High School in 1985. She is the daughter of Jim and Ann Ryan, former Lake Geneva residents who now live in Howell.

New Petition Seeks To Recall Entire Board

A new note sounded last week in DeWitt Township's recall saga, as residents calling themselves Citizens To Protect Our Township put out petitions to recall the three board members who were excluded in a recall document which had been filed the previous week. Trustees Charles Rademacher, Bruce E. Angell II and Douglas Hammond were named in the latest petition.

The county is expected to hold clarity hearings on March 11 to determine the validity of the original recall. Township Supervisor Frank Mann, Clerk Greg Whitlock, Treasurer Alta C. Reed, and Trustee Michael Verlinde were cited in the first recall petition. The Recall Committee

of DeWitt Township charged that the latter four officials violated the Open Meetings Act and approved large salary raises for themselves.



Elementary PTA Meets March 16

The DeWitt Elementary PTA will meet Monday, March 16, at 7 pm at Scott School cafeteria.

Elementary school teachers Mrs. Sally McBride and Mr. Phil Harner will discuss computer use in the schools, with demonstrations by several students. Parents attending the meeting will be given the opportunity to try the computer programs.

for pupils going to and from school.

"No Trucks Allowed" signs are to be put up on the northern segment of Schavey Road to protect the road, which had been primed and sealed last August, during the spring thaw period. Council members agreed that specific load restrictions should be enforced on Schavey after more research is done on the matter.

Other Action

Mayor Lynn Thayer appointed Pat DeYoung and Arnold Korte to the Street & Water Study Committee- the first committee meeting will be held Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. The Cable Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 19.

Council approved a lot split for the Eschtruth property at the corner of DeWitt and Webb roads, upon recommendation from the City Planning Commission. They also accepted the low bid of \$3,495 from Lansing Ford Tractor for a DPW street sweeper.

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What Was That?

Two youngsters in a different pre-Easter communicant classes were overheard exchanging notes on their studies. One announced proudly, "We're up to original sin."

"That's nothing," scoffed the other. "We're past redemption."

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By Stephen C. Garrett
Superintendent
DeWitt Public Schools

Project Goes To Voters

The voters of the DeWitt Public School District will be voting Tuesday, March 31, on a \$3,980,000 bond proposal. This proposal will extend the school district's debt, but will not increase the present 7.62 mills being levied each year for the debt.

The major focus of the bond proposal is to meet elementary needs of the District and to maintain and improve our existing facilities. How will this be done?

1. Construction of a new elementary school to serve 400 students in grades K-2 with sufficient core space to expand the building to serve 500 students in the future. Scott School would then be converted to grades 3-5.

2. Add a recreation/physical education room to Scott School.

3. Other improvements to Scott School include: expansion of cafeteria, added storage space, remedial and special service area, art/music room, increased area for library.

4. Provide a three bay bus maintenance building with adjacent enclosed space for building maintenance and repair operations with sufficient fenced-in space for the bus fleet. The Griswold Building where the bus garage and administrative office are now housed would be taken down.

5. The Fuerstenau Building will be converted to community education and adult education use. The District's administrative office will also be moved to the Fuerstenau Building. The Building is a sound structure, but if continued as an elementary school would



Stephen C. Garrett

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

The Women's Group will meet Monday, March 9, at Hope Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.

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Redeemer United Methodist Church held its annual Ash Wednesday Candlelight Eucharist with distribution of ashes Wednesday evening, March 4. In order that worshippers might be enabled to reassess the real meaning of Lent and sacrificial living in Christianity, the service began with a period of silent meditation and prayer. Pastor Harry R. Johnson then gave a sermon, "Proclaiming the Paschal Mystery," using a text from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

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St. Jude high school CYC members are going without food for 24 hours Friday and Saturday, Mar. 13-14, to learn how it feels to be hungry and to raise money for hunger programs locally and overseas. The CYC have issued a challenge to St. Jude adults to have more participants in the Food Fast than the youth.

Melodie Mallison, Denise Platte, Rachelle

Scott Michael, freshman member of the Kenyon College (Gambier, OH) swimming team, recently qualified for the NCAA Division II National Swimming and Diving Championships. A 1986 DeWitt High School graduate, he is the son of David and Mary Michael, W. Geneva Dr.

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A Family Style Fish Supper will be served by Wacousta Masonic Lodge No. 359 on Friday, March 13. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take out dinners are available at a reduced price.

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Michael Kovacic, S. Geneva Drive, is newly installed president of the Farm Bureau Center Toastmasters Club. Kovacic is director of information and public relations for Michigan Farm Bureau.

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VFW Post 671, 12550 US-27, DeWitt, holds a Steak Fry on the second Saturday of every month. Next one will be March 14. Price is \$6.50. Meals are served from 5 to 8 p.m.

NEWBORN PYGMY GOAT IS READY FOR ADOPTION

Katrina Schaub, 13, daughter of Harry and Earlene Schaub of Francis Road, was the first 4-H'er to receive a baby pygmy goat through the pygmy goat adoption program. The program began in 1984 when Frank and Pat Galbavi of St. Johns donated one of their registered pygmy goats to the Clinton County 4-H program.

Pygmy goats, small compact, sturdy-looking little goats, are friendly, lovable, and good with children. They can be used for milking and can give up to four pounds of milk a day. Galbavis' pygmy goats are registered with the National Pygmy Goat Association and the American Goat Association. Pat continues to work with the 4-H program and hopes to get more young people interested in pygmy goats as a 4-H project.

Tina Schaub, now in her fourth year in 4-H, is a member of two clubs. She is treasurer of Charlie's Gang, where she works on such projects as foods, needlecrafts, sewing, and ceramics. Tina is also a member of the

now give her newborn baby pygmy goat up for adoption in order to keep the 4-H program going. The young 4-H'er has earned trophies and ribbons by showing her goats in many shows the last few years. She wants to keep in touch with the new 4-H'er to see how the new baby goat does in the shows.

Persons interested in pygmy goats or the Pygmy Goat Adoption program may contact the 4-H Office, 224-3288, or stop by the office, 306 Elm. St. Johns.

Painting Class Starts Tonight

A watercolor "paint-along" class for beginning watercolor enthusiasts will be held on Monday & Tuesday, March 9 & 10, from 7 thru 10 p.m. at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop located on US-27 & N. Clinton Ave. in St. Johns. Instructor for these classes is Doris Jarrell of Laingsburg.

Cost of the paint-along classes is \$15 per session, with new material covered in each class. Partici-

Office will also be moved to the Fuerstenau Building. The Building is a sound structure, but if continued as an elementary school would require much renovation and expense.

6. The bond proposal also will provide for needed renovation and repair of the mechanical, heating and ventilation systems at the high school as well as provide for improvements needed for energy conservation.

7. At the Middle School, roof replacement, insulation, food storage area/freezer and science and industrial arts area ventilation are included.

8. Fencing, playground improvement, practice fields, equipment and furniture replacement round out the bond issue needs.

The DeWitt District has had increasing elementary facility needs for many years. These needs have become more acute with overcrowding, increased demand for space by special education, providing for programs such as developmental kindergarten, art, and physical education.

Without a building program, decisions will have to be made that will certainly affect the quality of the educational program for our schools. Some options to increasing our elementary school facility include changing the educational structure which would do away with the Middle School concept, locating the kindergarten at the High School, which would also require monies to be spent for renovation, increase class size so that fewer classrooms would be needed, eliminate special programs requiring added space such as junior great books, elementary physical education and cross-age tutoring.

