

WELCOME  
to  
Historic  
DEWITT  
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Oct. 4, 1833

## DATELINE: DeWitt

Monday, September 2, 1985  
Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott  
Phone 669-3385

### CITY COUNCIL NOTES

Water was one of the chief topics at the August 19 meeting of DeWitt City Council. The water district special assessment roll was confirmed for the downtown area, since no citizen comments were forthcoming at the public hearing.

The City Sewer & Water Committee had adopted a resolution at their August 8 meeting, referring Paul Thompson's DeWitt City Water Storage Study to council and recommending that they specifically look at two of the six alternatives presented. These were Alternative 1: New elevated storage tank built in city north of river, and Alternative 4a: Connection to DeWitt Township system via E. Geneva Drive, with Herbison Rd. connection to the township, and building new main to Main and Bridge.

Following discussion, council authorized the sewer and water liaison committee to pursue negotiations with DeWitt Township to see if Alternative 4a were feasible, before checking Alternative 1.

Washington Street residents also presented a petition requesting city water. Mayor Thayer is to report back to council on the request.

The city's refuse contract was awarded to the low bidder, Mid-Michigan Rubbish of Dansville. The two-year contract sets a \$3.05 monthly fee per residential unit.

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HAVE YOU  
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LATELY?



**GRANDPARENTS' DAY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

### TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Heated arguments from township residents, who live near David Schlegel's gravel pit on Turner Road north of Sheridan, failed to sway enough trustees to deny the excavating firm's request to mine 30 feet under the water table at last Monday's meeting.

Although Supervisor Frank Mann, Treasurer Catherine Reed and Trustee Michael Verlinde voted against the measure, the final vote was 4 to 3, allowing Schlegel to expand his existing operation. Neighbors told board members they do not believe the 30-foot-pit can be properly controlled, citing poor fencing which is a safety problem with area children and fears that further excavation will harm their own shallow wells.

Among residents protesting against the enlarged pit was Evert Welch, whose son John, 15, and Evert Jr., 12 suffocated with a friend, Dale Yager, 15, in 1976 when sandy walls collapsed on them.

## Kitty Korner

Alaska was popular vacation choice this summer among DeWitt residents. In addition to the Bill Reeds and Bill Bucks, who visited there, Mel and Meg Rademacher, Loomis Road, fulfilled Mel's long cherished wish to see the 49th state.

Rademachers described their three-week tour as totally "awesome." After flying to Anchorage, they traveled to Fairbanks and toured the interior of Alaska, taking a boat up the Yukon River from Eagle to Dawson City. They visited Portage Glacier and Valdez, going by railway to Denali State Park and by bus through the Yukon Territory. They rode the "Loveboat" from Skagway through the inside passage to Vancouver, where they flew home.

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Really should take the time to browse through the specialty stores more often. Raced into a department store to grab a belated birthday present the other day and then window shopped a bit on my way out.

One display of fancy heart-shaped little pillows edged in lace caught my eye. Message on the front read: "Sorry to hear about your divorce." - and on the reverse side: "Hope you got the house."

Wonder how many of those they sell in a week.

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Today's gripe! - Why can't all stores - and grocery markets seem to be the worst offenders - place the IN and OUT doors on the same side - all INs on the right and all OUTs on the left - or vice versa?

You don't dare walk in the right hand door or the left hand door absent-mindedly, because entrances and exits vary from store to store.

It can be a little frightening to bump into a glass door, which you automatically assumed was the proper IN or OUT...and the thought of being catapulted into the middle of next week when you approach the wrong side of an automatic exit is even more scary. There oughta be a law!

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Bob Ortwein and Louis Haveman were appointed to the Sewer & Water Committee for terms expiring in January 1987. Council also approved payment of \$92,581.92 to Michigan Department of Transportation for the DeWitt Road project; \$10,706.79 to Capitol Consultants for engineering services, and \$6,064 to APTS for reappraisal services.

## SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 3



## LIBRARY HOURS

This is the current weekly schedule for Faye Hanson Memorial Library, Washington Street, DeWitt.

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9 a.m. - 12 Noon 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 12 noon 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

As the recording so aptly says, "Please make a note of it!"

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Schlegel was ordered to limit open water to 2½ acres, leave water in the pit and abide by state standards for refilling.

In other action, trustees agreed to advertise September 15 for a new police chief, following the resignation of Chief Carroll Lee. A new official will not be hired, however, until the police study, which the MSU Criminal Justice Department has undertaken for the township, is concluded in November. Sgt. Don Bey is currently officer in charge of the police department.

The board accepted three resignations from Patrolman Steve Ralyea, who will join the Lansing Police Department; Assistant Fire Chief Bob Myers, and EMT Fire Department Lt. Byron Barrows.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 3 - DeWitt Schools Booster Club - first meeting of year - 7 p.m. high school cafeteria.

Tuesday, September 10 - Cub Scout School Night - 7 p.m., DeWitt Middle School cafeteria.

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The young lady invited her boyfriend to have a home-cooked meal and he accepted eagerly. He met the family and then, at the dinner table, was soon into his third large helping, while the others watched in awe.

After still another plateful he complimented the hostess on her cooking. Then, noticing the dessert fork next to his plate, he asked, "What's this fork for?"

Without a moment's hesitation, his girlfriend replied, "That's in case the first one wears out."

## RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL SEASON NEARS



DeWitt City adult recreational volleyball season will begin soon. Sign-up will be Thursday, September 12, from 3 to 6 p.m. at DeWitt City Hall.

Clinics in preparation for the volleyball season will be held Friday evenings, September 13 and 20, at DeWitt Middle School from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. The 10-week season starts Friday, September 27.

For further information, contact Marla Arney, City Parks and Recreation Director, at 669-2441.

NATIONAL  
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SAVING  
MONTH



## CUB SCOUT SCHOOL NIGHT SEPTEMBER 10

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## DeWitt Preschool Buys Building from Township

"You've come a long way, baby!"

From the six original families who organized DeWitt Cooperative Preschool, Inc. in 1971 to the parents and staff involved through intervening years, all can agree that the fledgling organization came up the hard way -- by means

## PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP



After three years of monthly payments, this presentation at Monday's meeting of DeWitt Charter Township was largely symbolical, but it meant a great deal to parents involved in DeWitt Cooperative Preschool, Inc.

Cooperative President Linda Vernon, center, attended the meeting to give DeWitt Charter Township the final one dollar payment for the library building which Cooperative members had agreed to purchase in 1982. Accepting payment on behalf of the township were Supervisor C. Frank Mann, left, and Treasurer Catherine Reed, right.



## ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

DeWitt Business Association will hold their luncheon meeting Wednesday noon, September 4, in the DeWitt Memorial Building. Sale of the "Say Yes to DeWitt" T-shirts will be discussed. The T-shirts are available from DBA members in small, medium and large sizes.

Senior citizens will have nutrition luncheons at St. Jude Church this week on both Tuesday and Thursday, September 3 and September 5, at noon.

Airman Dale A. Butler, Jr., an aircraft pneudraulic systems mechanic with the Pacific Air Forces Logistics Support Center, has arrived for duty in Japan.

A 1976 DeWitt High School graduate, Butler is the son of Dale A. Butler, Herbisson Rd. He was previously assigned to the Chanute Air Force Base, IL.

Richard H. Lehnert, Grove Rd., editor of the Michigan Farmer magazine, is the 1985 recipient of the Heath Cooper Rigdon Conservation Writer Award. The Soil Conservation Society of America presents the award annually in recognition of outstanding conservation writing. SCSA cited Lehnert for his support of soil and water conservation programs during the past 20 years.

Weekend Masses at the Community of St. Jude will return to the winter schedule beginning September 7-8. Masses will be at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Sundays.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 671 Auxiliary members sponsor a pancake breakfast every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the post, 12250 N. US-27.

## 19 IMPORTANT

Make certain that the Number 19 is on your auto registration when you buy your license plates, reminds Clinton County Board of Road Commissioners.

DeWitt Cooperative Preschool, Inc. in 1971 to the parents and staff involved through intervening years, all can agree that the fledgling organization came up the hard way --by means of dedication and consistent effort on the part of all the members.

The \$1, which Preschool President Linda Vernon presented to DeWitt Charter Township officers at last Monday's board meeting, merely confirmed the sale of the township's old library building to the cooperative preschool group. To parents, who had raised funds through bake sales, raffles and every kind of money-making project over the years, it was an important occasion.

Now, the organization continues to search for a site of land to which they can move the preschool building. The cooperative philosophy that "A child's work is play" continues to motivate members. Another goal, parent education, is achieved through workshops, speakers and experience in the classroom.

The DeWitt preschool works on the ratio of one adult to four children, with a parent generally assisting about once monthly. Parent involvement is the key in this fundamental work of education, and belonging to the cooperative is a family experience.

The three classes this year will begin Monday, September 23. The junior class of three and four-year-olds has 16 youngsters; two senior classes for ages four and five each has 20 children. There are still some openings for both age groups. Registration information is available from Pat Mollitor, 669-5654.

DeWitt Cooperative Preschool is affiliated with the Central Michigan Council of Cooperative Preschools, the Michigan Council of Cooperative Nurseries and International Parents Cooperative Preschool, Inc. DeWitt CPI teacher Stephanie Knapp received the MCCN's distinguished merit award during its May conference at Michigan State University. The award cited Knapp both for her leadership participation in cooperative nurseries (she was a parent member and officer before taking on the teaching assignment) and for her seven years as teacher.



## SCHOOL NEWS

DeWitt Elementary Parent-Teacher Association will hold a membership drive during the first week of school. PTA representatives will be at both Scott and Fuerstenau schools to sign up new members and provide information.

Season tickets for all fall sports played at home go on sale at DeWitt High School beginning today. Prices are: adult, \$17.50; student, \$12.50; family, \$35.00. Family ticket price includes an adult ticket for two parents and a student ticket for each child who is a student.

Those intending to purchase family tickets are encouraged to do so before the first home football game. First JV and freshman football home against Haslett game is Thursday, Sept.

5; first varsity home game will be against Mason Friday, Sept. 13.

