



Teachers Still Without Contract

DeWitt's teachers are still teaching without an official contract. Final ratification is expected by the October 8 schoolboard meeting. Teachers are still working under a tentative agreement.

GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

If you think your property taxes might be too high, (and what property owner reading this doesn't), there is something you can do about it.

That something is called *reassessment*, and reassessment hearings are held each year on the second Monday in March. You don't have to mark the date on your calendar just yet, though, because ten days before the meetings begin, the city (or township or even county) is required by law to post notices of the hearing in the local media. In DeWitt's case that's Continental Cablevision channel 29. The Lansing State Journal and probably the Shopping Guide.

Hearings will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the city hall by Board of Review members Norman Farnum, Julie Bourbon, and Frank McBride and the acting township assessor, Leon Thelen. Appointments will not be scheduled, and the hearings are run on a first-come, first-serve basis. All you have to bring is your tax notice and your reason for reassessment. In general, the more documentation supporting your argument, the better. If you are going to be out of town, with no possible means of attending the

Acceptable reasons for reassessment include similar property being assessed for less than the assessed value, or improvements to the property have been overestimated.

The city clerk's office is glad to cooperate by disclosing taxes paid on various properties, as such information is of public record.

After appearing before the reassessment board, a decision on your complaint will usually be made within 10 days. You will receive written notice.

If you are still unhappy with the amount of taxes you are paying on your property, then you can appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal—but only after going to your local board. Tax Tribunal's address is: P.O. Box 30232, Lansing, Michigan 48909. The tribunal will notify you of their decision after your appeal.

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The city council has judged the facilities at the Fire Hall inadequate. They'd like to have the option of selling it if a new location is found. Voters have to approve the sale of all city property. That's what the Ballot Issue, which DeWitt voters will be deciding on November 6, is all about. There will be an open house/informational meeting at the fire hall at 7 p.m., October 23 to further explain the issue.

Ballot Issue: Current Facilities Inadequate

"Shall the city council be authorized to sell at public sale to the highest bidders, at not less than their appraised value, the building and grounds now utilized for the City Hall and/or Fire Hall, provided that replacement facilities shall be obtained and provided that the entire proceeds of such sale or sales be applied to the cost of such replacement facilities?"

That is the question behind the City of DeWitt's Ballot Issue, which DeWitt residents will be voting on in the November 6 election.

The city council and mayor want to emphasize that if the issue is passed, it doesn't necessarily mean that the City Hall and the Fire Hall will be sold. But, if the council finds new locations for these sights, they

will obviously have to sell the old ones, and there is a clause in the city charter that says they must get voter approval before selling any city property.

So by approving the ballot issue, voters would be giving council another option in the effort to improve the existing DeWitt City facilities, which have been judged by the council to be inadequate. The council has no definite plans at the moment for solving the problem.

Open house/informational meetings are planned for 7 p.m. October 22 at the City Hall and 7 p.m. October 23 at the Fire Hall.

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on a first come, first serve basis. All you have to bring is your tax notice and your reason for reassessment. In general, the more documentation supporting your argument, the better. If you are going to be out of town, with no possible means of attending the hearings, written appeals can be made. Arrangements for written appeals should be made ahead of time, through city hall.

Twp. Parks and Recreation Classes

CLASSES
482-1291 Ext. 31

Machine Log Cabin Quilt — make a log cabin quilt on your sewing machine. Design, layout, and construction. Wednesdays, starting Oct. 10, 3 weeks, 7-10 pm. \$7.00

Basket Weaving — basic techniques, four different kinds of baskets. Mondays, starting Oct. 8, 4 weeks, 6:30-9:30 pm. \$14.25 includes materials.

Basketball Sign-Up

Boys and girls, 7 - 17 years old, can sign up to play coed basketball this week and next week at:

DeWitt Township Hall, 4700 Brook, 3 - 7 pm, on Oct. 8 and 9;

DeWitt City Hall, 414 E. Main, 3 - 7 pm, on Oct. 10 and 11;

Bath Township Hall, 14480 Webster, 3:30 - 6:30 pm, on Oct. 15 and 16;

Bath area sign-up is new this year. Games will be played on Saturdays and/or one weeknight at DeWitt Township Hall, or DeWitt or Bath School Gyms. The season runs from Dec. 1 to March 2. There will be five age divisions.