Without a bond issue the maintenance and improvement needs could only be met through allocation of funds away from educational programs and services for students.

Although the emphasis is at the elementary level, the bond issue addresses the total facility needs of the District and will enable your school to move ahead in providing those facilities necessary to house a quality program as we look forward to the 21st century. If you have any questions relating to the bond election, please call the superintendent's office at 669-2260.

fast than the youth.

Melodie Mallison, Denise Platte, Rachelle Pline, and Paul Armstrong are keeping track of adult participants. Colleen Steinman and Jan Mallison are the adult coordinators. Money raised will go to Catholic Relief Services, Cristo Rey Soup Kitchen, and Loaves and Fishes.

Dorcas Circle of Redeemer United Methodist Church will meet at Gerry Hall's home Tuesday, March 10, at 1:30 p.m. Dorothy Thomas will be hostess for Ruth Circle's noon potluck dinner on Wednesday, March 11. Georgia Carter will open her home Wednesday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m. for Priscilla Circle's meeting; and Faith Circle meets at the home of Eileen Barnes that same evening at 7:30 p.m.

Agape Circle and Naomi Circle members had their March meetings last Wednesday at DeWitt Community Church.

DeWitt Newcomers & Friends will hold their March meeting Wednesday, March 11, in DeWitt Memorial Building at 7 p.m.

will be March 14. Price is \$6.50. Meals are served from 5 to 8 p.m. The post has a Fish Fry every Friday between 5 and 8 p.m. Price is \$4.25, with half-price for children. Everyone is welcome.



Appeals Court Judge Retires

Judge Glenn S. Allen Jr. retired last week from his state Court of Appeals post. One of six judges on the District III Appeals Court, Allen, 73, and his wife, Marjorie, are DeWitt residents who have a Mackinac Island summer home.

Allen is opening a private law office in Lansing and plans to do some college teaching. The Kalamazoo native was appointed to the court in 1974 and reelected in 1974 and 1980.

Admitted to the state bar in 1939 after receiving a law degree from Columbia University, he began his law career as a law clerk for the Michigan Supreme Court. He later served as mayor of Kalamazoo from 1951 to 1959.

needlecrafts, sewing, and ceramics. Tina is also a member of the Clinton Caprines and was elected secretary this year. Her main interest in this club is with her goats. She has 14 in goats besides her pygmy goats.

Tina has been in the pygmy program for three years and her first doeling was born a few months ago. She must

session, with new material covered in each class. Participants will be limited to 12 students per class to allow time for individual help. Persons interested in taking part in these classes are requested to call the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery at 224-2429 from 1-5 p.m. for information or stop in at the Gallery to register for classes.

Country Music

Clinton County Arts Council is also sponsoring a 50/50 Raffle this month to raise funds for their many projects throughout the year. Tickets are available from any Arts Council member for \$1 each or 6 for \$5, or stop at the Gallery and pick up tickets.

The drawing will be held during intermission of the Concert of Folk and Country Music, featuring Kitty

Concert Coming

Donohoe of St. Johns and Pat & Bill Tronmater of Muir on March 27, starting at 7 p.m. at the St. Johns High School Auditorium.

Bring the family for an enjoyable evening of hand-clapping, toe-tapping music. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 students, or \$10 family. Tickets available at the door or by stopping at the Gallery at 1100 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns.

EXTENSION CALENDAR

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| March 20 | Caring Farmers Fun Night, 7:30 p.m., Pilgrim Methodist Church |
| 9 | 4-H Yankee Springs Planning Mtg., 6:30-8 Conference Room |
| 9 | Fair Board Mtg., 8 p.m., Conference Room |
| 12, 19, 26 | Microwave Class, DeWitt High School, 7-9 |
| 13 | 4-H Citizenship Dance, Smith Hall |



DATELINE: DeWitt

March 16, 1987
Photos and Stories by Kitty Marriott
Phone 669-3385



Kitty Korner

CHANGE OF HEART?: Bill Lonier, DeWitt barber and avid sports fan, is well-known for his enthusiastic support of the University of Michigan teams. On numerous occasions, many DeWitt residents have heard Bill comment on what a "dumb game" hockey is.

Well, on Friday, February 27, Bill was observed at a hockey game - not only at a hockey game, but at Munn Arena on the campus of Michigan State University! After listening to the lengthy harangues Bill has delivered to occupants of his barber chair, some of his barbershop clients would never have expected to see HIM on the campus of MSU.

Incidentally, Bill's first exposure to live college hockey was an exciting Spartan 8-7 win in overtime. His regular customers are wondering if he won't now agree that hockey is a very action-packed sport.

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KLUTZ CITY: Many thanks to all the well-wishers - tongue in cheek and otherwise - who offered advice after my recent fall down the stairs, in which I came out second-best with two sprained wrists.

Helpful suggestions ran the full range from remarks about too many champagne breakfasts to offering me the local spouse abuse hotline phone number.

My own family were foremost in the ranks with nasty comments. But what could you expect from offspring who early on had suggested "Kitty Litter" for this column name

Recall Petition Gets Approval

The DeWitt Township Recall Committee received approval last Wednesday from the Clinton County election board members to move ahead with petitions to recall four township board members. Supervisor Frank Mann, Clerk Greg Whitlock, Treasurer Alta C. Reed, and Trustee Michael Verlinde were named in the petition at the March 11 clarity hearing.

A second organization, calling themselves Citizens to Protect Our Township, has filed a later petition seeking recall of the remaining board members - Trustees Bruce Angell II, Douglas Hammond, and Charles Rademacher. The clarity hearing on the second request will be on March 23.

Meanwhile, Pat Belue and Connie

FUNDS FOR HEART-AID



The Ladies Auxiliary of DeWitt City Fire Department has raised more than \$2,000 toward purchase of a Heart-Aid machine this past year by means of a quilt raffle and their February benefit dance. The department's recent 50-50 raffle has just raised more than \$900 to help them reach their \$10,500 goal. Auxiliary members made the presentation of their \$2,025 check to Fire Chief Doug Twiss, right, at the March 10 drawing in the fire station. Delivering the check are left to right: Peggy Haviland, Dannel Ballard, Marge Mull, Tami Ballard, and Pam Ward.

The lifesaving Heart-Aid machine is estimated to increase the survival rate for heart attack victims by ten times.

Bath Wildlife Artist To Talk

On Thursday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. the membership meeting of the Clinton County Arts Council will have a very special program presented by wildlife artist Gijbert 'Nick' VanFrankenhuyzen of Bath.



with nasty comments. But what could you expect from offspring who early on had suggested "Kitty Litter" for this column name instead of Kitty Korner?

Had to resort to 3-finger right hand typing on my Shopping Guide copy for the first week. Unfortunately, the finished copy looked much better than my usual slaughterhouse method with both hands. Special acknowledgement should go to Michelle in Mason, who proofed and laid out the two DeWitt pages, for the invalid DeWitt correspondent.

KIWANIS GOLF: The first hint of spring-like weather always turns golfers' thoughts to their favorite sport, so this extra-mild season we've been having is probably responsible for DeWitt Kiwanis Club's early push to publicize their June 20 Benefit Golf Tournament.

The club's second annual tournament will help to support activities and a scholarship program for DeWitt youth. "Twill be held Saturday, June 20, at Prairie Creek Golf Course with a June 21 rain date. All monies raised will go toward community programs in DeWitt.

