



DATELINE: DeWitt

November 5, 1984

Stories and Photos By Kitty Marriott

Young Artists Show Work

When the Michigan Art Education Association convenes at Kellogg Center on the MSU campus Thursday through Saturday, November 8-9-10, art pieces from DeWitt High School students will be on display.

Art instructor Sonja Cornell has selected ceramics, drawings and paintings from her classes for the exhibit. Contributing student artists include Angie Cowan, Dawn Felton, Dave Haggerty, Jody Hanson, Jon Holland, Dawn Kelly, Mark Proctor, Lisa Rice, Chris Schrauben, Jeff Simmer, Joel Szczepaniak, Barb Trierweiler and Bill Witt.

Concurrently, Angie Cowan, Jody Hanson and Barb Trierweiler will display pieces at the university's Kresge Art Museum, where Mrs. Cornell will also show three of her paintings.

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Patience is something you admire greatly

IDEAS WIN TWO PRIZES

Two state employees from DeWitt each received top awards of \$1,000 for their ideas to improve state government.

Kathleen Popoff, who is a bookkeeping supervisor in the Michigan State Department of Transportation, earned the \$1,000 award for her idea changing the way energy charges are calculated. The state expects to save \$10,165 in the first year of its implementation.

Helene L. Schmidtchen, a calculations clerk with the Michigan State Treasury Department, suggested scanning "paid prior" tax returns for errors and partial payments. Her idea is expected to save \$293,241 the first year.

"My father and I had words this morning," said a small child, "but I didn't get to use mine."

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PRESCHOOL TO SELL STUFFED ANIMALS



Teacher Stephanie Knapp is surrounded by costumed small charges at Halloween Party.

With the holidays approaching, DeWitt Cooperative Preschool families have embarked on yet another fund raising venture. They'll be selling stuffed animals, which double as hand puppets, for the younger set, according to DCP president Bettina Brander.

Co op members have been leasing a portable building, in which classes are now conducted, from DeWitt Charter Township with the option to buy. However, the contract calls for them to move the building, now located at 768 Wieland next door to the township fire station, by summer of 1985.

Parents have been conducting ongoing projects to raise money so that they can purchase an appropriate parcel of land for the preschool within the specified time period. The preschool now operates five days a week with Stephanie Knapp as the certified teacher and member parents serving as teachers aides.

For information on the stuffed animal sale or the preschool, call 463-2111.

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Lake Geneva Property Owners Association will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, November 8, at 7 p.m. at DeWitt High School.

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DeWitt Chapter 30, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Thursday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

The chapter installed the following new officers at the last meeting: worthy matron, Jennifer Snider; worthy patron, Marion Merrill; associate matron, Myrna Hallman; associate patron, Charles Hallman; conductress, Lucinda Brandon; associate conductress, Marie Lawrence.

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DeWitt Township Parks and Recreation Commission announces that 51 displays will be ready for the fourth annual Fall Arts and Crafts Sale at DeWitt Township Hall, 4700 Brook Rd. (near US-27 and State Rd.), from 6 - 9 p.m. Friday, November 9, and from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, November 10.

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DeWitt Community Church board of missions will sponsor the annual Thanksgiving Potluck at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 13. Questions may be directed to chairman Rob Klan or to the church office.

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The art gallery exhibit sponsored by Historic DeWitt Arts and Crafts Council continues this weekend at DeWitt Shopping Center. Council members and invited artists will offer a wide variety of gifts for sale and crafts demonstrations will be given.

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Exhibit hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday November 8 - 9 - 10, 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, November 11, until 5 p.m.



three of her paintings.

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For information on the stuffed animal sale or the preschool operation, contact vice president Linda Vernon, 669-9227.



SEVENTH GRADERS SHARE WEEK'S CAMP EXPERIENCES

The troops are all back in classes at DeWitt Middle School this morning, but they'll long carry the memories of last week's Seventh Grade Camp Experience.

Last Monday 138 students boarded buses to attend DeWitt's 16th annual camp program. It took one bus alone to haul the camping gear to the two camp areas, Noonday and Long Lake, at Yankee Spring Outdoor Center near Hastings.

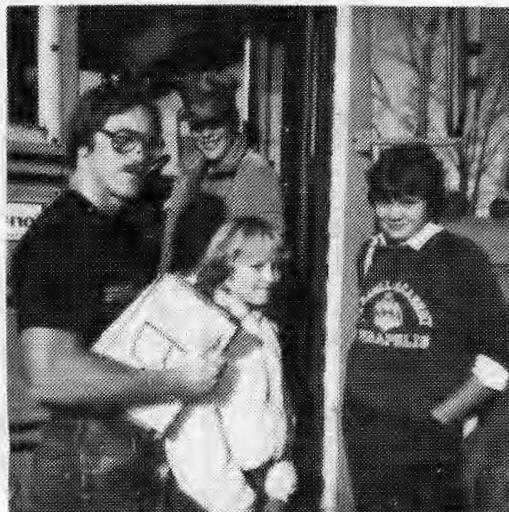
Middle School instructors Leila Whitinger and Don Sasse were camp directors. Whitinger, who has been with the program since its inception, recalls that the first camp in 1969 had 76 campers, six teachers, two cooks and one high school student. This year's entourage included 13 teachers, 13 high school student counselors, two nurses and four cooks.



Counselor Stacy Stedron, center, holds up an activity card so that the dozen or so students assigned to her can rally round. Julie Hayes, left, and Chris Leslie carry some of the lighter gear they will carry aboard the bus.

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Each year the class must be licensed by the State of Michigan, securing a resident children's camp license from the Department of Social Services Children's Camping Division. Reveille is at 7:45 a.m. and taps at 9:45 p.m. each camp day. Cabin and camp cleanup and inspection follow breakfast, after which classes



Camp co-director Don Sasse, left, checks in Jeff Church, Shari Niska and Kellie Allen as they board one of the buses.

in geology, orienteering, art, social studies, communication skills and dancing fit compactly in, as well as lunch, dinner and some free time.

Math class teaches such practical lessons as learning to use a compass; botany and science can be handily taught in the nature setting. An advantage of camp instruction is the fact that there are only 12 pupils per class.

Teachers, in addition to the two directors, were Bob Elliott, Rafe Davis, Jim Jewett, Sally McBride, Machelle Ballard, Kelly Mader, Randy Smith, Alice Nasrey, Jay Huber, Bob Masacek, and student teacher Karen Datto. Nurses Lois Pitchford and Judy Gibbs handled health problems, while Norma Ferguson, JoAnn McCormick, Maggie Kirchen, and Kathy Walter prepared three squares daily for the campers' hearty outdoor appetites.

DeWitt High School student counselors included Roger Pline, Jay Foresman, Nat Robison, Patti Bond, Peggy Ryan, Sherri Smith, Kevin Boyd, Andy Draper, Russell Pline, Mark Peterson, Stacy Stedron, Kris Lape, and Tom Smith.

Campers left shortly after 9 a.m. Monday, sharing camp and learning experience through the week, and breaking camp Friday morning to board noon buses for return to DeWitt.



Seventh graders Gary Branch and Susan Williams, left, line up in front of DeWitt Middle School with Counselors Russell Pline and Mark Peterson.

Women's Association To Hold Bazaar

This week is countdown time for the Community of St. Jude, as Women's Association members hustle through last minute preparations for their annual bazaar. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, November 10.

