



DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

August 2019

Letter from the Executive Director - Highway 30

Those that have traveled Hwy 30 west of DeWitt over the last few weeks have "enjoyed" the construction as the IA DOT works to improve the intersections of 260th Ave and Hwy 30. As I travel that intersection, I marvel at all the planning and "phases" the construction has gone through for just that short stretch of road. It also makes me consider what construction would be like if it were to become a 4-lane Hwy all the way to Cedar Rapids!



The 4-laning of Hwy 30 has been discussed for decades. It is a major community and economic development consideration for DeWitt and all those on or near Hwy 30. [The Hwy 30 Coalition](#) has been tireless in their advocacy in support of this initiative. They just completed a FAQ flyer you can view [here](#). Feel free to share the flyer with others to help answer questions and gain more support for the cause. Adam Schweers, the Hwy 30 Coalition President, will be the presenter at the DeWitt Noon Lions luncheon on September 19th. If you'd like to attend the presentation, let me know, I'll bring you as my guest.

Over the last few years, the topic of 4-laning Hwy 30 has received increased consideration as the IA DOT has commissioned a Planning Study from just east of Lisbon to just west of DeWitt. Adam will share more info about that study in his presentation. ADDITIONALLY, the public is invited to attend an information meeting on Sept 19th from 5 - 7 p.m. at the North Cedar High School gymnasium, 400 Ball Street, in Clarence. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the study. The meeting will be an open house format, with no formal presentation so stop by as your schedule allows. IA DOT staff will be present to informally discuss the planning study, and of course answer any questions you may have. [RSVP to attend here](#).

The 4-laning of Hwy 30 is a complex issue that has advantages and drawbacks to be considered. As an economic & community development tool, it would be a boost for the communities along and surrounding the route. If you have comments or questions about the topic, reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Angela Breitzgau



eat "Lunch and Learn" something: Entrepreneurial Equations: Small Business Retirement & Insurance Plans

Tuesday, September 3
11:30 - Check-in, 11:40 - Lunch is
served, Noon - Program Starts
at CC's Supper Club

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Note These Dates

- **September 2** - DCDC Office Closed for Labor Day
- **September 3** - [eat "Lunch & Learn" something: Entrepreneurial Equations: Small Business Retirement and Insurance Plans](#)
- **September 19** - [Revive After Five at Eden Chiropractic](#)
- **September 20** - [Autumn Fest](#)
- **September 21** - [Autumn Fest - Family Movie in the Park - The Incredibles 2](#)
- **October 17** - [Revive After Five at Lincolnway Community Foundation](#)
- **October 24** - [DCDC 101 at the Hausbarn](#)
- **November 21** - [Revive After Five at American Mutual Insurance and Legacy Insurance Group](#)
- **December 7** - [DeWitt's Hometown Christmas](#)

2019 Autumn Fest



Autumn Fest is put on by the DCDC with the help of our sponsors as a
"THANK YOU" to the community for supporting local businesses!

The 32nd annual [Autumn Fest](#) will be held on **Friday, September 20th** and will include: food vendors, live music from **Young the Lion**, a variety of free children's activities, a classic car show, chalk square contest and MORE!!

Thank you to our Title Sponsors:

Autumn Fest doesn't happen without our amazing volunteers! If you would like to help out at this fun event, please [email Molly!](#)

HUGE **THANK YOU** to our Title Sponsors!



AUTUMN FEST FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

The DCDC PRESENTS:
The Incredibles 2

Sponsored by IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union

Plan to bring your family and friends, it's going to be a great way to enjoy a free night out in DeWitt!



DCDC Golf Bash Wrap Up

On August 1st the DeWitt Chamber & Development Company hosted the 2019 Golf Bash. The weather was perfect, the drinks were cold, and there was golf!

[Click here to see the photos!](#)

Thank you to everyone who joined us, we had a blast raising funds for the DCDC!!



DCDC Renewal Season

DeWitt Chamber & Development Company membership renewal time is upon us! We have emailed out an invoice and a reminder in the last month.