Men, women, and mixed foursomes are invited to take part in the 4-Person Scramble. The 8 a.m. shotgun start will be followed by an early dinner. Cash prizes will be awarded during dinner. Tickets are \$100 per foursome and that includes golf, dinner, and refreshments. Further information is available from chairman Tim Woodard, 669-8153.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 16 - DeWitt Elementary PTA meets in Scott School cafeteria, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 21 - Euchre Tournament sponsored by DeWitt Lioness Club, 7 p.m., DeWitt Memorial Building

Friday & Saturday, March 27-28 - Sixth Annual DeWitt Follies on "A Night at the Movies" theme, in DHS auditorium.

Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4 - DeWitt Charter Township Spring Arts and Crafts Sale



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request will be on March 23.

Meanwhile, Pat Relyea and Connie Thomas, co-chairpersons for DeWitt Township Recall Committee, plan to begin going door-to-door with their petitions. They have 90 days from the date of the first signing to secure the needed signatures. The group alleges that board members have violated the Open Meetings Act, voted themselves salary increases, engaged in block voting, and failed to respond to citizens' concerns.

Persons interested in obtaining information or helping the committee may call 669-8053 or 669-8183.

Baptist Church Holding Revival

The First Baptist Church of DeWitt is holding a revival each evening at 7 p.m. this week through Friday, March 20.

Evangelist Steve Hartman of Fort Worth, TX, is conducting the revival services. First Baptist Church is located at the corner of DeWitt and Cutler Roads.

For further information, call 669-3851.

program presented by wildlife artist Gijsbert 'Nick' VanFrankenhuyzen of Bath.

In addition to being an outstanding wildlife artist on the national level, VanFrankenhuyzen is art director of Michigan Natural Resources magazine. He has presented his program to many organizations throughout the area as well as to students at all grade levels.

The public is invited to attend. This meeting will be held at St. Johns Episcopal Church located at 400 E. Walker St. in St. Johns.

Township Sets Softball Sign-Ups

Softball and T-Ball sign-ups for the 1987 DeWitt Township leagues will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7 and 8, at DeWitt Charter Township Hall, 4700 Brook Road, Lansing, from 1 to 8 p.m.

Registration fee is \$10 per child and \$30 per family. For further information, contact Bill Baumgardner, Parks & Recreation Director, 482-1291.

"America is a tune. It must be sung together." - Gerald Stanley Lee.



Tami Ballard assists her niece, Makel Ballard, 2, to draw winning names from the barrel. Winners in the 50-50 drawing were Cindy Reed, DeWitt; David Llanes, Lansing, and Richard Alexa, Okemos.

LENDING LIBRARY

The Clinton County Arts Council has opened a lending library at its gallery/gift shop at U.S. 27 and North Clinton Avenue in St. Johns. Through donations by members and friends of the arts, the collection includes instruction books on various art media, quilting, woodworking and crafts; "American Artist" and "Artist" magazines and related publications.

Kay Pilmore, director, said members may borrow the items without charge. Donations are welcome. For information, call 224-2429.

LEADERMETE

Twenty-two Clinton County volunteer 4-H leaders attended the East Central Region 4-H Leadermete held at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth last month.

Leaders attending from Clinton County were: Kevin Kirk, Charles Silm, Ellen Burnham, Rosella Lonier, Gwen and Kim Nash, Connie and Michelle Mohny, Cherish Joostberns, Chris Schafer, Tracie Spellman, Sue Olger, Julie Partee, Lois and Dana Burghdoff, Sue Chant, Keisha Schaub, Stacie Holland, Jennifer Goodrich, Patti Straub, Brent Vitek and Jeremy Foster.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

DeWitt Board of Education accepted the donation of \$1,038 from the DeWitt Schools Booster Club for the purchase of basketball backboards for Fuerstenau School at their regular Monday evening meeting, and expressed appreciation to the Boosters for their support.

Congratulations were extended to DeWitt High School and Middle School, which have been notified that they meet all accreditation standards and are in full compliance with the criteria established by the North Central Association. Only 191 of the 409 Michigan schools accredited last year received accreditation without deviation.

The board extended congratulations to Randy Smith, Middle School teacher and varsity wrestling coach for his selection as Michigan Wrestling Coach of the Year, to Chad Daggy for winning the 155-pound Class C state championship and to Eric Donders, who earned a second place medal in the state tournament at 112 pounds.

cafeteria staff, replacing Gloria McLaughlin.

The board approved capital outlay expenditures of \$2,100 to All American Glass Company for safety

DeWitt Public Schools DeWitt, Michigan 48820

March 9, 1987

To the residents of the DeWitt Public School District,

At its October 13, 1986 meeting, the DeWitt Board of Education appointed a blue ribbon Facility Committee of 22 people representing a broad cross section of our community. This committee was charged with the responsibility of studying, in detail, the districts need for current and near future needs for educational facilities. After many weeks of exhaustive study, this committee unanimously recommended that the community:

- Build a new elementary school
- Renovate and add to the Scott school
- Create a Community Center & Administrative Offices at the Fuerstenau Elementary School
- Construct a bus garage
- Up-grade parts of the Middle School & High School
- Improve our physical education & pool facilities

The Board of Education has unanimously accepted this recommendation of the committee and proposes to the community that a bond issue of \$3,980,000 be approved by the voters on March 31, 1987. The proposal which you are asked to approve will not raise your millage rate, however it will extend the District's debt into the future.

The Board wants to extend its thanks to the committee members who have worked long and hard to assure that DeWitt continues to be a leader in providing quality education, in quality facilities to quality kids. We urge each citizen to support this effort on March 31, 1987.

Sincerely,

Glenn Tarrant
Glenn Tarrant, President

David Harfst
David Harfst, Vice President

Ronald Johnson
Ronald Johnson, Secretary

William B. Schaar Jr.
William Schaar, Jr., Treasurer

James Osborn
James Osborn, Trustee
Thomas Kamppinen
Thomas Kamppinen, Trustee
Denise Baird
Denise Baird, Trustee

Family Portraits Offer Aids County 4-H Program

Clinton County 4-H families and friends can take advantage of a special offer to have their family's pictures

the family portrait. The certificate is good only for family groups and if there are any questions Kathy can define a

Photo Contest Is Announced

The First Annual Photography Competition sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council will be held at

Along The Looking Glass

The DeWitt Elementary PTA will meet Monday, March 16, at 7 pm at Scott School cafeteria.

Elementary school teachers Mrs. Sally McBride and Mr. Phil Harner will discuss computer use in the schools, with demonstrations by several students.

DeWitt Newcomers & Friends Lunch-for-a-Bunch meeting will be at the House of Hsu at noon on Friday, March 20. Marylou Arquette, 669-5629, is contact person.

Sixth grade CCD students from St. Jude and their families will go to the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue for a Sabbath service on Friday evening, March 20.

The St. Jude Middle School Youth Group will hold a roller skating party at EDRU Roller Rink in Holt from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22. Art and Rosemary Fitzgerald are handling reservations.

The Michigan Sesquicentennial Agency/Historical Commission for Clinton County will meet in DeWitt Township Hall Tuesday,

to Eric Donders, who earned a second place medal in the state tournament at 112 pounds.

Two retirements effective in June were accepted - Elizabeth Jeanne Jenkins, fourth grade teacher who has been with DeWitt Public Schools for 19 years, and Helen Harger, eighth grade instructor who has been teaching in DeWitt for 17 years.

Tenure effective at the end of the school year was extended to Susan Lucian, Scott special education resource room teacher, and Joan Culp, high school English teacher.