Chris Borys and Brenda Hall are co-chairing the bazaar. St. Jude youth group will use their artistic talents at a Face Painting Booth for youngsters. Seton Circle is sponsoring the Pickpocket and Audrey Fabus has charge of the Cookie Walk.

In the Country Kitchen Dee Robertson will monitor kitchen-y products from home-made foods to aprons and decorative items. Kay Zuzelski and Evelyn Powell are handling the Christmas Crafts Booth, while Jackie Urbain and Ginny Ramirez will listen to childish shrieks of joy at the Doll Booth.

Ruth Pline has been gathering goodies for the Curiosity Shop and Bev Nichols will supervise Religious Articles. St. Peter and Paul Circle will feature live plants, flowers and seasonal dried arrangements in the Floral Area. Other bazaar offerings will include Phyllis



Leslie Wilberding, left, admires the hand-crafted wooden cradle, as Chris Borys, bazaar co-chairwoman looks on.

Women's Association president Betty Putz will oversee the luncheon menu. This year's luncheon special will be soup, sandwich, pie and beverage for \$2.50. Cinnamon rolls and coffee will be served to early birds from 9 to 10 a.m. Handmade raffle prizes include a quilt, afghan, wall hanging, wooden rocking horse and doll cradle, in addition to

LET'S GET OUT AND VOTE!

VOTE

LOCAL SLATES

DEWITT CITY

MAYOR

William E. Drouin

LYNN E. THAYER

COUNCIL

Gerald I. Gabrion

Virginia L. Martlew

DEWITT TWP.

SUPERVISOR

Charles Frank Mann

CLERK

Gregory Whitlock (R)

Judy Hazel (D)

TREASURER

HIGH SCHOOL BEGINS NCA EVALUATION

DeWitt High School has initiated a North Central Association evaluation program.

According to Principal Fred Goers, "DeWitt High School was last evaluated in 1977. The NCA requires each member school to undertake a comprehensive evaluation once during each seven-year cycle, as a major impetus for school improvement."

The phases of the evaluation, he said, are: "First we analyze the school's community and determine precisely what are the school's goals and purposes. Then we study our program and procedures to see how carefully we are meeting those goals. During the evaluation, every aspect of the school will be reviewed—student activities, personnel services, instructional materials, staff, physical facilities, financial support and control. The evaluation will result in suggestions for changes that will help the school do an even better job of educating our students."

Goers estimates that the total self-evaluation will take from 9 to 12 months. Faculty reports from various subcommittees will summarize the strengths and weaknesses of each segment of the school.

To impart additional objectivity to the process, the school will then be revisited by a team of educators from outside the district. These educators volunteer their time and services; they are teachers and administrators from other NCA schools, university personnel, and state department of education representatives.

The principal added, "During their visit, the team members will confer with students, teachers, and parents and will study the materials the school has prepared in this self-study. The team's report will offer its conclusions regarding the strengths and limitations of the school's program."

Goers said that there then begins "the most important phase of the entire process. This is the time when the staff reviews the recommendations contained in both the self-study and the team's report, and devise a schedule of planned steps that will implement

flowers and seasonal dried arrangements in the Floral Area. Other bazaar offerings will include Phyllis Henning's Calligraphy Booth and the Sew Shop.

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Kitty Korner

DeWitt Lioness Club moved in a new direction last month, inviting the neighboring Bath Lioness Club members to attend their regular meeting and program. This should pave the way for future reciprocal meetings, opines president Fran Graves.

This Thursday, November 8, DeWitt Lioness members will visit the Mid-Michigan Center for the Blind as a field trip meeting. The center is a non-profit operation set up to supply visually impaired or persons who have failing eyesight with aids to help them function in daily life. In addition to Braille and large print publications, the center has some 6,000 items to assist blind persons, including talking clocks and a variety of electronic gadgets.

The center, in Room 702, Plaza Travelers Lodge (formerly the Olds Plaza Hotel across from the state capitol), is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Others are welcome to join the Lioness Club on this field trip at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

After enjoying a five-week leave here, Monte and Karil Tahvonen are back on the island of Crete, where he's stationed with the United States Air Force. Their visit home gave Emil and Alberta Tahvonen, Tucker Drive; Elmer Warner, Tucker Drive; and Dee Warner, Grand Ledge, an opportunity to get acquainted with their new granddaughter, six-month-old Sarah. Monte will be reassigned to the United States in July.

TO D.H.	MANUFACTURED
Lynn E. Thayer	CLERK
COUNCIL	Gregory Whitlock (R)
Gerald I. Gabrion	Judy Hazel (D)
Virginia L. Martlew	TREASURER
Don J. Steavens	Alta Catherine Reed (R)
James C. Ryan, Jr.	Eileen Corr (D)
Daniel H. Bourbon	TRUSTEES
Michael D. Brown	Charles Rademacher
	Douglas Hammond
	Michael Verlinde
	Bruce Angell II

Members of the DeWitt High School marching band are a bit excited these days, as they, their parents and band director Jeff Kressler make preliminary plans for a spring break trip to Florida March 31 - April 6.

They're mulling over various schemes to help them finance the bus excursion to Orlando, and are already scheduled to perform in the April 2 Electrical Parade at Disney World and at Sea World the following day.

Sorry! Kitty Korner has been revisiting the past. Prices we gave last week for luminaria candles date back to 1982 --- and the DeWitt Lioness Club now sponsors the Christmas custom as one of their fund-raising projects.

Corrected 1984 prices are: ten candles and bags to cover 100 feet of frontage, \$2; 200 feet of frontage, \$4; 300 feet of frontage, \$6.

Another luminaria contact person for Webb Road and Ro Dic Don Subdivision is Doris Cox, 669-9340. For further luminaria information, call Vi Pennington, 669-3587.

A canny Maine farmer was approached by a stranger one day and asked how much he thought his prize Jersey cow was worth. The farmer thought for a moment, looked the stranger over, then asked: "Are you the tax assessor or has she been killed by your car?"

"In a mere half-century, movies have gone from silent to unspeakable." - Doug Larson

Goers said that there then begins the most important phase of the entire process. This is the time when the staff reviews the recommendations contained in both the self-study and the team's report, and devise a schedule of planned steps that will implement the needed improvements." He summarized by saying, "The evaluation process involves a great deal of work by many people, but the rewards are equally great."

The North Central Association, the nation's largest regional accrediting agency, is a voluntary association of 5,000 schools and 900 colleges and universities in a nineteen-state region. Its members seek to improve the quality of education at all levels through a program of accreditation and evaluation.

"There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage." -James Holt McGavran



Everybody Loves a Clown....

So thought Jean Royer, left, of Airport Road, who attended Tuesday's Tri-County Nutrition Luncheon in costume with her companion, Ruth McGuire, center, of Elsie. Disguised at right as - you guessed it! - a clown is Pat DeYoung, coordinator for the local program.

WELCOME

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CHRISTMAS AID

DeWitt Community Christmas Project is moving into seasonal action once again, in its annual effort to see that no local family goes without assistance at Christmas.

For more than a quarter of a century, the program has enlisted local clubs, organizations, churches, schools and individuals to provide for those who are less fortunate.

