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**DEWITT**  
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## DATELINE: DeWitt

May 12, 1986  
Stories/Photos by Kitty Marriott

### Kitty Korner

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** DeWitt Elementary PTA showed teachers they cared this past week with a special momento each day to mark National Teacher Appreciation Week. Monday each elementary teacher received an apple key ring, Tuesday, a pencil with PTA insignia; Wednesday, a carnation; Thursday, an apple with PTA sticker attached, and Friday, a bookmark. PTA members also gave a luncheon on Friday for teachers in both Scott and Fuerstenau buildings.

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**PARENT-DAUGHTER BANQUET:** DeWitt Girl Scout troops will hold their annual Parent-Daughter Banquet Tuesday, May 13, at DeWitt Middle School.

A fly-up ceremony for scouts changing age levels - from Brownies to Juniors and Juniors to Cadettes - will follow the potluck dinner. Slides will be shown of Girl Scout camping experiences and the year-around program.

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**ANNIE THEME:** St. Jude Mother and Daughter banquet on Tuesday May 13, will have an "Annie" theme. Leslie Philip will sing "Tomorrow" and Shonda Fowler, "Little Girls", for assembled mothers and daughters. Leslie was Annie in the DeWitt High School spring musical and Shonda portrayed Miss Hannigan.

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**SOFTBALL FUND-RAISER:** DeWitt Township softball committee will hold their second

### Legion Sponsors DHS Student

DeWitt High School junior Bradley Wieferich will go to Boys State in June under the sponsorship of DeWitt American Legion Post 379, bringing to seven the number of DHS students who will attend the leadership programs.

Presented under American Legion and Legion Auxiliary auspices, the Boys and Girls State programs



Bradley Wieferich

provide students with firsthand knowledge of just how government operates at various levels. After setting up their own state and county offices during the one-week legislative

## Orla McGuire Named 1986 Citizen of the Year

Orla McGuire, city engineer for the "last 20 or 25 years" - since before DeWitt achieved city status in 1965 - has been selected as the 1986 Citizen of the Year. He will be the city's special guest on Monday, May 19, Government Day of Michigan Week, during the day-long Mayor's Exchange program.



City Engineer Orla McGuire

McGuire, who organized the City Planning Commission and served as its chairman for 22 years, has also been deputy building and zoning administrator in recent years. Wearing his various civic hats, he has donated countless hours attending city council, sewer and water committee and other local meetings. He served as chairman of the 1965 Charter Commission to make DeWitt a city.

Some years back, McGuire persuaded the city to establish Riverside Park, then an untamed piece of property, and got DeWitt Lions to help with its cleanup and development. He was pleasantly surprised a few years ago when the city named the new Main Street park "McGuire Park" in his honor.

The Iowa native and 1928 graduate of the University of Iowa came to Michigan as a district engineer for the State Health Department "Mu

## Township Sets Cleanup Day

**Watertown Charter Township** residents are invited to participate in Township Cleanup Day on May 17th, according to Parks and Recreation Director Tony Sporer.

"In the past our 4-H group has picked up litter along major roadways and our Parks and Recreation Board has spruced up the parks, but this year we are expanding it to any Watertown Township businesses, subdivisions, community organizations or individuals who want to beautify their roadside or property", say Sporer.

Dumpsters will be available from 10:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, May 17, at Looking Glass Valley Park just south of Wacousta. Sporer adds that cleanup efforts should concentrate on areas visible from township roads, and that no household trash will be accepted.

Any group interested in sprucing up any specific area of Watertown Charter Township park system can call Tony Sporer at 626-6593 for more information.

## PTA To Elect Officers May 19

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**SOFTBALL FUND-RAISER:** DeWitt Township softball committee will hold their second anniversary Fifties-Sixties dance Friday, May 16, from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Moose Lodge 2291 on N. 11S-27.

A DJ will provide music while dancers do the stroll, locomotion and limbo. Lip synch and "Biggest Nerd" contest will also be highlights of the softball fund-raiser. Tickets will be \$5 per person. Contact the township office, 482-1291, for further information.

**SPRING CONCERTS:** A concert featuring DeWitt High School's symphonic and stage bands and marking the debut of the DeWitt Community Band will take place Wednesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Jeff Kressler will direct the high school bands and Pat Jackson will direct the community band. There is no admission charge.

