



## DATELINE: DeWitt

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### Kitty Korner

LET'S HAVE AT IT!: Apparently retirement doesn't sit too well with me. During the two-plus years since I last wrote these pages, my "nose for news" was out of joint every time somebody told me an interesting piece of news - because, short of phoning everyone I knew, there was no way to tell others. I like to know what's going on and I like to share it.

So, we're going at the Shopping Guide's DeWitt/ Bath pages once again. If you have local news items, please let us know about them. Either call me at the phone number above or leave the information in the drop box at Capitol Federal Savings, 102 W. Main, downtown DeWitt, or at the Shopping Guide office in Lansing, 1200 N. Larch. Deadline for the Monday weekly paper is Tuesday of the previous week.

AUSSIE BABY BOY: Doug and Tricia Reust are the proud parents of a son, Jacob John, who arrived January 25 in Queensland, Australia. The former W. Lehman Road residents, whose three daughters were born here, moved to Trish's native Queensland in August 1987 and make their home in a Brisbane suburb. Grandpa John Reust lives on Airport Road.

Denice Purves invited some of Trish's friends hereabouts to a February 23 party in her home on Oakdale Drive, Laingsburg. Invitations read "You are invited to an international baby shower for Tricia and baby Jacob..." Guests brought their baby gifts wrapped and then wrapped them at the party for shipment to their overseas destination.

returned to nursing at JFK Hospital. ...Jean Kalush, Hitching Post Road, is looking forward to the March 22 grand opening of the new Marriott Hotel in Troy, MI. Daughter Trudy went to Troy in early December to begin work as director of catering for the new hostelry which was scheduled to open in February 1990. Trudy, who graduated from DeWitt High School and Lansing Community College, had been catering director for the Holiday Inn West in Lansing. Her brother Bill, a commodities broker, works from a Huston Produce office in the Columbia Center Building directly across the street from Trudy in Troy. Bill, who performed his feats of magic in the DeWitt Follies and for other local audiences, should be ready to tackle his job with a vengeance. He's just back from an Acapulco vacation. ...Canisius College freshman Anne Bocker has been a pleasant surprise for the Buffalo, NY women's basketball team. With her help at forward, the Lady Griffs are off to their best start in eight seasons in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. An English major, Anne graduated from St. Johns High School in 1989. She's the daughter of Jerry and Helen Bocker, Norris Road.

BOOSTERS MEETING CHANGE: DeWitt Booster Club, which usually meets the first Monday of the month, will instead hold their next meeting Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in the DeWitt High School home economics room. The date change is for this month only, due to other scheduling conflicts.

SAVE THOSE CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS: DeWitt Elementary PTA members decided at their February 26 meeting to participate in two projects both involving cash register receipts from your grocery shopping. Again,

evening for the Scott School staff in their new Country Lane home overlooking Prairie Creek Golf Course.

OVER AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, secretary Pat Willetts took her vacation time with grandchildren Derrick, 3, and Megan, 1-1/2, in Silver Springs, MD, so that son and daughter-in-law Warren and Bonnie Willetts could go to Palm Springs for a week. Warren and Bonnie had recently moved across country to Maryland from Los Angeles, CA.

PERFECT GAME: Dan Patrick bowled his first 300 game in some 20 years of bowling competition on February 15 at Pro Bowl in Lansing. Dan bowls for Abie's 'n' Art's Bar in the Atomic 16 League. Wife Becky and daughter Sarah are still waiting for his head to come back down out of the stratosphere. The Patricks live on Idylcrest Drive.

### CITY COUNCIL NOTES

Council members at the February 19 meeting discussed how best to handle the property at 410 S. Bridge Street, which the city purchased last year in hopes of expanding Riverside Park. After discussion of whether the building could be used as a fire training "controlled burn" vehicle or just demolished, Fire Chief Brent Newman was asked to check with such agencies as Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency to see just how much "red tape" is involved in this type of arrangement.

Several meetings ago, Duane Bone of DBS Development, which owns property on the east side of DeWitt Road between Webb and Herbison roads, had presented a conceptual pre-preliminary plan to council involving 140 units of multiple housing. While nothing official was submitted at that time, the proposal has sparked discussion on options available in regard to upgrading existing ordinances to cover the type of housing development which the city wants for the future.

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Lori Zuzelski of Grove Road visited Doug and Trish last summer. The 1989 St. Johns High School graduate spent three months in Australia when she took part in a youth exchange program sponsored by Lions Clubs. Mom Kay Zuzelski had asked Lori to contact Reusts if she was in their part of the continent. Surprisingly, for Australia's a mighty big country, Lori found herself just a few miles away from Reusts on the Redcliffe Peninsula. It was even a local phone call to reach them, she recalls. Lori had dinner with the Reust family and went on a day's outing with them.

While we here are muddling through what we hope are winter's last icy blasts, it is summertime "down under" and the three Reust girls are now on vacation from elementary school classes. If anyone would like to contact Reusts, their address is 168 King Street, Clontarf, Queensland, Australia 4019.

**COMING HOME FROM GUAM:** Instead of heading for balmy climes this year, Paul and Mary Ann Reuter opted to stay home on Cutler Road. Any day now they expect their son Dan to arrive for an extended visit. After 10 years in the United States Air Force, Dan shed his staff sergeant stripes and decided to return to civilian life. He has been stationed in Texas, Sicily and most recently, Guam. The 1979 St. Johns High School grad remained working in Guam for a time after he was discharged from service. He arrived in San Francisco February 12 and was stopping in Phoenix, AZ, to visit his brother-in-law and sister, Doug and Denise Huber, before heading for DeWitt.

**HERE 'N THERE:** Tom and Joan Kurkowski bade goodbye to Airport Road in mid-February and spent a week under sunnier skies in Jensen Beach, FL. Among friends they visited were Monte and Betty Mohr, former neighbors and Stoll Road residents. Mohrs moved to Lake Worth several years ago after his retirement from work with the Secretary of State's Office in Michigan. Monte is now a Lake Worth city commissioner and Betty has

**SAVE THOSE CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS:** DeWitt Elementary PTA members decided at their February 26 meeting to participate in two projects both involving cash register receipts from your grocery shopping. Again, this year, they'll take part in the Food City E.A.R.N. program, wherein the schools will get one percent of all Food City cash register tapes which are turned in.

The Jif Education Fund Project is the second endeavor. In this one, you need to circle your Jif peanut butter price on the cash register tape from any store and write down the number of ounces in the Jif jar purchased. The schools will receive a penny for each ounce.

Cash register receipts may be turned in to either Scott or Schavey Road elementary schools. Pat Wangen, 669-8433, is chairing both programs if you want additional information.

**AROUND THE SCHOOLS:** Good news for Debbie Johnson, but bad news for her associates at DeWitt Schools Administration Building, is her acceptance of a new position in the Soil and Science Department at Michigan State University. Executive secretary to Dr. Terre Davis, School Superintendent, Debbie leaves the position she has held here for 11 years to take one which "offers more opportunity for professional growth". The administrative staff, school building secretaries, transportation and food service directors took Debbie to dinner at Scalawag's on Monday, February 26, as a farewell gesture. Callers on the administrative phone lines will miss her cheery "Good morning - Superintendent's Office!"

