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DATELINE: DeWitt

November 2, 1987
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Kitty Korner

BOOSTERS TO MEET: The DeWitt Schools Boosters Club meeting will be held tonight - Monday, November 2, at 7 p.m. in the DeWitt High School Home Economics room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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SCOUT UNIFORMS: Persons who have either Girl Scout or Boy Scout uniforms, which they would like to sell, trade or give away, are asked to contact Ginny Hane, 669-3306.

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LIONS GOAT RAFFLE: DeWitt Breakfast Lions second annual Goat Raffle concludes this evening - Monday, November 2 - with the drawing for a lucky winner to be held at DeWitt City fire station at 6:30 p.m. Potential winners are holding their breaths and will give collective sighs of relief when someone else's name is drawn tonight.

Lions always have something to sell, you know, and they're selling colorful Christmas wrapping for the next couple of months. Packages contain 14 (20x26) sheets of Christmas wrap in seven holiday designs and sell for \$3. Funds raised from this venture will finance Lions local Christmas charities. Contact any Breakfast Lion.

The Breakfast Lions are in need of a 20-30 gallon propane tank for their club trailer. The tanks now on the refurbished old trailer are outdated and cannot be filled. Anyone who could donate the tanks may contact Clay

Art Instructor Named DHS Teacher of Month

DeWitt High School Student Government is pleased to announce that Mrs. Sonja Cornell was selected as "Teacher of the Month" for October. Student Government started honoring various high school teachers last year as their way of saying "Thank You" for the dedication and cooperation of teachers both in and out of the classroom.



four countries and seven states. A large painting hangs in the Green Room at the Wharton Center. Her paintings are reflections of specific places in Sweden as well as the U.S., particularly along the eastern seaboard, Florida, Arizona, and Michigan's Great Lakes region.

Mrs. Cornell likes to travel, and loves teaching her Humanities class. "Everyone should get turned on to art because it lasts forever," she says. She is currently helping the high school drama class with stage and program designs, along with designing the students' sweatshirts, which will advertise this year's production of "Cole."

Church News

The First Congregational Church



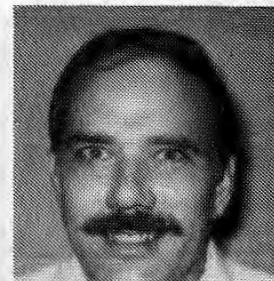
VOTERS TO MAKE CHOICES ON CANDIDATES, NEW JAIL

Polls throughout Clinton County will open at 7 a.m. Tuesday, November 3, as voters cast their ballots to determine the fate of a one-mill, 20-year bond proposal aimed at financing construction of a new jail facility. In DeWitt Township, increased voter turnout is expected, as residents decide who will occupy four recalled positions.

Eleven choices to replace four recalled officials in DeWitt Township will be offered as voters choose a supervisor, clerk,

Runner Earns Money for MS

Rich Hawkins, who teaches computer classes, algebra, and trigonometry at DeWitt High School, successfully completed the 26.2 mile Detroit Free Press International Marathon on Sunday, October 18, in 4 hours and 35 minutes.



treasurer, and trustee. Each successful candidate will complete the unexpired term of his predecessor, removed amongst accusations of alleged misconduct; and will serve terms expiring on November 11, 1988.

Democratic candidate Max Calder, Republican Bruce Angell II, and Independent candidates Clayton Church and Robert Zeeb are vying for the township supervisor's position.

Jean Peace, Democrat, and Connie Whitney, Republican, are seeking selection to the post of township clerk.

In the treasurer's race Democratic candidate Barbara Lindbloom will take on her Republican counterpart Jo Ann Slabonek.

There is a three-way race for a lone trustee vacancy. Michael Murphy, Democratic contender, will compete with Republican hopeful Charles Stedron and Independent candidate Tom Clayton, Sr.

Community Events

Area farm families

tanks now on the refurbished old trailer are outdated and cannot be filled. Anyone who could donate the tanks may contact Clay Parker, 669-3805, or any Breakfast Club member.

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GIRL SCOUT INVITATION: Girl Scouting in DeWitt is underway again this year, DeWitt area troops would like you to know, and "We would like to welcome back all the great girls and leaders from years past, and welcome all of our new friends just beginning this year."

"We already have some fun and exciting adventures planned," their invitation continues, "and it is not too late for girls ages kindergarten through grade 12 to join in on the fun."

Anyone interested in joining the area troops of Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, or Cadettes, or in becoming a leader, is invited to please contact any local Girl Scout leader or Service Unit Director Barb Bond, 669-5179.

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DHS PRODUCTION: "Cole" - the musical revue of the songs of Cole Porter, is DeWitt High School drama department's selection for its annual spring production.

You might want to make a notation of the dates, whether or not you have a 1988 calendar. Musical dates will be Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 10-11-13-14. (The cast will take time out that Friday night for the Panther's basketball game.)

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FARM TRIBUTE: Geneva Wiskemann, chairperson of the Clinton County Historical Commission, read a tribute to seven Clinton County sesquicentennial farm owners at the Tuesday morning meeting of Clinton County board of commissioners.

Cited by the Michigan Department of State Bureau of History were farm owners Robert Zeeb, William Hanses, Melvin Gibson, Bruce George, Paul Eldridge, Victor Clark, and Joseph Arens.

At the entrance to a Florida bridge: "During rush hour this bridge becomes a car-tangled spanner."

Sonja Cornell

Mrs. Cornell was selected because she has helped supply the Homecoming decorations for many years and because of her outstanding course entitled "Humanities," which she has developed and taught for the past two years. In addition to Humanities, Mrs. Cornell teaches Beginning and Advanced Art at the high school plus elementary art at Fuerstenau School.

The DeWitt school system is especially fortunate to have Mrs. Cornell because of her unique qualifications. Born and raised in Sweden, she married her American husband, L. D., an architect, and moved to Michigan. They have three children. Mrs. Cornell earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from M.S.U. in 1975. She has been the art teacher at D.H.S. for 18 years.

Mrs. Cornell has had two one-person exhibitions in Sweden and seven exhibitions in the U.S. and has also shown in her studio at home. She has her paintings in many private, public, and corporate collections in

Church News

The First Congregational Church of Laingsburg is adding a second Sunday service because its membership has doubled in the last 3½ years. Pastor Brian C. Byrne said that the two new worship services will be held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30. The previous time had been 10:30 a.m.

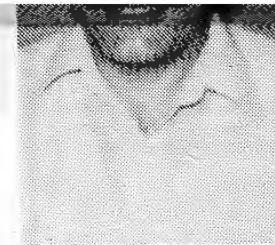
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Hope Lutheran Church Women's Group will meet Monday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m. The women are sponsoring a bake sale following the Sunday service November 8 with proceeds going to food baskets for the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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Laingsburg United Methodist Church will hold its monthly chicken dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, November 7. This is the first chicken dinner in their new addition at 208 Crum Street. Cost of the dinner is \$4 for adults; \$2 for children 5 to 12; preschoolers, free.

* Men do not stumble over mountains, but over molehills. - Confucius



Rich Hawkins

Hawkins collected \$700 in pledges from the high school faculty and students to benefit multiple sclerosis.

Hawkins reports that he is "looking forward to an even better marathon time next year and an increase in the amount of pledges."

More than 3,000 runners competed in the bi-country marathon, which began in Windsor, Canada and ended in Detroit. Paul Sullivan and Richard S. Gonzales, both of DeWitt, were other competitors in the race. Sullivan's time for the course was 3 hours, 34 minutes and 19 seconds; Gonzales had a time of 4 hours, 29 minutes, and 53 seconds.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, November 3 - New Clinton County Jail election. REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Tuesday, November 3 - DeWitt Charter Township election for 4 officials - Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee - VOTE!

Wednesday, November 4 - Deadline for DeWitt City P&R Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contest.

Events

Area farm families are invited to hear a speaker, whom the Gratiot County Emergency Assistance and Referral Service has asked to appear Wednesday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Breckenridge High School cafeteria, 700 Wright, Breckenridge.