Thank you to our members who have already renewed for 2019-2020:

- 1st Gateway Credit Union
- Abstract & Title Guaranty Company
- Ag Spectrum Company
- Allen & Associates
- Alliant Energy
- Amber Ernst
- American Mutual Insurance Association
- AmeriInn Hotels and Suites
- Ashford University
- Associated Insurance & Real Estate
- Better Business Bureau
- Bill Homrighausen
- Black Cat Wear Parts
- Blondie's Coffee Out Back
- Bracke, Hayes, Miller, Mahon Architects
- CAR-FRESHNER Corporation
- Casey's General Store
- Central Community Historical Society
- Central DeWitt Community Educational Foundation
- Central DeWitt Community School District
- Central Realty
- Cetera Advisor Networks
- Chuckie's Iowa Tenderloins
- Chuck's Body Shop
- Classy Creations
- Clean Sweep Air Duct Cleaning
- Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency
- Clinton County Conservation Foundation
- Clinton County Farm Bureau
- Clinton County Iowa Fairgrounds
- Clinton Printing Company
- Condon & Condon Law Office
- Cornerstone Assembly of God
- Cornerstone Baptist Church
- Country Acres Dog Boarding and Grooming
- Cram Chiropractic
- Creative Learning Center
- Cups & Cones LLC
- Custom Art & Signs
- David & Sandra Deke
- Deke Insurance, Inc.
- DeWitt Area Fine Arts Foundation
- DeWitt Bank & Trust Co.
- DeWitt Community Hospital Foundation
- DeWitt Dental Associates, P.C.
- DeWitt Evangelical Free Church
- DeWitt Eyecare
- DeWitt Family Dentistry
- DeWitt Junior Women
- DeWitt Lanes
- DeWitt Memorial Company
- DeWitt Nite Lions
- DeWitt Noon Lions
- Holst Family Chiropractic
- IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union
- IIW, P.C.
- Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living
- Imagine the Possibilities, Inc.
- Iowa Mutual Insurance Company
- Iowa State University Extension and Outreach-Clinton County
- Irwin GreenTech Spray Foam Insulation
- ITW Magnaflux
- Jansen Electric, Inc
- Jason Meyer
- Jim & Sondra Seeright
- Jim Gravert Building & Remodeling
- John S. Peavey Law Office
- Jorgie's Bar & Grill
- Kamper Korner LLC
- Kendrick General Pest Control
- Kids Business of DeWitt, Inc
- Kirby Water Conditioning
- KMAQ Radio Station
- Krieger's of DeWitt
- Kunau Implement Company
- Legacy Insurance Group Inc
- Life Connections Peer Recovery Services
- Life Investors Financial Group
- LincolnWay Community Foundation
- Lindy's 5-Star Flooring
- Little Bit Signs and Designs
- Low Moor Lions Club
- LumberKings Baseball Club
- Mac's Express Mart
- Maggie's House Assisted Living
- Make It Yours Upcycle Center
- Manatt's Inc.
- Mark and Marsha Witte
- Mary Rueter
- Maschio Gaspardo North America, Inc.
- Meant To Be With Flowers
- Mediacom
- Mezcal Mexican Bar and Grill
- Mi Mi Nail and Spa
- MidAmerican Energy
- Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center
- MJ's East
- Molyneaux Insurance
- Murphy's Pub & Bickering Brother's Brewery
- Necker's Jewelers
- Office Machine Consultants, Inc.
- Ohnward Insurance Group
- One Step, Inc
- Operahouse Theatre
- Park Farms Computer Systems
- Paul Skeffington Memorial Race
- Peoples Company
- Petersen-Hagge Furniture

- DeWitt Office Center/Joy of Giving
- DeWitt Pet Hospital, P.C.
- DeWitt Saber Storage
- DeWitt Super 8 Motel
- DeWitt Travel Mart
- DeWitt United Methodist Church
- DJB Creations
- Emmaus Road Church
- Dot's Groom and Board
- Dowco Valve Co, Inc
- DQ Grill and Chill
- Eastern Iowa Light & Power Co-Op/New Ventures
- Eden Chiropractic
- Edward Jones Investments - Jim O'Melia
- Edward Jones Investments - Will Froeschle, ChFC
- Emma Rae's Antiques & Uniques
- Expander
- Family Resources, Inc.
- Farm Bureau Financial Services-Megan Fuglsang, Agent
- Farm Credit Services of America
- Farmers Creek Antiques
- First Central State Bank
- First Congregational United Church of Christ
- Floratine Central Turf Products
- Flowers on the Side
- Forret Trucking
- Gary's Electric, LLC
- Genesis Health Group of DeWitt
- Genesis Medical Center, DeWitt
- Giraffe Photography
- Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool
- Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association
- Guardian Industries Corp
- Hall of Fame Pizza & Wings
- Hansen Monuments & Rock Division
- Happy Joe's Pizza
- Hasenmiller Spreadsheet Solutions, LLC
- Hinkle Surveying, LLC
- Holst Construction LLC/Holst Rental