A \$10 fee and waiver forms signed by a parent or guardian must accompany each application.

Volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, timers, scorekeepers, referees, and committee members are needed.

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City's Newest Employee



CITY'S NEWEST EMPLOYEE--- Steve Cook, DeWitt's new assistant engineer, began working for the city September 10.

He comes to DeWitt from Sacramento, where he designed roads and bridges and did state inspection for the California Department of Transportation. Steve was hired by the department right after his 1983 graduation for Michigan State, where he received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

"I wanted to get back to Michigan, eventually," says Cook. "So I got this job through my sister, who sent me the ad from the paper." So he sent the city his resume, was interviewed over the phone by the City Engineer Orla McGuire and was hired out of a field of 20 applicants.

"I was hired over the phone, they didn't even know what I looked like," says Cook.

As assistant city engineer, Cook will be working on "small" project designs-- "anything around \$100,000." "My main job is going to be taking alot of work away from the consultants," he says.

Within the year, Cook will also be the city's assessor. he is currently taking classes in property assesment at Lansing Community College, in order to be certified as an assessor by the state. As assessor, Cook will be working with the computer assesment system which was authorized for purchase at the last city council meeting. Cook will also be taking on the job of city building inspector.

Cook currently lives in Lansing. He just moved back from California on Labor Day weekend. "I'm an after work activity person," he says, which is one of the reasons he doesn't live in DeWitt. "When I work, I work, and when I play, I play." He doesn't like to mix the two. After becoming assessor, though, he will be required to live in DeWitt.

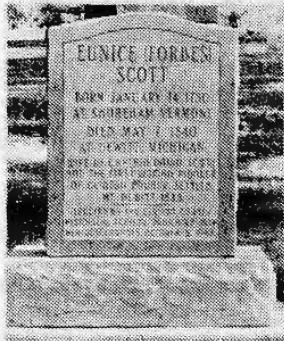
When he plays, Cook describes himself as an "Outdoorsman." That means tennis, raquetball, hunting, bicycling, weightlifting, most sports. He has been a referee for high school football and coached to game for five years at Waverly High School in Lansing, his alma mater.

Of DeWitt, Cook says he "hasn't been here enough to comment."

Historic DeWitt

By Kenneth Coin

It is often an unfortunate oversight of history and historians to shower an individual with esteem and gratitude for an accomplishment of historical significance while at the same time overlooking the spouse and



family which supported, encouraged or even contributed to the accomplishment. Such is the case of the family of Capt. David Scott, in particular, his wife, Eunice Scott.

Last year, on Oct. 8, to correct this situation, the Clinton County Historical Society dedicated a monument honoring the individual and supportive accomplishment of Mrs. Scott. Local history has not treated her fairly in recording her life and deeds. She died at an early date in DeWitt's history (May 7, 1840) and except for limited references to her in Scott family histories and local histories, very few facts are known

She was born Eunice Forbes in Shoreham, Vermont during the Revolutionary War, on January 14, 1780. Her childhood years as well as the identity of her parents remains unknown. In 1801 she married David Scott whose own early years are as much of a mystery.

Following the War of 1812 (in which David Scott served and achieved the rank of Captain) the Scott family moved to western New York and settled a homestead on land known as "The Holland Purchase." This homestead, located in Genesee county between the present towns of Covington and LeRoy, had to be forfeited after many years of hard work and improvements because of a faulty title. With little compensation for their efforts the Scotts moved on, in 1825, to the territory of Michigan and settled upon a piece of wilderness land near Ann Arbor. Here they were to remain until 1833 when Capt. Scott, opting for another home in the wilderness, moved the family to Clinton County. Only a few months after the death of a daughter in Ann Arbor, Eunice was compelled to leave what little comforts in life they had achieved, as well as her only grandchildren and another young daughter, and again

break a trail into the wild forests of the frontier.

Eunice set up housekeeping in an elm-bark long house, on loan from the local Indians of Wabwahnaheespee. She remained there for one month until a log cabin could be built.

She probably lived more comfortably than many of the pioneer women of the area but her comfort was amid isolation. A doctor was a four-day journey to and from Dexter, Michigan, a preacher came only once a month, shopping was a week's trip to Pontiac, schooling was not to be had for her young sons, Indians were her closest neighbors and travelers were her closest friends. It was nearly a year before another white woman came to the area to live. It remains unknown what her attitude and opinion was of rustic life. Did she share her husband's enthusiasm for the wilderness or did she simply follow along as the dutiful wife, accepting it all as her lot in life?