The speaker, Dr. Chuck Lofy, of Mankato, MN, is a leader in helping individuals and families adjust to change. Local families, who may have to change jobs or lifestyles or who want to be prepared to make necessary changes, are welcome to attend.

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St. Therese parish will hold the 34th annual Shower of Roses card party Thursday, November 5, at 8 p.m. in the Lansing Civic Center main auditorium. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$3.00. Top prize is a trip for two to Jamaica.

DEWITT COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

DeWitt Community Education is always looking for enrichment instructors. If you have a special talent or skill you would like to share with others, please call the Community Education office to make the necessary arrangements. Some classes we've had interest in, and need instructors for, are; basketmaking, tole painting, floral arranging, ceramics, senior classes, bridge, gymnastics, and children craft classes. If you know of anyone interested in teaching, or have some suggestions of classes you would like to see offered, please contact the Community Education office at 669-3040.

Following is a list of classes that are currently being offered through DeWitt Community Education.

INVESTING IN CRISIS

Thursday, November 12, 1987, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
\$5.00

General discussion of recent market events. Generic suggestions on possible short and long term investments. Instructor: Vince Dragonetti, Registered Representative, Mutual Service Corp., Member NASD Inc.

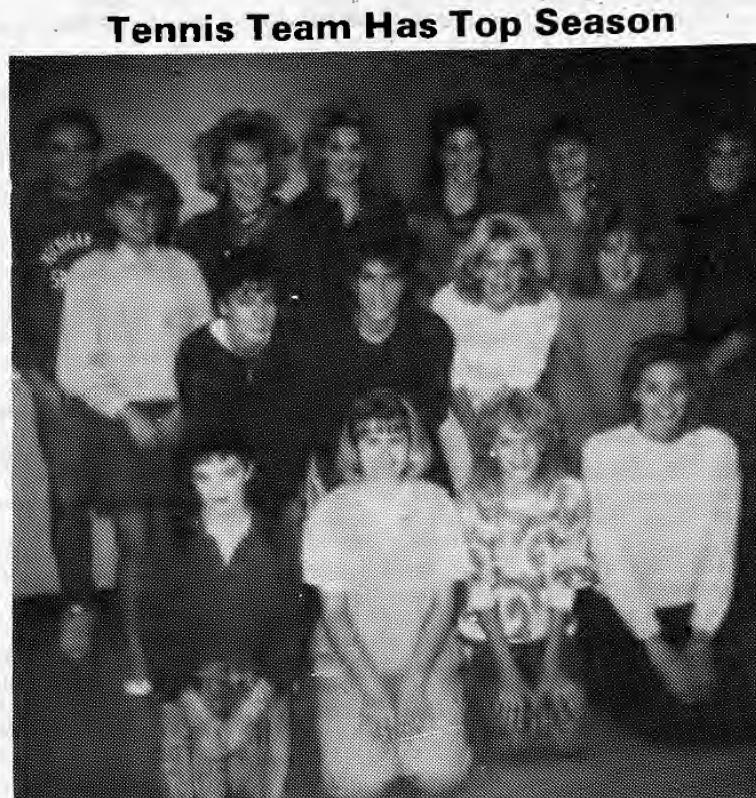
Class will be held at DeWitt High School. Pre-register by calling DeWitt Community Education at 669-3040.

COMPUTER OPERATION

Learn the fundamentals of computer operation in a "hands on class". Everyone will be able to use an IBM compatible computer in this class. Learning is easy and fun!

Class will be held at the DeWitt High School, November 30, 1987, from 7-10 p.m. Instructor: David E. Persell, Ph.D., instructor for Aquinas College, Central Michigan University, Michigan State Wide Representative for Comsell (nation's largest manufacturer of laser disk training system) and former President Computer Automation Training Center.

Pre-registration is a must. Register by calling DeWitt Community Ed. before November 20.



Tennis Team Has Top Season

The girls' tennis team at DeWitt High School has the best overall record at the state finals this year of any team in the school's history. They have the following credits: first place in DeWitt Invitational; first in Class C-D Regional; tied for fifth in the Hillsdale Invitational; tied for eighth place in the state finals.

Pictured above, left to right, are: FIRST ROW - Michele Calder, Sherry Holmgren, Nicole Armstrong, Kathy Carroccio; SECOND ROW - Kelli Ryan, Gina Philip, Michelle Chesnut, Teresa Babcock; THIRD ROW - Coach Joe Stants, Mary Tingay, Beth Byelich, Heather Fitzgerald, Wendy Williams, Juli Rice, Assistant Coach Stacy Eges.

designed for those individuals who have assets and estates of value and would like to keep them from eroding away. Instructor: Charles N. MacDonald, CFP (Certified Financial Planners). This class will be held at DeWitt High School. Pre-register by November 5, 1987 by calling the Community Education office at 669-3040.

HOLIDAY SNACKS IN MICROWAVE

Along The Looking Glass

Jim and Neva Owen, West Clark Road, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary recently with an open house at the IBEW Union Hall. Hosts were their two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Sue of Mankato, MN, and Kevin and Kim of Austin, TX.

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Cyril and Ann Kristin, Boichot Road, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on October 23. Married in 1937, the couple has two children, one child deceased. 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Robert and Eva Waltz of Laingsburg celebrated their 50th wedding at an October 25 open house. The pair, who were married October 23, 1937, has four children, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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A buffet dinner at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church celebrated Russell and Minnette Marr's 50th anniversary. The Laingsburg couple were married October 23, 1937. They have five children, 10 grandchildren and

CITY P & R Volleyball Standings

TEAM	RECORD
Net Nuts	13-2
Outrageousness	12-3
DeWitt Bar	12-3
Cordes Construction	8-7
AWOA	7-8
Baby Makers	7-8
Swat Team	6-9
Gold Standard	6-9

Pre-registration is a must. Register by calling DeWitt Community Ed. before November 20.

OPEN SWIM

Mondays 7-8:30 p.m. 50¢ per person
Saturdays 12-2 p.m. 50¢ per person (starts November 7)

An open swim for all ages. The pool will stay open as long as there is adequate participation. Bring the family and all their friends! Enjoy a night out at the pool!



ADULT SWIM

Wednesdays 8-9:30 p.m. \$1.00 per person
Get away from it all and relax! Enjoy lap swimming or just a quick dip in the pool. This is for adults only so bring a friend and enjoy some time away from the kids.

OPEN VOLLEYBALL

Mondays 7-9 p.m.
Open Volleyball (for those over 18) at Fuerstenau Elementary school Monday nights. Cost is 50¢ per person, per night. Come and join in anytime!

WALK FOR LIFE

Monday thru Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE
Join the ever-growing numbers of people walking for health. Mile routes will be marked out at the High School. Registration is on-going. Maps and mileage sheets are available at the High School Community Education Office. Stop by for the Health of it! Call 669-3040 for more information.

ESTATE PLANNING

Tuesday, November 10, 1987 7-8:30 p.m.
FREE

A seminar that deals with the general aspects of Estate Planning. Some topics included are Ownership of property, Inventory of assets, Wills, Trusts, Federal Estate Tax, Michigan Inheritance Tax, Income Tax. This class is

the Community Education Office at 669-3040.

HOLIDAY SNACKS IN MICROWAVE

Thursday, November 12, 1987 7-9 p.m. \$3.00
Quick holiday appetizers, meals and snacks for those unexpected guests during the Holiday season. This class will be 2 hours in length and will include several demonstrations and taste testing opportunities.
The cost is only \$3.00. This fee covers your class handouts and demonstration material.
Pre-register by November 9.
DeWitt Community Education at 669-3040.

OPEN BASKETBALL

Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the High School;
Thursdays 7-9 p.m. at the Middle School.
Open Basketball (for those over 18). Cost is \$1.00 per person, per night. Bring a friend or come and make new ones.



OVER 30 OPEN BASKETBALL

Mondays 7-9 p.m.
An open gym for basketball for those over 30 years old! This will be held in the High School small gym on Monday nights. Cost is \$1.00 per person, per night.