Bertha Lennemann, who has worked with the Christmas Project through the years (sure, and aren't all the boxes filled in the large Lennemann basement?), remembers that there was too much duplication of effort before the project was organized. In those days with all the organizations working independently, one family might receive several Christmas baskets while another received none at all.

Nowadays, the Christmas Community Project distributes food, clothing, and toys to persons in need throughout the community. From the Lions Club, who investigate the family needs, to school children who bring in canned goods, everyone gets into the act.

If you are aware of a needy family, a shut-in or senior citizen living in the DeWitt School District, who may be missed in the Christmas rush, please contact Bertha Lennemann, 669-3127, or Audrey Fabus, 669-3017.



Lorraine Lavey, left, and Vi Pennington prepare paper bags and candles for the holiday luminaria program which DeWitt Lioness Club is sponsoring.



CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT

When Laveys moved here from Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1973, Lorraine Lavey introduced her Lake Geneva neighbors to the luminaria custom. According to tradition, Luminaria, lighting the streets with candlelight, symbolizes the bonfires of the shepherds who made their way to the manger in Bethlehem.

Early Spanish settlers in New Mexico built bonfires of crisscrossed pinon boughs in three foot squares as the luminariae. Later, when Yankee traders bought brown paper sacks down the Sante Fe Trail, the modern luminaria developed. Today, candles are set in small white paper sacks, the sacks anchored with sand, along the edge of the grass or road at 10 foot intervals. A dozen local people were listed several weeks ago from whom you can order luminaria supplies for your yard or frontage. Vi Pennington, 669-3587 is contact person for the City of DeWitt. Orders must be in by December 1.

DID YOU KNOW

That DeWitt was the county seat of Clinton for about 20 years...there are five old cemeteries in DeWitt area but once there were 10...a bill once passed state Senate making DeWitt the state capital...there once was a town on the south side of the Looking Glass River with sawmill, gristmill, hotel, stores, cabinetmakers, barrelmakers, blacksmiths, a brewery, doctor and lawyer...the first schoolhouse in Clinton County was at Schavey and Howe roads...that many Indians in the area did not leave willingly but by military force????

All that and more is documented in the DeWitt Area History Series available from the Faye Hanson Public Library, 204 W. Washington St., DeWitt. Printed as a sesquicentennial project, the series has more than 300 pages of text plus photos of DeWitt and parts of Riley, Olive and Watertown townships.

Printed in 13 volumes and written by Kenneth Coin, the books sell for \$2 each or all 13 for \$22. Proceeds go to the library, which is

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MEMORIAL STADIUM

Half-time ceremonies during the Nov. 2 DeWitt-Bath football game marked the official dedication of DeWitt Memorial Stadium.

Newcomers to the community may be unaware that, before the handsome stadium was built on the high school grounds a decade ago, loyal DeWitt fans trudged down the hill behind Fuerstenau School to the old football field near the river. Once there, they either perched on the few stands available or stood along the sidelines to cheer their DeWitt Panthers on to victory.

School Superintendent Stephen Garrett and Board of Education members participated in the stadium dedication with Board President Tom Kamppinen introducing the program. The plaque reads: "This facility is dedicated Nov. 2, 1984 in memory of the following community members." The names of Evart Stevens and Gary Challiss have been inscribed on it.

Bill Schaar recalled the achievements of Stevens, former DeWitt High School teacher who died in 1983. Stevens was a teacher in DeWitt from 1969-77; track coach, 1971-1977; school board member, 1978-1982; school board president, 1980-82.

Dave Harfst commented on the brief career of Gary Challiss, who was killed in a 1984 auto accident. A 1982 DeWitt High School graduate, he earned six varsity letters; three in track and three in football, receive all-county and all-league football recognition, was an all-state track performer in shot-put and holds the school shot-put record.

Jim Osborn made the closing remarks, pointing out that in future years, other community members will be memorialized and their names added to the plaque.

"It's hard to say who brags more, the reformed smoker or the guy whose car get 30 miles to the gallon." -James Alexander

When the United States finally adopts the metric system, some of our language may have to be revised. For instance: A miss is as good as 1.6 kilometers.

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HARVEST DAYS



Heavy farm machinery can be seen in many of the local fields, as farmers, many working with lights far into the night, hasten to harvest their corn before winter weather sets in.

But this is nostalgia time too, for many farmers or transplanted farmers, who notice an uncommon sight, the three long rows of corn shocks in a field on Howe Road near Norris Road. Ronald Henning, who leans to the old-time way of farming, pulls a corn picker behind his tractor which plucks the ears from the stalks, depositing them in the wagon. (see photos)

Much modern farming is now done with combines, harvesting and threshing the grain right on the field, Henning says. Although he has grain-filled silos to provide feed for his dairy cows, he likes to pick the ears of corn and dry them the natural way in his corn cribs.

Why the tall shocks of corn? Just because Henning likes to do some of it that way too. He handcut the stalks with a corn knife before placing the bundles in shocks.

Back in the days when shocked corn was an ordinary sight instead of being a novelty, Henning recalls that the typical Halloween prank was for neighborhood boys to haul the shocks of corn into town and set them up across the main streets.

His corn picker looks like modern equipment, Henning says, compared to the antique corn husker, corn binder, and other horse-drawn equipment which he still owns.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEWITT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DeWitt, Michigan

1983 - 1984

Statistical, financial and narrative reports of the of the DeWitt Public Schools of Clinton County as required by Act 269, Public Acts of 1955 and Act 287, Public Acts of 1964.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Appraisal Value of School Property
Value of buildings & land
Value of equipment

1982-83 1983-84
\$15,156,475 \$14,743,793
1,714,952 2,082,030
16,871,428 16,825,823

Number of buildings
Number of teaching stations
Number of resident pupils, K-12
Number of non-resident pupils, K-12
Number of full time students, K-12
Number of adult-equated membership
Total equated students
Teachers salaries - per schedule
Minimum BA
Maximum BA
Minimum MA
Maximum MA

5 5
95 95
1,736 1,736
0 0
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0 0
1,736 1,736
14,137 14,971
22,973 24,328
15,403 16,312
26,006 27,540

Total salaries for classroom teachers
Number of classroom teachers
Number of professional (certified) personnel

1,655,128 1,816,374
72 74
82 84

GENERAL FUND

Comparative Balance Sheet for Fiscal Year - Ended June 30

Assets
Cash
Petty Cash
Taxes Receivable
Accounts Receivable
Due from other funds
Inventory
Investments
Bus Costs - Net of Amortization

1983 1984
167,136 88,681
400 400
12,772 0
208,182 25,349
80,115 5,422
11,273 13,940
600,000 900,000
72,207 98,875

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities
Accounts Payable
Due to other funds
Payroll Deductions/Withholdings
Salaries Payable
Other Liabilities

65,230 22,702
4,765 10,000
0 19,445
123,163 116,625
12,171 10,511

TOTAL LIABILITIES

205,329 179,283

Liabilities
Reserves and Fund Balance
Bus Fleet and Inventory

1983 1984
914,549 887,881
72,207 93,875

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

\$ 986,756 953,384

GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

Revenue
Local Sources
General Fund Property Tax Levy
Other Local Revenue

1983 1984
\$2,196,413 2,229,656
115,961 143,967
TOTAL LOCAL SOURCES 2,303,374 2,372,623

State Sources

1,533,492 1,700,106

Support Service

Community Services
Outgoing Transfers
Taxes Abated & Written Off

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS

1983 1984
7,559 6,619
140,631 155,588
11,708 10,602
\$3,803,618 4,120,139

Excess Revenue

Excess Expenditures

114,469 (33,372)