Scott family records indicate that Eunice bore eleven children, only six of whom are known to have lived to adulthood. Of the six, one daughter died only months before the Scott's move to Clinton County and the eldest son, Sylvester, died a tragic death at DeWitt in 1838. Only four of the eleven

outlived her when she died at DeWitt on May 7, 1840 at the relatively young age of 60. Even her burial site has gone unrecorded. It is presumed that she was buried in the old Scott plot of the DeWitt cemetery but as the original records of this cemetery were destroyed over fifty years ago, it cannot be confirmed.

Go
Panthers!

Armed Robbery Arrest Made In DeWitt Twp.

Thirty-nine-year-old Terry K. Cooney, of Coldwater, was arrested for armed robbery and carrying a concealed weapon at the Green Acres Motel, 15564 N. East Street, Sunday morning, Sept. 30.

Cooney is charged with feloniously assaulting Kimberly Nostrand, 22, of Lansing, with a firearm, and taking an undetermined amount of cash.

Nostrand has been charged with larceny in a separate but related incident.

Both charges are currently under investigation.

The suspects have been arraigned, trial dates to be set.

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Total school enrollment for DeWitt Public Schools has decreased by 22 students for the 84-85 school year. This year's enrollment was 1711, compared with last year's 1733 total.

The count is based on the

number of students enrolled on the fourth Friday after school starts each year. This year the fourth Friday was Sept. 28. The State Board of Education uses the fourth Friday system in determining state-based aid.

Scott Elementary School was the only school reporting an increase in students, with 37 more enrolled than last year. Kindergarten classes showed the highest increase, with 24 more kindergarteners enrolled than last year. New kindergarten and

first grade teachers have been hired at Scott School.

The biggest decrease in a single grade was in fifth graders at Fuerstenau School. There are 18 less fifth graders enrolled this year than last, with 130 last year and 112 this year.

DeWitt High School lost a total of 22 students when compared with last year's enrollment. DeWitt 127 member Class of '85 is down 11 members from the 158 member Class of '84.

City Purchases New Copier

In a short 90 minute meeting on Oct. 1, the DeWitt City Council waived bid procedure at the recommendation of the city hall staff and purchased a new Mita DC213 RE copier from CBI Copy Products of Lansing. The total cost of the new copier was \$4500 after the trade-in of the city's current photocopier. The new copier's features include reducing, enlarging, and a 15-bin sorter.

In other business, the tree commission authorized the donation of a maple tree to the Founder's Day Drawing.

The question of moving the civil defense siren on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Platte at the corner of Schavey and Waxwing will be dealt with at a future date.

City Administrator Assistant Bob Peterson was to meet with the Lake Geneva Property Owners, Thursday, Oct. 4, to discuss a new location for this siren.

In This Corner....

Weekly newspapers can be strange beasts. Take the Shopping Guide (please!) for instance.

I'm writing this column on a Wednesday night, for tomorrow's deadline. By Thursday afternoon, everything is set up, so the Guide can come out on Monday morning.

So, between tonight (Oct. 3) and when the paper comes out (Oct. 5), a whole lot of stuff is going to happen that won't be in the paper until the Oct. 15 issue.

That means that although they've already happened by the time you read this, there won't be anything about the high school homecoming, Founder's Day, or the RENEW program being

kicked off until a week and a half after they've happened. Look for photos of these events Oct. 15.

One thing sure does lead to another in this business, too. This week I came up with two stories for next week in covering stories for this issue. Finding out about story hour at the library, I found out about the soon-to-be reformed DeWitt Parent-Teacher Organization. Taking photos of Eunice Forbes Scott's grave, I ran into Floyd Fowler, DeWitt Cemetery's Sexton, and there will be a story about the cemetery in next week's paper.

We haven't received any more in-pu on what to call people who live in DeWitt, so I guess I'll call you DeWitters, should the need arise.

STORY HOUR

DeWitt Library

3 - 5 year olds 10:30 a.m.
October 9 - November 13

Call 669-3156 to register child.
Free



I've heard this phrase a lot, but never actually seen it on a tombstone. There are a lot of good tombstones in DeWitt's cemetery. It's worth spending a sunny fall afternoon in sometime. This photo is dedicated to Tina Steger, who started the Dateline DeWitt page.