Non-staff coaching assignments approved were: JV baseball, David Pettit; assistant baseball - Thomas Kampinen; varsity tennis, Bill Childress; JV tennis, Joe Stants. Michelle Wooten has joined the

The board approved capital outlay expenditures of \$2,100 to All American Glass Company for safety plate glass for the main high school showcases; \$2,050 to Nystrom Company for Middle School maps and globes; \$1,588.50 to Michigan Products for 30 replacement chair/desks for high school classrooms; \$757 for an overhead door for the high school woodworking shop from Overhead Door Company.

At the request of the Board Personnel Committee, the Board of Education will have a special meeting on Monday, March 23.

High school principal Fred Goers recommended to the board that the athletic director look into a possible league change and report back to the board at the April meeting.

Clinton County 4-H families and friends can take advantage of a special offer to have their family's pictures taken and help support the 4-H program at the same time. On Saturday, April 4 a photographer from Majestic Studios in Tennessee will be at the Extension Office to take family portraits of those families that have made reservations and paid the fee in advance.

The cost for the full color 10" x 13" portrait with a frame is only \$7.95. This plan has a 30-day unconditional money back guarantee and has the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.

Families who want to take advantage of this opportunity need to contact Kathy Love in the Extension Office at 306 Elm Street in St. Johns to make a reservation and to purchase the certificate for

the family portrait. The certificate is good only for family groups and if there are any questions Kathy can define a "family" for you.

Time slots are filled on a first come basis, so those who are interested should plan to make the appointment as soon as possible. Reservations need to be made by Thursday, March 19. For additional information, contact the Cooperative Extension Service at 224-3288 or 669-3663 (ext. 229).

MARKETING WORKSHOP

A workshop designed to introduce teen and adult volunteer leaders to the 4-H commodity marketing project will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, in the Union at MSU.

"This is an important subject for those who may be considering a career in farming to familiarize themselves with," says Theresa Silm, Clinton County 4-H Youth Agent. "I would encourage anyone with an interest to attend."

There is no admission charge. For registration information, contact your county Cooperative Extension Service Office by March 18.

The First Annual Photography Competition sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council will be held at their Gallery & Gift Shop located on US-27 & N. Clinton Ave. in St. Johns. Entries must be delivered to the Gallery by Tuesday, March 31, 1987, at 5 p.m. Entries will be on display throughout the month of April at the Gallery.

A fee of \$10 will allow participants to enter three works and additional works may be submitted for a \$5 fee per print. There are no restrictions as to subject matter.

Winners will be announced at an artists' reception which will be held at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop on Sunday, April 12, from 1-5 p.m., to which the public is invited. Cash prizes will be awarded, with amounts for specific awards to be announced at a later date.

Competition chairman Paul McKinley invites all photography artists from Clinton County and surrounding areas to participate in this event. For further information, call the Gallery & Gift Shop, 224-2429, any day from 1-5 p.m.

quicentennial Agency/Historical Commission for Clinton County will meet in DeWitt Township Hall Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m.

Thomas Ferrigan of Laingsburg was one of seven Michigan Department of Transportation employees, who received the first special Director's Awards for outstanding sustained work performance. Ferrigan is manager of the bureau of aeronautics airport services section.

Redeemer United Methodist Senior High students will again present their Red Checkered Country Cafe at the church Sunday, March 29 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. There'll be a varied menu to choose from - spaghetti, salad, nachos, hot dogs, chips and dip, pop, tea, coffee, milk, ice cream, and brownies. Proceeds will go the Lake Louise work camp, a local mission project and a summer trip.

Gov. James Blanchard has appointed Rachel Asbury of Laingsburg to represent the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Services on the Client Assistance Program Advisory Council.

EXTENSION CALENDAR

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| March | |
| 12, 19, 26 | Microwave Class, DeWitt High School, 7-9 |
| 13 | 4-H Citizenship Dance, Smith Hall |
| 16 | Controlling Swine Production Costs, 9-3, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Fowler |
| 17 & 19 | Farm Business Management Program, Smith Hall, 9:30 - 3:30 |





DATELINE: DeWitt

March 23, 1987

Photos and Stories by Kitty Marriott
Phone 669-3385

Kitty Korner

SIXTH DEWITT FOLLIES: Show nights for the 1987 "A Night at the Movies" DeWitt Follies are this coming Friday & Saturday, March 27-28. The showcase of local talent begins at 7:30 p.m. in DeWitt High School auditorium.

Singers, dancers, performers of all kinds including a clown skit, will be on stage, as 54 acts carry on the show over the two evening performances. Jim Holmes' fourth grade class and Charlene Schaar's first graders will appear Friday night, Lynn Jury's first grade and Louise Peppel's second graders will move on stage Saturday night. Terry Gartside will again provide lively organ music and several pianists will accompany some of the follies acts.

Co-directors Ruth Ueberroth and Connie Toune point out that parents, who would like to take close-up pictures of their children on stage, will find the DRESS REHEARSAL this Thursday, March 26, between 7 and 9 p.m. an excellent time for photography work.

Tickets at \$3 will be available at the door, between 6:30 and 7:30 pm at the dress rehearsal. They are also available at Teranova's Thirftway in DeWitt and will be sold at the door for both evening performances.

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SPECIAL DAYS BENEFIT: The annual Special Days Dinner to support a camp for children with cancer takes place next Sunday.

FOLLIES THIS WEEKEND



Ruth Ueberroth, left, and Connie Toune, right, have once again been directing auditions and rehearsals in order to present the DeWitt Follies, annual entertainment extravaganza featuring local talent. Two shows will be given in DeWitt High School Auditorium Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, at 7:30 p.m.

and Answer session and wind up with a coffee/social hour. Advance tickets for the Sunday dinner will also be available at that time.

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SPRING TRAVELERS: Cancun, Mexico was

Country Music Concert Friday

A Concert of Folk and Country Music, featuring Kitty Donohoe of St. Johns and Pat and Bill Trommater of Muir will be presented by the Clinton County Arts Council on Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m. These local, professional artists compose much of their music, ranging from soft ballads to hand-clapping, toe-tapping renditions. Kitty Donohoe's recently released album is available at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop in St. Johns on both tape and record. She has performed in Boston, and Houston, Texas, and many points between. She has also been extensively involved with music and art programs for children in schools throughout the area.

Pat and Bill Trommater have performed at many area functions including the St. Johns

Mint Festival, Clinton County Arts Council Folk Art Festival, etc. They have participated in many area benefit programs performing many of their own compositions and playing guitars, fiddle, banjo, etc. One can't resist clapping along with many of their numbers. They will be a featured group of the Flint Folk Art Festival this summer.

This family evening of fun and entertainment will end about 9 p.m. Tickets are \$3 adults, \$2 students, and \$10 family, available at the door or at the Clinton County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop located on US-27 & N. Clinton Ave. in St. Johns. The concert will be held at Pocious Auditorium in St. Johns High School, 501 W. Sickles St. in St. Johns. An art exhibit by students under the direction of Judy McEnaney will also be available for viewing.

At 20 you can't wait for tomorrow to come. After 40, you never quite finish with the day before yesterday.

DEWITT TOWNSHIP P&R SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

AEROBICS - Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 16 - June 11; 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. classes, \$12.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL (CO-ED) - Wednesdays, April 1 - May 27, 7-9:30 p.m., \$1, ages

SPECIAL DAYS BENEFIT: The annual Special Days Dinner to support a camp for children with cancer takes place next Sunday, March 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Jude Church. Tickets for the Swiss steak dinner are \$6 for adults, \$3 for ages 5 to 12.