VFW POST 671 on US-27 will sponsor a girl and a boy from Scott School at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' camp on Bill's Lake near Newaygo next summer. In order to be eligible for the mid-March drawing to select the two winning names, third, fourth and fifth graders must interview a veteran and fill in his service information on the VFW entry blank. It's possible some of the 7 to 11-year-olds never realized before that their dads or grandpas might be veterans.

**AND SINCE DECEMBER** was just too busy a time for them all to get together, Scott School secretary Ruth Euberth and her husband Ray had a Christmas party last Saturday

which the city wants for the future.

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Also discussed was creation of a small water extension district along Market Street and East Washington, as a first phase of water expansion plans. Wayne Verspoor's resignation from the Environmental Affairs Committee was accepted.

A request for waiver of park fees for school picnics was tabled. In the wake of damage and vandalism caused by many outsiders using the parks, fees had been upgraded or established for usage of city parks. As a result, regular users have been surprised to find a fee schedule now in place, according to administrative assistant Kurt Klemens.

Council established a set policy for mailbox replacement. If a vehicle such as a snowplow actually hits a mailbox, the city will replace it up to a cost of \$15; however, if the snow thrown in the process of snow removal causes the damage, the city is not liable.

## DEWITT ELEMENTARY PTA CARNIVAL

"Splash of Color", DeWitt Elementary PTA's fifth annual carnival takes place this coming Saturday, March 10, from noon until 4 p.m. at the Scott School on N. Wilson Street. Proceeds from the carnival will benefit both Scott and Schavey elementary schools.

Games, prizes, balloons and myriad activities are in store all afternoon. Face Painting, Cake Walk and Pop Bottle Stand Up Game will be included. Lunch and refreshments will be served the entire time. Game tickets



will be four for \$1. There will be an all-day raffle with drawings every 15 minutes. A first prize of \$200 and second prize, an autographed Panther football, will be offered.

A few volunteers are still needed. If you can help, call Peggy Arbanas 669-1239, or Pam Kallweit, 669-3395. Advance tickets may be obtained from Dawn Baeske, 669-9319, or Sue Rundborg, 669-5113.

# Lions, Lioness Clubs Serve Community

## Three DeWitt Clubs Host Brunch, Service Displays

More than 350 DeWitt area residents were treated to FREE pancakes, sausages, pure maple syrup, applesauce, coffee, orange juice and milk at the Prairie Creek Banquet Center, Sunday, February 18, when DeWitt Lion and Lioness Clubs sponsored a "get acquainted brunch". Members of DeWitt Breakfast Lions, DeWitt Evening Lions and DeWitt Lioness clubs hosted the "free lunch" to thank the community for supporting their many charitable projects, as well as to showcase displays of their activities.

Area merchants donated food for the breakfast and 75 door prizes as well. Leftover food was donated to Raven House in Fowler, the shelter for battered families which Clinton County Relief After Violent Encounter (RAVE) sponsors.

Residents got to meet and talk to the Michigan White Cane Queen, Roxann Curtiss, and her Leader Dog, Jack. Both Roxann and Jack are graduates of the Leader Dogs for the Blind School in Rochester, MI.

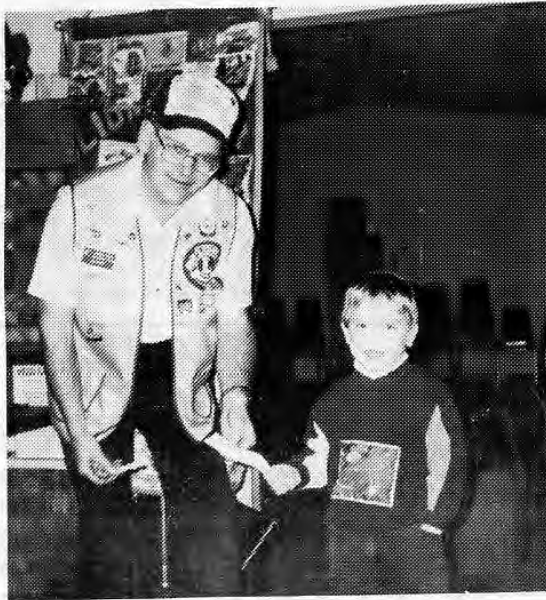
Lioness District President Debbie Swartz (Bath) and Lions District 11-C-2 Governor Erik Schuman (Lansing - Delta) met many of the local residents and explained the feeling of satisfaction that Lion and Lioness members get when fulfilling the Lions motto "WE SERVE". As Schuman says "I can't do everything... but I can do something."

Many Lions' projects were also represented and explained. Jim and Sue Hagerman (Bath) had information on Drug Awareness programs, Lions QUEST Skills for Adolescence (middle school) and Skills for Growing (grade school). Tony Randall (East Lansing) explained the activities of Hearing & Speech

## FOUNDATION OFFICERS, GRANTS ANNOUNCED

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Sally Leitch-White	Chairperson
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Tom Rippy	Treasurer



*Lion Jim Kraft handled drawings at the brunch and invited some of the youthful guests to draw names of winners at intervals throughout the day.*



Action/Work with the Deaf. Bill Mason (Vermontville) played music recorded by the Lions of Michigan All State Band.

Lions District 11-C-2 Governor Erik Schuman (Lansing - Delta) explained about the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. Ralph Hoffman (Jackson) demonstrated the services provided by Michigan Braille Transcribing Service run by the residents of the correctional custody facility in Jackson.

The Michigan Eye Bank & Transplantation Center in Ann Arbor provided a display and brochures about contributing eye and cornea tissues. Brenda Hornickle (East Lansing) showed how Radio Talking Book from WKAR could help persons who have difficulty reading print and who reside within a 60-mile radius of East Lansing, enjoy more independent living.

Elon Baker (Vermontville) had brochures and showed a VCR tape about the activities of the Welcome Home for the Blind located in Grand Rapids. Dave Bennett (Holt) passed out information about the Michigan White Cane law.

The response of the DeWitt area residents to these various programs went from "Gee, I didn't know the Lions were involved in so many community activities" to "DeWitt has many nice and friendly people," and some said "How can I be a part of these worthwhile programs?" For more information on the last question, just contact any Lion/Lioness in your area.

## Along The Looking Glass

Ralph Hoffman from Braille Transcribing will be guest speaker when DeWitt Lioness Club members hold their dinner meeting Thursday, March 8, at Prairie Creek Golf Course at 6:30 p.m.

DeWitt Cub Scout Pack 277 will go roller skating at Edru Roller Skating Rink in Holt on Thursday, March 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All Cub Scouts, Tiger Cubs, their families and friends are invited to attend. The pack will pay for all registered scouts and den leaders. Cost for admission and skating is \$3.

For further information, call your den leader or Carolyn Reed 669-3143

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Tom Zielaskowski	Trustee
Nancy Souden	Trustee

The foundation recently announced recipients of this semester's mini-grants in DeWitt Schools. Five mini-grant applicants received a total of \$2,013. Grants were awarded to:

Alice Vettrano - Middle School Art Teacher for a fine arts speaker  
 Osborn/Sharkey/Golding - Fifth Grade Reading Enrichment Program  
 Maureen Kessler - Second Grade, Kids Care Program  
 Rundborg/Golding - Kindergarten through Fifth Grade for Quest Skills for Growing  
 Sally Leitch-White - Picture Person Program

The DeWitt Public Schools Foundation was organized in 1983 as a non-profit organization to financially assist programs not currently covered under school funds. The trustees of this foundation are committed to the further advancement of students. Teachers or those affiliated with the school district are able to receive funding for programs that may not otherwise have been initiated. Funds are given to those applicants twice yearly through a grant application review. Applications are available through the schools.