Historic DeWitt

By Kenneth Coin

October 5, 1833 was a special day to young David Scott. It was his family's first full day at their new settlement on the Looking Glass, and also his sixteenth birthday. What an adventure it must have been for this young man, living among the Indians of the wilderness. It is from his memory that much of what was recorded of the early years of Clinton County has survived to the present. He was often interviewed by historians of the late 1800's and an essay written by Scott was published by the Michigan Pioneer Society, of which he was an early member. The following is a small portion of that essay:

"While living there (the Indian Village of Wabwahnahseepee) a party of Englishmen on their way to Grand River (now Portland) stopped over for the night with the captain (David Scott, Sr.). One of the party was taken sick and captain went to Ionia, about fifty miles by the (Grand River) trail, for a doctor. The man died soon after the doctor came and was buried in a coffin made of bark taken from the wigwam. The funeral was attended by Capt. Scott's family, the only white inhabitants of the county, the doctor and the hired man...

"The captain and two sons, Sylvester and David, went to Ann Arbor for seed wheat with ox teams; not having bags to put the wheat in, it was put loose in the wagon box. On the way home the wagon got mired down crossing a swamp and we had to spread out our blankets and carry the wheat in pails from the wagon and put it on the blankets and when we got the wagon out, loaded up again...

"(A) trip to Pontiac with ox teams took about ten days and as there were no settlers, save a short distance northwest of Pontiac, we had to camp out nights. We put the bells on the oxen and let them feed, but kept a good lookout for them or we might be short a team in the morning...

"The land located by Captain and Sylvester Scott in the year 1833 was the terminus of the oak land west in Clinton County. Their land bordered on the timber land west and north. About half of their purchase was rose willow plains with spots of grass. Most of this land had been cultivated by the Indians and the corn hills were plainly visible. In the breaking up of the ground many relics of earthen ware and of

David Scott, Jr.

stone axes, pipes, and arrow-heads were found. Later, when some of the streets in the village of DeWitt were graded, several skeletons of Indians were found."

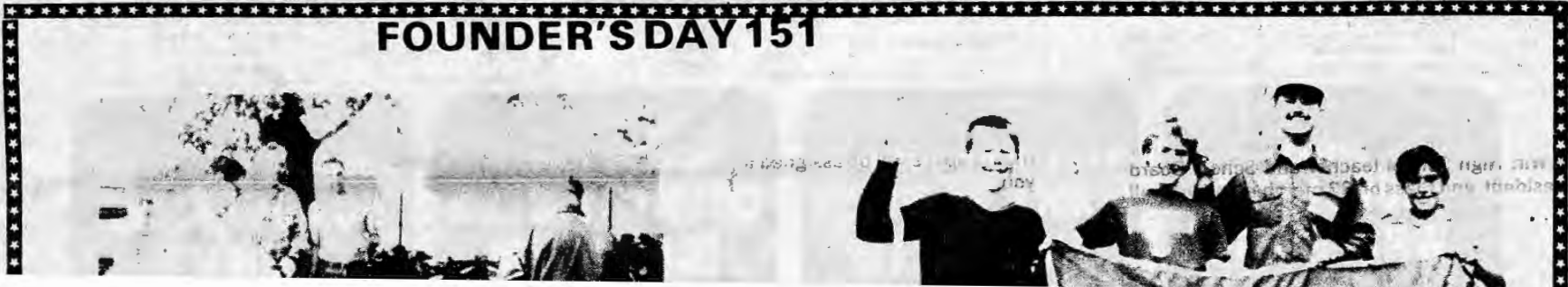
David Scott, Jr. was born in Wyoming Co., New York on October 5, 1817. He was married in DeWitt in 1840 to Nancy Alta Pike, a daughter of Olive Township pioneers, Mark W. and Nancy (Cook) Pike. David and Nancy had two sons, James Knox and Mark Pike Scott, both of whom became early settlers of Rondo (near Wolverine), Michigan. David was the last surviving offspring of David and Eunice Scott and throughout his long life he witnessed the great change that took place in the DeWitt area. He was a civic and social leader of the community and county for many years, as well as a generous benefactor. David, his wife Nancy, and his second wife, Mary (Gibson) always found room in their home at 609 W. Main for local orphans and displaced children. David died on March 17, 1895 while visiting his niece, Agnes Pike Fair, at Knoxville, Tenn.