## Parish Picnic September 15

St. Jude parish picnic will be held at the church from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15. The parish will furnish the entire meal. Parishioners need only bring their own table service for the 2 to 4 p.m. dinner.

Table service will be provided for the light supper to be served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Voluntary donations will help defray picnic costs. Reservations should be called to 669-8335 by Thursday, September 5.

From the help-wanted section of the Bakersfield Californian: "Security officer with shop-lifting experience..."

Make certain that the Number 19 is on your auto registration when you buy your license plates, reminds Clinton County Board of Road Commissioners.

Both the name and number of your county of residence do appear on the registration form, but it is up to you to make certain they are correct or your auto and gas tax money will not return to improve Clinton County roads.

The response to last year's plea to check No. 19 on the form when buying plates was very good, but the board issues frequent reminders to: HELP CLINTON COUNTY ROADS - Make sure your registration has both Clinton and Number 19 in the proper places!

## Township Asks Fees Ruling

DeWitt Township trustees asked attorney J. Richard Robinson to get a court ruling regarding witness fees for township police officers, after a letter from Clinton County Prosecuting Attorney Jon Newman was read at the August 26 meeting.

Referring to the matter, which has been protested for some time by both DeWitt and Bath townships, Newman

pointed out that his office did not plan to ask the Attorney General to review the matter. The county takes the position that since township officers are already receiving hourly wages, they are not eligible for witness fees from the county.

Both townships contend that they are entitled to the witness fees since they must pay township salaries to police officers for the time they spend testifying in court.



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### ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

The Women's Group will hold a "Get Acquainted" tea at Hope Lutheran Church Monday, September 9, at 7 pm.

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DeWitt Newcomers Club meets Wednesday, Sept. 11, in DeWitt Memorial Building at 7 pm. Members are to come prepared to tell a corny joke and wear headgear, preferably homemade, for "Crazy Hat Night".

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Committee members and anyone interested in assisting with plans for the Community of St. Jude November bazaar are asked to meet at the church at 7:30 pm Thursday, Sept. 12.

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DeWitt spring graduates of Central Michigan University who earned Bachelor of Science degrees, include Steve Moody, Cindy Parker, Donald Reynolds, Kathy

Douglas Buck, 1984 DHS graduate, is attending prep school at St. Paul Area Vocational Technical Institute in St. Paul, MN. He is the son of Barbara L. Helms, W. Clark Road, and Jack A. Buck, Cherry Street.

The institute's prep program prepares students for a fulltime training program or major. They attend classes in vocational evaluation, English, math, money management and independent living skills. Buck hopes to enroll in electrical engineering or construction engineering when he completes the preparatory program.

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Bob Bunn and his horse, Bonanza Roper, earned a second place calf-roping award from the American Quarter Horse Association during Michigan State Fair Competition, where palominos and quarter horses competed in agility and skill events.

### PTA To Hold First Meeting

The DeWitt elementary Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the 1985-86 school year Tuesday, September 10, at 7:30 pm in the Scott School cafeteria. Mrs. Susan Friend will be on hand to discuss the school's lunch program with parents.

PTA members have been busy the last two weeks sprucing up the teachers' lounges at Scott and Fuerstenau schools. Lending a hand in the project were Lynn Horn, Carolyn Stahmer, Joyce Spangler, Barbara Clark, Susie Quinn, Marta Radke, Terry Mauro and Denise Baird.

A PTA membership drive was held Tuesday, Sept. 3, at both elementary schools. PTA representatives were present to sign up new members and provide information on the organization.

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### Fete Seniors This Month

September 23-28 will mark the observance of Senior Parishioners Appreciation Week in the Lansing Catholic Diocese. Senior members of parish communities will be honored and recognized.

Seniors in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties are invited to attend a Mass for this purpose at St. Therese Church, Lansing, on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 11 am. Luncheon and entertainment will follow.

Please make reservations by Thursday, Sept. 19, by calling Bertha Lenneman, 669-3127.

### Church News

DeWitt Community Church members held a picnic at the Sage Lane home of Raymond and Ruth Ueberroth. Both Agape and Naomi circles met last Wednesday at the church. Open house will be held at the parsonage Sunday, Sept. 15, from 2 to 5 pm.

Women's Looking Glass begins its Tuesday morning sessions tomorrow, Sept. 10. The popular non-denominational program for women is starting its third year at Community Church. Hours are 9 to 11:45 am Tuesdays through Oct. 29.

### Kitty Korner

DeWitt Charter Township Parks and Recreation Commission announces the fifth annual Township Fall Arts and Crafts Sale to be held on Friday, November 8, from 6 to 9 pm and Saturday, November 9, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Sign-up days for display tables are to be Wednesday, October 2, for township residents only, from 4 to 7 pm, and Thursday, October 3, open to the public, from 4 to 7 pm.

There will be a \$10 table fee with \$2 refund, if the area is left clean.

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Volunteers are needed any of the three days to assist with the senior citizen nutrition luncheons, which are served each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in DeWitt Charter Township Hall, 4700 Brook Road near State Road.

The volunteers are present from about 11 am until 1 pm to set up and serve the meals.

If you can lend a hand, please contact Jean Cook, 482-1291.

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Girl Scout registration night is set for 7 pm Thursday, Sept. 12, in the Scott School cafeteria. All girls, in grades kindergarten through 12, who are interested in scouting, are invited to register at this time.

Fifteen troops have been serving 180 girls in this area, according to Barb Bond, service unit director for DeWitt. A new offering this year, if interest should warrant it, will be the Daisy Girl Scouts for kindergarten ages.

**GIRL SCOUTING  
SHARING GOOD TIMES**



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ates of Central Michigan University who earned Bachelor of Science degrees, include Steve Moody, Cindy Parker, Donald Reynolds, Kathy Jo Reynolds, and Ann Walker.

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St. Jude annual parish picnic and pig roast will take place Sunday, Sept. 15, from 2 to 8 pm on the church grounds.

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Lake Geneva Property Owners Association will hold its first meeting of the fall season Thursday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school.

### Volleyball Clinics Set

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## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

City council member had a close-up look at their fire department Monday night, as DeWitt Fire Department put on an equipment demonstration in the rear of city hall preceding the regular council meeting. Firemen showed the operation range of the various city fire trucks and vehicles; councilmen and women even took turns at holding the fire hoses, familiarizing themselves with the varying water pressures which the three sizes of hose can maintain.

In council action, Doug Twiss was appointed city fire chief, effective October 1, and payment of \$1,200 to Paul Thompson for the water study was approved. Council authorized Downtown Development Authority president Peg Guilford to sign a contract with Progressive Engineering for two phases of a downtown revitalization study, which the Grand Rapids firm is to complete by December 31. Phases to be covered will include a tax increment financing plan and a market analysis of possible downtown development for DeWitt's future.

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DeWitt Building Authority Austin Knapp presented a larger scale drawing of city hall renovation plans, which will now be developed into final blueprints.

After hearing a citizen complaint from George Garland, Wilson Street, about the clogging of John Volz drain behind his property, council asked City Engineer Orla McGuire to investigate the situation.

Mayor Lynn Thayer plans to send an information-gathering letter in the next 4 - 6 weeks to some 1,000 or more city residents, asking those interested in securing city water to notify city hall.



Senior troop 441 shared a family picnic late in August at the Lake Geneva home of co-leader Marilyn Boyd. Troop members honored the graduating seniors, with special kudos to Teresa Bordui, who had earned Girl Scouting's highest honor, the gold award. Troop leader Bond reports that Teresa is the only DeWitt scout to earn the award in the last dozen years.

Anyone who is interested in assisting with the local Girl Scout program may contact Barb Bond at 669-5179 after 5 pm.

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About 100 "Say Yes to DeWitt" shirts in small, medium and large sizes are still available. The navy T-shirts imprinted with gold lettering can be purchased at any stores or offices of the Downtown Business Association members.

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"Come as a guest and see what we're doing," is the invitation DeWitt Lioness Club president Vi Pennington extends these days. Local Lionesses will kick off a fall membership drive with their opening program Thursday, Sept. 12. 'Twill be a potluck dinner at 7:30 pm in the DeWitt Memorial Building, and prospective members are welcome to attend.

"You don't have to be the wife or relative of a Lion Club member to join us," Vi points out. "That's not the way it works." Call Madame President at 669-3587; Lorraine Lavey, 669-8060; Ginny Martlew, 669-9897, or any Lioness member to make a reservation.

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DeWitt Country Stitchers will gather for their initial fall meeting this Monday evening, Sept. 9, in the East Geneva Drive home of Cerena Foresman. New members are welcome to join the group which meets from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Members share every type of stitchery - knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, counted cross stitch and even quilting - and take turns hosting the monthly meetings.

## SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DeWitt Board of Education have approved five fourth grade classrooms this year to accommodate the 126 students enrolled, resulting in approximate class sizes of 25 pupils each. The board had considered stretching the four classrooms to 31 pupils apiece, one over the 30-pupil limit.