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

A cabbie picked up three doctors who had been attending a medical convention in the city. The doctors were feeling no pain, and they bet the cabby that he couldn't guess which one of them was a psychiatrist.

"No offense," shrugged the driver, "but it really doesn't matter to me."

"And why not?" snapped one of the doctors.

"You're the psychiatrist!" grinned the cabby - and collected.

Corde's Construction	8-7
AWOA	7-8
Baby Makers	7-8
Swat Team	6-9
Gold Standard	6-9
Bad, Badder, Baddest	3-12
Ow-Da-Control	1-14

Recreational League	
TEAM	RECORD
SSSSS	12-3
Cheers	10-5
Netcrawlers	10-5
Wise Crackers	9-6
The White Socks	9-6
Nets	8-7
Flying Dutchmen	7-8
Drop Outs	5-10
Team Two	4-11
Dill Pickles	1-14

From a Polish tourist leaflet: "As for the tripe served you at the Metropol Hotel, you will sing its praises to your grandchildren on your deathbed."

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL



Attention: Volleyball coaches, players, and fans; the City of DeWitt will be having Winter Co-Ed Volleyball Sign-Ups on the nights of Wednesday and Thursday, November 18-19 at DeWitt City Hall between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m.

If you have any questions, call City Hall at 669-2441. The team fee is \$80.00 per team and all games will be played on Friday nights at DeWitt Public Schools. The first week of play will be either December 11 or December 18. The League will last ten weeks with no games on the Christmas and New Year weekends.

The League is limited to 22 teams. Thus the first 22 teams meeting proper residency requirements will be allowed to play.

Bill Childress
Director, Parks and Recreation

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were married October 23, 1937. They have five children, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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WXYZ Wacousta Senior Citizens will meet at the Wacousta United Methodist Church for a potluck at noon, Wednesday, November 4. Clinton County Coordinator Pauline Baert will speak on happenings in Clinton County. All are welcome to attend.

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT: The DeWitt Community Christmas Project is now officially underway. The program has assisted needy families for more than 27 years by coordinating efforts of local clubs, churches, school, organizations, and individuals.

If you know of a needy family, shut-in or senior citizen in the DeWitt School District, please contact Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127 or Audrey Fabus, 669-3017, by Friday, December 4.

KNIGHT HONORS: DeWitt Knights of Columbus Council 7237 have made their annual Family of the Year and Knight of the Year selections from among their hardworking members. George and Jan Mallison were named the council's Family of the Year (George is presently Grand Knight), and Joe Ciaramella was recipient of the Knight of the Year Title.

Fund raisers are now in the forefront with the K.C.s, just like every other organization. DeWitt Knights are currently working on a clock raffle (Roger Pline has handcrafted another handsome grandfather clock,) to be raffled off at the annual New Year's Eve dance which K.C.s will sponsor at St. Jude's church. Council members are also taking orders for oranges, grapefruits, and nuts in their citrus fruit sale and for holiday poinsettia plants.

EUCHRE FANS: Zella Custard had a euchre party last Wednesday afternoon in her Bridge Street home for a group of euchre players.

Kostal Heads State ASCS

Former DeWitt High School instructor and coach Doug Kostal is now director of the Michigan branch of the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Nominated for the post by U.S. Rep. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, Kostal was appointed earlier this year by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng.



Douglas Kostal



Girls Win Cross Country 'C' Title

DeWitt Girls Cross Country team took the Class C championship by a wide margin in season's end competition at Bath Saturday, November 7. This marked the Panthers' second girls' state championship; DeWitt also won the cross country title in 1981.

Team scores included DeWitt 78; runner-up Burton Atherton 127; Bath 220. DeWitt girls' coach is Barry Kloenhamer.

Melissa Moloney, Terry Osborn, and Maureen McBride took seventh, eighth, and ninth places respectively. Senior Moloney had a time of 20:01.1; sophomores Osborn and McBride, 20:01.8 and 20:02.5. Stacey Kemler, a sophomore, was 18th with a 20:34.8 time; senior Stacy Cook, 36th, with 21:11.4; Barb Bab-

AND THE WINNER IS...



Bob Farnum, right, walked away with the prize - Bingo, the goat - in DeWitt Breakfast Lions annual goat raffle. Farnum's fiancee, Lisa Rice, left, had bought the ticket for him.

Doug Sirmons chaired the goat raffle, which raised \$805 for the Lions to use on various projects benefitting the blind and local Christmas community efforts. Tom Doyle, Bill Lonier, and Jim Dunn assisted Sirmons. They used Herb Ritter's wagon to carry the goat (purchased from Dale and Kay Blizzard of Norris Road) to the scene of the crime... excuse me, raffle... at DeWitt Fire Hall.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The Scott School addition is scheduled for completion by February 1, 1988, and sitework on the new elementary school on Schavey Road is to begin November 16. DeWitt Board of Education members learned at their regular meeting Monday, November 9. Ground-breaking ceremony for the new elementary building is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday,

EUCHRE FANS: Zella Custard had a euchre party last Wednesday afternoon in her Bridge Street home for a group of euchre-playing couples, who regularly attend the weekly nutrition luncheons at DeWitt Township Hall and at St. Jude's in DeWitt. The euchre players halted briefly for refreshments in the middle of their card-playing competition.

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: The DeWitt Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Redeemer United Methodist Church, Clark and Schavey roads, on Sunday, November 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Members of DeWitt Community Church and the Catholic Community of St. Jude will share in the holiday-time service. Fr. David Stotenbur, St. Jude pastor, will give the homily and combined choirs from the three congregations will provide music. A social hour will follow the evening service.

Creative Entries

Some six entries competed in each of the age categories of the 1987 DeWitt Parks and Recreation pumpkin decorating contest.

Winners were: ages 5 and under - Mario Keresztes; 6-9 - Sherrie Sebrell, runner-up Sarah Huntly; 10-12 - Jenni Keresztes, runner up Jesse Huntly.

Winners received gift certificates for a breakfast at Sam's Kitchen. All participants received special certificates for their creative entries. Special thanks to Sam's Kitchen for donating some prizes.

MARRIAGE TIP

On her 50th anniversary, one woman revealed that on her wedding day she had decided to make a list of 10 of her husband's faults, which, for the sake of their marriage, she would overlook.

Asked to divulge the faults, she said, "I never did get around to writing them down. But whenever my husband did something that made me hopping mad, I would say to myself, 'Lucky for him, that's one of the 10!'"

Douglas Kostal

The Michigan ASCS director works out of an East Lansing office, overseeing all of Michigan's ASCS offices and ensuring that ASCS programs are properly and equitably administered. An Ithaca farmer for the past decade, Kostal graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. in chemistry. He taught chemistry and physics at DHS from 1969 to 1977, coached three sports and was a class and activity advisor. He has been a substitute teacher in Ithaca.

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time; senior Stacy Cook, 36th, with 21:11.4; Barb Babcock, 59th, 21:55.4, and Panther Traci Ruiz 97th in 23:09.0.

Host Bath finished eighth in the girls' team race, paced by Christina Abendroth's 15th-place finish in 20:21.1. Other Bath runners were Amy Belyea in 35th place, Tamara McDonald in 37th, Annie Risch in 56th, Sara Meyers in 77th, Carrie Nuoffer in 114th, and Sandy Simon in 115th.

On a Louisville, KY, church bulletin board during the minister's illness:

GOD IS GOOD
Dr. Hargett Is Better

CHANGE LEAGUE SCHEDULES TO JANUARY STARTING DATES

DeWitt City Parks and Recreation Committee has changed its scheduled starting dates for winter volleyball and basketball leagues to January instead of December.

Volleyball winter league will begin January 8, 1988. Fall league coaches may sign up their teams at city hall on or before November 17. Cost is \$80 per team. All teams must consist of 75% DeWitt residents and the league is limited to 22 teams.

A Volleyball Committee meeting will be held at DeWitt City Hall Thursday, November 19, at 8 p.m.

DeWitt basketball league teams will start January 9, 1988, to allow DeWitt Township players time to join.