CORRECTION:

Several weeks ago I stated that George Riley had been a governor of New York. The fact remains that Lovina (Knapp) Simmons did name both her son and the township of Riley in honor of George Riley but it is incorrect that he was a former governor of New York. The source of this information was an exhaustive family history written by a former DeWitt historian, Agnes Pike Steinhardt. Mrs. Simmon's source was her grandfather, George Riley Simmons, himself. Apparently he was of the mistaken belief that he had been named for a former New York Governor. Who was George Riley???

FOUNDER'S DAY 151





BARBECUE — Lions Club members (l to r) Ray Swagart, Dick Swagart, Kurt Wash, Max Hieneman, and Chief Chef Ray DeWitt (applying special sauce), prepare chickens for the barbecue at Fuerstenau School.



BIKE-A-THON — Scoutmaster John Lance and three members of DeWitt's Troop 77 pose after raising \$125 for Cystic Fibrosis. Bike-a-thon riders were (l to r) John Lance, Jr., Danny Thayer, and Tony Bueno. Not pictured is Jeff Parker. Each scout rode 10 laps of a two-mile circuit, or 20 miles apiece.

In This Corner...

Here we go with my last In This Corner.

Now that doesn't mean that I won't be around DeWitt any more (how could I leave?), it just means that I won't be writing for the Shopping Guide any more.

After this issue comes out, I'll be writing for the Clinton County News, based in St. Johns, and the DeWitt-Bath Review.

So, before taking the long and dusty trail all the way over to St. Johns, I'd just like to thank everyone around DeWitt I've talked to, and will be talking to, for your cooperation, and helping me to follow the path blazed by Tina Steger.

Thanks, too, to the people at the Shopping Guide, at both the North Lansing and Mason offices, for all their help -- especially in layout and typesetting.





DATELINE: DeWitt

October 29, 1984

Stories and Photos By Kitty Marriott

Along the Looking Glass

DeWitt Charter Township's annual Halloween party for children will be divided into two age groups. Ghosts and goblins 13 years and over will have a bonfire and wiener roast at Valley Farms Park; under 13's can join in games with prizes at the township hall. Party time is 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, October 31.

DeWitt Breakfast Club Lions will hear Richard Hartman, manager of the education and training department. Auto Owners Insurance Co. talk about "No Fault Insurance - Should It Be Changed?" at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, November 1, DeWitt Memorial Building.

Historic DeWitt Arts & Crafts Council will give a benefit reception to kick off its Art Gallery Exhibit from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, November 1 at DeWitt Shopping Center, Schavey Road.

WORLD TRAVELER

How many young men do you know, who can quit their jobs at age 35 and embark on a six-month trip around the world?

Richard Keck, Jr., son of Dick and Dorothy Keck, W. Washington Street, has done exactly that. "It's been a lifelong dream," Rick says with a smile, and he decided that now was the time to fulfill it.



Rick Keck shows his family some of the exotic places he expects to visit during his six-month round-the-world tour. From left: Richard Keck, Sr., Dorothy Keck, Rick and his grandmother Irene Gall.

A graduate of DeWitt High School and Central Michigan University, Rick earned his master's degree in hospital administration at George Washington U. He has since worked for both government and private sectors in the health care field, including a four-year medical research stint during U.S. naval service at

ART GALLERY EXHIBIT WILL OPEN HERE

A dozen local artist will show their folk art the next two weekends, in conjunction with DeWitt Historic Arts & Crafts Council gallery exhibit at DeWitt Shopping Center.

Pam Abfalter and Carol Campbell will display their dolls. Tom and Debbie Dowling, wooden toys; Kathy Heightchew, Faith Keresztes and Myrna Yabs, tote painting; Joyce Furgala, stoneware, Sue Marsh, ceramics; Sandy Schafer, jewelry and pottery; Rosalie Challis, oil paintings.

Demonstrations of crafts such as wood carving and quilt making will be features of the weekend shows. Exhibit hours will be from 1 to 9 pm Friday and Saturday, November 2 - 3, as well as Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 8 - 9 - 10. Gallery hours on both Sunday, November 4 and 11, will be from noon until 5 p.m.