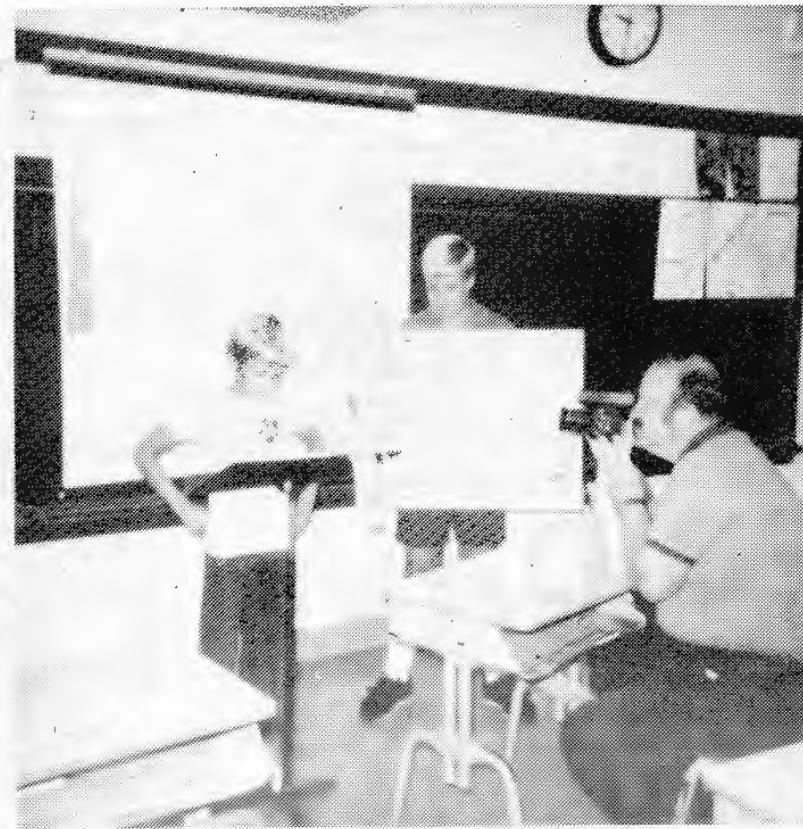
Board members also agreed to work toward reducing teacher/student ratio in the elementary grades, from developmental kindergarten through Grade 5; developing staff job descriptions and evaluating all staff annually; providing means for staff professional development; selecting and installing new system-wide data processing, and implementing community education programs by next summer.

## CRICKETS COULD BE INDOOR PESTS IN FALL

The cheery "chirp-chirp" of the cricket makes a pleasant background noise on a warm summer night. But it's not so pleasant when you detect it inside your home.

Field crickets frequently invade homes in the fall, says Gary Dunn, Extension entomologist at Michigan State University. Nocturnal insects, they often migrate to lights and make their way into homes through cracks in the foundation or around loose-fitting doors. They may also

## CLASSES USE BOOSTER GIFT



Fourth grade teacher Jim Holmes focuses the VCR camera on William Keusch, left, as he presents a report to the class. Matthew Brown, right, holds a chart up for students to view as part of the presentation.

### VCR Camera Helpful At Fuerstenau School

The VCR camera, which the DeWitt School Booster Club purchased last year for Fuerstenau School, is a popular visual aid for the school's nine teachers in fourth and fifth grade classes.

Before Fuerstenau had its own camera, teacher Jim Holmes explains, instructors used to request the one from Scott School and try to work their schedule in between the more than 20

## TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES FALL P&R SCHEDULE

PIE BASKET \$13.00

Monday, October 7 6 - 10 p.m. 1 Week

Originally used to carry pies, this basket resembles a large Easter Basket (12" x 5"). makes a nice fall centerpiece when filled with gourds.

CONSTANT COMPANION \$13.00

Monday, October 14, 6 - 10 p.m. 1 Week

A medium size (12" x 7" x 5"), versatile basket that is woven with decorative curls and a solid ash handle. Useful for holding embroidery, towels or fruit.

APPLE & CHEESE BASKET \$13.00

Wednesday, October 2 6 - 10 p.m. 1 Week

A tightly woven bottom basket with a solid ash handle. Finished size: 6" x 7" x 7".

MARKET BASKET \$18.00

Monday, October 21 6 - 10 p.m. 1 Week

A large, sturdy basket (10" x 13" x 8") designed for use at picnics or potlucks. Can be woven with colors or plain. Solid ash handle.

\*Class fee includes most supplies. Bring side cutters, needle nose pliers, spring type clothespins (3 dozen), ice pick or knitting needle, measuring tape, pencil, paper, towel and dishpan to class.

Instructor: Sharon McElroy

STENCILLING\*\* \$6.00

Wed., October 16 & 23 1 - 2:30 2 Weeks

Learn to design and cut stencils which can be used to decorate a variety of items. Bring a plain sweatshirt or T-shirt to class and design your own stencilled shirt for half the retail cost.

Material fee: \$2.50

BEG. ACID ETCHING ON GLASS\*\* \$4.00

Wednesday, October 9 1 - 2:30 1 Week

Learn to etch designs or monograms on both curved and flat glass. An etched suncatcher or tree ornament will be completed in class. Bring a sharp craft knife (e.g. X-acto) and 2 plain drinking glasses - no artistic experience required. Material Fee: \$2.00.

BEGINNING STAINED GLASS\*\* \$9.00

Thurs., November 7 & 14 7 - 9 p.m. 2 Weeks

Learn the basic techniques for making beautiful stained glass items. Your choice of Thanksgiving or Christmas decorations will be

at Michigan State University. Nocturnal insects, they often migrate to lights and make their way into homes through cracks in the foundation or around loose-fitting doors. They may also hitchhike indoors in the pots of house plants placed outside for the summer. Once inside, they may feed on stored products, especially soiled cotton, rayon, linen, wool, silk and furs.

Field crickets are the plump, dark brown or black crickets that you find under the mulch in the garden or in other moist areas outdoors. They do not adapt well to indoor conditions and will generally die off by midwinter, though they may do some damage before they die.

House crickets, however -- smaller, light brown to yellowish crickets introduced from Europe -- complete their entire life cycle indoors and are often active year round. They like warmth and are often associated with fireplaces and furnaces. Like field crickets, they feed on soft plant material and such animal products as wool and silk and plant based fabrics such as cotton and linen.

To keep field crickets outside, practice good sanitation. Keep all areas in and around the buildings free of debris and moisture. Also make sure that all screens, doors and windows close snugly -- especially at ground level -- and caulk or otherwise seal all cracks and crevices in walls and the foundation.

The occasional cricket in the house can be dispatched with a fly swatter or shoe. If large number of crickets call for chemical controls, use only products labeled for cricket control in the house. Treat baseboards, closets, areas under stairways and fireplaces, cracks and crevices in walls and floors, and basement areas. Outside, treat the foundation walls, window wells, crawl spaces, porches and doorways with malathion or diazinon.

The first hard frost usually kills all adult crickets outdoors, Dunn points out, so it's not necessary to use chemical controls outdoors after the weather is cold. Concentrate then on eliminating the crickets in the house.

From the church-news section of a newspaper: "The minister was congratulated on being able to get his parish plastered."

nine teachers in fourth and fifth grade classes.

Before Fuerstenau had its own camera, teacher Jim Holmes explains, instructors used to request the one from Scott School and try to work their schedule in between the more than 20 teachers at Scott. Since the acquisition, staff have been able to film pupils giving demonstrations, skits, or presenting plays and then replay the tape so that youngsters and teachers can assess presentations.

When his class corresponded with Weekly Reader pen pals last term, fourth grade teacher David Goff was able to film Fuerstenau students and scenes and then send the VCR tape of introduction to the California school. Tom Russell aided students' reading skills in his fifth grade, and Susan Hekler filmed her fifth graders as they gave skits. Jeanne Jenkins taped her fourth graders as they presented various plays.

Holmes filmed last year's DeWitt Follies program, in which both second and fourth grade classes performed. He can also utilize the camera to film the school's soccer matches; as soccer coach, he has a special interest in those.

The VCR was purchased locally from Keck's Appliance at a competitive price, Holmes pointed out, after Boosters fulfilled the school's request for a camera of their own.

"Our ultimate goal," he concluded, "is to have everyone on staff be able to handle the VCR camera and feel comfortable with its use."

## Residents Protest Expansion of Pit

DeWitt Township residents have been exploring legal avenues in hopes of preventing expansion of a nearby gravel pit. David Schlegel had received permission to expand his sand and gravel operation on Turner Road north of Sheridan at the August 26 township meeting.

Property owners who live nearby protested at the meeting, but lost out to a 4-3 vote by township trustees. Area residents told council that they fear for their children's lives (three youngsters suffocated in the gravel pit in 1976), since it is difficult to keep the site fenced adequately. They are also worried that mining 30 feet under the water table, as Schlegel received permission to do, will harm their own shallow wells.

Plant growing grasses - no artistic experience required. Material Fee: \$2.00.

**BEGINNING STAINED GLASS\*\*** \$9.00

Thurs., November 7 & 14 7 - 9 p.m. 2 Weeks

Learn the basic techniques for making beautiful stained glass items. Your choice of Thanksgiving or Christmas decorations will be completed in class. Material Fee: \$3.00

\*\*Instructor: Dee Robertson

**AEROBICS - SESSION 1** \$12.00

Tuesday & Thursday, October 1 - November 22

6:15 - 7:15 p.m. 8 Weeks

**AEROBICS - SESSION 2** \$12.00

Tuesday & Thursday, October 1 - November 22

7:15 - 8:15 p.m. 8 Weeks

Dance exercise program designed to strengthen the cardiovascular system. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. Waiver required.

Instructor: Candy Laughlin

**WALKING** FREE

Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 - 10 a.m. Ongoing

Walking is great exercise - it refreshes the mind as it tones the body. Indoors (in the gym) 25 laps equal 1 mile; Outdoors (Valley Farms Park) 1 lap equal 1/2 mile. Waiver required.

**CROQUET** FREE

Mondays during October 1 p.m. 4 Weeks

Remember wicket, mallets and ... Poison? Why not challenge your friends to a game of croquet this fall...set available through Parks and Recreation.

In addition to these classes, adult volleyball and basketball will be held on Wednesday and Friday evenings in October. Details later.

Sign up for classes can be done in person Wednesday, September 25, 4 - 7 p.m., or Thursday, September 26, 4 - 7 p.m., or by mail. Make check out to DeWitt Charter Township, 4700 Brook, Lansing 48906. Be sure to include class name, date, time.

Supervisor Frank Mann said that the fence is inspected annually, or more often, if residents report that it is down. Under the agreement, the gravel pit owner is to dump only clean fill, clay or concrete back into the hole so as to avoid pollution of nearby wells. Property owners believe that is difficult to enforce such a measure, since inspecting 30 feet of water is not an easy task.

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## DATELINE: DeWitt

Monday, September 16, 1985  
Photos and stories by Kitty Marriott  
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### TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Angry township residents again voiced their complaints about the proposed expansion of the Schlegel gravel pit on Turner Road near Sheridan at Monday's DeWitt Township council meeting. After much discussion, which prompted one trustee to discuss rescinding the board's previous 4-3 vote approving the expansion (a check with Roberts' Rule showed that this would not solve the problem), residents were asked to return to the next township board meeting with information which would give documented written support to their fears about the gravel pit's effect on their neighborhood.