The foundation has also received a major memorial from the family, friends and neighbors of Winnifred W. Drayton. This living memorial will enhance the educational opportunities available to the DeWitt School District.

Foundation meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building on Wilson Street. Meetings are open and the public is encouraged to attend.

### Open Swim at DeWitt High School

DeWitt High School swimming pool will be open for Open Swim Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. beginning March 6. Cost will be \$1 per person.

For further information, call DeWitt Community Education office, 669-3040.



**Brenda Hornickle, left, Radio Talking Book representative, chats with Bill Mason, volunteer for the Lions All State Band, and Roxann Curtiss, Michigan White Cane Queen, at the DeWitt pancake brunch, while Roxann's leader dog, Jack sits patiently by.**

- Photos Courtesy of Jim Dunn

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 5 - DeWitt City Council Meeting, City Hall, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 7 - DeWitt Kiwanis Club meeting, Prairie Creek Golf Course, 7 a.m.  
 Thursday, March 8 - DeWitt Lioness Club dinner meeting, Prairie Creek Golf Course, 6:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, March 10 - DeWitt Elementary PTA Carnival, "Splash of Color," Scott School, N. Wilson Street, noon to 4 p.m.  
 Monday, March 12 - DeWitt Charter Township Board of Trustees meeting, board room at Township Hall, 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 13 - DeWitt Boosters Club (instead of March 5, this month only, due to other conflicts), DeWitt High School home economics room, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 14 - DeWitt Newcomers and Friends, Green's in Frandor, 7 p.m.  
 Thursday, March 15 - DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club breakfast and general meeting, Prairie Creek Golf Course, 7 a.m.

### Senior Citizen Luncheons

Tri-county nutrition luncheons for senior citizens are served at St. Jude Church, N. Bridge Street, DeWitt, every Tuesday and the first Thursday of every month at noon. Bingo is played following luncheon. Donation is \$1.50.

St. Jude sponsors a monthly potluck noon luncheon on the third Thursday of the month at which seniors bring a dish to pass.

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Clinton County Reading Council hosted their third annual "Reading in the Mall" program Saturday afternoon, March 3, at Southpoint Mall in St. Johns to kick off "March Is Reading Month" in Clinton County.

Harry and Marie Northrup of DeWitt will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 11, with an open house from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5300 N. Grand River, Lansing.

Northrups' daughters, Eileen Church and Jan Goelz, and their families will be hosts for the celebration.

The couple, who were married March 9, 1940, in Holt, have six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

## High Schools Compete In "QuizBusters" Show

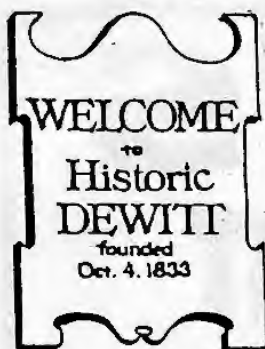
DeWitt's team of high school students will compete against Sexton students in the third round of "QuizBusters" on WKAR-TV's Channel 23 Saturday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. DeWitt was the winner in earlier competition with the Jackson Vikings.

The DeWitt High School team consists of captain Jeff Church, Dan Deak, Ryan Ray, Rod Weston and alternate Mike Shooltz. Londa Horton is DeWitt's teacher/advisor.

Bath High School's team will compete against Bellevue on "QuizBusters" Sunday, April 22. Bath was the winner in previous competition with Laingsburg.

The Bath team includes captain Hope Barrone, Matt Carlson, Carrie Nuoffer, Tom Salisbury and alternate Brian Pancost. Teacher/advisor is Dickee Six.

"QuizBusters" is a weekly game show hosted by Matt Ottinger in which students respond to a variety of questions about history, mathematics, science, literature, sports, foreign languages, art, and general trivia. The winning team at the conclusion of the season will receive five, four-year full tuition scholarships to Michigan State University.



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**'ROMERO' SHOWING HERE:** Saturday, March 24, is the tenth anniversary of the death of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. In honor of the memory of Archbishop Romero, the Catholic Community of St. Jude will have two special showings of the recently released movie "Romero" next Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The Community of St. Jude invites all people to join in viewing this outstanding movie on the life of Archbishop Romero, who was assassinated for his strong stand against violence and his deep love for the poor. There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be taken up with proceeds over cost of the film to go to Advent House ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lansing.

The Catholic Community of St. Jude is located at 801 N. Bridge St. in DeWitt across from the DeWitt Cemetery. For further information, contact Jack Armstrong, 669-8341.

**WAY TO GO!:** Howard and Gertie Soltow, Wilson Street, treated themselves to a Caribbean cruise last month instead of throwing a big party to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The pair flew from Detroit to San Juan, where they boarded their ship for the week's cruise. Ports of call included Grenada, Guadeloupe, Aruba and Caracas, Venezuela. Fifty years ago, Howard claimed Gertie Ribby as his bride on December 9, 1939 in Angola, IN. They moved to DeWitt, where Gertie had grown up, in 1954. Soltows have two sons, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Jack and

**DEGREES AND NEW JOBS:** Julie Pung received her bachelor's degree in social work from Ferris State University last month and, with hardly a breather in-between, started work with the Michigan Department of Social Services in Lansing. A DeWitt High School graduate, she's the daughter of Ron and Elaine Pung, Herbison Road.

Lureta Bauerle, Clark Road, who was dissuaded from going into nursing when she wanted to some 50 years ago, is mighty proud that her granddaughter, Pamela Bauerle, has made that choice today.

Pamela, an Eastern High School graduate, earned her restaurant management degree from Northern Michigan University in 1985, but found that she was not satisfied. So, she went back to Lansing Community College, where she'll pick up her nursing school degree in April and begin work at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak shortly afterward. Pamela is the daughter of Keith and Alicia Bauerle, Valleyview Road.

**FLORIDA WAS THEIR CHOICE:** Ken and Linda Schelb, Schavey Road, have just enjoyed a 10-day stay at Macco Island, FL, where they were guests of John and Florence Knox of East Lansing.

Pat DeYoung, E. Jefferson Street, soaked up the rays in Englewood during a three-week stay with her parents, Bill and Louise Buck. Many hereabouts will remember Bucks from their DeWitt days. Bill refuses to retire and still has a Chevy dealership in Venice.

Golf every day for an entire week was the accomplished goal of four local couples who headed for Zephyrhills, FL in two vans. Roger and Joan Overway, Nick and Jean Panesiddi, Dee and Fran Hamilton and Basil and Nancy Cole drove south and back, keeping in touch with each other by CB radio along the way. They stayed with Mary

## Along The Looking Glass

Private Michael L. Bovee, son of Larry and Joan Bovee of Bath, has completed U.S. Army basic training at Fort Dix, NJ. He is a 1989 graduate of Bath High School.

Racer Dick LaHaie, Airport Road, won the first, second, semifinal and final rounds in the top fuel competition at the NHRA Fram Supernautals held at Houston Raceway Park in early March. The victory was the 15th of his career. The event will be broadcast on ESPN at 9 p.m. Monday, midnight March 21, and 1:30 a.m. March 27. LaHaie also entered the March 15-18 NHRA Gatornals in Gainesville, FL.

