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Easter Egg Hunt

Plan To Attend
The 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt
April 2nd, 10 am - 11 am
Downtown DeWitt



Along The Looking Glass

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 14 - Regular meeting of DeWitt Board of Education, 7 pm, Griswold Administration Building..

Wednesday and Thursday, March 16 & 17 - Prom Dress Exchange, DeWitt High School. Sellers register dresses at 6 pm. Buyers come at 7 pm.

Saturday, March 26 - "Christ in the Passover", 6 pm, DeWitt Community Church. Open to public.

Saturday, March 26 - United Methodist Women, 9:30 am, White Breakfast.

Tuesday, March 29 - Clinton County Board of Commissioner's regular meeting, 9 am, St. John's Court house.

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EASTER COLORING CONTEST

The DeWitt Business Association is sponsoring an Easter Coloring Contest. Look for DeWitt Merchant's Entry Blanks in the March 21, Edition of the Shopping Guide.

Prom Dress Exchange

A prom dress exchange will be held at DeWitt High School on March 16-17, 1988. This will be the second prom dress exchange according to Mrs. Peggy Williams, Student Government advisor. "With the price of dresses so high, I just wanted to see whether people who had lovely dresses would be willing to sell or rent them to cut down on the expense of prom night," said Mrs. Williams. "A nice variety of dresses was available last year, and the young ladies who found a "new" dress were so pleased - as were their parents!" Last year, the exchange was held too late, this earlier date will be better not only for DeWitt, whose Prom is May 7, but for other Clinton County Schools as well. By encouraging other area schools to participate, a wider variety of dresses should be available according to Mrs. Williams. "We had at least one \$300 gown last year, and most were in the retail price range of \$150-\$200 price range and in perfect shape. We even had one exquisite gown that was just donated for someone to wear with the provision that it be dry-cleaned upon return."

The price of the gown to be sold is determined by the seller. If any accessories such as purses, gloves, shawls, etc. are included, they too are priced by the seller. Generally, the gowns were priced around \$30-50, which was worth it to the seller who otherwise would still have it hanging in a closet.

Mrs. Williams is inviting the rest of Clinton County schools to participate so that there will be

an even bigger selection of dresses from which to choose.

"This dress exchange is being held as a service, not as a profit-making venture," said Mrs. Williams. "There is no charge to bring in a dress to sell, and no extra charge will be made over what the seller is asking for their items." "What we do ask," said Mrs. Williams, "is that all dresses be in excellent condition and that they be no more than two years old. All dresses should be of the style that is currently in fashion."

Each dress needs to be registered before it is placed for selling. Registration forms will be available at DeWitt High School at the time of the exchange, March 16-17. Persons wishing to sell dresses should bring them to the lobby of DeWitt High School (by the main basketball gym) at 6 pm. People buying dresses should come at 7 pm. Dresses may be tried on in the practice rooms in the band area and viewed in the full-length mirrors in the choir room.

Mrs. Williams stressed that all unsold dresses must be picked up by 10 pm on March 17 or else they will become the property of the High School and will be donated to a charitable institution. "This is necessary," said Mrs. Williams, "because storage is limited and we do not wish to be responsible for them after March 17."

So, make plans now to attend this interesting, money-saving activity. This prom dress exchange has the potential of benefitting many, many people area wide.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT



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ST. PAT'S DAY



Extension Calendar

March

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| 14 | Fair Board Mtg., 8 pm; SCCR |
| 15 | Sprayer Calibration Workshop,
1-3 pm, Smith Hall |
| 15 | Pesticide License Test, Smith
Hall, 6:45 |
| 15 | 4-H Foods Leader Mtg., 7 pm |
| 17 | Capital Federal Savings |
| 17 | 4-H Camp Counselor Training,
5:30-9 pm, Perrin Palmer |
| 19 | 4-H Tri-County Leader Train-
ing, Ithaca |
| 21 & 28 | Basic Farm Records, 7:30 pm,
Clinton Hospital Room C |
| 22 | 4-H REACH, Smith Hall, 7 pm |
| 21-24 | Agricultural Natural
Resources Week, MSU |
| 25 | 4-H Spring Revue, RBW Jr.
High School, St. Johns |
| 26 | 4-H State Rabbit Show, MSU |
| 28-30 | IPM School, Kellogg Biological
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DAISY GIRL SCOUT TROOP 642 DeWitt Post Office Tour