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

ASSETS

Cash & Investments
Accounts Receivable
Due from Other Funds
Other Assets

1983 1984
137,694 145,929
- 0
10,000 22,827

Total Assets

160,497 173,758

LIABILITIES

Due to Other Funds
Fund Balance

0 0

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

160,497 173,758

SCHOOL SERVICE FUND
(Cafeteria, Athletics, Bookstore)
Comparative Balance Sheet for Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	1983	1984
Cash	20,919	33,850
Accounts Receivable	6,851	10,711
Due from other funds	4,765	0
Inventory	4,876	3,246
<u>Total Assets</u>	37,411	47,807

	1983	1984
Accounts Payable	3,782	5,422
Due to other funds	0	0
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	3,782	5,422
Fund Balance	33,629	42,395
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>	37,411	47,807

SCHOOL SERVICE FUND
Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Statement
Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	1983	1984
Local Sources	197,533	199,441
State Sources	1,838	1,068
Federal Sources	24,603	27,386
<u>Total Revenue</u>	223,974	227,895
Transfer-General Fund	74,430	82,588
<u>TOTAL REVENUE AND INCOMING TRANSFERS</u>	298,304	310,483

	1983	1984
Food Services	165,728	178,862
Bookstore	3,509	8,044
Athletics	97,051	101,220
Employee Benefits	8,707	13,601
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	274,895	301,727

	1983	1984
Excess Revenue	23,409	8,756

TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS
Comparative Balance Sheet for Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	1983	1984
Cash	27,475	25,493
<u>Total Assets</u>	27,475	25,493

LIABILITIES

	1983	1984
Due to other funds	-	-
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	-	-

Fund Balances

	1983	1984
Fund Balances	27,475	25,493

	1983	1984
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>	27,475	25,493

TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS
Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Statement
Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	1983	1984
REVENUE	27,475	25,493
Student Activities	0	0

Resources to Liquidate Long-Term Debt

Available in Debt Retirement Fund
To be Provided-Bonds
To be Provided-Payment of Loans

1983 1984
160,947 178,756
4,483,053 4,223,244
2,740,903 2,849,980

TOTAL 37,384,803 37,251,930

Long-Term Debt Payable

Serial Bonds Payable
School Bond Loan Program
Other Loans

4,644,000 4,402,000
2,740,893 2,349,980
0 0

**GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30**

Revenue	1983	1984
Local Sources		
General Fund Property Tax Levy	\$2,186,413	2,228,656
Other Local Revenue	115,961	143,967
TOTAL LOCAL SOURCES	\$2,301,374	2,372,623
State Sources		
Federal Sources	1,533,492	1,700,106
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$1,869,707	2,073,598
Incoming Transfers		
TOTAL REVENUE & INCOMING TRANSFERS	\$3,918,087	3,120,139

Expenditures

Instruction	1983	1984
Elementary (K-5)	576,052	653,572
Middle School (6-8)	468,750	530,703
High School (9-12)	561,043	611,343
Special Education	208,413	185,896
Compensatory Educ.	19,671	24,927
Vocational Educ.	76,594	75,583
Other Programs	63,559	69,121
Employee Benefits-Instruction	254,342	242,913
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$2,228,424	\$2,394,053
Support Service		
Guidance Service	85,474	91,198
Other Pupil Services	11,401	13,761
Library and Audio Visual	72,614	77,258
Other Staff Services	15,201	17,171
Board of Education	36,009	25,202
General Administration	69,374	72,221
School Administration	199,020	212,713
Fiscal Service	45,134	50,189
Operation/Maintenance	510,575	540,124
Transportation	179,889	187,268
Other Business Service	29,597	156,455
Employee Benefits-Support Service	120,850	142,884
Other-Support Service	31,826	0
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICE	\$1,415,296	1,586,644

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

The financial condition of the DeWitt Public Schools continues to be good. There was a \$202,052 (or 5.2%) increase in revenue with a corresponding \$349,893 (or 9.2%) increase in expenditures over the 1982-83 fiscal year.

The State of Michigan support of schools was more stable and the state maintained its share of support. However, it should continue to be noted that the District must show as income in the 1983-84 year \$106,314 that was cut from the state aid in August and credited to the District in June, only to again be cut from the 1984 August payment.

A major goal of the District for the 1983-84 year and being continued in 1984-85 is the rehabilitation of the roofs throughout the District at a cost of approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000 and the replacement of the Middle School gym floor. The DeWitt School District has developed an ongoing 5-year Capital Outlay/Maintenance Plan and a 3-year Computer Capital Outlay/Maintenance Plan in an effort to maintain the community's investment in our facilities.

COMPARATIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30			Total Liabilities		
Revenue	1983	1984	Fund Balances	27,475	25,493
Available in Debt Retirement Fund	160,947	178,756	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	27,475	25,493
To be Provided-Bonds	4,483,053	4,223,244			
To be Provided-Payment of Loans	2,740,803	2,849,980			
TOTAL	\$7,384,803	\$7,251,930			

TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Statement Fiscal Year Ended June 30		
REVENUE	1983	1984
Serial Bonds Payable	4,644,000	4,402,000
School Bond Loan Program	2,740,803	2,349,380
Other Loans	0	0
TOTAL	\$7,384,803	\$7,251,930

EXPENDITURES		
Student Activities	83,981	86,342
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS	83,981	86,342

Excess Revenue	3,648
Excess Expenditures	(1,982)

ASSETS	1983	1984
Cash	1,043	7,392
Investment	201,000	200,000
Total Assets	\$22,043	\$27,392

LIABILITIES	1983	1984
Accounts Payable	3,084	3,084
Due to Other Funds	80,115	0
Total Liabilities	\$2,193	\$3,084

Fund Balance	1983	1984
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	204,308	207,392

BUILDING AND SITE FUND Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Statement Fiscal Year Ended June 30		
REVENUE	1983	1984
Earnings on Investments	4,792	12,464
Transfers from General Fund	66,201	73,000
Total Revenue	70,993	85,464
EXPENDITURES		
Capital Outlay	4,536	0
Interest on Debt	454	0
Misc. Expense	0	0
Total Expenditures	4,990	0
Excess Expenditures	65,993	85,464
Excess Revenue	0	0



Both the DeWitt High School and Middle School are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Part of the accreditation is a complete self-evaluation of the program conducted by our own staff and a visitation by a North Central evaluation team. During 1984-85 this evaluation will be completed with the visitation to be in March, 1985.

The Board of Education has set four major goal areas for the 1984-85 year. They are: community school program, evaluation of our maintenance and facilities, comparative study with other comparable school districts in a curriculum area, and pupil/teacher ratio in elementary grades. During this year we will also conduct our North Central evaluations in the Middle School and High School. Of the total of 32 mills of operational millage levied by the District, the 12.5 mills passed in 1980 will expire. During the year a committee will be appointed to study the school program and the millage needs. The Community of DeWitt is noted for a good educational system. We are proud of the community support for its schools. We have a commitment to develop an educational program that will allow us to serve each student to the fullest.

