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## **SLENDER CENTER CHANGES OWNERS**



Mary Ann Green, right, hands the keys of the Slender Center business over to new owner Shirley Rasmussen. Green will remain as manager of the weight-loss center. (Photo by Tim Hullibarger)

Slender Center of Clinton Co. recently underwent a change in ownership. It was announced last week that St. Johns resident Shirley Rasmussen became the new owner, purchasing the business from Mary Ann Green. The former owner will remain with the center serving in a managerial capacity.

Slender Center, a unique weight-loss franchise, opened in St. Johns on January 5, 1987. Due to expansion and growth the weight-loss center relocated to the Southpoint Mall next to the Clinton Medical Center. A second Slender Center office opened March 7 at the DeWitt Shopping Center on Schavey Rd. The former owner, Mary Ann Green, will stay on as manager with the benefit of taking time off to occasionally "go fishin'" with husband

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## **"APPLES FOR THE STUDENTS"**

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The DeWitt Business Association  
Is Sponsoring An

**Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 25**

Medical Center. A second Slender Center office opened March 7 at the DeWitt Shopping Center on Schavey Road. The former owner, Mary Ann Green, will stay on as manager with the benefit of taking time off to occasionally "go fishin'" with husband Ralph, a recent retiree. She will continue to work about three days a week at the St. Johns and DeWitt offices.

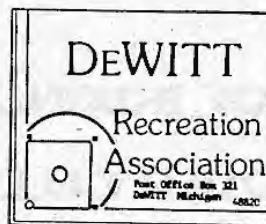
As a former native of DeWitt, Green is very excited about the new office. She would be happy to put on a presentation for DeWitt organizations and civic clubs.

Slender Center's commitment to help build self-esteem led Rasmussen to purchase. "I wanted to be associated with a business that rendered a service to people's needs," Rasmussen said. "I experienced the caring, positive attitudes of the staff first hand when I joined the program. I was impressed with the success rate Slender Center has. In the coming months my success will become apparent as I shed more pounds and inches while helping others do the same."

By taking care of the details of running a business, Rasmussen stated she hopes to help Mary Ann do what she loves to do, help others be what they really want to become.

Shirley & Mary Ann are looking forward to old friends and new dropping at "Professionally Yours", DeWitt Shopping Center for a free counseling session on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or call 669-9131 any time.

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\$50, which is worth it to the seller who otherwise would still have it hanging in a closet.

"This event 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 the dresses be in excellent condition and that they should be not more than two years old. All dresses should be currently in style."

Each dress needs to be registered before it is placed for sale or rent. Registration forms will be available at DeWitt High School at the time of exchange, March 20-21. However, the forms may be filled out ahead of time by picking them up in the main office of the participating schools.

Persons selling dresses should bring them to the Band Room of DeWitt High School at 6:00 p.m. People buying dresses should come at 7:00 p.m. 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 10:00 p.m. on March 21 or else they will become the property of DeWitt 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 21."

## SENIOR CITIZEN SPRING DINNER

You are cordially invited to our Senior Citizen Spring Dinner to be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 1989 at DeWitt Middle School. This dinner is free of charge to any senior citizen in the DeWitt School System as a way of saying "Thank You" for supporting our schools.

To make your reservation, please call DeWitt Community Education at 669-3040.

## DEWITT PTA MEETING

You are invited to attend the next DeWitt Elementary PTA meeting Monday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. at Scott Elementary School.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Richard Solomon, medical director of the St. Lawrence Pediatric Health Center and pediatrician at Michigan State University. His topic will be "Children and Self-esteem". Please join us!

## Easter Egg Hunt

### Saturday, March 25

10 am - 11 am  
Downtown DeWitt

#### 3 AGE GROUPS

Up to 3 year olds will hunt for eggs in front of the Learning Tree. 3 - 6 year olds will hunt on the north side of Main Street, and 7 - 12 year olds on the south side of Main Street.

#### The Easter Bunny Will Be There!

The 100 block of W. Main Street, Downtown DeWitt, will be blocked off from traffic for this event. There will be lots of Easter Eggs and Easter Candy.

#### KIDS!

Be sure to enter the Easter Coloring Contest. Entries must be in by March 22nd.



## FAYE HANSON LIBRARY PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

The Faye Hanson Library is sponsoring a free Pre-School Story Hour for children 3 to 5 years old. It will be held in the Library at 206 W. Washington St., DeWitt on Wednesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The spring session will be 5 weeks from March 1 to March 29.

Please pre-register at the Library. The Library phone number is 669-3156.