The DeWitt High School choir will present their concert the following Wednesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. There will be selections by the choir and several soloists. Again, admission is free.

The DHS stage band will perform at the Capitol Plaza in Lansing from noon until 1 p.m. Thursday, May 29, as part of the daily May musical presentations offered on the capitol grounds by Michigan school bands and choirs.

**SOLEMN COMMUNION:** Forty-two children who had made their First Communion this year took part in the Community of St. Jude's Solemn Communion Celebration Saturday, April 26, at the five o'clock Mass.

First communicants included Benjamin Anderson, Joanna Armstrong, Benjamin Armstrong, Sarah Ballard, Nicole Belknap, Joe Braska, David Brown, Jason Ciaramella, Adam Clark, Aimee Covell, Kaan Davis, Heather Fedewa, Heather Goers, Troy Hagerman, James Harris, Jennifer Kanine, Matthew Klepac, Kyra Keusch, Casey Laughlin and Katy Luethge.

operates at various levels. After setting up their own state and county offices during the one-week legislative program, students carry on the different elective jobs themselves.

Wieferich will attend Boys State at Michigan State University June 12-18.

## CITY COUNCIL NOTES

City Council accepted Bob Peterson's resignation Monday from his post as administrative assistant. Peterson left DeWitt Friday to become city manager of Scottville.

Council approved a new street assessment policy and the first reading of a building code amendment, which updates the cable code from 1983 to 1986 and creates a building board of appeals.

Others were Albert Manas, Daniel Martinez, Jason Mathers, Matt Mathers, Mary Mauro, Paul Maysura, Katie Peacock, Valarie Peaphon, Allison Putz, Lauren Radke, Mike Reed, Michael Roberts, Staci Rodes, Jeremy Rornel, Maureen Ruddy, Tracie Schafer, Russell Smith, Erik Soderberg, Becky Sonalia, Terance Stone, Ross Thelen and Joe Woodruff.

Kevin Platte made the cover illustration for the children's communion program. Hank Lotoszinski and Mary Lou Russell provided guitar music for the Mass, which was said by the pastor, Fr. David Stotenbur. CCD instructors Jack Armstrong, Sr. Mary Antoinette, Bonnie Brya, Penny Byelich, Carol and Paul Platte arranged the First Communion program. A reception followed at the church.

McGuire surprised a few years ago when the city named the new Main Street park "McGuire Park" in his honor.

The Iowa native and 1928 graduate of the University of Iowa came to Michigan as a district engineer for the State Health Department. "My first job here," he recalls, "was setting up a water and sewer system at Camp Grayling."

From the Division of Engineers he moved on to become Chief of Sanitary Bacteriology & Chemistry Division. That was when he and his late wife, Irene, found the 10 acre site on Dill Road, where he still resides and indulges his hobby of catering to area wildlife and baby raccoons in particular.

As the fifth DeWitt Citizen of the Year, McGuire joins Bertha Lennemann, Arthur Newman, Clarence Fuersterau and Willard Reed, who were selected in previous years. The Citizen of the Year Award was established in 1982 to honor individuals who had contributed their time and talents in the city's behalf.

DeWitt High School band will add a festive note when city officials welcome Mayors Exchange visitors from Dundee at 9:30 a.m. next Monday at the fire station. McGuire will be honor guest throughout the day's activities, which will include 12:30 p.m. luncheon at the DeWitt Retreat House, tours of city facilities and dinner at Prairie Creek Golf Club.

## Young Artists Exhibit Work

Art work by DeWitt and Pewamo/Westphalia school students is being featured this week through Saturday, May 17, at Clinton County Arts Council Gallery and Gift Shop.

Bath students and St. Johns Junior High and elementary students will show their art work from May 18 through May 24, with a reception being held Sunday, May 18, from 1-5 p.m.

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The nominating committee has presented the following slate of officers: president, Joyce Spangler; 1st vice president, Sue Rippy; 2nd vice president, Kelly Mader; 3rd vice president, David Goff; secretary, Sarah Swan; and treasurer, Barbara Clark. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

## Shopping Spree Tickets Available

DeWitt Schools Booster Club is sponsoring their second annual \$500 Shopping Spree at DeWitt Shop-Rite as a fund-raiser for DeWitt High School girl's varsity and JV basketball teams.