Stephen C. Garrett
Superintendent

Submitted November 2, 1984

REDEEMER WOMEN SCHEDULE BAZAAR



Dana Green, left, waits to sample the homemade soups, as Norma Ferguson and Alice Blankenship man the kettles in the Soup Kitchen.



Handmade Christmas ornaments, craft items, and handstitched quilt stock the Redeemer display case to publicize this week's bazaar.

Eileen Barnes, Redeemer bazaar chairperson, puts finishing touches on a display of stuffed toys.

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

DeWitt Council 7237, Knights of Columbus, will hold their regular meeting Wednesday, November 14, at 8 p.m. at St. Jude Church.

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Redeemer United Methodist Church circles meeting this week include Deborah Circle, Primrose Lane home of Gerry Hall, Tuesday, November 13, 1:30 p.m. Martha Circle, at church to make popcorn balls for bazaar, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 14; Sarah-Susanna Circle, Schavay road home of Linda Schelb, Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m.

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DeWitt Pantry Co op members will hold their ordering meeting Tuesday, November 13, at DeWitt Community Church at 7 p.m.

Christmas is in the air all this week at Redeemer United Methodist Church, as the ladies put finishing touches on plans for their Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar to be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16-17. They'll have a wide variety of booths for selective shoppers to visit on those two days.

Eileen Barnes, who is chairing the annual bazaar, has plenty of able assistants. Debbie Dowling is overseeing the Toy Shop; Millie Vance, the Doll Shop; Myrna Yabs, Needlecraft Shop; Linda Locher, Sweet Shop; Esther Mays and Celia Warren, Bake Shop.

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Why can't life's big problems come along when we are 20 and know everything?



Jan Pingston will have charge of the Christmas Shop; Beverly Heavener, Weed and Plant Shop; Connie Botke, Methodist Market, and Alice Blankenship, Soup Kitchen.

The Methodist Market will have produce type offerings, while the Soup Kitchen will provide a wide choice of homemade soups — vegetable, chicken vegetable, split pea, bean, and chili, as well as Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, chips, homemade desserts, and beverages.

There'll be a silent auction for a handmade quilt and other items, Mrs. Barnes says. What's a silent auction? Well, the bidder writes his/her name, phone number and the amount bid on a slip of paper. At noon Saturday, all bids will be opened and the highest bidder gets the prize.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

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Jake Morelan, Oldsmobile manufacturing engineer, will describe and show photographs of the latest automotive manufacturing methods used in Europe to DeWitt Evening Lions Club at their 7 p.m. dinner meeting Tuesday, November 20, in DeWitt Memorial Building. Morelan gathered his data on a month-long European tour, during which he visited selected plants from Sweden to Italy.

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DeWitt Newcomers Club will learn about the workings of the DeWitt Pantry Co-op at their 7 pm Wednesday meeting, Nov. 14, in DeWitt Memorial Building. Marilyn Unger and Nancy Ryan, DPC co-chairpersons, will explain the co-op program and offer samples of the foods which are available to members each month.

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The Shuffleboard Club which meets Tuesday from 10:30 am to 1 pm at the gym in Watertown Township Hall welcomes new members, according to Parks and Recreation Director Tony Sporer. Equipment is provided and admission is free, Sporer says. More programs for township residents will be announced soon. For further information, contact Sporer at 626-5693.

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Beginning this Friday, Nov. 16, and continuing on alternate Fridays, the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 671 will hold a Fish Fry at 12250 S. U.S. 27. The family style meals are to be \$3.95 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 10. Take-outs will be available.

The VFW Post also offers a Pancake Breakfast every Sunday from 8 am to 12:30 pm for \$2.75. For information, call entertainment chairpersons George and Bev Wedel, 669-9251 or 669-9543.



WE ARE 20 AND
KNOW EVERYTHING?

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

The evening's major discussion at the Nov. 5 City Council meeting centered around a Civil Defense siren installed on city right-of-way next to Schavey Road property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Platte. Platte believe that the siren's presence has hindered sale of their lot.

Estimated cost of moving the siren to another Lake Geneva location was approximately \$1,800, Mayor Lynn Thayer told those assembled in council chambers. Councilman Bill Simonsen asked if the city and property owners (Platte) might split the cost of moving the siren. Tom and Madeline Brockway, Lake Geneva residents, both spoke, suggesting that it was unnecessary for the city to incur the cost of moving the device at all.

Councilman Gary Gillespie then made a motion that, based on information received to date, council could not justify spending city funds to move the siren to another location. Motion passed with four affirmative votes and Simonsen voting against the measure.

In other old business, City Attorney Dan Matson had responded by letter to Michigan Department of Transportation's additional billing for the Schavey Road bridge project. Matson told MDOT that it would be "highly unfair" for a small city to be billed for an additional amount at this late date merely because of the contractor's method of reporting. The matter was removed from council agenda until Matson receives a reply from MDOT.

DEWITT SCENE

Police Chief Wendell Myers brought the leaf burning situation to council's attention, citing various complaints he had received about fires damaging the asphalt street and newly sodded areas along Main Street. Myers explained that the leaf burning did not need to be halted, but an appropriate location should be found for the fire sites.

Several council members mentioned the advisability of an ordinance governing that problem, and Councilman Carmen Seats asked if the Michigan Municipal League might not be able to offer some model ordinance proposals.

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PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE

The City Planning Commission had been pleased and surprised with the interest in the proposed zoning change, outgoing Councilman Gillespie stated in his report. Several businessmen had attended the last meeting, he said, expressing concern that zoning changes might affect their properties.

Administrative aide Bob Peterson made a presentation to the

DeWitt Business Association at their Wednesday night meeting on the zoning question and had written a letter to the Downtown Development Authority, suggesting that the zoning ordinance might be of interest to them.

The next meeting of the City Planning Commission will be Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

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Bud Jacobs of Appraisal and Property Tax Service introduced Sharon Cady, state certified assessor, who will be working with the city on assessments. Denice Smith reported for City Clerk Marge Lotre that the audit had been completed and would be presented at the next meeting.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer Orla McGuire, Council approved a \$1,666.52 payment to Range Finders, Inc. for the Webb Road Sewer Project. Council accepted with regret the resignation of Wayne Verspoor from the City Planning Commission upon receipt of his letter.

Reporting for the City Tree Commission, Dan Bourbon said that the City Tree Sale had been most successful with 22 or more trees sold.

LET US BE
THANKFUL



DATELINE: DeWitt

November 19, 1984

Stories and Photos by Kathy Marriott



Kathy Heightchew, who also showed some attractive tole paintings, adjusted her Christmas wreath for display.



City hall received a few phone calls recently, when representatives from Appraisal and Property Tax Services, of Okemos, began checking new construction in DeWitt. The appraisers had been authorized by the city to check building permits and then visit the sites to assess work completed.



Using wool from her own sheep, Diane Karsten of DeWitt, left, and Jeanne Houston of St. Johns demonstrated the art of Australian locker-hooking.

Arts and craft exhibits are year around events, but as holidays approach and shoppers look for gift items with an individual touch, they seem even more appealing.

Localites showed their artistic wares and offered craft demonstrations during the second annual art gallery exhibit sponsored by Historic DeWitt Arts and Crafts Council at DeWitt Shopping Center the first two weekends in November. DeWitt Township parks and Recreation Commission hosted their fourth annual Fall Arts and Craft

ASSESSORS CHECK

NEW CONSTRUCTION

According to city administrative aide Bob Peterson, the same company will be handling house to house reassessments in DeWitt after July 1985. Prior to that time, the city will send out individual notices advising property owners of the assessing schedule. Current assessment work, to be completed by December 31, involves only 60 to 65 residents who had building permits for new construction.