Dinner proceeds will benefit Special Days Camp at Napoleon, MI, south of Jackson, which Michigan Knights of Columbus sponsors for children who have leukemia or cancer. This will be the eighth summer that the youngsters are able to enjoy regular recreation and camping activities - sailing, swimming, hiking, ball games - during August under the direction of medical personnel and volunteer aides.



Special Days

DeWitt K of C Council 7237 has added a new fund-raiser to their Special Days project this year by printing a program book, "Special Friends of Special Days." Local businesses, organizations and numerous patrons have underwritten ads in the program book, which carries articles about the unusual camp. This was so successful that council members are already working on next year's program book.

Everyone is invited to enjoy dinner out Sunday at St. Jude and to help support Special Days Camp at the same time. Advance tickets may be purchased by contacting Joe Ciaramella, 669-5283.

COMMUNITY INVITED: MSU student Lynn Royer, daughter of Dr. George Royer and Carol Royer who founded Special Days Camp, will be giving a video presentation on the unique camp Wednesday, March 25, at St. Jude Church at 7:30 p.m.

Area residents are invited to attend the program, which will be followed by a Question

social hour. Advance tickets for the Sunday dinner will also be available at that time.

SPRING TRAVELERS: Cancun, Mexico was the early March destination of some local folks, who basked in the southern climate there for two weeks. Dick and Jan Hasselbach, Dorothy Esckilsen, Bill Drouin, Kent and Jan Penton have returned from the springtime vacation spot to DeWitt's unusually sunny March clime.

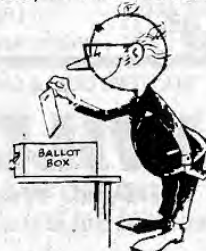
George and Jan Mallison have been trying to preserve the tans they acquired during their two-week stay in Hawaii. They got back home just in time to head for Detroit and catch the Spartan hockey team's twin sweep of Bowling Green at Joe Louis Arena.

GREAT SPRING DINNER: On behalf of some 57 senior citizens, who attended the March 12 Spring dinner hosted by DeWitt Community Education, Virginia Ackerman called to extend a sincere "Thank You!" for the "really nice" event.

Food service director Susan Friend planned the dinner menu; Community Ed Director Jane Parman and other staff members helped to serve the meal. Parman, who hopes to repeat the dinner again in the fall and make it a semi-annual program, explains that the Spring Dinner (which was free of charge to any senior citizen in the DeWitt School District) is a way of "saying Thank You for supporting our schools."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday & Saturday, March 27-28 - Sixth Annual DeWitt Follies on "A Night at the Movies" theme, in DHS auditorium.



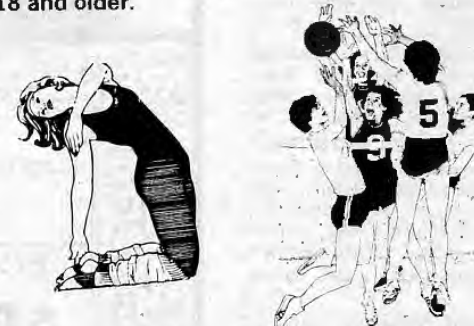
Tuesday, March 31 - DeWitt Public School District bond proposal election.

Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4 - DeWitt Charter Township Spring Arts and Crafts Sale

SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

AEROBICS - Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 16 - June 11; 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. classes, \$12.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL (CO-ED) - Wednesdays, April 1 - May 27, 7-9:30 p.m., \$1, ages 18 and older.



ADULT BASKETBALL (CO-ED) - Fridays, April 24 - May 29, 7-9:30 p.m., \$1, ages 18 and older. DEWITT TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY. Proof of residency required to register.

LOG CABIN QUILTING - Thursdays, April 23 - May 14, 7-9 p.m., \$10.

SELF-DEFENSE - Wednesday, April 29, 7-9 p.m., ages 18 and older. Presented by Mid-Michigan Academy of Martial Arts.

BIKE MAINTENANCE CLASS - Saturday, May 16, 1-2:30 p.m., \$2.

STENCILLING - Wednesdays, May 6 & 13, 7-9 p.m., \$8.

WALKING - Mondays through Fridays, 8-10 a.m. & 1-5 p.m., FREE. Walkers who have logged 100 miles earn a free T-shirt from the Michigan Heart Association.

REGISTRATION will remain open until the class date or until the class fills. If you are interested in a tote painting class, karate class, or any other class, contact Bill Baumgardener, Parks & Recreation Director, 482-1291.

EXTENSION CALENDAR

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| March 25 | 4-H Winter Wind-Up, St. Johns High School |
| 25 | 4-H Style Revue., St. Johns High School |
| 28 | Youth Rabbit Show at MSU |
| 30 & April 2 | Marketing Agriculture Products, Smith Hall |

Girl Scout Doings

The Girls Scouts are celebrating their 75th anniversary this year - March is their birthday month.

Troops in DeWitt have distributed the cookies they took orders for last month. If you didn't order any and would like some delicious Girl Scout cookies, just contact any DeWitt Girl Scout or troop, as there are extra boxes available.

Two big outings this month were McCheeroff and Promise Circle. McCheeroff took place at MSU, where troops participated in cheering contests and watched the girls' basketball game. Promise Circle involved sending balloons aloft and Girl Scouts saying the Girl Scout Promise at the same time all over the state.



TROOP 92 - Third grade Brownies collected bottles and cans for refunds. Next, they purchased dog and cat chews, tied

Kindergarten Registration Is By Appointment

Kindergarten registration in DeWitt for the 1987-88 school year will be by appointment.

If you have an eligible child, call Scott School office, 669-3651 after April 1 to make an appointment. Registration dates will be May 4, 5, and 6.

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. - Charles Wadsworth.

SIX COMPETE IN MJO MEET



Back row, left to right, are: Matt Shier, Kim Withers, Jenny Brown and Coach Debbie Goodkin; Front row: Woody Larner, Mari Fullmer, and Kelly Peacock.

SWIMMERS FARE WELL IN FINAL COMPETITION

The competitive swimming season was extended an extra two weeks for six members of the DeWitt Swim Club. The Michigan Team Swim League Championship meet on March 1 ended the season for most club swimmers, but for top ranked United States Swimming participants, there was one more mountain to climb: the Michigan Junior Olympics Meet, held March 14 and 15 in Livonia. And it was a mountain of a meet, featuring over 700 top-notch age-group swimmers from across the state. Competition was extremely tough, with some events including more than 90 swimmers whose qualifying times differed by only tenths of seconds.

DeWitt's representatives included Woody Larner, specialist in individuals medley, butterfly, and breaststroke events. Woody improved his seed position in every event of the meet, and scored a solid "A" time of 38.53 seconds in the 50 yard butterfly. Larner 9 has

Takes State Swim Honors

Dave Shipp, already well-known for his swimming prowess, continued to excel in the 1987 Class B-C-D state finals at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, the weekend of March 13-14. The DeWitt High School junior was named Swimmer of the Year for the second successive year, winning two individual titles and leading the Panthers to their fifth-place finish.

He made a record-breaking 1:40.92 in the 200 freestyle and won the 100 freestyle in :46.16. Steve Erb won the one-meter diving contest with 388.35 points. DeWitt's relay team, composed of David Hofmeister, Trevor Wilcox, Andy Draper and Shipp, took third place in the 400 freestyle relay.

Shipp, who was also named Most Outstanding Swimmer in last year's Class B-C-D state finals, is the son of David and Kendra Shipp, East Geneva Drive.