In answer to Nelson Ostrom's clarification request regarding business establishments in residences, trustees decided to look into the matter. Ostrom, who has built a four-apartment building on Prairie View, asked trustees for a ruling enabling such small businesses, as beauty and barber shops, insurance and other agencies, to conduct their operations legally in township homes.

Township Treasurer Catherine Reed will attend Michigan Townships Association fall district meeting to be held at Greenville Community Center in Greenville on Thursday, September 19. Township representatives from Clinton, Ionia, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties will sit in on the legislative update and learn the latest information about property tax appeals, governmental liability and funding for township roads.

**SIGN UP FOR FALL  
CLASSES IN TOWNSHIP**

### DEWITT GRAD COACHES CMU WOMEN'S TRACK

Keela Yount, a track stand-out during her high school years at DeWitt until her graduation in 1977, continues to forge ahead in the sports field.

Now starting her second year as women's track and field coach at Central Michigan University, Yount led the CMU women's track team to its best finish ever in the Mid-American Conference Championship Meet last year and was named MAC "Coach of the Year". CMU



KEELA YOUNT

finished second in the annual meet at Kalamazoo, with three first-places and two



### ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

The Junior High Youth of Redeemer United Methodist Church will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, September 22, in Jack and Gayla DeFoe's Airport Rd. home. Dorcas Circle met Tuesday at June Zischke's Grove Rd. home and Faith Circle met Wednesday evening with Kayla Tipton, South Geneva Dr.

Bob McComb and Jim Spangler chaired a 3-person scramble golf outing Saturday morning at Prairie Creek Golf Course. Senior High Youth held their first meeting Sunday evening at Gail Stevens' Westbrook Dr. home. The Men's Club is sponsoring a Father-Child Banquet Wednesday evening, September 25, featuring a dinner prepared by the Women's Club and special entertainment.

Adults and high school youth of St. Jude parish will sign up for the second year of the RENEW program at weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday, September 21-22. RENEW is a diocesan-wide three year renewal program to help each parish community improve and strengthen itself.

Sigma and the Golden Key honor societies on campus. He is employed in the Detroit office of Arthur Anderson and Co., certified public accountants.

New freshmen enrolled at Alma College include Kathy Boyd, daughter of Jim and Marilyn Boyd, Westview Ct.; Mark Diamond, whose parents are Ernest and Floritta Diamond, Theresa Dr.; Tim Miller, son of Noel and Rosemary Miller, Rambler Rd., and John Mohre, son of John and Joan Mohre, Alvin Pl. The four graduated from DeWitt High School in June.

A farm market continues through the fall each Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon west of Clinton County courthouse on Maple Avenue in St. Johns. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, call 224-7248.



CITIZENSHIP  
DAY \* September 17

New members of the DeWitt Township Police Department include Dave Riesman, formerly

roads.

## SIGN UP FOR FALL CLASSES IN TOWNSHIP

Sign-up dates for classes offered at DeWitt Township Hall by the Parks and Recreation Committee will be next week. Register in person on Wednesday, September 25, or Thursday, September 26, from 4 to 7 p.m. To register by mail, send a check to DeWitt Charter Township, 4700 Brook, Lansing, 48906. Please include class name, date and time.

Basket weaving, stenciling, beginning acid etching on glass, beginning stained glass, aerobics, walking and croquet will be the fall class offerings. Classes will begin in October.

## Clark Road Site Rezoned Residential

Clinton County commissioners have approved rezoning of 12 acres on Clark Road west of Airport Road in Watertown Township from agricultural to single-family residential. William Miller, Airport Road, plans to plat 13 lots on the land, which is near the recently opened segment of (US 27) I-69 freeway.

In other action, the commission approved special use permits to Cellular Search firm, permitting them to erect a 225-foot radio antenna and electronic storage building on a 40-acre site at DeWitt and Alward Lake Road, and to Jay Seger, Round Lake Road, for construction of a three-acre pond for private recreational use on a 12-acre Round Lake Road parcel.

State Rep. Gary Randall and Clinton County Commissioner Richard Hawks will be on hand with Bath Township officials Tuesday evening, September 17, to hold a Town Hall Meeting in Bath Township Hall, 14480 Webster Rd.



finished second in the annual meet at Kalamazoo, with three first-places and two MAC championship meet records, after having finished in sixth place the previous year.

Yount set three state records during her high school tenure with the DeWitt track team, then earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Central Michigan. Moving to the University of Arkansas as assistant track and cross country coach, she received her Masters Degree in Education there.

The daughter of Phyllis Grinnell, E. Geneva Dr., Yount now aspires to start work on her doctorate in sports medicine.

## PARENT SKILLS CLASSES SET

Community Mental Health is sponsoring free Communication and Parenting Skills (CAPS) classes in this area. The weekly class series aims to help parents enrich their communication and parenting skills in the areas of listening, responding, problem-solving and decision-making.

Local classes will be held at: DeWitt High School, Wednesdays, 7 - 9 p.m., September 26 - November 14; St. Johns, St. Joseph Church, Thursdays, 7 - 9 p.m., September 26 - November 14; Wacousta / Grand Ledge, Wacousta Township Hall, Mondays, 7 - 9 p.m., October 7 - November 25. Classes

## Solid Waste Meeting Set

Ten million dollars has been appropriated by the Michigan legislature to establish resource recovery technologies as solid waste disposal alternatives.

These funds are available to counties, municipalities, private and non-profit organizations. Proposals must be consistent with and be located in a county that has an approved solid waste management plan under Public Act 641, P.A. of 1978 as amended.

The meeting in your region will be held September 18 in Saginaw at Florentine Inn at 1:30. Please call your county Cooperative Extension office if you are planning to attend.

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DeWitt Community Church members will hold a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Sunday, September 22, to be followed by a congregational meeting.

Senior citizens will have their monthly potluck luncheon next Thursday, September 19, at St. Jude Church following the 11 a.m. Mass. Bring a dish to pass and table service. Bingo and cards follow the luncheon.

The weekly tri-county nutrition luncheons are held each Tuesday noon at St. Jude and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at DeWitt Charter Township hall.

Scott Van Buren, son of the George Van Burens, E. Alward Lake Rd., was granted an MBA in finance at Michigan State University summer commencement exercises. He earned his BA in accounting in 1983.

A 1980 graduate of St. Johns High School, Scott was a member of Beta Alpha Psi, Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma

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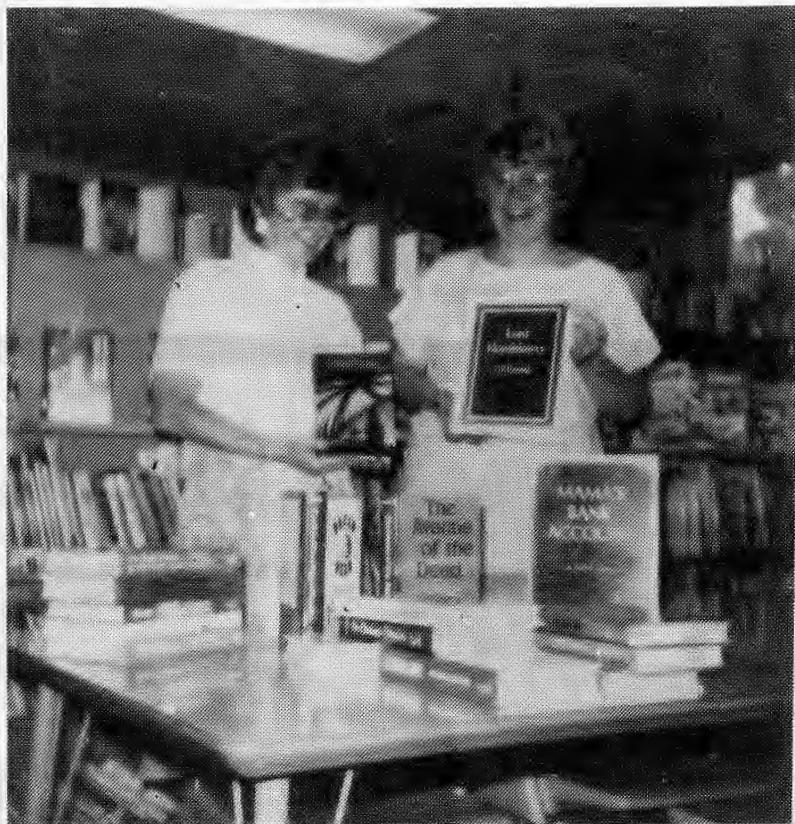
New members of the DeWitt Township Police Department include Dave Biergans, formerly with the DeWitt City Police Department; Larry Dumeney, who has been a detective with the Ingham County Sheriffs' Department for 15 years, and department secretary Laura Block.

The DeWitt Police Department's first Neighborhood Watch program has proven very successful. They have 350 participants and plan a fall introductory program for anyone interested in getting involved. Questions? Call Marjean at 669-2821.

DeWitt Downtown Development Authority is developing a revitalization plan. Express your concerns about downtown or contribute your ideas at the DDA meeting the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:45 p.m. at City Hall.



## LIBRARY ADDS NEW BOOKS



Merib Kruger, left, has one of the new books, comparing it in size to one from the older book collection which Judy Gerrud, right, holds up. The two librarians are delighted with the latest acquisitions, which range from romance and mystery books through biographies and westerns. Large-print books, which the library had previously, consisted mainly of basic classics and non-fiction.

## GET READY TO PLANT SPRING FLOWER BULBS

If you're planning to plant spring-flowering bulbs this year, there's no time to waste -- prepare the planting site as soon as possible.

Horticulturists at Michigan State University say the most important considerations in site selection are good drainage and plenty of light.

Bulbs in poorly drained soil are susceptible to root and bulb rots, and they flower poorly if at

In the Elmira, N.Y., Star-Gazette: "Between 400 and 500 people will fly in or out of the Chemung County Airport, the vast majority of them by airplane."