For information on either league, contact Bill Childress, P&R director, at 669-2441.

Education members learned at their regular meeting Monday, November 9. Ground-breaking ceremony for the new elementary building is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, November 20.

Construction of the new school is scheduled for completion, but not guaranteed, for August 1988. Board members held a special meeting Thursday, November 12, to consider bids received for the new building.

Teachers and staff, who participated in the Huntsville, AL space academy program, gave a slide presentation of their inservice program for the board. Two-way bus radios were approved for the fleet of school buses; installation should be completed by early January.

The board decided to continue baccalaureate as scheduled in past years and set June 9, 1988 for the date of graduation. They also recognized November 15-21 as American Education Week.

American Education Week

NOVEMBER
15-21

The board's agreement to remove snow and ice on the new section of Wilson Street sidewalk near Scott School was reaffirmed. JoEllen Wing was named Supervisor of Transportation; employment of Susan Burch as cafeteria server at the high school and Suzanne Taber as ala carte cashier were approved.

Superintendent Terre Davis congratulated the Girls' Cross Country team and coach Barry Kloehnhamer on their Class C state championship. Dr. Davis and board member John Stone, who had visited the Seventh Grade's two campsites at Yankee Springs Recreation Area on November 4, complimented the staff and students on their excellent program.

The board will sponsor a breakfast for all staff in the Middle School cafeteria from 6:45 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, December 16. This will be in lieu of the Christmas open house which was held in the superintendent's office in past years.

Elementary Schools Carve Fancy Pumpkins

The Food Service Department at DeWitt Public Schools recently sponsored its 2nd annual Pumpkin Carving contest at David Scott and Fuerstenau Elementary Schools. This year's theme was "The Sesquicentennial Pumpkin". Prizes were given out in four categories; Best Use of Theme, Most Original, Scariest Pumpkin, Cutest Pumpkin.

The winners from Scott School were: Mr. Davis & Mrs. Young's Rooms (Tie), Use of Theme; Mrs. Tarrant's Room, Most Original; Mrs. Wieman's Room, Scariest; Mrs. Jury's Room and Mrs. Jones' room (Tie), Cutest.

The winners from Fuerstenau School were: Mrs. Osborn's Room, Use of theme; Mrs. Sharkey's Room, Most Original; Mr. Pabst's Room, Scariest; Mrs. McBride's Room, Cutest.

The winning classrooms each received prizes of cider and donuts.

TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DeWitt Charter Township's new board settled down to business quickly at their first official meeting, Monday, November 9. Agreeing that the township supervisor's position should return to part-time status and a full-time superintendent be employed, they decided to ask an outside source to study the situation and report their findings.

Supervisor Robert Zeeb, who wants the position to be part-time, will continue in full-time capacity for the present. Zeeb was asked to list duties he believed a superin-

The full-time supervisor now receives a \$24,000 salary; part-time salary would probably be \$9,500.

After discussing the township's fire protection contract with the City of DeWitt, board members appointed Zeeb and trustees Douglas Hammond and Charles Stedron to a committee to work on the issue. Township attorney Richard Robertson was asked to take the necessary steps to regain the township's \$50,000, which had apparently been appropriated for the Coleman Road park

Northside Christian Church will hold a special musical Thanksgiving service Thursday, November 19, at 7 p.m. The service, including special music, testimonies and praise, will take place at Sheridan Road School, Sheridan Road north of US-27. For information, contact Pastor Chris Kibit, 321-6911.

Honoring the 25th anniversary of intermediate school districts, Clinton County Intermediate School District will hold an open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 18. You are

PUMPKIN TREND SETTERS



These two fancy pumpkins were among Scott School winning entries in the second annual Pumpkin Carving contest sponsored by the Food Service Department. Center - The

pumpkin dressed as a doll, from Mrs. Jury's class, left, received Cutest Pumpkin title, while B.F. Pumpkin from Mrs. Tarrant's Class, right, was judged Most Original Pumpkin.

Along The Looking Glass

Navy Seaman Recruit Christopher J. Ingalls, son of Robert L. and Joan M. Secord of DeWitt, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During Ingalls' eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Ingalls' studies includes seamanship, close order drill, Navy history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible

Susan Pearsall of DeWitt was recently named the student intern to the director of the Michigan State University Department of Public Safety.

Pearsall was chosen from students in MSU's School of Criminal Justice. She will work with DPS Director Bruce Benson.

Pearsall, a senior at MSU, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlond Pearsall, East Alward Lake Road.

Steve Pingston of DeWitt is among 31 Alma College students selected to work with faculty members and administrators on

Agricultural News

WARNING

Warning to anyone with children, pets or livestock! Antifreeze waste products and spillage from cleaning and winterizing radiators are extremely dangerous to children, pets, and livestock.

Most commercial antifreeze preparations contain ethylene glycol. Ethylene glycol has a sweet taste, therefore, children, pets and livestock will readily drink both the concentrated and the diluted solutions. Just two tablespoons of ethylene glycol (anti-

the present. Zeeb was asked to list duties he believed a superintendent should handle and to find an organization to conduct the necessary study.

Kostal

Continued

A cash crop farmer with his father, Kostal is reducing his farming acreage from 750 to 150 acres. He was Gratiot County Farm Bureau president and served on the MFB State Dry Bean advisory committee and the Production Credit Association advisory committee. He has been Newark Township treasurer since 1980. Kostal participated in the Michigan Agricultural Leadership Program (MALP), traveling to foreign countries to learn about their agriculture.

In his current position, Kostal oversees 60 ASCS county offices. He and his wife, Sue, have three children: Jennifer, 13; John, 10; and Matthew, 9.



apparently been appropriated for the Coleman Road park without board action.

A special hearing was set for 8 p.m. Monday, November 23, on the industrial facilities exemption certificate requested by Spartan Asphalt. The regular board meeting will begin at 7 p.m. that night. Zeeb was appointed to the Southern Clinton County Municipal Sewer Authority and Bruce Angell's resignation from the Township Planning Commission was accepted.

CITY P & R Volleyball Standings

Week of November 6
Competitive League

TEAM	RECORD
Net Nuts	18-3
DeWitt Bar	18-3
Outrageousness	17-4
Cordes Construction	11-10
AWOA	10-11
Baby Makers	9-12
Swat Team	8-13
Gold Standard	7-14
Bad, Badger, Baddest	3-18
Ow-Da-Control	2-19

TEAM	RECORD
Net Crawlers	16-5
SSSSSS	15-6
Cheers	14-7
Wise Crackers	12-9
The White Socks	12-9
Nets	11-10
Flying Dutchmen	9-12
Team Two	9-12
Drop Outs	5-16
Dill Pickles	2-19

This country is where it is today on account of the real common sense of the big normal majority. - Will Rogers.

District will hold an open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 18. You are cordially invited to attend at 4179 S. US-27, St. Johns.

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Pvt. Michael Zuniga, son of Jesse and Debra Zuniga, Upton Road, Bath, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA.

Zuniga participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills. He is a 1987 graduate of Bath High School.

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Pvt. Benny Berryhill, son of Linnie Berryhill, West Madison Street, and Ollie Berryhill, of Lansing, was presented the Air Assault Badge upon graduation from the U.S. Army's air assault school at Fort Campbell, KY.

Trainees learned to rapidly and safely exit a helicopter from a variety of difficult situations.

Berryhill is a 1987 graduate of DeWitt High School.

Alma and West students selected to work with faculty members and administrators on Alma's community government committees for the 1987-88 academic year.

He is a 1987 graduate of St. Johns High School.

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Pvt. Richard Foster, son of Gary and Heidi Foster, Wilson Street, has arrived for duty with the 210th Field Artillery, West Germany.

Foster, a field artillery system mechanic, is a 1986 graduate of DeWitt High School.

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Cpl. Gregg White, son of David and Patricia White, of W. Bennington, Laingsburg, recently reported for duty at Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, VA.

Bennington joined the Marine Corps in October 1983.