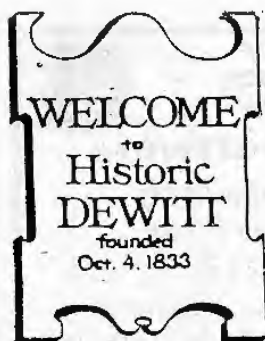


DAISY TROOP 642, DeWitt (L to R): Jennifer Smith, Rachael Brown, Lee Ruble, Beth Schultz, Jessica Schafer, Sarah Rapelje, Nicole Provencal, and Sarah Corr.

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 642 enjoyed their DeWitt Post Office tour presented by Carol Osga last month. The girls wrote letters to themselves at their troop meeting, presented them to the post office and found out firsthand how our mail system works. Thank you Ms. Osga for an enlightening tour.

Troop 642 would also like to thank Jay Dunkel, Mgr. of Tommy's Pizza, DeWitt, for their Tommy's Pizza tour. After a demonstration from Jay, the girls made their own 6" pizzas. Soft drinks were donated by Tommy's Pizza. Thank you Emily Rapelje and Tracie Schafer from Jr. Troop 92 for helping with our tours.

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DEWITT ELEMENTARY P.T.A. SAYS "THANK YOU"

DeWitt Elementary PTA's 3rd Annual School Carnival "Journey through Space" was a resounding success. We'd like to thank all of the volunteers who prepared for and worked at the games, in the kitchen, ticket sellers, the pocket-man and his designer, and of course the 1988 Carnival Committee whose rewards were the children's smiles as they carried off the prizes they had won. An added bonus was the approximately \$2500 profit, a portion of which will be divided equally between Fuerstenau and Scott Schools.

The following is a list of prize donors whose support made our raffle possible.

Charlie & Barb McCann	Mary Jane Ruble
The McDonalds Corp.	Janet Shumway
The Gordon Family	DeWitt Hardware
K & E Enterprises, Inc.	J.J. Video
Hank Lotoszinski	Terri Mauro
DeWitt Shoprite	Dee Robertson
Terranova's	Sam's Kitchen
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Quality Dairy	PTA
Harrison Printing	LuAnn Guffey
King Mobile Homes	Lyn Jury
Dawn Donuts	Rita Pretzer
Baxter Video	Greg & Stevie Bovee
Sharon Baulch	Virginia Davis
Dawn Baeske	Hair Drop
Mary Ann Baxter	Shirley Reed
DeWitt Community	Beth Teidt
Education	Tom & Beth O'Connell
Wise & Co.	Hasper Landscape Co.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

International Education Forum Community Coordinator, Sue Mox, is again seeking potential host families for foreign exchange students for the upcoming school year. Students from Europe, Australia, and the Orient will be arriving for 3, 5, or 10 month stays to attend local high schools. Students are matched with host families according to common interests such as athletics, religion, and music.

To investigate participations in an experience of cultural exchange and enlightenment, call Sue at 669-5854 for more information.

CHURCH NEWS

Redeemer United Methodist Church is happy to announce that the Carpenter's Tools, a group of young adult musicians sponsored by Youth For Christ International will be presenting a program at 7:00pm on Tuesday, March 22 at 13980 Schavey Rd., DeWitt, MI.