Along The Looking Glass

Hubert Waite, Pine Street, will receive a 20-year plaque when the

CITY P & R NEWS

COMING EVENTS

ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL - slowpitch sign-up and meeting on MARCH 31 - 6 pm at DeWitt City Hall. 10-week season to begin April 26 and played on Sun. afternoons. \$150 per team.

Hershey's National Track & Field - for GIRLS & BOYS ages 9-14 will be held June 4 at DeWitt High School. Pre-register at DeWitt City Hall or DeWitt Township Hall.

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Winter Leagues Final Standings

"A" League

Week of March 13

| Place | Team | Record |
|-------|------------------|--------|
| 1st | DeWitt Shop Rite | 29-1 |
| 2nd | Ball Movements | 23-7 |
| 3rd | Outstanding | 21-9 |

grade Brownies collected bottles and cans for refunds. Next, they purchased dog and cat chews, tied ribbons to them and donated them to Zeeb Animal Hospital to be given to animals brought in during the holidays.

TROOP 485 - Had an ice skating party at Washington Ice Arena, which they paid for with money earned from the magazines sale they had participated in earlier this year.

TROOP 237, 3rd grade - Had a Valentine's Party for Troop 405 (Daisies), and made valentines and cookies for the younger girls.

Petitions Are Due by April 6

One four-year term on the DeWitt District School Board will be available this year.

Residents who are interested must turn in their petitions to the Administrative Office, 608 Wilson Street, by 4 p.m. Monday, April 6.

Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance.

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.

- Robert Benchley.

A League

Week of March 13

| Place | Team | Record |
|-------|------------------|--------|
| 1st | DeWitt Shop Rite | 29-1 |
| 2nd | Ball Movements | 23-7 |
| 3rd | Outrageousness | 21-9 |
| 4th | Swat Team | 19-11 |
| 5th | Tower Power | 18-12 |
| 6th | To N'Fro | 16-14 |
| 7th | Baby Makers | 13-17 |
| 8th | V.B.D.'s | 11-19 |
| 8th | Gold Standard | 11-19 |
| 9th | Sleaze Balls | 8-22 |
| 10th | OwDaControl | 6-24 |
| 11th | Court Gestures | 5-25 |

"B" League

Week of March 6

| Place | Team | Record |
|-------|------------------------|--------|
| 1st | Brewski's | 23-4 |
| 2nd | Cheers | 20-7 |
| 2nd | Set-Ups | 20-7 |
| 3rd | Flying Dutchmen | 15-12 |
| 4th | Nets | 14-13 |
| 5th | Plumbers & Pipefitters | 13-14 |
| 6th | Mama's & Papa's | 11-16 |
| 7th | Volleyholics | 7-20 |
| 8th | Steven's Spikers | 6-21 |
| 8th | Dill Pickles | 6-21 |



FIGURE OF SPEECH

A well-known jazz musician greeted the pastor after services one Sunday. "You really flipped me out, man," he said. "That sermon was groovy."

"Glad you like it," the pastor said, after a pause. "But I'm afraid the way you express your approval throws me a little."

"Sorry, Daddy," the musician continued. "I just want you to know I dug your sermon so much that I flipped a C-note in the money pot."

Cool, man," said the pastor.

DeWitt's representatives included Woody Larner, specialist in individuals medley, butterfly, and breaststroke events. Woody improved his seed position in every event of the meet, and scored a solid "A" time of 38.53 seconds in the 50 yard butterfly. Larner, 9, has a great season to look forward to next year, as he is now competing as the youngest member in his age group. If he continues his excellent progress, he should be a top qualifier for the 1988 State Meet.

Competing in the 11-12 age group were Kelly Peacock, Mari Fullmer, and Jenny Brown. Peacock, 11, competed in freestyle, backstroke, and butterfly events, recording a career-best time of 30.6 seconds in the 50 yard freestyle. Fullmer, 12, talented in all strokes, qualified in butterfly, backstroke, individual medley, and freestyle. She showed great spirit and determination at this meet, competing with a badly sprained ankle that had her on crutches all week prior to the meet. Brown, 12, qualified in all events available. She is an expert in breaststroke events, achieving "AA" times in both 50 and 100 yard breaststroke. Brown placed 3rd in a field of 47 swimmers in the 100 breast, with a time of 1:21.9, her personal best time.

Matt Shier and Kim Withers battled other 13-14 year-olds at the meet. Matt has been a member of DSC for 4 years, and is accomplished in individual medley, breaststroke, butterfly, and freestyle. He put in a fine performance in all of these strokes at the Junior Olympic meet. He has shown great leadership and sportsmanship during his tenure with the club, and will be missed next year as he moves up to the high school boys team. Withers' is an amazing success story. In this, her first year of competition, she has combined hard work and natural athletic ability to achieve remarkable results. In Livonia, she won 1st place in the 50 yard freestyle, against a group of 51 other swimmers, and recorded a "AA" time of 27.1 seconds.

DeWitt coach Debbie Goodkin deserves much praise for the fine performances of these swimmers. She is quick to point out, though, that the greatest successes come from kids who want it the most, and are willing to work harder than most to achieve their goals.

Along The Looking Glass

Hubert Waite, Pine Street, will receive a 20-year plaque when the Michigan High School Athletic Association presents awards to 14 local high school sports officials at the eighth Awards / Alumni Banquet April 25 at Lansing's Clarion Hotel / Convention Center.

Pam Porterfield has been appointed a trustee for Watertown Charter Township to fill the unexpired term of Don Lowell, who recently resigned.

The state Supreme Court has named Clinton County Circuit Court Judge Randy Tahvonen to serve on a committee to study medical malpractice.

Roy C. Gaskin of Pat McCrackin Ford, Inc., has achieved grand master level membership in the 300/500 Masters Program for outstanding 1986 sales accomplishment.

Puerto Rican golf pro Chi Chi Rodriguez, referring to his accent, said, "I asked my caddy for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye."



DATELINE: DeWitt

March 30, 1987
Photos and Stories by Kitty Marriotti
Phone 669-3385

Kitty Korner

'Twas A GREAT DAY: DeWitt PTA's Circus Carnival was a smashing success and here are some of the success-ful figures - more than 2,000 people attended; - 1,755 played the Cake Walk; 500 young faces were painted; Pocket Man Bruce McDonald's pocket was picked 411 times; 7,000 prizes were given away; 620 hot dogs were served in the 4-hour period before the cafeteria ran out of frankfurters.

"We aimed to make it a FUN-DAY, not a fund-raiser," explains carnival chairperson Lynn Horn. "It's for the kids and they had a good time."

Ruth Pearson of Madison Street and the Bill Wooten family of Farm Lane were big winners of the PTA's two trips to Hawaii. Some 230 persons either worked at the carnival or baked cookies/cakes for it. In addition to parents and teachers working and staffing the various games, parking cars, directing foot and vehicular traffic, and doing other odd jobs, high school volunteers also assisted. Area businesses were wonderful in making donations for the carnival, the chairperson said.

Most popular all-around game was the Coke Bottle Stand-up, wherein participants used a fishing pole to maneuver a 2-liter bottle into a standing position. Funniest comments: two different youngsters, when asked what their favorite carnival prizes were, replied "The

DeWitt Community



Education Program

SPRING STORY HOURS: Faye Hanson Memorial Library will have a weekly story hour for pre-school children during April and May. Sessions will be held Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11 a.m. beginning on April 15. The weekly story hour will continue for six weeks through May 20.

Pre-schoolers, ages three to five years who are not yet attending school, may sign up for the story hour at the library. Librarian Helen Davis is in charge of the story-telling sessions.