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Pvt. Daniel Gray, son of Nancy Gray, Mt. Pleasant, and Bernard Gray, West Clark Road, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

centrated and the diluted solutions. Just two tablespoons of ethylene glycol (antifreeze) may kill a child, a 25 pound dog, or six, five pound cats.

Clinical signs of acute toxicosis are: uncoordinated movements, convulsions, vomiting, coma, and death. If an animal survives the acute poisoning without treatment, death may occur in 5 to 8 days due to kidney damage and uremia.

If antifreeze poisoning is suspected, professional medical assistance should be sought immediately. Early treatment is necessary to prevent death!

Mark Twain, "What a good thing Adam had - when he said a good thing, he knew nobody had said it before."

OH MY MAMA!

Three proud mothers were boasting about their respective sons.

"My son sends me to Palm Beach every winter and buys me a mink coat and comes to see me every Saturday night without fail," one mama said.

"That's nothing!" said the second mother. "My son just bought me a Rolls Royce and a new cooperative apartment and he visits me three nights a week."

"Have I got a son!" the third mother said. "Not only does he provide me with every little thing my heart desires, but he goes to a doctor five days a week just to lie on a couch and talk about me!"

WELCOME
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Oct. 4, 1833

DATELINE: DeWitt

November 23, 1987
Stories/Photos by Kitty Marriott
Phone 669-3385

Kitty Korner

CITY TREE LIGHTING: Reserve Friday, December 4, at 7 p.m. for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony in front of DeWitt City fire hall and the accompanying singalong of Yuletide melodies. Santa Claus will appear at the event which is sponsored by the DeWitt Business Association. DeWitt Firefighters' Ladies Auxiliary will serve refreshments after the program.

DECORATING CONTEST: DeWitt Downtown Development Authority has announced plans to sponsor a Christmas decorating contest for city homes and businesses, whose owners are being invited to dress up their buildings in holiday trimmings. The downtown Christmas decorations, newly purchased by the DDA, are already in place and will set the cheery tone for the rest of the city. A monetary grand prize and many other prizes donated by downtown businesses will be awarded for the best decorations.

may be made by calling Gail Stevens, 669-3313, after 5 p.m.

HALLELUJAH: Good news for area residents (especially those of us, who are familiar with the tedious 20-mile trip to Perry on two-lane Clark/Bath Road) is word from the state highway department that the 8-mile segment of I-69 is now scheduled to open TODAY. Of course, the official opening, originally announced for September 25, was then delayed because of heavy rains, but this time we hope they mean it.

Supervisor Robert Zeeb will represent DeWitt Township and Supervisor Richard Brook, Bath Township, at the 10 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony November 23, since the new highway section extends through those communities. MDOT officials will hold the ceremony to be followed by refreshments under the Chandler Road bridge east of the US-27 and I-69 interchange. Happy traveling!

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE: Soft candlelight will glow along DeWitt area streets this year on the eve of Christmas, as the DeWitt Lioness Club again sponsors Luminaria. The custom of lighting candles along the roadside on Christmas Eve, which was brought to this country from old Mexico many years ago, has been growing in popularity.

Kitty Shearer, chairperson for this year's Luminaria program, and residents in the various neighborhoods have agreed to be contact people for luminaria orders. Deadline for ordering luminaria supplies will be



genuine feeling of Christmas cheer. Table setting, wall hangings, handmade craft items, pine scents, and candles add to the holiday atmosphere.

Lioness members will be hostesses during the hours of 1 to 5 that Sunday afternoon. A donation of \$1.00 for the tour will help to support Lioness charitable projects. Give yourself an early Christmas treat. Plan to take advantage of the Lioness Club's Christmas Walk Thru December 6.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

The City of DeWitt now has an Environmental Affairs Committee, as a result of action at last Monday's regular council meeting. The EAC replaces the former Sewer & Water Committee, explained administrative assistant Kurt Klemens, expanding its scope of influence to include groundwater contamination, air pollution and other environmental issues.

First matter to be referred to the EAC was Klemens' recommendation to council proposing a ban on leaf burning in the city or an alternate method of leaf disposal. In response to complaints from citizens who have lung or allergy problems, Klemens has prepared a memo citing an extensive DNR report on high levels of carbon monoxide and other irritants linked to lung difficulties and lung cancer. The Environmental Affairs Committee was asked to work toward a solution in time for next fall's leaf burning season.

Location of a fire department building involved lengthy discussion. While a site behind city hall had been recommended, easy access for fire vehicles is a problem and council members are still undecided on the proper location.

Since the city is dissatisfied with DeWitt Board of Education's proposal to provide permanent maintenance on the Wilson Street sidewalk installed this past year at the request of pupils' parents, council moved that a letter go to the board asking for reconsideration of the



'CHRISTMAS IS LOVE': is the theme United

'CHRISTMAS IS LOVE' is the theme United Methodist Women selected this year for their second annual "Christmas Evening at Redeemer" program. The response to last year's evening, entitled "Sharing the Spirit of Christmas", was most appreciative, and chairperson Gail Stevens has already been receiving inquiries about this year's date.

Christmas trees and candlelight will set the mood for the get-away-from-it-all quiet evening at Redeemer, which will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, December 9. Gail calls it "a really nice way to start out the Advent season". The special evening for Redeemer women and friends will allow them "a time to reflect on the season and remember why we are celebrating, a time we can stop for a few moments and thank God for our many blessings, and a time to share the true spirit of Christmas - which is love - with our friends."

Twenty-five hostesses will preside at tables, which each will have decorated to reflect the Christmas season. Bob Wells of Monroe (Lynda Schoonover's father) will present his multi-media program, "Christmas Is in the Air," a nostalgic potpourri of photographs and music. Wells has won local, state, and national awards, including two special recognition citations from the Freedom Foundation, for his programs embodying inspirational messages.

Hostesses and guests will again be asked to sign their names and the date on the Christmas tablecloths; Kayla Tipton is hostess for the tablecloth-signing. JoAnn McCord, Bev Heavener, and Carolyn Crego will be hostesses at the punch table. Presiding at the 25 tables are Connie Bauerle, Deb Dowling, Ruth Eldridge, Norma Ferguson, Pat Gilchrist, Dana Green, Kim Hoeve, Judy Johnson, Sue Klemier, Deb Kirchen, Chris Klein, Nancy Kreider, Sherri Moyer, Jan Mulford, Deb Nelson, Sue Oliver, Bev Olsen, Bev Osborn, Gail Richmond, Charlene Schaar, Linda Schelb, Lynda Schoonover, Elaine Shopbell, Nancy Souden, and Mary Stroh.

The 175 tickets at \$2.25 each, are by reservation only. A quarter from each ticket will go toward a UMW mission project. Reservations

various neighborhoods have agreed to be contact people for luminaria orders. Deadline for ordering luminaria supplies will be Saturday, December 5. Cost is \$2.50 for each 100 feet of frontage. Ten candles and bags for 100 feet of frontage costs \$2.50; 200 feet of driveway or frontage, \$5, and so on.

Contact any of the following to place orders: Laingsburg area, Round Lake Road, Lake Victoria - Kitty Shearer, 651-5328 and Dorothy Schoals, 669-9576; West Geneva and Riverview, Marilyn Boyd, 669-3225; South Geneva - Mary Vandermark, 669-9664; Sandhill, Larkwood and Longspurdrives - Lorna Gillespie, 669-9566.

Alpine area - Bernie Nordlund, 669-5652; Country Meadows area - Betty Thelen, 669-8040; Millbrook Meadows and Lucerne - Vi Pennington, 669-3587; Rose Subdivision, Luroma Circle and Walnut Estates - Audrey Fabus, 669-3017; Ro-Dic-Don and Webb Road - Doris Cox, 669-9340.

Downtown DeWitt - Jean Newman, 669-9028 and Kathy Walter, 669-7215; Willow Creek Area - Karen Swaggert, 669-3601 and June Swan, 669-3660; Westwinds Area - Clay Parker, 669-3805; Shavey Road/Country Meadows, Red Pole/Waxwing - Dona Gartside, 669-3587; East Geneva and West Geneva drives - Judy Cook, 669-5739; Round Lake Road - Lois Blanchard, 669-9945.