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The schedule for Holy Week services at DeWitt Community Church begins on Thursday, March 23rd with a Passover meal at 6:30p.m. followed by the Lord's Supper at 8:00p.m. Meat (lamb) and beverages will be provided. Each person or family should bring a dish to pass. Please call the church at 669-5133 for reservations.

A community-wide Good Friday service is planned for 12:45 - 2:00 p.m. on March 24th at DeWitt Community Church. Pastors Rad Kalajainen of Redeemer United Methodist, Henry Hawver of South DeWitt Church of Christ and Frederick Nose of DeWitt Community Church along with lay people from those congregations will give leadership to this service of prayers, scripture, and special music. Pastor Kalajainen's message is entitled, "What Happened at Golgatha?"

On Sunday, March 26th at 7:00a.m. the youth of DeWitt Community Church will present a Sunrise program with "The Champion" as a theme. Breakfast will follow at 8:00 a.m. for everyone on a free-will offering basis. Bible class for all ages begin at 9:45. A celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ begins at 11:00a.m. with special music and Pastor Nose preaching a message entitled, "The Tomb Has Lost Its Terror."

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## FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 1989 PRAIRIE CREEK GOLF COURSE WEBB RD., DEWITT

The DeWitt Public Schools Foundation is a non-profit tax-exempt Michigan corporation whose purpose is to raise and distribute funds for the purpose of fulfilling the educational needs of DeWitt Public Schools students that are not met by the existing curriculum. In existence now for five years, the Foundation awards grants to elementary, middle school, and high school teachers, and has established memorial funds that are providing, in perpetuity, annual college scholarships to deserving DeWitt students.

The primary fund raising event of the Foundation is the annual golf tournament. We operate it as a 4 person 18 hole scramble. Golf equipment prizes are awarded for teams placing first, second, and third. Door prizes are accumulated with a goal of more than 50% of the golfers winning at least a minimal prize. A shotgun start begins the tournament at 8:00 AM and a sandwich bar luncheon follows at noon.

If you have any questions regarding the Tournament, becoming an underwriter, donation of prizes for the Tournament, or helping in any way with the annual golf Tournament PLEASE feel free to contact any of the following persons:

President Ron Wilcox, 669-8625  
Vice-Pres. Diane Cranmer, 669-3890  
Sec. Bill Schoonover, 669-3655  
Tres. Tom Rippy, 669-8143  
Nancy Souden, 669-8062  
Therese Tomkie, 669-5725



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## EASTER BRINGS QUESTIONS ON EGG STORAGE AND SAFETY

Along with spring comes Easter and all of the festivities and decorations associated with the holiday. Beautifully decorated eggs are one popular custom enjoyed by many different ethnic groups. Some customs call for draining the egg from the shell and decorating the empty shell. Another way is to hard-cook the eggs first and then decorate the shells.

If you decorate hard cooked eggs, you need to follow a few simple rules so that your product will be cooked and stored properly and can be safely eaten.

### Keep it clean!

Before cooking the eggs, wash your hands. Make sure your countertops and cooking utensils are clean. Handle the eggs, raw or cooked, as little as possible to prevent contamination through the shell. Cook it right!

Put the raw eggs in a pot of cold water. Heat the

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## FAMILY PORTRAIT OFFER

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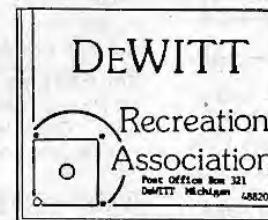
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Theresa Tomkie, DOY-3/20



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## "DEWITT FOLLIES"

Witt, Channel 29, will show the "DeWitt Follies" on the following dates: March 16, Thursday - 4 p.m., March 17, Friday - 4:00 p.m. March 20, Monday - 6:00 p.m. March 21, Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.

clean. Handle the eggs, raw or cooked, as little as possible to prevent contamination through the shell. Cook it right!

Put the raw eggs in a pot of cold water. Heat the eggs over medium heat until the water boils. Immediately reduce the heat to keep the water simmering and simmer for 20 minutes. Never boil the eggs.

Air-cool the eggs in their shells in an open container in the refrigerator. Water cooling is not recommended because of the possibility that germs in the water could penetrate the eggshells.

### Decorate according to custom

After the eggs are cooked and cooled, you can decorate them with pure food coloring or dyes formulated with food grade colorants.

### Store carefully

Store the eggs according to the following guidelines:

--Non-decorated hard-cooked eggs should be stored in the refrigerator immediately after cooking and consumed within 7 days. Do not eat them if they were left out of the refrigerator for more than two hours.