The drop-off center is always open at Granger Recycling, 3635 Wood St., DeWitt Township. Clear, brown and green glass, plastic milk containers, newspapers, aluminum, tin cans and corrugated cardboard may be dropped off.

Renee Jeanine West of DeWitt received a BBA in General Marketing and Mary C. Slocum of Bath, a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Studies at the end of Western Michigan University's fall semester.

Clinton County Board of commissioners accepted a Community Service Award for the Pioneers in Educational Programming (PEP) Lime Island Project at their last meeting. John F. Greenslit of Michigan Recreation and Parks Association made the presentation to the county. In the project last July, a group of 12 and 13-year-olds through the Juvenile Court constructed a 187-foot long boardwalk around lime kilns at Lime Island south of Sault Ste. Marie.

Airman William J. Allen, Jr., son of William and Alice Allen of Bath, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. His wife, Christy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Serviss of DeWitt. Allen is a 1989 graduate of DeWitt High School.

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**AUSTRALIA BECKONED:** Archie and Donna Magsig are back in their US-27 home after a month-long stay in Sidney, Australia. They visited with son-in-law and daughter, Mo and Nancy Yazdanah and granddaughter, Anusha, 8, who have lived there the past two years.

Mo, who switched from his medical career to a less stressful specialty, has gained international recognition as reweaver of Persian rugs. Magsigs watched in fascination as he skillfully reweave a huge hole in the center of an Oriental rug until the beauty of the original pattern and fabric were restored. Magsigs took a 10-day bus trip inland to view a portion of the country, enjoying the unique flora and fauna in bush and Blue Mountains.

Most refreshing, the visitors found, was the friendliness of the Australian people. They felt much more welcome there than they had in some of their trips to Europe, Donna said. What did Magsigs enjoy least? The 22-hour plane trip each way.

**AT HOME ON THE RANGE:** Rodeos (exhibitions of skill in roping cattle and riding horses) are an integral part of life for the Bob Bunn family, who have a 70-acre farm on DeWitt Road. They raise Corriente cattle, which are used for team roping, and they travel far and wide to attend rodeos.

Bob, Jan and son Bobby drove to Guthrie, OK, the weekend of March 3 and stayed at the Lazy E in order to watch the sixth annual Timed Events Championship competition. The top 25 cowboys perform and compete in calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling and roping, Jan explains; this is the fourth time they have attended. Mary Wendt of Owosso accompanied them on the trip.

The five Bunn offspring have grown up taking part in rodeo events. In fact, Bunnns used to belong to the Indiana circuit until Michigan recently initiated one. Jan points out that rodeo events include the arts originally used and still in use by working cowboys on the range. Bunnns are members of the Michigan Ropers Association. Bob and Bobby enjoy roping and Jeff Bunn, who has been active in rodeo circles at Michigan State University, will graduate in June from MSU Veterinary School.

accomplished goal of four local couples who headed for Zephyrhills, FL in two vans. Roger and Joan Overway, Nick and Jean Panesiddi, Dee and Fran Hamilton and Basil and Nancy Cole drove south and back, keeping in touch with each other by CB radio along the way. They stayed with Henry and Georgette Theroux and Gene and Bev Ovenhouse in Zephyrhills. During the summer the six couples can be found regularly on the links at Prairie Creek Golf Course.

**HECTIC TRIP:** Ernie and Joan Thelen of Herbison Road, traveled much farther than is normal on their early March trip to Las Vegas. They left Detroit Metro on an early Monday morning flight and were scheduled to fly back early the following Friday. But departure time Friday brought the announcement that the airline had gone bankrupt and no return flight was available. Their group of 349 people was transferred to another casino, where they stayed until a plane was brought in from Honolulu at 1 a.m. Saturday.

But the story isn't over yet. Upon arriving at Metro, the plane circled Detroit in the fog for a while and was sent back to Philadelphia. The plane refueled and they spent a few hours in the plane at Philly before making a return flight through a heavy thunderstorm to Detroit. Attempting the landing, their pilot overshot the runway and had to circle the airport one more time. Needless to say, the passengers were relieved to set foot on terra firma at 11 a.m. Saturday.

**TOWNSHIP NOMINEES?:** DeWitt Charter Township is still accepting nominations for the 1990 Volunteer and Citizen of the Year awards. If you want to suggest names of township residents, who are deserving of these honors, please contact Township Treasurer JoAnn Slabonek at 482-1291.

**LIONESS STATE CONVENTION:** Donna Gartside was sworn in as district president when Lioness Club members held their state convention March 16-18 at Holiday Inn West in Lansing. Other DeWitt Lioness Club members attending included Louise Cook, Lorna Gillespie, Marilyn Boyd, Dorothy Schoals, Janet Dunn, Karen Kraft and Jean Malumphy.

**MAYOR EXCHANGE:** The City of DeWitt will hold a two-day exchange of officials with St. Charles, which is between Chesaning and Saginaw. This is a prearranged pairing and the cities will select a suitable date in May for the meeting.

Serviss of DeWitt. Allen is a 1989 graduate of DeWitt High School.

Marine Private First Class Christopher B. Waier, son of Judy K. Lansing of DeWitt, has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA. A 1989 graduate of DeWitt High School, he joined the Marine Corps in August 1989.

Marine Private First Class Ross D. Curtiss, son of William and Diane Curtiss of DeWitt, has completed the Apprentice Aerospace Propulsion Specialist course at Chanute Technical Training Center, Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, IL. He graduated from DeWitt High School in 1988 and joined the Marine Corps in February 1989.

Thomas G. Smith of DeWitt was recently granted a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan-Flint. Smith, who graduated from Pewamo-Westphalia High School, holds a B.A. in Financial Administration from Michigan State University. He is employed by the Michigan Department of the Treasury.

Isla Volkers has received the Century 21 International Centurion Award for achievement and excellence in service and performance. Award recipients must have completed 60 sales transactions or generated \$150,000 in gross commissions during the year. Only 10 percent of Century 21's sales associates earn this honor.

Julie Christofferson, daughter of Gordon and Virginia Christofferson of DeWitt, is membership director for the Logistics Management Council at Central Michigan University. Julie, an Eastern High School graduate, is a senior majoring in marketing and management. The council, which is affiliated with CMU's college of business administration, undertakes projects involving the transportation and distribution of products.

The Clinton Community Players will hold auditions for the well-known play, "Fiddler on the Roof," on Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. and Monday, March 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 121 E. Walker Street, St. Johns.

Auditions are open to all interested aspiring actors, actresses, singers and dancers. For further information about the production, call Kaye Pilmore at Clinton County Arts Council, 224-2429, between 1 and 5 p.m. or leave a message.

## TOWNSHIP MINUTES

### COURT CONTEST AHEAD

Trustee Chuck Stedron's motion not to accept a consent agreement with the developer of a planned multiple housing project brought hearty applause from the contingent of citizens who attended DeWitt Charter Township's Monday evening board meeting. The motion, which the board passed unanimously, followed lengthy and concerned debate over the plan.

The proposed development involves 126 acres on Wood Road between Stoll and Clark roads. In August 1988, U.S. Housing Co., a Michigan corporation, and Clint-Lans, a Michigan co-partnership, which have an option on the land, proposed an extensive development to include 263 mobile homes, 12 modular housing units, 72 townhouses, 54 duplexes and 8 single family dwellings for a total of 463 units. The company asked the township for five zoning classifications to change the acreage from agricultural to greater density housing. Both the township Planning Commission and Board of Trustees denied the request, citing its variance from the township master plan, which calls for potential future development there of low and medium density housing as well as parkland and green space.