NURSE TAKES TITLE



Slender Center Stresses TLC, Weight Loss

"What is the secret of your life?" asked Mrs. Browning of novelist Charles Kingsley. "Tell me that I may make mine beautiful too."

The old author replied, "I had a friend."

That quotation made a profound impression on Mary Ann Green, who has carried that "caring friend" theme into her work. Green, who opened the Slender Center in St. Johns in January, remarks, "There is more to us than just our outer bodies. We have to deal with the inner you also."

Green, who says she spent a good part of her adult life battling the bulge, first losing weight but putting it back on, has finally found a program that actually works. "I realized quite a while ago that it was not only the part of losing weight that I needed help with, but a change of self-image and attitude," she says. Green wants to be a friend in time of need, helping with the several needs to lose weight, eat nutritionally and develop a solid

Party Observes 85th Birthday

Bertha Lennemann readily accepted her children's dinner invitation for her 85th birthday on Sunday, March 22, and found herself the guest of honor at a family surprise dinner party at the Peachtree restaurant.

Her son-in-law and daughter, J.D. and Phyllis Baxter of Lapeer, and son and



Bertha Lennemann

daughter-in-law, Bill and Judy Lennemann of Ionia, were the main party planners. Son Stan's family is in Florida. Many of her 18 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren attended. The family party adjourned after dinner to Bertha's Scott Street home, where some of the very young children also joined in the afternoon celebration.

Born in Maple Rapids, Bertha has lived in the DeWitt area for 75 years. She said

fishing pole to maneuver a 2-liter bottle into a standing position. Funniest comments: two different youngsters, when asked what their favorite carnival prizes were, replied, "The Erasers!" The novelty erasers - with happy faces, in odd shapes or scented - were consolation prizes for the losers.

Opening up additional rooms at Scott School has helped smooth the crowd flow, Horn pointed out. She and other PTA members were so elated with the success of the second annual carnival that they've already set the date for the next year's carnival - on the second Saturday of March, 1988.

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FOUNDATION TOURNAMENT: The beautiful, sunny days we've been enjoying have lured many golfers onto local courses - and naturally, have spurred into early planning the organizations which sponsor fund-raising golf tournaments. Accordingly, DeWitt Public Schools Foundation is already well into arrangements for its third annual golf tournament, to be held Saturday, August 29, at Prairie Creek Golf Course.

The annual 4-person 18-hole scramble is the Foundation's primary fund-raiser. With the help of local business underwriters and golfers who enter the tournament, the Foundation is able to award grants to elementary, middle school, and high school teachers for special projects, and has established memorial funds that are providing, in perpetuity, annual college scholarships to deserving DeWitt students.

Tickets are sold at \$20 per player. A shotgun start begins the tournament at 8 a.m., a sandwich bar luncheon follows at noon, golf equipment and door prizes are awarded. Mark the date on your calendar now.

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MAYOR'S EXCHANGE: The mayor of Gaylord will be in DeWitt for the traditional Mayor's Exchange festivities on Monday, May 11.

DeWitt Mayor Lynn Thayer will then travel to Gaylord the following Monday, May 18, to be that city's guest during the annual Michigan Week program.

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Before being named Mrs. Michigan, Karen Herbers, right, poses for a three-generation picture with her mother, Vertia Francis of Owosso, and grandmother, Nola Wood of Detroit.

Grandparents Are Proud Of New Mrs. Michigan

Clark and Nola Wood of Primrose Lane are bustin' their buttons these days - and with good reason.

They were at the Novi-Hilton a week ago to see their granddaughter, Karen Herbers, 30, crowned as Mrs. Michigan.

Herbers, who graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School, attended Mott College and received her nursing degree from Hurley School of Nursing. Now a nurse at McLaren Hospital in Flint, she lives in Flushing with her husband, Jerry.

The new Mrs. Michigan won the swim suit and evening gown competition. A neat touch is that Jerry, who is studying design at Lansing Community College, designed and beaded the evening gown which his wife wore in the contest.

Herbers will go to Las Vegas, NV, in August to take part in the 1987 Mrs. America competition. Woods hopes to be in the audience for that event too.

Actor Alan Alda said in a speech to the graduating class of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons: "The head bone is connected to the heart bone - and don't let them come apart."

need, helping with the several needs to lose weight, eat nutritionally and develop a solid understanding of one's own unique worth.

When talking about the problem, Green does not use the pronoun "they" - she includes herself and uses the pronoun "we" because she has been there.

"At Slender Center we will give guidance that inspires motivation within you, while you will be learning how to better understand you," she says.

A client's weight loss is followed up with a stabilization and lengthy free maintenance program to assure permanent success. Slender Center, Inc., an 8-year-old franchise based in Wisconsin, is located at 216 N. Clinton. A call to 224-6633 will provide further information and a free no-obligation consultation upon request.

Green, then Mary Ann Mullen, was a DeWitt resident and attended DeWitt High School in the Fifties, before moving to Lansing. She and her husband Ralph have lived in St. Johns for 31 years and have four grown children.

Meditation: inner calm system.

Born in Maple Rapids, Bertha has lived in the DeWitt area for 75 years. She and her late husband, Jack were active in DeWitt civic and charitable affairs through the years. With Audrey Fabus, Bertha is still the sparkplug behind the DeWitt Community Christmas Project, which provides for needy families/citizens at Christmastime and assists in other emergency situations throughout the year. She is also a member of DeWitt Lioness Club and senior citizen organizations.

Group Sponsors Special Lecture

Winners of the essay contest, sponsored by DeWitt Council 7237 Knights of Columbus, are Jesse Theisen in middle school and Denise Platte, high school. Each received a \$20 gift certificate to Community News-center. Their essays will now be entered in statewide competition.

The Knights are sponsoring a special program for adults on Tuesday, March 31, at 7:30 pm at St. Jude Church. Fr. Max Mandl of Portiuncula of the Pines Retreat House will speak on "An Historic Review of the Eucharist."

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By Stephen C. Garrett
Superintendent
DeWitt Public Schools

I would like to use this "Superintendent's Corner" to announce to the community that I have been offered and accepted the position of superintendent of the Thornapple-Kellogg School District in Middleville, Michigan, effective July 1. I believe the Thornapple-Kellogg School District to be an excellent district and I am very pleased with the appointment. However, it will be difficult to leave the DeWitt Schools where I believe my tenure has been successful and where there is such promise for the future.

DeWitt is a growing community with much to offer. Education and the schools are a most important part of this growth and are of central importance to DeWitt, not only to parents, but to non-parents as well.

DeWitt Schools are recognized in the area for having an excellent student body and for providing strong and comprehensive academic and athletic programs. The community can be very proud in its support of the schools.

You as a DeWitt voter will be asked to support a bond issue for \$3,980,000 to provide for a new elementary school plus a needed addition to the Scott Elementary School and other needed facility improvements in the District.



Stephen C. Garrett

This bond issue will be financed through the state bond loan fund as were the DeWitt School District building programs in the past. This will mean that the new bond issue will extend the loan period, but will not increase the 7.62 mills being levied in our District for bond debt.

May I wish the DeWitt School District well in passing the bond issue for a much

DEWITT COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING TERM ENRICHMENT & RECREATION

AEROBICS by Fitness Factory, Inc. - Monday & Wednesday, April 20 - June 3, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., 13 sessions, \$26; Tuesday & Thursday, April 21 - June 4, 14 sessions, \$28 - Instructor: Susan Lark.