Tickets at \$5 each can be purchased from any of the BB team members, coach Carol Christy (DeWitt Middle School, 669-2280); or Booster vice president Audrey Fabus, 669-3017.

The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at DeWitt Shop-Rite.

Air conditioning: organized climate.

## Student Craftsmen Take State Awards

DeWitt industrial education students brought home more than their share of awards from the Michigan Industrial Education Society's state convention held in Traverse City May 2 - 3, including two first places, two second places and three fourth places.

Both first and second place in the Graphic Relief Printing category went to DeWitt student entries. Mark Alverson earned a first place for the 1986 DHS embossed blue and gold commencement program cover; Chad Feltenberger received second place for the 1986 "Annie" musical program.

DeWitt's class project, mass producing 20 rocking horses, won first place as a Woodworking Group project. A Group Project second place was awarded the program which DHS students has printed for the MIES regional fair held the previous weekend at DeWitt High School.

Fourth places included Scott Seifert's DeWitt Follies program and Tom McComb's weightlifting record chart. Also earning a fourth place in Woodworking Models was eighth grader Scott Rathburn's wooden truck.

David Vaughn's MIES regional fair ribbon tops took fifth place; MIES presidential reception invitations by Matt Wilson, eighth place; Feltenberger's 1985 commencement programs 10th place.

Industrial ed instructor Ray Unger was elated to have so many top finishers since there were "3,319 entries from high schools in all classes from 18 regions all over the state."

Interestingly enough, Unger said, Region 8 which includes DeWitt produced two of the 11 divisional grand awards at state level. Two entries which had earned Regional Best of Show ribbons at the DeWitt fair - a pictorial machine assembly drawing of a Mazda car by Jeff Caron of Charlotte and a computerized robot by Jae Son of Okemos - were grand award winners in Traverse City.

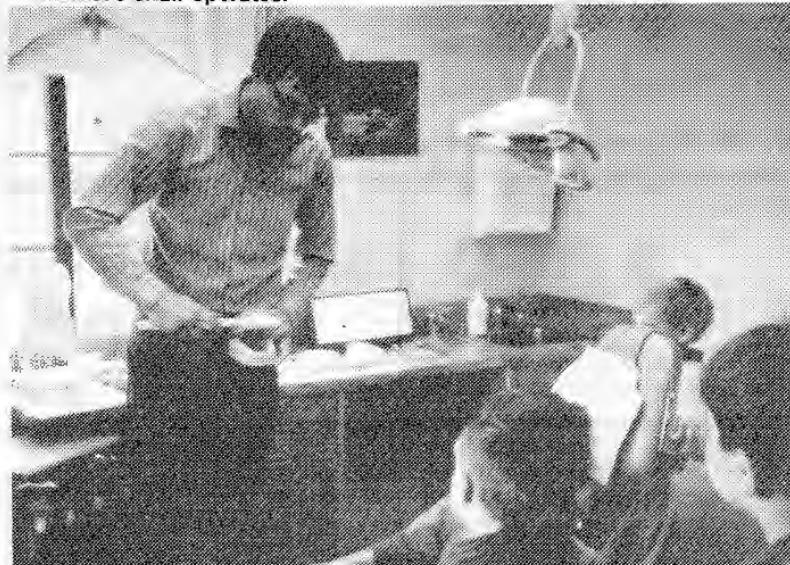
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## CLASSES TOUR DENTAL OFFICES



Here, Mindy Arney, Kelly Bourbon, Krissi Meyers and Sara Mendez watch as dental hygienist Theresa Wood shows Bailey Dalman how the dentist's chair operates.



## Along the Looking Glass

Dorcas Circle of Redeemer United Methodist Church will meet in the Round Lake Rd. home of Margaret Witt on Tuesday, May 13. Debbie Dowling will hold the Priscilla Circle meeting in her Herbison Rd. home Wednesday morning, May 14. Faith Circle's meeting will be with Shar Dell, Westbrook Drive, on Wednesday, May 14, at 7:30 pm.

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Art Newman is Poppy Day Chairman for DeWitt American Legion post. Poppies will sold in the DeWitt business area Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 15-16-17, with profits going to assist needy veterans.