When U.S. Housing Co. subsequently sued the township for damages, Judge Timothy Green ruled in the former's favor and suggested the township negotiate the matter. A township committee composed of Supervisor Bob Zeeb, trustees Douglas Hammond and Robert Ancel then discussed the matter with the plaintiffs, working toward the "best possible agreement" if the township was forced to accept the unwanted development. This would have required the developer at his expense to provide water and sewer "up to municipal standards" and cover costs of necessary road improvements.

Referring to the landowner's contention that maintaining the present agricultural zoning deprives him of the use of the property, attorney Jim Tamm stated that a court case would bring about a "battle of experts", with plaintiff's experts saying the acreage can't be developed profitably according to the township master plan and township's experts saying that it can.

If the township had accepted the consent agreement, the committee had also worked out arrangements for U.S. Housing to place the mobile

## TOWNSHIP PARKS OFFER VARIETY OF PROGRAMS

DeWitt Charter Township's spring Arts and Crafts Show will be held Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 per eight foot table. Additional information may be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office, 482-1291.

Spring aerobics classes will begin April 3 and run for 10 weeks. Cost is \$45. Time will be from 7 to 8 p.m. More information may be obtained from the parks office.

Sign-up for a hunter safety course will be Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27-28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., or any day thereafter at the township hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course will run April 16-19, Monday through Thursday, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$3.

### DeWitt Township Youth Softball

Ages 5 to 15. All divisions are slow pitch -  
EXCEPT: (Junior Girls - which is fast pitch)

FEES: Residents - \$12 or \$30 per family  
Non-residents - \$14 or \$36 per family

Late Registration: \$15 (May 7 to 11)

#### REGISTRATION:

April 10-11-12 from 6:30 to 8pm  
April 25-26 from 6:30 to 8pm  
Any day April 10-May 4 from 8am to 5pm  
(All sign-ups at township hall.)

#### LATE REGISTRATION:

May 7 - 11

No sign-ups will be taken after this date!!

**COACHES NEEDED:** If you are interested in coaching please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 482-1291.

For any questions or additional information, call 482-1291.

The township's Parks and Recreation Department sponsors activities for senior citizens every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Fr. Bernard L. Reilly has been appointed pastor of the Catholic Community of St. Jude, DeWitt, effective June 27. Fr. David M. Stotenbour has served as St. Jude pastor since 1977.

Fr. Reilly has been pastor of St. Luke parish, Flint, since 1986. A Jackson native, Fr. Reilly was ordained in 1973 after studying at St. Gregory Seminary and Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Cincinnati, OH and St. John Provincial Seminary, Plymouth. He served as parochial vicar at St. Gerard and St. Casimir parishes in Lansing, St. Luke in Flint and St. John, Fenton, before his appointment as pastor of St. Leo the Great parish, Flint, in 1982.

Hope Lutheran Church members are having Lenten midweek services Thursday evenings, a Soup & Sandwich Supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by services at 6:30 p.m. A ladies' bible class meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

DeWitt Knights of Columbus Council 7237 will hold a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sunday, March 25, following the 11:15 a.m. Mass at St. Jude Church. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 6-12, with children 5 and under free.

## Thursday Recycling Project Could Use More Volunteers

Recycling in DeWitt has become very popular and Thursday, March 22, is the next date to bring recyclable materials to Fuerstenau School, W. Washington St., from noon to 7 p.m.

The City of DeWitt pays the Recyclers of Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties, which is a non-profit organization, \$4,500 to provide a trailer and haul the recyclable materials on a monthly basis. Residents pay a \$1 increase in their quarterly trash pickup fees, while people outside the city limits who bring materials to the drop off site are asked to pay a \$1 fee.

Prepare recyclables as follows. NEWSPAPER: Bag in brown paper bags or bundle with twine. Paper should be stacked flat in the bags. No wet paper, magazines, phone books or junk mail. TIN CANS (attract a magnet): Rinse clean, remove labels and flatten. Food cans only. No aerosol or paint cans. ALUMINUM (does not attract a magnet): Clean and flatten. BROWN PAPER BAGS: Just bundle or self-bag. PLASTIC MILK JUGS: Rinse clean, remove tops and flatten. Labels are not

township's experts saying that it can.

If the township had accepted the consent agreement, the committee had also worked out arrangements for U.S. Housing to place the mobile home park on 75 acres in the center of the development buffered by berm and landscaping, this area to be surrounded by multiple family dwellings with duplexes sited on Stoll Road.

During the public comment period of the board meeting, area residents who had secured 2,000 names on a petition against the proposed venture when it first surfaced, stated their concerns. Delegates from Wood Road, Craig Street, Pinehurst Drive, Karl Drive, Eskes Street, Boichot Road and Sunnymede said they were tired of subsidizing the six mobile parks currently in the township and cited the heavy traffic which the area roads involved already carry.

Identifying himself as one in a third generation of family farmers, Robert Reese of Wood Road wondered if incoming city dwellers would be prepared for the tractors and slow moving farm machinery on those roads, crop driers which run 24 hours a day and barnyard odors consistent with the raising of calves and pigs. Township engineer Paul Thompson also questioned what the developer's idea of "sewer system" might entail as well as needing to insure a water system up to township standards.

Stedron's motion to allow the matter to go to court rather than settle, stemmed, he said, from the fear that agreeing to this proposal could open up a "Pandora's box of problems" for the township with future developers. The township case now goes before the judge today, March 19, with a trial date expected to be set.

#### BOARD ACTION

In other board action, engineer Paul Thompson was authorized to spend up to \$4,000 to prepare preliminary plans for extension of the water line east on Herbison Road to US-27; developer Eric Kindlund's fee waiver request for the site plan review on his proposed 170-unit apartment building on State Road was denied; Supt. Ryan Wood was authorized to expend up to \$1,400 for an asbestos check of the township building, and permission was granted two supervisory police officers to contact the Fraternal Order of Police to represent them as a bargaining unit.

The Denim Dudes 4-H Club and the Junior Horse Council of Clinton County will sponsor a sale of tack and show clothes Saturday, March 24, at Smith Hall, St. Johns, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The township's Parks and Recreation Department sponsors activities for senior citizens every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. Activities include shuffleboard, card games, board games, and newspapers and magazines are there to read. Free coffee is also available. Activities are held at the township hall, 4700 Brook Road.

Nutrition luncheons for seniors are served at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at DeWitt Township Hall. Cost is \$1.50. Reservations are needed at least one day in advance for the lunches. Call 482-1291.

#### VFW OX ROAST

VFW Post 671's Military Order of Cooties is sponsoring an Ox Roast Sunday, March 25, from 1 to 10 p.m. at their headquarters, 12250 S. US-27. There'll be special entertainment, raffles, dancing to live music and of course, food in abundance. Ox roast sandwiches, beef noodle soup, potato salad, cole slaw and coffee are to be on the menu.

Dance hours are 2 to 9 p.m. with price of \$5 for couples and \$3 for singles.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 19 - DeWitt City Council, city hall council chambers, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 19 - DeWitt Elementary PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Schavey Road School.

