



**DeWitt
Chamber &
Development
Company**

Our Mission

The DeWitt Chamber & Development Company's mission is to lead, inform, advocate and advance business interests and promote community growth. Our core focus is to support existing businesses, attract new businesses, and assist in enhancing the quality of life for our community.



lead. inform. advocate. advance.

DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

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November 2016

Letter from the Executive Director: The season to be thankful.



I hope this letter finds you well after too much turkey, pumpkin pie and football. I enjoyed the long weekend with family and friends, taking the opportunity to count my blessings, both personally and professionally. Those blessing at the DCDC include the great staff, volunteers and of course, our members. The great work we do at the DCDC would not be possible without each of you!

Additionally, I have been blown away, and incredibly thankful for, all the positive feedback our office has received regarding the [Look Local First Initiative](#). I am so excited that this program has struck a chord with so many businesses, community members and visitors. It was our hope that the program would encourage an increase in local purchasing. What it also seems to have done is start a positive conversation about all that is available in our community and made individuals more mindful of what purchases can be made locally vs. out of town.

Why is this important? When you Look Local First you support businesses that make our community unique and vibrant; you support businesses that in turn support local causes, organizations and schools; and most importantly, you help those businesses create and retain local jobs. DeWitt is full of small businesses that have chosen to call DeWitt home. Their presence and

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LLF Weekly Winners Announced



Congratulations to our weekly Look Local First winners of \$50 in Chamber Bucks: Week #1 was Beth Grell. Week #2 was Dee Kearney. Keep filling out your Loyalty Cards! There's still three weekly drawings for \$50 in Chamber Bucks and then the Grand Prize Drawing on December 21st!

Chamber Bucks Make Great Gifts



Give Chamber Bucks this holiday season! They come in \$5 and \$10 denominations and make an excellent local gift option! (Sorry, candy cane frame and Santa hat not included!)

your continued support of them makes DeWitt the thriving and welcoming community it is!

Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday are all catchy names to kick off holiday shopping. Regardless of the day, I encourage you to continue looking at how you can keep your business and personal shopping within the community. It does make a difference.

An updated list of participating LLF businesses can be found here: <http://dewitt.chambermaster.com/list/category/llf-promotion-participants-115>. This list continues to grow as additional businesses sign on to participate in the program. New LLF Loyalty Cards can be picked up at our office or any participating business.

I am thankful for all of you, continue to Look Local First!

p.s. Hometown Christmas is this Saturday, December 3rd, with activities scheduled throughout downtown from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. Most businesses will be open extended hours for you to shop. You can find more information about the day below.

DeWitt's Hometown Christmas



Spend the day getting into the Holiday spirit!

Kid's Christmas Carnival

9:00-10:30AM: Santa arrives at the American Legion Post 238 to visit with children and listen to their wish lists, also enjoy carnival games.

9:00-11:00AM: Donuts, make-it and take-it craft tables and carnival prizes (donated by the Noon Lions) at the DeWitt Community Center.

Kid's Christmas Movie

11:30AM: Hot-dog lunch sponsored by the DeWitt Nite lions at the DeWitt Operahouse Theater.

Noon: The Family Holiday Movies will be three short holiday classics; Frosty the Snowman, Frosty Returns

[Click here for more info...](#)

Learn how to Market on a Budget Recap



Thank you to Andy Sokolovich owner of Bent Business Marketing & Advertising for presenting at or Nov. 8th [Marketing on a Budget "eat Lunch & Learn something"](#) look for the 2017 "eat Lunch & Learn something" schedule to be sent to you in the near future!



Thank you to the [LincolnWay Community Foundation](#) for hosting the November Revive After Five.



[View more Revive photos.](#)

We will see you at the next Revive at [Jorgie's Bar & Grill](#) on January 19th, 2017 [RSVP here!](#)

[View 2017 Revive schedule here!](#)

All member employees are welcome and encouraged to attend these worthwhile and

and A Charlie Brown Christmas. Free Admission with a canned good donation for the Referral Center at the DeWitt Operahouse Theater. - FCCLA Students will be collecting.