OVER 30 OPEN BASKETBALL - Mondays, 7-9 p.m., \$1 per night

TOTAL STRETCH & TONE by Fitness Factory, Inc. - Monday & Wednesday, April 20 - June 3, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$26 - Instructor: Susan Lark.

SWING & BALLROOM DANCING - Mondays, 7-9 p.m., April 20 - May 25, \$20 per person, \$35 per couple

INTERMEDIATE SWING & BALLROOM DANCING - Mondays, 7-9 p.m., April 20 - May 25, \$20 per person, \$35 per couple.

WALK FOR LIFE - Monday thru Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., FREE

YOUR IDEAL SILHOUTTE - Monday, May 4, 7-9 p.m., \$2

COMMUNICATION & PARENTING SKILLS - Tuesday, April 21 - June 9, 7-9 p.m., FREE

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF A COMPUTER - Tuesday, March 24/Tuesday April 28 - 7 to 10 p.m., \$5 - Instructor: David E. Persell, Ph.D.

OPEN BASKETBALL - Wednesdays, starting April 20, 8-10 p.m., \$1 per night - for those over 18 and out of high school.

I'M ME AND THAT'S TERRIFIC! - Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, 7 to 9 p.m., FREE

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM PREPARATION COURSE (A.C.T.) - Saturday, April 25 - June 6, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., \$50

SUCCESSFUL MONEY MANAGEMENT - Saturday, April 18 & 25, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$39 per couple, \$29 senior citizen rate

Scouts Hold Cake Contest

The 63 Cakes entered in the March 19 Cub Scout Cake Bake were judged by Susan Friend and

Youth Softball League to Begin

Watertown Township Parks & Recreation has announced sign-up dates for its popular Youth

CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPUTER CLUB - Wednesday, 7:30-9 p.m., \$3 supplies - Club Advisor: Lee Hodges

KARATE - Thursdays, March 26 - May 21 - 5-12 year-olds, 5:30-6:30 p.m., \$12; ages 13 & up, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$15; Family - 2 or more, \$30. Instructor: Craig Mestemaker



SWIM LESSONS

Tuesday & Thursday, April 21 - May 21

PRE-BEGINNER - Water Adjustment - 5:30-6 p.m.; **TINY TOT SWIM** - 6-7 p.m.; **BEGINNER** - 7-7:30 p.m.; **LIFE SAVING CERTIFICATION** - 7:30-9:30 p.m. Fees: \$17, one person; \$30, 2 persons in family; \$45, 3 persons in family. **OPEN SWIM** - Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m./Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 50¢ per person; **ADULT SWIM** - Wednesdays, 8-9:30 p.m., \$1 per person.

REGISTER TODAY! CALL DEWITT COMMUNITY EDUCATION, 669-3040

Lansing Community College classes are offered evenings in Typewriting I & II; Human Relations - Business & Industry; Using Personal Computers; Human Growth & Development; American Government; Composition III; Dealing with Stress; Dance Exercise, and Jazz-Aerobic.

Pre-registration required for some classes. Contact Community Education, 669-3040 for information.

THE CORNER GARDEN

Q. Which vegetables need to go into the

proud in its support of the schools.

However, I am not sure that the community is fully aware of the District's need for improved and expanded elementary facilities. To be the school district that this community needs and has grown to expect, your support is needed.

Next Tuesday, March 31, is a most important date for the DeWitt School District.

Along The Looking Glass

DeWitt student Tammy Branstetter created one of the winning designs in the fourth annual contest to design placemats to be used in four local McDonald's restaurants. Winners are selected in each of the Clinton County districts and the designs are printed onto 48,000 placemats promoting "March Is Reading Month."

Winning students were awarded an athletic bag and with their families received a free supper at McDonald's. The program is coordinated through McDonald's and the Gifted and Talented Programs of Clinton County Intermediate School

well in passing the bond issue for a much needed elementary school and for improvements in all facilities. I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone in the DeWitt Schools and community who work so diligently in their support of their school and for the opportunity to have been the superintendent of your school for these past seven years.

District.

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The Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Youth Program will sponsor a tractor safety and maintenance course for all interested persons on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning on Tuesday, March 31. Each of the five sessions will be held from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Gregory R. Larson, son of Robert W. and Phyllis A. Larson of Laingsburg, has been promoted to his present rank while serving at Naval Communication Station, Keflavik, Iceland.

19 Cub Scout Cake Bake were judged by Susan Friend and Barb Brown. Awards given were: Tiger Cub Most Original - Ron Reynolds; Tiger Cub Best Use of Other Foods - Eric Patterson; Tiger Cub Best Illustration of Theme - Bobby Hagerman; Tiger Cub Most Tempting - David Ordway.



For the Pack: Best Decorated - 1st, Kevin Quick; 2nd, Ryan Quinn; 3rd, Mike Reed. Most Original - 1st, Jacob Edin; 2nd, Jim Nutt; 3rd, Marcus Wild.

Best Use of Other Foods - 1st, Evan Robertson; 2nd, T.J. Stone; 3rd, Todd Hargett. Best Illustration of Theme - 1st, Joey Kovacic; 2nd, Greg Thurston; 3rd, David Wangen. Most Tempting - 1st, Tim Morris; 2nd, Kyle Lake; 3rd, Tim Young.

Award winning cakes were auctioned by Auctioneer Lon Canum of St. Johns. Special thanks go to the Solar Salon, J. J. Video and Bill O'Shaughnessy Chevrolet for their auction donations.

creation has announced sign-up dates for its popular Youth Softball League. Any child currently in grades 2, 3, 4, or 5 is eligible and can sign up at the Watertown Township Hall on Tuesday, April 14 or Thursday, April 16, from 4 - 7 p.m.

Teams will practice in May with games being scheduled on weekday evenings during June and July. A fun league that stresses fundamentals and participation, the cost per child is \$4.00 for township residents and \$6.00 for non-residents. More information on this program can be obtained by calling Parks & Recreation Director Tony Sporer at 626-6593 or 669-9200.

WHAT WAS THAT?

In a speech at Illinois State University, Ralph Nader stressed the impact of advertising. He asked how many people knew the name of the Attorney General of the United States. A few hands were raised. He then asked if anyone knew Morris the Cat. There was not only a good showing of hands but also a good strong round of applause.

THE CORNER GARDEN

Q. Which vegetables need to go into the garden as started plants rather than seeds?

A. In the early garden, plant cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, and brussels sprout plants. After the danger of frost is past, set out tomato, pepper and eggplant plans. Use transplants of the early season crops so they'll be able to mature and produce a crop before the heat of midsummer. The warm weather crops need to start as transplants so they have time to mature a crop before frost.

Q. How do I find out whether I need to spread lime on my vegetable garden site?

A. Contact your local Cooperative Extension Service office and find out how to sample your soil for a soil test. A soil test is an inexpensive, accurate way of telling whether your soil needs lime and how much you need to add. It will also tell you what nutrients in your soil are inadequate and how much to add.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, March 31 - DeWitt Public School District bond proposal election.

Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4 - DeWitt Charter Township Spring Arts and Crafts Sale

EXTENSION CALENDAR

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| March 30 | Marketing Agriculture Products, Smith Hall, 9 am - 4 pm. |
| 31 | 4-H Tractor Safety Course, 6:30, Extension Office |
| 30 & April 2 | Marketing Agriculture Products Program, S. H. 9 am - 4 pm |
| April 9 | Forestry Workshop, Smith Hall |

The lady asked the landscaper, "What would you suggest planting in a clay spot on a rocky ledge that gets very little rain and a hot afternoon sun?"

"I'd suggest a nice flag pole," he replied.