## AUTUMN

## NEW LARGE-PRINT BOOKS, SHORT CLASSICS ON SHELVES

Faye Hanson Memorial Library has just acquired 25 new books in large print for people who have problems reading ordinary sized book print. The acquisitions are normal in size too, as compared to previous large-print volumes, which were larger in than the average book.

For the student set, the library also has a brand new series of condensed classics. Raintree Short Classics are suitable for fourth grade through high school or adult readers. They include a wide variety of classic stories, which include MacBeth, Jane Eyre, Pit and the Pendulum, Robin Hood, Casey at the Bat, and Joan of Arc.

Best of all, Gerrud points out, "These short classics get the complete story across in excellent fashion without watering it down and the illustrations are magnificent."

## WATERTOWN TO IMPROVE HERITAGE PARK

Improvements in Heritage Park on the Looking Glass River in Wacousta will be on next year's agenda, if Watertown Township Parks and Recreation Commission has its way.

A Land and Water Conservation fund grant will finance \$40,000 of the project and the township will pick up the remaining 50 percent, according to Tony Sporer, parks and recreation director.

Planned improvements include two new tennis courts, a new baseball field, relocation of the existing baseball field, canoe launch, new soccer field, wooden playground modules, as well

*Kitty Korner*

It seems early, but DeWitt School Booster Club is already thinking about Christmas.

Their popular Santa's Secret Shop will be held the week of December 2 at both Scott and Fuerstenau elementary schools. This will be the third year for the program, which is designed to allow youngsters to purchase inexpensive Christmas gifts for friends and relatives "on their own."

As ever, volunteers will be needed to work at both buildings during school hours. Early volunteers may contact Bonnie Brya, 669-5817; Audrey Fabus, 669-3017, or Dick Smeage, 669-3191.

DeWitt High School has a new varsity football game policy this year. All people planning to attend DeWitt Varsity Football Games should be aware of the policy change, which is as follows:

ANYONE WHO LEAVES THE STADIUM FOR ANY REASON MUST PAY A FULL \$2.50 ADMISSION FEE TO RETURN TO THE CONTEST.

Clinton County Arts Council will hold the

say the most important considerations in site selection are good drainage and plenty of light.

Bulbs in poorly drained soil are susceptible to root and bulb rots, and they flower poorly, if at all.

Heavy, soggy or compacted soil can be improved by adding sand and peat or other organic material to it. The water-holding capacity of light, sandy soil can be improved by adding peat. Spread the material to be added on the top of the soil and then spade or till the site to a depth of 10 to 12 inches. An alternate is to build raised beds to improve drainage.

Add fertilizer along with the sand and/or peat. Apply 2 to 3 pounds of 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100 square feet or a small handful for a cluster of a dozen or so bulbs. Mix it thoroughly with the soil. Avoid high nitrogen fertilizers and manure -- they promote bulb rots.

Bulbs need plenty of light -- at least a half-day's sun -- so the foliage can manufacture food to build up the bulbs for the second year's flowering. Early flowering bulbs can be planted under deciduous trees because they'll have completed their growth before the trees leaf out to shade them. Bulbs planted in the dense shade of conifers will probably do poorly the second spring because low light during their first growing season. If you intend to leave bulbs in the ground year after year, plant them where they'll get a full-day's sun.

Plant bulbs after the weather has turned cool and is unlikely to warm again for an extended time. Bulbs need time to establish root systems in the fall, but you don't want them to sprout and begin to grow then.

The correct planting depth and spacing vary with the type and size of the bulb and the nature of the soil. Generally, large bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, are planted with the base of the bulb about 6 inches below the soil surface. In sandy soil, plant 2 to 4 inches deeper. Smaller bulbs, such as eranthis, crocus, anemone, galanthus, grape hyacinth and fritillaria, should be planted with their bases 2 to 3 inches below the soil surface. Recommended spacing for the larger bulbs is 6 to 16 inches; for minor bulbs, 2 to 6 inches.

airplane."

## AUTUMN Begins

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cation of the existing baseball field, canoe launch, new soccer field, wooden playground modules, as well as reconstructing the driveway and parking lot.

The dying man was talking to his wife, "Sara, be sure to put David in charge of the store when I'm gone."

"David? Why not Joey? He's a smart boy."

The man nodded weakly, "All right, but give Harry the station wagon."

"But Benny needs it more for his family."

"Okay, give it to Benny, but let Ann have the house in the country."

"Papa, you know Ann hates the country. Give it to Rosalie."

"Mama," the old man groaned. "Who's dying -- you or me?"

Bulbs planted at the minimum spacing will tend to need to be dug up, divided and replanted every two or three years. Bulbs at the maximum spacing can be allowed to grow undisturbed until reduced flower size and vigor indicates they need dividing or replacing.

When frost has penetrated the soil for 1 to 2 inches, apply a mulch of aged saw dust, compost, pine needles, shredded bark or wood chips. Avoid a mulch of large leaves, which will mat and perhaps smother new growth in the spring. The primary aim of mulching is to prevent alternate freezing and thawing of the soil. This can push bulbs right up out of the ground. Mulching also helps control weeds and prevent mud splattering on the flowers in the spring.

If fall rains are deficient, water the bulb plantings thoroughly once a week so bulbs can develop good roots. Bulbs planted in the root zones of trees and shrubs are especially likely to need watering.

In the spring, remove most of the mulch before new growth starts. Leaving the mulch in place is likely to damage new shoots.

## ADMISSION FEE TO RETURN TO THE CONTEST

Clinton County Arts Council will hold the grand opening of its Gallery and Gift Shop Sunday, September 22, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Clinton County artists will have their works on display, emphasizing country crafts and following the theme, "Arts in Rural America." Special guests will be introduced at 2:30 p.m.

Gallery location is 1100 N. Clinton in St. Johns.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department will have an immunization and blood pressure clinic at the South DeWitt Church of Christ, 2931 Herbison Rd., on Thursday, September 19. Call 669-3663, Ext. 227, for an appointment.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department has tentatively scheduled flu shots at DeWitt Charter Township Hall, 4700 Brook Rd., beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, October 4.

Pvt. John J. Boak has completed U.S. Army basic training at Fort Jackson, SC. The son of Clare and Mary Boak, Southwind Drive, he is a 1982 Grand Rapids High School graduate.

Three young men from DeWitt have recently completed six weeks of basic training at West Point Academy and were officially accepted into the U.S. Military Academy Corps of Cadets as new members of the class of 1989 during the annual acceptance parade.

New cadets are John Foresman, son of John and Cerena Foresman, E. Geneva Dr., Michael Price, whose parents are Duane and Patricia Price, Farm Lane, and Curtis Stedron, son of Charles and Marcia Stedron, Farm Lane. All are DeWitt High School graduates.

## EXTENSION CALENDAR

September 16 - Deadline for 4-H Summary and Year End Reports

September 18 - "Clean Michigan Fund" meeting, Saginaw.

September 20 - 1985 MSU Swine Day, MSU

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### Along the Looking Glass

Penny Ancel, Holly Lane, was recently appointed legislative consultant for the Michigan Conference of Seventh Day Adventists. She will serve as a liaison between the conference and the state legislature.

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DeWitt Council 7237 Knights of Columbus will hold their Past Grand Knight Banquet Saturday evening, September 28, at Prairie Creek Golf Course.

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Kevin Boyd, son of Jim and Marilyn Boyd, Westview Ct., has been named semifinalist in the 31st annual merit program conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

One of 15,000 high school senior semifinalists from 50 states, Kevin has completed the first step in competition for some 5,800 merit scholarships which will be awarded next spring.

### TWO RECEIVE ALMA AWARDS

Two DeWitt students are among upper-classmen receiving scholarships to attend Alma College for the 1985-86 academic year.

Junior Jeff Koets, son of Robert and Janet Koets, Longspur Dr. is the recipient of an Alma Renewal Scholarship. A biology major and 1983 graduate of DeWitt High School, Koets is also receiving a National Presbyterian Scholarship, co-sponsored by Alma and the United Presbyterian Church. This competitive award based on academic achievement is for eligible students who are members of the church.

Senior business administration major Janel West is also receiving an Alma Renewal Scholarship. These are awarded to students showing intellectual promise and outstanding academic achievement. A 1982 DeWitt High School graduate she is

### Meeting Will Discuss Neighborhood Watch Info

DeWitt City Police Department will hold an informative Neighborhood Watch meeting open to the public Thursday, September 26, at 7 p.m. in DeWitt High School cafeteria.

All the street captains, who are among the 350 city participants now in the Neighborhood Watch program, will be introduced. A question and answer session will offer information on Neighborhood Watch. Two brief slide presentations will cover residential burglary and Operation Identification.

Since DeWitt PTA is checking into the advisability of using school crossing guards, a guest speaker will discuss the pros and cons of that question. Citizen input is invited.

For further information, contact Marjean Pelkey at the police department, 669-2821.

### GRAVEL PIT SITE CHECKED

Last week DeWitt Township Inspector Raymond St. Pierre asked gravel pit owner David Schlegel to upgrade "Danger Keep Off" signs posted at the controversial site on Turner Rd.

Although Schlegel had recently posted new signs, St. Pierre asked that they be enhanced even more to prevent the red paint from

### DEWITT HAS LCC CLASSES

Local residents may enroll for Lansing Community College classes to be held in DeWitt this term. Enrollment takes place this evening, Monday, September 23, between 7 and 8:30 p.m. at DeWitt High School.

Among the courses to be offered are aerobic dance, home computers, marketing, public relations and



### Kitty Korner

"Walk to Feed a Hungry World" is the theme for next Sunday's Hunger Walk being sponsored by Redeemer United Methodist Church.

"It's our own version of the CROP Walk," says Hunger Walk coordinator Rhoda Ritter of the September 29 project. "One quarter of the money raised stays locally to alleviate hunger and the remainder goes to the missions."