The purpose of the Carpenter's Tools is to:

- 1) Bring a firsthand report of ministry to young people around the world.
- 2) Challenge individuals and churches to more involvement in mission outreach.
- 3) Share some of what they have learned from foreign Christians.
- 4) Praise and uplift the name of God through their music.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT A WET BASEMENT

Spring is on the way! Spring can mean warm, wet weather. With heavy rains and snow melt-off often come wet basements. Don't despair because there may be simple solutions to this problem.

Two common causes for wet basements are backed-up sewer lines and seepage from wet soils because of surface water infiltration. Excess surface water tends to be the most common cause of wet basements and crawl spaces and is usually the easiest to fix.

One source of this excess surface water is runoff from the roof. The runoff may be due to the absence of eavestroughs or blockages in eave drains into the household sewer or the foundation drain.

Two other common sources are water that runs into or is trapped by basement window wells and surface water drainage from the surrounding area. Water that ponds in the yard may at some point drain into the basement.

To achieve good surface drainage, there should be six inches of slope in the first 10 feet away from the house. If water is standing in the yard or if water runs into the yard and drains toward the house, the surface should be regraded to provide a sufficient slope.

In an established yard, the sod can be out and soil removed to establish the desired downhill grade. Replace the sod for an immediate grass cover.

The same type of procedure can be used to change the grade around the house walls or foundation.

Make any grade changes close to the house

DeWitt Community
Education
Wise & Co.
Paula Martin
Tom & Debbie Dowling
The Gold Exchange
(Ruddy)
Hometown Barber Shop

Beth Teidt
Tom & Beth O'Connell
Hasper Landscape Co.
Nancy Zink
Keck's Appliance
The Shariff Family
Dispatch Restaurant &
Lounge (Carol Young)

Thank you. The 1988 Carnival Committee:
Linda Overmyer, Chairman
Sue Rippy, Volunteers
Linda Vernon, Volunteers
Ginny Ramirez, Volunteers
Karen Graham, Games & Prizes
Carolyn Stahmer, Raffle
Cindy Hogle, Raffle
Mary Ann Baxter, Posters
Audrey Fabus, Kitchen
Lynne Horn, Publicity

SCHOOL NEWS

The DeWitt Public Schools is establishing an advisory committee to review materials and methods of instruction in reproductive health, family planning and communicable diseases pursuant to P.A. 226 of 1977 and P.A. 85 of 1987. The first meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 1988 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of DeWitt Middle School. All interested community residents (parents and non-parents) are encouraged to attend. For further information please call 669-3603.

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They have recently returned from two months of ministry in Thailand, Sri Lanka and India, and are presently ministering to United States churches as well as performing at high schools, community events and conventions. Versatile styles of music are enjoyed by people of all ages. In addition to their music, they will be showing a multi-media presentation and telling about their travels.

Come and enjoy an exceptional, uplifting service.

4-H HAPPENINGS

By: Theresa Silm
4-H Youth Agent

A Clinton County 4-H program and volunteers who developed it were honored at an awards banquet Feb. 27 at the Michigan State University Kellogg Center during the 1988 Leadermete.

Norman and Elizabeth Blakely of Elsie, received an Outstanding Program Award from Michael J. Tate, director of Michigan 4-H Youth Programs, for their work on the 4-H senior horticulture program.

Two Clinton County senior citizen residences were involved in the project. Residents of Hazel F. Findlay Manor and the Ovid Convalescent Home participated in the gardening clubs.

With the Blakelys' help, they took part in such gardening activities as propagating and caring for houseplants, planting and caring for flower and vegetable gardens, growing herbs and making potpourri sachets. The programs were made possible through funding by the Michigan Non-Profit Homes Association.

The awards banquet was part of the 4-H Leadermete, a statewide leader training and recognition event that brought 300 4-H volunteer leaders and special guests to the Kellogg Center.

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Make any grade changes close to the house when the soil is fairly dry, if possible. Using heavy wheeled equipment can compact soils, and the compaction forces can cause an unsupported wall to collapse.

