



DeWitt Chamber & Development Company Newsletter

January 2021

Letter from the Executive Director - I love volunteering!

Volunteering: to freely offer to do something

I love volunteering. Giving my time and efforts to a cause that is important to me feeds a part of my soul that makes me happy. I've always been passionate about DeWitt; which has led me to volunteer in ways that benefited the community, even before becoming the Executive Director of the DCDC!



I'm excited to volunteer for RAGBRAI 2021. It's going to be an amazing opportunity to showcase all DeWitt has to offer! To illustrate a few of those things and to show DeWitt's enthusiasm for hosting the last night of the ride, we were asked to put together a short video to be share at the virtual RAGBRAI Kick-Off Event. [Check it out here.](#) We hope it gets you excited for all the fun of hosting (and volunteering) for RAGBRAI!

Many would agree that volunteers and the product of their efforts are the heart of what makes a vibrant community. Each of us has an amazing opportunity for volunteerism with the planning and implementation of RAGBRAI 2021 (or 2022)! Now, it may be canceled mid March, but for the next six weeks, we need to meet, plan, and organize as if this event is happening in July, because it might!

The RAGBRAI executive committee has begun meeting to put the initial event framework in place. They're also beginning to pull together committees to handle all the different aspects of this massive event. If you're interested in getting involved, [click here to email me](#) your contact information and how you'd be most interested in helping out. We really can't do it alone!

Hope to hear from you soon!

Note These Dates!

UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE COFFEE EVENTS



The poster features a white background with a gold border. At the top left is the DeWitt Chamber & Development Company logo, a stylized star in blue and orange. At the top right is the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce logo, featuring a blue wave and a red plow. The title "Virtual Legislative Coffee & Conversation" is written in a large, elegant cursive font. Below the title, text invites all community members to listen or join the conversation with local legislators: Senator Chris Cournoyer (District 49), Representative Norlin Mommsen (District 97), and Representative Mary Wolfe (District 98). It specifies the event time as 9:30-11:00 AM online, with dates for January 30th, February 27th, March 27th, and April 17th. A note mentions that due to COVID-19, the events are virtual and provides links to the DeWitt and Clinton Area websites and Facebook events. It also states that there will be limited time for audience questions the day of the event, with contact information for questions. At the bottom, a decorative line of coffee beans separates the text from the sponsors. The sponsors are Central DeWitt Community School District (with a tiger logo), Clinton County Farm Bureau (with a red and black logo and the tagline "PEOPLE. PROGRESS. PRIDE."), and Clinton Schools (with a red logo and "FOUNDED 1835").

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CLINTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Virtual Legislative Coffee & Conversation

All community members are invited to listen or join the conversation with local legislators:
Senator Chris Cournoyer (District 49), Representative Norlin Mommsen (District 97), and Representative Mary Wolfe (District 98)

Join us from 9:30-11:00 AM online

- January 30th
- February 27th
- March 27th
- April 17th

Please note that due to COVID-19, these events are virtual. Log in links will be posted on www.dewittiowa.org, www.clintonia.com and on the Facebook events named "Clinton County Legislative Coffee-Month".

There will be limited time to take audience questions the day of the event. Community members are encouraged to send questions in advance to director@dewittiowa.org or rphelan@clintonia.com. The deadline for advanced questions is 3:00 PM the Friday before each event.

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2021 DCDC EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

- [DeWitt's Wine Walk](#) - Thursday, June 3
- [DCDC Year in Review](#) - Wednesday, June 30
- [DCDC Golf Bash Fundraiser](#) - Thursday, August 19
- [Autumn Fest Movie in the Park](#) - Friday, September 17
- [Autumn Fest](#) - Saturday, September 18

- [Hometown Christmas](#) - Saturday, December 4

Keep an eye out for more dates to be announced! We are working on other favs - Summer Movies in the Park, Lunch & Learns, and More!

EAT LUNCH AND LEARN SOMETHING - Clinton County CTE Academy

Join Brian Kelly, President of Clinton Community College in Clinton, where he will give us details and a high-level overview of what's to come with the proposed CTE Academy in DeWitt's Industrial Park! Lunch will be catered by Hall of Fame!

When: Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 11:30 AM
Where: Murphy's Pub
Cost: \$12 members/\$20 for not-yet members

REGISTER HERE!

This Lunch and Learn is sponsored by:



DCDC 101



We encourage those interested in joining the DCDC, new members, new company representatives, and existing members who would like to learn more about the DCDC services to join the DCDC staff for coffee as we share ideas and tools on how to make the most of your DCDC membership! This one hour, informal "gathering" will include a review of member services and perks that will help your business or organization reach its fullest potential!

Thursday, Feb. 25 at 8:30 AM we will meet at our office or you can join us over zoom! Register now and indicate in the comments if you will be joining us in person or over zoom. If you choose zoom, watch for an email from us on Tuesday, Feb. 23 with the link!

REGISTER HERE

Membership News

SAY HELLO TO OUR SPRING DCDC INTERN!



The DCDC welcomes Annabelle Schneider as our Spring Intern! Annabelle is currently a senior at Central DeWitt and involved in band, track, FFA, Speech Club, National Honor Society, and Captain of the Girls Cross Country team. After graduating from high school, Annabelle plans on attending Scott Community College to run cross-country and get an associate's degree in the Liberal Arts of English. Once graduating from community college, she plans to transfer to a four-year university to major in English Literature, minor in Spanish with an emphasis in Communications. Annabelle's ultimate goal is to work as a Public Relations specialist or teach high school students English/Spanish. In her free time, Annabelle enjoys writing, reading, gardening, drawing, running, and watching her brother's sporting events. Annabelle is so excited and humbled to be apart of the DCDC and looks forward to the many opportunities to come!

WELCOME NEW DCDC MEMBERS!

[Buttercream Bakeshop & Sprinkles](#)

511 8th St, DeWitt
(563) 659-7288

Retail Bakeshop offering homemade, hand-designed treats, custom ordered confections, and one of a kind desserts. Fun and nostalgic candy, fudge, spiced nuts, & unique baking inspired retail items. Something for everyone!

[Meyer Pest Control](#)

2490 210th St, DeWitt
(563) 659-1764

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AMBASSADOR NEWS!

The DeWitt Ambassadors presented the first Spotlight on Success for 2021 this month!

Congratulations to [Life Connections Peer Recovery Services](#) on your growth and becoming a downtown 6th Ave business! We are so lucky you call DeWitt your home and appreciate all you do for the mental health of our community!



JOIN OUR TEAM

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

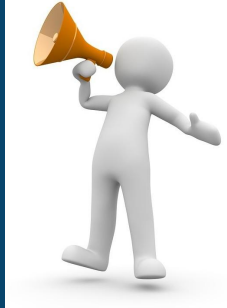
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you like to have fun? Are

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.

[View current employment opportunities here!](#)



[Click here to check out "Read About It" articles posted by members!](#)

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!

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.

Volunteer for RAGBRAI DeWitt!



The Community of DeWitt has been selected to host an overnight stop for RAGBRAI 2021 (Or possibly 2022 if the RAGBRAI organization decides to cancel the 2021 ride due to COVID.)

This is a significant undertaking, requiring an "all hands on deck" approach to making it a success! We'll need hundreds of volunteers on committees to plan and more volunteers just on the day of the event.

Click [HERE](#) to join a committee and share your thoughts on how to make this event spectacular!

Committees have begun meeting but there is still time to join in the fun!!



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