Art
Exhibit

BOOSTER CLUB PLANS AHEAD



Chairperson Donna Gartside, center, looks over posters which DeWitt High School art students Jon Holland, left and Lisa Corr have prepared for the November 3 Booster Club Fund-Raiser.

DeWitt Booster Club members will slave over hot stoves this week, as they prepare the Sloppy Joes, homemade pies and brownies which will be on the evening's menu for their Saturday evening fund-raiser. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. November 3 for the special Bingo Night program in the high school cafeteria.

This event is just part of the club's continuing support for the student body of DeWitt Schools, according to

Boosters currently organize and run concessions for varsity and JV football, varsity girls' basketball and JV soccer games. Boosters will also staff concessions for winter sports at the high school.

A committee of parents is now making plans to hold Santa's Secret Shop for the second year at Scott and Fuerstenau schools. The club will soon announce committee and dates for their 1985 spring production of the DeWitt

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DeWitt Business Association members will discuss the city's proposed zoning change at their November 7 meeting, Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. at DeWitt Memorial Building.

DeWitt Lioness Club will hold a field trip meeting Thursday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m., visiting the Mid-Michigan Center for the Blind in Lansing. Guests are welcome.



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For the last year and, most intensively, the past two months, Rick has been making careful plans for his journey, reading volumes of literature to pinpoint exactly which countries he wanted most to visit. Although he'll travel by train and bus too, he purchased an around-the-world air pass for his journey and a Eurorail pass for use when he reaches Europe.

October 19 Rick flew out of Lansing on the first leg of his journey. His schedule is flexible enough that he can prolong his stay in any particular area. Tahiti and the Cook Islands in the Pacific are his starting points and he'll arrive in Europe by next spring, concluding his half year odyssey back at home base in Washington D.C.

"I'm not going as a tourist," Rick explains. "I'm going to follow the bed and breakfast route, living with the people wherever possible."

He will write his parents and call at intervals along the way. Kecks, meanwhile, will be able to chart their pilgrim's progress over morning coffee, via colored thumb tacks on the giant world map which graces their breakfast nook wall.

"God made the country and man made the town."
— William Cowper

Art Exhibit

Artists in the gallery exhibits are: watercolorists Doris Jarrell of Laingsburg, Margaret Jopke of St. Johns, Marion Agree of Flint and Carol Hoagland of East Lansing; oil painter Peg Wagner of Fenton, who does personal paintings of home interiors and Mary Anderson of Owosso, who does delicate pen and ink line drawings of barns; ceramicists Madeline Ricks of Lansing and Linda Kalinich of East Lansing.

program in the high school cafeteria.

This event is just part of the club's continuing support for the student body of DeWitt Schools, according to club president Cerena Foresman. Any DeWitt School District resident, parent or school employee may join the organization, which works "with building principals, administration and school board, to provide moral and financial support to the student body (K-12) of the DeWitt school system," she says.

"Few know how to be old."
La Rochefoucauld

Secret Shop for the second year at Scott and Fuerstenau schools. The club will soon announce committee and dates for their 1985 spring production of the DeWitt Follies.

For information or to lend assistance, contact Cerena Foresman, 669-3624.



Tissue paper gets its name from its original use: it was designed for placing between the folds of extremely fine gold-woven fabric, or "gold tissue."

**DON'T GET BURNED
BY FIRE**
OBSERVE FIRE SAFETY RULES!

As homes and business places find it necessary to start turning on their heating systems, E. Ralph North, DeWitt Township Fire Chief issues this advice.

Make sure your stove is clean and in good working condition. Check chimneys for cracks and soot; have them cleaned if needed. A chimney coated with creosote may cause a fire. Always be careful with open flames in the home.



DeWitt Township Parks and Recreation Classes 482-1291

Beginning Camera
Class 35 mm.
Wednesday, November
7, 7 - 9 p.m. 5 weeks,
\$14. Ricardo Colover,
instructor.

Open Youth
Recreation (14-17 year
olds). 8:30 - 10 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday.

Recreation Volley-
ball 6:45 - 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday

Competitive Volley-
ball 8:30 - 10 p.m.
Wednesday

Adult Basketball
-10 p.m. Friday.



TOWNSHIP APPROVES SIGNS

"Welcome to DeWitt Charter Township" road signs were approved at the October 22 board of trustees meeting. The signs will be installed soon at four locations: northbound lane of US-127, on Capital City Boulevard near the airport; on US-27 northbound at Sheridan Road and southbound at Cutler Road.