The program operates under the church's Mission Committee, of which George Pierce is chairman, and much of the church family gets into the act. Walkers of all ages will convene at Riverside Park at 3 p.m. Sunday (October 6 is an alternate rain date) to begin the four-mile hike back to the church at Schavey and Clark roads.

Walkers have taken pledge sheets to fill out, pledging so much per mile to the project. The annual walk is an interesting sight to see; it includes joggers, entire families, some carrying toddlers atop their shoulders or infants strapped to their backs; youth members and senior citizens. Retired teacher Clara Price, who taught in DeWitt Schools from 1947 to 1960, is a regular four-miler, according to Ritter.

The route covers less traveled roads, winding through Cedarwood, Lake Geneva, High School and Middle School driveways. Checkpoints are set up every mile or so and a van slowly drives the route to assure first aid or other assistance.

One or more members of the Clinton County Sheriffs Posse always accompanies the walkers on horseback. Although Bill Crego is not riding this year due to some surgery, his horse "Chuckie" has a pledge sheet too and will ride the route as usual.

Cookies and punch will await the walkers at the church when they complete their journey.

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Faye Hanson Memorial Library will sponsor a preschool story hour again this fall. Children ages three to five are invited to attend the story hour which begins Wednesday, October 2, at 10 a.m.

To register a child for the six-week program

Kevin has completed the first step in competition for some 5,800 merit scholarships which will be awarded next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sargent, S. Wacousta Rd., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday.

The couple, who were married on September 21, 1925 have two children, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Army Spec. 4 Debra J. Hammon, daughter of Manuel T. Hammon of Paragould, AR. and Glenda J. Webster, E. River Dr., has arrived for duty at Fort Hood, TX.

A personnel specialist with the III Corps, Hammon was previously assigned in West Germany. She graduated from DeWitt High School in 1983.

Electric bill high? The City of DeWitt electric bill for 231 street lights for 12 months was \$24,000.

City Hall is working on a building and reconstruction phase. Plans for new facilities can be seen at City Hall.

students showing intellectual promise and outstanding academic achievement. A 1982 DeWitt High School graduate, she is the daughter of Richard and Deanna West, Driftwood Dr.

A ship's captain overheard one of his crewmen ordering another to sweep the floor. "Don't you know anything?" bellowed the captain. "On a ship it's not the floor, it's a deck. And that's the bow and that's the stern and that's starboard and that's port. And if you don't learn all this, you are going out that little round window over there."

## SWIM CLUB ANNOUNCES GET ACQUAINTED SESSIONS

DeWitt Swim Club will kick off its fall "Get Acquainted with Competitive Swimming" sessions on Monday, September 30.

Eight one-hour stroke development swim sessions will be offered in a two-week period for the purpose of promoting interest in age group swimming. Participation is open to boys and girls aged 5-18 from DeWitt and surrounding communities.

Dates: Sept. 30, Oct. 2, Oct. 4 (M-W-F)  
Oct. 7 and 11 (M-F)

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Registration on a first come, first served basis, will take place Monday, September 30 from 5 to 5:30 p.m. at the DeWitt High School pool. The fee is \$16 and the class will be limited to 30 people.

For more information, call Chris Peacock, 669-8262, or Mary Fullmer, 669-9720.

DeWitt Manager had recently posted new signs. St. Pierre asked that they be enhanced even more to prevent the red paint from blurring. The red on white signs had replaced earlier signs faded by the weather.

Residents near the gravel pit have voiced their fears concerning the area's potential danger for children at recent township board meetings. St. Pierre had also checked the fence surrounding the pit, which has often been cut by dirt bikers and persons with four-wheel drive vehicles, and plans to inspect it more frequently this fall and winter.

## DEWITT HIGH SCHOOL

Among the courses to be offered are aerobic dance, home computers, marketing, public relations and social service. For more information, contact DHS Principal, Fred Goers at 669-2240.

The tuition rate of \$17 for LCC district residents and \$24 out-of-district residents prevails for off-campus students. Those who register can take advantage of other services available to LCC students, such as discounts on performing arts tickets, access to LCC library, pool and other facilities, academic counseling, career planning and job placement assistance.

## FLU CLINICS NEXT WEEK

The Mid-Michigan District Health Department and the Clinton County Senior Citizens Office are sponsoring Flu Immunization Clinics for residents of Clinton County.

The vaccinations are free to people 60 and older and to those with chronic health problems. Donations will be accepted.

Clinics will be held as follows: Monday, September 30, Bath Senior Center, Bath, 1

a preschool story hour again this fall. Children ages three to five are invited to attend the story hour which begins Wednesday, October 2, at 10 a.m.

To register a child for the six-week program, call the library, 669-3156.

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Proud family members gathered on the Michigan State University campus September 17 to witness an awards presentation to Wilford (Pete) Pelkey of Airport Road.

Pelkey was one of seven MSU employees honored for livesaving efforts and bravery on campus. An electrical maintenance staff member, Pelkey climbed through a crawl space during a May 13 fire at the clinical center to rescue three people from an elevator.

He and another physical plant employee, John Rhodes, pulled the trio to safety before the elevator fell from the second floor to the basement minutes after the rescue.

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Jerome and Trudy Schafer, Norm and Mary Robison and Erich and Mary Seida opened their homes again last week to German musicians attending Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp.

Wearing traditional Bavarian costumes members of the Musikkapelle Rottenbuch - town band of Rottenbuch - were escorted to local places of interest, including a visit to Lansing City Council.

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This is sign-up week for DeWitt Township Parks and Recreation classes. You may register in person from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday, September 25-26. To register by mail, send a check to DeWitt Charter Township, 4700 Brook Rd., Lansing, 48906. For further information, contact Jean Cook, 482-1291.

-2 p.m.; Tuesday, October 1, St. Jude Church, DeWitt, 1-2:30 p.m.; Friday, October 4, DeWitt Township Offices, Valley Farms, 1-2:30 p.m.

The cinema has no boundary; it is a ribbon of dream. -Orson Wells  
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Remember when Ms. was the abbreviation for manuscript?

## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

Council members gave the nod to a new roof for the fire station, following Councilman Bill Simonsen's presentation at Monday's meeting detailing the four options available.

Succinctly commenting that "it leaks a lot," Simonsen then described the four roof types available with approximate prices. Members approved the choice of a gabled or mansard roof which "will make a much more saleable building and also conform to downtown DeWitt's new aesthetic look." Plans will now be drawn up for the improvement.

DPW Superintendent Carroll Ward was directed to look into roofing prices for the wastewater treatment plant, where some city records are stored, which also has had a leakage problem. Council adopted a resolution supporting State Senate Bills 327 and 328 which address major governmental liability problems, and accepted "with regret" the resignation of Gary Gillespie from the Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority, due to his teaching commitments.

Downtown Development Authority chairman Austin Knapp received council approval to go ahead with plans for expansion of the city hall building. Knapp hopes "to get the foundation poured and the building closed in before snow flies."

City Engineer Orla McGuire reported that he had inspected ditches and culverts on Wilson Street and Manchester Drive, recommending that the city crew could remove debris and weeds to alleviate flooding conditions. After the question was raised whether the city or property owners are responsible for maintenance of the ditch which runs behind Fedewa apartments and Scott School property, McGuire agreed to check into the matter.

Council authorized Capitol Consultants to prepare an amendment for submission to Michigan Department of Transportation, which would cover costs for \$10,000 additional testing which MDOT had ordered on compaction, asphalt and gravel for the DeWitt Road/Bridge

## Handicraft Lessons



Dee Robertson shows some samples of the crafts she teaches - a stenciled sweatshirt and attractive stained glass decorations.

## INSTRUCTOR SHARES CRAFTS SKILLS

She didn't exactly plan it that way, but teaching seems to beckon Dee Robertson in many phases of her life. She is a crafts teacher for both City of DeWitt and DeWitt Charter Township parks and recreation classes, a Cub Scout leader, head room mother in elementary grades at DeWitt Schools and elementary religious education instructor this year for youngsters at the Catholic Community of St. Jude.

It all began when she enrolled in a Community Education calligraphy class, while she and her attorney husband Tom were living

in Mt. Pleasant.

"I sewed and was craft-oriented," Dee recalls, "but never had done much in the art line."

From studying calligraphy she moved on to acid etching on glass, after which she tried stenciling and then making stained glass items. Dee became adept enough at all of the techniques that this will be her third year as instructor for the classes.

Acid etching and stenciling, in particular, Dee says, are inexpensive crafts where one can

## EXTENSION HOLDS FALL CLASS DAY

Now that the children are back in school, why not come out for a day of classes yourself?

On September 30, the Michigan Association of Extension Homemakers will be holding their Fall Class Day. The program this year features a presentation on how to cut down on your energy bill; a lesson on osteoporosis and a demonstration on how to incorporate more cheese into your menus.

The program will be held from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at Smith Hall in St. Johns. For further information contact the Cooperative Extension Office at 224-3288 or 669-3663, ext. 229.

prepare an amendment for submission to Michigan Department of Transportation, which would cover costs for \$10,000 additional testing which MDOT had ordered on compaction, asphalt and gravel for the DeWitt Road/Bridge Street project. The city's wastewater collection/treatment system ordinance was amended to include industrial pretreatment, so as to match regulations of the three surrounding townships, Bath, DeWitt and Watertown.

Council also heard a presentation on a \$2,000 equal opportunity application, which Greater Lansing Fair Housing Center had sent to the city, given by S. Wesley Pitts, executive director of the center.

## SCHOOL NEWS

Work on the DeWitt Middle School gym floor has been completed. Superintendent Steve Garrett reported to DeWitt Board of Education member, but August's rainy weather put work on the roof several weeks behind schedule.

Engineers have decided that August flooding in the high school auditorium was the result of lightning striking the building, then traveling through copper pipes and causing a leak beneath the girls locker room. Repairs to the pipes, auditorium electrical system and carpeting will be covered by insurance except for the \$1,000 deductible.

Board members have approved a \$28,000 contract for Spartan Asphalt

Company to construct a new bus lane at Scott School. The pavement will separate the buses from cars, running from the bus parking lot in the rear of the administration building to Scott School.



