

**Who Puts on the Ox Roast?  
What is the money used for?**

**All proceeds  
are returned to  
benefit the  
Memorial Building**

Volunteers from our community, individuals, members of clubs, organizations, members of our local government and it's branches . . . all these combine year after year, without pay, to put on the DeWitt Ox Roast. All funds raised are used solely for the Memorial Building. Coordinating all the volunteer and other help needed to organize all the activities of the Ox Roast is an eight member Memorial Association board, all volunteers, all serving without pay, for a three year term at the minimum. The Ox Roast is the one single time a year set aside to raise funds for the Memorial Building. Without the Ox Roast, there would be no sources of funds other than minimal building rental fees and outright donations of funds which occur from time to time. Without the Memorial Association, the building and all assets and liabilities would revert to the city's governing body in total. We hope you can easily see why it is so important to run a successful Ox Roast once a year.

Persons interested in serving on the Memorial Association board may contact Linda Hodges at (517) 669-9602. Thank-you.

The DeWitt Memorial Association Salutes DeWitt on its 150th Birthday.

Congratulations to "Citizen of the Year" Art Newman.

Special Thanks to all groups, clubs, organizations, merchants, and individuals that help us make the Ox Roast possible.

Thank-you!

DeWitt Memorial Board

# **DeWitt Ox Roast**

## **Saturday, August 20, 1983**



**General Activities start at  
10:00 am & end at 11:00 pm**

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**The 1983 Ox Roast  
is dedicated to  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph  
Woodruff**



# DeWitt 37th Annual Ox Roast

## Saturday, August 20, 1983

Saluting DeWitt on its 150th Birthday  
Featuring a Full Day of Fun for All Ages

**Parade:** The longest and best in its history beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Theme: "Happy Birthday DeWitt"

**10 K Fitness Run:** Free Fun Run 9:00 a.m. — 10K Run starts at 10:00 a.m. — \$7.00 entry fee

**Arts and Crafts Fair:** Sponsored by Historic DeWitt Arts and Crafts Council—Over 50 of Michigan's finest craftsmen—Riverside Park—Musical entertainment from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Rides and Carnival:** 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. —Michigan State Amusement Co.

**Canoe Rides:** Riverside Park—11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Kiddie Zoo:** North of the Bridge—12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

**DeWitt Co-operative Pre-school Creative Capers:** Excellent supervision—More fun for the little folks at Riverside Park—12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

**Mighty-Mini Tractor Pullers Assoc.:** On Washington St. —1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Rock Concert:** 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. featuring Geneva—Located behind Fuerstenau School on Washington Street

**Third Annual Frog Leapin' Contest:** \$100.00 in Prize Money—\$1.00 Entry Fee—A real sight to behold—Columbian Squires of St. Jude's your host—Riverside Park 1:00 p.m.

**Bingo Tent:** Uptown—11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Beer Tent:** Ballards Lumber Yard—11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. —Music by Don Lee

**Video Games:** 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Game Tent

**Food and Concessions:** Uptown 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Riverside Park 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ox Burgers cooked at both locations, ice cream and corn on the cob also at both locations—Food prices have not changed since 1978—Best home made pies anywhere

**Hobby Show:** Completely New—Located at the Memorial Building—12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

**Third Annual Mr. Legs Contest:** Lovely legs judged by lovely ladies—A Big Blast!—Arrive Early—7:00 p.m. at Firehouse Uptown

**DeWitt Art Gallery:** On E. Washington St. —Featuring St. John's Men's Art Club—11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Ox Roast Tennis Tournament:** Located at the High School Tennis Courts

**DeWitt Conservatory:** Presents Ric Mitchell Dancers—Uptown—4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Note: See the Memorial Building (The reason for the Ox Roast). The proceeds have been spent well: a) The front of the building b) Upper level floor refinished c) More improvements in the making