The 1985 township budget had its first public hearing Monday; board hopes to adopt the new budget at a special meeting set for Thursday, November 1.

Earlier this month, the township board voted to oppose proposal C in the November election "because it will cause financial hardship on all levels of government," according to Clerk Greg Whitlock.

Kitty Korner

GENEALOGY ANYONE?

Clinton County Historical Society archives are now open three days a week at DeWitt Charter Township hall, for those who are into family history. Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Faye Hanson Public Library in DeWitt has placed a reader and microfilm in the archives. For those who would like to check old census records, the microfilm includes the 1830 Michigan census; 1840 census for Genesee, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Lapeer and Clinton counties; 1850 census for Cass, Clinton, Chippewa, Eaton, Genesee, Ionia and Lapeer counties; 1860 census for Ionia, Lapeer, Genesee, Houghton, Clinton, Midland, Gladwin, Manistee, Grand Traverse, Gratiot and Hillsdale counties. Happy hunting!

Attorney Dan Matson currently has an exhibit of his art works at Partners Gallery, 2160 Hamilton Road, Okemos, through November 10. Dan is showing mainly acrylics in a variety of sizes, some quite large. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, closed Wednesday and Sunday.

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Carla Christeson-Alligood has been making pencil portraits of DeWitt High School sports teams. On display this week at DeWitt Public Library -- and worth taking the time to stop by and view -- are her pencil portraits of soccer team members.



For the computer contingent, librarian Judy Gerrud notes that some new computer books have just arrived, and the library's Data Resource quarterly is another valuable reference, listing software available for different computers.

A Pre-Game Swiss Steak Dinner before the DeWitt-Bath football game Friday, November 2, will be catered by the Mens Club at Redeemer United Methodist Church, Schavey and Clark Roads, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Adult donation \$4; children 12 and under, \$2.



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LUMINARIA ALERT

"Candlepower is contagious" is the motto once again for DeWitt Lioness Club members as they sponsor the "luminaria" custom of lighting outdoor candles at roadside on Christmas Eve. Club members will oversee sale of the candles in a not-for-profit venture, according to Lorraine Lavey.

Ten candles and bags to cover 100 feet of frontage cost \$2; for 200 feet, \$3; for 300 feet \$4. Deadline to place orders is December 1.



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; Millbrook Meadows, Debbie Stoll, 669-3152.



The James Boyds of Lake Geneva received the Family of the Year award in a surprise presentation at DeWitt Council 7237 Knights of Columbus annual Father/Son banquet. From left: Marilyn and Jim Boyd; Deputy Grand Knight John Fritsch, who presented the plaque, and Kevin Boyd.

City of DeWitt Parks and Recreation Classes 669-2441

Stenciling. Learn to design and cut decorative stencils and use on paper or cloth. Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m., 2 weeks beginning November 27, \$6. Instructor: Dee Robertson. Scott School All Purpose Room.

Cake Decorating. Learn basics of cake decorating. Monday, 7 - 9 p.m., start October 29, 6 weeks, \$18. Instructor Dee Robertson. DeWitt High School Home Economics Room.

Making/Arranging of Silk and Fiber Flowers. Specific day/date/location to be announced. Begin week of November 5, 6 weeks, 7 - 9 p.m. Instructor Pat Doll, \$11.

Thursday, November 1.

Earlier this month, the township board voted to oppose proposal C in the November election "because it will cause financial hardship on all levels of government," according to Clerk Greg Whitlock.

BAZAAR CALENDAR

Friday and Saturday, November 9 - 10
Fourth Annual DeWitt Township Arts and Craft Sale. 6 - 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday at township hall, 4700 Brook Rd.

Saturday, November 10 - St. Jude Church.
Annual Bazaar sponsored by Women's Association. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; new luncheon menu this year



Friday and Saturday, November 16 - 17
Redeemer United Methodist Church. Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar: soup kitchen.

Friday and Saturday, November 30 - December 1 - DeWitt Chapter 30, Order of the Eastern Star, Third Annual Christmas Bazaar, Masonic Temple.

Saturday, December 1 - Hope Lutheran Church, Annual Holiday Bazaar, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; all-day luncheon featuring ethnic foods.

Saturday, December 8 - DeWitt Cooperative Preschool Annual Santa Luncheon, 11 a.m., at DeWitt Memorial Building.