DeWitt art council member Chuck Ruble, who belongs to Grand Ledge Woodcarvers Club, provided one of the live demonstrations.





Dick Corr put the finishing touches on his lifelike ducks during demonstration time.

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Parents and teachers of Scott and Fuerstenau schools are invited to attend the second meeting of the DeWitt Parent-Teacher Organization Monday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Scott School cafeteria. Linda Hughes, director of Williamston's before-and-after-school day care center, "Kid's Korner," will present a slide show on the center and the local community education program.

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Mellotones will provide music for the VFW Post 671 New Year's Eve dance, Monday, December 31 beginning at 9:00 p.m. Popcorn, pretzels, nuts and a midnight luncheon are included in the \$22.50 per couple price. Reservations may be made by calling 669-9543 or 669-9251. The public is welcome to attend.

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DeWitt Friends of the Library will meet Tuesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the DeWitt Library conference room. Persons interested in supporting the library and assisting with the fund raising projects are invited to attend.

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Advance reservations for the New Year's Eve dance to be sponsored by DeWitt Knights of Columbus may be made by calling Ardie Grove, 669-9717. The December 31 dance will offer music by the Bent Scepters from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The \$32.50 per couple price will include snack, beverages and a 12:30 a.m. buffet.

Shopping Center the first two weekends in November. DeWitt Township parks and Recreation Commission hosted their fourth annual Fall Arts and Craft Sale at the township hall.



Diane, left, Sandy center, and arts council president Sally White manned spinning wheels and spun some of the soft wool.

District K of C Honor Clergy

District No. 3 Knights of Columbus held a Clergy Appreciation Night at St. Jude's Hall Sunday evening, November 11, with members and clergymen from DeWitt, St. Johns, Fowler and Westphalia taking part.

Local clergymen honored were Franciscans from Portiuncula in the Pines Retreat house on Round Lake Road: Fr. Eugene Lenner, Superior; Fr. Maximus Mandl, Retreat Master and Brother Kurt Munn. Fr. Stotenbur, St. Jude pastor and DeWitt Council 7237 chaplain, gave the invocation.

Grand Knight Fred Grove introduced guests and John Moody was toastmaster. Speakers included state treasurer James Fedewa; District Deputy E.J. Schmitt, and Robert Purtill, state director of Boysville in Macon, Michigan. Pianist Alina Cieckiewicz was the featured entertainer.

The program committee included Fred and Ardeline Grove, John and Faith Fritsch, Wally and Kitty Marriott, Lester and Lindy Wilberding.



Council member Sandy Schafer, aided by her daughter Rose, 3, displayed silver, brass and copper original handcrafted jewelry.

PTO ORGANIZES

After an initial meeting in October, the newly formed DeWitt Parent-Teacher Organization is now underway. Founder Denise Baird of Airport Road reported an attendance of 35. Kindergarten teacher Linda Jury addressed the group.

Present plans call for a guest speaker and guest teacher to appear at each of the monthly meetings. Linda Hughes, founder-director of Kid's Korner in Williamston and elementary physical education instructor Bob Elliot will be November guests.

Hughes will present a slide show, as she describes her before-and-after school day care center and Williamston's community education program. The meeting will take place Monday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Scott School cafeteria.

Organizational goals, according to Baird, are to increase communication between parents, teachers and the DeWitt community; provide helpful information through speakers on such topics as latchkey children, hearing problems in youngsters and a gifted program; assist teachers by setting up a volunteer program and utilizing community resources in the classroom; aid the DeWitt Booster Club in fund-raising, as needed, and "to make a good school system an even better one." Specific committees will be formed to help attain the PTO goals.

Future meetings, open to all parents and teachers of both Scott and Fuerstenau schools, will be held on the third Monday of each month. For additional information, contact Denise Baird at 669-5656.

Kitty Korner

After receiving official board of education approval at the November 12 meeting, DeWitt High School marching band members can forge ahead with projects to help finance their spring trip to Florida.

Make note on your calendars to attend the Chili Suppers they will be serving before the boys' basketball home games. There'll be 9 suppers in all, the first one coming up Friday, December 7.

The Tuesday and Friday suppers will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. John and Cerena Foresman have volunteered to help with the band's supper project.

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Mike Lotre arrived home yesterday from Jacksonville, FL. for a 10 day visit with his parents, Dick and Marge Lotre, N. Bridge St. A 1981 DeWitt High School graduate, Mike has been in the service since January, most recently attending aviation ground support maintenance school at the U.S. Naval base in Jacksonville.

Mike's next naval assignment takes him to Sicily for two years. During his overseas stay, he hopes to travel 600 miles, and meet relatives, at the Austrian birthplace of his grandfather. Al Lotre, provided he can clear red tape and visit that area, which is now under Communist domination.

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Veterans are decorating a Mitten Tree at VFW post 671 on U.S.-27. Donations of warm gloves, mittens, hats or scarves may be dropped off at the post home, and Santa will dispense them to the needy children on Christmas Eve.

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DeWitt Booster Club is pleased to announce that Ruth Ueberroth will direct the 1985 version of DeWitt Follies. Show dates are to be March 22-23.

Although a theme has not been selected - last year's was "Song and Dance through the Years" - Ruth would like to encourage more

Thanksgiving...



A DAY OF THANKS

OES Plans Holiday Event

Order of Eastern Star DeWitt Chapter 30 members are scrambling to wrap up preparations for their annual bazaar. The two-day affair will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 30 and December 1, at the Masonic Temple.



Erdine Phillips, left, and Virginia Ackerman put the finishing touches on figures for the nativity set they are fashioning.

Co-chairpersons Erdine Phillips and Mary Alice Snider have been hard at work making a nativity set. Other ladies are busily preparing craft items, holiday decorations, place mats, homemade jams and jellies and baked goods.

Jennie Snider, Virginia Ackerman, Marie Lawrence, Ken Richards and Marion Merrill form the Kitchen Committee, who, early on, will provide luscious rolls and coffee, then soup and sandwiches after 11 a.m. each day.

LIBRARY NEWS

THANKSGIVING SERVICE SET

DeWitt Community Church and Redeemer United Methodist Church will hold a union Thanksgiving service Wednesday, November 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Redeemer Church. Community Church Pastor Robert Allen will be the speaker.

An instant choir will be featured, says director Ruth Ueberroth, which means that you don't have to be a church choir member of either church to participate. Anyone who wishes to sing at the service may meet in the Redeemer choir room at 7:00 p.m. for a brief practice.

Jennifer Meister will accompany the instant choir on her flute for "Enter His Courts with Praise." The service is open to the public.



Mary Weston, left, makes last

that Ruth Ueberroth will direct the 1985 version of DeWitt Follies. Show dates are to be March 22-23.

Although a theme has not been selected -last year's was "Song and Dance through the Years" - Ruth would like to encourage more adults to participate in the '85 program. More than 30 acts were presented in last spring's fast-moving two-hour show.

Single, duet or group acts are welcome, and director Ueberroth would be happy to assist with suggestions to help in planning any acts. She can find another adult with whom to match up a lone performer or singer. Auditions will be held in late January.