**For safety purposes, children must be escorted to and from the movie if the parent/guardian is not attending. Entrance into the movie and lunch are based on a first-come first-served basis, space and quantities are limited.*

One Mile Hometown Holiday Hustle Fun Run

Hosted by the Central DeWitt Future Business Leaders of America

3:30PM Registration at the Dewitt Community Center (512 10th St.) [Click here for the registration form.](#)

4:00PM Costume Contest Judging 4:15PM Costume Awards 4:30PM 1 Mile Run/Walk

Live Window Walk

5:00-7:00PM Live Holiday Windows ([view the window walk map here](#)), Gingerbread House Contest ([click here for the Gingerbread contest form](#)), "Elf on the Shelf" Contest ([get the contest form here](#)), Warming Station and Caroling in the Downtown area.

Lighted Pickup Parade

5:30PM: Lighted Pickup Parade down 6th Ave, for more details or for information on how to be a part of the parade visit their Facebook Page [Lighted Pickup Parade](#) or email parade@gmail.com

[Check out the 2016 event Facebook page to see all the festivities!](#)

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Business Education Coordinator Update

Aviation & STEM DAY

In the beginning of November, we hosted an Aviation & STEM Day at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. Seventh and eighth grade students from Calamus-Wheatland, Northeast & Central Dewitt Schools rotated through hands on activities provided by the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. These stations

relaxing networking events! Join us and bring along your co-workers!

Clinton County Day at the Capital 2017



We invite you to join a group of Clinton County community businesses leaders and citizens to discuss local issues with key state representatives at the Capitol. Join us in Des Moines on January 24th for Clinton County Day at the Capital for a full day of meet-and-greets with legislators and Governor Branstad. Contact Angela at 659-8500 to learn more.

Member Spotlight



The LincolnWay Community Foundation of Clinton County is a nonprofit serving eleven towns assisting them to build communities for the future. [Read More](#)

Volunteers Light Up Downtown



included: ISU FLEx Trailer, Aviation Simulator, Bernoulli's Principle, Drone Maze Challenge, Drone Demonstration and a FAA Rules & Regulations Presentation. Students were able to experience to new technologies, providing exposure to possible future career fields, many of which are available in our community.

The day was made possible through the combined efforts of many volunteers and organizations. A big thank you to the Clinton County Fairgrounds for hosting this event; Pete Evans for traveling across Iowa with his FLEx Trailer; Brett Hoben for traveling from Des Moines to share new updates with the FAA; Jason Spain & Alex Beck with Pioneer Seed and Matthew Niemann with Skyshare Aerial, LLC for their drone demonstrations; everyone at the ISU Extension and Outreach and the Clinton County Extension, Dewitt, for their hands on activities; Julian & Harrison Stahl at the TEC Center in Dewitt for their presentation about their Maker's Space; and the Clinton County Supervisors for their ongoing support.



A FUN SURVEY!!

Everyone loves a good survey! As business volunteers, [please take this quick survey](#) that can help answer key questions for the school year. Thank you!

Welcome New DCDC Members!

[Soul Sisters Boutique](#)
822 6th Ave.

A big shout-out to all those that helped put up the holiday lights on 6th Avenue and 11th Street! Thank you for your help Jansen Electric Inc., Custom Art & Signs, Gary's Electric, DeWitt Hustlers 4H Club, Holst Rental and the DeWitt Nite Lions! DeWitt is looking extra bright and festive due to your efforts!



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Maggie's House Receives Grant



City, state and national representatives gathered to recognize that Maggie's House Assisted Living, in partnership with the Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO), was

awarded a USDA Rural Economic Development Grant to assist with the expansion of their senior living community in DeWitt. Construction is expected to begin yet this fall. Pictured left to right, Dave Mohr, Eastern Iowa Light & Power Co-Op/New Ventures; Cheri Popp, CIPCO; Don Thiltgen, Mayor City of DeWitt; Karen Howe, USDA; Laura Selby, Owner of Maggie's House; Jared Mullendore, office of Rep. Dave Loebsack; Bill Menner, USDA; Angela Rheingans, DCDC and Bruce Nuzum, Iowa Area Development Group.

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☼ DCDC Member Challenge: How will you lead, inform or advocate to advance DeWitt?