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The May 14 meeting of DeWitt Newcomers & Friends will include a cooking demonstration at Chi-Chi's on West Saginaw in Lansing. Club members will also be given a tour of the restaurant's kitchen. There will be a charge of \$5.25 per person. Members needing more information should contact program vice-president, Stevie Bovee at 669-8166.

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## DEWITT CITY P & R

Tennis Clinic - 3 hr. session to be May 18, 4-7 p.m. at City Courts. Free. Tips on Conditioning, tennis etc. Pre-register, City Hall - 669-2441 by May 16.

Amusement Parks  
Discount Tickets on Sale  
at DeWitt City Hall.

### DeWitt City P & R Volleyball Standings

#### WEEK OF MAY 2 TEAM RECORD

Ball Movements	38-7
The "A" Team	38-7
Riverwood Rage	32-13
Plumbers & Pipe. 1	30-15
S. Balls	28-17
Tower Power	26-19
B. Busters	24-21
B. Makers	23-22
Flying Dutchmen	21-24
Intercepts	21-24
Notre Dame	20-25
Spartans	20-25
T.G.I.F.'S	20-25
Bullets	19-26
Gold Standard	18-27
Ziel's Zappers	17-28
B. Strokers	7-38
Plumbers & Pipe. 2	6-39

Things ain't what they used to be and probably never was. - Will Rogers



Dr. Schoonover shows one group tooth brushing techniques with large size model teeth and brush.



John Braska, Charlie Dunn, Brad Zielaskowski and BJ Johnson, left to right, use mirrors and explorers to check sample sets of teeth.

The four Scott School kindergarten classes rounded out study of their health unit with hands-on experience in the downtown DeWitt dental office of William Schoonover, DOS.

Accompanied by teachers Barbara Hanes and Michelle Montgomery, the children broke up into small groups to test the dental chair, practice brushing on a giant model tooth, and see the various processes done in the dentist's quarters.

"The neat part of the four tours," Montgomery

information should contact program vice-president, Stevie Bovee at 669-8166.

Membership in DeWitt Newcomers & Friends is open to all DeWitt area women. Anyone interested in learning more about the club may contact president Cindy Oltman, 669-5500.

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Grandparents Against Child Abuse will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18 at Redeemer United Methodist Church.

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Newly elected officers of St. Jude Women's Association are: Jackie Urbain who will serve her second year as president; Bonnie Brya, vice president; Lindy Wilberding, secretary, and Evelyn Powell, treasurer.

Just when you think you've graduated from the school of experience, somebody comes up with a new course.

said, "was that it wasn't a lecture-type lesson, but a chance for the children to ask questions and handle the equipment."

## EXTENSION CALENDAR

MAY 12..... 4-H Fair Board Meeting

8:00, Conference Room

MAY 12..... "Employment Opportunities with Michigan", 1:30, Lansing

MAY 13... 4-H Softball Coaches Meeting, 7:30, Smith Hall



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### Along The Looking Glass

**LION OFFICERS:** DeWitt Lions Breakfast Club has a new slate of officers who will take over for the 1986-87 year.

Steve Garrett was elected president; Hank Furman, first vice president; Ken Schelb, second vice president; Jim Kraft, third vice president.

Keith Davis will be treasurer; Clay Parker, secretary; Doug Simons, tail twister; Don Hengesh and Wally Marriott, trustees for a two-year term; Herb Ritter and Mel Rademacher, trustees for one year. Outgoing president Tom Doyle will serve as lion tamer.

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATE:** Denise Baird who revived the DeWitt PTA last year, has announced that she will be a write-in candidate for the school board in the June election. More on this later.

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DeWitt Business Association members will hold their monthly meeting at noon Wednesday, May 21, at Foo Ying Restaurant.

DeWitt Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 30, will hold a salad luncheon on Tuesday, May 20, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DeWitt Masonic Temple 118 N

### DBA Invites Circus to Town

The circus will be in town Wednesday, July 9, courtesy of DeWitt Business Association.

Al G. Kelly Miller Bros. Circus, Ltd. from Oklahoma will come to downtown DeWitt to entertain for the entire day.

### DDA LOGO CONTEST DEADLINE IS JUNE 2

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### Food Bank Donors

## SHOPPING SPREE TICKETS



DeWitt High School junior Kari Lusty, left, sells one of the Boosters Shopping Spree tickets to her sister, Sherri Moyer of Lansing. Kari is one of 23 members of DHS girls varsity and junior varsity basketball teams who are salespersons this month for the \$5 tickets.