If you wish to suggest a theme or need assistance in planning a follies act, call Ruth Ueberroth, 669-9591.

BOARD ASSIGNS TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE EDUCATION NEEDS

A Community Education Task Force is being formed, following DeWitt Board of Education action at last Monday's meeting. Membership, to be selected by December 10, will include an administrator, three parents and three teachers - one from each level, one board member (optional), four citizens without school age children, and one chairperson. A non-voting facilitator will be Mrs. Linda Pope, chairperson of the Okemos study and MSU graduate student, who will work as a consultant to the task force and board.

The task force will be asked to identify community services presently available; assess the needs of the community; identify school building utilization for community education during and outside of the school day; explore ways in which citizens not traditionally associated with the schools could become associated with them; recommend community education objectives and the programs, processes and staff necessary to meet the objectives. The task force is to submit its final report by May 8, 1985.

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The board also adopted a proposal estab-

the Kitchen Committee, who, early on, will provide luscious rolls and coffee, then soup and sandwiches after 11 a.m. each day.

LIBRARY NEWS

Individual pencil portraits of members of the DeWitt High School girls' basketball team will be on display at DeWitt Public Library through Thanksgiving, courtesy of artist Carla Christeson-Alligood.

Newly arrived books on the library

shelves include: *Dossier by Pierre Salinger*; *Kennedys: An American Drama* by Peter Collier and David Horowitz; *Rosalyn Carter's First Lady from Plains*; *Possessions* by Judith Michael and Susan Howatch's *Wheel of Fortune*.



Mary Weston, left, makes last minute adjustments on a haloed angel, while Dorothy Keck stitches some holiday needlework for the OES bazaar November 30 - December 1.

NEIGHBORS FORM UNIT

DeWitt City police officer Jim Wilson presented an instructive movie Wednesday evening at a high school meeting for Lake Geneva residents, who are forming the city's first Neighborhood Watch unit.

Recently concerned people had approached the police department asking for assistance with the project. Six streets bordering the lake now have captains, who will alert police to suspicious activities in the "Watch Out For Your Neighbor" program.

The police department has literature available for other residents who are interested in a Neighborhood Watch.

The fellow who says he's too old to learn new things probably always was.

TOWNSHIP THANKS PUNG

DeWitt Charter Township approved passage at the November 12 board meeting of an amendment permitting Radio Station WKHL in Country Meadows to add a 40 foot extension to its tower. Approval was temporary, pending approval from the township planning commission.

Board members granted approval for work to commence on the Sheridan Road inter-county drain between the City of Lansing and the township. The board also read a resolution of commendation to Supervisor Leonard Pung for his four years of conscientious hard work and dedication to DeWitt Charter Township.

Monday is a hard way to spend one-seventh of your life.





DATELINE: DeWitt

November 26, 1984

Stories and Photos by Kitty Marriott

Betty Leppala, Woman's Society chairperson, left, and Sue Norris get a head start on their food preparation in the Norris kitchen. The two are in charge of ethnic foods which will be served at the all-day luncheon.



YESTERYEAR

By Terri Mauro

What were the Indians like who inhabited the DeWitt area many years ago? Harriet Schoewe knew.

Around the turn of the century when she was about 10 years old, Harriet lived with her family in a big farmhouse on Schavey Road.

It was baking day for Harriet's mother. One could smell the aroma of freshly baked bread for miles around and that brought the Indians.

From inside the house, Harriet could see them standing on the porch waiting patiently until Mother brought out the bread and handed each of them a freshly baked loaf. Then they turned silently away and

LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED SATURDAY

Tempting aromas will pervade local kitchens this week, as members of Hope Lutheran Church prepare lasagna, cabbage rolls, chili, sauerkraut and sausage, and a host of other favorite dishes for the ethnic luncheon which has become a popular feature of the annual holiday bazaar.

The event takes place this Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 380 W. Herbison. Ethnic foods will be served all day at 50¢ each per serving. Betty Leppala and Sue Norris are overseeing the luncheon menu.

Lynn Wagner is chairperson for the Crafts booth, in which handmade items of every kind will be offered. Rita Violetta has solicited household items, toys and miscellaneous goodies for the Attic Treasures booth.

Once again, bazaar visitors may choose colorfully wrapped containers of varying sizes

HOPE BAZAAR TO FEATURE COOKIE WALK, ETHNIC FOODS



Kathy Popoff shows some of the fruits of the Cookie Walk committee's labors to her son Ben, 4. Cookie cans have been covered with bright Christmas wrappings for Saturday's bazaar.

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Thank God - every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you a

DEWITT SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DeWitt Public Schools board of education at the November meeting approved employment of a new part-time instructor, Miss Marla Miller, who will be teaching in the Fuerstenau Elementary special education resource room.

New non-staff coaches include Sharon

men standing on the porch waiting patiently until Mother brought out the bread and handed each of them a freshly baked loaf. Then they turned silently away and left.

That, however, was not the end of it. Harriet knew why her mother had smiled as they left. She knew that on the morrow, or a day soon afterwards, her family would find a freshly skinned deer, rabbit or fowl hanging on the porch!

Harriet Schoewe - Schoewe later changed to Schavey - married a Mr. Sooy and moved to Battle Creek. She used to return to DeWitt frequently to visit her nephew, the late Ford Schavey.



A prominent executive had asserted that he was very optimistic about the future of his business.

"Why then," he was asked, "do you have such a worried look on your face?"

"When you are optimistic," replied the businessman, "it always pays to worry about your optimism."

booth, in which handmade items of every kind will be offered. Rita Violetta has solicited household items, toys and miscellaneous goodies for the Attic Treasures booth.

Once again, bazaar visitors may choose colorfully wrapped containers of varying sizes and select decorated holiday cookies at the Cookie Walk, which is headed by Kathy Popoff. Nancy Wolf and Cheryl Pugsley will preside over a generous array of homebaked delicacies in the Bake Sale booth.

ALONG THE LOOKING GLASS

Redeemer United Methodist Church members joined for the traditional Hanging of the Greens Sunday, November 25. Following a 5 p.m. family potluck, they proceeded to decorate the church and Sunday School classrooms, while children met with their teachers to make preparations for the Advent season.

Friday evening, November 30 is Fish Fry night again at VFW Post 671 on S. U.S. 27, where the Ladies Auxiliary sponsors the family style meals on alternate Fridays.

Community of St. Jude parishioners will bring in contributions for the annual Catholic Relief Services clothing drive the week of December 2-8. Third World serious new needs are for light summer clothing for both sexes and all ages, as well as blankets, bedding and towels. St. Jude families are being asked to contribute one new or used item plus a small cash offering to defray the cost of overseas shipping.

Folks at DeWitt Community Church will observe the Hanging of the Greens Sunday, December 2. They will decorate the church at 3 p.m., meet for a potluck supper followed by a music night at 6 p.m.

DeWitt Booster Club will hold the regular monthly business meeting Monday, December 3, in the high school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

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New non-staff coaches include Sharon Hekker, varsity volleyball; Carla Christeson-Alligood, junior varsity volleyball, and Sam Dalman, ninth grade boys' basketball. Frank Deak will be junior varsity boys' basketball coach. Mrs. Patricia Strouse is a new employee in the high school cafeteria.