SWIM PERKS: Practice time was even livelier than usual last Wednesday night at the high school pool, when DeWitt Swim Club members enjoyed comments and tips from Bill Wadley, new head coach of Michigan State University varsity swim team, who visited them at poolside.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR: Sunday afternoon, December 6, DeWitt Lioness Club members will offer a tour of Bob and Elaine LaFave's residence at 15540 Wood Road. Each year LaFaves open their home, decorated in traditional old-fashioned Christmas style, for a benefit tour sponsored by a local group.

Greens, holly, Christmas trees of every size and description, holiday ornaments in every room of the big, old farmhouse convey a

sidewalk installed this past year at the request of pupils' parents, council moved that a letter go to the board asking for reconsideration of the issue. City officials had expected the school to share half of the installation cost, which would amount to \$5,425 each for city and school.

Council reviewed the letter regarding the ongoing assessor's plat; earlier, Clinton County had issued an ultimatum to the city to clear up discrepancies from previous surveys, so assessors have been realigning boundaries to avoid future conflicts when DeWitt residents sell their properties.

Mayor Lynn Thayer made the following Personnel Committee appointments: Denise Smith, employee representative; Clifford (Chip) Heckathorne, private citizen rep, and Roy Ketcheson, city council rep. Since several more local citizen delegates are still needed, anyone who would like to volunteer is asked to call city hall, 669-2441.

In other action, council accepted the \$40 an hour low bid for tree trimming; MEDCO of Alma will begin assorted trimming and dead limb cutting around the city. Also approved was a \$625 charge for needed repairs to the Department of Public Works' surplus front-end loader.

The question of renewing DeWitt Township's fire protection contract with the City of DeWitt (which expires January 1) will be on the agenda at the township board of trustees' meeting this evening, Monday, November 30. Mayor Lynn Thayer and Administrative Assistant Kurt Klemens met last Tuesday night with Robert Zeeb, DeWitt Township supervisor, and township trustees Douglas Hammond and Charles Stedron to study the issue.

The three township committee members will present working proposals to their board, offering city fire assistance on a per run basis for the next year. A possible second year extension until the township can finalize its long range plan may be discussed.

The newly elected township board is working under heavy pressure from the build-up of duties accumulated during the five weeks when the township was without officials following the August 18 recall election.

SWIMMERS BEGIN SEASON, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The DeWitt Swim Club has begun an exciting new season. Inspired by an excellent coaching staff of Juan Tavares and Roger Knight, area swimmers are reaching new goals, improving their swimming skills, and having fun all at the same time. Right now, membership ranges from five-year-old beginners to 16-year-old high schoolers getting a head start on their season.

This year's membership includes Nick Barcelow, Tom Barnard, Melissa Beckwith, Rena and Rhonda Black, Valerie and Ann Bourdon, Jenny Brown, Andrea and Stephanie Carlson, Jenny Christensen, Kevin Cluley, Rick Cook, Kelly Cowan, Dave Erskine, Jackie and Jenny Firos, Angie and Chad Foster, Mari Fullmer, Aaron Gearhart, Adam Gorman, Steve Horne, Josh and Mandy Jones, Jay and Woody Larner, and Kenny Lewis.

Also swimming are Jason Marinelli, Heather and Jenny Maatman, Ann McCrackin, Andy Motz, Brandon Nieman, Jill and Heather Nieman, Michelle Osterhouse, Stacy and Andrea Osterhouse, Katie and Kelly Peacock, Chris Seekamp, Nadia and Dunya Sharif, Danica and Matt Shier, Kelly Souden, Tracy Slater, Julie Smith, Julie Stahmer, Mike Taylor, Hank Thompson, and Brian Ziel.

The first meet of the season was hosted by Holt Swim Club on October 31 and Nov. 1. Returning members made an excellent showing by posting "personal best times" in many events.

On November 7, a dual meet was hosted by St. Johns. Most club members participated, and for new swimmers, it was their first experience taking part in a meet, and having the thrill of winning ribbons for their efforts.

On November 14 and 15, the club travelled to Okemos for a United States Swimming (USS-M) meet. Again, all swimmers posted faster times than the week before, proving that their hard work at practice is getting results! Parents and coaches were proud of the performance of the swimmers.

It's still not too late to join the Swim Club.



LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa's mail box is in place outside the Willard Reed Agency on Main Street, awaiting area children's letters to Santa Claus. Letters may be deposited from now until December 8 to allow time for replies to be sent to the youngster's homes before Christmas. The child's full name, address, and zip code is needed on the letter to help the post office send the reply to the proper address. The DeWitt Business Association sponsors Santa's Mail Box for the children each year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, December 5 - Hope Lutheran Church Christmas Bazaar.

Saturday, December 5 - St. Isidore Church, Laingsburg, Parish Christmas Bazaar.

DHS BANQUET HONORS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

The DeWitt High School varsity football awards banquet was held November 10 at Prairie Creek Banquet Center, concluding the 1987 season in which the team recorded six wins and three losses.

Varsity coach Gail Thornton, assisted by coaches Tom Zielaskowski and Bart Rypstra, presented the following individual awards:

FIRST TEAM ALL LEAGUE - senior Dave Unger, linebacker; junior Chad Daggi, kicking specialist; junior Mike Stevens, center; senior Rob Griffin, offensive guard; senior Shawn Bowen, defensive end; senior Bryan Johnson, defensive halfback.

SECOND TEAM ALL LEAGUE - senior Gavin Fredericks, fullback; junior Wayne Brown, defensive lineman.

ALL LEAGUE HONORABLE MENTION - senior Mark Scott, quarterback; senior Tony Ebert, defensive back; junior Chris Withers, offensive lineman.

MOST VALUABLE BACK - senior Dave Unger; **MOST VALUABLE LINEMAN** - senior Rob Griffin; **COACH'S DEDICATION AWARD** - senior Mike Stevens.

CHURCH NEWS

DeWitt Community Church members will gather for their annual Hanging of the Greens program Sunday, November 29, at 3 p.m.

On Sunday, December 6, the Lansing Christian Choral Ensemble will present a Christmas program at Community Church at 6 p.m. Tina Klan of Rambler Road is a member of the ensemble.

The nominating committee is working

COUNTY FAIR BOARD ELECTS

Karl Schaefer was elected president at the November annual meeting of Clinton County 4-H Fair Association. Alice Hicks was chosen vice president and Donna Smith, secretary/treasurer.

Susan Joostberns, Bill Harris, and Mike Winn were elected to serve on the Fair board of directors. Schaefer, who had been membership committee

the swimmers.

It's still not too late to join the Swim Club. Especially needed are boys and girls under the age of eight who can swim at least one length of the pool to join their friends at Swim Club. If you want details, call Chris Peacock at 669-8262.

On November 18, Swim Club was honored by a visit from Michigan State University's new swimming coach, Bill Wadley. Coach Wadley spent many years coaching Age-Group swimmers prior to his collegiate coaching, and has much enthusiasm for young swimmers. It was inspiring for kids and parents alike to listen to Coach Wadley talk about the rewards of swimming, about learning to set goals and work towards them, and being proud to be a good swimmer and a good sport.

Letters To The Editor

I would like to thank all the ladies of St. Jude's for their generous contributions and such pretty displays of baked goods for my Baked Goods booth at the annual fall bazaar.

And thank you also go to all my helpers, who did such a superb job. I couldn't have done it without you.

Doris Powell

Headline "Garden Club To Hear Houseplants Talk."



Holiday Project Benefits Needy

The DeWitt Community Christmas Project is now underway. If you know of a needy family, shut-in or senior citizen in the DeWitt School District, please contact Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127 or Audrey Fabus, 669-3017, by Friday, December 4.

The man she had was kind and clean
And well enough for every day.
But, oh, dear friends, you should have seen
The one that got away!

-Dorothy Parker

Saturday, December 3 - St. Isidore Church, Laingsburg, Parish Christmas Bazaar.