Funds raised from the shopping spree will assist the players to attend summer basketball camp. Tickets may be purchased from any team members, Coach Carol Christy (Middle School phys ed teacher, 669-2280), or DeWitt Schools Booster Club vice president Audrey Fabus, 669-3017.

The winning ticket will be decided Saturday, May 31, in a drawing to be held at 1 pm at DeWitt Shop-Rite. The winner will receive a five-minute or \$500 shopping spree at Shop-Rite.

**Stirfry Meals Cut Calories**

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Kenneth Stevens, son of Ken and Carol Stevens, Airport Rd., and Jeanne Marriott, daughter of Wally and Kitty Marriott, Schavey Rd., graduated in the May 3 commencement exercises held at Central Michigan University.

Stevens, who graduated Magna Cum Laude, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Marriott's Bachelor of Science degree was in Sports Medicine.

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The Women's Society of Hope Lutheran Church held their Fun Nite and installation of officers Monday, May 12. Members met for 7 p.m. dinner at the Peachtree and then returned to the church for installation ceremonies.

Cheryl Pugsley was installed as vice president and Kay Salas as secretary. Leslie Mull continues as president and Kathy Popoff, treasurer, on alternating two-year terms of office.

luncheon on Tuesday, May 20, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DeWitt Masonic Temple, 118 N. Bridge.

Menu includes salads, hot muffins and hot drink. Cost is \$3 per person.

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Senior high youth held their 1986 Rock-A-Thon at Redeemer United Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17, until 8:30 a.m. Sunday, May 18. The youth gave 75 percent of the money pledged to Ronald McDonald House and 25 percent to the proposed Youth Room in the planned new building.

Redeemer Junior High Youth will hold a field day Sunday, May 22 at Mark McComb's on West River Dr., from 3 to 6 p.m.

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A TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club is currently getting underway in DeWitt. New members are most welcome.

Brief meetings are Wednesday evenings at DeWitt Memorial Building with weigh-in time at 6:30 pm.

Sign on front of a second-hand plumbing fixture shop run by Mr. Carr: Honest Carr, the Used John Dealer.



DeWitt second grade Brownie Troop 237 brought food to their weekly meetings for an entire month in order to donate the collected canned and boxed foods to the Clinton County Community Services for their Emergency Food Bank. The food is distributed to low income and fixed income families.

Left to right, back row, are: Carrie Jones, Kelly Shooltz, Shannon Armstrong, Karen Brown, Staci Gordan, and Heather Reed.

Front row, left to right: Kyra Keusch, Amy Reedy, Cassie Kerton, Stacy Hicks, Brandie Banks and Holly VanderWoude. Not present for the picture were Amanda Lynn and Kristin Lanier.

Leaders for the troop, which meets at 3:30 Friday afternoon at Scott Elementary School, are Cindy Reed and Sharon VanderWoude.



## Stirfry Meals Cut Calories

Stirfry cooking is a delicious way to cut down on calories and food dollars. This fast nutritious way of cooking is the perfect way to prepare light meals for spring and summer get togethers.

On Friday, May 23, the Cooperative Extension Service will be demonstrating a variety of new stirfry cooking recipes at Smith Hall in St. Johns. The class will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. All of the recipes demonstrated can be taste-tested.

There is a \$2.00 registration fee for this class. Pre-registration is required. To register contact the Cooperative Extension Service by May 21.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, May 21 - Choir concert, DeWitt High School, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day

Thursday, May 29 - DHS stage band performs, Capitol Plaza, Noon - 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 29 - DeWitt High School Honors Assembly, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 31 - DeWitt School Boosters Club Shopping Spree Drawing, 1 p.m. at DeWitt Shop-Rite.

Monday, June 2 - Deadline for DeWitt DDA (Downtown Development Association) logo contest.

Monday, June 9 - Baccalaureate Ceremony, DeWitt High School.