Thursday, March 22 - Recycling collection at Fuerstenau Elementary School, noon to 7pm

Thursday, March 22 - DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club, Prairie Creek Golf Course, 7am

Wednesday and Thursday, March 21-22 - Prom Dress Exchange, DeWitt High School, 6-9 pm

#### NEWS ITEMS

If you have news items for Dateline DeWitt, contact me at 669-3385, mail to 13858 Schavey Road, DeWitt 48820, or place in the Shopping Guide drop box at the Capitol Federal Savings office, downtown DeWitt. Deadline is Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following Monday's paper.

I know of a teen-age girl who has been trying to run away from home for a year, but every time she gets to the front door the phone rings. - *Louisville Courier - Journal Magazine*

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VOLUNTEERS to help at the recycling site are badly needed and most appreciated. The response during the program's first eight months has been overwhelming, according to coordinator Linda Bishop. To volunteer or for additional information, call 669-9814.

#### RARE FARM ANIMAL BREEDS TO BE DISPLAYED TUESDAY

Animals that were common on farms more than 100 years ago but are rare today will be on display Tuesday, March 20, at Michigan State University. Considered "minor breeds," such livestock breeds as Scottish Highland, Galloway, Texas longhorn and Dutch belted cattle and the four-horned Jacob's sheep will be part of the collection.



These and others such as pygmy goats, fainting goats, miniature donkeys and horses, Shire and Andalusian horses, and the Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, will be shown at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. Show hours will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The show is being sponsored by the MSU Cooperative Extension Service and the American Minor Breed Conservancy (AMBC) as part of Agriculture and Natural Resources Week, March 17-24 at MSU.

Wife, reading astrology book, to husband: "If you had been born two days later, you would have been kind, generous and witty."



## DATELINE: DeWitt

March 26, 1990  
Stories/ Photos by Kitty Marriott  
Phone 669-3385



### Kitty Korner

**MUSICIANS WANTED:** The DeWitt Community Concert Band would welcome any local musicians who'd like to join their ranks. The friendly players practice every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the DeWitt High School band room. They play everything from classical to modern music, and have no age limitations. All you have to do is show up for a practice session and bring your musical instrument.

The concert band performed for residents of Independence Village in East Lansing on March 14. They are also regular performers at the DeWitt Ox Roast, St. Johns Mint Festival and Lansing Mall. If you have questions, contact band director Patricia Jackson, 669-6835.

**TRAVEL TIME:** Bob and Jan Pingston, DuCharme Drive, flew to Coral Gables, FL, for 10 days of holidaying. They divided their time between visiting with son Mike, playing golf and sightseeing. Mike, a 1981 DeWitt High School graduate, is general manager of the Holiday Inn-University of Miami. Mike's sister, Cindy, and her husband, State Police Sgt. Dale Young, will drive to Coral Gables for a visit March 30. Youngs, who moved from DeWitt last September when Dale was transferred to Sparta, are taking their four children south during Sparta's spring break.

**PRESCHOOL ROUND UP:** DeWitt Cooperative Preschool has scheduled its annual round up session for Thursday evening, April 19, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the preschool building, 768 Wieland Road. All interested parents are asked to note the date on their calendars.

**SOME CELEBRATION!:** At the conclusion of DeWitt City Council's long Monday night meeting - which ran from 7 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. - Mayor Gerald Nester told those still present that this was his and his wife Rosemary's 24th wedding anniversary and that it was certainly the most unusual anniversary that he had ever not spent with his wife!

**LOCAL LION WINS AWARD:** James E. Kraft, past president of the DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club, has received the prestigious Ralph Lynam Award. District governors select the winner from nominations submitted by some 50 clubs and present the award to the outstanding club president of the previous year. Jim received his award at the 11-C-2 District Convention, held March 16-18, at the West Saginaw Highway Holiday Inn.

Ralph Lynam was a St. Johns resident who climbed to the highest office in Lions International, that of international president. Mr. Lynam died several years ago and this award honors his memory and dedication to the ideals of Lionism.

**SURPRISE PARTY:** Everyone knew about the 35th anniversary party except the guests of honor, Dick and Margaret Howe, who were feted Sunday, March 18, at Prairie Creek Banquet Center. An advance notice even went out in Redeemer United Methodist Church's newsletter - in every issue except the one mailed to Howes.

Hosts for the party were the Howe offspring: Kim and Wayne Sperry, Sally and Gerald Pontius, Jeff Howe and Paul and Holly Howe. Dick and Margaret are known to many localites through their years of work at Howe's Greenhouse on US-27. DeWitt native Dick met and married Margaret Kinard when he was stationed with the US Navy in California. They were married March 27, 1955 in Stockton, CA.

## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

DeWitt City Council denied confirmation of a special water district assessment roll last Monday night following extensive citizen input at a public hearing preceding the regular council meeting.

City attorney Dan Matson had petitioned for city water when the well failed at his office, 202 E. Washington. The resulting water district drawn up by city engineer Orla McGuire involved a loop from Main Street, which would bring water to South Market, East Washington and South Franklin streets. Residents of the properties on these streets would have been affected by the assessment. A special mayor's report at the next council meeting will reconsider alternative ways of funding the water district. With projected new development on DeWitt Road south of the downtown area, the city believes that extension of water service will be required within a year anyway.

### Sign Problems

With building continuing at a steady pace in the DeWitt area, the proliferation of real estate and open house signs, as well as garage and other sale signs, has become a headache for the city. Yet the city's sign ordinance, which prohibits signs in the public right of way (the 66-foot width including road and sidewalks), causes a problem for realtors who must set out directions for people to find their properties. After several realtors explained their predicament, Councilwoman Marie Henning and realtor Chris Ballard were named to a sub-committee to explore options/ solutions and report back at the next meeting.

### Zoning Ordinance

Considerable review and discussion of the city's amended zoning ordinance resulted in its being referred back to the Planning Commission with recommended changes. Several builders present in the audience cited specific portions of the amendment which needed clarification.

In discussion on the Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Agreement, council asked City Administrator Kurt Klemens to increase insurance coverage on the city's two lift stations to \$100,000 each in order to cover them adequately.

Clerk Margie Lotre informed council that DeWitt will host St. Charles officials for Mayors Exchange on Monday, May 14, while DeWitt city delegates will visit St. Charles on Wednesday, May 23.

In other action, Forsberg Co.'s request for a two year preliminary plat approval for Springbrook subdivision on the east side of Schavey Road was

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**GOLF HOLIDAY:** Getting their usual early start on golf season, Roger Overway, Jerry Snay, Jim Ferguson and John Fabian have just returned after a 10-day sojourn in Orlando, FL. They devoted the vacation primarily to playing golf.

**THINK EASTER! THINK LILIES!:** That's the message from DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club who have embarked on their traditional spring sale of Easter Lilies. They'd like you to buy an Easter Lily for your mother, your wife, or whomever.

Lions are taking orders for the lilies now and will have the plants for delivery a few days before Easter. Contact Dick Smeage, lily sale chairman, at 669-3191 or any member of the Breakfast Club Lions. Cost of a plant is \$7.

**NATIONAL TRACK MEET:** Junior Sandra Terrell was one of two Grand Valley State University students who represented the school March 7-10 at the NCAA Division 2 National Indoor Track Meet held in Vermillion, SD. Sandra took eighth place in the 1500 meter contest. Mom Phyllis Terrell was on the uneventful flight south with the coach and two students, but the weekend fog aggravated their trip home. When their plane from Minneapolis couldn't land in befogged Grand Rapids, they flew back to Chicago and were bussed to Grand Rapids from there, adding an extra day to the trip.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** DeWitt Business Association will again sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt in downtown DeWitt. The Easter Bunny will be there and Egg Hunt time is 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14.