Sunday, December 6 - Christmas Home Tour of LaFave residence on Wood Road, sponsored by DeWitt Lioness Club.

Saturday, December 12 - DeWitt Cooperative Preschool Santa Luncheon, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., DeWitt Memorial Building.

Along The Looking Glass

Seaman Recruit Christopher Ingalls, son of Robert and Joan Secord, Airport Road, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Ingalls is a 1987 graduate of St. Johns High School.

Army Reserve Pvt. Bill D. Van Sickle, son of Mary C. Van Sickle of DeWitt, has completed basic training at Fort Bliss, TX.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

DeWitt VFW No. 671 holds a fish fry, chicken or shrimp, each Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at their post building on US-27. Take-out service is available.

Real-estate ad: "One acre overlooking a 40' waterfall. Frank Lloyd Wright setting for an unusual buyer shaped somewhat like a mountain goat."

AVIATION HISTORY MONTH

of directors. Schaefer, who had been membership committee chairman, said that 91 people had joined the association this year.

The board paid special tribute to several retiring leaders: Mary Libey, who will retire at year's end after serving 23 years as Fair secretary; Ken Harris, who had been a board member for eight years; Larry Phinney, past president and board member for nine years, and George Hazle, past vice president and board member for 16 years.

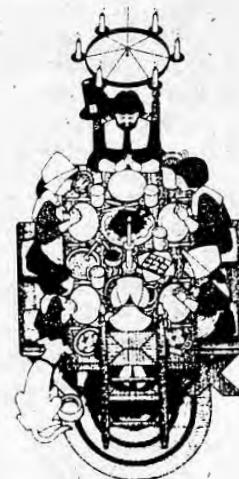
The Fair board of directors meets on the second Monday of every month at 8 p.m.



Hanging of the Greens will take place Sunday, November 29, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer United Methodist Church.

FIRST SUNDAY of Advent NOV. 29

Sign on a collection basket: "Ecumenical collection basket - all denominations welcome."



Thanksgiving Day NOVEMBER 26

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Kitty Korner

TORONTO WEEKEND: About a dozen local ladies spent the sunny November 14 weekend enjoying the sights and scenes and doing a bit of shopping in Toronto, Ont. Early Friday, Nancy Ryan, Linda Shooks, and Gail Stevens drove to Windsor, Ont., where they met a former college chum of Nancy's, Marge Pocock of Grosse Pointe Farms. The foursome then boarded the 9:30 a.m. train for Toronto and got in a full day in that fair city.

The remainder of the crew caught an afternoon train from East Lansing, joining the early bird travelers at the Sheraton Center in downtown Toronto. Charlene Schaar, Sandy Tarrant, Bonnie Butler, Marilyn Unger and Louise Peppel were in this group.

Once there, they all just enjoyed the relaxed, friendly Canadian city - taking trolley tours around town, riding the subway, checking out the interesting shops ... some went to see "Mouse Trap", Toronto's longest running play. Their 12th floor view of the city was "fantastic" and included a view of ice skaters, serenely gliding over the rink below at all hours of the day and night. Most of the travelers agreed to put the Toronto jaunt in their "we must do this again" category.



ETHNIC FOODS: An ethnic luncheon will again be one of the big features at Hope Lutheran Church's holiday bazaar to be held Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tasty dishes will include chili, lasagna, cabbage rolls, sauerkraut and sausage. Beverages and homemade desserts will also be available. Rita Violetta and Betty Leppala are overseeing luncheon details.

Pam Pitchford will chair the Attic Treasures booth, where shoppers can look for household items, toys, and miscellany. Linda Deines and Cheryl Pugsley will be in charge of the Cookie Walk. Nancy Wolf is handling the Baked Goods department and Cards and Jewelry as well.

Netta Thiell is chairing the Crafts booth, where a variety of handmade items will be reasonably priced. Sue Hale will preside at the bazaar's Avon booth.

DeWitt Students Score Well In Statewide Test Program

Scores achieved by DeWitt pupils in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program this year not only show commitment on the part of students to do well, but reflect the expectations of parents and school staff for the youngsters to perform well. This was the reaction of DeWitt School Superintendent Terre Davis to the overview of 1987-88 MEAP test scores, presented by Kay Hannah, Fuerstenau School principal, at the November meeting of the Board of Education.



SANTA'S MAIL BOX



Tuesday, December 8 is the deadline for letters to be deposited in Santa's Mail Box by local children. DeWitt Business Association sponsors the mail box each holiday season. Letters placed in the mail box by December 8 will receive replies from Santa Claus. Be sure to include the child's full name, address, and zip code. Santa's bright red mail box stands outside the Willard Reed Agency on Main Street in downtown DeWitt.

TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DeWitt Charter Township board members approved a job description for the proposed superintendent's position at their meeting Monday evening. Clerk Connie Whitney was authorized to advertise in the appropriate publications; the board will decide later just how the selection will be handled for the new



A BEARY MERRY CHRISTMAS: is the theme and bears will play a big part in the annual bazaar to be held December 5 at St. Isidore Church in Laingsburg. Handmade bears, pandas, even a baby quilt with bear embroidery are a part of the day planned by co-chairs Peggy Hobart and Mary Lou Doyle. Bazaar hours this coming Saturday will be from 9 am until 3 pm.

The handicraft booth featuring handmade articles will be handled by Jeannette Parker and Mary Lou Doyle; Christmas decorations booth, Peggy Irons; baked goods, Dawn Wroble; handmade candy booth offering hand poured and decorated candies, Pat Brown and Linda Dickson; Santa's workshop including handmade toys, Janet Barber and Lana Kaiser; Country Store, Charlan Washington; Children's Corner, Mary Izdepski and Kathy Rice. The Children's Corner, dedicated exclusively to kids, will provide games, a cookie walk, lollipop tree, fish pond, grab bag, and Santa Claus himself.

A handsome Pennsylvania Dutch dower chest (blanket chest) made by Richard Doyle will be a raffle prize. That drawing will include an afghan made by Theresa Wing, a porcelain doll made by Barbara Wright and a religious statue. There'll be a separate drawing for cash prizes.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT: St. Isidore Church will be the setting for Laingsburg Community Choir's annual Christmas concert. The group will present the concert twice - Saturday evening, December 5, at 8 pm, and Sunday, December 6, at 4 pm.

Choir director is Lydia Erickson of DeWitt. The concerts are open to the public.

scores, presented by Kay Hannah, Fuerstenau School principal, at the November meeting of the Board of Education.

Students in fourth, seventh, and tenth grades had taken the MEAP tests in September, which measure mathematics and reading skills areas against selected objectives. Consensus was that DeWitt staff and students are to be complimented on their fine performance on the statewide tests.

DeWitt Middle School principal Earl Roseberry stated in his report that "this year's MEAP results reflect a substantial improvement in our math scores which is not entirely accidental. The scores are obviously from a different group of seventh graders, but are also indicative of a concerted effort to improve."

Roseberry pointed out that although the reading scores were high, results tended to "show a need for more motivation or incentives for self-generated reading."

The 10th grade report, made by DeWitt High School counselor William Rushcamp, asserts, "In Reading, 95.5 percent of our tenth grade class scored in level four (highest category)." While none of the 24 reading objectives was seen as a problem area, Rushcamp said that six students were identified who could benefit from individual or supplementary reading services.

Rushcamp reported that although 84.2 percent of the 10th grade class scored in level four, two of the 28 math objectives (both involving fractions) were seen as problem areas.

DeWitt Public Schools seems to be doing a good job in teaching its students minimal competency skills in the areas of reading and mathematics, Rushcamp concluded, and "We are listed as a low needs school in both areas."

Despite this, he said, students are still progressing through the system (low average, but not special education) who need supplemental services that will allow them to achieve to their highest potential. "They need to be addressed, not just at the elementary level, but at the secondary level as well," his report stated.

authorized to advertise in the appropriate publications; the board will decide later just how the selection will be handled for the new position.

Vacancies to the various township committees and commissions will be announced at the December 14 meeting. In other action, the board authorized filling of the part-time clerical position vacated by treasurer Jo Ann Slabonek and appointed Harry Hunnicutt of Wood Road to serve as Township mechanical and plumbing inspector on a contractual basis.