- Point Builders
- Pro Turf
- Randy's Neighborhood Market
- RE/MAX Concepts, Kim Broders
- Reiser, Jennings & Co.
- Relevant Ideas
- Rittmer, Inc.
- River Valley Co-Op
- Rock Valley Physical Therapy
- Ruhl&Ruhl Realtors
- Sandry Fire Supply LLC
- Sarah's Dog Grooming Service
- Sashollie
- Schuster & Co PC
- Scott Drug Pharmacy and Gift Shop
- Sheridan & Associates
- Skyline Center, Inc
- Smilee's
- Soul Sisters Boutique
- Spartan Manufacturing
- Springbrook Country Club
- St. Joe's Church and School
- Subway
- Sun Central Tanning Salon
- Sunrise Café
- TAG
- Technology Solutions
- The American Legion/Auxiliary Unit 238
- THE CROSSROADS Inspired Living & Garden Cafe
- The Cupcakery
- The Family Tree/DeWitt Cleaners
- The Observer
- The Referral Center
- Thiel Motor Sales
- Tom Determann
- Touch of Bliss Salon & Spa
- TYCOGA Vineyard & Winery
- United Way of Clinton County Iowa
- Urbanity Boutique & Urbanity Coffee and Wine House
- V.P. Sheridan Insurance, Inc
- Vosler Investment Group
- Wendling Quarries, Inc
- Window World
- Women's Health Services

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Things everyone needs to know...



Are you hiring?

Post your available positions on the DCDC website for free. They'll be shared on our social media pages, in our weekly "What's Happening" e-newsletter and in this monthly newsletter.

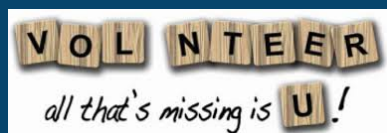
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Do you have exciting news about your company you would like to share? Have you hired a new staff member, been recognized in your industry, or expanded your products & services?

[Login to the Member Information Center \(MIC\)](#) and add your news in News Release section!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you like to have fun?
Are you interested in sharing your ideas to make the DCDC even better?

Join one of our committees today!

[Email Angela](#) or call 659-8500 for more information.

IowaWorks News



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IowaWORKS Programs Help Individuals Gain Workplace Skills

The need for skilled workers in manufacturing, construction trades, healthcare, and information technology continues to be a challenge for area employers, with nearly 56 percent of the employers in Iowa reporting difficulty in finding applicants with the skills needed to fill their openings (Iowa Workforce Needs Assessment, 2018, Iowa Workforce Development).

IowaWORKS, now located at 1801 E. Kimberly Rd., Davenport, offers a wide range of programs designed to help individuals gain high demand workplace skills.

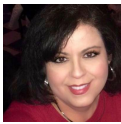
“Low unemployment and increased wages have resulted in fewer individuals pursuing post-high school training,” said Paula Arends, Workforce Innovation Director for IowaWORKS and Eastern Iowa Community Colleges.

“As a result, we are not meeting the need for skilled workers. It is urgent that everyone—parents, schools, and employers--encourage individuals to pursue some type of post-secondary training/education. A four-year degree isn't the answer for everyone, and employers don't require four-year degrees for many of the high demand openings they have. There are many shorter term options that lead to great wages and job security. ”

IowaWORKS offers training assistance to eligible individuals including dislocated workers, low income adults, and youth with barriers to employment. Support may include tuition, required books and equipment, child care, and transportation. In addition, the training programs provide on-going support for participants throughout training, and work with them to find employment after training. Individuals who don't know what type of career they are interested in pursuing can attend workshops at IowaWORKS to learn about how their interests and abilities align with high demand occupations.

“This is a great time for job seekers, high school students and graduates, and individuals working in entry level positions to gear up for a really bright future,” Arends reports. “Resources are plentiful, and the opportunities for skilled workers are endless.”

To find out more, visit the IowaWORKS office or call 563.445.3200 X43340.



Article submitted by Martha Garcia-Tappa - Business Marketing Specialist- IowaWORKS

Look Local First!

Our Look Local First Summer Promo was AMAZING!! Our Grand Prize Winners are:



Monica Soppe



Gwen Grantz



Gail Fischer



Theresa Hansen



Sherry Marvin



Diane Carr



Michelle Hoffmann



Tina Flammang



Look Local First punch card program continues on!
 Get your cards punched and turned in to [Randy's Neighborhood Market](#), [Scott's Thrifty White Drug Store](#) or the DCDC office and you will be entered to win \$50 in Chamber Bucks! Keep Looking Local First!
Next drawing will be Monday, Sept. 30th!

DeWitt Delivers Blog



Musings of the Iowan of the Day, Mary Rueter

I am an Iowa girl through and through. I was born in Davenport. I spent summers on my

grandpa and grandma's farm near the Quad Cities. I am Iowa State University educated.
And I have lived all but two years of my adult life in the great state of Iowa. [<<<READ
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