"I used to watch soap operas when I lived in Russia," says comedian Yakov Smirnoff - "like 'One Day To Live,' or 'Last Days of Our Lives,'"

Then there were the game shows like 'Bowling For Food,' and 'Marx and Mindy,' 'Love Barge' and 'Leave it to Brezhnev.' But the best show was the one about the man who had an opportunity to leave Russia and stayed. It was called 'That's Incredible.'

youngsters at the Catholic Community of St. Jude.

It all began when she enrolled in a Community Education calligraphy class, while she and her attorney husband Tom were living

## CITY P&R OFFERS FALL CLASS SERIES

City of DeWitt Parks and Recreation is offering the following classes:

**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS** - Ornaments, basic macrame knots, stuffed photo albums, stuffed picture frames, misc. gift ideas.

4 week class (\$5.00) 7 - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning October 9.

Instructor: Marjean Pelkey.

**CALLIGRAPHY** - \$11.00 - 4 week class - 7 - 9:00 p.m. Tuesdays at Fuerstenau Gym. Begins October 8.

(A course in hand lettering, basic alphabet and variations)

\$2.00 material fee.

Instructor: Dee Robertson

**ACID ETCHING** - \$4.00 November 5, 7 - 9:00 p.m. Learn to etch designs or monograms on both curved and flat glass. Bring a sharp craft knife and two plain drinking glasses.

\$2.00 material fee

Instructor: Dee Robertson

**KARATE** - as a self-defense

An 8 week class, beginning October 3 at the Scott Elementary School

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Junior Program - (K-8th grade) \$12.00 - Teaches children awareness, self-defense, hand to hand techniques which require correct movement to react and run.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mother/Daughter - \$12.00 mother - \$12.00 1st daughter, 2nd daughter free. Situations and fears facing them (such as rape) are discussed. Techniques are shown based on mind and body manipulation, not depending on strength.

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$20.00 per family. Open Karate - Open to all ages and sexes. Emphasis is on individual growth and the family. Fun for the whole family.

techniques that this will be her third year as instructor for the classes.

Acid etching and stenciling, in particular, Dee says, are inexpensive crafts where one can make gifts with "minimum equipment and minimum cost." Monogramming glasses to give as personalized gifts is satisfying both to the giver and the recipient, she explains.

The three Robertson children - Damon, 9; Evan 8; and Krista, 5 - have literally learned the crafts at their mother's knee. Each of them now makes stained glass Christmas tree ornaments for their aunts and uncles, inscribed with the child's initial and the year. They also make initialed, dated duplicates for their own Christmas tree, so that eventually over the years Dee expects to be able to totally decorate the Robertsons' tree with the youngsters' homemade ornaments.

A Texas native - "I was an oil field brat... my Dad headed a seismograph crew looking for oil, so we moved quite a bit." - Dee began her college career at Grand Valley State College, transferring to Lansing Business University (now Davenport College), and then attended Central Michigan University part-time.

Only 1½ years away from her college degree in business management, she is now working on CMU's individualized degree program of independent study. For months past, Dee has been compiling her experiential learning portfolio - listing the various jobs she has held, from business to wife and mother to teaching experiences and volunteer assignments. Her documentation details what she learned from each of the various jobs/experiences and requires individual letters of recommendation from persons who were involved in the work with her.

"A lot of learning has been involved in all of these areas," Dee points out, "from early childhood experience with my own children and Cub Scouts to working with adults, on business, volunteer and educational levels."

This past year, Dee served on the Community Education Task Force for DeWitt Schools. She also was DeWitt Pantry Co-op president for a year. The Robertsons, who live on E. Main Street, have called DeWitt home for the last four years.

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## DATELINE: DeWitt

September 30, 1985  
Photos and Stories by Kitty Marriott  
Phone 669-3385

### Kitty Korner

**PLEASE COME:** The City of DeWitt and DeWitt's Volunteer Fire Department will be hosts at an open house Sunday, October 6, to honor retiring fire chief Arthur Newman... and everyone is invited!

DeWitt Memorial Building will be the scene of the party from two until five o'clock Sunday afternoon. The guest of honor is retiring after 44 years of service with the volunteer fire department...and certainly deserves thanks from the community.

**HOORAY:** Rachelle Pline, 13-year-old daughter of Roger and Ruth Pline, Tucker Dr., is back in her middle school classes and doing fine, thank you! There was much trepidation for a while last month, as Rachelle sojourned in Sparrow Hospital's ICU, after she and her bike came off second-best in an encounter with a pickup truck on Tucker Drive near Twinbrook.

**SURE AND BEGORRAH:** When Faith Fritsch heard that Bill and Joyce Reed were going to Ireland this month, she jokingly told them to bring a bit of the "ould sod" from the land of her ancestors (her maiden name was Boyne). Taking her at her word, Reeds brought back a wee chunk of Irish turf and some heather from abroad. The good doctor promptly potted the sod, which is growing nicely on foreign soil in the Fritsch home.

Incidentally, last Thursday marked Dr. Fritsch's move into new Country Meadows office quarters. Her medical offices are now in Suite 4

### SCHOOL NEWS

Ron Mead, DHS assistant principal and athletic director, has taken a position as principal of Montabella High School in Montcalm County. Mead, who has been with the DeWitt schools since 1973, is moving to Edmore with his wife Marilyn, and their daughters, Sara and Rachel.

The Board of Education has appointed Patricia Skerritt, Clark Rd., to serve on the CCISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, replacing Nona Edsenga. Robert Elliott, elementary PE /Health teacher, has been appointed to serve as high school study hall/hall monitor.

Renee Johnson is J.V. cheerleading coach and Deborah Rambow, freshman cheerleading coach. Interviews will be held to fill the positions of wrestling assistant, J.V. baseball,

### Along the Looking Glass

DeWitt American Legion Post No. 379 will hold a dance Saturday, Oct. 5, at the DeWitt Memorial Building from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Bent Sceptors will furnish the music and doors will open at 8 p.m. Cost will be \$6 single and \$12 per couple. Snacks and mixers will be provided.

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Ron Fitzgerald graduated from ITT Technical Institute in Fort Wayne, IN., on Aug. 30. A 1982 DHS graduate, he is the son of Michael and Patricia Fitzgerald, Riverview Dr.

Fitzgerald, who earned a robot engineering degree achieving a 3.18 grade point average, is employed by GMF Robotics Corp. in Troy.

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Judith App Winter of DeWitt has been named advertising manager for WKAR-TV's Fine Tuning magazine. Winter, who earned her bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State University in 1980, has been a freelance writer for the past six years.

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DeWitt Booster Club will meet Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m. in

## City Sponsors Tree Planting Program

The City of DeWitt will cooperate with property owners in a joint street tree planting program this fall, it was announced this week.

Dan Bourbon, chairman of the City Tree Commission, said residents will be able to purchase trees from the city at wholesale prices and city crews will plant them.

Citizens will be able to select the kind of tree they want from a list of approved species. They will also have a voice in deciding where the tree should be planted. The only restrictions are that the tree must be placed in the public right-of-way or within 20 feet of the front property line and that a new tree cannot be within 30 feet of an existing healthy tree.

"We expect to be able to put all the trees where residents want them," said Bourbon, "but to take care of any problems, the Department of Public Works will have to approve the exact site of planting."

Property owners will be able to order their trees at the city clerk's office during normal business hours from October 7 through October 18. Trees must be paid for in advance. They will be 8 - 10 feet tall and 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The city will make bulk purchase of the trees after the number of orders is known. Planting will take place throughout the fall.

Residents will be responsible for watering, fertilizing and caring for the tree after planting. They will be guaranteed for one year and any which die in that period will be replaced without charge.

Bourbon said the cost of the trees will be from \$40 to \$50 depending on species. Species available include Superform Norway Maple, Skyline Locust, Glenleven Linden and Schwedler Norway Maple.

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soo, which is growing nicely on foreign soil in the Fritsch home.

Incidentally, last Thursday marked Dr. Fritsch's move into new Country Meadows office quarters. Her medical offices are now in Suite 4 of the first building, 13105 Schavey Rd., instead of the second building. They now have doubled the amount of their former space, according to her husband and office manager, John Fritsch.

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**CARD SHOWER:** Please join the family of Margaret Lietzke in honoring her on her 80th birthday October 10 with a card shower.

Her address is 12380 Airport Rd., DeWitt 48820.

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**SENTIMENTAL TRIP:** "When they say 'sunny Italy', they really mean it," is Greg Whitlock's reaction after a 17-day tour of Italy with his parents, Earl and Joyce Whitlock, U.S.-27.

The DeWitt Charter Township Clerk says his snapshots of Switzerland and Italy don't begin to capture the real beauty. Since Joyce Whitlock's parents were born in Italy, the trio took an extra week to visit relatives in Rome and the hilly province of Perusia north of there, birthplace of her maternal grandparents.

After viewing picturesque daily washings hanging throughout the length and breadth of Italy, Whitlock says "I don't think there's a clothes dryer in the whole country". The traffic is pure bedlam, he reports, and "they all drive like maniacs...they don't park the cars...I think they abandon them."

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**FAMILY OF THE YEAR:** DeWitt Council 7237 Knights of Columbus honored Past Grand Knight Fred Grove Saturday night at their annual PGK banquet held at Prairie Creek Golf Course. Most surprised pair of the evening were Bob and Judy Moody, who took the spotlight when the surprise announcement was made of their selection as the council's Family of the Year.

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**S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E:** Seventh and eighth grade students, who attend religious education classes at local churches, will compete in a

freshman cheerleading coach. Interviews will be held to fill the positions of wrestling assistant, J.V. baseball, and track assistant.

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DeWitt Booster Club will meet Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

## Sign Up For Township Arts and Crafts Sale

This is sign-up week for DeWitt Township's Fall Arts and Crafts Sale.

DeWitt Township residents only may sign up for vendors' tables on Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. Sign-up on Thursday, Oct. 3, is open to the public from 4 to 7 p.m.

The table fee is \$10 with a \$2 refund, if the area is left clean and the vendor remains for the duration of the sale.