Filling around window wells may require increasing the top lip height of the well, by adding an additional metal retainer ring.

Backed-up sewers may indicate that the sewers are broken, overloaded or clogged with tree roots. Even if the lines are in good condition, runoff will sometimes cause backup in the lines.

There are three solutions to sewer backup problems. One is to install a one-way valve between the house and the public sewer. The second is to install a standpipe in the drain line and use a sump pump for drainage. Or you can seal off the drain and rely totally on the sump pump.

If you've come this far and there is still some seepage, it is time to consider additional treatment, such as waterproofing.

EXTENSION CALENDAR

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21 & 28	Basic Farm Records, 7:30 pm, Clinton Hospital Room C
22	4-H REACH, Smith Hall, 7 pm
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29 & 30	Agricultural Computer Exposition, Cadillac



DEWITT COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

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TRACTOR SAFETY & MAINTENANCE

A Tractor Safety and Maintenance Course will be offered by the Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Youth Programs. The four week series will begin on Tuesday evening, April 5th and will continue on April 12, 19 & 26.

The sessions will be held at the Jack Schwark Farm at 9647 E. Colony Rd., Ovid, at 7:00 pm. Pre-registration is necessary. Call 224-5240 by March 30th to register.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB MEETS by Julie Tomczyk

The Show Offs is a club that teaches kids to be more responsible, the club shows the kids that you don't have to be reliant on anyone but yourself. This year our officers are; Sarah Newman, President; Corissa Waltz, Vice President; Sherrie Kast, Secretary; and Julie Tomczyk is the reporter. Three members went to Snowcamp this year, they were Julie Tomczyk, Sarah Newman and Robert Hyde. These three along with the people in their rooms had a blast up there.

Now here is some information on our leader, Gwen Coon. She is a home health nurse at Clinton Memorial Hospital. She shows dogs in competition, she gives up her time to give community dog obedience classes and to help us. We thank Gwen very much. There are a few new members in our club this year, mainly they will be showing German Shepherds, there are also some Shihtzus and a few others. One of our officers, Sarah Newman, is training a leader dog puppy.

Service will be held at REDEEMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 13980 Shavey Rd (at Clark Rd.) beginning at 12:45pm on Friday, April, 1st., and will conclude by 2:00pm.

The service is offered as a community project of DeWitt Community Church, Redeemer United Methodist Church and the South DeWitt Church of Christ. Pastor Henry Hawver of the Church of Christ will bring the message and special music will be provided by the respective churches.

Northside Christian Church EASTER CELEBRATION

On Friday, April 1 Northside Christian Church will be having an Easter Celebration at 115 N. Bridge Street in DeWitt. The time of music, food and fellowship will begin at 6:30 p.m., and is open to all.

For more information, please call 321-6911.

SCHOOL NEWS

DEWITT SCHOOLS BOOSTER CLUB

The DeWitt Schools Booster Club will meet Monday April 4, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. at the High School.

DEWITT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A donation was received from Mr. Rod Gleason, photographer in Bath, for six new magazines, a magazine display stand, and plastic magazine covers for the High School Library. The new magazines are: "Psychology Today", "Cycle", "Runners World", "Sport", "Harpers", and "Money". The Board is most appreciative of the donation.

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KIDS!!

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**The DeWitt Business Association Members
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Larry T. Schaefer, Inc. Builder
Howe's Greenhouse
Kee's Appliance & TV
The Shopping Guide
Pat McCrackin Ford
Terranova's Thriftway
Newcombe-Woodland Realty
Michigan National Bank — DeWitt Branch

Sam's Kitchen
Willard Reed Insurance Agency
Gorsline-Runciman —
DeWitt Chapel
DeWitt Public Schools
DeWitt Township
DeWitt Auto Body
Doug Swiss Agency
Zeeb Animal Clinic
Fao Ying Restaurant
Paul Pritchard Chevrolet

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