The 100 block of West Main Street will be blocked off from traffic for this event. Children 3 years old and younger will hunt for eggs in front of Newman's Dance Theater; 3 to 6 year olds will hunt on the north side of Main Street; 7 to 12 year olds will search on the south side of Main Street. There will be plenty of Easter eggs and Easter candy for all.



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## DEWITT PTA GRATEFUL FOR CARNIVAL SUCCESS

Thank you doesn't seem like enough to say to the 200 people who contributed to the success of the 5th annual PTA Carnival "Splash of Color", which was held on Saturday, March 10, at Scott School.

The carnival had a very good turn-out despite the wet weather; and there were plenty of smiles from the kids as they carried their bags of prizes. The success of the carnival would not have been possible without the game and kitchen workers, cake and cookie bakers, ticket sellers, sign makers, expert cleaning crew, raffle prize donators, popcorn seller, and of course, the ice cream scoopers.



*Lots of fun in the Scott School Gym.*

The first place raffle winner (\$200) was Yvonne Humes; the second place winner (autographed Panther football) was Kathi Ruble, and the third place winner (\$50 gift certificate) was Dave Dodson.

An added bonus was the approximately \$3,300 profit, a portion of which will be divided equally between Scott and Schavey Schools. The raffle sold 1,800 tickets, the kitchen served 750 hot dogs and the ice cream scoopers scooped 700 ice cream cones.

Graffiti in a war museum: "Rust in peace."

will meet St. Charles officials for mayors' Exchange on Monday, May 14, while DeWitt city delegates will visit St. Charles on Wednesday, May 23.

In other action, Forsberg Co.'s request for a two year preliminary plat approval for Springbrook subdivision on the east side of Schavey Road was approved; council accepted Doug Sirmon's \$765 bid for dry wall for the fire station office. Police chief Wendell Myers reported on the resignation of Sgt. Arnold Kegelbeine and said that Patrolman Jeff Clark had been hired for a full-time position.

Chief Myers was also asked to look closely into traffic control and restricting parking on Wilson Street near Scott School. Doug Herbruck and other Wilson Street residents expressed their concern over pupil safety in the area.

## SEPTEMBER TRIAL DATE

Judge Timothy Green set a September 5-6 trial date in Clinton County Circuit Court for the case involving DeWitt Charter Township at a March 19 hearing in chambers.

U.S. Housing Co. had sued the township for damages after the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees denied the company's rezoning request. U.S. Housing had proposed a multiple housing development totalling 463 units on a 126-acre Wood Road site between Stoll and Clark roads. Five zoning classification changes were requested to change the parcel of land from agricultural to greater density housing.

## SCIENCE COMPETITION

Bath and DeWitt Middle schools competed March 11 in the Regional Science Olympiad held at Lansing Community College. Teams from 22 schools in the Greater Lansing area participated; each team consisted of 15 students who took part individually or in small groups in some 20 science-related events.

Bath Middle School coached by Howard Roberson took these awards: second place in Hot House and in Write-it-Do-it; third place in Balloon Race, and fourth place in Science Bowl.

DeWitt Middle School coached by Larry Arbanas took first place in Rocks and Fossils and in Crime Busters; second place in Balloon Race, and fourth place in Astronomy and in Anatomy.

A small girl's Sunday school teacher said to her, "Well, Julia, I understand that God has seen to it that you now have twin brothers."

"Yes," nodded Julia. "And He also knows where the money is coming from to pay for them. My father said so."

## SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

Petitions are now available for two four-year terms to the DeWitt Board of Education. Deadline to file petitions is 4 p.m. Monday, April 9. Petitions may be obtained at the Superintendent's Office, 608 Wilson Street.

Monday, June 11, was adopted as date of the annual school election at the March 12 board of education meeting. Members Jim Osborn and Edwin Reed were named to serve on the Citizen of the Year Committee for 1990.

The board approved soccer field improvements as follows: allocation of \$1,635 for seeding and fertilizer from Turf Mgmt. Inc., and purchase of two sets of five-row, 15 feet long aluminum bleachers at a cost of \$1,650. The DHS spring baseball trip to Greensboro, NC the week of spring break beginning March 31 also received approval.

Following approval of the Curriculum Council's recommendation to adopt the D.C. Heath Reading Series, Dr. Davis extended thanks to Dr. Tom Russell, chairman, and the reading committee for their extensive work which made the study so successful. Dr. Terre Davis also thanked Food Service Director Susan Friend for implementing the district-wide recycling program.

Board members accepted the resignations of executive secretary Deborah Johnson and elementary teacher Kim Ewen, as well as the employment of Joan McKinnon as part-time instructional aide.

## Along The Looking Glass

DeWitt Moose Lodge 2291 is gaining another 4,800 square feet on their headquarters at 14760 S. US-27. A wooden dance floor, new offices and bathrooms are included in the additional unit, which is to be completed by April 30.

Michigan High School Coaches Association presented two DeWitt coaches with special awards at their March 24 banquet held at the Piston Palace, Auburn Hills. Varsity football coach Gail Thornton was named MHSCA "Football Coach of the Year" and Larry Baird, MHSCA "Softball Coach of the Year."

Erin Rice, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Rice, Clark Road, has been selected to compete in America's Modern Miss state finals to be held in Lansing in August. Contestants are judged on poise, personality, grooming and their ability to communicate. The DeWitt High School student

## DeWitt High School Names Top 10 Academic Students

John Telford has been named valedictorian and Rod Weston, salutatorian, of the 1990 graduating class of DeWitt High School.

John Telford, son of Mark and Carol McIlrath of DeWitt, is a member of the National Honor Society and College Club, and participated in the Student Leadership Forum, Project Outreach, and the Career Fair. Additionally he was recognized for his athletic talents in football where he has earned Academic All-State, Academic All-League, All-State, All-Area, All-League and the Most Valuable Player Awards. In baseball he has received the following awards: All-League, All-Area, All-District, and All-Region. John has been elected to the DeWitt Academic Hall of Fame and has consistently been on the Honor Roll. After graduation, John plans to major in engineering; his college choice is uncertain at this time.



Rod Weston

Rod Weston, son of Patrick and Frances Weston of DeWitt, is president of the National Honor Society, captain of the cross country team, was nominated for the Michigan Academic All-State Team, was a first-place winner in the Voice of Democracy contest for the past three years. He is Student Leadership Forum participant, a member of the DeWitt Academic Hall of Fame, and a Centralis Scholarship Finalist. Rod has recently accepted a full scholarship to Central Michigan University's Honors College and wishes to pursue a career as an author. He is currently writing his first book.



John Telford

president of the junior class, a participant in Peer Resistance and the Leadership Forum, and is a member of the DeWitt Academic Hall of Fame. Jody will attend the University of Michigan, but is undecided on a field of study.

Ryan Ray, son of Bobby Ray and the late Scott Ray, is senior class president, attended Boys' State, was a delegate to the Leadership Forum, is a member of the National Honor Society, is an All-American Youth Honor Musician, and has participated in soccer, tennis, band, Quiz Bowl and drama. Ryan has been named to the DeWitt Academic Hall of Fame, the Outstanding High School Students of America, and Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen. He plans to study English at Michigan State University.