Tuesday, June 10 - Commencement Exercises, DeWitt High School

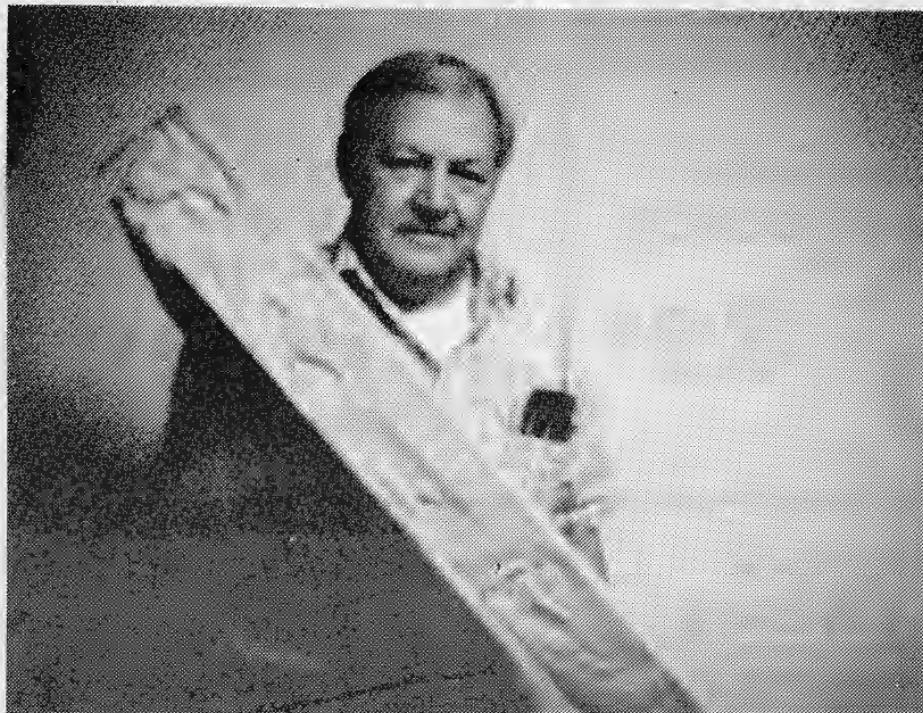


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### WOODCARVINGS DISPLAYED IN DOWNTOWN DEWITT

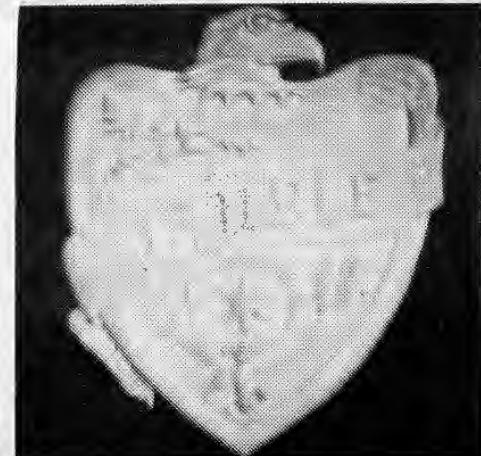


Chuck Ruble holds the 8 foot mantelpiece on which he is carving nature designs.

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The family crest designed by Chuck Ruble.



Wood carvings of various sizes and themes on display in the Willard Reed Agency.

#### OPEN HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Molly Ruble recognizes the fact that her husband "does good work" and thinks that "he doesn't appreciate the quality of his own carving".

Varied specimens of Chuck Ruble's carving, as well as pieces done by his brothers, Pete who lives on Cherry Lane, and Karl of Webb Road, are currently on display in the front window of the Willard Reed Agency on Main Street, DeWitt.

One of the larger exhibited carvings, Ruble's family crest, won third place ribbon and a smaller caricature of a baseball player, a second place, at the International Woodcarving Festival held in Windsor, Ont.

Ruble designed the crest using a sickle and wheat (from the Ruble family crest which dates back to Swiss and later, German farmers), Americanizing it with an American eagle outline and carving the Ruble name, ribbon-fashion, across the emblem.

Ruble was a charter member of the Grand Ledge Woodcarvers Club a decade or so ago, starting it with the late Burr Parker, and still finds the club meeting "relaxing". He was an active member of Historic DeWitt Arts and Crafts Club, "But not active enough, I guess," he says with a wry smile, referring to the organization's demise for lack of members.