Clinton Arts Council Moves Gift Shop/Gallery Location

Clinton County Arts Council recently held the grand opening of their Gallery & Gift Shop at a new location, 1002½ E. State St. (M-21) in St. Johns.

The "Country House Holidays" exhibit and artists' market include paintings, photographs, baskets, pottery, weavings, wood carvings, and an array of high quality, one-of-a-kind craft items. Included are quilted aprons, pillows, & handbags, stoneware tree ornaments & figurines, wooden items with the 'country' theme, and wreaths of dried flowers, herbs & vines. Of special interest is an outstanding collection of corn-husk "people".

The Clinton County Arts Council Gallery & Gift Shop is open every day 1-5 p.m. with Friday evening hours throughout the holiday season. Phone 224-2429 for information or special appointments. Gallery director Kaye Pilmore will assist you in any way possible.

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SOUND SNACKING HABITS CAN BENEFIT NUTRITION

You may have noticed that the amount of snacking going on at your house has just increased dramatically. That's because the kids are back in school and when they get home, they are hungry.

Is snacking A) an unhealthy lapse in sound eating habits or B) a reasonable way to get good nutrition into a busy life? According to an analysis of the eating habits of 37,000 Americans, B) is the correct answer. Surprised?

Many people have equated snacking with eating high-calorie, low-nutrient foods. But for about 20 percent of us, snacks provide 20 percent of the day's caloric and other nutritional needs. The data from a USDA survey illustrate that snacking is not all bad.

Even teens benefit from snacking. Their snack choices were found to be high in important nutrients that teens often don't get enough of -- vitamins A and C, calcium, and magnesium. Some of the foods that adolescents chose regularly were frozen fruit bars, yogurt

You may feel that some foods are not appropriate snack foods. It is probably best not to even buy those foods. Why tempt a potential snacker, especially if you can't be there to supervise? But remember that foods aren't good or bad by themselves. A few cookies taste great with a glass of milk and an occasional chip is not going to harm an otherwise balanced diet.

Holiday Bread Offers Variety

Pumpkin Nut Bread

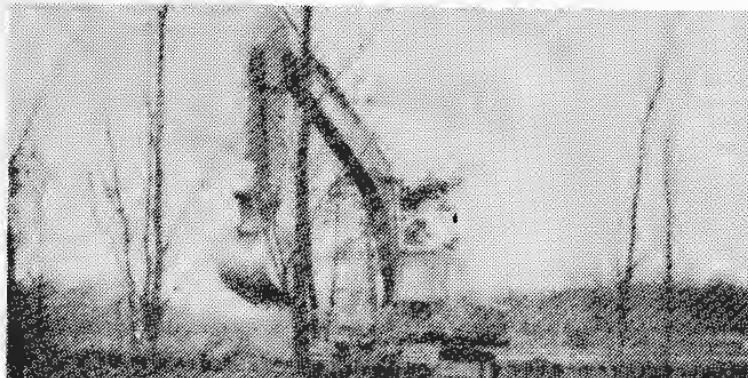
1 C. all purpose flour
3/4 C. sugar (half packed brown, if desired)
1 t. baking powder
1 t. soda
1 t. salt
2 t. pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon
1/2 C. cooking oil
2 eggs
1/2 C. chopped nuts, optional
1 C. cooked or canned pumpkin
Blend ingredients in mixing bowl at low speed 15 seconds; beat at medium speed 1 minute. Spread batter in 9x5 in. loaf dish lined on bottom with wax paper. Shield ends of

School Groundbreaking



Wearing the traditional white hardhats, DeWitt school superintendent Terre Davis, left, and DeWitt school board president Glenn Tarrant, right, dig the first shovelful of dirt for DeWitt's new elementary school at the November 20 groundbreaking ceremony while other board members await their turn.

Elementary School Site



FAMILY FOCUS

Food Safety

The holiday season is almost here, bringing family, friends, and loved ones together to share delicious feasts. But unless you pay special attention to food safety, you and your dear ones may also share the unpleasant, and possibly dangerous, symptoms of food poisoning.

Often people mistake foodborne illness and its symptoms for a simple "bug" or 24-hour flu. The real cause could be a food poisoning at holiday time. Attention to certain details can minimize the risk of holiday food poisoning.

Don't buy perishable groceries too far in advance of the holiday. Allow enough time to thaw frozen foods especially meat and poultry in the refrigerator.

When preparing foods in your kitchen, minimize the spread of bacteria from one food to another. Wash hands, kitchen utensils and cutting boards with soap and water after handling one food and before moving on to the next. Bake stuffing separately from the turkey for absolute safety.

foods that adolescents chose regularly were frozen fruit bars, yogurt and chocolate sandwich cookies and milk.

One of the peak snacking times for many children is immediately after school. Frequently they have no parental supervision at this time. With careful planning, parents can assure that a variety of foods that are high in nutrients are available for snacking.

Keep plenty of peak quality fresh fruits and vegetables on hand. Make a lowfat yogurt or cottage cheese dip for dipping, or better yet, teach the kids how to make one. Whole grain bread and cereal products also make good snacks -- crackers, bagels, ready-to-eat cereals, etc. Keep plenty of milk, yogurt, and cheese handy, too.

Holiday Project Benefits Needy

The DeWitt Community Christmas Project is now underway. If you know of a needy family, shut-in or senior citizen in the DeWitt School District, please contact Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127 or Audrey Fabus, 669-3017, by Friday, December 4.

on bottom with wax paper. Shield ends of loaf with 2 in. wide strips of foil, covering 1 in. batter and molding remainder around handles. Center loaf dish on inverted saucer in oven. Microwave at 50% (Medium) 9 minutes, rotating $\frac{1}{4}$ turn every 3 minutes. Remove foil. Increase power to High. Microwave 2 to 5 minutes. If using clear glass dish, check for doneness by looking through bottom. No unbaked batter should appear in center. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes before removing from dish.

Variations: Carrot Nut Bread, substitute 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded carrots for the pumpkin. Zucchini Bread, substitute 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups shredded, unpeeled zucchini for the pumpkin. Applesauce Bread, substitute 1 cup sweetened applesauce for the pumpkin.

He who gives quickly, gives twice.
- Cervantes

Lyricist Sammy Cahn advised a young comic: "When you're telling jokes, try your best. If that doesn't work - try somebody else's best."



Bulldozers and heavy construction equipment began clearing the site for the new DeWitt elementary school on Schavey Road opposite the middle school in mid-November. Completion is expected but not guaranteed for August 1988.

WINS DEMONSTRATION AWARD

Anne Huhn of DeWitt was the Grand National Award Winner in the demonstration contest at the 53rd annual National Junior Horticultural Association convention held last month in Indianapolis. Anne was one of some 20 youths and adult leaders from Michigan attending the conference.

The NJHA convention brought together young horticultural leaders from 22 states, who competed for national honors in various areas. Anne, a member of the Wooden Nichols 4-H Club, titled her demonstration, "Apples - Nature's Most Perfect Food."

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Del Putnam, son of Del and Linda Putnam of DeWitt, has been elected a student government representative at Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

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Clinton County Genealogists will meet Monday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. for a Christmas potluck supper in Jerrine Mead's home. There will be a \$1 gift exchange and/or gift for the archives. Paper products and office supplies were suggested as items needed.

turkey for absolute safety.

When serving food buffet-style, use small serving dishes and replenish them often directly from the refrigerator or stove. If you know a perishable food has been handled carelessly or left out at room temperature for more than two hours, throw it out.

To prevent food-borne illness from spoiling your holiday get-together, follow these three basic rules: keep food hot, keep food cold, keep food clean -- and enjoy safe holiday feasting.

PLEASE NOTE: The Cooperative Extension Service has a new phone number - 224-5240. The direct line from DeWitt is no longer in service.



CHRISTMAS WALK THRU

December 6, 1987
1-5 p.m.

LaFave Residence
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Lansing, Michigan 48906

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