Work on DeWitt schools roof repair and replacement project has begun. The middle school roof is being repaired first so that gym floor replacement work can be scheduled.

In other action, the board granted a diploma to Richard Betz, a DeWitt student of the 1960's, who had complete requirements through GED in military service. Betz holds an associate degree from Kirkland Community College.

Board members also tabled a request for a research project through MSU, which would involve 80 DeWitt students in grade 3, 6, 9 and 12, and authorized sale of the old pick-up truck.

MEAP Results in DeWitt Schools

DeWitt Board of Education commended students and staff at its November 12 meeting for results in the Michigan Education Assessment Program testing.

MEAP test results for all three levels were: Percent of Students Scoring over 75% of

Minimal Objectives

	1980	1982	1983	1984
4th Grade	79.5	86.4	80.7	86.5
7th Grade	86.4	93.0	90.8	94.6
10th Grade	82.7	90.5	88.5	93.8

	1980	1982	1983	1984
4th Grade	79.5	87.3	77.1	88.5
7th Grade	68.6	78.9	73.0	83.8
10th Grade	70.4	72.8	75.4	81.5

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Kitty Horner

DeWitt Conservatory of Music and Dance will offer a guest artist workshop on ballet and jazz for ages eight through adult on November 30, December 1 and 2.

Leslie Woodies, principal dancer with the Boston Ballet, and Mark Ruhula, successful New York performer on Broadway, television and theater, will give the dance workshops. Both will be in town to appear as solo guest performers in the Nutcracker Ballet, which the Children Ballet Theatre directed by Ric Mithcell is presenting December 8 and 9 at Wharton Center, MSU.

For information on the dance workshop, call Chris Farmer, 669-5365

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Can You Top This Dept.? -- When Les Wilberding attended a liturgical music conference some time ago, the two ladies at the registration desk could not find his card in their files, and they spent a great deal of time checking hither and yon.

Les finally solved their dilemma when he discovered that they were looking under D for "Ding". They had assumed his first name was Wilber.

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Have your kids outgrown their ice skates? Do you have assorted pairs of ice skates lying around that no longer fit anyone in the house?

If your answer is yes, then the Ice Skate Exchange is for you. Sponsored by DeWitt City Parks and Recreation, the exchange will take place Saturday, December 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Fuerstenau School gym, 205 W. Washington.



LUMINARIA DEADLINE APPROACHES



These photos were taken on Christmas Eve in Country Meadows in recent years -- the top photo when no snow fell and the lower one, on a snowy night scene.

A HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS EVE IN OLD NEW MEXICO

By Cerena Foresman

Many years ago outside each home, residents of old New Mexico would light candles

The deadline to order candles and luminaria supplies for Christmas Eve use from DeWitt Lioness Club members is Saturday, December 1. The custom, begun in Country Meadows by Cerena Foresman and in Lake Geneva by Lorriane Lavey, has been spreading around the DeWitt community during recent holidays.



Bring in your old ice skates to sell or buy a used pair. Director Diane Szewczyk hopes to have skate sharpening available at that time too. In fact, anyone who is interested in handling the skate sharpening operation may contact her at city hall, 669-2441.

Basketball coaches are needed for teams in the city and township, says Diane, who divides her time between both of the recreation departments. Two intermediate teams, for boys and girls ages 11 - 12, need coaches in DeWitt Charter Township. Three midget coaches for 9 an 10 year olds are needed, two for city teams, one in the township.

If you can offer assistance coaching any of these teams, please contact Diane at City of DeWitt, 669-2441, or DeWitt Charter Township, 482-1291.

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A letter written in childish scrawl came to the post office addressed to "God". A postal employee, not knowing exactly what to do with the letter, opened it and read: "Dear God, my name is Jimmy. I am six years old. My father is dead and my mother is having a hard time raising me and my sister. Would you please send us \$500?"

The postal employee was touched. He showed the letter to his fellow workers and all decided to kick in a few dollars each and send it to the family. They were able to raise \$300.

A couple weeks later they received a second letter. The boy thanked God, but ended with this request: "Next time would you please deliver the money directly to our home? If you send it through the post office they deduct \$200."

EVE IN OLD NEW MEXICO

By Cerena Foresman

Many years ago outside each home, residents of old New Mexico would light candles in the belief that these fires would light the path for the Christ Child.

Others believed the candles gave them the same glow as the shepherds' fires or the wood-burning torches that mark the route of religious processions of old New Mexico.

In 1935 the following poem was written to this old Mexican tradition:

Little Fires

The little fire that blaze on Christmas Eve
Are lit by simple folks whose hearts believe
The Christ Child wanders softly through the light.
A little child, I tend my fire and pray
For fires around the world to guide Thy way.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

Bids on the long-delayed DeWitt Road-Bridge Street project will now be taken in January, DeWitt City council heard at Monday night's meeting in a report from Carl MacIntosh of Capitol Consultants. Once the improvement project is completed (75 per cent will be federally funded), Bridge Street will connect with the DeWitt Road facilitating entry to 1-496.

The city's accounting procedures have improved greatly over the years, Dale Abraham of Biggs, Hausselman & Co. said in his comprehensive 1984 audit report. Abraham complimented the fine work of the city clerk Marge Lotre and assistant clerk Denice Smith.

Bids on two Scott Air Paks for the fire department, were opened, with council accepting low bid of \$1,358.86 from West Shore Services of Allendale.

In new business, a yield sign will be placed on Creeping Brook at Wilson Street to assist traffic from the new subdivision, bid specifications will be drawn up for snow plowing of the City parking lot, and the problem of a leaf burning ordinance was turned over to the City Tree Commission for study.

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If you would like to add your front yard to the Christmas Eve candlelit scene, Lioness luminaria contact persons are listed below for various local areas.

Ten candles and bags to cover 100 feet of frontage are \$2; 200 feet of driveway or frontage, \$4; 300 feet of frontage, \$6.

Luminaria contact persons for specific DeWitt areas are: E. Geneva, Lorraine Lavey, 669-8060; S. Geneva, Ann Ryan, 669-9707; W. Geneva & Riverview, Marilyn Boyd, 669-3225; Red Pole/Waxwing, Virginia Martlew, 669-9897; Lucerne, Donna Gartside, 669-3272; Tucker Dr./Rose Subdivision, Audrey Fabus, 669-3017; Willow Creek, June Swan, 669-3660; Country Meadows, Carol Haag, 669-5434; Sandhill Dr., Lorna Gillespie, 669-9566; West Winds, Clay Parker, 669-3805; Luroma Subdivision, Sue Oliver, 669-8044 and Linda Schelb, 669-3406; Milbrook Meadows, Debbie Stoll, 669-3152; Webb Road and Ro Dic Don Subdivision, Doris Cox, 669-9340; City of DeWitt, Vi Pennington, 669-3587.

DeWitt City Parks and Recreation Classes 669-2441

Stenciling Class. Beginning Tuesday, November 27, for 2 weeks, \$6. Learn to design and cut decorative stencils and use on paper or cloth. Materials: Bring craft knife and \$5.50 for materials fee. Instructor: Dee Robertson. Scott School All Purpose Room, 7 - 9 p.m. Call City Hall to pre-register, 669-2441.



Americans were able to travel coast-to-coast by bus for the first time in 1928. The trip went from Los Angeles to New York.

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