The largest project Ruble has tackled is a utilitarian one - carefully carving wildlife nature scenes of his own selection on a mantel which will grace his living room fireplace. On the 8 foot x 8" x 4" length of basswood, he has carved, to date, an eagle, deer, duck, rabbit, fish, owl, moose, pine tree, Indian paddling a canoe, and a grizzly bear just rounding one curved corner. On one of the two mantle supports, he's begun carving the head of a bearded old man.

Chuck and Molly took the mantelpiece and some of his other carvings to display at Woldumar Nature Center's annual pancake breakfast on the last Sunday of April. They don't attend too many shows, other than Woldumar and Windsor, but have managed to plan their vacations around woodworking destinations for the last five or six years.

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The couple spent time last summer touring the National Carvers Museum north of Colorado Springs, CO. They have traveled to Canada a couple of times to admire fine workmanship in the 30 or 40 shops at St. Jean Port Joli, Quebec, which is known as the woodcarving capital of North America.

Over the years Ruble has gathered his Swiss-made carving tools fashioned of fine steel. As he slips each delicate knife or chisel from its slot in the case, he can tell you just where he brought it or had it made.

How did he get into woodcarving? He took a term or two of woodcarving classes at Lansing Community College and has attended some classes given by various other teachers.

A graphic art designer for the Michigan Department of Transportation's Bureau of Aeronautics, Ruble is blessed with artistic talent which enhances his work. Perhaps that is why he's such an admirer of other people's fine work and has collected miniature ducks fashioned by other craftsmen.

Ruble is pleased that his handicraft has influenced several other family members to take up woodcarving. When their parents died, his younger brothers Karl and Pete came to live with Chuck and Molly as teen-agers. Both graduated from DeWitt High School, as did Ruble's two sons, Steve and Dan. Karl began carving three or four years ago; Pete took up carving last winter.

Steve, who lives in Lexington, KY, has also taken up his father's woodcarving hobby. So have two of Chuck Ruble's brothers, who reside in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

An interesting selection of carvings from the nimble fingers of the three local Ruble brothers will remain at the Reed Agency through the end of May. Selections of Chuck Ruble and Arnold Korte's wood carvings are also displayed at Capital City Airport.

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#### DEWITT AREA BLOOD DRIVE

You are invited to a DeWitt Area Blood Drive. Tuesday, May 27 from 12:30 to 6:15 pm at DeWitt Memorial Building, 206 West Washington, DeWitt.

#### OPEN HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT

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The honored guests will be Donald R. Powell, Elementary Principal, who is retiring after 18 years of service; Margaret Kowalk, Middle School Teacher for the past 22 years, and John Schultz, Middle School Custodian with 16 years of service.

The open house will be held in the Scott School Cafeteria from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, 1986.

JOHN SCHULTZ: John Schultz retired on May 5, after 16 years of providing custodial services to the DeWitt Public Schools. He worked as a skilled carpenter prior to his employment in the school system, a background that helped him provide additional services to the middle school staff and students. He built the tables for the computer lab, repaired furniture, and built the computer desk for the middle school office, podiums, bookcases, and managed the countless repair jobs that occur in a school situation.

Mr. Schultz plans to spend time on his favorite hobby, golf, and to get back into the business of building things.

MARGARET KOWALK: Margaret was born and raised in Iowa, until moving to Ohio when she was in the 10th grade. She attended Bowling Green State University, where she majored in Home Economics and minored in Biology. Of the four girls in her family, three of them became teachers. After graduation in 1942, she taught in Elmore, Ohio. From 1944-46, she worked as a lab technician at Sun Oil Refineries in Toledo, as part of the female labor force picking up the jobs formerly held by the nations soldiers.

Mrs. Kowalk earned her elementary education teaching certification in 1958, after taking time out to raise her family. She returned to teach in Lott School, a one-room school house which was located on the corner of E. Howe and Wood Street. Later, she taught at Hurd and Valley Farms Schools before coming to DeWitt in 1964. In her teaching career, she has taught all levels of students from kindergarten to seniors in high school. Mrs. Kowalk has been a sixth grade teacher in the Middle School for most of the years that she has been in DeWitt.

Mrs. Kowalk intends to do volunteer work after she retires on June 13. She is already planning to become active in the Michigan Education Association-Retired, an organization which is composed of retired school employees and which remains active in the decision-making processes of the Michigan Education Association.