The annual fall sale will take place Friday, Nov. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

spelling bee, which DeWitt K. of C. is sponsoring Thursday evening, October 10, at St. Jude Church.

When Chairman Joe Ciaramello first approached DeWitt Middle School about the project, he found they were scheduled to participate in the annual Detroit News spelling bee, so he turned his attention to church students. Youngsters from Hope Lutheran Church, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Redeemer United Methodist Church and the Catholic Community of St. Jude will be spelling bee participants. Bob Price has asked DeWitt High School teachers, Jeff and Lyn Kressler, to be official "pronouncers" for the bee.

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**STORY HOUR:** Faye Hanson Memorial Library will sponsor a preschool story hour again this fall. Children ages three to five are invited to attend the story hour which begins Wednesday, October 2, at 10 a.m.

To register a child for the six-week program, call the library, 669-3156.

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## COMPETITIVE SWIM SESSIONS BEGINNING

DeWitt Swim Club fall membership drive begins today. DSC is offering eight one-hour "Get Acquainted with Competitive Swimming" sessions for swimmers aged 5-18, who are interested in age group swimming.

Registration: DeWitt High School Pool

Monday, Sept. 30, from 5 to 5:30 p.m.  
Limited to first 30 swimmers from DeWitt and surrounding communities.

Swim Dates: Sept. 30, Oct. 2, Oct. 4 (M-W-F)  
Oct. 7 - 11 (Monday through Friday)  
Fee: \$16.00

## SEASON SIGN-UP OCTOBER 9

The full season sign-up for DeWitt Swim Club's 1985-86 season will be held Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the DeWitt Memorial Building, W. Washington St.

This sign-up meeting is designed for parents who plan to register their swimmer(s), whether it is the first time or they have been members before. The new swim club coach will be introduced as part of the agenda.

The DeWitt Swim Club handbook will be distributed as well as the '85-'86 swim meet schedule. The DSC has an exciting year planned. Come be a part of it!

## EXTENSION CALENDAR

September 30	MAEH "Fall Class Day", Smith Hall, 1 -3:30. Lessons on Osteoporosis, Energy Bill, & Cheese
September 30	4-H Horse Council Mtg.
October 6 - 12	National 4-H Week
October 7	4-H Leader's Banquet, Smith Hall
October 19	4-H Family Portrait Day
October 22	"Lose It and Love It" weight loss series

## VOLUNTEER RETIRES AFTER 44 YEARS

Arthur Newman joined the DeWitt Volunteer Fire Department right out of high school in 1941...and he's seen many changes in 44 years of service with the volunteers.

Why did he join? Possibly because he was going with Jean Halterman then, and her dad, Glenn "Dutch" Halterman, was a volunteer fireman. Art and Jean were married the year after his graduation in 1942...and the volunteer fire department has been part of their life ever since.

They had "fire phones" in the house for years, and every fourth week Art "had to be home" to answer the phone in case a fire call came in. In recent years, the familiar pager has replaced the phone calls. Fire calls go in to the Clinton County Sheriff's office; from there, the person on duty sends out the tone or "beep" alert, then follows up with voice details on the exact location of the fire or emergency.

Forty-some years ago volunteer firemen received \$1 for each run they made, Newman recalls, although they might be out for eight hours on a barn fire. And his wife Jean reminds him ruefully that the \$1 never covered the cost of the clothes ruined while fire-fighting.

"Yup" sez Newman, "I remember the year I got \$55 for fire runs, but I also ruined two suits and a pair of shoes."

OSHA regulations now require firemen to put on fire boots at the station before answering fire calls, but in those days the volunteers took off immediately for the fire destination and had no time to change from Sunday best to work clothing.

After becoming fire chief in 1967, Newman earned the princely annual sum of \$150, but he was responsible for checking the fire trucks and tires each week, making certain that they were ready to run and that every piece of equipment was in working order.

Volunteers' womenfolk were and are important cogs in the fire department scheme. The Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary put in many active years. In "fire phone" days, each man who received a call was responsible for calling four more. Usually the wife did the calling, as her husband hustled over to the fire station.



Arthur and Jean Newman of East Dill Drive

have better equipment and better trained personnel."

In addition to having mutual aid pacts with neighboring fire departments to cover emergency situations, DeWitt firemen have agreements to protect Olive and Riley townships and portions of DeWitt and Watertown townships.

Since Newman's June 30 resignation, Louis Nabbeleld has been acting fire chief. Effective October 1, Doug Twiss will officially take over the chief's position.

Newman was born in Olive Township, moving to DeWitt while he was in early grade school. Following high school graduation and 1942 marriage, he served the World War II U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945.

## PARKS OFFER ARCHERY TIPS

Instructor George Stoll will offer archery lessons for bow hunters on Saturday, October 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. at McGuire Park on Main Street. The targets will be supplied, but archers must bring their own equipment.

Bow hunters age 12 and above should register at City Hall by October 4.

This is the last week to register for the archery lessons or any classes offered by the City Parks and Recreation Department. Other classes include Calligraphy, Christmas Gift Ideas, Acid Etching, and Karate (3 programs-junior, mother/daughter, and open karate).

A book should serve as the ax for the frozen sea within us.

## Fund To Study Waste Disposal Alternatives

Michigan is one step closer to reducing its dependence on landfills thanks to a \$10 million appropriation by the state legislature, establishing the "Clean Michigan Fund". The program emphasizes resource recovery technologies as solid waste disposal alternatives to deal with the state's annual accumulation of 9.5 million tons of solid waste.

Most of the funding will be available as grants to public, private and non-profit groups interested in implementing or expanding programs for recycling, composting and waste-to-energy projects. Funds will also be available

The Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary put in many active years. In "fire phone" days, each man who received a call was responsible for calling four more. Usually the wife did the calling, as her husband hustled over to the fire station. First fireman to arrive at the station blew the siren, alerting the town to the fire. The volunteers covered both DeWitt Village and DeWitt Township too, until DeWitt attained city status in 1965 and it became the "City Fire Department."

Dedication is the keyword in volunteer firefighting, both Newmans emphasize. Volunteers answer emergency calls at any time day or night on short notice. Wives, in turn, must cope with the abrupt changes in plans, whether it means entertaining a houseful of company alone or reheating cold dinners.

Before the building boom in city and township, when there were more fields around, seasonal grass fires used to be a headache, the retiring chief points out. "We would have as many as five in a day, one right after another."

Any funny stories connected with his 44 years as a volunteer fireman? Ah yes, Newman reminisces that there were many.

One of the most humorous he remembers was the time they were fighting a barn fire. One of the firemen, leaping over a fence and landing knee-deep in manure, was propelled a few feet further in his stocking feet before he could stop.

"He smelled so bad that the others couldn't stand to ride back to the station with him," Newman says with a chuckle. "They were all for dunking him in the river before they took him back to town."

The number of DeWitt's volunteer firemen has increased from 14 in 1941 to 26 today. Thirteen are qualified emergency medical technicians and every fireman now gets some EMT training. Likewise, the stipend has gradually moved up to \$8 per run.

There were more fires years ago, Newman says, but no EMT calls. Early volunteer firemen carried only an inhalator in a suitcase to handle heart attack patients. Nowadays, he guestimates that EMT calls have at least quadrupled.

"These days," Newman sums it up, "we

Newman was born in Olive Township, moving to DeWitt while he was in early grade school. Following high school graduation and 1942 marriage, he served the World War II U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945.

After the arrival of his son Brent, Newman became active in Boy Scouts and Little League, in addition to his other involvements. He was a charter member of DeWitt Veterans Club, DeWitt Commercial Club (predecessor of DeWitt Business Association), DeWitt Lions and DeWitt American Legion post. He's a past president of Lions and past Legion post commander.

Other affiliations include DeWitt Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the 40 & 8 (for past American Legion officers), DeWitt Masonic Lodge, Michigan Fire Chiefs Association, Michigan State Firemen's Association, Tri-County Fire Chiefs (past president) and International Association of Arson Investigators. He is past president of Alert Firefighters Association and served as its secretary for 15 years.

Newman was acting DeWitt postmaster from 1946 to 1949, becoming postmaster in 1949 and retiring from that position in 1972. He also worked four years for DeWitt Public Schools, but hopes to stay retired this time so that he and Jean can spend more time at their cabin up north.

He was a member of the DeWitt City Charter Committee and later served on the city council. With this impressive array of civic and community activities on his record, it was small wonder that judges selected him as the DeWitt Citizen of the Year in 1983.

The couple now enjoy having their son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Linda Newman, living nearby, as well as grandchildren Tami Newman Ballard and Joshua Newman.

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DeWitt people are invited to stop by the Memorial Building Sunday afternoon to greet Art and Jean Newman at an open house which will be jointly sponsored by the City of DeWitt and members of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Tact: Putting it nicely but not quite precisely.

Most of the funding will be available as grants to public, private and non-profit groups interested in implementing or expanding programs for recycling, composting and waste-to-energy projects. Funds will also be available for closure of some landfills and dumps, construction of transfer stations and development of household hazardous waste collection days. In addition, a portion of the funding will be directed towards education efforts, market development and incentives for recycling industry.

"Michigan must move aggressively to avoid a solid waste disposal crisis in the future," explains Ronald O. Skoog, Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "We know that improper disposal in landfills is responsible for known and suspected groundwater contamination, as well as air pollution and some pollution of our lakes, rivers, and streams. As existing landfills reach capacity, it has become extremely difficult to find and license sites for new landfills. All people need to get rid of their garbage, but few will agree to permit landfills in their neighborhood or community. We need to find solutions to these problems."

The DNR's Resource Recovery Section estimates that as much as 70 percent of the state's solid waste stream can be diverted from landfills through resource recovery techniques. The "Clean Michigan Fund" will provide feasibility studies and waste stream assessments for proposed programs and capital grants and operating subsidies for new or existing programs.

Between October 1, and November 15, the MDNR will accept applications for grant awards, feasibility study site selections and waste stream assessments.

## TOWNSHIP MINUTES

DeWitt Charter Township trustees have set Monday, October 28, at 6 p.m. for a public hearing in the proposed budget for 1985-86.

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