Jeff Howe, son of Douglas and Elizabeth Howe of Lansing, played basketball and baseball, is an active member of his church youth group, and a member of College Club. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Jeff's future plans include attending Calvin College to study electrical engineering.

Tony Miller, son of Noel and Rosemary Miller of DeWitt, was captain of the football team where he earned honors of All-League, All-Area Honorable Mention, and Most Valuable Player. He has participated in baseball, basketball, National Honor Society, College Club, Student Leadership Forum, Cadet Teaching, and Boys' State. Tony has been named an Outstanding High School Student of America and Academic All-League. Tony has determined he would like to enter the education field, but his college choice is undecided.

Matt Fredericks, son of William and Susan Fredericks of DeWitt, has been active in drama, the Student Leadership Forum, College Club, and named to the DeWitt Academic Hall of Fame. Matt will be attending Marquette University to study in the field of education.

Michelle Chesnut, daughter of Tom and Karen Chesnut of DeWitt, is president of Student Government, a member of Band, Flag Corps, tennis team, volleyball team, National Honor Society, participated in the Student Leadership Forum, and served as a Fall Homecoming Court representative. Michelle has been named Student of the Month, elected to the DeWitt Hall of Fame, selected for Girls' State, and named an

Year.

Erin Rice, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Rice, Clark Road, has been selected to compete in America's Modern Miss state finals to be held in Lansing in August. Contestants are judged on poise, personality, grooming and their ability to communicate. The DeWitt High School student plays piano and flute and plays the synthesizer in the high school jazz ensemble. An accomplished English equestrian, she also plays junior varsity basketball and runs track.

Dale Hawkins of DeWitt was among students listed who earned Ferris State University's academic honors for the winter quarter.

## Swim Club Excels In Final Competitions

Early March saw swimming families from the DeWitt area headed in many directions as the winter swimming season came to a close with final competitions at several sites. The DeWitt Swim Club competes in two leagues, each offering unique formats for final swimming honors. The Michigan Team Swim League (MTSL) concluded the first weekend of March in St. Johns at the Novice Meet for some swimmers, and then at Alma for the Championship Meet, which featured the more advanced swimming talent.

The Novice Meet revealed numerous top-six finishes for DeWitt swimmers, and all posted significant time drops enroute to their award-winning finishes. DeWitt's representatives included Michael Arbanas, Stephanie Beckwith, Melissa Beckwith, Matt Carlson, Stephanie Carlson, Kristin Farnum, Adam Gorman, Angie Foster, Aaron Gearhart, Matt Guffey, Gretchen Holt, Carrie Johnston, Jason Marinelli, Ann McCrackin, Tony Philip, Jeff Ramirez, Sarah Sharpe, Julie Stahmer, Lisa Williams, Derek Zeluff and Kelly Zeller.

The Alma Meet featured the best swimmers from the entire state in all age groups, and included many exciting finishes and new state records. DeWitt Swim Club sent six members to Alma, and all returned with top-12 awards. These experienced winners were Heather Maatman, Katie Peacock, Chad Foster, Ryan Quinn, Kelly Peacock, and Mari Fullmer. Fullmer provided the best highlights of the meet, as she powered her way to three first-place finishes in 50- and 100- yard freestyle, and 100-yard butterfly in the 15-18 age group.

The same weekend, other DeWitt swimmers drove to Livonia for the United States Swimming (USS-M) State Meet for "AA" qualifiers ages 12 and under. Andrea Carlson, Josh Jones, Mandy Jones and Jill Nieman demonstrated superior tal-

ent and skill as they combined to give DeWitt a 14th place finish against all other clubs in Michigan. DeWitt posted the highest finish of any Lansing area club at this meet. Josh Jones, 10, placed in all six of his events, and has posted the fastest time this year in Michigan in the 9-10 boys 50-yard backstroke. Nieman, 12, placed in four events; Carlson and Mandy Jones added more points to tally 14th place spot for DeWitt.

### Other Top Academic Students are as follows:

Jody Dodson, son of Lawrence and Patricia Dodson of DeWitt, has been an active participant in swimming where he served as team captain and earned Academic All-American Honors. He was elected to Student Government, served as vice

The second weekend in March saw the USS-M "ABC" Festival in Midland, a meet designed for all swimmers except those with "AA" times. This weekend was the best for the now tapered DeWitt swimmers, and many soared to new time standards. Participants included Heather Maatman, Sarah Sharpe, Lisa Williams, Katie Peacock, Stephanie Carlson, Jill Nieman (now 13 years old), Mandy Jones, Chad Foster, Adam Gorman, Aaron Gearhart, and Ryan Quinn. First place awards at Midland were earned by Chad Foster in 200- and 500-yard freestyle, Katie Peacock in 100 yard breaststroke, and Jill Nieman in 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard butterfly.

March 16-18 was the USS-M "AA" meet for 13-18 year-olds held at Michigan State University. DWSC qualifiers were Mari Fullmer, Kelly Peacock, and Jill Nieman in individual events, and the relay team of Peacock, Nieman, Ann McCrackin and Stephanie Carlson.

DeWitt head coach Dave Byars was thrilled with the results of all his swimmers. "This team really had a great finish! I am so proud of all of them! Winter season is nearly six months long, and that's a LONG time to stay fired-up for any sport. Not only did these kids hang in there, but they seemed to get more focused and dedicated as the final weeks approached. They really are a great group, and we're looking forward to a super summer season."

DeWitt is a first-place winner in the Voice of Democracy contest for the past three years. He is Student Leadership Forum participant, a member of the DeWitt Academic Hall of Fame, and a Centralis Scholarship Finalist. Rod has recently accepted a full scholarship to Central Michigan University's Honors College and wishes to pursue a career as an author. He is currently writing his first book.

DeWitt is a member of Band, Flag Corps, tennis team, volleyball team, National Honor Society, participated in the Student Leadership Forum, and served as a Fall Homecoming Court representative. Michelle has been named Student of the Month, elected to the DeWitt Hall of Fame, selected for Girls' State, and named an Outstanding High School Student of America. Michelle has chosen to study accounting, but is uncertain as to a college at this time.

Dean Shooltz, son of Howard and Donna Shooltz of DeWitt, is a member of the Quiz Bowl Team and participated in football and baseball. He was selected Michigan's representative to the Department of Energy High School Honors Program at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory - he is currently employed at the Fermi Lab. Dean desires to attend Michigan State University as an undeclared major.

Gary Branch, son of Gerald and Carolyn Branch of DeWitt, has played basketball and baseball, is a member of the National Honor Society, has been named Student of the Month, and has been recognized as an Outstanding High School Student of America. Gary plans on attending the University of Michigan and pursuing a degree in medical technology.

## LEARN BAKING BASICS

Cooperation and teamwork were two of the key ingredients when the members of the Country Clovers 4-H Club made homemade bread recently. The club members, who are all between the ages of 5 and 8, worked in teams of two and made a batch of bread which was divided into two large loaves giving each one a loaf to take home and share with their family.

The Country Clovers is one of 53 Clinton County 4-H Clubs who are involved in a wide variety of learning activities. Other projects that this group has worked on include building bird houses, painting Halloween pumpkins and making special treasure boxes.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 26 - DeWitt Charter Township board of trustees meeting, township hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 2 - DeWitt Booster Club meeting, DeWitt High School home economics room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4 - DeWitt Kiwanis Club meeting, Prairie Creek Golf Course, 7 a.m.

In the joy of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed. -Kahlil Gibran