

DE WITT CITY

BICENTENNIAL

FESTIVITIES



JUNE 27 - JULY 3

1976

DEWITT BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, JUNE 27th 7:30 P.M. DEWITT FOOTBALL STADIUM

ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE * ALL CHURCHES IN AREA PARTICIPATING * 5000 FREE SEATS

SPEAKER - A BILLY GRAHAM ASSOCIATE

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE BICENTENNIAL CHOIR

MONDAY, JUNE 28th 7:30 P.M. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 2957 WEST HERBISON ROAD

GOVERNMENT NIGHT 600 FREE SEATS

ACTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING-BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO SEE HOW CITY GOVT. WORKS

WILL BE HONORING ALL FORMER MAYORS

PRESENT PRIZES TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY WINNERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 29th 7:00 P.M. FUERSTENAU FIELD 204 WEST WASHINGTON

OLD FASHIONED SPORTS NIGHT

CLIMB THE GREASED POLE, SACK RACES, 3 LEGGED RACES etc.

ALL MAY PARTICIPATE THAT WISH - REST WATCH

LOVING CUP PRIZES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30th DEWITT FOOTBALL STADIUM* 5000 FREE SEATS

BICENTENNIAL CONCERT - "HISTORY IN MUSIC WITH COMMENTARY"

100 VOICE CHOIR - PHYLLIS WINTER, DIRECTOR LORNA SHAW, ACCOMPANIST

SOLOISTS: RAY DEWITT, JOE HENNIGAN, CHUCK FURGESON, RUTH UBEROTH, PAT FULLER, MARY COULING, DAVID LANKFORD.

SPECIAL GOSPEL MUSIC - REV. AND MRS. DENNIS DEAN

BARBER SHOP QUARTET INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - CHRIS HOWE

THURSDAY, JULY 1st 7:30 P.M. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 2957 WEST HERBISON ROAD

SENIOR CITIZENS NIGHT 600 FREE SEATS

PROGRAM BY SENIOR CITIZENS

HISTORY OF DEWITT BY RALPH WOODRUFF

ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAY

FRIDAY, JULY 2nd 8:00 P.M. HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

BICENTENNIAL BALL NO CHARGE

BLUE GRASS BAND FOR LISTENING PLUS BAND FOR DANCING

SATURDAY, JULY 3rd ALL OVER TOWN

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

GET EVERYONE UP AT 7:00 A.M. BY POUNDING ON ANVILS ALL OVER TOWN

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT V.F.W. HALL 100 BLOCK OF NORTH BRIDGE STREET

10:30 PARADE STARTS FROM MCGUIRE PARK

10:30 READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY MAYOR EASTMAN FROM THE MAIN FOUR CORNERS

AFTERNOON: LOOKING GLASS PARK

BLUE GRASS MUSIC

OLD MUSKET FIRING DEMONSTRATION

TUG OF WAR ACROSS THE LOOKING GLASS DEWITT FIRE DEPT. VS. DEWITT TWSP. FIRE DEPT.

BARBER SHOP MUSIC

CANOE RACES AND MUCH MUCH MORE

MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE DAY BY DARROLD RICE'S WURLITZER BAND ORGAN 8 ROARING 20's MUSIC

ANTIQUE DISPLAY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK IN MEMORIAL BUILDING

2-4 P.M. 7-9P.M. MON. THROUGH FRI. 12-5:00 P.M. ON JULY 3rd

ALSO ANTIQUE DISPLAYS IN MERCHANTS WINDOWS

COME AND BRING AN OLD FASHIONED PICNIC LUNCH, LAWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS AND JOIN IN THE FUN. IT IS OUR NATION'S 200th BIRTHDAY AND DEWITT'S 143rd YEAR OF EXISTANCE LET US MAKE IT AN OCCASSION LONG TO REMEMBER!

CLIP AND SAVE THIS SCHEDULE

1. Police Car escort- Chief Police, City of DeWitt
2. Grand Marshall, Lois Webb Wellman & Bernice Scott Christie
East Lansing (Great Great Granddaughters Capt. Scott)
3. Color Guard... V. P. W. ... 671 Post, DeWitt
4. BAND..... DeWitt High School
5. Color Guard.... American Legion, DeWitt
6. Geo. & Martha Washington, Edgar & Marie Lawrence, Shadeybrook Lane
7. Marching Group (5)... Ouster's Last stand, Ovid, Michigan
8. Uncle SAM.... Rudy Dioszegi... Andover Drive, DeWitt
9. ~~Bag Pipe Band.... Judge Frederick Lewis, St. Johns~~
DeWitt Middle School Band
10. Knight Templers from St. Johns, Ionia, Alma, & Owosso.
11. Essay Contest Winners... Sr. High. (Mary Snetting, Sherri Lotre,
and Arden Pierson.
12. Essay Contest Winners... Jr. High. (Scott Miller, Jeff McGuinnis,
and Anders Schaefer.

FLOATS AND GROUPS

13. Freedom Float.... V. P. W. Post 671, DeWitt
14. Float..... American Legion, DeWitt
15. Float.... DeWitt Girl Scouts
16. Float ... DeWitt Community Church.
17. Float..... DeWitt Lions Club.
18. DeWitt Cub Scouts... Pack 3227 (Sandy Spurrel, Turner St.)
19. DeWitt Girls Little League Soft Ball, Mrs. Dick Smeage, S. Geneva
20. Brothers Of the Brush (Willard Reed, Floyd Fowler & Etc.)
21. Siberian Dog Team... Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ellis, 1670 E. Alward Lake
Rd.
22. Little Red Wagon, Couling Family, N. Bridge St.
23. Spirit of 76... McGoveney Children in costume.

BICENTENNIAL PARADE_ JULY 3, 1976

HORSES AND PONIES

24. Riding Orses.... Gordon and Nannette Fish , N. U. S. 27.
25. Horses & Wagon... Leo Calder Family (4 Generations) St. Johns.
26. Paul Rever's Posse(In Bicentennial Dress) Ionia County
27. Ponies & Antique buggy.. Rosalee Fisher, Route 2, St. Johns
28. Harold Witt..... Ponies & Wagon, DeWitt
29. Clare Witt..... Ponies & wagon, DeWitt
30. Carl Witt..... Horses & Ponies,.... DeWitt
31. Covered Wagon..... Clinton County Bicentennial Committee.

POLITICAL AND ADVERTISEMENT

32. OX_ ROAST Banner.... Memorial Assoc., DeWitt
33. Clinton County Candidates for coming election.(Republican party)
34. County Democratic Party (Gregg Huhn, Chairman)..... Eagle
35. WURLITZER BAND WAGON..... Donald Rice.... 1422 Vermont St. Lans.
36. Howard Wolpe "CAR" for State Representative, Kalamazoo
37. Model A Ford- 1929..... Richard Myszak, Lowell Road, DeWitt
38. Ford .. 1939..... Richard Volz..... West Cutler Road
39. Ford 1956(Continental) Leo Cavnaugh, Airport Road, DeWitt
40. Wrecker Tow Truck.... McNally's Standard Service, U. S. 27
41. Tractor 1936.... ... Melvin Gibson.... West Chadwick Road
42. Pick-up Truck.... ... John Allen Construction, DeWitt
43. Culligan Water Conditioning (5 Trucks) DeWitt, Michigan
44. Antique Fire Truck..... Ted Powell & King Arthurs Court.