--Decorated hard-cooked eggs should be stored in the refrigerator before decorating, after decorating and after the Easter egg hunt. Decorated eggs should be eaten within two or three days and only if they were out of the refrigerator a total of two hours or less for coloring, hunting and displaying.

--Discard any cracked hard-cooked eggs.

--If the two-hour limit is a problem, you may want to color two sets of eggs -- one for eating and one for displaying. Be sure to label each set clearly.

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### DEWITT KINDERGARTEN ROUND - UP FOR 89 - 90 SCHOOL YEAR

Please fill out the following information and return it to school.

Address is: Schavey Road Elementary  
1721 Schavey Road  
DeWitt, Michigan 48820

Child's Name .....

Address .....

Telephone No. .....

Birthdate .....

Parents Name .....

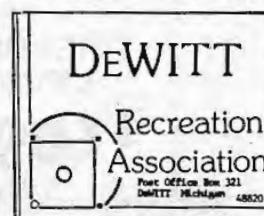
Please spell your child's name .....

as you would like it to appear on a name tag.

### DEWITT LIONESS TAKE TOP AWARD AT DIST. 11-C2 CONVENTION

The DeWitt Lioness won the Community Service Award for 1988. The Lioness were presented with this award at the District Convention in Ann Arbor on Saturday March 11, 1989. The award goes to the Lioness Club in the district who has done the most for their community.

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Having won this award once back in 1985, the DeWitt Lioness are extremely proud to again win this prestigious award.

Here is a partial list of the DeWitt Lioness community service: Delivery of Homebound Meals; Tray favors for Clinton Memorial Hospital; Donation for Christmas baskets; Homemade breads and favors for Christmas baskets; Fans for senior citizens during last years hot summer months. This is just a few things our Lioness did during 1988.

Thank you, Lioness, you're a great bunch of women and workers.

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in Charleston W.Va. Gazette

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## CHILD CARE SERIES

Do you enjoy caring for children? If so, then you may have a skill many families are looking for. The need for quality child care in Clinton County has never been greater. To help equip current and potential child care providers with the skills needed to run quality day care, the Cooperative Extension Service and the Office for Young Children will be holding a seven part training series.

This free series will include such topics as guidance/discipline, caring for infants/toddlers, activities for school age children, educational toy/activities, planning for food/nutrition and the business aspects of family day care. The series will be held on Thursday nights from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., beginning April 6, 1989. All classes will be held in Room 148 of the St. Johns High School in St. Johns.

If you are interested in taking this series, call the Cooperative Extension Office at 224-5240 for a program brochure.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS APRIL 2 - 2 AM

## AN APPLE A DAY

Cooperative Extension Service  
306 Elm Street  
St. Johns, MI 48879  
Giles Roehl, Extension Director  
Phone: 224-5240

Alar is a growth regulator that enables growers to provide consumers with tap-quality moderately priced apples. Alar is used by apple growers in Michigan to maintain firmness and resist bruising, early decay and cracking in the fruit. Alar helps ensure optimal crop yield by preventing fruit from dropping to the ground prior to harvest.

Dave Starr, of the Chicago EPA Office has shared this information with the Michigan Extension Service.

1) Unirayal, the company that produces the Alar, is on track in conducting the required tests and submitting reports for reregistration.

2) At the maximum feeding rate in the mouse study, increased levels of blood vessel tumors occurred. This did not happen in the rat feeding study. The rate of feeding in the mouse study that caused the elevated tumor rate was 10,000 ppm of Alar and 80 ppm of unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazide (UDMH), the metabolite of concern. This feeding rate equates to 4 million times the human average daily intake (ADI) or the equivalent of eating 30,000 pounds of apples per day. At that rate 1 in 20,000 of the mice and none of the rats had tumors. The tumors were caused by chemical toxicity and not genetic cancers.

3) Mouse studies conducted by B. Toth have shown that the relative carcinogenic risk or HERP Index calculated for Alar and its by-product UDMH is tenfold lower than the risk from drinking tap water. The HERP Index for a can of beer (2.8%) far exceeds that of an Alar-treated apple (0.0001%). Eating the apple has 30 times less risk than a few pieces of bacon and 300 times less than the risks of eating a peanut butter sandwich each day.

The two-year feeding studies on UDMH will not be completed until January 1990 by EPA guidelines. It is unfortunate that such unrealistic accusations can be made against this chemical when only partial data is available, and that data suggest very negligible risks. Alar, using the same data, could be promoted as an anticancer chemical because the mice given the lowest dose had 2 cases of cancer, the middle dosage had 1 case, the highest dosage resulted in only 8 cases and the untreated and 4 cases.